

# Drupal Development

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- Extending Drupal's functionality to do whatever you want it to.
- Covers Modules, Themes, Install Profiles.

# Setting Up Drupal For Development

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- Lots of options exist to ease development in Drupal.
- This includes turning off the Drupal cache, forcing autodiscovery on every page load and preventing permission hardening.
- Adding these options makes Drupal development easier.

# Setting Up Drupal

- Drupal has a `site/example.settings.local.php` file.
- Copy this to `site/default/settings.local.php` .

```
cp site/example.settings.local.php site/default/settings.local.php
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- Uncomment the following from the bottom of the `sites/default/settings.php` file.

```
if (file_exists($app_root . '/' . $site_path . '/settings.local.php'))  
    include $app_root . '/' . $site_path . '/settings.local.php';  
}
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- The settings.local.php file will also include a `sites/development.services.yml` file.
- This turns on cacheability headers and turns allows backend cache classes to be pucked up.
- The file looks like this.

```
parameters:
  http.response.debug_cacheability_headers: true
services:
  cache.backend.null:
    class: Drupal\Core\Cache\NullBackendFactory
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- Add Twig debugging and auto reload.

```
parameters:
  twig.config:
    debug: true
    auto_reload: true
    cache: false
  http.response.debug_cacheability_headers: true
services:
  cache.backend.null:
    class: Drupal\Core\Cache\NullBackendFactory
```



# Setting Up Drupal

- Twig debugging comments.

```
<!-- THEME DEBUG -->
<!-- THEME HOOK: 'block' -->
<!-- FILE NAME SUGGESTIONS:
  * block--umami-account-menu.html.twig
  * block--system-menu-block--account.html.twig
  x block--system-menu-block.html.twig
  * block--system.html.twig
  * block.html.twig
-->
<!-- BEGIN OUTPUT from 'core/profiles/demo_umami/themes/umami/templates
<nav role="navigation" aria-labelledby="block-umami-account-menu-menu"
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- Ensuring the setting has taken.

```
drush php:eval "var_export(\Drupal::getContainer()  
->getParameter('twig.config'));"
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- Drupal will check the permissions of your settings.php files and ensure they are secure.
- To turn this off make sure this setting is enabled.

```
$settings['skip_permissions_hardening'] = TRUE;
```

# Setting Up Drupal

- To turn off the permanent caches uncomment any line that looks like this.

```
$settings['cache']['bins']['x'] = 'cache.backend.null';
```

# Try it!

- Turn on Drupal debug settings.

# Devel

# Devel

- The Devel module is a good way of finding out more about the current state of Drupal.
- The Web Profiler is a sub module that can be used to drill into routes, database queries, hooks, cache systems and other things.

# Try it!

- Install Devel and Web Profiler.
- See it in action.



# Drupal Module Development

# What Is A Module?

- Adds a feature to a site.
- Can be turned on or off.
- Can define extra functionality or hook into and override other parts of Drupal.

# Types Of Module

- **Core** - Included in Drupal itself.
- **Contributed** - Any third party module you install.  
Referred to as "contrib".
- **Custom** - Any module you build yourself.

# Writing A Module

# The \*.info.yml File

- Contains information about the module including what it does and what version on Drupal it is compatible with.
- In YAML format.
- The bare minimum required for a Drupal module to be picked up.

# mymodule.info.yml

```
name: 'My Module'  
type: module  
description: 'My amazing module.'  
core_version_requirement: ^8 || ^9
```

# Documentation

# Documentation

- A module should include a readme file.
- This should include:
  - Module functionality and how to use it.
  - Configuration options.
  - Available hooks/events.



# Documentation

- Add a readme file to the top level of your module.
- Markdown format is preferred.
- Can also use plain text.

```
README.md
```

README template: <https://bit.ly/3KaXi5Q>

# README Template

- Preferred on larger files.

## CONTENTS OF THIS FILE

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- \* Introduction
- \* Requirements
- \* Recommended modules
- \* Installation
- \* Configuration
- \* Troubleshooting
- \* FAQ
- \* Maintainers

# Hooks

The simplest building block of any module.

# What Is A Hook?

Hooks allow you to:

- Alter forms.
- Alter theme elements before rendering.
- React to events.
- Register plugins and templates.

Any module can define custom hooks.

# Some Popular Hooks

- `hook_form_alter($form, $form_state, $id)`
- `hook_theme($existing, $type, $theme, $path)`
- `hook_preprocess_page(&$variables)`
- `hook_theme_suggestions_alter(&$suggestions, $variables, $hook)`
- `hook_node_insert($entity)`
- `hook_node_update($entity)`
- `hook_update_9001(&$sandbox)`

# Naming Hooks

- Hooks are named after the module they appear in.

