How to Use the Drupal Book Module

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With the Drupal Book module, it is possible to create collections of related pieces of documents presented in a hierarchy. This format is suitable for handbooks and tutorials, for example.

Notice: This module is **not** for creating ebooks.

The Book module comes by default (*disabled*) with Drupal core modules, so there is no need to download or install anything additional on your system.

Keep reading to learn how to use this module!

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The Drupal Handbook
|
|___ What is Drupal?
|
|___ Advantages of Drupal
|    |
|    |___ For marketers
|    |
|    |___ For developers
|    |
|    |___ For designers
|    |
|    |___ Another subtopic...
|
|___ How to get started
|
|___ Another topic...
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Step #1. – Enable the Module

- **Click** Extend.
- **Scroll** down and enable the Book module.
- **Click** Install.

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Back to site   ☰ **Manage**   ★ Shortcuts   👤 **admin**

📄 Content   🗂 Structure   🔍 Appearance   🧩 **Extend**   🔧 Configuration

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☑	**Automated Cron**	▸ Provides an automated way to run cron
☐	**Ban**	▸ Allows administrators to ban visits from
☑	**BigPipe**	▸ Sends pages using the BigPipe techniqu
☑	**Block**	▸ Controls the visual building blocks a pag
☑	**Book**	▸ Allows users to create and organize rela
☑	**Breakpoint**	▸ Manages breakpoints and breakpoint gr
☑	**CKEditor**	▸ WYSIWYG editing for rich text fields usir
☑	**Color**	▸ Allows users to change the color scheme

Step #2. – The Book Content Type

- **Click** *Structure > Content types*.

There is a new content type in addition to the 2 Drupal default content types called the *Book page Content type.*

- **Click** Manage fields.

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Home » Administration » Structure

+ Add content type

NAME	DESCRIPTION	OPERATIONS
Article	Use *articles* for time-sensitive content like news, press releases or blog posts.	Manage fields ▾
Basic page	Use *basic pages* for your static content, such as an 'About us' page.	Manage fields ▾
Book page	*Books* have a built-in hierarchical navigation. Use for handbooks or tutorials.	Manage fields ▾

Add an image field with the default settings.

Add field ☆

Home » Administration » Structure » Content types » Book page » Manage fields

Add a new field

Image ▾

or

Re-use an existing field

- Select an existing field - ▾

Label *

Book Page Image

Machine name: field_book_page_image [Edit]

Save and continue

- **Add** a link field.
- **Give** it proper title.
- **Click** *Save* and continue.

Add field ☆

Home » Administration » Structure » Content types » Book page » Manage fields

Add a new field

Link ▼

or

Re-use an existing field

- Select an existing field - ▼

Label *

Related content

Machine name: field_related_content [Edit]

Save and continue

- **Set** the allowed number of values to *unlimited.*
- **Click** *Save field settings.*

Related content ☆

Edit	Field settings

Home » Administration » Structure » Content types » Book page » Manage fields » Rel

These settings apply to the *Related content* field everywhere it is used. These settings

Allowed number of values

Unlimited ▼ ⬅

Save field settings

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- **Click** *Manage display.*
- **Hide** the image label.
- **Rearrange** the fields.

- **Click** *Save.*

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Step #3. – The Book Outline

- **Click** *Structure > Books.*

You will be presented with a list of book outlines. At the moment this list is empty, since we haven't created any book yet.

- **Click** the *Settings* tab.

You have two settings here:

1. the content types allowed in book outlines (*you can select multiple options here*)
2. the default content type (*one value allowed*) added when you click the "Add page" link

- **Leave** default values
- **Click** *Save configuration.*

Books ☆

| List | Settings |

Home » Administration » Structure » Books

Content types allowed in book outlines *

☐ Article
☑ Book page ⟵
☐ Basic page

Users with the *Administer book outlines* permission can add all content types.

