

Chapter 1

Introduction

E-commerce has been around for 20 years. Since the release of the Netscape browser in 1994 companies have been selling their products online. From 1995 to 2000 the number of companies who were selling their products online increased significantly. Venture capitalists invested huge amounts of money in these new internet companies. Sadly, the excitement wasn't well founded. The world wasn't ready for a shift from traditional retailing to e-commerce. People were wary about ordering products online, online payment methods weren't very widely accepted and parcel services weren't optimized for delivering the products to the people.

The excitement about internet companies led to the dotcom bubble bursting in 2000. A lot of new internet companies went bankrupt, others had to downsize significantly. A lot of survivors of the dotcom bubble are still around today. They have grown become huge internet companies, some examples are: amazon.com, ebay.com and dell.com.

In the last 15 years online retailing has been steadily increasing. People were getting more comfortable buying their products online, online payment methods improved significantly and parcel services optimized their distribution network. These improvements gave small companies the opportunity to start selling their products online. It is expected that the online retailing market will overtake traditional retailing within ten years.

1.1 What's in the course

In this course you will learn to create and manage a web store. There are a lot of platforms which allow you to create a web store. In this course we chose to use Drupal. Drupal is a content management system (CMS) written in PHP. It has many features that will make it easy to create a web store.

First we'll learn how to create, manage and edit a basic Drupal site. Afterwards we add the web store functionality through the use of modules. During the course you'll also learn how to write PHP code, manage your site through

git, collaborate on your site and deploy it to a server.

1.2 What's a CMS

Drupal is a content management system or CMS. The name is a good description of what it actually does. It's an application which makes it easy to manage content. The content can be of different types. For example, a blog can use a CMS. The type of content on the blog will be articles. The CMS makes it easy to create, edit, remove and manage articles. Another example where a CMS can be useful is when you create a web store. The type of content we use here are products. The CMS makes it easy to manage the products, for example: add a product, change the price or add a shipping method.

A lot of big websites use a CMS as their background application. Examples include: www.engadget.com, www.puma.com, www.societegenerale.com/.

Figure 1.1 shows different CMS systems.



Figure 1.1: Examples of CMS systems

1.3 What's Drupal

As mentioned before, Drupal (logo figure 1.2) is an open source CMS written in PHP. Drupal is web based so it uses HTML, CSS and JavaScript as application front end. A Drupal application is completely customizable. We can change the look of our site by changing the HTML and CSS (Drupal calls this theming).

The application back end can be extended by adding our own code or code other people made available online (Drupal does this through its module system).

Drupal was created in 2001 by Dries Buytaert. He got his degree in computer science at the university of Antwerp and his phd at Ghent university. In 2007 he started the company Acquia which provides services to organisations using Drupal as their CMS. In 2009 Acquia helped with the relaunch of whitehouse.gov. Next to whitehouse.gov a lot of other sites use Drupal. At <https://www.drupal.com/showcases> you can find a list of different sites build with Drupal.



Figure 1.2: Drupal logo

1.4 Drupal 8

Even though Drupal 8 is still in beta we'll be using Drupal 8 to create our applications in this course. Drupal 8 is still in beta but it has been feature frozen so no new features will be added. The Drupal core developers are now just performing some bugfixes prior to the final release. We do not expect you to encounter any of these bugs but if you do, you should report them to the Drupal community.

1.5 Review exercises

1. Look up the definition of a CMS on wikipedia.
2. Think of five content types that could be managed by a CMS.
3. Find five sites which use Drupal as CMS.
4. Name three other content management systems.

Chapter 2

Tools installation

2.1 Acquia Dev Desktop

The Acquia Dev Desktop provides an easy way to run a Drupal site on your local computer. The tool includes an AMP (Apache, MySql, PHP) stack which allows your Drupal application to be executed. You can use it to create a new Drupal site and manage it.

2.1.1 Installation

- Download the version of Acquia dev desktop for your operating system at <https://www.acquia.com/downloads>.
- When your download is complete, run the installer.
- Keep clicking Next, accept the licence agreement and select the installation location for dev desktop as well as the location where your Drupal sites will be stored. In this course we use the `C:\drupal_sites` directory but you can change this to a directory of your preference. It is advised to choose a directory that is short and has no spaces.

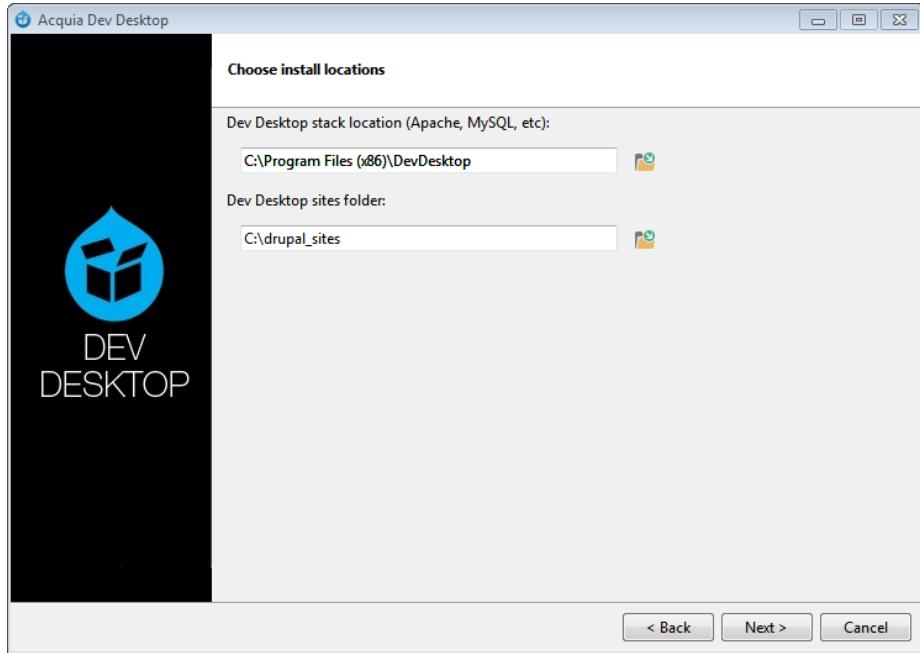


Figure 2.1: Installation location

- When the installer is complete you are ready to create your first site. Before we do that we'll install some useful tools that will help us during development.

2.2 NetBeans

When we are developing our Drupal site we'll write PHP, html and css code. In this course we use the Netbeans ide to do all this. You can download the NetBeans editor at: <https://netbeans.org/downloads/>. You can choose to download the version for HTML5 an PHP or the ALL version.

2.2.1 installation

Run the NetBeans installer. You can use the default settings or change them to your liking.

2.2.2 configuration

Next we'll configure NetBeans to associate the Drupal file extensions to the correct file types. For example **.module** files should be opened as a PHP file. Go to **Tools >Preferences >Miscellaneaus >Files** there you can add new

file extensions and associate the file type. Associate the following extensions with the **text/x-php5** MIME type:

- module
- install
- test
- profile
- theme
- engine

Associate the following extensions with the **text/plain** MIME type:

- info
- po

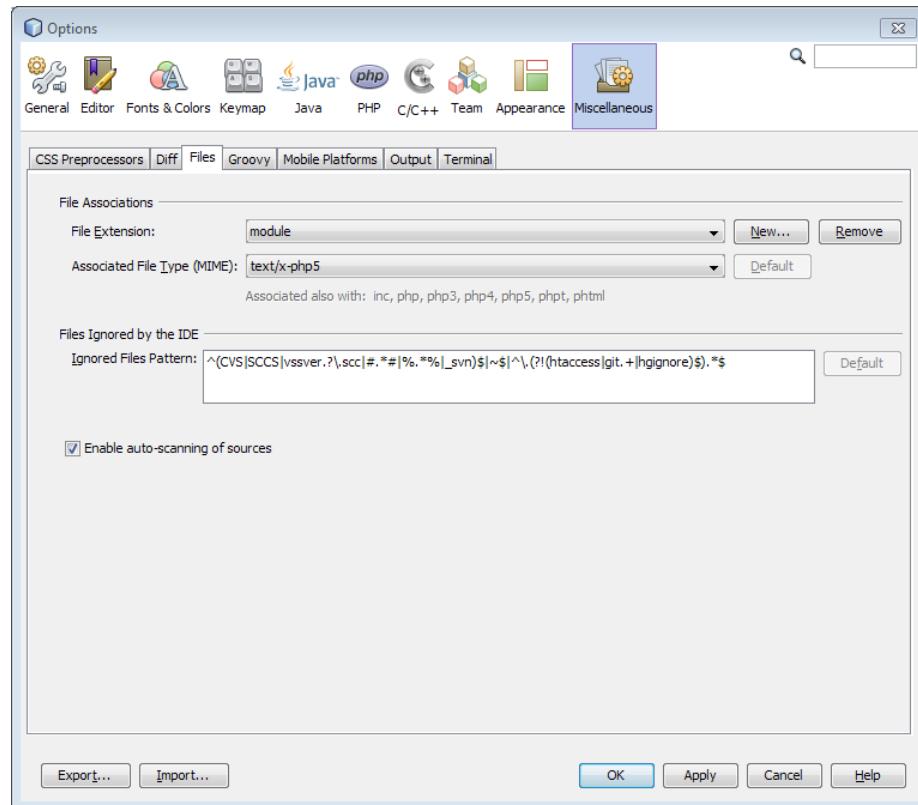


Figure 2.2: Extension configuration

2.3 WinLess

WinLess is a less compiler for windows. The less language makes it easier to write css code. In this course we assume you are familiar with css and less so we won't go into depth on how to write less code. To install the less compiler, download the latest version of WinLess from <http://winless.org/> and run the installer.

WinLess allows you to select a less file and automatically compile it to a css file in the directory you specify. (see Figure: 2.3)

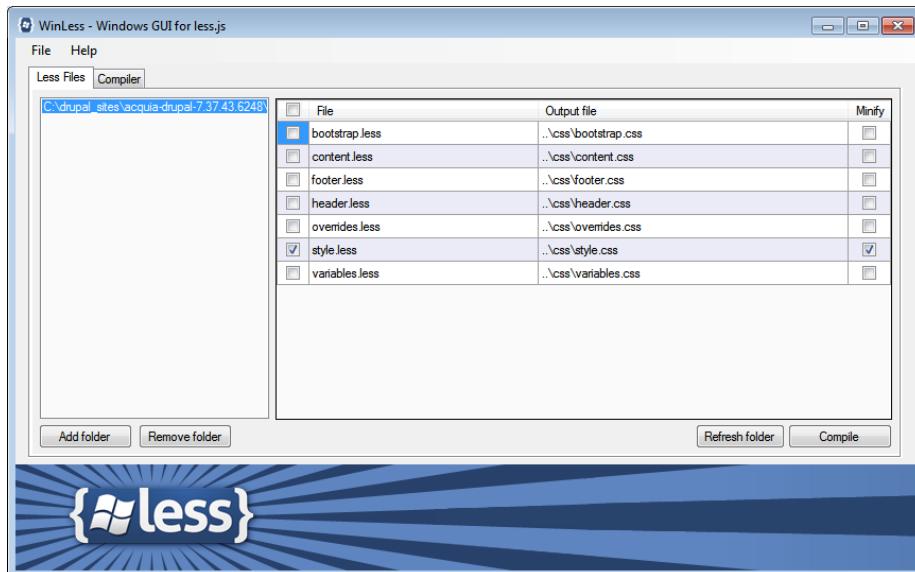


Figure 2.3: WinLess interface

2.4 Drush

Drush is a command line tool which makes it easy to manage your site. Since Drush is included in the Acquia dev desktop installation you don't need to install it separately. You can test your Drush installation by opening a command line window and typing **drush** and hitting enter.

2.5 GIT

GIT is a versioning system, it enables you to share and manage your code. You can download the git installer here: <https://git-scm.com/downloads>

2.5.1 Installation

- Run the installer.
- In the window **Adjusting your PATH environment** select the option **Use Git from the Windows Command Prompt**
- In the next window select **UseOpenSSH**
- Configure the line endings as **Checkout Windows-style, commit Unix-style line endings**
- Finish the installer wizard.

