



Overview



PTVDUG – Welcome!

This is a quick overview for the **Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group** meetups. “Scheduled for [Pacific time](#), but all are welcome!”

Meeting Link (up to 100 attendees):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716951169?pwd=FnEnEpu1WM2Qaw1nl1W9PzKnEFa9k3.1>

⚠ Note: Meetups are recorded and linked after each meetup, along with any next actions, resources, and a meeting summary. This document is publicly available. If you need any sensitive information removed, please contact [Chad Hester on Slack](#) or make a suggestion/comment in the document where you need something changed.

Join the [drupal.slack.com #pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group channel](https://drupal.slack.com/#pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group-channel).

Subscribe to our <https://lu.ma/ptvdug> or [Google calendar](#) for our upcoming events.

View all our past recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/@PTVDUG>

See our group’s project page: <https://www.drupal.org/project/ptvdug>

Meetups

👉 Please see the **Google Doc tabs or links below** for the dated notes from each meetup.

Google Calendar with all PTVDUG meetups:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/c_98871b9db2563bea403dbdc4beb09fa54040957ff40db086be6df30ea0c55f8e%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

Our plan is to meet the first Wednesday of every month, 6–8pm PT. If there is a holiday it will be scheduled for the following Wednesday.

Here are upcoming meetups that we can plan for:

- ☒ [2024-12-04](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-01-08](#), 6-8pm (rescheduled due to New Year's Day)
- ☒ 2025-01-15, 6-7pm (Drupal CMS launch party, not logged)
- ☒ [2025-02-05](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-03-05](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-04-02](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-05-07](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-06-04](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-07-02](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-08-06](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-09-03](#), 6-8pm
- ☒ [2025-10-01](#), 6-8pm
- ☐ [2025-11-05](#), 6-8pm
- ☐ [2025-12-03](#), 6-8pm
- ☐ [2026-02-04](#), 6-8pm (yep, we skipped January)
- ☐ [2026-03-04](#), 6-8pm
- ☐ 2026-04-01, 6-8pm
- ☐ 2026-06-03, 6-8pm (skipped May since Chad is traveling)
- ☐ 2026-07-08, 6-8pm (July 1 is a holiday in Canada)
- ☐ 2026-08-05, 6-8pm
- ☐ 2026-09-02, 6-8pm
- ☐ 2026-10-14, 6-8pm (second week, since Chad's anniversary is the 7th)
- ☐ 2026-11-04, 6-8pm
- ☐ 2026-12-02, 6-8pm
- ☐ ... more TBD

Credit for Meetup Attendees

Steps to help remember how to do this:

1. Create a new issue for the [PTVDUG project](https://www.drupal.org/project-ptvdug):
<https://www.drupal.org/node/add/project-issue/ptvdug>
2. Select “Task” for the Category and “Event” for the Component.
3. Assign to the meetup host (e.g., “chadhester”).
4. Add a description to the issue like: “A place to give credit to attendees of our meetup:” with the link to the event on drupal.org.
5. Save the issue.
6. Add a new comment to the issue and add usernames for each attendee to the “Credit & contribution” section for Credit Others. Credit the host/yourself.
7. Set the issue Status value to “Fixed” under the “Issue metadata” section and save the comment.
8. Add another comment to change the Status value to “Closed (fixed)”.



2024-12-04



PTVDUG – Meetup Notes,

2024-12-04

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Event Information Link:

<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-2024-12-04>

RSVP Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-tickets-1081200091579>

Meeting Recording:  [PTVDUG Meetup 2024-12-04, The IXP Initiative](#)

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<https://www.drupal.org/dcoc>

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- 10–15 mins: Introductions for anyone new
 - If you'd like, please mention your name, contact details, and background.
 - If you're new, we'd love to get to know you!
 - If you're a regular, feel free to introduce yourself for anyone who is new.

- Share your drupal.org username in the chat so that we can give you credit for attending this meetup.
- 60 mins: Group discussion about the [IXP initiative](#) and how our meetup can engage new people to Drupal.
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-2025-01-08>
 - Topics: Drupal CMS, DrupalCon prep, Drupal industry demand?
- ~~Give attendees [credit for joining our meetup](#)~~
- Promote the IXP initiative and IXP Fellowship
 - Help companies commit
 - Possible DrupalCon attendance
 - Small companies may be more motivated to participate
- Launch party for Drupal CMS? 2025-01-15
 - We can host one or share another one online with others.
- Add training resources for IXP here:
<https://www.drupal.org/project/ixp/issues/3490655>

Additional Resources

- <https://www.drupal.org/community-initiatives/ixp>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/ixp>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/open_university
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- <https://www.drupalatyourfingertips.com/>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/ixp/issues/3490655>
- See others in the [meeting chat](#) 👉👉

Meetup Summary

A summary of the meeting may be generated by AI and will be added below.

Quick recap

The Pacific Time Drupal community held its first virtual meetup, where members shared their experiences and involvement in the community. The discussion also focused on the IXP initiative, an effort to train and incentivize new developers, and the challenges faced by new Drupal users in finding employment. The team also discussed the upcoming release of the Drupal CMS, its potential impact on the community, and the need for a repository of training materials for Drupal.

Next steps

- Carlos to update the Drupal.org IXP initiative page with resources and training materials.
- Chad to share collected Drupal learning resources on the IXP initiative issue.
- Fei to reach out to Travis about potentially hosting a Drupal CMS launch party.
- Shelly to contact Celeste and Rosie about the Drupal CMS launch party idea.
- All attendees to consider contributing resources and ideas to the IXP initiative issues on Drupal.org.
- Chad to organize the next meetup on January 8th focusing on Drupal CMS.
- All attendees to prepare for discussing Drupal CMS experiences and how to communicate its benefits at the next meetup.
- Fei to consider how Drupal CMS will be integrated into DrupalCon programming.

- Ivan to prepare discussion points on Drupal recipes for the next meetup.
- All attendees to brainstorm ideas for expanding the IXP initiative roadmap.
- Carlos to continue pushing for the creation of an IXP badge for participants.

Summary

Pacific Time Drupal Community Meetup

In the meeting, Chad initiated the first virtual meetup for the Pacific Time Drupal community. He emphasized the importance of networking and encouraged participants to introduce themselves. Chad and Andreikocherhin shared their experiences with Drupal, with Andreikocherhin mentioning his involvement since Drupal 5 and his current work on Drupal 11. Fei, who was also present, shared her background and experiences. The meeting aimed to foster connections within the community and to discuss potential future collaborations.

Drupal Community Members Share Experiences

In the meeting, various individuals shared their experiences and involvement in the Drupal community. Fei, a long-time Drupal user, has been involved in community organization and diversity initiatives. Luke, also a long-time Drupal user, has been involved in organizing events and has started a LinkedIn group for West Coast Drupalists. Pavlos, who started using Drupal during the 2008 recession, has been involved in various organizational roles. Carlos, who has been working in Drupal for 10 years, expressed his love for the open-source philosophy and his interest in business aspects of Drupal. Marge, from Australia, has been involved in organizing events and has started a new event called the Drupal Self Community Day. Shelley, who has been involved in Drupal since 2012, has transitioned from a project manager to a UX designer and now a business analyst and product manager.

IXP Initiative and Drupal Community

The meeting began with introductions from the participants, including Nick, who shared his experience in web development and his involvement in the Drupal community. Ivan, a Drupal developer from Colombia, also introduced himself and shared his specialization in frontend development. The main topic of the meeting was the IXP initiative, an effort to bring inexperienced people into the Drupal world. Carlos, who has been instrumental in this initiative, provided a brief overview of its history and purpose. The discussion also touched on the challenges faced by new developers in finding jobs and the need for a more accessible entry point into the Drupal community.

IXP Initiative and Talent Development

Carlos discussed the development of the IXP initiative, which aims to train and incentivize new developers. He mentioned that the initiative has gained support from the Drupal Association and is set to launch in January. The initiative requires companies to provide a paid internship, mentorship, and projects for the IXP, as well as ensure the IXP writes a blog about their experience. In return, the company will receive 250 credits on Drupal.org. The team also discussed the potential for IXP participants to present at DrupalCon, which could be a valuable opportunity for both the participants and the companies. Fei suggested creating a volunteer role for IXP participants at DrupalCon to increase their visibility and networking opportunities. The team also discussed the challenges of talent retention and the need for a structured approach to training and development.

Attracting Fresh Talent to Drupal

Carlos, Fei, Chad, Luke, and Nick discussed the need for fresh talent in the Drupal community. They agreed that the community had become a place to lose talent rather than retain it, and that there was a need to attract new people, particularly those who are inexperienced in the field. They also discussed the importance of promoting health in the community and the potential for synergy between the Drupal community and other

groups. Chad suggested that universities could be a source of new talent, and that meetups could be a valuable place to reach people interested in web development. The team agreed to explore these ideas further.

Addressing Drupal User Employment Gaps

Carlos discussed the challenges faced by new Drupal users, particularly those who struggle to find employment after completing training. He highlighted the gap between training initiatives and the availability of paid work for these individuals. Carlos also mentioned the role of the IXP in addressing this issue by providing a path for new Drupal users to earn money. The conversation also touched on the complexity of Drupal 8 and the potential of Drupal CMS to bring back simpler, more accessible features. Nick and Luke shared their experiences and concerns about the unreleased products and the future of Drupal.

Addressing Bad Coding Practices

Carlos expressed his concerns about the perpetuation of bad coding practices in the backdrop project, preferring a simpler and less complex approach. He also discussed the upcoming release of the Drupal CMS on January 15th, which aligns with the IXP initiative. Nick agreed with Carlos, highlighting Drupal's history of following through on initiatives and the potential of the upcoming release to improve the platform. Chad emphasized the importance of the community's response to the initiative, stating that it's a clear indication of tangible progress and a commitment to improvement. The team also discussed the potential of the January release to attract new members to the community.

IXP Initiative Progress and Challenges

The group discussed the next steps for the IXP initiative, focusing on how to help push the initiative forward. Andrii suggested several actions, including writing down tasks for the next month, and mentioned the importance of diversity and the challenges faced by small

companies. Carlos shared his experience of the impact of leadership and the challenges faced by small companies in Colombia, emphasizing the need for training and education. Fei clarified the details of the partner certification program, and Chad agreed with the idea of providing a free batch for those who have already paid for it. The group ended the conversation with a sense of direction and a commitment to move forward with the IXP initiative.

Creating Drupal Training Resources

Chad, Fei, Carlos, and Nick discussed the need for a repository of training materials for Drupal and the importance of creating resources for those interested in learning Drupal. They agreed on the need for a framework of knowledge and resources for those looking to learn and contribute to Drupal. Chad suggested the creation of a course or guide to prepare for the Drupal certification, similar to Microsoft's certification process. Carlos emphasized the need for more specific tasks and the importance of creating resources for those looking to transition from other platforms to Drupal. The team agreed to continue working on these initiatives and to share any resources they come across.

Exploring Drupal CMS and Launch Ideas

Carlos expressed excitement about the potential of Drupal CMS to help small companies grow and become more affordable. Nick discussed the need for a chain of support for job seekers and the importance of having a place for them to go after completing their training. Chad suggested potential topics for future meetups, including planning for DrupalCon and discussing how to find demand for their services. Fei proposed the idea of a virtual launch party for Drupal CMS, which Shelley agreed to discuss with Celeste and Rosie. The team also discussed the potential for a hybrid launch event if people are in town.

Planning Drupal CMS Meetup Discussion

Shelley, Chad, Fei, Ryan, Carlos, and others discuss planning for an upcoming meetup on January 8th. The popular topic seems to be Drupal CMS, with Ryan suggesting covering how to migrate from WordPress and talk about experiences with it. Fei raises concerns about Drupal CMS potentially dividing the community at DrupalCon between those using traditional Drupal and those using the new CMS. Carlos proposes focusing on "recipes" as a unifying concept that both groups can relate to. He also highlights how Drupal CMS can allow companies to affordably build smaller websites, which is becoming more important as developers get laid off from larger projects. The group agrees to tentatively plan a Drupal CMS meetup while collaborating further on Slack.

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Meeting Chat

18:07:03 From Chad Hester : Feel free to share your contact information here if you'd like me to add it to the meetup notes.

18:07:25 From Carlos Ospina : camoa2005@gmail.com

18:08:56 From Carlos Ospina : and now you are IN the radar :) The board :)

18:09:20 From Pavlos : Reacted to "and now you are IN t..." with 🍷

18:11:11 From Luke McCormick : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lmccormick/>
<https://simplifydrupal.com/>

18:12:48 From Carlos Ospina : camoa

18:13:22 From Luke McCormick : I forgot this one: <https://www.drupal.org/u/cellear>

18:13:41 From margerytongway : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/margery-tongway/>

18:13:44 From Pavlos : @Luke McCormick mind sharing the linkedin group you were talking about?