Content type for the *Add child page* link *

○ Article
◉ Book page ⟵
○ Basic page

Save configuration

Step #4. – Create a Book

- **Click** *Content > Add content > Book page*
- **Enter** a proper title and body text.
- **Add** a proper image.
- **Click** *Book Outline* on the right column.
- **Select** *Create a new book* from the dropdown.
- **Click** *Save.*

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Home » Add content

Title *

The Drupal Handbook

Body (Edit summary)

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This book is about learning to use the CMS Drupal

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Inquit, dasne adolescenti veniam? Avaritiamne minuis? Quid censes in Latino fore? Ita relinquet duas, de quibus etiam atque etiam consideret. Suo genere perveniant ad extremum; Ad eos igitur converte te, quaeso. Quod cum dixissent, ille contra. Nihil opus est exemplis hoc facere longius.

Refert tamen, quo modo. In schola desinis. Bonum integritas corporis: misera debilitas. Quod autem principium officii quaerunt, melius quam Pyrrho; Hoc mihi cum tuo fratre convenit. Eaedem res maneant alio modo.

Last saved: *Not saved yet*

Author: admin

Revision log message

Briefly describe the changes you have made.

▸ **MENU SETTINGS**

- None -
- Create a new book -
- None - ▾

Your page will be a part of the selected book.

Text format   Basic HTML ▾

About text formats ?

Book Page Image

◈ Drupal™

Alternative text *

logo Drupal

Short description of the image used by screen readers and displayed when the image is not loaded. This is important for accessibility.

📄 Wordmark_blue_RGB_0.png (8.18 KB)   **Remove**

Show row weights

RELATED CONTENT

URL

https://www.drupal.org

⊕   Start typing the title of a piece of content to select it. You can also enter an internal path such as */node/add* or an external URL such as *http://example.com*. Enter *<front>* to link to the front page. Enter *<nolink>* to display link text only.

Link text

Add another item

▾ URL ALIAS

URL alias

Specify an alternative path by which this data can be accessed. For example, type "/about" when writing an about page.

▾ **AUTHORING INFORMATION**

Authored by

admin (1)

The username of the content author.

Authored on

17 / 08 / 2020 ⊗   11 : 31 : 10 a. m. ⊗

Format: *2020-08-17 11:31:12*. Leave blank to use the time of form submission.

▾ **PROMOTION OPTIONS**

☐ Promoted to front page

☐ Sticky at top of lists

When seeing the published node, you will notice an extra tab on the top called *Outline*.

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The Drupal Handbook

| View | Edit | Outline | Delete | Revisions |

Submitted by admin on Mon 08/17/2020 - 11:31

This book is about learning to use the CMS Drupal

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Quonam, inquit, modo? Sed fortuna fortis; Quare attende, quaeso. Duo Reges: constructio interrete. Eam stabilem appellas. Prodest, inquit, mihi eo esse animo.

Inquit, dasne adolescenti veniam? Avaritiamne minuis? Quid censes in Latino fore? Ita relinquet duas, de quibus etiam atque etiam consideret. Suo genere perveniant ad extremum; Ad eos igitur converte te, quaeso. Quod cum dixissent, ille contra. Nihil opus est exemplis hoc facere longius.

You can **click** here at any time and **rearrange** the outline of this particular node within the book hierarchy. This is also possible through the Books outline interface we saw on the step before.

The Drupal Handbook ☆

| View | Edit | Outline | Delete | Revisions |

Home

The outline feature allows you to include pages in the Book hierarchy, as well as move them within the H

▼ **BOOK OUTLINE**

Book
[The Drupal Handbook ▼]
Your page will be a part of the selected book.

This is the top-level page in this book.

Weight
[0 ▼]
Pages at a given level are ordered first by weight and then by title.

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Update book outline   Remove from book outline

Since we have created only the main page of our book, you will **not** be able to configure anything here.

- **Click** *Update Book outline.*
- **Scroll** down to the bottom of the book page.
- **Click** *Add child page*

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Praeclarae mortes sunt imperatoriae; Rationis enim perfectio est virtus;

Solum praeterea formosum, solum liberum, solum civem, stultost; Sed haec quidem liberius ab eo dicuntur et saepius. Sed haec in pueris; Hoc loco tenere se Triarius non potuit.