Chapter 3

Create your first Drupal site

3.1 Acquia Dev Desktop

As mentioned before we will be managing our local Drupal installation through the Acquia Dev Desktop tool. The tool contains a PHP hosting environment which includes: the PHP runtime, an Apache web server, a MySQL database server and phpMyAdmin for database management.

Figure 3.1 shows the Acquia Dev Desktop interface. On the left you can see an overview of the sites you created. The plus and minus signs in the bottom left corner allow you to add or remove a Drupal site. In the right panel you can see the information of the site you selected. It contains the following:

Local site The local url to your site. Refers to the local Apache server running on port 8083.

Local code Shows the path to the local codebase. All the code your site uses is stored in this location on your computer.

Local database A link to the phpMyAdmin page of your local database.

PHP version The PHP version your site uses, we will use the default version (5.5.27).

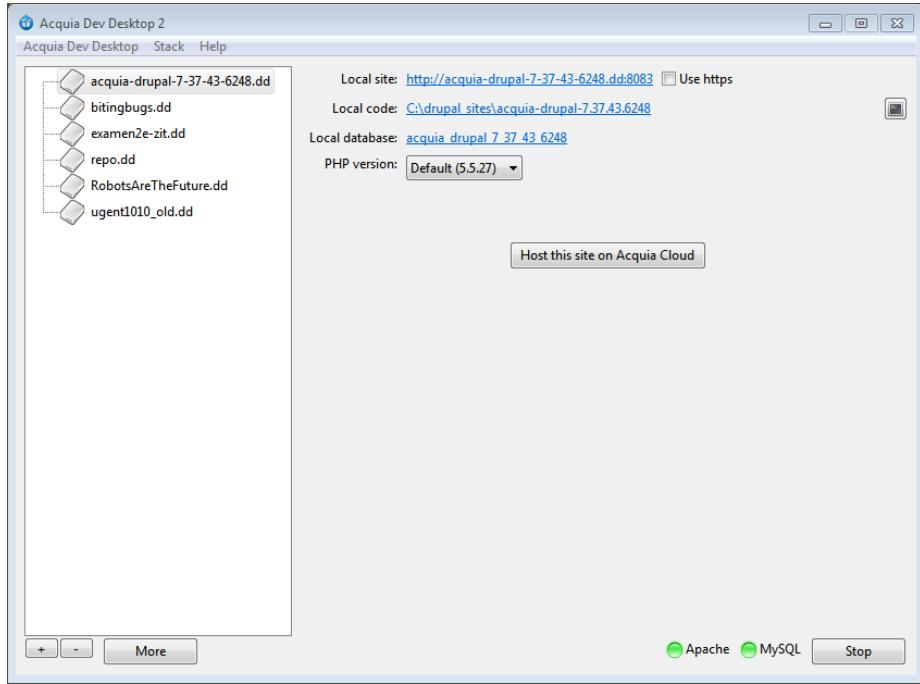


Figure 3.1: The Acquia Dev Desktop interface

3.2 Creating a new site

To create a new site through Acquia Dev Desktop, click the plus button in the bottom left corner. Select **New Drupal site...** in the context menu (Figure 3.2)

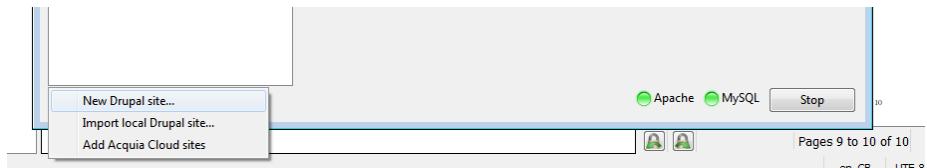


Figure 3.2: New site menu

In the next window you will see an overview of different standard Drupal installations. Select the Drupal 8 version (Figure 3.3)



Figure 3.3: Drupal version selection

Fill out the following site information in the next window (Figure 3.4). Note that if you have configured Acquia Dev Desktop to store your sites in a different location the default path might not be C:\drupal_sites\.

Local codebase folder:	C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugsexample	Change...
Local site name:	bitingbugsexample	
Local site URL:	http://bitingbugsexample.dd:8083	
Use PHP:	Default (5.5.27)	
Database:	Create a new database	
New database name:	bitingbugsexample	

Figure 3.4: Site configuration

Click **Finish**. Acquia Dev Desktop unpacks the selected Drupal 8 archive into the local codebase folder. When the process finishes click the link to your local site in the right panel of the Acquia Dev Desktop, this will open the installation page for your site in your default browser (Figure 3.5).

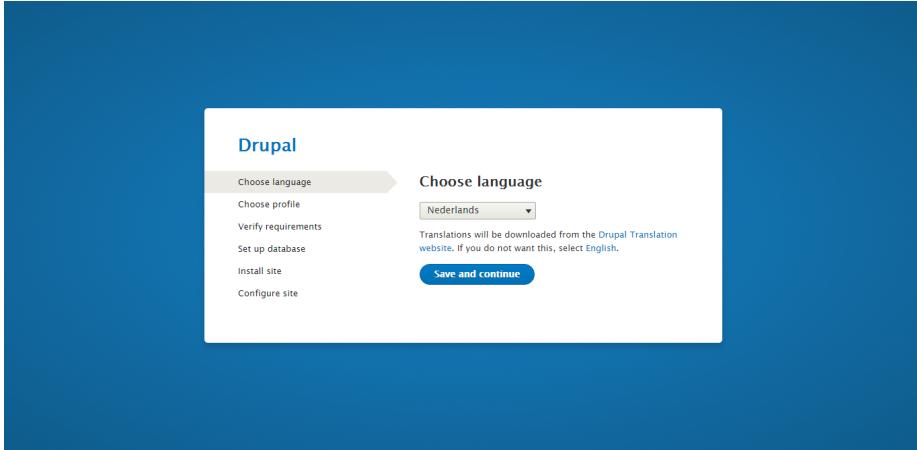


Figure 3.5: Site installation: Choose language

Since this course is in English we'll select it as our default site language. Click **Save** and on the next page select the **Standard** installation profile (Figure 3.6).

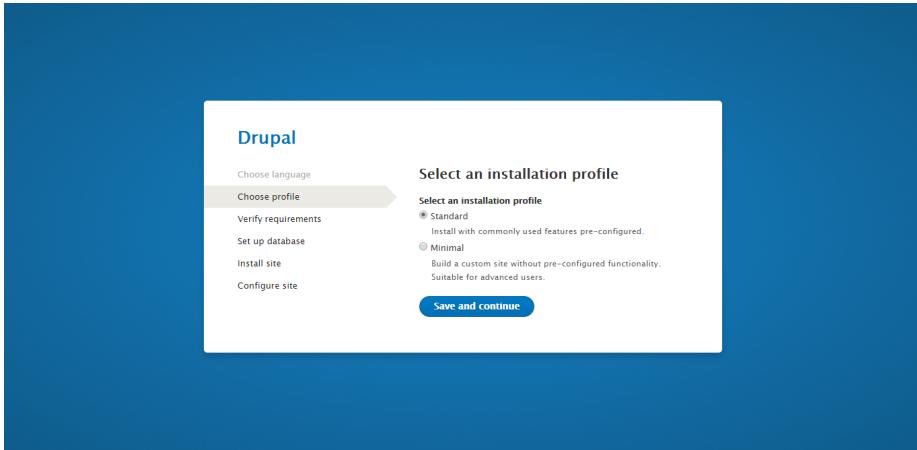


Figure 3.6: Site installation: installation profile

Click **Save and continue**. This step might take a few minutes. After the installation has finished we need to configure some site properties. Enter the following information (Figure 3.7 and 3.8):

Site name: bitingbugsexample

Site email address: noreply@bitingbugsexample.com

Username: drupal

Password: Drupal

Confirm password: Drupal

Email address: info@bitingbugsexample.com

Default country: Belgium

Default time zone: Europe/Brussels

After entering the right configuration you can click the **Save and continue** button.

The screenshot shows the 'Configure site' step of the Drupal installation process. On the left, a sidebar lists options: Choose language, Choose profile, Verify requirements, Set up database, Install site, and Configure site (which is highlighted). The main area is titled 'Configure site' and contains two sections: 'SITE INFORMATION' and 'SITE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT'. In 'SITE INFORMATION', the 'Site name' field is set to 'bitingbugsexample' and the 'Site email address' field is set to 'noreply@bitingbugsexample.com'. In 'SITE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT', the 'Username' field is set to 'drupal' and the 'Password' field is filled with '.....'. The 'Confirm password' field also contains '.....'. A note below the password fields states 'Passwords match: yes'. The entire form is set against a dark blue background.

Figure 3.7: Site installation: installation configuration 1

The screenshot shows the 'Save and continue' step of the Drupal installation process. It displays the configuration from Figure 3.7, including the site name 'bitingbugsexample', email 'noreply@bitingbugsexample.com', username 'drupal', and password '.....'. Below this, it shows 'REGIONAL SETTINGS' with 'Default country' set to 'Belgium' and 'Default time zone' set to 'Europe/Brussels'. Under 'UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS', there are two options: 'Check for updates automatically' (checked) and 'Receive email notifications' (unchecked). A note explains that the system will notify users about updates and security releases. At the bottom is a blue 'Save and continue' button. The background is dark blue.

Figure 3.8: Site installation: installation configuration 2

Et voila, you have your first Drupal site. It's pretty basic, you only have a welcome page, no content yet. By default, after completing the installation, you are logged in as administrator (figure 3.9). To see the non administrator layout click the **Log out** link in the top right corner. As you can see we only have a basic one page site with our site title at the top. Now log back into your site with username: drupal and password: Drupal.

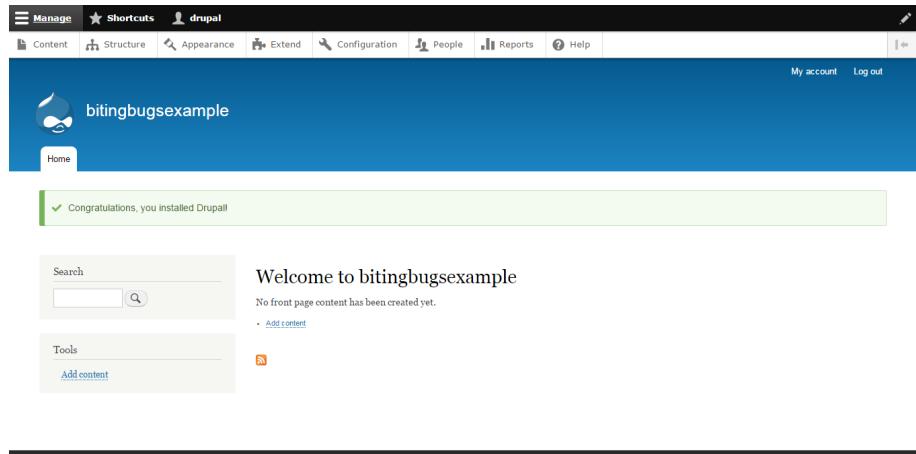


Figure 3.9: Your first Drupal site.

3.3 review exercises

Create a new Drupal 8 site with the following properties:

Sitename exploringdrupal8

database exploringdrupal8

Language English

Username drupal, password: Drupal

Timezone Europe/Brussels

Country Belgium

Chapter 4

The Drupal structure

4.1 Structural elements

Drupal 8 core defines eight types of structural elements. To see an overview of these elements click on the **Structure** button in the administrative menu (Figure 4.1).

[Home](#) » [Administration](#)

Block layout
Configure what block content appears in your site's sidebars and other regions.

Comment types
Manage form and displays settings of comments.

Contact forms
Create and manage contact forms.

Content types
Manage content types, including default status, front page promotion, comment settings, etc.

Display modes
Configure what displays are available for your content and forms.

Menus
Add new menus to your site, edit existing menus, and rename and reorganize menu links.

Taxonomy
Manage tagging, categorization, and classification of your content.