18:13:53 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "@Luke McCormick min..." with 👍

18:13:56 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Reacted to "@Luke McCormick min..." with 👍

18:14:45 From Luke McCormick : West Coast Drupalists on LinkedIn:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14562126/>

18:14:51 From Pavlos : Reacted to "West Coast Drupalist..." with 🍷

18:15:26 From Carlos Ospina : drupal in 2012, BTW

18:16:09 From Carlos Ospina : I am not jealous

18:16:30 From Carlos Ospina : that worked great without a camera to see my face

18:16:31 From Pavlos : jealous. was supposed to be going there this weekend too T_T

18:17:42 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Join us in the #neurodiversity channel on Slack!

18:17:51 From Pavlos : fellow ADHD person here 🤔👏

18:18:16 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : We have unlimited capacity for squirrels on Slack 😄

18:19:24 From margerytongway : Reacted to "fellow ADHD person h..." with 🎉

18:19:28 From margerytongway : Reacted to "We have unlimited ca..." with 😄

18:19:30 From Pavlos : Reacted to "We have unlimited ca..." with 😄

18:19:37 From Carlos Ospina : Reacted to "We have unlimited ca..." with 😄

18:19:41 From Nick Hepner : tired of 9-5, so went to an 8-11 job

18:19:59 From Pavlos : Reacted to "tired of 9-5, so wen..." with 😄

18:20:22 From Carlos Ospina : you were there before Drupal!

18:20:34 From andriikochoerhin : @margerytongway I lived in Australia 1.5 year. Might be we met each other 😊

18:20:48 From Luke McCormick : I apologize for changing my background in such a distracting way, I thought I was just previewing them privately 🐶

18:22:35 From margerytongway : Reacted to "@margerytongway I li..." with 👍

18:22:42 From shelley : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/shelley-goetz/>

18:22:55 From Carlos Ospina : sshhhh

18:23:04 From margerytongway : "networking"

18:23:10 From Carlos Ospina : exactly

18:23:48 From Pavlos : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pavlosdaniel/>

18:23:59 From Carlos Ospina : When I presented about Drupalcon Latinamerica in Austin, they made me take out my invitation for a beer, then I had to do coffee

18:24:30 From Carlos Ospina : Ivancho!

18:25:02 From Nick Hepner : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nicholas-hepner-3711bb4/>

18:25:04 From Carlos Ospina : with Ivan here, I correct, when we presented about Dcon latam (with Ivan)

18:25:54 From Carlos Ospina : And he is already indoctrinating Junior into the Drupals, ivan

18:26:20 From Nick Hepner : yessssssssssss. Drink the kool-aid!

18:26:33 From Ivan : <https://co.linkedin.com/in/ivan-chaquea>

18:26:34 From Pavlos : Reacted to "And he is already in..." with 😄

18:26:35 From Carlos Ospina : hehehe

18:26:48 From Chad Hester :
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?tab=t.6080zl9kkv8m

18:26:49 From Carlos Ospina : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/camoa/>

18:31:54 From Pavlos : i was called intern back in the day xD

18:32:02 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "i was called intern ..." with 👍

18:32:11 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/community-initiatives/ixp>

18:32:22 From Luke McCormick : Ashraf Abed (Debug Academy)

18:33:09 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "i was called intern ..."

Now you need a college degree to qualify for an internship and they may not even pay you 😞

18:33:32 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "i was called intern ..."

Not legal, but people still do it.

18:33:58 From Pavlos : Replying to "i was called intern ..."

yep. i was lucky i was paid enough to cover transport costs (and maybe lunch) 😊

18:36:45 From Pavlos : nice!

18:46:56 From shelley : It'd be like having a "brand" ambassador

18:47:08 From margerytongway : Reacted to "It'd be like having ..." with 👍

18:47:47 From margerytongway : Proof of concept

18:49:16 From shelley : Maybe they present a session?

18:49:29 From Pavlos : Reacted to "Maybe they present a..." with 🙌

18:50:06 From margerytongway : I think singapore has 8

18:53:15 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : This Open University? <https://www.open.ac.uk/>

18:53:50 From Luke McCormick : https://www.drupal.org/project/open_university

18:53:58 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : That makes way more sense thank you!

18:54:12 From Nick Hepner : thx Like

18:54:18 From Nick Hepner : Luke*

18:55:28 From Carlos Ospina : momentum

19:00:24 From Pavlos : i was sold that dream too 😊

19:01:56 From margerytongway : My dad told me I wasn't smart enough to even start 😞

19:03:02 From Pavlos : Replying to "My dad told me I was..."

i had to bargain with mine to let me take computer courses. had to take accounting as a compromise 😊

19:03:15 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "My dad told me I was..."

Ugh. Parents. The worst. I'm sorry. 😞

19:03:19 From shelley : Reacted to "My dad told me I was..." with 😡

19:03:23 From Pavlos : Reacted to "My dad told me I was..." with 😡

19:03:24 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "My dad told me I was..."

We showed them!

19:04:46 From Ivan : Where do i find more info about that drupal parents initiative?

19:05:01 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : #drupal-parents on Slack!

19:05:15 From Ivan : Reacted to "#drupal-parents on S..." with ❤️

19:05:17 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : We are working on doing something for Atlanta

19:06:59 From Carlos Ospina : that is the freaking word I have been looking for!! Shifted

19:12:06 From Luke McCormick : (I need to depart, but it was great to meet everybody! See you around, and come join West Coast Drupalists on LinkedIn)

19:13:11 From margerytongway : I gotta head off too!! Lovely to meet you all <3

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19:14:04 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : There was a link to test DrupalCMS, is that still around?

19:15:13 From shelley : Is this it Fei? <https://www.drupalforge.org/template/drupal-cms>

19:15:49 From Chad Hester : There was also this article, related:
<https://www.drupal.org/association/blog/join-the-party-help-us-launch-drupal-cms-in-style>

19:16:36 From Pavlos : the web assembly initiative was killed i believe

19:16:37 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "Is this it Fei? http..."

If the shoe fits!!!

19:16:52 From shelley : Reacted to "If the shoe fits!!!" with 🥳

19:16:56 From Pavlos : Replying to "the web assembly ini..."

https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal_cms/issues/3486415

19:19:03 From Carlos Ospina :
<https://adrupalcouple.us/future-drupal-overcoming-challenges-community-initiatives>

19:20:43 From Carlos Ospina : I wrote that about all this

19:23:23 From Fei Lauren (she/they) :
<https://www.drupal.org/association/become-a-drupal-certified-partner>

19:25:21 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "We have a scaling sy..." with ★

19:26:27 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "https://www.drupal.o..."

This link ^^ has the tiers for qualifying as a partner

19:30:18 From Carlos Ospina : we need docs on how to train an IXP, during the internship

19:30:30 From Carlos Ospina : create resources that we can share

19:31:31 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupalatyourfingertips.com/>

19:32:24 From Pavlos : look into what kind of volunteer opportunities there are for the initiative and volunteering 😊

push our own companies/collectives to participate to the initiative by coming up with internship opportunities and presenting them to the HR/recruitment departments when they are looking for internship opportunities (if that happens in your organization)

look into training opportunities on how to be a good and effective mentor

19:33:07 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "look into what kind ..." with 💙

19:34:34 From shelley : Reacted to "look into what kind ..." with 💙

19:35:23 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "look into what kind ..." with 💙

19:36:45 From Carlos Ospina : <https://www.drupal.org/project/ixp/issues/3490655>

19:39:05 From Carlos Ospina : <https://www.drupal.org/project/ixp/issues/3414421>

19:40:31 From Chad Hester : lower-case-ism?

19:42:57 From Carlos Ospina : I put these links there so we can start growing documentation and resources for companies and IXPs

19:45:53 From Ryan Price (he\him) : Drupal CMS is official one week after

19:45:57 From Carlos Ospina : January 15

19:46:16 From Carlos Ospina : We are doing one in Colombia

19:46:30 From Pavlos : launch party++

19:47:35 From Ivan :
<https://www.drupal.org/association/blog/join-the-party-help-us-launch-drupal-cms-in-style>

19:48:05 From Ryan Price (he\him) : We have been talking about one in Portland, nothing concrete yet.

19:51:19 From Carlos Ospina : Small companies is your target

19:51:35 From Carlos Ospina : To andrii's point

19:51:35 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "Small companies is y..." with 👍

19:51:45 From shelley : Yep, also non-profits with no budget

19:51:51 From Carlos Ospina : yes

19:54:42 From Chad Hester : dare we say, microsites!?



2025-01-08



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- ~~Attend our Drupal CMS Launch Party:
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-drupal-cms-launch-party-6%E2%80%937pm-pt-2025-01-15>~~
- Work with John Faber and other group organizers to spread the word about our virtual group meetups.
- Consider using [Luma](#).

Additional Resources

- <https://new.drupal.org/drupal-cms>
- Drupal CMS naming somewhere in this Slack thread:
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 - @catch says the following: “The other thing is that because Drupal CMS is a starter kit only, without an upgrade path from 1.1 to 1.2 or whatever, once you've got an install, it's core + contrib + recipes. This is a feature rather than a limitation, but it means that everything is a very thin layer on top of core + contrib and that's all you're left with once you get going”

- Drupal logo and branding:
 - <https://www.drupal.org/about/media-kit/logo-wordmark-guidelines>
 - <https://drupal.widencollective.com/portals/gfvztttq/BrandPortal>
- Example of a Next Drupal website: <https://www.nar.realtor/>
- <https://next-drupal.org/>
- <https://www.vistaequitypartners.com/companies/portfolio/>
- <https://events.drupal.org/atlanta2025>
- <https://www.midcamp.org/>
- <https://vancouver.websummit.com/>
- <https://wunder.io/>
- <https://www.amazee.io/>
- <https://www.devpanel.com/>
- <https://lu.ma/> as an alternative to meetup.com

Meetup Summary

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Quick recap

The team discussed the rebranding of Drupal CMS, its potential to appeal to non-technical users, and the challenges of maintaining its existing customer base and community. They also explored the future of web development, the potential impact of AI and low-code/no-code tools, and the need for Drupal to innovate and adapt to remain relevant. The conversation ended with concerns about the shift towards a low-code/no-code approach with Starshot CMS and the importance of community involvement in the success of the Drupal project.

Next steps

- Chad to organize next month's meetup focused on how to bring new members into the Drupal community.
- John to have dinner with Drupal organization leaders and discuss bringing new developers into the community.
- Chad and John to collaborate on building up the West Coast Drupal community through these virtual meetups.
- All attendees to join the Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group Slack channel if not already members.
- John to present information about next drupal and decoupled drupal at Drupalcon Atlanta.
- Norah to organize Mid Camp in May with Dries as a speaker.
- Chad to submit session proposals for Mid Camp.
- Drupal Association to provide an update on the Inexperienced Developer Initiative at Drupalcon Atlanta.
- Drupal community members to evaluate attending non-Drupal tech events like Web Summit for new ideas and inspiration.
- Drupal Association to address concerns about the top-down approach of Starshot and its impact on community-driven innovation.
- Drupal core team to review and potentially incorporate useful features from popular contributed modules into core.
- Drupal Association to provide clarity on the timeline and features of the Drupal Experience Builder at Drupalcon Atlanta.
- John to reach out to Chad about utilizing the Bay Area/SF Drupal Users Group list to promote future meetups.
- Chad to explore using Lumo as a potential alternative to Meetup.com for organizing future events.
- Attendees interested in volunteering at DrupalCon to register as volunteers before the deadline.

- Ryan to continue offering the Portland Drupal Users Group Meetup.com account for promoting these virtual events.
- Chad to post information about future meetups on LinkedIn and Drupal.org events page.
- Natalie to find and share the source of information about the Drupal CMS naming decision.
- Chad to collect Drupal.org usernames from attendees to give credit for participating in the meetup.
- Chad to schedule the next meetup for the first Wednesday of next month.
- All participants to help spread the word about the upcoming event/initiative.
- All participants to engage in Slack and other asynchronous communications for further coordination.

Summary

Discussing Drupal CMS Name Confusion

Luke reveals he has a mild illness, possibly human metapneumovirus (HMPV), but is unsure. Chad, Natalie, and John join the meeting, connecting from various locations. They discuss the name "Drupal CMS," which many find confusing. Natalie recalls it being chosen based on focus group feedback, but is unsure. Luke was part of a marketing committee that debated the name and was surprised when "Drupal CMS" was selected. The participants plan to share resources related to the topic in the meeting notes.