```
hook_form_alter()
```

Becomes:

```
mymodule_form_alter()
```

- The `hook_form_alter()` hook is called every time a form is created.

# Naming Hooks

- Some hooks also change their name based on context.

```
hook_node_insert($entity)
```

Can also be:

```
hook_user_insert($entity)
```

When detecting users being created.

# Example Hook

Use hook form alter to alter a form.

```
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormStateInterface;

function mymodule_hook_form_alter(
    &$form,
    FormStateInterface $form_state,
    $form_id) {
    if ($form_id == 'node_article_form') {
        $form['title']['widget'][0]['value']['#default_value'] = t('title')
    }
}
```



# Try It!

- Create the file `mymodule.module`.
- Add a hook to alter a form.
- Flush caches!

# Translation

# Translation

- Why talk about multilingual code so early?
- It's baked into everything Drupal does. Drupal is multilingual from the start.
- You will see either `t()` or `$this->t()` a lot.
- These functions will register the translation with the Drupal translation system.

# t() Usage

- To use both t() and \$this->t() just pass in a string.

```
$translated = t('String');
```

```
$translated = $this->t('String');
```

- Best practice is to pass it directly into where it is needed, rather than store in a variable.

# Passing Arguments

Pass escaped output (should be your default choice).

```
$t = t('Value = @value', ['@value' => '123']);
```

Wrap in `<em>` tags.

```
$t = t('Value = %value', ['%value' => '123']);
```

Escape (used for URLs)

```
$t = t('<a href=":url">@variable</a>',  
      [':url' => $url, '@variable' => $variable]);
```

# Controllers

# Controllers

- Add an action for a particular **Route**.
- Parameters can be passed to the controller.
- Should return an array of content ready to be rendered or a response object.
- Multiple routes can use the same controller.

# Routes

- All controllers need a route.
- This tells Drupal what controller to use when a path is requested.
- Defined in a \*.routes.yml file.



# Routes

Create a file at mymodule.routing.yml.

```
mymodule.controller_action:  
  path: '/mycontroller/action'  
  defaults:  
    _controller: '\Drupal\mymodule\Controller\MyController::action'  
    _title: 'My Controller'  
  requirements:  
    _access: 'TRUE'
```

# Controller

A basic controller looks like this.

```
<?php

namespace Drupal\mymodule\Controller;

use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;

class MyController extends ControllerBase {
    public function action() {
        // return a render array or a new response object.
    }
}
```

# Controller Return A Response

A basic controller looks like this.

```
namespace Drupal\mymodule\Controller;

use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;
use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response;

class MyController extends ControllerBase {
    public function action() {
        return new Response('Response. ');
    }
}
```

# Different Types Of Response Objects Exist

- **Response** - Text based response.
- **HtmlResponse** - A HTML response.
- **JsonResponse** - JSON response.
- **XmlResponse** - XML response.
- **CacheableResponse** - A response that contains Drupal cache metadata.

# Try It!

- Create a route.
- Add a controller for the route.
- Return a response object.

**Hint:** Some cache clearing may be needed.

# Render Arrays

Render arrays are a hierarchical structure of elements that Drupal will convert into markup.

You can inject raw markup into render arrays, but it's generally best practice to use themes to render HTML.

# Render Arrays

This render array:

```
$build = [];  
$build['description'] = [  
  '#type' => 'html_tag',  
  '#tag' => 'p',  
  '#value' => $this->t('Some description.'),  
];  
return $build;
```

Will become:

```
<p>Some description.</p>
```

# Render Arrays

This render array:

```
$build = [];  
$build['list'] = [  
  '#theme' => 'item_list',  
  '#items' => ['Item 1', 'Item 2'],  
];  
return $build;
```

Will become:

```
<ul><li>Items 1</li><li>Item 2</li></ul>
```



# Try It!

- Change your controller to return a render array.

**Hint:** item\_list, html\_tag.

# Menu Links

# Menu Plugins

- You can inject menu items into Drupals menu system.
- Stored in the `*.links.menu.yml` file.
- These menu items are not editable.

