# Drupal Development

#### **Drupal Development**

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

# Setting Up Drupal For Development

- 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.

- 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

 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';
}
```

- 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
```

 Add Twig debugging and auto reload are configured in the .

```
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
```

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"</pre>
```

Ensuring the setting has taken.

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

- 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;
```

 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 compatable 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
* 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, \$fotm\_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 Arugments**

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:

```
Some description
```

#### Render Arrays

This render array:

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

Will become:

```
Items 1Item 2
```

#### 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
```

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#### **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.
- Bluebrint of a form class (<em>on next slide</em>).

```
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 From**

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

#### Form Submission

#### 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 of )
    }
}
```

#### 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.

#### Plugins - Input Filter

- Simplest plugin is an input filter.
- This changes the text of a text area as it is rendered.
- The original text of the field is not altered.

```
namespace Drupal\mymodule\Plugin\Filter;
use Drupal\filter\FilterProcessResult;
use Drupal\filter\Plugin\FilterBase;
/**
* My amazing filter.
* @Filter(
* id = "myamazingfilter",
    title = @Translation("My amazing filter"),
     description = @Translation("An amazing filter"),
    type = Drupal\filter\Plugin\FilterInterface::TYPE_TRANSFORM_REVERS
 * )
*/
class MyAmazingFilter extends FilterBase {
  public function process($text, $langcode) {
    $result = new FilterProcessResult($text);
    $result->setProcessedText(str_replace('foo', 'bar',
        $result->getProcessedText));
    return $result;
```

### Try it!

- Create an input filter plugin.
- Make it do something interesting.
- Assign it to an input filter format.
- Use it with some filtered content (node, block etc).

# Entities

#### **Entities**

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

#### **Entities - Bundles**

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

### **Entities - Bundles**

<b>Entity</b>	Bundles
Node	Articles, Basic Page
Media	Image, Video
Vocabulary	Category, Tags

## Loading Entites

By ID:

```
$entity_id = 123;
$entity = \Drupal::entityTypeManager()
   ->getStorage('node')
   ->load($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 to 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 its 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 = 'something:' . $uid;
if ($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 deinfed using hook\_theme().

### **Template**

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

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

### **Template**

- The custom theme needs a custom tempalte.
- The <em>templates</em> directory is the default location for templates in a module.
- Our hook will use
   <em>templates/my\_custom\_tempalte.html.twig</em>.

```
{{ description }}
{% 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'][] = 'mympdule/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() {}
          Philip Norton hashbangcode.com @hashbangcode @philipnorton42
```

#### **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 ContainerFactoryF
```

### 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']);
}
```

- 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.

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

• 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();
}
```

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.

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

• Enforce Drupal module dependencies.

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

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

• Include library dependencies.

```
mymdoule.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

## **Coding Standards**

- 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 contfiguration to control what your module acts upon.
- You should be thinking "this might make a good contrib module".
- Collaboration over competition.