New Drupal CMS Branding and Meetup

In the meeting, Chad initiated a discussion about the new branding of Drupal CMS, which includes a new website and logo. The team also discussed the differences between Drupal and Drupal CMS. Chad also introduced the new virtual Drupal meetup group, which is open to all time zones and aims to be a welcoming and inclusive space. The main topic of

the meeting was Drupal CMS, with team members sharing their experiences and thoughts about it. The team also discussed the importance of recording the meetings for accountability and ensuring a safe and inclusive environment.

Drupal's Rebranding and User Accessibility

John expresses skepticism about Drupal CMS's innovative features and its potential to appeal to non-technical users. He argues that the rebranding aims to change Drupal's perception as an overly complex system, rather than introducing groundbreaking advancements. Mike criticizes Dries's persistent emphasis on enterprise-level solutions, which contradicts the supposed goal of making Drupal more accessible. Overall, the discussion highlights concerns about whether Drupal CMS can effectively reposition Drupal as a user-friendly option while maintaining its existing customer base and community.

Improving Drupal's User Experience

The team discussed the challenges and potential solutions for Drupal's growth and adoption. Luke expressed concern about Drupal's abandonment of smaller users and its need for a Wix-like self-service experience. Ryan suggested that Drupal could benefit from a layer that simplifies its use, making it more appealing to marketers and corporate users. Chad emphasized the need for execution and innovation to survive in the market, referencing the ambitious nature of the Star Shot project. John and Mike highlighted the importance of attracting new developers to Drupal and the need to break out of the current myopic view. The team agreed on the need for a more user-friendly approach to Drupal, but also acknowledged the challenges in achieving this.

Web Development's Future With AI

In the meeting, the participants discuss the future of web development and the potential impact of AI and low-code/no-code tools on the industry. John expresses concerns that AI

and low-code tools could significantly reduce the need for developers within the next five years. Mike argues that open-source software has always involved developers sharing and building upon each other's work, which is similar to what AI aims to do. Chad acknowledges the disruption these technologies could bring but suggests that developers need to adapt and find solutions. The discussion highlights the uncertainty and anxiety surrounding the future role of developers in an industry rapidly adopting AI and low-code tools.

Embracing AI for Drupal's Future

John emphasizes that Drupal needs to embrace AI and market itself as the first open-source AI-powered CMS to rejuvenate sales and remain relevant. He suggests integrating AI tools for content optimization, SEO, taxonomy, and editorial experience. Chad proposes positioning Drupal as a structured data solution with AI automation to reduce workload. John highlights a decoupled Drupal site he migrated for the National Association of Realtors, envisioning selling them AI tools within Drupal. However, he expresses concern about dwindling Drupal sales and job losses if the platform does not innovate.

Balancing User-Friendliness and Power

Ryan emphasized the importance of having a user-friendly interface that also offers a powerful toolset. He suggested that while it's easy to do basic tasks, the real value lies in the ability to cater to specific needs and solve complex problems. Luke expressed his desire for a site builder interface that would make it accessible for non-technical users to build sites. John proposed a shift in perspective, marketing Drupal as a content platform rather than a content management system, and suggested creating a simple API to bring in new developers and ideas. Nick shared his positive experience working with Drupal as a backend for a Next.js frontend, while John highlighted the need for the community to embrace new ideas and technologies to stay competitive. Chad suggested considering how Drupal can adapt to the changing job landscape.

Reviving Drupal's Grassroots Spirit

John criticizes some recent top-down initiatives in the Drupal community and argues that the most successful aspects of Drupal have come from grassroots, bottom-up efforts. He suggests the Drupal project needs to go through a period of chaos to regain its open source community spirit. Others discuss revitalizing local meetups and bringing in new contributors and perspectives. The group debates the value proposition of DrupalCon and considers trends like the growth of vendor competition and backdoor RFP deals. Overall, there is a sense of the Drupal world becoming more commercialized and a desire to recapture the passion and collaboration of the early days.

Starshot's Impact on Drupal Development

The team discussed the potential of Starshot, a new initiative aimed at streamlining the development of Drupal modules. They expressed concerns about the top-down approach of Starshot, which could stifle innovation and community involvement. The team also discussed the challenges of integrating new features into Drupal's core, with some suggesting that Starshot could help speed up this process. They also discussed the potential of Starshot to improve accessibility and user experience, but noted that the initiative's success would depend on its execution. The team also touched on the perception of Drupal in the market, with concerns about how Starshot might impact this.

Concerns Over Drupal's Low-Code Shift

John expresses major concerns about the Drupal community's shift towards a low-code/no-code approach with Starshot CMS. He fears it could undermine the development services that agencies like his rely on to generate revenue. Mike and Chad consider whether Starshot could help attract new users to Drupal, potentially increasing demand for complex projects that still require developers. There is also discussion about forking Drupal under a different name to continue benefiting from the community's innovation while avoiding conflicts with the Drupal Association's direction.

Encouraging Community Involvement in Drupal

In the meeting, John emphasized the importance of community involvement in the success of the Drupal project. He suggested that the best ideas come from the community and that the community should be encouraged to rise up and innovate. John also discussed the potential of decoupled Drupal and the need for innovation in the platform to encourage new members into the community. Chad proposed the idea of a virtual summit to make these events more accessible. The team also discussed the potential of a West Coast community group and the use of Zoom chat for virtual meetups. The conversation ended with an agreement to collaborate and promote the Drupal community.

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Meeting Chat

18:01:56 From Chad Hester : The meeting notes for our meetups:
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18:17:44 From Natalie Cainaru : Glad to know I'm not the only person who loves Twig here 😊

18:37:59 From Natalie Cainaru : Here's a slack message I saved
(https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C072BF486FN/p1729587011269249?thread_ts=1729586254.609389&cid=C072BF486FN), @catch says the following: "The other thing is that because Drupal CMS is a starter kit only, without an upgrade path from 1.1 to 1.2 or whatever, once you've got an install, it's core + contrib + recipes. This is a feature rather than a limitation, but it means that everything is a very thin layer on top of core + contrib and that's all you're left with once you get going"

18:38:42 From Natalie Cainaru : (I don't know if that gives some sort of answer to "what exactly is Drupal CMS?")

18:44:43 From John Faber : <https://Nar.realtor>

18:58:28 From Norah Medlin : Speaking of AI services built around increasing availability, throughput and reducing costs: <https://openrouter.ai/>

18:59:17 From John Faber : Very cool

19:06:07 From Norah Medlin : <https://next-drupal.org/> Is Next JS solving the Drupal JSON:API "normalization" issues?

19:06:39 From nick : I appreciate these links @Norah Medlin

19:06:47 From Norah Medlin : Reacted to "I appreciate these l..." with 👍

19:10:17 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.vistaequitypartners.com/companies/portfolio/>

19:19:21 From Luke McCormick : Great to see everybody, I'm doing the Irish Exit now...

19:28:18 From Natalie Cainaru : My partner, who has been to a handful more DrupalCons than me, has also commented on how DrupalCons over the past few years have felt more like marketing expos compared to earlier ones (Denver, Austin, etc.). Wonder if that could be one reason for declining attendance.

19:28:38 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "My partner, who has ..." with 🏆

19:35:18 From Natalie Cainaru : IIRC Experience Builder is slated for later in 2025

19:56:22 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.amazee.io/> !!!!

19:56:45 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.devpanel.com/> ????

19:57:52 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "<https://www.devpanel.com/>" with 🤖

19:58:04 From John Faber : Replying to "<https://www.devpanel.com/>"

Very cool

20:04:53 From Norah Medlin : <https://lu.ma/>



2025-02-05



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716951169?pwd=FnEnEpu1WM2Qaw1nI1W9PzKnEFa9k3.1>

Event Information Link:

<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-2025-02-05>

RSVP Link: <https://www.meetup.com/portland-drupal/events/305160176/>

Meeting Recording:

 **PTVDUG Meetup 2025-02-05, DrupalCon & Drupal's Market Demand**

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 - If you're a regular, feel free to introduce yourself for anyone who is new.

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- 60 mins: Group discussion about DrupalCon and Drupal's market demand.
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
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- Give [credit to attendees](#):
 - Pavlos Daniel (pavlosdan)
 - Andrew Morton (mortona2k)
 - Natalie Cainaru (cainaru)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Andrii Kocherhin (man-1982)
 - Rick Hawkins (rlhawk)
 - Chris McGrath (chris mcgrath)
 - Ryan Price (liberatr)
 - CK, Kelly?
- Topics for next time?
 - Design systems and component based design
 - AI
 - Changes to the content model
 - Demo of Ryan's DrupalCon session-an online game
 - <https://events.drupal.org/atlanta2025/session/drupalcon-game>
 - Would give us a checkpoint a few weeks out from the event to show something

- DrupalX (headless and standard with storybook, tailwind, and ChatGPT for a landing page builder)
- [other next actions identified by attendees]

Additional Resources

- <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3223022>
- <https://assets.hyatt.com/content/dam/hyatt/hyattdam/documents/2019/10/28/1412/Hyatt-Regency-Atlanta-Floor-Plan-English.pdf>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupalx>
- <https://www.drupalforge.org/>
- <https://new.drupal.org/drupal-cms>
- <https://new.drupal.org/docs/drupal-cms>
-  I built a way to write PHP alongside your frontend

Meetup Summary

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Quick recap

The team discussed the upcoming DrupalCon and the market demand for Drupal, with a focus on attracting new users and improving the user experience. They also addressed the challenges of setting up a local development environment for Drupal and the need for better documentation and training. Lastly, they planned for the next meetup, with suggestions for topics and the possibility of inviting Jay to talk about Drupal X.

Next steps

- Chad to create a poll in the Slack channel for topic ideas for the March meetup.
- All attendees to submit topic ideas for the March meetup in the Slack channel.
- Chris to check if Nora needs a DrupalCon ticket.
- All attendees to consider if they or someone they know needs the DrupalCon ticket offered by Ryan.
- Chris to invite Jay to discuss Drupal X at a future meetup.
- Andrew to share more information about site auditing and migration planning at a future meetup.
- All attendees to join the Slack channel if they haven't already.

Summary

DrupalCon & Market Demand Discussion

In the meeting, Chad initiated a discussion about the upcoming DrupalCon and the topic of Drupal's market demand. He emphasized the importance of the discussion being covered by the Drupal community code of conduct and encouraged participants to share their thoughts and experiences. The participants then introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds, experiences with Drupal, and current projects. Chad also reminded the group about the importance of accessibility and encouraged everyone to feel welcome and share their ideas for improving the meetups. The main topics for the meeting were DrupalCon and Drupal's market demand, with the latter being a topic of personal interest for Chad.

DrupalCon Plans & Market Concerns

The team discussed their plans for DrupalCon, with some members expressing concerns about travel and the current state of the market. Chad suggested that Drupal could cater

more to the younger market and emphasized the importance of community, education, and advocacy. Rick mentioned the ambassador program as a potential solution. The team also discussed the possibility of non-alcohol centric social events at DrupalCon. The conversation ended with a discussion on the decline of Drupal usage, with Chris suggesting it was a blend of economic concerns and people leaving Drupal.

Drupal's Market Position & Challenges

The group discusses Drupal's market position and challenges in appealing to different audiences. They identify two key groups: decision-makers funding projects and younger developers. For decision-makers, Drupal competes with enterprise solutions like Adobe Experience Manager and Sitecore, while also facing competition from WordPress. The group emphasizes the importance of presenting specific, prescriptive solutions to executives. For younger developers, they note that Drupal's use of PHP may be a barrier, as JavaScript has become more popular. The discussion also touches on Drupal's strengths, such as its robust back-end framework and user management capabilities, while acknowledging areas for improvement, like API choices and ease of adoption for newcomers.

Improving Drupal Development Environment

The team discussed the challenges of setting up a local development environment for Drupal, which is a barrier for new users. They agreed that a quick start guide would be beneficial for new Drupal developers. The team also discussed the potential of using Drupal Forge and Dev Panel for cloud desktops and quick spin-ups. They considered the possibility of creating a white label version of Drupal Forge for clients. The team also discussed the need to attract new users to Drupal, particularly developers and those providing funding for projects. They discussed the importance of lowering the barrier to entry for Drupal and making it less frustrating than other technologies.