Views
Manage customized lists of content.

Figure 4.1: Structural Elements

Each of these elements has a certain use within Drupal. The following list describes each of the structural elements. Don't worry if not all the elements are clear to you, when you start changing and using your site the structure will become clear.

Block layout: Blocks are site elements which can be positioned in different places on your site. For example the search field, which is visible on the left side of your first Drupal page, is a Drupal block. You can put a block in different places on your page, these places are called **regions**. These regions depend on the Drupal theme you are using. When you click the **Block layout** link you will see the following page (Figure 4.2).

The screenshot shows the 'Block layout' page in the Drupal administration interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Block layout' and 'Custom block library'. Below that, there are three theme options: Bartik, Classy, and Seven. The main content area displays regions for the current theme (Bartik). The 'Header' region contains a 'Main navigation' block under the 'Primary menu'. The 'Secondary menu' region contains a 'User account menu' block. A link 'Demonstrate block regions (Bartik)' is visible at the bottom of the page.

Figure 4.2: Block layout

This page shows a list of the different regions and allows you to add blocks to each of these regions. You can click the link **Demonstrate block regions(Bartik)** to view the regions of the current theme (Bartik) (Figure 4.3).

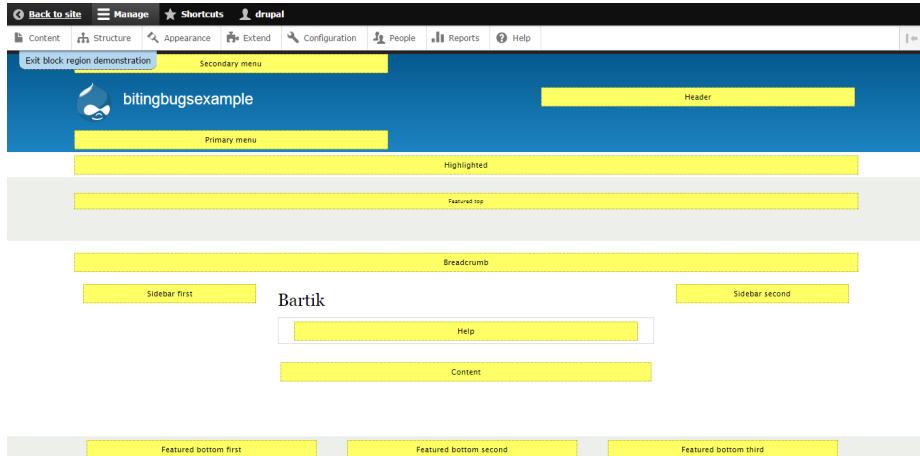


Figure 4.3: Bartik regions

Comment types The comment types page allows you to create and manage different comment types. When you add content to your site you can allow people to comment on the new content. The comment type defines the fields that the commenter has to fill out when he's writing his comment. The default comment type has only one field: the comment body. We

could, for example, create a new comment type which includes a field for the name and age of the commenter.

Contact form The Personal contact form is the form for site visitors to contact registered users; the name and recipients of this form cannot be edited. Other forms listed here are your configured site-wide contact forms, which site visitors can use to send mail to a centralized email address or addresses. You can edit the name and recipients of site-wide forms by choosing the Edit operation. You can also configure the fields and display of both personal and site-wide forms.

Content types The content types page is very important. The content types define which kind of information your CMS will manage. A content type has different fields. These fields define the information that is stored in the content type. By default Drupal has two content types: Article and Basic page (Figure 4.4);

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

Figure 4.4: Default content types

When you click the **Manage fields** button on the right you can see what kind of information is stored in this content type. (Figure 4.5). As you can see, the Article content type has four fields: Body, Comments, Image and Tags.

LABEL	MACHINE NAME	FIELD TYPE	OPERATIONS
Body	body	Text (formatted, long, with summary)	Edit
Comments	comment	Comments	Edit
Image	field_image	Image	Edit
Tags	field_tags	Entity reference	Edit

Figure 4.5: Article content type fields

Next to the **Manage fields** menu item tab you have the **Manage form display** and **Manage display** tabs. These allow you to edit which fields are displayed when an element is created/edited or viewed.

Display modes Display modes define different ways in which information is displayed. There are two types of display modes: form modes and view modes. Form modes are used when the content is created or edited, view modes when the content is viewed. When you go to **Display modes** → **View modes** (Figure 4.6) you will see the different ways in which a content type can be displayed.

Content		OPERATIONS
NAME		
Full content		Edit
RSS		Edit
Search index		Edit
Search result highlighting input		Edit
Teaser		Edit

Custom block		OPERATIONS
NAME		
Full		Edit

Figure 4.6: Default view modes

When you go to **Structure** → **Content types** → **Article** → **Manage display** you will see the following page:

Figure 4.7: Display modes

There you see the different display modes that you can use for your Article content type. At the bottom of the page you can enable other display modes in the custom display settings dropdown (Figure 4.8).

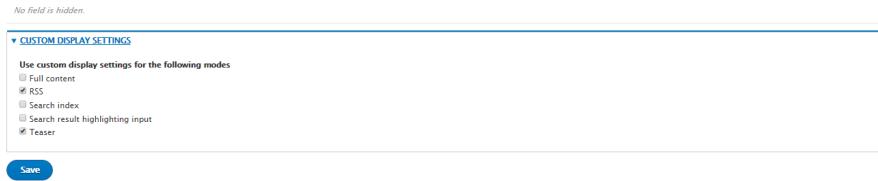


Figure 4.8: Custom display settings

Menus Menus are easy, they define a menu with different menu items. Each menu has a corresponding block that is managed on the Block layout page.

Taxonomy A taxonomy defines lists of terms, these terms can be associated with the content. A list of terms is called a vocabulary. For example: if we have a site with news articles about sports we could add a tag to each article to tell what the article is about. These tags can be defined in a vocabulary.

Views A view enables you to create a display based on different content types. This course has a whole chapter dedicated to Drupal Views so we won't go into details here.

4.2 Bitingbugs example

In the following sections we will review the content of this chapter by applying it to an example website. In the previous chapter we created the bitingbugs example website through the Acquia Dev Desktop. In this and the following chapters we will keep adding features to this site. Our goal is to create a webstore for selling edible insects. The site will also provide a database with recipes so people know how to cook with the insects.

4.2.1 Change the site title and logo

To make our site a little bit prettier we will change the logo and title. To change the site title go to **Configuration → Site information**. There change the site name to **Biting Bugs** (Figure 4.9).

Site information ☆

Home > Administration > Configuration > System

SITE DETAILS

Site name *
Biting Bugs

Slogan

How this is used depends on your site's theme.

Email address *
noreply@bitingbugs.com

The *From* address in automated emails sent during registration and new password requests, and other notifications. (Use an address ending in your site's domain to help prevent this email being flagged as spam.)

Figure 4.9: Changing the site title

The logo is part of the Drupal theme you are using. To change the logo go to: **Appearance → Settings → Logo image settings**. Uncheck **Use the default logo supplied by the theme** and upload the file `bitingbugs_logo_transp_white_right_small.png` (Available in the course files zip). Click **Save configuration**.

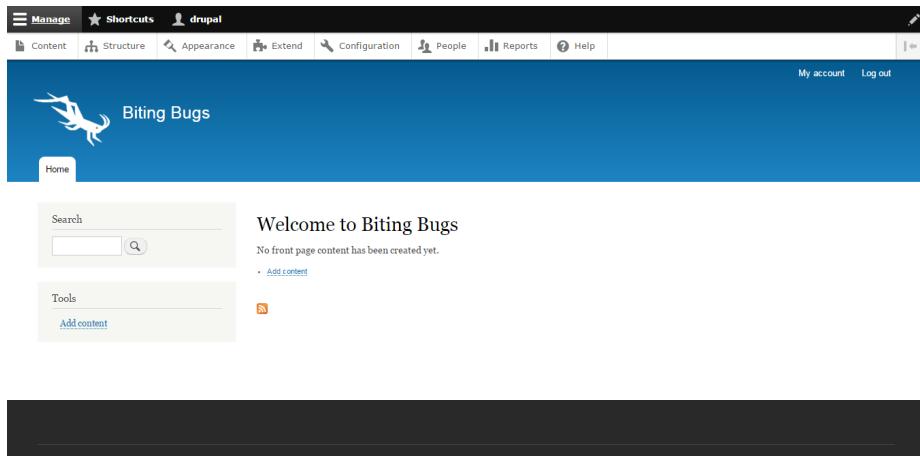


Figure 4.10: Changed logo and title

4.2.2 Removing the Search and Tools block

On the right side of the page we have the **Search** and **Tools** block. We don't need them for now so you can remove them by going to **Structure → Block layout** and moving them from the **Sidebar first** to the **None** region (Figure 4.11). Click **Save blocks**.

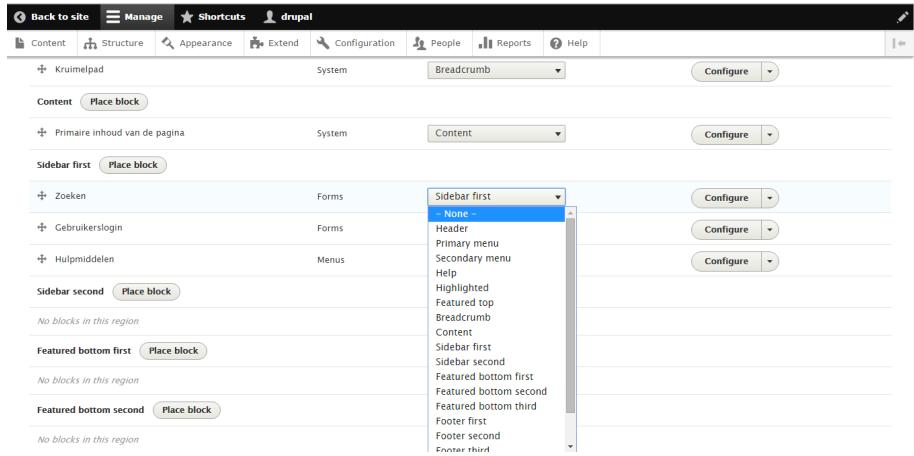


Figure 4.11: Remove a block from a region

4.2.3 Adding a Taxonomy

To categorise the recipes on our site we will add a taxonomy. This taxonomy will contain different types of dishes. Go to **Structure → Taxonomy → Add vocabulary**. Use the following settings:

Name: Dish types

Description: Describes the type of dish we will add.

Vocabulary language English

Default language Site's default language (English)

NAME	WEIGHT	OPERATIONS
No terms available. Add term .		Show row weights

Figure 4.12: Adding a vocabulary terms

Click **Save**. In Figure 4.12 you can see the empty vocabulary. Next we will add some terms to the vocabulary. Click the **Add term** button and add the following terms:

- candy
- curry
- dessert
- pasta
- salad
- sandwiches
- sauces
- vegetarian
- vegan

The screenshot shows a 'Drupal' interface for adding a vocabulary term. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'Add term' and a star icon. Below it, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Administration > Structure > Taxonomy > Dish types'. A green success message box says 'Created new term *dessert*'. The main form has a 'Name' field containing 'pasta' with a red asterisk indicating it's required. A 'Description' rich text editor is below, with a toolbar showing icons for bold, italic, and various styling options. At the bottom, there's a 'Text format' dropdown set to 'Basic HTML'.

Figure 4.13: Adding a vocabulary term

To see an overview of the terms you have added go to **Structure → Taxonomy** and click the **List items** button next to your vocabulary. (Figure 4.14)

NAME	OPERATIONS	Show row weights
+ Candy	Edit	
+ curry	Edit	
+ dessert	Edit	
+ pasta	Edit	
+ salad	Edit	
+ sandwiches	Edit	
+ sauces	Edit	
+ vegan	Edit	
+ vegetarian	Edit	

Figure 4.14: Vocabulary terms

4.2.4 Adding the Recipe content type

Since we are going to store recipes in our CMS we will need to add the **Recipe** content type. Go to: **Structure → Content types → Add content type**. Give it the following properties:

Name: Recipe

Description A recipe for cooking bugs!