```
mymodule.controller_action:  
  title: 'MyModule Controller'  
  description: 'A controller with an action.'  
  route_name: mymodule.controller_action  
  parent: system.admin
```

Menu link is created under /admin.

# Try it!

- Create a route.
- Create a controller to listen to that route.
- Return some content.
- Add a menu plugin to the controller.

# Passing Parameters To Routes

- This is known as adding a wildcard to a route.

```
mymodule.controller_action:  
  path: '/mycontroller/action/{parameter}'  
  defaults:  
    _controller: '\Drupal\mymodule\Controller\MyController::action'  
    _title: 'My Controller'  
  requirements:  
    _access: 'TRUE'
```

# Controller With Parameter

A basic controller looks like this.

```
<?php

namespace Drupal\mymodule\Controller;

use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;

class MyController extends ControllerBase {
    public function action($parameter) {
        // return a render array
    }
}
```

# Route Permissions

```
mymodule.controller_action:  
  path: '/mycontroller/action/{parameter}'  
  defaults:  
    _controller: '\Drupal\mymodule\Controller\MyController::action'  
    _title: 'My Controller'  
  requirements:  
    _permission: 'access content'
```

# Try It!

- Add a parameter to your route.
- Add a parameter to your controller.
- Make it do something interesting in your controller.

**Hint:** Use dynamic functions like `str_repeat()`,  
`rand()`, `date()`, `range()`.



# Forms

# Forms

- In Drupal, all forms are generated using the Form API.
- It's like a render array, but for form fields.
- By default, all forms use POST.

# Creating A Form

Change the route to point to a Form class.

```
mymodule.form:  
  path: '/my-form'  
  defaults:  
    _form: '\Drupal\mymodule\Form\MyForm'  
    _title: 'My Form'  
  requirements:  
    _access: 'TRUE'
```

# Creating A Form

- Add a class to the directory `src/Form/MyForm.php` .
- Blueprint of a form class (*on next slide*).

```
namespace Drupal\mymodule\Form;

use Drupal\Core\Form\FormBase;
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormStateInterface;

class MyForm extends FormBase {
    public function getFormId() {
        return 'mymodule-myform';
    }

    public function buildForm(array $form,
        FormStateInterface $form_state
        ) {
        return $form;
    }

    public function submitForm(array &$form,
        FormStateInterface $form_state) {
        $this->messenger()->addStatus($this->t('Form submitted'));
    }
}
```

# Creating A Form

- The form API is very like the render array, but centered around form elements.
- The most common form elements are:
  - textfield
  - radios
  - checkbox
  - checkboxes
  - select
  - submit

# Creating A Form

```
$form['name'] = [  
    '#type' => 'textfield',  
    '#title' => $this->t('Name'),  
    '#required' => TRUE,  
];  
$form['submit'] = [  
    '#type' => 'submit',  
    '#value' => $this->t('Submit'),  
];
```

# Form Submission

```
public function submitForm(array &$form,  
    FormStateInterface $form_state) {  
    $name = $form_state->getValue('name');  
  
    $this->messenger()->addStatus(  
        $this->t('Submitted the name %name', ['%name' => $name]));  
}
```



# Form Validation

- Form validation happens in the `validateForm()` method (if implemented).
- If any errors are triggered then the submit handler is not called.
- Note that if you set the field to be `"#required"` then it will automatically get validated.

# Form Validation