Drupal Framework Replacement & DrupalCon

Chris discussed the pressure being put on the DA to replace a certain framework with a new one. Pavlos shared his thoughts on how Drupal initially worked. Chad and Andrii discussed the complexity of Drupal CMS and the challenges of installing it locally. Andrew pointed out the difference in complexity between Night Watch and Drupal, and the need for better documentation. Eric highlighted the difficulty in finding the right information on the Drupal website. Chad then shifted the discussion to market demand for Drupal, mentioning Ryan's DrupalCon ticket. Ryan asked if anyone knew of someone who would like to attend DrupalCon and offered to sponsor them. Chris suggested checking with Nora about her attendance and ticket status.

Drupal's Market Position & Challenges

The team discussed the market demand for Drupal and its competition with other technologies. They acknowledged that while Drupal has a strong track record of producing complex websites, it has struggled to keep up with the rapid development and interactive capabilities of newer technologies like JavaScript. The team also discussed the shift towards cloud-based solutions and the potential for Drupal to consolidate other platforms. However, they recognized that Drupal's complexity and the need for relearning might deter new developers. The team also discussed the potential for Drupal to improve its API capabilities to better compete with other technologies.

Improving Drupal Integration & UX

The team discussed the challenges of using Drupal, a content management system, and the need for better integration with design systems. They highlighted the difficulties in finding Drupal developers and the importance of creating a seamless user experience for content authors. The conversation also touched on the need for better training and documentation to help users navigate the system effectively. The team agreed on the importance of standardizing best practices and improving the administrative user

experience. They also discussed the potential of using web components and the need for a more turnkey solution to address the challenges faced with Drupal.

Next Meetup Topics & Discussion

Chad led a discussion about the next meetup, scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of March. He encouraged team members to suggest topics for the meeting and promised to conduct a poll in the Slack channel to determine the most popular ideas. Andrew expressed interest in discussing design system integration and site auditing, while Chris suggested inviting Jay to talk about Drupal X. Chad also mentioned the possibility of having other focuses in future meetups, such as how to get a job in Drupal or mentor others in the field. The team also engaged in a light-hearted discussion about various topics, including Eastern European regions and Polish language.

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Meeting Chat

18:06:48 From Chad Hester :
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?tab=t.9zi08oplq6sp#heading=h.qtw61wbp6ga9

18:11:33 From Pavlos Daniel : I lied. 15 years too! (Just checked) xD

18:14:16 From Pavlos Daniel : We'll accept east coast people. We don't discriminate xD

18:14:49 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "We'll accept east co..." with 🥳

18:16:36 From andriikocherhin : <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3223022>

18:20:02 From Pavlos Daniel : Andrii is hosting in person Drupal coffee meetups for those that can make it to Brentwood 😊

18:33:52 From Rick Hawkins :
<https://assets.hyatt.com/content/dam/hyatt/hyattdam/documents/2019/10/28/1412/Hyatt-Ragency-Atlanta-Floor-Plan-English.pdf>

18:42:52 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupalx>

19:00:06 From Pavlos Daniel : drupalforge++

19:00:30 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "drupalforge++" with +

- 19:04:02 From Chad Hester : <https://new.drupal.org/docs/drupal-cms>
- 19:06:02 From Chris : Reacted to "https://www.drupal..." with 👍
- 19:06:35 From Chris : <https://www.drupalforge.org/>
- 19:06:58 From Natalie Cainaru : The smoother quick install is a big piece of the puzzle, I think. An anecdote: a few years ago a CMO friend of mine wanted to spin up a portfolio site for himself. He went with Wordpress instead of Drupal due to ease of installing on his web host despite the fact that he preferred Drupal. He preferred Drupal over Wordpress because of it allowing him to build more bespoke content models easier
- 19:07:33 From Chris : Reacted to "The smoother quick..." with 👍
- 19:11:23 From Ryan Price (he\him) : @Chad Hester I can't stay long but I am wondering if anyone here knows someone who could benefit from our PNW Summit ticket to DrupalCon. They can chime in on Slack.
- 19:11:43 From CK : This has both addressed & unaddressed complaints about Drupal. See other posts in the same sub for more:
https://www.reddit.com/r/Wordpress/comments/1i5wsv0/drupal_guys_be_like/
- 19:12:00 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "This has both addres..." with 😊
- 19:12:11 From Chad Hester : Replying to "@Chad Hester I can't..."

Good question, let's ask at the next conversation break.

- 19:12:28 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "This has both addres..." with 😊
- 19:12:33 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "This has both addres..." with 😊
- 19:13:14 From CK : My attempt to make the permissions page easier for newbies has stalled:
<https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3495351>
- 19:14:31 From CK : My attempt to make installing modules easier:
<https://github.com/TolstoyDotCom/sheephole>
- 19:15:16 From CK : I have to go but I'll join next week.
- 19:15:24 From Chris : Reacted to "I have to go but I..." with 👍
- 19:15:27 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "I have to go but I'l..." with 👍
- 19:15:31 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "I have to go but I'l..." with 👍
- 19:15:45 From Ryan Price (he\him) : I would invite people to join the promote Drupal channel on Slack with these suggestions
- 19:18:53 From Rick Hawkins : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sa3XHjG1Kgs>
- 19:21:11 From Ryan Price (he\him) : Redwood js?
- 19:21:25 From Eric Wheeler : Issue about replacing Drupal's AJAX system with HTMX
<https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3404409>
- 19:23:27 From Andrew Morton : Reacted to "This has both addres..." with ❤️
- 19:26:03 From Pavlos Daniel : There's a lot of javascript developers out there, and from the few that I've talked to, none of them want to learn twig to theme or build a frontend for Drupal so why

bother with it when other frameworks give them a robust API to hook into and continue using the JS frameworks they are already using?

19:27:07 From Chris : Reacted to "There's a lot of ..." with 👍

19:30:26 From Eric Wheeler : Good seeing everybody, I need to drop off! 🙋

19:33:56 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "There's a lot of jav..." with 👍

19:42:08 From Pavlos Daniel : "They'll be fine" <- this haha

19:42:22 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to ""They'll be fine" <-..." with 😊

19:47:43 From Andrew Morton : Launch button is pretty slow...

19:47:43 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Screenshot 2025-02-05 at 19-46-20 Joomla Content Management System (CMS) - try it! It's free!.png" with 😊

19:48:49 From Ryan Price (he\him) : AI

19:49:39 From Ryan Price (he\him) : Could demo my DCon session, which is an online game

19:49:50 From Chris : Reacted to "Could demo my DCon..." with 👍

19:49:55 From Pavlos Daniel : +1 on Andrew's design system/component driven design

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19:53:10 From Chris : Reacted to "+1 on Andrew's de..." with 👍

19:53:32 From Chris : Reacted to "Screenshot 2025-02..." with 😊



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RSVP Link: <https://www.meetup.com/portland-drupal/events/crzjptyhcfbhb/>

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 - Jared (???)
 - Kristen Pol (kristen pol)
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 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - John Faber (flavor)
 - CK (???)
 - Shelley Goetz (shelleygoetz)
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 - Design systems and component based design
 - AI
 - Changes to the content model
 - DrupalX (headless and standard with storybook, tailwind, and ChatGPT for a landing page builder)

Additional Resources

- BADCamp coming up in September: <https://www.badcamp.org/>
- Design systems, mentioned by participants when reviewing Kristen's session:
 - <https://ui.shadcn.com/>
 - Google Material Design
 - Shopify Polaris
 - <https://decanter.stanford.edu/>
 - Design system created by Chapter Three:
<http://patternlab.courts.ca.gov/2.x/public/>
 - Design System that Shelley worked on at ImageX with a few other agencies that supports structured YMCA association website builds:
<https://ds-docs.y.org/docs/user-documentation/layout-builder/designs/#design-system>
- Comparison of Experience Builder with WordPress and Gutenberg's Pattern System. See also: <https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-theme/starter-templates/>
 - Kadence Blocks:
<https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-blocks/the-kadence-design-library/>
 - Kadence Pattern Hub: <https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-cloud/>
 - Kadence Custom Blocks:
<https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-blocks/custom-blocks/>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/noahs>
- <https://www.plasmic.app/>
- <https://github.com/plasmicapp/plasmic>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/editoria11y>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/sheephole_helper
- <https://prismic.io/>

Meetup Summary

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Quick recap

Chad welcomed everyone and discussed the purpose of the meeting, which was to record the proceedings for the Code of Conduct and to share the community's contributions. The main topic of the meeting was about Drupal concessions, which was prompted by Ryan, and the discussion also covered the state of Drupal demand in the market and the upcoming Drupalcon. The team also discussed the concept of design systems, the integration of a design system with Experience Builder, and the structure of a presentation on Drupal CMS and Experience Builder.

Next steps

- Kristen to revise her Drupalcon presentation structure, starting with a demo of Experience Builder to capture audience attention.
- Kristen to create a sped-up video demo showing the process of building a page with Experience Builder.
- Kristen to include more explicit explanations about Experience Builder's purpose and functionality in her presentation.
- Kristen to add comparisons between Experience Builder and other familiar tools like Gutenberg in her presentation.
- Kristen to incorporate feedback on explaining props vs. slots more clearly in her presentation.
- Kristen to consider adding a section on when to use different approaches (props vs. slots) in component design.
- John to look for Kristen at Drupalcon to discuss Experience Builder further.

- Eric to continue organizing Webcam, with session submissions open until April 11th.
- Chad to continue exploring opportunities for Canadian-based IT products and services.

Summary

Code of Conduct Record and Concessions

In the meeting, Chad welcomed everyone and discussed the purpose of the meeting, which was to record the proceedings for the Code of Conduct and to share the community's contributions. He emphasized the importance of participation and encouraged everyone to share their Drupal.org username. The main topic of the meeting was about Drupal concessions, which was prompted by Ryan. The discussion also covered the state of Drupal demand in the market and the upcoming Drupalcon. Chad also mentioned the Google calendar for the meetups and the need for people to share their drupal.org usernames to give credit for participation.

Discussing Design Systems & Experience Builder

Kristen presents her upcoming Drupalcon session on design systems and Experience Builder. She plans to discuss what design systems are, introduce Experience Builder, and cover Single Directory Component (SDC) concepts. The group shares examples of design systems, including Tailwind UI and Google Material Design. Kristen explains that her presentation will cover the evolution of design systems, including Drupal-specific ones. She seeks feedback on her slides and mentions having a demo video to show.

Design Systems for Brand Consistency

In the meeting, Kristen outlined the concept of design systems, emphasizing their role in creating consistent and coherent branding across various platforms, including websites

and apps. She explained that a design system is a collection of reusable components that can be used in various contexts, speeding up development and ensuring consistency. Kristen also discussed the popular tools used for design system creation, including Figma and Storybook. The team discussed the time required to get up to speed with these concepts, with Kristen indicating a 45-minute talk would have around 45 slides.

Design Systems & User Interface Kits

The team discussed the value of design systems and user interface kits. They identified the need for a clear definition and a visual representation of different design systems to help others understand the concept. Kristen agreed to create a visual comparison of design systems to assist with understanding. The team also discussed the potential benefits of integrating design systems into Experience Builder, emphasizing its ability to create beautiful, accessible websites. They seemed to agree on the importance of showcasing the potential of Experience Builder with good demos.

Design System Integration with Experience Builder

Kristen and the team discussed the integration of a design system with Experience Builder, focusing on the technical aspects and how to effectively communicate these concepts to their audience. They deliberated on how to visually demonstrate the process, with suggestions to include a live demo or a more explicit explanation of Experience Builder's capabilities. Additionally, the team considered the potential for marrying content types with Experience Builder and the possibility of discussing future developments in the project.

Experience Builder Presentation Structure

Kristen discussed the structure of a presentation she is working on, which will cover an introduction to design systems, experience builder, and single directory components. She

plans to include tips and tricks as well as discuss future developments in experience builder, such as code components. The presentation will aim to appeal to an intermediate audience, peppering it with information that new people can follow. John explained experience builder as a system that moves the form-based editing system into a visual front end, making it visually easier to use.

Experience Builder Presentation Demo Structure

Kristen discusses the structure of her upcoming presentation on Drupal CMS and Experience Builder. She plans to start with a demo, then explain why Experience Builder is important, followed by details about the design system and coding components. The group debates the best approach for the demo, considering whether to start with a blank canvas or a pre-structured page. Accessibility concerns are addressed, with Kristen mentioning new accessibility tools in Drupal CMS. The presentation will cover various aspects of Experience Builder, including SECs, blocks, and coded components.

Discussing Fully Branded Page Creation

The team discussed creating a fully branded page using a blank template and mentioned the interplay between Experience Builder Design System and Single Directory Components. They also discussed the importance of a presentation layer, using sizzle videos to showcase the product, and the potential to build reusable open-source component libraries for Drupal. The team also talked about using AI to streamline the process and the need for community involvement in maintaining the work.