At the bottom of the page you can see some settings for this content type. Explore the settings, the names are very descriptive so most of them should be clear without further explanation. These are general settings that apply to all instances of this content type. You are able to change these for each instance individually when you create them.

Click **Save and manage fields**.

Manage fields ☆											
Edit	Manage fields	Manage form display	Manage display								
Home > Administration > Structure > Content types > Recipe											
✓ The content type Recipe has been added.											
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Body	body	Text (formatted, long, with summary)	Edit								

Figure 4.15: Manage recipe fields

Add the following fields to the **Recipe** content type:

Name (Text/plain, Maximum length = 255, number of values = 1)

Ingredients (Text/plain, Maximum length = 255, number of values = unlimited)

Body (already there)

Plate image (Image, number of values = 1)

Estimated time (Number(decimal), number of values = 1, Help text = Estimated time to cook the recipe in minutes).

Type (Taxonomy term, number of values = unlimited, reference method = default, Vocabularies: Dish types, Create referenced entities if they don't already exist).

In figure 4.16 you can see an overview of the fields.

The screenshot shows a table of fields for a content type named 'Type'. The table has columns for Label, Machine Name, Field Type, and Operations. There are six rows, each representing a field: 'Body' (Machine name: body, Field type: Text (formatted, long, with summary)), 'Estimated time' (Machine name: field_estimated, Field type: Number (decimal)), 'Ingredients' (Machine name: field_ingredients, Field type: Text (plain)), 'Name' (Machine name: field_name, Field type: Text (plain)), 'Plate image' (Machine name: field_plate_image, Field type: Image), and 'Type' (Machine name: field_type, Field type: Entity reference). Each row has an 'Edit' button in the Operations column.

LABEL	MACHINE NAME	FIELD TYPE	OPERATIONS
Body	body	Text (formatted, long, with summary)	Edit
Estimated time	field_estimated	Number (decimal)	Edit
Ingredients	field_ingredients	Text (plain)	Edit
Name	field_name	Text (plain)	Edit
Plate image	field_plate_image	Image	Edit
Type	field_type	Entity reference	Edit

Figure 4.16: Recipe fields

4.3 review exercises

1. Log in to your **exploringdrupal8** site (created in the previous chapter). Add the search block to the **sidebar second** region and disable the **powered by Drupal** block.
2. Add a comment type **Answer** to your **exploringdrupal8** site. We will use the comment type to allow users to answer a question. The comment type has two fields: answer (a number between 0 and 100000) and motivation (a textual explanation describing how they got the answer).
3. Add a new content type **recipe** to your **exploringdrupal8** site. The new content type has the following fields: Title, PlateImage (Image), ingredients (list), description. Make sure the teaser only displays the Title and Image fields.
4. Add a vocabulary **Food types** to your **exploringdrupal8** site. Add the following terms to the vocabulary: Indian, Chinese, vegetarian, vegan.

Chapter 5

Creating content

5.1 Creating a basic page

In the previous chapter we learned how to create a content type. In this chapter we will learn how to create the content itself. An instance of a content type (a.k.a. a piece of content) is called a **Node** in Drupal. Creating content is easy, just go to **Content → Add content**. On this page you will see an overview of the different content types (Figure 5.1)

The screenshot shows a user interface for adding content. At the top, there is a dark grey header bar with the text "Add content" and a yellow star icon. Below this, the word "Home" is displayed in blue. There are three main items listed, each with a circular arrow icon and a title in bold:

- Article**: Use *articles* for time-sensitive content like news, press releases or blog posts.
- Basic page**: Use *basic pages* for your static content, such as an 'About us' page.
- Recipe**: A recipe for cooking bugs!

Figure 5.1: Add content, overview content types

We are going to add a basic page. This page will explain why it is good to eat bugs. Go to **Content → Add content → Basic page**. Use the following settings:

Title Why bugs

Body See file `chapter5/reasonstoeatbugs.txt` included in the course attachments.

On the right side you have several menu items. These allow you to change your posts properties. Under **Menu settings** add a menu link to the **Main navigation** (figure 5.2)

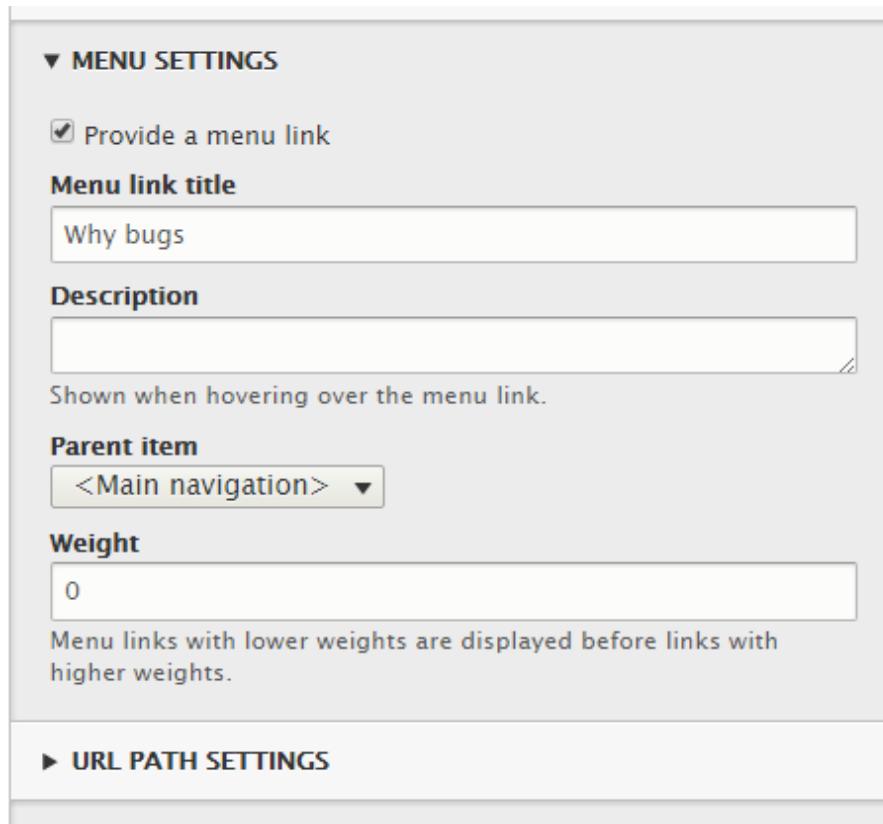


Figure 5.2: Basic page publishing options

Click **Save and publish**

5.2 Creating a recipe

Go to **Content** → **Add content** → **Recipe**. Figure 5.3 shows the editing page for our recipe. As you can see we have a **Name** and **Title** element. We don't need the title element. Remove it by going to: **Structure** → **Content**

types → Recipe → Manage fields → Manage form display. Move the edit fields like in figure 5.4

The screenshot shows the 'Create Recipe' form. At the top, there's a title field and a large body text area with a rich text editor toolbar. Below the body is a 'Text format' dropdown set to 'Basic HTML'. On the right, there's a sidebar with options like 'Last saved: Not saved yet', 'Author: drupal', and checkboxes for 'Create new revision' and 'PROMOTION OPTIONS'. A vertical navigation menu on the right includes 'MENU SETTINGS', 'URL PATH SETTINGS', 'AUTHORING INFORMATION', and 'PROMOTION OPTIONS'.

Figure 5.3: Create recipe form.

FIELD	WIDGET
Name*	Textfield ▾
Ingredients*	Textfield ▾
Body	Text area with a summary ▾
Plate image	Image ▾
Estimated time	Text field ▾
Type	Autocomplete ▾
Promoted to front page	Check boxes/radio buttons ▾
Disabled	
Sticky at top of lists	- Hidden - ▾
Authored on	- Hidden - ▾
Authored by	- Hidden - ▾
URL alias	- Hidden - ▾
Title	- Hidden - ▾
Language	- Hidden - ▾

Figure 5.4: Manage recipe form display.

Now go back to the content creation page: **Content** → **Add content** → **Recipe**. Use the following information:

Name Dry Roasted Crickets

Ingredients 25 – 50 live crickets

Body See file `recipe_roasted_crickets.txt`

Image See file `roasted_crickets.jpg`

Alternative text Plate of bugs

Estimated time 10

Type snack

Click **Save and publish**. You should see a page like figure 5.5.

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Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Fri, 08/01/2015 - 12:01

Salt, or any preferred seasoning that can be shaken or sprinkled onto crickets after roasting. Next, preheat oven to 200 degrees. Arrange the crickets on a cookie sheet, making sure none of them overlap. Proceed to bake at low temperature for about 60 minutes or until the crickets are completely dry or dry enough for personal taste. Open up oven at the 45-minute mark and test a cricket to see if it's dry enough by crushing with a spoon against a hard surface or if you prefer, between your fingers. The crickets should crush somewhat easily. If not place them back inside oven until crisp. Once roasted and cooled down, place a few crickets between your palms and carefully roll them breaking off legs and antennae in the process. This ensures clean and crisp crickets without legs or antennae getting in the way of. Season them with salt, Kosher salt, sea salt, smoked salt or whatever sort of seasoning you wish. They are very good and healthy to eat as a roasted snack. Eat them on the spot or place them back into the freezer for future use.

Name
Dry Roasted Crickets
Ingredients
25 – 50 live crickets
Plate image 
Estimated time
10:00
Type
snack

Figure 5.5: Roasted crickets recipe.

We would like to change the way that our recipe is displayed. To do this go to: **Structure** → **Content types** → **Recipe** → **Manage display**. Change it to look like figure 5.6

FIELD	LABEL	FORMAT	
+ Name	- Hidden -	Plain text	⚙
+ Ingredients*	Above	Plain text	⚙
+ Body	- Hidden -	Default	
+ Plate image	- Hidden -	Image	Original image 123412 Display with prefix and suffix.
+ Estimated time	Above	Default	⚙
+ Type	Above	Label	Link to the referenced entity ⚙
Disabled			
+ Links		- Hidden -	
+ Language	Above	- Hidden -	
▶ CUSTOM DISPLAY SETTINGS			

Figure 5.6: Manage recipe display

Click **Save**. The new recipe page should look like figure 5.7

[View](#) [Edit](#) [Delete](#)
 Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Fri, 09/21/2015 - 12:01
Dry Roasted Crickets
Ingredients
 25 - 50 live crickets
 Salt, or any preferred seasoning that can be shaken or sprinkled onto crickets after roasting.
 Next, preheat oven to 200 degrees. Arrange the crickets on a cookie sheet, making sure none of them overlap. Proceed to bake at low temperature for about 60 minutes or until the crickets are completely dry or dry enough for personal taste.
 Open up oven at the 45-minute mark and test a cricket to see if it's dry enough by crushing with a spoon against a hard surface or if you prefer, between your fingers. The crickets should crush somewhat easily, if not place them back inside oven until crisp.
 Once roasted and cooled down, place a few crickets between your palms and carefully roll them breaking off legs and antennae in the process. This ensures clean and crisp crickets without legs or antennae getting in the way of.
 Season them with salt, Kosher salt, sea salt, smoked salt or whatever sort of seasoning you wish. They are very good and healthy to eat as a roasted snack. Eat them on the spot or place them back into the freezer for future use.



Estimated time
10:00

Type
[snack](#)



Figure 5.7: Recipe roasted crickets

To be honest, it looks a bit better than before but still not great. In the chapter about theming we will learn how to further change the layout by adding custom css.

5.3 Review exercises

1. Go to the homepage of the Biting Bugs site. You should see a summary of the recipe we added earlier in this chapter (Figure 5.8).

