

Learn Drupal 8

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- Companies I worked for
 - Open Web Solution: 2012 - 2014
 - Alter Way: 2014
 - Smile: 2015 - 2018

- Speaks given:
 - 2013: Conference at Drupal Camp Paris: Automatic fonctionnal testing with Behat
 - 2014: Drupal 7 for CGI (7p) , TV5 Monde (2p)
 - 2016: Drupal 8 for Smile Lille (6p), Drupal 7 for Sarthe department (5p)

- Examples of Drupal websites I worked on:
 - Intranets: TV5 Monde, Renmans
 - Book sellers: Nathan Livres / Nathan Jeux / Dalloz, Bordas
 - Collectivies (regions, departments): Charente Maritime, Sarthe
 - Job boards: Synergie, Aile Medicale, Reso Emploi

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- Originally written by Dries Buytaert (Belgium) as a message board
- Drupal became an open source project in 2001
- Dries Buytaert found Acquia in 2007
- Acquia is not editor but a sponsor
- Drupal 8.0.0 release: 19th November 2015
- Last release: Drupal 8.6.1 Sep 10 2018

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■ Drawbacks

■ Too much modules, different qualities make it difficult to choose

- See active install module rate from a module page

■ Some concepts are not so obvious (taxonomy, hooks, entities)

■ Some coding standards and architecture patterns are old (like hooks)

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What's new in Drupal 8?

For Admin/Contributors



- Type of field (in HTML5)
 - Date
 - Entity reference (natively)
 - Telephone
 - Email
 - Link
- Media entities
- Form modes
- Blocks entities: one class to many instances
- Comments entities: not only for nodes now
- Responsive BackOffice

What's new in Drupal 8?

For Backend developers



Drupal 8 Framework	
Vital components	Helper components
Libraries & Assets 3rd party libraries for Drupal.	Datetime Provides DateTimePlus, an extension of the standard DateTime class.
Core Library Object-Oriented Drupal Core classes, mostly available as services.	Archiver Creating tar and zip archives.
Core Includes Procedural core files. Similar to the Drupal 7 includes directory.	Utility Helper classes for encryption, arrays, urls, strings, numbers, etc.
Themes The themes you are familiar with.	... other helper components ...
Modules The modules you are familiar with.	Debug Nice debug messages.
core.services.yml Services config, also in CoreServiceProvider and (module).services.yml.	Process API for shell executions (like shell_exec).
DrupalKernel	Serializer XML/JSON serialization. Replaces drupal_json_decode.
HttpKernel Building blocks for creating any web application.	Validator Data validation framework and classes.
Routing Maps URLs to code (previously done in hook_menu).	Translation Contains translation services and translator interface, which is used by the validation component.
EventDispatcher Provides the functionality for event dispatching; this is used a lot by other components.	Yaml YAML config file parsing.
DependencyInjection Manages the configuration of services and their dependencies.	
Http foundation HTTP Request & Response	
Legend	
Drupal 8 only	
Symfony and Drupal 8 (partially)	
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■ Symfony components are integrated

- HTTPKernel + HTTPFoundation
- Annotation
- DependencyInjection
- EventDispatcher
- ClassLoader (autoloader)
- Routing
- YAML

■ OOP

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- Hooks are going to disappear
- RESTful Web Services
- New cache system
- Configuration management
- Composer
- New Libraries management
 - GuzzleHTTP (HTTP Client)

What's new in Drupal 8?

For Frontend developers



- HTML 5
- End of IE 8 support: Drupal 8.0.0
- End of IE 10 support: from Drupal 8.4.0 (Change record)
- JS Libraries
 - JQuery 2.x: Drupal 8.0.0
 - JQuery 3.x: from Drupal 8.4.0 (Change record)
 - Modernizr (browser features detection)
 - Normalize.css (make the default browser css iso)
 - JQuery touch punch (touch gesture management)
- Template engine: Twig instead of PHP

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Learn to know where and what to search (:source code, official documentations)

Practice from exercises (keep the given document for reference)

Get solutions from a demo Git repositories

Do not hesitate to interrupt and ask questions !

Thanks for your attention :=)

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- Shared containers (recommended)
- Optionnal container technologies listed from lower to higher level:
 - LXC
 - Docker
 - Virtual Box
 - Vagrant
- Apache 2.2.x, Nginx 1.4.x or higher
- PHP 5.5.9 or higher
- Database
 - MySQL 5.5.3/MariaDB/Percona or higher
 - PostgreSQL 8.3 or higher
 - SQLite 3.3.7 or higher

`https://www.drupal.org/requirements`

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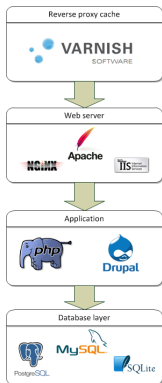
- Install Drupal from given instructions

Note

If you have a memory limit error, increase temporarily your php cli `memory_limit` to 1500M

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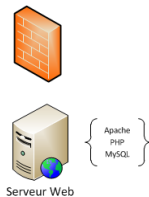