HTML Development & Component Customization

In the meeting, Jared, John, and Kristen discussed the simplicity of HTML development, the challenges faced by non-technical Drupal site managers, and the potential for customization in a new design system. Kristen planned to provide a detailed explanation of the structure and function of components, including the use of props and slots, and

demonstrated various ways to implement a component in a software development context.

Designing Components for Drupal's Experience Builder

Kristen leads a discussion on designing components for Drupal's Experience Builder, focusing on the use of props versus slots and their trade-offs. John and Mike note that these concepts are familiar to front-end developers and comparable to existing Drupal practices. Chad emphasizes the importance of making the system intuitive for non-technical content managers. The group agrees that successful implementation requires careful content architecture and planning. Kristen seeks feedback on what information would be most valuable to include in her presentation about Experience Builder.

Exploring Drupal's Content Editing Capabilities

The group discusses the merits of Drupal's paragraph system and custom implementations for content editing. Mike demonstrates a health website he built using paragraphs with a streamlined editing interface. The conversation then shifts to broader topics like Drupal's perception, user experience, and market positioning. John mentions that some large enterprise clients prefer simpler content editing interfaces over layout builders. The group explores ideas for improving Drupal's adoption, including recipes, Experience Builder, and better marketing to colleges. They also debate the evolving role of websites versus other digital channels for businesses.

Preparing for DrupalCon & Updates

The group wraps up their meeting by discussing their upcoming plans and personal updates. John and Kristen are attending DrupalCon, with John manning a booth and Kristen giving a talk and mentoring at Contribution Day. Several members share recent

activities and challenges, including Kristen's pickleball injury, Mike's website launch, Jared's life in Peru, and Sarah's move to Bend for adaptive sports opportunities. Chad discusses his involvement with the local Chamber of Commerce and efforts to support Canadian businesses in digital services. The meeting ends with well-wishes for those attending DrupalCon.

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Meeting Chat

18:05:12 From Sarah Lorenzen to Chad Hester(direct message) : Drupal profile:
<https://www.drupal.org/u/sarahlorenzen>

18:12:56 From Chad Hester : Meeting notes for today's meetup:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?tab=t.5ghjf9Inj1x9

18:14:24 From Sarah Lorenzen : Google Material Design

18:14:31 From John Faber : <https://ui.shadcn.com/>

18:14:41 From Luke McCormick : Does USWD count?

18:15:22 From Sarah Lorenzen : Shopify Polaris

18:16:07 From Luke McCormick : <https://decanter.stanford.edu/>

18:16:10 From John Faber : This is a design system created by Chapter Three
<http://patternlab.courts.ca.gov/2.x/public/>

18:17:48 From shelley : This is a Design System I worked on at ImageX with a few other agencies that supports structured YMCA association website builds:
<https://ds-docs.y.org/docs/user-documentation/layout-builder/designs/#design-system>

18:19:33 From John Faber : A design system is a collection of reusable components, guidelines, and standards that help teams create consistent and scalable digital experiences. It typically includes UI elements, typography, colors, and code components, ensuring that design and development stay aligned across projects. Think of it as a toolkit that keeps everything looking and working the same way, no matter who's building i

18:20:27 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "A design system is a..." with 🙌

18:42:12 From Sarah Lorenzen : Kadence Blocks:
<https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-blocks/the-kadence-design-library/>
Kadence Pattern Hub: <https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-cloud/>
Kadence Custom Blocks: <https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-blocks/custom-blocks/>

18:45:07 From shelley : Maybe a visual comparison between XB, LB, and paragraphs would be nice. I've used all 3 and getting that reference would be great.

18:46:57 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "Maybe a visual compa..." with ★

18:47:03 From Sarah Lorenzen : Drag and drop WYSIWG editor

18:47:06 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "Kadence Blocks: http..." with 👍

18:48:26 From Sarah Lorenzen : Visual layout builder - the demographic, the marketers are going to understand this.

18:51:39 From Sarah Lorenzen : You could add on an accessibility 'checker' validator tool like Canvas - an online Higher Ed course has that tells the creator if their headings etc are correct

18:51:46 From Chad Hester : I think having a nice "admin UX" is quite important, too. Especially for very non-technical content managers.

18:51:55 From CK : Someone else released this, but got some pushback on the Drupal Slack channels today because it's freemium (as CKEditor is): <https://www.drupal.org/project/noahs>

18:53:05 From John Faber : <https://www.plasmic.app/>

18:53:06 From Sarah Lorenzen : Canvas' Accessibility Tool - Validator for Content

18:53:30 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "<https://www.plasmic....>" with 😬

18:53:30 From shelley : <https://www.drupal.org/project/editoria11y> is one we frequently use at Imagex on projects, it's very assistive for content editors

18:53:38 From Chad Hester : When talking about tools and UX, I like to refer to the scale of "easy to powerful". Some tools are very powerful, but not very easy.

18:53:59 From Sarah Lorenzen : Reacted to "When talking about t..." with ❤️

18:54:08 From John Faber : Plasmic is very nice example of a great layout builder

18:54:27 From Chad Hester : Good design should be intuitive and not require instruction to use, which is very challenging with powerful interfaces. It seem Experience builder tries to pull back to "easy" while maintaining some tucked away "power"

18:54:36 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "Plasmic is very nice..." with ★

18:54:40 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "When talking about t..." with ❤️

18:54:41 From Chad Hester : Removed a ❤️ reaction from "When talking about t..."

18:56:06 From Sarah Lorenzen : Start with a bland cookie cutter page (save time) and then add in beautiful branded components

18:57:26 From CK : On a non-UI note, I recently released a way for non devs to install modules without using the command line. It's for small business/personal sites. If there's interest I could discuss it in the next meeting: https://www.drupal.org/project/sheephole_helper

18:59:09 From CK : Citizen Kane

19:00:28 From Chad Hester : Chad UI 👍

19:00:44 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "Chad UI 👍" I want to integrate Chad UI! Woo!

19:00:56 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "Chad UI 👍" with 😊

19:01:23 From Sarah Lorenzen : Reacted to "Chad UI 👍" with 🎉

19:01:48 From Luke McCormick : (I'm going to need to ghost out in 10 minutes...)

19:01:54 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "(I'm going to need t..." with 👍

19:02:06 From shelley : Reacted to "Chad UI 👍 " with 🎉

19:03:44 From Sarah Lorenzen : Pull in the USWDS for all the govt and civic sites... that would be huge

19:04:07 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "Pull in the USWDS fo..." with 👍

19:09:36 From John Faber : <https://github.com/plasmicapp/plasmic>

19:10:03 From John Faber : This is open source code - many of the same concepts in this...

19:11:15 From John Faber : But their platform is much better

19:16:19 From Sarah Lorenzen : If it's drag and drop from a already available pattern library, and an example of what's possible from it right out of the box

19:24:45 From Sarah Lorenzen : How does one get involved with the IXP Fellowship? I just learned about it today...

19:25:33 From Chad Hester : We talked about the IXP initiative in our first meetup, so there are some links here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?tab=t.6080zl9kkv8m#heading=h.qtw61wbp6ga9

19:30:21 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "We talked about the ..." I'd love to be one of the interns, I'm a 10yr exp. UI/UX designer turned front end dev for 2 yrs with HTML, CSS, JS, and I'm currently in a 3 month intensive Drupal Dev program but it is HARD to find any company to take a chance on anyone new with Drupal... there's just no intern / apprentice opportunities available.

19:31:09 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "We talked about the ..." I read about the IXP and it looks like they last did it in 2023.. I see nothing available for 2025.

19:32:12 From Andrew. K : @Mike McCaffrey (he/him) Did you consider to use layout with/instead paragraphs?

19:39:25 From Sarah Lorenzen : All of the HUGE Wordpress Theme companies have Site Templates for popular use cases... If Drupal did that... That would take a lot of business from WP Example: <https://www.kadencewp.com/kadence-theme/starter-templates/>

19:46:29 From Sarah Lorenzen : IOTs, Social Media, Alexa, TikTok, websites aren't the first channel often..

19:47:21 From Andrew. K : Reacted to "All of the HUGE Word..." with 👍

19:50:26 From Chad Hester : Please remember to share your drupal.org username so I can credit you for attending our meetup :)

19:50:47 From Sarah Lorenzen : Do they post recordings of all the sessions?

19:51:06 From Chad Hester : Yep, I'll post on YouTube and share in Slack when it's converted

19:51:24 From Chad Hester : oh, you mean DrupalCon sessions?

19:51:27 From Sarah Lorenzen to Chad Hester(direct message) : <https://www.drupal.org/u/sarahlorenzen>

19:51:45 From Chad Hester : yes, they post all of the DrupalCon sessions, the keynotes, but not the BoFs

19:52:46 From Chad Hester to Sarah Lorenzen(direct message) : Reacted to "<https://www.drupal.o...>" with 👍

19:53:20 From Sarah Lorenzen : Reacted to "Yep, I'll post on Yo..." with ❤️

19:53:46 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "oh, you mean DrupalC..." Yes, the sessions after the DrupalCon is finished - for those that couldn't attend in person.

19:54:18 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "yes, they post all o..." BoFs?

19:54:51 From Chad Hester : PHSA, provincial health in BC

19:57:34 From Chad Hester : Replying to "yes, they post all o..." Birds of a feather. They are round table discussions about a specific topic.



2025-04-02



PTVDUG – Meetup Notes,

2025-04-02

These are meetup notes for the **Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group**.

Join the [drupal.slack.com #pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group channel](https://drupal.slack.com/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group-channel).

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716951169?pwd=FnEnEpu1WM2Qaw1nl1W9PzKnEFa9k3.1>

Event Information Link:

<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%9338pm-pt-2025-04-02>

RSVP Link: <https://www.meetup.com/portland-drupal/events/crzjptyhcgdbb/>

Meeting Recording:

 [PTVDUG Meetup 2025-04-02, DrupalCon Debrief & Community Thoughts](#)

⚠ NOTE: All parts of the meetup are recorded for the benefit of the community and for accountability. Attendees should adhere to the Drupal community's code of conduct:

<https://www.drupal.org/dcoc>

Agenda

This is a recurring, virtual Drupal meetup, scheduled for people in the Pacific time zone—but folks from any time zone are welcome. If you are new to the Drupal community, please join us to learn more. And if you've been a part of our community for a while, please help us by sharing knowledge and support.

- 10–15 mins: Introductions for anyone new
 - If you'd like, please mention your name, contact details, and background.
 - If you're new, we'd love to get to know you!

- If you're a regular, feel free to introduce yourself for anyone who is new.
- Share your drupal.org username in the chat so that we can give you credit for attending this meetup.
- 60 mins: An open group discussion to debrief about DrupalCon and our community.
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%93938pm-pt-2025-05-07>
- ~~Give credit to attendees:~~ (when Chad gets back from Mexico)
 - Kristen Pol (kristen pol)
 - Luke McCormick (cellear)
 - Tara Anderson (taanderson)
 - Sarah Lorenzen (sarahlornzen)
 - Mike McCaffrey (mikemccaffrey)
 - Brandon Lira (brandonlira)
 - Andrii Kocherhin (man-1982)
 - Natalie Cainaru (cainaru)
 - Heather Wozniak (heatherwoz)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
- [Topics for next time?](#)
 - Neurodiversity and inclusion: How can we support people with DEIA issues? E.g., Including government and private companies. Hiring and discrimination.
 - Perhaps Fei Lauren, Matthews Saunders, AmyJune, or Norah could offer insights.
 - Search and search engines, SEO/AEO

- Contribute to Drupal CMS and Experience Builder
- Drupal Marketplace? (pending town halls and surveys)
- Drupal Recipes. How to use them, how to troubleshoot issues.
- Nix, an alternative to DDev and Docker.
 - Perhaps John Locke could join? (freelock)
- Virtual conference logistics and interest?

Additional Resources

- Driesnote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHgHQD-mL5s>
- DrupalCon session recordings (when they're posted):
<https://www.youtube.com/drupalassociation>
- Matthew Saunder's YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIpSQZJYRRw4vLCYbq-Qseg>
- Marketplace ideas and keeping Drupal code open source:
<https://dri.es/exploring-a-marketplace-for-drupal-site-templates#:~:text=Drupal%20modules%20will%20always%20be%20open%20source>
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Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of the recent DrupalCon conference, including presentations, networking opportunities, and discussions on inclusivity and neurodiversity. Participants shared their experiences and projects, touching on topics such as the Drupal marketplace, family-friendly events, and community initiatives. The

group also explored potential future meetup topics and discussed ongoing efforts to improve the Drupal.org website and community events.