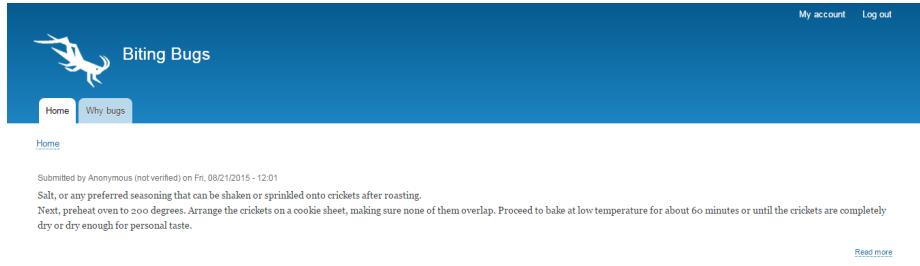


Figure 5.8: Recipe teaser

Change the display settings of the recipe content type teaser display mode so it looks like figure 5.9. Make sure that when you click the image you go to the full recipe.

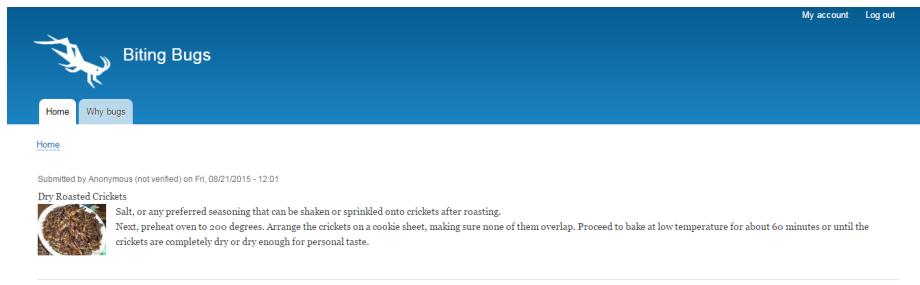


Figure 5.9: Recipe teaser updated.

HINT: You can edit the image size by clicking on the gear next to the image field.

2. Add three recipes to the bitingbugs site. You can find the recipes in the file `chapter5/recipes_with_bugs.txt`. Use the images: `cricket-flour.jpg`, `cricket_fried_rice.jpg` and `cricket_pad_thai.jpg`.
3. Logout of the bitingbugs site. On the homepage you can see a login form on the left side of the page. Make sure the login form does not appear on the homepage. (HINT: after removing the login form from the homepage you can always login by going to `site hostname/user` for example `bitingbugs.dd:8083/user`)
4. Change the display settings for the recipe teaser title so it links to the content.
5. Change the Recipe content type so the author information is not displayed.

6. Add a new basic page to the main menu. The basic page contains the information found in file `chapter5/edible_bugs.txt` and has the title **Edible bugs**. (Put the bug names in bold font.)

Chapter 6

Drupal Views

6.1 User management

Before digging into the Drupal Views module we are going to learn some things about user management. Out of the box Drupal provides powerful user management features. We can create users with different roles. A role defines a set of permissions. For example: a **moderator** role could have the permissions **Administer comment types and settings** and **Administer comments and comment settings**. To manage the user settings go to the **People** tab in the management menu (Figure 6.1).



The **People** page has three tabs: **List**, **Permissions** and **Roles** (Figure 6.1).

A screenshot of the 'People' administration page. At the top, there are three tabs: 'List' (selected), 'Permissions', and 'Roles'. Below the tabs is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Administration'. There is a '+ Add user' button. A search bar with fields for 'Name or email contains', 'Role', 'Permission', and 'Status' is followed by a 'Filter' button. A 'With selection' dropdown says 'Add the Administrator role to the selected users' with an 'Apply' button. The main area shows a table with columns: USERNAME, STATUS, ROLES, MEMBER FOR, LAST ACCESS, and OPERATIONS. One row is visible for the user 'drupal', who is Active, has the 'Administrator' role, joined 1 week 1 day ago, last accessed 24 seconds ago, and has an 'Edit' link in the OPERATIONS column. An 'Apply' button is at the bottom of the table.

These three pages define the following functionality:

List Shows a list of all users, allows you to search through the users and edit them.

Permissions This page lists all the site permissions vertically and user roles horizontally. For each role you can select its permissions by checking the check-boxes (6.1).

PERMISSION	ANONYMOUS USER	AUTHENTICATED USER	ADMINISTRATOR
Block			
Administer blocks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comment			
Administer comment types and settings <small>Warning: Give to trusted roles only; this permission has security implications.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Administer comments and comment settings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edit own comments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Post comments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Skip comment approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
View comments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Configuration Manager			
Export configuration <small>Warning: Give to trusted roles only; this permission has security implications.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Figure 6.1: Permissions page.

Roles This page allows you to add, remove and edit roles. When you add a new role, it will appear on the permissions page.

Roles ★	
	Operations
List	
Permissions	
Roles	
Home > Administration > People	
A role defines a group of users that have certain privileges. These privileges are defined on the Permissions page . Here, you can define the names and the display sort order of the roles on your site. It is recommended to order roles from least permissive (for example, Anonymous user) to most permissive (for example, Administrator user). Users who are not logged in have the Anonymous user role. Users who are logged in have the Authenticated user role, plus any other roles granted to their user account.	
+ Add role	
Show row weights	
NAME	OPERATIONS
Anonymous user	Edit
Authenticated user	Edit
Administrator	Edit
Save order	

Figure 6.2: Roles page.

Next we are going to add a new role to our bitingbugs site. The role will be called **Chef**. A **Chef** can only add recipes to our site. Go to **People → Roles → Add role**. Give the new role the name **Chef** and click **Save** (Figure 6.3).

NAME	OPERATIONS
⊕ Anonymous user	<button>Edit</button>
⊕ Authenticated user	<button>Edit</button>
⊕ Administrator	<button>Edit</button>
⊕ Chef	<button>Edit</button>

Save order

Figure 6.3: Added chef role.

To change the permissions for this role go to **People → Permissions**. Under the **Chef** role check the boxes next to: **Recipe: Create new content**, **Recipe: Delete own content**, **Recipe: Edit own content** and **Use the administration toolbar** (Figure 6.4).

PERMISSION	ANONYMOUS USER	AUTHENTICATED USER	ADMINISTRATOR	CHEF
<i>Basic page: View revisions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Create new content</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Delete any content</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Delete own content</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Delete revisions</i> Role requires permission to view revisions and delete rights for nodes in question, or administer nodes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Edit any content</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Edit own content</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: Revert revisions</i> Role requires permission view revisions and edit rights for nodes in question, or administer nodes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Recipe: View revisions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Access the Content overview page</i> Get an overview of all content.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 6.4: Edit role permissions.

Finally we will add a new user with the role **Chef**. Go to **People → Add user**, enter the following information:

Email address: chefjohn@bitingbugs.be

Username: Chefjohn

Password: ICanCook

Status: Active

Roles: **Authenticated user** and **Chef**

Picture: chapter6/chefjohn.jpg

Site language: English

Contact settings: Personal contact form

Time zone: Europe/Brussels

Click the **Create new account** button. By default Drupal redirects back to the **Create new account** page because you usually want to add multiple users. We will not add any more users for now. Go back to the **People** page, there you can see the new user we added. When we login with the chefjohn account we see the following menu:

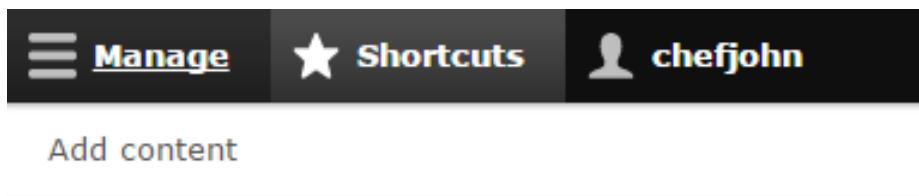


Figure 6.5: The menu for the **Chef** role.

As you can see a **Chef** can only add recipes.

6.2 Views

6.2.1 Settings

Views is a query builder. It basically builds lists of content, and displays them in any format we choose. Views comes with a few standard preconfigured lists, e.g. a list to replace the standard front page, a list of recent comments, etc...

Views has a few settings that we like to turn on. On the **Structure → Views** page, click the **Settings** tab.

This will take you to the following page.

Figure 6.6: The views settings page.

Enable the **Always show the master display** and **Always show ad-**

vanced display settings settings.

Also enable the **Automatically update preview on changes** setting.

The **Show information and statistics** option and the **SQL query options** are useful when there is a problem and you are debugging what is wrong, you can turn this on as well.

6.2.2 Creating a view

To create a new view go to **Structure → Views → Add new view**.

Now you can provide a View name, and choose what you want to display (content, taxonomy, files, users...).

Besides that, you can also choose one or two displays to start with. If you want your view to be displayed as a page, select the **Create a page** option. You will have to provide a Page title and Path. All these settings can be altered afterwards.

You can also choose to display the view in a block by selecting Create a block. In this case you will need to give it a **Block title**. When you are done, click **Save and edit** (Figure ??).

6.3 Review exercises

1. Add a new role **Content manager**. A content manager can create, delete and edit all content but nothing else.
2. Create a new content manager named **managerpaul**.

Chapter 7

Collaborating on a Drupal site

Throwing your codebase into Git or an other versioning system will not be enough to enable you to collaborate on your Drupal site. Since Drupal uses a database to store its contents this database should be shared as well. In this course we recommend using the OpenShift cloud for hosting your site. OpenShift is a platform as a service product from Red Hat. The software that runs the service is open-sourced under the name OpenShift Origin, and is available on GitHub. Developers can use Git to deploy web applications in different languages on the platform. A version for cloud computing is named OpenShift Enterprise. OpenShift also supports binary programs that are web applications, as long as they can run on Red Hat Enterprise Linux. This allows the use of arbitrary languages and frameworks. OpenShift takes care of maintaining the services underlying the application and scaling the application as needed.

7.1 Creating an openshift account

- First go to <https://www.openshift.com/>
- Click on **Sign Up**
- Fill out your information
- Click **Sign Up**
- Verify your account
- Accept the terms of service
- Click **Create your first application now**

OpenShift gives you the option to create an instant Drupal 7 app. Since we are using Drupal 8 we will not use this option. We are going to create a PHP 5.4 application. This is a Linux server running a PHP web hosting environment. Click the PHP 5.4 application link and enter the following information:

Public url drupsalsite-[firstname][lastname].rhcloud.com

Source code leave empty

Scaling No scaling

Region aws-us-east-1

Click the **Create application** button.

When OpenShift asks if you will be changing the code for the application, click **Not now, continue**. You will see a page like figure 7.1.

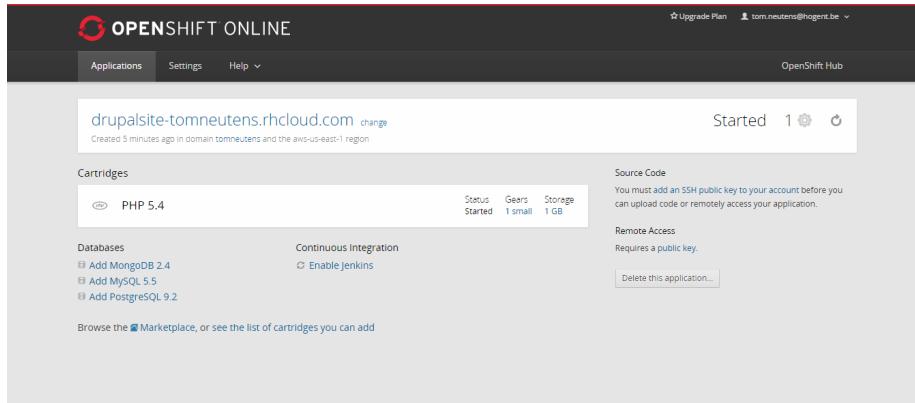


Figure 7.1: OpenShift application overview page.

Since we are going to use a MySql database, click the **Add MySQL 5.5** link. On the next page click **Add Cartridge**. Make note of the database credentials, it's a good idea to take a screenshot! After adding the MySQL cartridge you should add the PHPMyAdmin cartridge to manage the database.

7.2 Installing the OpenShift client tools

To be able to manage your OpenShift site you have to install some tools. The following link (<https://developers.openshift.com/en/managing-client-tools.html>) gives step by step instructions on how to install them.