```
public function validateForm(array &$form,  
    FormStateInterface $form_state) {  
    $name = $form_state->getValue('name');  
  
    if ($name == 'Bob') {  
        // Name is Bob, trigger error!  
        $form_state->setErrorByName('name', $this->t('Name is Bob. Cannot c  
    }  
}
```

# Try it!

- Create a route for a form.
- Create a form.
- Submit the form.

# Services And Dependency Injection

# Resources

- [#! code - Drupal 9: An Introduction To Services And Dependency Injection](#)

# Plugins

# Plugins

- Provide functionality through a common interface.
- Most things in Drupal are actually plugins.
- Entity types, fields, blocks, image formats, routes are all plugins.
- You can also define custom plugins.

# Entities



# Entities

- Entities in Drupal represent "things".
- Nodes, users, comments, taxonomy terms are all entities.

# Entities - Bundles

- Entities can have sub-types, called bundles.
- Bundles inherit all of the functionality of the entity.
- Think of them as extended classes.

# Entities - Bundles

Entity	Bundles
Node	Articles, Basic Page
Media	Image, Video
Vocabulary	Category, Tags

# Loading Entites

By ID:

```
$entity_id = 123;  
$entity = \Drupal::entityManager()  
    ->getStorage('node')  
    ->load($entity_id);
```

# Loading Entities

By field value:

```
$value = 'some value';  
$entity = \Drupal::entityTypeManager()  
    ->getStorage('node')  
    ->loadByProperties(['field_name' => $value]);
```

# Loading Field Values

```
$field_value = $entity->get('field_name')->getValue()[0]['value'];
```

# Creating Entities

Create a node.

```
$node = Node::create([  
    'title' => 'Article title',  
    'type' => 'article',  
]);  
  
$node->save();  
  
$newArticleId = $node->id();
```

# Drupal Cache



# Drupal Cache

- Drupal has a robust and dynamic cache system.
- Can be used as a static cache bin or as a dynamic cache.
- It's important to understand what the components are.
- Ideally, you want to cache as much as possible in the page.
- For anonymous users you typically want the entire page cached.

# Cache Meta Data

- Added to render arrays to inform Drupal about how to cache the data.

Cache for an hour.

```
'#cache' => [  
  'max-age' => 3600,  
]
```

Cache for ever.

```
'#cache' => [  
  'max-age' => \Drupal\Core\Cache\Cache::PERMANENT,  
]
```

# Cache Tags

- Cached data can be cached to show that it references something.
- This means that when upstream caches are cleared the tagged caches can also be cleared.
- For example, a page of content is saved. The cache of that page can be flushed from cached pages, views or anywhere else it is used.

# Cache Tags

Create a cache tag for node 1 and node 2.

```
'#cache' => [  
  'tags' => ['node:1', 'node:2'],  
]
```

Create a cache tag for current user.

```
$cacheTags = User::load(\Drupal::currentUser()->id())->getCacheTags();  
...  
'#cache' => [  
  'tags' => $cacheTags,  
]
```

# Cache Contexts

- This tells Drupal how the data should be cached on the site.
- For example, the context "user.roles" will store the cache for each user role.

```
'#cache' => [  
  'contexts' => ['user.roles', 'url.path_is_front'],  
]
```

# Cache Contexts

- Cache Contexts are hierarchical, so Drupal will cache the most granular variation to avoid unnecessary variations.
- For example, when caching a page per user it's pointless to also cache a block on that page per user role.

# Cache Methods

- Some plugins extend the `CacheableDependencyInterface` interface.
- This gives them access to the methods `getCacheContexts()`, `getCacheTags()`, and `getCacheMaxAge()`.

```
public function getCacheTags() {
    // With this when your node change your block will rebuild.
    if ($node = \Drupal::routeMatch()->getParameter('node')) {
        // If there is node add its cachetag.
        $tags = ['node:' . $node->id()]
        return Cache::mergeTags(parent::getCacheTags(), $tags);
    }
    // Return default tags instead.
    return parent::getCacheTags();
}

public function getCacheMaxAge() {
    return Cache::PERMANENT;
}

public function getCacheContexts() {
    return ['url'];
}
```



# Cache API

- Get and set things from the Drupal cache.
- Integrates with cache tags if needed.

Get from cache.

```
\Drupal::cache()->get('cache_id');
```

Set data to cache.