Next steps

- Sarah: Complete the remaining 20% of the IXP program site build before handing it off to Carlos
- Heather: Work on theming the events on the new Drupal.org site
- Chad: Connect with Evolving Web, Kalamuna, and ImageX about potential collaboration for organizing Canadian Drupal events
- Vancouver Team: Identify local leaders to organize next year's Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit in Vancouver
- Kristen: Submit remaining session proposals for upcoming Webcam event by the 12th
- Mike: Continue development of the new version of KalaStatic, the static site generator
- Chad: Research and connect with event planners about hybrid event formats and lessons learned
- Chad: Follow up with Fai Lauren, Matthew Saunders, and Norah regarding potential DEI and neurodiversity discussion for future meetup
- Heather: Follow up with potential organizers interested in planning a larger scale Drupal event in Canada
- Kristen: Share updates in the channel about upcoming marketplace surveys and town halls when they become available
- Heather: Follow up with Rick about presenting on Recipes at the next CDUG meetup
- Tara: Ask John Freelock about potentially presenting on Nix at a future meetup
- Mike: Send JavaScript snippet to Heather for time zone selector on event pages
- Tara: Research and share the name of the platform used by Colorado camp for hybrid sessions

- Chad: Process contribution credits for attendees after receiving their drupal.org usernames
- Chad: Upload the meeting recording after conversion
- Team: Share Drupal.org usernames with Chad for credit
- Team: Discuss and vote on next meeting's topic in Slack channel
- Team: Join next meeting on May 7th, 6-8 PM Pacific time

Summary

DrupalCon: Full, Engaging, and Productive

The group discusses their experiences at DrupalCon, a recent conference. Kristen received the Aaron Winbourne award and gave a well-received presentation on mental health. The conference was described as full and engaging, with multiple sessions running simultaneously, making it challenging for attendees to choose which to attend. Participants highlight the value of the "hallway track" for networking and impromptu discussions, as well as the productivity of Contribution Day, where face-to-face interactions led to quick problem-solving and collaboration.

Drupal Marketplace and Open-Source Challenges

The group discusses the progress of Drupal CMS and the recent increase in contributions, which Kristen attributes to engaging Drupal certified partners. They also touch on the challenges in the AI-related initiatives due to the numerous ongoing projects. The conversation then shifts to a session about the Drupal marketplace, where concerns were raised about potential devaluation similar to WordPress. Participants debated the pros and cons of a marketplace, including its potential as a stepping stone for agencies to attract smaller clients and grow them into larger enterprises. The discussion concludes with thoughts on maintaining open-source principles while exploring ways to compensate developers for their time and effort.

Neurodiversity and Inclusivity at DrupalCon

The group discusses their experiences at DrupalCon, focusing on neurodiversity and inclusivity. Natalie highlights a session by Matthew Saunders about neurodivergence as a superpower in diversifying teams. Several participants share their own neurodivergent experiences and appreciate the conference's accommodations like quiet spaces. The conversation then shifts to introductions, with attendees sharing their backgrounds in Drupal and locations. Sarah mentions her work on the IXP (Inexperienced Drupal Developer) program website, which aims to provide internship opportunities for new Drupal developers.

Team Updates and Travel Opportunities

In the meeting, Sarah, Mike, Natalie, Chad, Luke, Kristen, Tara, and Andrii discussed their various projects and interests. Mike shared his experience with building a light fixture and his work on a static site generator called Calistatic. Kristen expressed interest in learning more about backdrop, a fork of Drupal 7. Luke mentioned a backdrop live event starting the next day. Tara introduced herself, sharing her location in Alaska and her experiences with Drupal events. The team also discussed travel opportunities, with Chad mentioning a Drupal event in Japan and Luke suggesting Chicago as a potential location for the next year's event.

Family Inclusion in Drupal Events

The group discusses the challenges and opportunities of including families and children at Drupal events. Eric shares his experience at DrupalCon, where some families were initially turned away but later welcomed. The conversation then shifts to the idea of more affordable and family-friendly Drupal events, with suggestions including shared accommodations, lower-budget venues, and dedicated childcare options. Kristen mentions her Lego-themed presentation and how Dries incorporated similar content in

his keynote. The discussion concludes with nostalgic references to the Muppets and Michael Anello's extensive involvement in the Drupal community.

Seattle Drupal Users Group Meeting

Heather introduces herself as a new member of the group who helps organize the Seattle Drupal Users Group and the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit. The group discusses their experiences at DrupalCon in Atlanta, focusing on travel safety concerns for international attendees and the accessibility of the venue via public transportation. They highlight positive aspects such as the game night organized by the Diversity and Inclusion group, which offered non-alcoholic social activities. The conversation also touches on the idea of organizing a larger Drupal event in Canada to address travel concerns. Attendees share their experiences exploring Atlanta, including visits to the Botanical Gardens and Little 5 Points neighborhood.

Drupal 10 Migration Challenges Discussed

In the meeting, Heather discussed her work on the community events section of drupal.org, including her efforts to expedite the migration to drupal 10. Chad brought up an issue with event timing on the site, which Heather acknowledged as a problem they were trying to solve. Mike suggested a potential solution using JavaScript, but Heather pointed out the complexity of the issue. The team also discussed the large number of nodes on drupal.org and the challenges of migrating them. Kristen mentioned that issues on the site are set to be migrated to GitLab, with a test run planned for a few projects. The team also shared experiences of having solved problems in the past and forgetting about them, with Chad mentioning his use of bash notes.

Future Meetup Topics and Drupal Marketplace

The group discusses potential topics for future meetups, including neurodiversity and inclusion issues in the Drupal community, as well as how to support those facing

discrimination in hiring. They also consider exploring the new Drupal marketplace initiative and site templates, with Kristen providing details on the development process. The conversation touches on the need for governance in the marketplace to ensure quality and fair compensation for module maintainers. Other suggested topics include recipes, the Nix development environment, and hybrid options for Drupal events. The next meetup is scheduled for May 7th, from 6 to 8 PM Pacific time.

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Meeting Chat

- 18:20:46 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Matthew Saunders' session "The Neurodivergency SuperPower - How Diverse Teams Function Better" also resonated for me on a personal level too
- 18:20:57 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "Matthew Saunders' se..." with 🙌
- 18:21:15 From Eric Wheeler : Replying to "Matthew Saunders' se..."
Yes, I think this was my favorite too.
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- 18:21:32 From Kristen Pol : Reacted to "Matthew Saunders' se..." with 🤩
- 18:21:54 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "Matthew Saunders' se..."
That's at the top of my binge watch list - exciting!
- 18:22:21 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Regarding the question of modules (paid or not), here's a quote directly from the most recently blog post:
<https://dri.es/exploring-a-marketplace-for-drupal-site-templates#:~:text=Drupal%20modules%20will%20always%20be%20open%20source>.
- 18:23:10 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Yes, I think this wa..." with 💙
- 18:23:14 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "That's at the top of..." with 💙
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- 18:26:19 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "I feel like many of ..." with 🙌
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIpSQZJYRRw4vLCYbq-Qseg>
- 18:29:30 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Reacted to "Hi. It's my first me..." with 🙌

18:29:34 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Hi. It's my first me..." with 🙌

18:29:39 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Hi. It's my first me..." with 🙌

18:30:30 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "Hi. It's my first me..."
Welcome! Happy you could join us

18:30:33 From Tara Anderson : Replying to "Matthew Saunders' se..."
There were some neurodiversity talks at last year's conference too. 😊

18:30:42 From Brandon Lira : Replying to "Matthew Saunders'..."
Do we have a recorded video of this session available?

18:30:43 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Replying to "Hi. It's my first me..."
Welcome Tara!!

18:31:05 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "Matthew Saunders' se..."
Youtube...

18:31:20 From Tara Anderson : Replying to "Hi. It's my first me..."
Thanks!

18:31:58 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "I feel like many of ..." with ❤️

18:33:19 From Brandon Lira : Hi this is also my first meeting. I am a developer based in Brazil

18:33:31 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Hi this is also my f..." with 🙌

18:33:40 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Replying to "Hi this is also my f..."
Welcome Brandon!

18:33:57 From Brandon Lira : Reacted to "Youtube..." with 👍

18:34:00 From Tara Anderson : Replying to "Hi this is also my f..."
Wow! Welcome! 😊🙌

18:34:29 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Hi this is also my f..." with 🙌

18:34:30 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Reacted to "Hi this is also my f..." with 🙌

18:38:10 From Sarah Lorenzen : You're dating yourself...

18:38:20 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Reacted to "You're dating yourse..." with 🙌

18:38:22 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to You're dating yourse... with "😂"

18:38:30 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Replying to "You're dating yourse..."
I knew all those things 😊

18:38:37 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Replying to "You're dating yourse..."
Perl!

18:38:42 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Replying to "You're dating yourse..."
CGI!

18:39:03 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "You're dating yourse..."
Cobalt... was that during the ice age?

18:39:08 From Kristen Pol (she/her) : Replying to "You're dating yourse..."
haha

18:40:02 From Chad Hester : If you want credit for attending this meet-up, please share your drupal.org username either here or DM me on Slack.

18:40:19 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to If you want credit f... with "👍"

18:41:07 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "Hi. It's my first me..." with 🙌

18:41:13 From Luke McCormick : Reacted to "Hi this is also my f..." with 🙌

18:41:54 From Chad Hester : I'll share the recording and our meeting notes in our Drupal Slack channel after the meeting (and after the files convert on YouTube):
<https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C080M7LMLHY>

18:42:00 From Luke McCormick : Replying to "If you want credit f..."
cellear

18:42:19 From Brandon Lira : Reacted to "If you want credit..." with 👍

18:42:27 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "If you want credit f..." with 👍

18:42:32 From Brandon Lira : Replying to "If you want credit..."
brandonlira

18:43:25 From Chad Hester : Carlos talked in our meetup here in December about the IXP initiative. Here is the recording if you're interested: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCNF9FEP6d8>

18:44:39 From Sarah Lorenzen : Carlos is on the Drupal Slack channel as @camoa

18:44:42 From Luke McCormick : <https://www.drupal.org/u/camo>

18:46:48 From Brandon Lira : Reacted to "Carlos talked in o..." with 👍

18:46:54 From Brandon Lira : Reacted to "[https://www.drupal...](https://www.drupal.org/u/camo)" with 👍

18:48:13 From Luke McCormick : Backdrop Live starts at 8AM (pacific time, of course) tomorrow:
<https://events.backdropcms.org/>

18:48:33 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Backdrop Live starts..." with 🙌

18:49:01 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Backdrop Live starts..." with 🙌

18:51:25 From Sarah Lorenzen : Is that where the Spirit Bears are??

18:52:52 From Sarah Lorenzen : Michael is spearheading the IXP Program as well 😊

19:00:09 From Brandon Lira : Reacted to "Backdrop Live star..." with 🙌

19:07:20 From Sarah Lorenzen : Rolph

19:07:43 From Sarah Lorenzen : Fozzy is Waka Waka...

19:07:54 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "Fozzy is Waka Waka....." with 😊

19:07:58 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Fozzy is Waka Waka....." with 😊

19:08:38 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Fozzy is Waka Waka....." with 😊

19:08:49 From Sarah Lorenzen : I love Sophia!!!!

19:09:04 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Reacted to "Fozzy is Waka Waka....." with 😊

19:09:18 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Reacted to "Rolph" with 🐶

19:09:21 From Sarah Lorenzen : He uses his ADD Superpowers!

19:09:29 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "He uses his ADD Supe..." with 🏆

19:09:32 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Reacted to "Fozzy is Waka Waka...." with 🐻

19:11:01 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : It overlaps with DrupalCon Vienna week 😞

19:11:47 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Replying to "It overlaps with Dru..."
Yes, so a few people might have to make a choice between events, but we figured not too many people have that luxury

19:12:01 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "Yes, so a few people..." with 👍

19:12:32 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Replying to "It overlaps with Dru..."
We avoided Canadian Thanksgiving this year

19:12:52 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "It overlaps with Dru..."
What's Canadian Thanksgiving?

19:13:31 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Replying to "It overlaps with Dru..."
It's usually a Monday that coincides with our indigenous people's day - I think

19:13:41 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "It overlaps with Dru..."
We just usually get our favorite Burritos and tacos!