7.3 Putting your site on openshift

To start we will get a local copy of our application repository through git. Create the folder C:/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example on your local machine. Navigate to the new folder through Windows explorer. Right click somewhere on the window and select **Git bash** (figure 7.2).

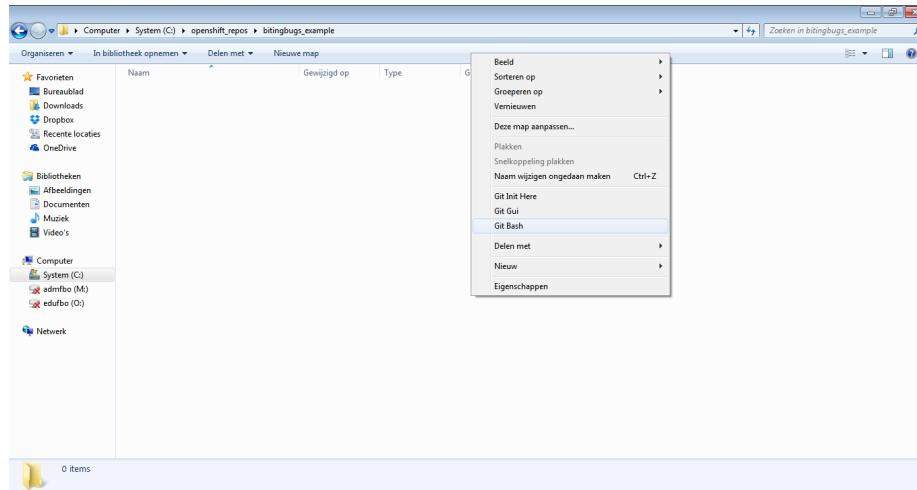


Figure 7.2: Open the Git bash shell.

We are going to clone our OpenShift repository to our local machine. If you followed the steps in the previous section correctly, you should find the url to your repository on your OpenShift application page (Figure 7.3).

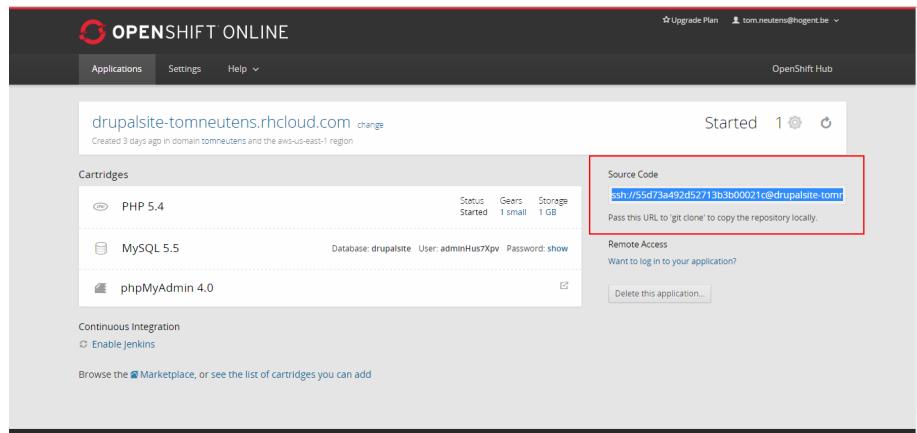


Figure 7.3: Open the Git bash shell.

Go back to the Git bash shell and type the following command `git clone <git-url>`. This will create a local copy of your OpenShift code. For now this code is very limited. If you look in the `drupalsite` folder you will only see one file, the `index.php`. In the next step we are going to replace the `index.php` file by our Drupal site code. Go to the folder where you stored the code for the bitingbugs example (figure 7.4) and copy it to your new repository (figure 7.5).

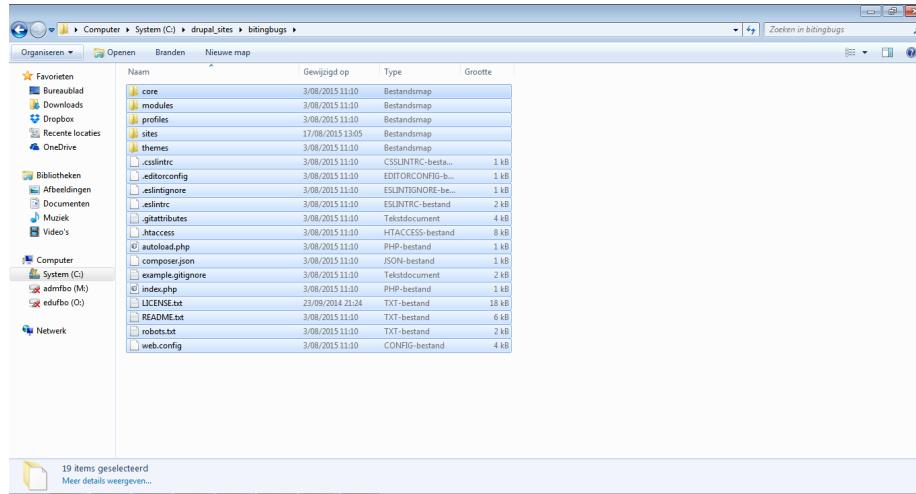


Figure 7.4: The local codebase, this is the code managed by the Acquia Dev desktop.

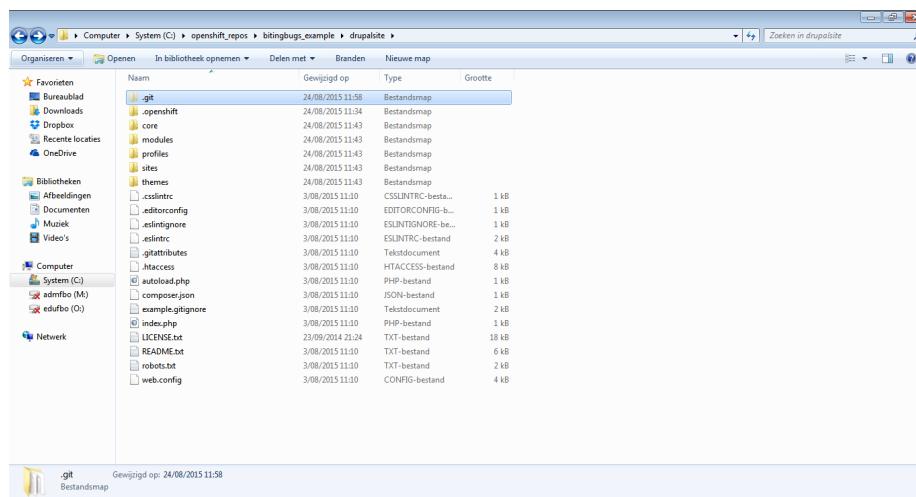
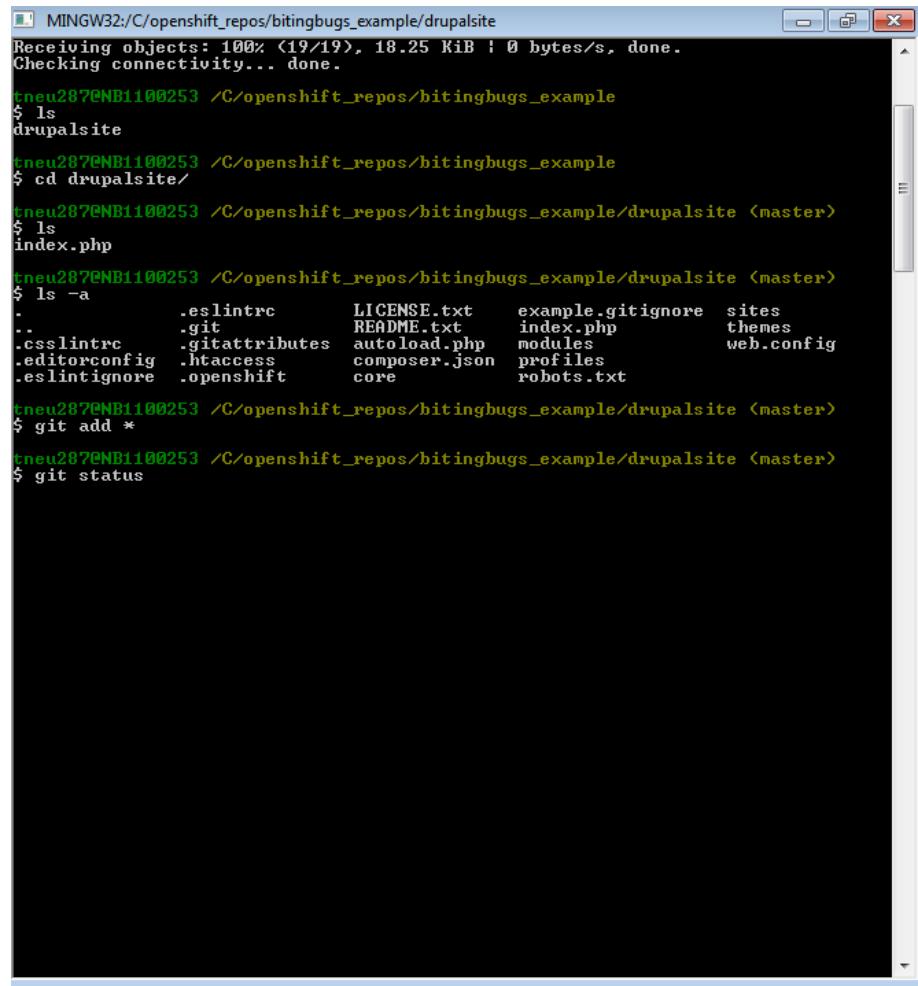


Figure 7.5: The location of your OpenShift local git repository.

To add your Drupal site into the git versioning system go back to the `drupsite` folder and execute the command `git add *`, this might take a while (figure 7.6). You can use the `git status` command to see all the files that were added.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "MINGW32:/C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example/drupsite". The terminal output is as follows:

```
Receiving objects: 100% <19/19>, 18.25 KiB / 0 bytes/s, done.
Checking connectivity... done.
tneu287@NB1100253 /C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example
$ ls
drupsite
tneu287@NB1100253 /C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example
$ cd drupsite/
tneu287@NB1100253 /C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example/drupsite <master>
$ ls
index.php
tneu287@NB1100253 /C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example/drupsite <master>
$ ls -a
.          .eslintrc      LICENSE.txt    example.gitignore  sites
..         .git          README.txt    index.php        themes
.csslintrc .gitattributes autoload.php  modules        web.config
.editorconfig .htaccess   composer.json profiles
.eslintrcignore .openshift   core          robots.txt
```

At the bottom of the terminal, the user runs `git add *` and `git status`, but the output for these commands is not visible in the screenshot.

Figure 7.6: Git add command.