- Reverse Proxy Varnish (Recommended) and/or Nginx (required for SSL)
- Apache 2.2.x, Nginx 1.4.x or higher
- PHP 5.5.9 or higher
- APC or OPcache (OPcache is native from PHP 5.5+)
- Database
 - MySQL 5.5.3/MariaDB/Percona or higher
 - PostgreSQL 8.3 or higher
 - SQLite 3.3.7 or higher
- Cache backend (supported via modules)
 - Redis
 - Memcached

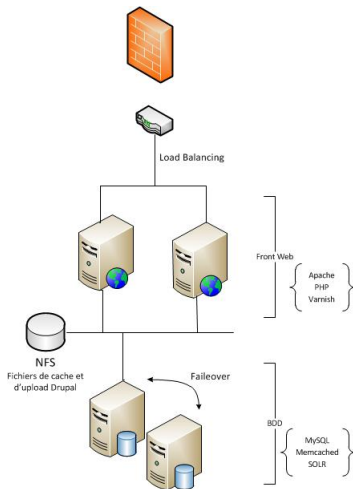
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- 1 Front server
 - Apache
 - PHP, APC
 - MySQL
- Good CPU
- Good RAM



- 1 Load balancer
- n Front servers (CPU Needed)
 - Varnish
 - Apache
 - PHP, APC
- 1 NFS
- 2 Database servers (Master/Slave) (RAM Needed)
 - MySQL/Percona
 - Memcached/Redis
 - SolR

- Use Varnish on anonymous pages
- Redis or Memcached are alternative to native cache in database.
 - It allows to store sessions
- APC/OPCache is an OPCode cache
 - Improve up to 20% the PHP performances
 - Easy to install

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- Install Varnish and Memcache from given instructions

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■ Performance

- Keep minimal packages on target server to prevent security holes
 - Commonly, GIT and composer are not installed on the production server
- Always use SSH key to connect on remote server, disable password login
- Update your packages frequently to most recent versions

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- Keep your source code under a version control system.
 - Example of a Git Workflow
 - Make branches related to environments: prod, preprod, integ, develop
 - Make features branches for long developments
 - Rebase features branches with develop and deleted after merge
 - Code reviews with your peers
 - ... Or limit branch access with Gitlab to force merge reviews.
 - Never use `-force` (especially for rebase) ... unless you're a Git Jedi !

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- Packaging
 - Create an archive file package (zip, tar.gz etc...) from source repositories
 - git clone
 - composer install
 - front assets (Gulp, Grunt, Bower, NPM or webpack).
 - tag the release package with Git.
 - /! Important: Never copy local sources to deploy a version

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■ Deployment

- Deploy by unpacking release, then play deployment tasks
 - Update symlinks: site settings, NFS, backups directories (current vs old releases)
 - Clear all caches
 - Revert configuration (Features)
- Bash Script, Phing, Capistrano, or Ansible
- Ansible: script ssh tasks ("playbooks") similarly across different linux distributions

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- Monitoring
 - Use Jenkins to monitor server status and add tasks after deployments
 - Launch automated tests and verify coding standard to block releases

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Drupal 8 follows PSR-1 and most of the drupal 7 coding standards

- 2 spaces indent with no tabs (PSR-2 = 4 spaces)
- Space before and after operators (+, -, =, etc)
- Control structures (respect spaces, end of line bracket, etc)

```
//  
}  
elseif ($condition3 && $condition4) {  
    //  
}  
else {  
    //  
}
```

- String Concatenations with space before and after the "."
- More at <https://www.drupal.org/coding-standards>

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Classes must be namespaced

- If a module defines a class, the namespace must start with `\Drupal\module_name`
- If it is defined by Drupal Core for use across many modules, the namespace should be
 - `\Drupal\Core`
 - `\Drupal\Component`
 - Exception of the global class `\Drupal`
- See <https://www.drupal.org/node/1353118> for more about namespaces

In order for the PSR-4-based class auto-loader to find the class, it must be located in a directory corresponding to the namespace.

- `\Drupal\module_name\foo\bar`
`my_module_directory/src/foo/bar`
- `\Drupal\Core\foo\bar` `core/lib/Drupal/Core/foo/bar`

Ref

- <https://github.com/php-fig/fig-standards/blob/master/accepted/PSR-4-autoloader.md>
- <https://www.drupal.org/node/2156625> for more info about PSR-4

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- Install and configure PHPCS and PHPMD for your IDE

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Drupal's core behavior can be extended and altered via these basic types of extension

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- Themes alter the appearance of Drupal sites
- Can include template files, which alter the HTML markup and other raw output of the site
- CSS/JS
- Theme system and render API topic and <https://www.drupal.org/theme-guide/8>

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- Modules add or alter the behavior and functionality of Drupal
 - Hooks
 - Services
 - Routing
 - Events
 - Plugins
 - Entities
- See <https://www.drupal.org/developing/modules/8>

Note

Hooks must be avoided since it's there mainly for legacy reason.
Events must be preferred.

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- Installation profiles can be used to create distributions including out of box
 - additional modules
 - themes
 - data structure
 - ...
- See <https://www.drupal.org/developing/distributions>