Related content
https://www.drupal.org

Add child page   Printer-friendly version

This will take you directly to the Book page edit screen.

- **Add** proper content
- **Click** Save.
- **Change** the weight to -15 (*if you will have more than 16 child pages, you will have a problem to place the last one at the end*) as a security measure.

As a matter of fact, this is more a quirk, since you can rearrange book pages through a drag and drop interface within the book outline.

Title *

What is Drupal

Body (Edit summary)

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Book Page Image

Last saved: *Not saved yet*

Author: admin

Revision log message

Briefly describe the changes you have made.

▸ **MENU SETTINGS**

▾ **BOOK OUTLINE**

Book

The Drupal Handbook ▾   ⬅

Your page will be a part of the selected book.

Parent item

The Drupal Handbook ▾   ⬅

The parent page in the book. The maximum depth for a book and all child pages is 9. Some pages in the selected book may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight

-15 ▾

Pages at a given level are ordered first by weight and then by title.

- **Click** Save.

What is Drupal

| View | Edit | Outline | Delete | Revisions |

Submitted by admin on Mon, 08/17/2020 - 11:36

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Nihilo beatiorem esse Metellum quam Regulum. Quid autem habent admirationis, cum prope accesseris? Sumenda potius quam expetenda. Quid autem habent admirationis, cum prope accesseris? Nunc omni virtuti vitium contrario nomine opponitur. Uterque enim summo bono fruitur, id est voluptate. At enim hic etiam dolore. Aeque enim contingit omnibus fidibus, ut incontentae sint.

Related content

https://www.drupal.org/developers

Add child page   Printer-friendly version

‹ The Drupal Handbook   Up

Let's add some more pages to "modelate" the structure detailed on the image. Use the column on the right of each node you edit.

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The Drupal Handbook
|
|___ What is Drupal?         ————————— -15
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|___ Advantages of Drupal  —————  -14
|   |
|   |___ For marketers    ————  -15
|   |
|   |___ For developers  —————  -14
|   |
|   |___ For designers   —————  -13
|   |
|   |___ Another subtopic...—  -12
|
|___ How to get started  ————— -13
|
|___ Another topic...  ————————  -12
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Title *

Advantages of Drupal

Body (Edit summary)

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body   p

Text format Basic HTML ▾   About text formats ❓

Book Page Image

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50 MB limit.
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Author: admin

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Weight

-14 ▾

When you have finished, take a look at the published nodes.

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Nodes with child pages, will display a list of links containing them. Furthermore you have on the bottom, three additional links. Two of them point to the previous and next articles according to the sequence on the hierarchy.