After running the `git status` you should see the following result:

```

MINGW32:/C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example/drupsite
7aff8d28174005c1265062.php
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#eb#4b#44a19ff34d633eece5f589h
a25a47983a51572837956b45bc1474d0c7b41/.htaccess
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#eb#4b#44a19ff34d633eece5f589h
a25a47983a51572837956b45bc1474d0c7b41/8b31081a4d21a271df947882fe942fb4c7282b8a19
404aa235121ca908f218eb6.php
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#ed#b9#7aa4533f45382cecc4ed21a
77a6b92612d34c551dhd6679d76a62aa606b7/.htaccess
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#ed#b9#7aa4533f45382cecc4ed21a
77a6b92612d34c551dhd6679d76a62aa606b7/12b3b47af899927e75b602d8b465a5377d48e7e6343
b7312b1162dfaeb328c0e.php
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#f2#38#2bd479b4b5894e98c1d295e
942fd1665c1927405f0a6bc8c94c50da8162c/.htaccess
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#f2#38#2bd479b4b5894e98c1d295e
942fd1665c1927405f0a6bc8c94c50da8162c/a495b632aa2fcf08ab374a0e3839972444749c6bc7
97dcc9255ddaf33a38b64c.php
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#f8#21#c77039c217f90bf7a8f9764
86c27a1fb3d077f048bd0be538f78a56fbe7/.htaccess
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#f8#21#c77039c217f90bf7a8f9764
86c27a1fb3d077f048bd0be538f78a56fbe7/b589a1425acaba2911ab0ad654b5034abdc2055bf3
38becdd50dea79cc816d6e.php
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#fe#34#f6680cf983fc9681a44c67d
f596b8a32c9c9c52f1a616f72eff08b3c434/.htaccess
    new file: sites/default/files/php/twig/1#fe#34#f6680cf983fc9681a44c67d
f596b8a32c9c9c52f1a616f72eff08b3c434/625e697940b8de9faf12c5877630d4c0af1c4214d
7eb4de1c00eca725628320.php
    new file: sites/default/files/styles/thumbnail/public/ciricket_pad_tha
i.jpg
    new file: sites/default/files/styles/thumbnail/public/cricket-flour.jp
g
    new file: sites/default/files/styles/thumbnail/public/cricket_fried_ri
ce.jpg
    new file: sites/default/files/styles/thumbnail/public/roasted_crickets
.jpg
    new file: sites/default/files/translations/drupal-8.0.0-beta14.nl.po
    new file: sites/default/settings.php
    new file: sites/development.services.yml
    new file: sites/example.settings.local.php
    new file: sites/sites.php
    new file: themes/README.txt
    new file: web.config

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    .csslintrc
    .editorconfig
    .eslintignore
    .eslintrc
    .gitattributes
    .htaccess

$ tneu287@NB1100253 /C/openshift_repos/bitingbugs_example/drupsite <master>

```

Figure 7.7: Git status command.

As you can see some files are not added. To make sure routing works correctly you should add the `.htaccess` file. (`git add .htaccess`). Next we commit the new files to the local repository. Use `git commit -m "initial commit, adding all files"`. The `-m` parameter (commit message) is not mandatory but it is a good practice to always add it!

7.4 Migrating your database to OpenShift

Our code has been uploaded to OpenShift but our OpenShift database is still empty. First we will make a dump of our local database, afterwards we will upload the data to our OpenShift database. To create the dump file go to the

phpMyAdmin page of your local site. You can do this by clicking the link in the Acquia Dev desktop. Go to the **Export** tab and click the **Start** button. Next go to your OpenShift account and go to your application page. Click the link to the phpMyAdmin page (figure 7.8). And enter your credentials (found on your application page).

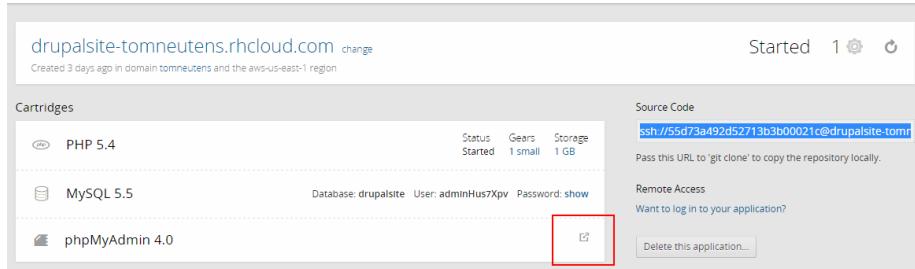


Figure 7.8: OpenShift phpMyAdmin link.

When you are logged into your OpenShift phpMyAdmin page, first select the drupalsite database in the left menu. Next click the **import** tab. On the import page, select your local dump file and click the **Start** button.

Chapter 8

Drupal commerce

8.1 Installing the Commerce module(s)

Drupal commerce is a set of Drupal modules which add web store functionality to our site. The project is maintained by the commerce guys (<https://commerceguys.com/>), it is free and opens source (<https://github.com/commerceguys>). Since no official version of Drupal commerce has been released for Drupal 8, we are going to use the development version. This could lead to some unexpected problems but as you know, developers like lining on the edge. The installation instructions can be found here: <https://github.com/commerceguys/commerce>. To install the modules we are going to use drush, which stands for Drupal SHell. Drush is a command line tool which makes some tasks a lot easier. To open a Drush console you can click the console window button in the Acquia Dev Desktop (Figure 8.1).

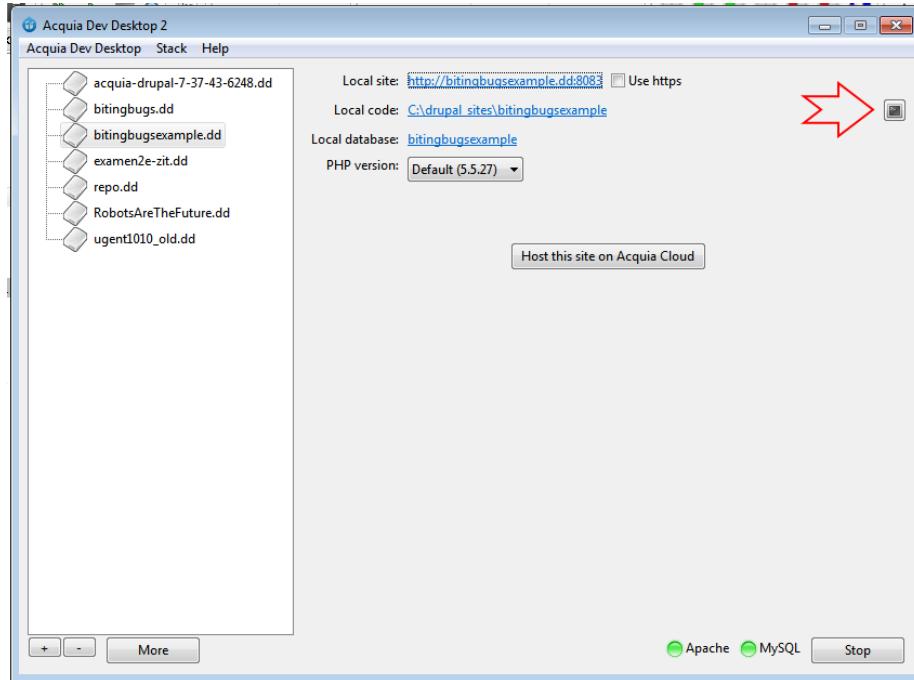


Figure 8.1: Launch drush console button.

We will start by installing the `composer_manager` module. Execute the following commands:

```
drush dl composer_manager #downloads composer_manager module
drush en composer_manager -y #enables composer_manager module
```

```
C:\Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugsexample>drush dl composer_manager
Project composer_manager <8.x-1.0-beta3> downloaded to [success]
C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugsexample//modules/composer_manager.
C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugsexample>drush en composer_manager -y
The following extensions will be enabled: composer_manager
Do you really want to continue? <y/n>: y
composer_manager was enabled successfully. [ok]
C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugsexample>
```

Figure 8.2: Downloading and enabling the `composer_manager` module.

The next step is initializing `composer_manager`:

```
drush composer-manager-init
```

The next step is installing the commerce module:

```
drush dl commerce #this generates an error!
```

The command above downloads the commerce module and tries to load the dependencies. The download is successful but the loading fails. This is because our drush installation can not find the `composer.phar` file. To solve this we are going to use absolute path values. On my computer the command is the following (you should change the path to match your Acquia Dev Desktop installation directory).

```
cd core #change to the core folder  
"C:\Program Files (x86)\DevDesktop\php5_6\php"  
"C:\Program Files (x86)\DevDesktop\drush\composer.phar" drupal-update  
#perform a drupal update
```

Now we will enable the commerce module. Go to the bitingbugs site and go to: **Extend**. On the extend page there is a search box, search for *commerce*. Select the **Commerce** module and click the **Install** button.

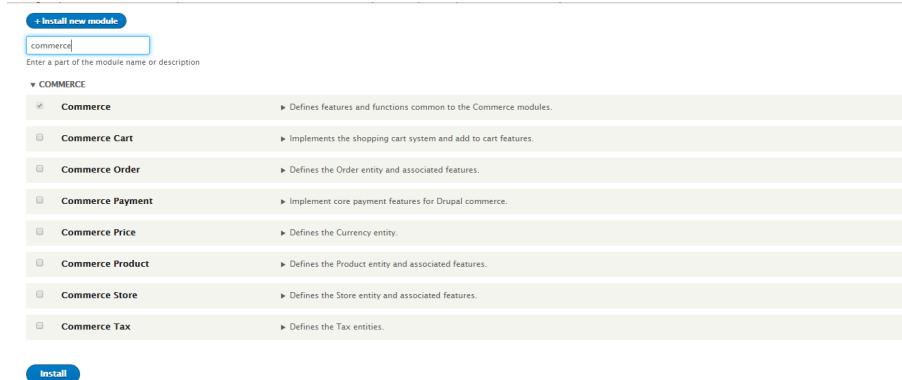


Figure 8.3: Enable Drupal commerce module.

Do the same for the other commerce modules. You should enable them one by one because installing them all at once could lead to problems. After enabling the commerce module you should see a new link in the admin menu (Figure 8.4).



Figure 8.4: Commerce admin menu item.

8.2 Adding a webstore to bitingbugs

Chapter 9

Introduction to php

PHP is a server-side scripting language designed for web development but also used as a general-purpose programming language. As of January 2013, PHP was installed on more than 240 million websites (39 percent of those sampled) and 2.1 million web servers. Originally created by Rasmus Lerdorf in 1994, the reference implementation of PHP (powered by the Zend Engine) is now produced by The PHP Group. While PHP originally stood for Personal Home Page, it now stands for PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor, which is a recursive backronym.

PHP code can be simply mixed with HTML code, or it can be used in combination with various templating engines and web frameworks. PHP code is usually processed by a PHP interpreter, which is usually implemented as a web server's native module or a Common Gateway Interface (CGI) executable. After the PHP code is interpreted and executed, the web server sends the resulting output to its client, usually in the form of a part of the generated web page; for example, PHP code can generate a web page's HTML code, an image, or some other data. PHP has also evolved to include a command-line interface (CLI) capability and can be used in standalone graphical applications.

The standard PHP interpreter, powered by the Zend Engine, is free software released under the PHP License. PHP has been widely ported and can be deployed on most web servers on almost every operating system and platform, free of charge.

Despite its popularity, no written specification or standard existed for the PHP language until 2014, leaving the canonical PHP interpreter as a de facto standard. Since 2014, there is ongoing work on creating a formal PHP specification.

9.1 PHP introduction

Since we assume you are familiar with other programming languages, we will only go over the basics of PHP. For this we refer to the powerpoint presentation [Intro_php.pptx](#).

Chapter 10

Drupal theming

In this chapter we are going to learn how to change the look of our site. First we will learn how to change the basic theme settings. Next you will learn how to install a custom theme. The last part of this chapter explains how to extend a theme and add your own html and css.

10.1 Theme basics

10.1.1 Changing the theme settings

To view the settings of your current theme (Bartik) go to **Appearance → Settings**. On his page you can see a tab for each of the enabled themes (Figure 10.1).

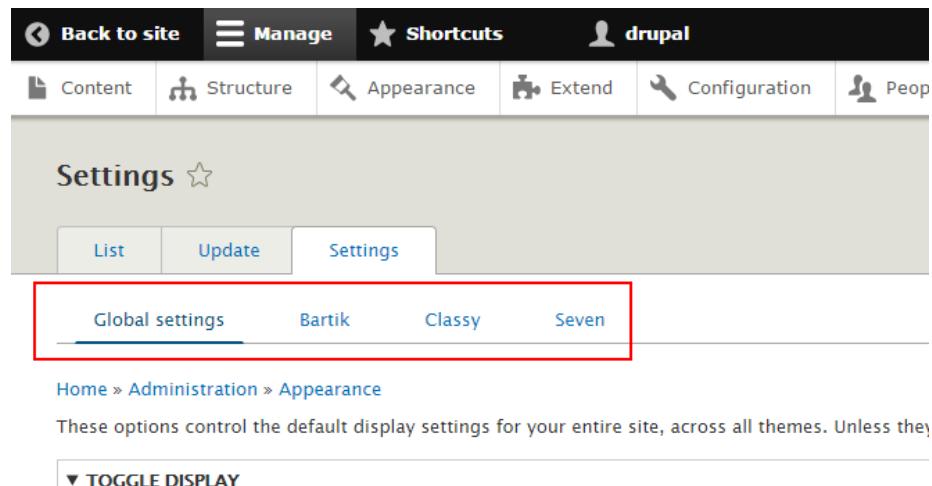


Figure 10.1: Theme settings, overview enabled themes.