```
\Drupal::cache()->set('cache_id', $data, $max_age, $cache_tags);
```

# Cache API

```
use Drupal\Core\Cache\Cache;

$uid = \Drupal::currentUser()->id();
$cache_id = 'course:' . $uid;

if ($data = \Drupal::cache()->get($cache_id)) {
    return $item;
}

$data = massive_calculation();
$cache_tags[] = 'uid:' . $uid;

\Drupal::cache()->set($cache_id, $data, Cache::PERMANENT, $cache_tags);

return $item;
```

# Cache

- Some things (e.g. blocks) have special callback to return cache tags and cache context information.
- The methods `getCacheTags()` `getCacheContexts()` must return an array informing Drupal of the tags and contexts.

# Templates

# Tempaltes

- Tell Drupal about custom templates you want to use.
- Defined with a `hook_theme()` hook in modules or themes.

# Templates

- Custom templates can be defined using `hook_theme()`.

```
function my_module_theme() {  
  return [  
    'my_custom_template' => [  
      'variables' => [  
        'description' => '',  
        'some_list' => [],  
      ],  
    ],  
  ],  
];  
}
```

# Template

- The new hook can be used just like any other theme.

```
$build = [];  
$build['content'] = [  
    '#theme' => 'my_custom_template',  
    '#description' => $this->t('A description.'),  
    '#some_list' => ['item1', 'item2'],  
];
```

# Template

- The custom theme needs a custom template.
- The `<em>templates</em>` directory is the default location for templates in a module.
- Our hook will use `<em>templates/my_custom_template.html.twig</em>`.

```
<p>{{ description }}</p>

{% for list_item in some_list %}
    {{ list_item }}
{% endfor %}
```



# Try it!

- Create a `hook_theme()`.
- Create a twig file.
- Render it in a normal render array.

**Hint:** Some cache clearing may be needed.

# CSS & JavaScript

# Asset Libraries

- CSS and JavaScript are loaded using asset libraries.
- Defined in a \*.libraries.yml file.
- A library can contain both CSS and JavaScript files.
- Can collect together functionality.
- Dependencies can be used to ensure libraries are loaded together.

# Define A Library

- A library file in a module.

```
some_library:  
  version: 1.x  
  css:  
    layout:  
      css/some-library-layout.css: {}  
    theme:  
      css/some-library-theme.css: {}  
  js:  
    js/some-library.js: {}  
  dependencies:  
    - core/jquery
```

# CSS Style Types

- There are 5 types of CSS types which control how the order in which the CSS files are loaded.

base

layout

component

state

theme

# Libraries Attachment

- `hook_page_attachments()` can attach any library to any page.

```
function mymodule_page_attachments(array &$attachments) {  
    $attachments['#attached']['library'][] = 'mymodule/some_library';  
}  
}
```

# Try it!

- Create CSS code to change the background colour of the site.
- Create a library.
- Inject CSS into the site.

# Libraries Attachment

- Attach the library to any render array.
- For example, in a controller:

```
public function action() {  
    $build = [];  
  
    $build['#attached']['library'][] = 'mympdule/some_library';  
  
    return $build;  
}
```



# Try it!

- Inject the library into a controller.
- Make sure the library appears at the bottom of the page.

**Hint:** The *footer* setting will come in handy here.

# Custom Blocks

# Custom Blocks

- Add a class to `src\Plugin\Block`.
- Needs a `@Block` annotation.
- Extends `Drupal\Core\Block\BlockBase`.
- The `build()` method returns content as a render array.

# Custom Block

```
namespace Drupal\mymodule\Plugin\Block;

use Drupal\Core\Block\BlockBase;

/**
 * Provides a custom block.
 *
 * @Block(
 *   id = "mymodule_custom_block",
 *   label = "MyModule Custom Block",
 *   admin_label = @Translation("MyModule Custom Block"),
 * )
 */
class ArticleHeaderBlock extends BlockBase {
  public function build() {}
}
```

# Custom Block

- Implement `ContainerFactoryPluginInterface` to use services.
- You can then use the `create()/__construct()` mechanism to pull in the services needed.

```
namespace Drupal\mymodule\Plugin\Block;

use Drupal\Core\Block\BlockBase;
use Drupal\Core\Plugin\ContainerFactoryPluginInterface;
use Symfony\Component\DependencyInjection\ContainerInterface;

/**
 * Provides a 'Article Header' block.
 *
 * @Block(
 *   id = "hashbangcode_article_header",
 *   label = "Article Header",
 *   admin_label = @Translation("Article Header"),
 * )
 */
class ArticleHeaderBlock extends BlockBase implements ContainerFactoryP
{
}
```

# Try it!

- Create a block.
- Output some content.
- Place the block on your site.

# Configure Blocks

- The `blockForm()/blockSubmit()` allows configuration options to be saved to the block.