The link labeled "Up" takes you to the corresponding parent page, that is, one level up.
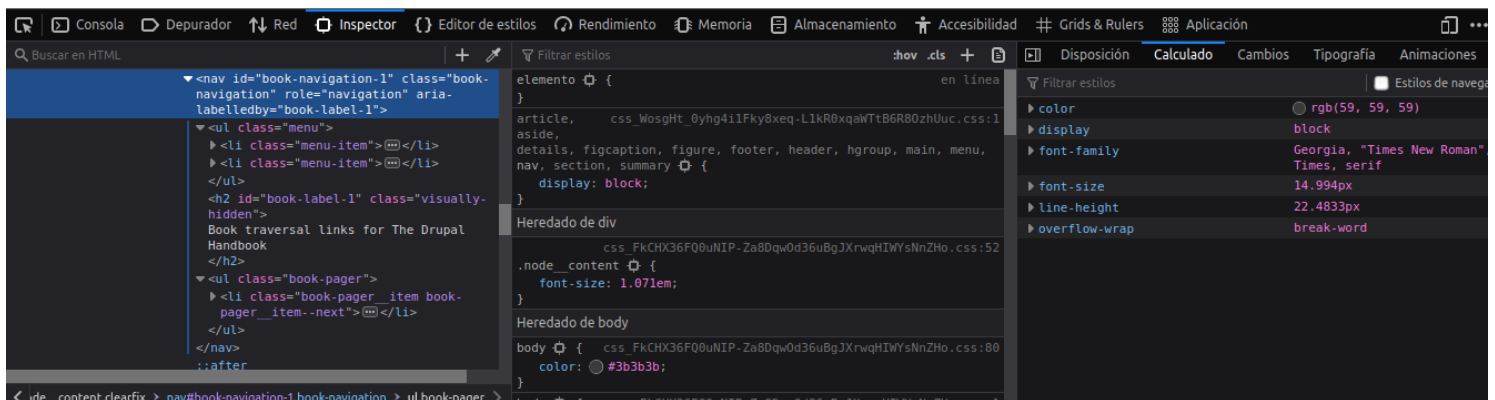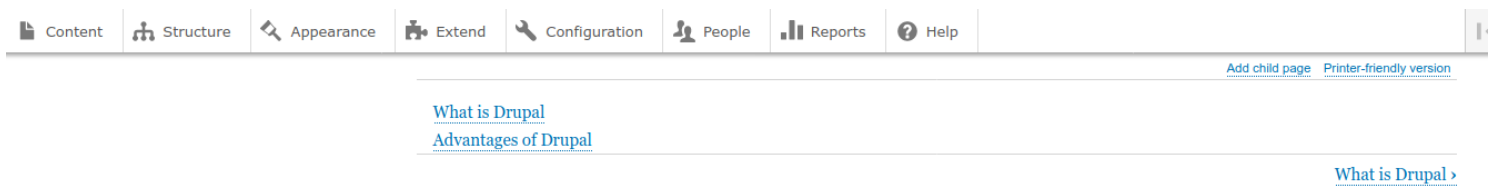
To check the finished outline,

- **Click** *Structure > Books > Edit order and titles*.

You can rearrange the structure and order of your book here.

- **Click** Save book pages after you are finished editing.