Some themes will come with more settings, such as colour options. Compare the themes you have enabled. Many theme specific settings are very similar to the global settings. When you change settings per theme, they will override the Global settings for that theme. Some of the more interesting themes will offer much more functionality. The default Bartik theme implements functionality from the Colour module, play around with them a little. The Colour module can, but does not have to be implemented in a theme, so not every theme will offer this functionality.

The screenshot shows the Drupal administration interface with the following details:

- Header:** Back to site, Manage, Shortcuts, drupal, Content, Structure, Appearance, Extend, Configuration, People, Reports, Help.
- Breadcrumbs:** Home > Administration > Appearance > Settings
- Text:** These options control the display settings for the *Bartik* theme. When your site is displayed using this theme, these settings will be used.
- Section:** COLOR SCHEME
- Color set:** Custom
- Color Swatches and Hex Codes:**
 - Header background top: #279c04
 - Header background bottom: #99ff82
 - Main background: #ffffff
 - Sidebar background: #f6f6f2
 - Sidebar borders: #f9f9f9
 - Footer background: #292929
 - Title and slogan: #ffffef
 - Text color: #3b3b3b
 - Link color: #0071b3
- Preview:** Shows a screenshot of the Bartik theme with a green header containing the site logo and the word "Bartik". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, Te Quidne, Vel Torqueo Quae Erat. The main content area contains the text "Etiam est risus" and "Lorem ipsum dolor".

Figure 10.2: Changing the Bartik color settings.

Notice in figure 10.2 the logo image is not displayed. This is because we are using a custom logo image.

10.1.2 Installing a new theme

In Drupal there are several ways to install a theme. The first option is to go to **Appearance → Install new theme**.

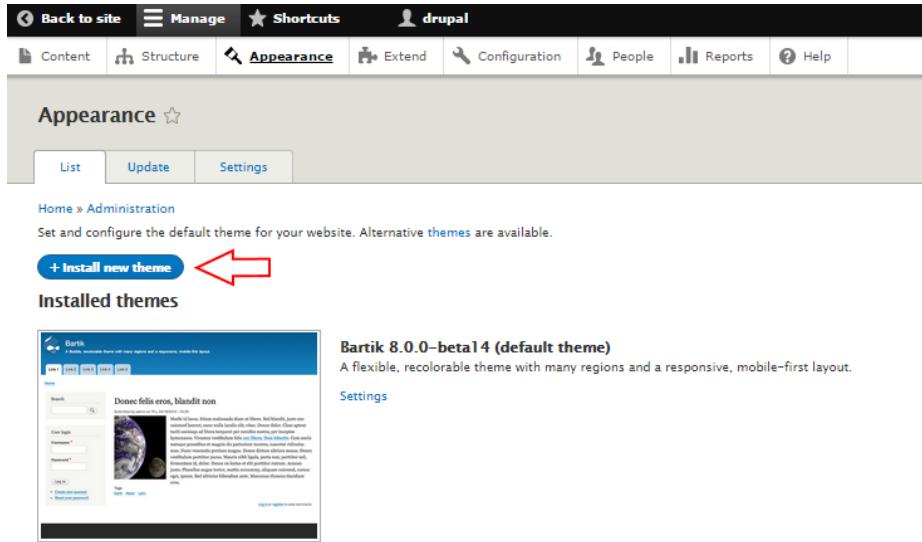


Figure 10.3: Click the button to install a new theme.

This will take you to a page where you can either install from a URL, or upload an archive from your local computer.

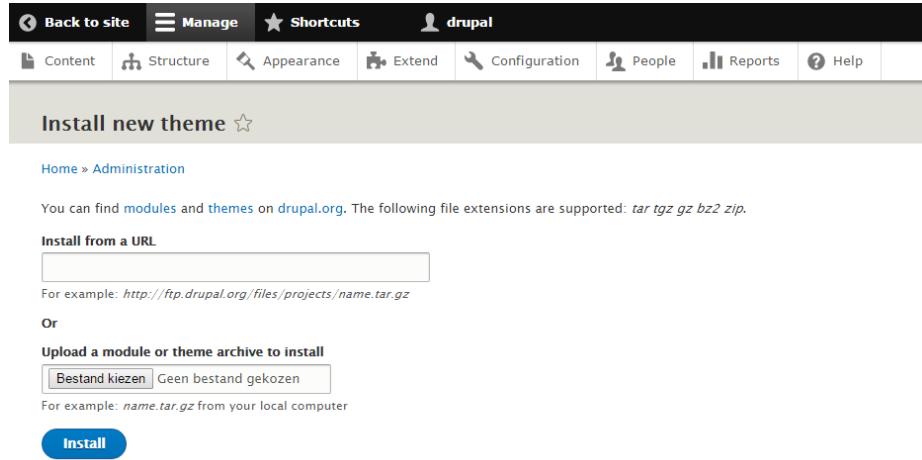


Figure 10.4: On this page you can choose to install a theme by copying the url from the location where the theme is hosted or uploading the theme from your local computer.

Either way, you will have to visit the theme project page at https://drupal.org/project/theme_name and find the file URL for the archive, or just download it, which takes us to option number two.

The second way to install a new theme downloading it, unpacking it and placing it in the appropriate folder, which is `/themes` (Figure 10.5).

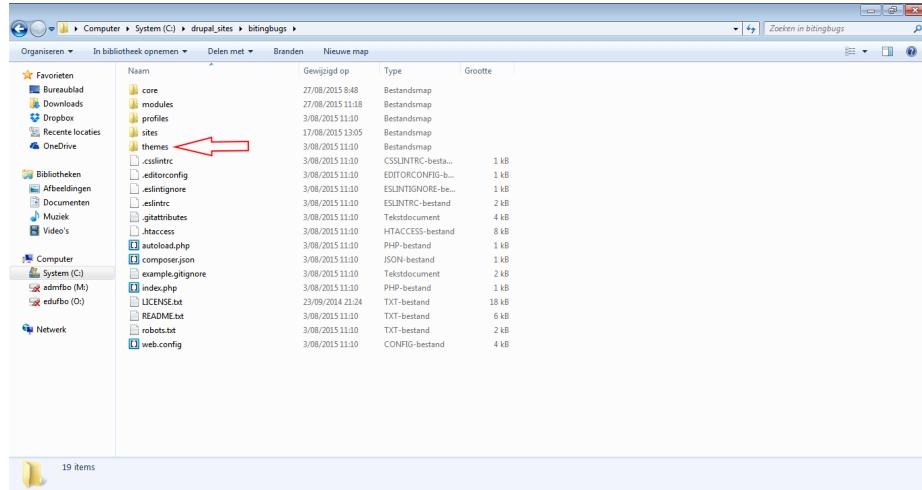


Figure 10.5: Theme install location.

The third and quickest way to install a theme is through the Drush command line tool. Using Drush we have to type the following two commands:

```
drush dl theme_name  
drush en theme_name
```

The theme_name, should be the machine name. This can be found in the URL of the project page on drupal.org, it is the word after project/. For example in www.drupal.org/project/bartik the machine name is **bartik**.

Drupal 8 has all core code and themes under a directory named /core. For contributed and custom themes drupal uses the /themes folder that lives on the same level as the /core folder. For people having experience with drupal 7 themes, these are the 2 most apparent changes when we look at a theme folder:

- The *.infofile changes to *.info.yml.
- The *.tpl.phpfiles change to *.html.twig.

The README.txt file in the /themes directory says the following:

"Place downloaded and custom themes that modify your site's appearance in this directory to ensure clean separation from Drupal core and to facilitate safe, self-contained code updates. Contributed themes from the Drupal community may be downloaded at <http://drupal.org/project/themes>. It is safe to organize themes into subdirectories and is recommended to use Drupal's subtheme functionality to ensure easy maintenance and upgrades. In multisite configuration, themes found in this directory are available to all sites. In addition to this directory, shared common themes may also be kept in the sites/all/themes directory and will take precedence over themes in this directory. Alternatively, the sites/your_site_name/themes directory pattern may be used to restrict themes to a specific site instance. Refer to the "Appearance" section of the README.txt in the Drupal root directory for further information on theming."

10.2 Creating your own theme

To create a new theme navigate to your site /themes folder. For me this is the C:\drupal_sites\bitingbugs\themes folder. There we will create a new folder for our theme named **my_new_theme**. Inside the new folder we need a file to describe our theme. Drupal requires this file to be named: [theme name].info.yml. So in our case we create a file named **my_new_theme.info.yml**.

A .yml file is used for the YAML file type. YAML stands for YAML Ain't Markup Language. It is called this way because it strives to be as human readable as possible. Figure 10.6 shows an example of a YAML file. As you can see YAML files look very simple because they use whitespace to structure the content.

```

1 receipt:      Oz-Ware Purchase Invoice
2 date:        2012-08-06
3 customer:
4   given:      Dorothy
5   family:     Gale
6
7 items:
8   - part_no:   A4786
9     descrip:   Water Bucket (Filled)
10    price:     1.47
11    quantity:  4
12
13   - part_no:   E1628
14     descrip:   High Heeled "Ruby" Slippers
15     size:      8
16     price:     100.27
17   .         quantity:  1

```

Figure 10.6: An example of a basic YAML file.

The `.info.yml` file has four required keys (figure 10.7):

Name: The human readable name will appear on the Appearance page, where you can activate your theme.

Type: The type key indicates the type of extension, e.g. module, theme or profile. For themes this should always be set to "theme".

Description: The description is also displayed on the Appearance page.

Core: The core key specifies the version of Drupal core that your theme is compatible with.

```

1 name: My new drupal 8 theme
2 type: theme
3 description: 'A subtheme of classy'
4 core: 8.x
5

```

Figure 10.7: Required info file keys.

Next to the required keys you can also add some other properties:

Package: The package key allows you to group themes together on the Appearance page.

Base theme: : The theme can inherit the resources from another theme by defining it as a base theme.

Version: For modules hosted on drupal.org, the version number will be filled in by the packaging script. You should not specify it manually, but leave out the version line entirely.

Screenshot: With the screenshot key you define a screenshot that is shown on the Appearance page. If you do not define this key then Drupal will look for a file named `screenshot.png` in the theme folder to display.

Libraries: The libraries key can be used to add asset libraries which can contain both CSS and JS assets to all pages where the theme is active.

Stylesheetsremove: The stylesheetsremove key removes a link to a stylesheet added by another theme or module. The full path to CSS file should be provided (instead of just the filename), to accommodate cases where more than one file with the same name exists. In cases where a Drupal core asset is being removed (for example, a CSS file in jQuery UI) the full file path is needed. In cases where the file is part of a library that belongs to a module or theme, a token can be used. Note that when using the token it needs to be quoted because @ is a reserved indicator in YAML.

Regions: Regions are declared as children of the regions key. You are required to have a content region.

Although you only need a `.info.yml` file with the required keys to have a new Drupal theme, it will not be of much use. To have a basic functioning theme you should have the following `.info.yml` file:

```
1  name: My new drupal 8 theme
2  type: theme
3  base theme: classy
4  description: 'A subtheme of classy'
5  package: Custom
6  core: 8.x
7  libraries:
8    - d8/global-styling
9  stylesheets-remove:
10   - core/assets/vendor/normalize-css/normalize.css
11 regions:
12   header: Header
13   content: Content
14   sidebar_first: 'Sidebar first'
15   footer: Footer
16
```

Figure 10.8: A basic info.yml file.

Aside from the `.info.yml` file you should also have the `html.html.twig` and `page.html.twig` template files. A template file defines the structure of a certain part of your Drupal site. They contain html and some logic. However the logic in these files should be limited and is reserved for the `[theme name].theme` file. You will learn more about template files later in this chapter.

10.3 Subtheming