19:14:25 From Luke McCormick : (I'll need to ghost out in a few minutes)

19:14:36 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "(I'll need to ghost ...)" with 👍

19:14:39 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "(I'll need to ghost ...)" with 👍

19:16:31 From Sarah Lorenzen : Might want to do the next DrupalCon NA in Canada after Chicago...
safer and overall friendlier for all diversities

19:16:38 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "Might want to do the..." with +

19:16:49 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "Might want to do the..." with 👍

19:17:49 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Might want to do the..." with 👍

19:17:51 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Might want to do the..." with +

19:18:54 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Whatever happened to Drupal North? I think that one was a thing a number of years ago in Canada and used to take place in a different Canadian city and went to it in Ottawa back in 2017. Haven't heard anything about it though since after the pandemic started though

19:19:35 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "(I'll need to ghost ...)" with 👍

19:19:52 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Reacted to "Whatever happened to..." with 😞

19:20:35 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to Might want to do the... with "👍"

19:20:55 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to Whatever happened to... with "😞"

19:21:34 From Eric Wheeler : So nice seeing you all! I need to drop. 🙌

19:21:40 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "So nice seeing you a..." with 🙌

19:21:43 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to So nice seeing you a... with "🙌"

19:21:53 From Heather Wozniak (she/her) : Reacted to "So nice seeing you a..." with 🙌

19:22:15 From andriikocherhin : I can recommend botanic garden in Sydney, Australia. It was good as well 😊

19:22:17 From Sarah Lorenzen : Replying to "So nice seeing you a..."
Buy to your Sticker stealer too! I'll be sure to make some event stickers for her for PNW Summit.

19:22:30 From Tara Anderson : Removed a 🙌 reaction from "So nice seeing you a..."

19:22:31 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to So nice seeing you a... with " 🙌 "

19:26:44 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "I can recommend bota..." with 🎉

19:26:54 From Kristen Pol (she/her, Santa Cruz, CA) : Reacted to "So nice seeing you a..." with 🙌

19:35:46 From Sarah Lorenzen : Drupal Slack has a channel #diversity-inclusion that has a monthly meeting that gives a lot of advice in this area

19:38:05 From Natalie Cainaru (Norwood, New York) : Reacted to "I can recommend bota..." with 🌻

19:38:18 From Sarah Lorenzen : No DIV SOUP!

19:47:48 From Sarah Lorenzen : <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C08KBLV8EE8>

19:47:59 From Sarah Lorenzen : <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C08KVJKPUBS>

19:48:19 From Sarah Lorenzen : Links for the CMS Marketplace and Site Template Channels

19:56:38 From Sarah Lorenzen : 2024 - October 11-13, Seattle, WA - UW Seattle Campus
2018 - February 3-4, Portland, OR - PSU University Place Hotel
2017 - February 25-26, Vancouver, BC - SFU Harbour Centre
2015 - October 10-11, Seattle, WA - UW Seattle Campus
2014 - October 17-19, Portland, OR - PSU University Place Hotel
2013 - October 5-6, Vancouver, BC - SFU Harbour Centre
2012 - October 20-21, Seattle, WA - UW Seattle Campus
2011 - October 14-16, Portland, OR - PSU University Place Hotel
2010 - October 2-3, Vancouver, BC - UBC Robson Square
2009 - October 25-26, Seattle, WA - Adobe Campus, Fremont



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PTVDUG – Meetup Notes,

2025-05-07

These are meetup notes for the **Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group**.

Join the [drupal.slack.com #pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group channel](https://drupal.slack.com/#pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group-channel).

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716951169?pwd=FnEnEpu1WM2Qaw1nl1W9PzKnEFa9k3.1>

Event Information Link:

<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%93938pm-pt-2025-05-07>

RSVP Link: <https://www.meetup.com/portland-drupal/events/306652772/>

Meeting Recording:  **PTVDUG Meetup 2025-05-07, Drupal Recipes**

⚠ NOTE: All parts of the meetup are recorded for the benefit of the community and for accountability. Attendees should adhere to the Drupal community's code of conduct:

<https://www.drupal.org/dcoc>

Agenda

This is a recurring, virtual Drupal meetup, scheduled for people in the Pacific time zone—but folks from any time zone are welcome. If you are new to the Drupal community, please join us to learn more. And if you've been a part of our community for a while, please help us by sharing knowledge and support.

- 10–15 mins: Introductions for anyone new
 - If you'd like, please mention your name, contact details, and background.
 - If you're new, we'd love to get to know you!
 - If you're a regular, feel free to introduce yourself for anyone who is new.

- Share your drupal.org username in the chat so that we can give you credit for attending this meetup.
- 60 mins: Group discussion about Drupal Recipes.
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%9345pm-pt-2025-06-04>
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Pavlos Daniel (pavlosdan)
 - Peter Rubin (peterrubin)
 - Ryan Ositis (ryan ositis)
 - Fei Lauren (feilauren)
 - Norah Medlin (teknorah)
 - Jared Hanson
 - Tara Anderson (taanderson)
- Topics for next time?
 - Neurodiversity and inclusion: How can we support people with DEIA issues? E.g., Including government and private companies. Hiring and discrimination.
 - Perhaps Fei Lauren, Matthews Saunders, AmyJune, or Norah could offer insights.
 - Search and search engines, SEO/AEO
 - Contribute to Drupal CMS and Experience Builder
 - Drupal Marketplace? (pending town halls and surveys)
 - Nix, an alternative to DDev and Docker.

- Perhaps John Locke could join? (freelock) Tara can help if we vote.
- Virtual conference logistics and interest?
- Accessibility: Why is it important? How can you configure Drupal to be more accessible?
- Multilingual: How do you set that up? Best practices? Options?
- Multisite: When is it appropriate? How do you do it?
- Hosting for Drupal. Options? Sizes? Technical skills needed to manage?
- Pricing?
 - E.g., <https://drupito.com/>
- Deployment Workflow.
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Additional Resources

- <https://github.com/phenaproxima/xb-demo>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/project_browser
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/cod>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/event_platform
- https://www.drupal.org/project/profile_manager
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3489066>
- <https://www.drupal.org/docs/extending-drupal/drupal-recipes>
- https://git.drupalcode.org/project/distributions_recipes/-/tree/1.0.x/docs
- https://git.drupalcode.org/project/distributions_recipes/-/blob/1.0.x/docs/recipe.m_d
- https://gitlab.com/kevinquillen/drupal-base/-/blob/1.0.x/recipe.yml?ref_type=head_s
- <https://packagist.org/packages/kanopi/gin-admin-experience>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/recipe_generator
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/schemadotorg>

- <https://www.php.net/manual/en/datetime.formats.php>
- <https://www.apstylebook.com/>
- <https://drupito.com>
- <https://dontinterrupt.app/>

Meetup Summary

A summary of the meeting may be generated by AI and will be added below.

Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of Drupal development, including work schedules, conference attendance, and the use of recipes for site creation and management. The team discussed technical challenges, such as date formatting and configuration complexities, as well as potential solutions like AI integration and standardization. They also planned future meetups, suggesting topics like neurodiversity, search engines, and hosting solutions, while emphasizing the importance of user experience and adaptability in Drupal's evolution.

Next steps

- Ryan: Continue leading Caltrans intranet migration from Drupal 7 to Drupal 11 through 2026
- Eric: Moderate two sessions and distribute IXP initiative flyers, promote Mid Camp at WebCam conference tomorrow
- Chad: Present two sessions at WebCam conference tomorrow
- Chad: Consider moving meetup platform from Meetup.com to Luma for the second half of the year
- Pavlos: Share documentation and examples of the Profile Manager module to Ryan for potential use in his multi-site configuration management

- Pavlos: Follow up on the implementation status of the Recipe Generator CLI tool mentioned in the documentation
- Norah: Follow up on the Drupal Event Platform project with Martin Anderson regarding recipe implementation
- Chad: Prepare and organize the June meetup discussion on supporting neurodiversity and inclusion in the Drupal community
- John Locke: Prepare presentation on Nix and IXN as alternatives to Ddev and Docker for a future meetup
- Chad: Create and share meeting notes and recording
- Chad: Set up a vote in the Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group Slack channel for June's meeting topic
- Tara: Inform John Locke by Friday about potential speaking opportunity if selected for June's meetup
- Ryan: Re-engage with Drupal Slack community for ongoing discussions and updates
- Ryan: Share any additional topic ideas in the Slack channel for future meetings
- Team: Join the Pacific Time Virtual Drupal Users Group Slack channel if not already members

Summary

Work Schedules & Professional Persona

Chad and Eric discussed their work schedules and the challenges of maintaining a professional persona during work events. Chad shared his experience working at a company that provided patient education and his role in setting up booths at conferences. Eric mentioned his busy day with multiple meetings and his upcoming webinar moderation. Peter also shared his plans to attend a conference. The team discussed the option of recording sessions for future reference, with the caveat that sensitive topics or speakers may not want to be recorded.

Chad's Talk Strategy & Upcoming Release

Chad discussed his plans to try a different approach to his talks, either as a fire hose of information or with more audience participation. He also mentioned that he would give attendees the option to either absorb the information or ask questions. Eric shared that they have around 100 attendees registered for the event and around 40 for the in-person event. Ryan shared that he works for Caltrans and is leading the migration from Drupal 7 to 11 for the entire state's intranet. Peter and Fei shared their locations and experiences. Chad also mentioned that he would be scheduling the meetups on Loom for the rest of the year. The team also discussed the upcoming release of the Experience Builder in July.

Git & Recipes Demo Discussion

In the meeting, Norah sought advice on the best way to demo the latest experience builder. Pavlos and Eric suggested using Git, but noted that the demo on the project page was not the latest. Norah decided to try the demo to understand the functionality better. Chad asked about the use of recipes, to which Pavlos explained that it's different from install profiles or features, and is more like a starter kit. Chad also inquired about the possibility of updating recipes, to which Eric responded that it has been discussed but hasn't gained much traction.

Recipes in Drupal CMS Deployment

Pavlos and Chad discussed the concept of 'recipes' in the context of Drupal CMS. Chad likened it to a company specializing in specific niches, where recipes represent proven methods for deployment. Pavlos explained that recipes allow for customization of features in a site, such as articles or events, and can be picked and chosen when spinning up new sites. Chad asked about other value propositions, to which Pavlos responded that it's an efficiency for any code shop, not just agencies. Norah added that the concept of recipes makes sense for existing community projects, like the Drupal event platform, which aims to solve different use cases within the same project.

Drupal Recipe Management Challenges

The team discussed the use of recipes in Drupal, particularly for creating and managing sites. They considered the pros and cons of using recipes, including the potential for standardization and the need for customization. The team also discussed the challenges of managing multiple sites and the need for a more granular approach to recipes. They touched on the idea of creating a starting point for sites, which could be useful for both agencies and larger enterprises. The team also discussed the importance of user experience and the need for a more user-friendly approach to managing media.

Drupal Site Setup Challenges

The team discussed the challenges of setting up Drupal sites and the potential solutions, such as using recipes or config split. They also talked about the concept of a "golden example" site that could be used as a template for other sites. The idea of a repository with different components for each site was also mentioned. The team also discussed the possibility of a user interface for selecting recipes and the idea of rating recipes based on their popularity. The discussion ended with some basic questions about the setup process.

Recipe Creation & Sharing in Drupal

In the meeting, Chad, Pavlos, and Norah discussed the process of creating and sharing recipes in Drupal. They clarified that recipes are primarily created using YAML files and can be shared on Drupal.org. Chad also inquired about the process of updating recipes and installing them, which Pavlos and Norah explained. They also discussed the potential for using AI tools to generate recipes. The team also touched on the importance of standardization in content type structure, using schema.org as a reference.

PHP's AP Style Date Limitations

In the meeting, the team discussed the limitations of PHP in supporting AP style date formatting. They noted that PHP does not abbreviate month names, which is a

requirement in AP style. The team also discussed the challenges of dealing with international date formats and the importance of using standardized date formats like ISO. They also touched on the topic of date formats in file names and the potential for Y2K bugs. The conversation ended with a discussion on the use of Unix time as a potential solution.

Simplifying Complex Configurations with AI

The team discussed the evolution of Drupal and its potential for simplifying complex configurations. They explored the concept of "recipes" as a solution for automating initial configurations and providing a starting point for users. The team also discussed the importance of meeting users where they are, providing a spectrum of solutions, and considering the technical level and budget of potential clients. They touched on the idea of Drupal being overkill for basic needs and the need for appropriate solutions for different scales of complexity. The team also discussed the potential of AI in simplifying complex configurations and the importance of user experience.