```
public function blockForm($form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {  
    $form['setting'] = [  
        '#type' => 'textfield',  
        '#default_value' => $this->configuration['setting'],  
    ];  
    return $form;  
}  
  
public function blockSubmit($form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {  
    $this->configuration['setting'] = $form_state->getValue('setting');  
}
```



# Try it!

- Add a configuration form to your block.
- Pull out the configuration value into the block content.

# Block Caches

- The methods `getCacheTags()` `getCacheContexts()` must return an array informing Drupal of the tags and contexts.

```
public function getCacheTags() {  
    $node = \Drupal::routeMatch()->getParameter('node');  
    return Cache::mergeTags(parent::getCacheTags(), ['node:' . $node->id()  
}
```

```
public function getCacheContexts() {  
    return Cache::mergeContexts(parent::getCacheContexts(), ['route']);  
}
```

# Upates

# Updates

- Modules can provide update hooks to update older versions of the module.
- Mainly involved with updating database tables but can also be used to add defaults for new config items.

# Updates

- The hook `hook_update_N()` is used to run updates.
- This must be placed into a `mymodule.install` file.

```
function mymodule_update_9001(&$sandbox = NULL) {  
  
}
```

- Each update hook is run in sequence. 9001, 9002, 9003 etc.

# Updates

- Updates can be run by visiting `update.php` or by running `drush updatedb`.
- Drush updates are preferred due to page timeouts and cli memory considerations.

# Updates

- Update a configuration item.

```
function mymodule_update_9001(&$sandbox = NULL) {  
  \Drupal::service('config.factory')  
    ->getEditable('system.performance')  
    ->set('css.preprocess', FALSE)  
    ->set('js.preprocess', FALSE)  
    ->save();  
}
```

# Updates

- Create a new table.

```
function mymodule_update_9001(&$sandbox = NULL) {  
    $spec = [  
        'description' => 'A table to store a field.',  
        'fields' => [  
            'myfield1' => [  
                'description' => 'Myfield1.',  
                'type' => 'varchar',  
                'length' => 255,  
                'not null' => TRUE,  
                'default' => '',  
            ],  
            'primary key' => ['myfield1'],  
        ],  
    ];  
    $schema = Database::getConnection()->schema();  
    $schema->createTable('mytable', $spec);  
}
```



# Try it!

- Create an update hook.

# Dependencies

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- Drupal can install other modules or include third party libraries automatically.

# Dependencies

- Enforce Drupal module dependencies.

```
name: My Module
type: module
description: 'My module'
core_version_requirement: ^8.8 || ^9

dependencies:
  - drupal:user
  - metatag:metatag
```

# Dependencies

- Include library dependencies.

```
mymodule.admin:  
  version: VERSION  
  css:  
    theme:  
      css/mymodule.admin.css: {}  
  js:  
    js/mymodule.admin.js: {}  
  dependencies:  
    - core/jquery  
    - core/drupal
```

# Default Configuration

# Default Configuration

- Drupal can install configuration for you when you install the module.
- Useful for installing entity types or adding fields.
- Configuration files in **module/config/install** will be installed.
- Configuration files in **module/config/optional** will be installed if all their dependencies are met.

# Default Configuration

```
config/  
  install/  
    mymodule.settings.yml  
  optional/  
    pathauto.pattern.mymodule.yml
```

- mymodule.settings.yml will be installed.
- pathauto.pattern.mymodule.yml will be installed if the Path Auto module is installed.



# Coding Standards

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- Drupal has a number of coding standards covering PHP, JavaScript, YAML and CSS.
- Following them will make your module better, more secure, more maintainable and usable by third parties.

# Coding Standards

```
phpcs --standard=Drupal,DrupalPractice  
      --extensions=php,module,inc,install,test,profile,theme,css,info,txt,  
      md,yml path/to/directory
```

# Some Final Notes

# Design Philosophy

- Think about modules in the most generic way possible. Even when naming it.
- Use configuration to control what your module acts upon.
- You should be thinking "this might make a good contrib module".
- Collaboration over competition.