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Advantages of Drupal

For marketers

For designers

For developers

Another subtopic

How to get started

Save book pages
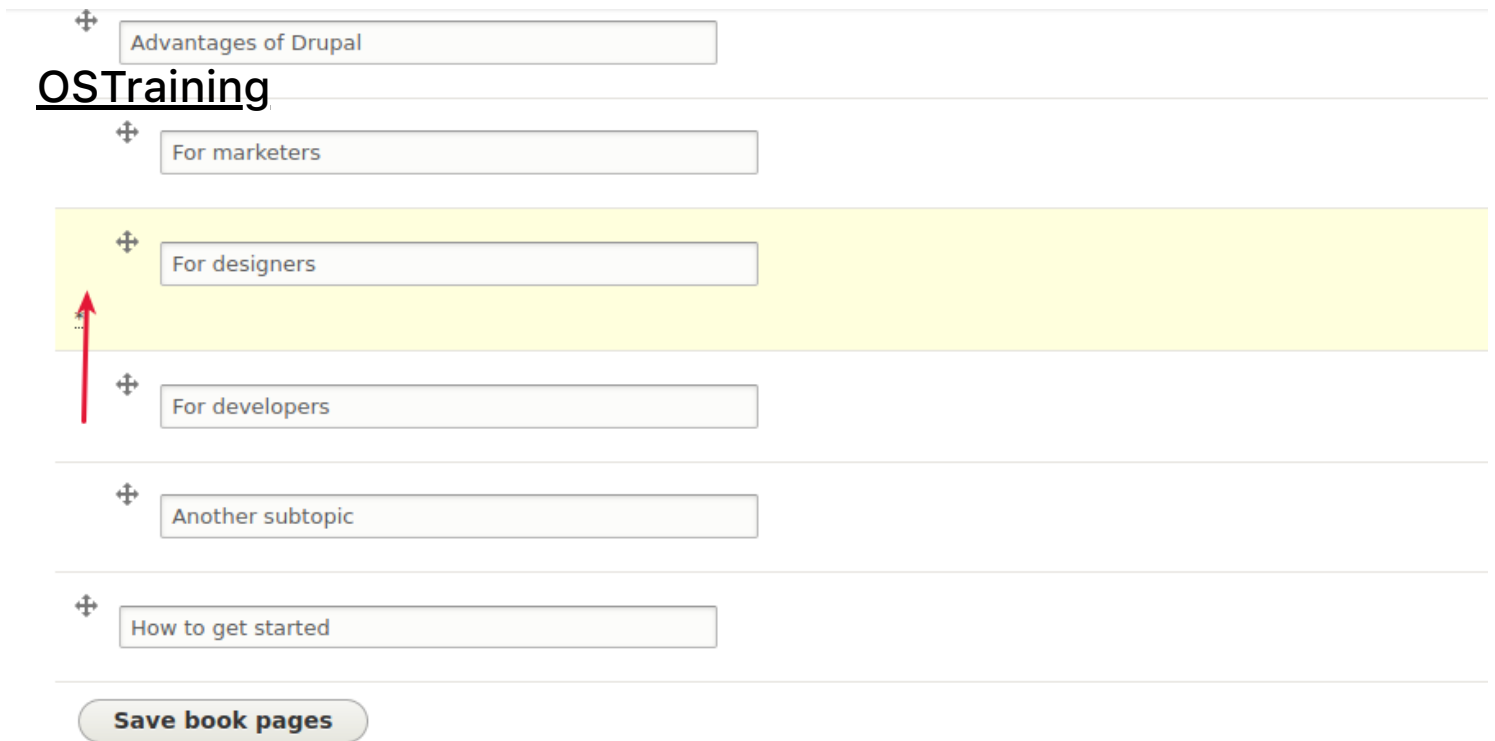
The book navigation links can be styled through the css class .book-navigation or through its particular id.

| Content | Structure | Appearance | Extend | Configuration | People | Reports | Help |

What is Drupal
Advantages of Drupal

What is Drupal ›

| Consola | Depurador | Red | Inspector | {} Editor de estilos | Rendimiento | Memoria | Almacenamiento | Accesibilidad | Grids & Rulers | Aplicación |

Buscar en HTML

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▼<nav id="book-navigation-1" class="book-
  navigation" role="navigation" aria-
  labelledby="book-label-1">
  ▼<ul class="menu">
    ▶<li class="menu-item">···</li>
    ▶<li class="menu-item">···</li>
  </ul>
  <h2 id="book-label-1" class="visually-
  hidden">
  Book traversal links for The Drupal
  Handbook
  </h2>
  ▼<ul class="book-pager">
    ▶<li class="book-pager__item book-
    pager__item--next">···</li>
  </ul>
  </nav>
  ::after
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Filtrar estilos   :hov .cls +
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elemento ❁ {                     en línea
}
article,          css_WosgHt_0yhg4i1Fky8xeq-L1kR0xqaWTtB6R8OzhUuc.css:1
aside,
details, figcaption, figure, footer, header, hgroup, main, menu,
nav, section, summary ❁ {
    display: block;
}

Heredado de div
          css_FkCHX36FQ0uNIP-Za8DqwOd36uBgJXrwqHIWYsNnZHo.css:52
.node__content ❁ {
    font-size: 1.071em;
}

Heredado de body

body ❁ {  css_FkCHX36FQ0uNIP-Za8DqwOd36uBgJXrwqHIWYsNnZHo.css:80
    color: ● #3b3b3b;
}
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| Disposición | Calculado | Cambios | Tipografía | Animaciones |

Filtrar estilos   ☐ Estilos de navega
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▶ color                           ○ rgb(59, 59, 59)
▶ display                         block
▶ font-family                     Georgia, "Times New Roman"
                                  Times, serif
▶ font-size                       14.994px
▶ line-height                     22.4833px
▶ overflow-wrap                   break-word
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