Discussing Drupal Meetup Topics

In the meeting, Chad initiated a discussion about the topics to be covered in the upcoming Drupal meetups. The attendees suggested various topics, including neurodiversity and inclusion, search and search engines, Drupal marketplace, and hosting solutions. Ryan and Norah expressed interest in discussing accessibility and hosting solutions, respectively. The team agreed to vote on the topics and share any additional ideas in the Slack channel. The conversation ended with Chad encouraging everyone to stay connected through the Slack channel for real-time updates.

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Meeting Chat

18:22:11 From Chad Hester :
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%938pm-pt-2025-05-07>

18:22:57 From Chad Hester :
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?pli=1&tab=t.epkbnn751kgq

18:24:38 From Pavlos Daniel : <https://github.com/phenaproxima/xb-demo>

18:33:30 From Pavlos Daniel : https://www.drupal.org/project/project_browser

18:36:02 From Pavlos Daniel : You should talk with Martin hehe

18:37:22 From Chad Hester : Was just thinking about the Conference Organizing Distribution:
<https://www.drupal.org/project/cod>

18:37:28 From Pavlos Daniel : Found it: https://www.drupal.org/project/event_platform

18:39:32 From Norah Medlin : looks like recipes for event platform is in early stages, per this Move the Event Platform to a set of recipes

18:40:30 From Norah Medlin : Yes, but remember that recipes are "additive"

18:40:34 From Norah Medlin : yeah, starting point

18:40:53 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Pavlos you are so quiet!!

18:42:01 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Pavlos you are so qu..." with 👍

18:42:12 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "Pavlos you are so qu..."

Gonna adjust my mic settings thanks for the heads up

18:42:25 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "Pavlos you are so qu..."

Let me know if it helps next time I speak 😊

18:44:47 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "Pavlos you are so qu..."

Totes!

18:48:02 From Pavlos Daniel : Oh dear

18:49:49 From Norah Medlin : Recipes could enable web teams at separate companies/departments at the org?

18:50:16 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Reacted to "Recipes could enable..." with 👉

18:50:42 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "Recipes could enable..."

This is the succinct way to say it haha yeah exactly, thank you!!

18:53:52 From Pavlos Daniel : I'll just leave this here : https://www.drupal.org/project/profile_manager :)

18:54:33 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "I'll just leave this..."

@Ryan Ositis 🙌

18:58:02 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Replying to "Pavlos you are so qu..."

MUCH better!

18:58:57 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "MUCH better!" with 🍷

19:03:04 From Pavlos Daniel : <https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/issues/3489066>

19:04:01 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.drupal.org/docs/extending-drupal/drupal-recipes>

19:04:38 From Pavlos Daniel : https://git.drupalcode.org/project/distributions_recipes/-/tree/1.0.x/docs

19:05:01 From Norah Medlin :

https://git.drupalcode.org/project/distributions_recipes/-/blob/1.0.x/docs/recipe.md

19:06:20 From Fei Lauren (she/they) :

https://gitlab.com/kevinquillen/drupal-base/-/blob/1.0.x/recipe.yml?ref_type=heads

^^ Example

19:09:19 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : drush recipe ../recipes/[recipe-name] -v

19:15:20 From Norah Medlin : <https://packagist.org/packages/kanopi/gin-admin-experience>

19:17:12 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : https://www.drupal.org/project/recipe_generator

19:18:55 From Pavlos Daniel : Any recipe with cyanide should depend on
https://www.drupal.org/project/bad_judgement

19:19:38 From Chad Hester : Amaze.io

* not a sponsored ad

19:19:45 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Amaze.io

* not a sp..." with 🥰

19:19:52 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Amaze.io

* not a sp..." with 😊

19:20:21 From Tara Anderson : Hi, Tara from Alaska. I work for Freelock Computing. 😊👋

19:20:31 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Reacted to "Amaze.io

* not a sp..." with 🚀

19:20:35 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Hi, Tara from Alaska..." with 🙌

19:20:39 From Pavlos Daniel : <https://www.drupal.org/project/schemadotorg>

19:21:12 From Tara Anderson : Replying to "Hi, Tara from Alaska..."

I may or may not speak. I'm recovering from a bad cold with a bad cough.

19:21:26 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to Amaze.io

* not a sp... with "😊"

19:21:53 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Any recipe with cyan..." with 💙

19:21:58 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Any recipe with cyan..." with 😊

19:21:59 From Eric Wheeler : remove 💙

19:22:12 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "Hi, Tara from Alaska..." with 🙌

19:22:21 From Tara Anderson : 😊

19:22:53 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.php.net/manual/en/datetime.formats.php>

19:23:22 From Pavlos Daniel : There's a module for that https://www.drupal.org/project/date_ap_style

19:24:16 From Chad Hester : When using a month with a specific date, abbreviate January (Jan.), February (Feb.), August (Aug.), September (Sept.), October (Oct.), November (Nov.), and December (Dec.). The other months (April, May, June, July) will still be spelled out, even when with a specific date.

19:24:35 From Pavlos Daniel : I would argue that its the US that has it flipped 🤔😅

19:24:55 From Norah Medlin : <https://www.php.net/manual/en/datetime.format.php>

19:24:56 From Tara Anderson : <https://www.apstylebook.com/>

19:25:22 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "<https://www.apstyleb...>" with 🙄

19:25:45 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "<https://www.apstyleb...>" with 👍

19:26:34 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "<https://www.apstyleb...>"

Maybe I'll order the spiral bound print version of this and send it to our designers haha

19:26:45 From Chad Hester : Replying to "<https://www.apstyleb...>"

I had it, it's great!

19:48:30 From Tara Anderson : I appreciate the kitty time! 🐱

19:48:53 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "I appreciate the kit..."

He's complaining he s not getting attention xD

19:52:53 From Pavlos Daniel : [pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group](https://www.pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group)

19:52:58 From Norah Medlin : @Tara Anderson check out <https://drupito.com/> as a cheap hosting and maintenance solution for Drupal

19:53:16 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "@Tara Anderson chec..." with 🙌

19:54:16 From Pavlos Daniel : TIL: pantheon doesn't allow multisite

19:54:57 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to @Tara Anderson chec... with 🙌

19:55:29 From Tara Anderson : Replying to "I appreciate the kit..."

🐱🐱

19:57:41 From Tara Anderson : I would be interested in work flow deployment info. There keep on being new competing apps for deployment & project scheduling to sort through.

19:58:11 From Pavlos Daniel : On the workflow topic.... Workspaces xD (content workflow though not development workflows)

19:58:52 From Norah Medlin : @Ryan Ositis - try out <https://dontinterrupt.app/>

19:59:00 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to On the workflow topi... with 👍

19:59:34 From Pavlos Daniel : I have my Mac in permanent DND mode 😊



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2025-06-04

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RSVP Link: <https://www.meetup.com/portland-drupal/events/306652773/>

Meeting Recording:  **PTVDUG Meetup 2025-06-04, Drupal Hosting**

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Agenda

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- 10–15 mins: Introductions for anyone new
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 - If you're new, we'd love to get to know you!
 - If you're a regular, feel free to introduce yourself for anyone who is new.

- Share your drupal.org username in the chat so that we can give you credit for attending this meetup.
- 60 mins: Group discussion about Drupal hosting.
 - What types of hosting providers are there? I.e., managed versus not?
 - Self-hosting (your own in-house server or data center)
 - Agency hosted
 - Cloud-hosting
 - Managed cloud hosts
 - What are the most popular hosting providers for Drupal?
 - AWS
 - Azure
 - Google Cloud
 - Acquia
 - Pantheon
 - Platform.sh
 - DigitalOcean
 - Linode
 - Dreamhost
 - PreviousNext (AWS)
 - What providers support more than just Drupal?
 - What are their costs?
 - What tools do they provide?
 - Acquia Site Factory, Site Studio, etc.
 - Is there any concern for vendor lock-in with proprietary Drupal and hosting tools?
 - What workflows do they support?
 - How are backups managed?
 - How easy is it to migrate to or from each provider?
 - Are there any important or controversial aspects to keep in mind with a host? E.g., #NoHostForHate

- What are the costs?
- Are there good resources to explore hosts that support Drupal websites and provide lists of features, relative costs, and other considerations?
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
 - We are moving over to use Luma instead of the Portland group's meetup.com account.
 - This is our next meetup's RSVP page: <https://lu.ma/ovqzwcqv>
 - Future meetups will be posted on the PTVDUG calendar: <https://lu.ma/calendar/cal-dldApSVhB0GTAhT>
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Andrii Kocherhin (man-1982)
 - John Locke (freelock)
 - Chris Kelly (tolstoydotcom)
 - Tara Anderson (taanderson)
- Topics for next time?
 - (previously mentioned topics)
 - Running a business on Drupal, providing Drupal-related services
 - Experience Builder
 - Submitting sessions for events

Additional Resources

- Member platform initiative: a Drupal CMS distro for small groups like ours.
- <https://github.com/TolstoyDotCom/sheephole>
- <https://pnwdrupalsummit.org/>

- The #pnw-drupal-summit channel on Drupal Slack:
<https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C074J1F6ALC>

Meetup Summary

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Quick recap

The meeting began with participants discussing their locations and commutes before transitioning into a detailed conversation about Drupal hosting options, including various platforms and considerations for different types of projects. The group explored technical aspects of hosting solutions, security concerns, and the importance of ethical considerations when recommending hosting options to clients. The discussion concluded with updates about upcoming events, including the Pacific Northwest Drupal Camp in October, and plans for future meetups with session submissions due in July.

Next steps

- Chad: Submit a session proposal for the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit in Portland before July 11th deadline
- Tara: Follow up with potential client regarding their website upgrade needs
- Chad: Update the Luma calendar platform with future meetup dates and share the link with the group
- Chad: Review topic list and assess interest level to determine if July 2nd meetup will proceed
- Chad: Share the meeting recording and notes in Slack after conversion
- John: Share the hosting guide from his website with the group
- Chad: Give credit on drupal.org to meetup attendees who provide their usernames
- Chad: Investigate Canadian hosting providers for potential future client work

- Tara: Research transportation options from Anchorage airport to PNW Drupal Summit venue
- Tara: Check with Freelock regarding potential carpooling arrangements for the summit
- Tara: Join the PNW-drupal-summit Slack channel for summit coordination
- Team: Consider attending the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit and plan logistics if attending
- Chad: Add "Running a business on Drupal" to future meetup topics list
- Chad: Add "Experience Builder user feedback" to future meetup topics list

Summary

Work Commutes & Living Locations

Chad, John, and Andrii discussed their locations and commutes. Chad shared his experience living on Vancouver Island, noting the challenges with internet access and cell phone signal. Andrii mentioned his 30-minute commute to the office and his preference for working there. They briefly talked about their respective locations and commutes, with Chad mentioning his past experiences living on Vancouver Island.

Drupal Community Platform Updates

The meeting focused on Drupal hosting and community updates. Chad announced changes to the group's platform from Meetup.com to Luma, a free alternative, and discussed plans for summer meetups, which may be canceled if no one attends. Chris shared his work on improving Drupal's permission system, and John introduced a membership platform initiative that could benefit the group. The community was encouraged to spread the word about the group and upcoming meetups, with John offering to provide hosting if needed.

Drupal Hosting Options Discussion

The group discussed Drupal hosting options, with Chad inquiring about different types of hosts and their nuances. Andriikocherhin provided examples of various hosting solutions, including managed and unmanaged hosts, as well as cloud hosting options. Chad also mentioned the upcoming Drupal summit in Portland, Oregon, and briefly touched on the history of the Pacific Northwest region.

Drupal Hosting Options & Compliance

Chad and John discussed various hosting options for Drupal sites, including self-hosting, managed hosting, and cloud hosting platforms like Acquia and Pantheon. They highlighted the importance of compliance with standards like FedRAMP, PCI, HIPAA, GDPR, and CCPA, particularly for government and enterprise-level projects. John emphasized their company's preference for self-hosting and managing servers, while Chad explained the nuances of different hosting setups, including the layers of tools and services offered by platforms like Acquia. They also touched on the costs, responsibilities, and challenges associated with different hosting approaches.

Drupal Hosting Solutions & Challenges

The group discussed various aspects of Drupal hosting, including different hosting solutions like Acquia, Pantheon, and more cost-effective options like DigitalOcean or Linode. They explored the challenges of migration between hosts, particularly when dealing with proprietary tools or vendor lock-in. The conversation also touched on the importance of considering factors such as security, performance, and scalability when choosing a host, especially for enterprise-level businesses. Additionally, they discussed the ethical considerations involved in hosting decisions, including concerns about a host's clients or business practices.

Ethical Hosting Options for Drupal

The group discussed hosting options for Drupal websites, with Chad emphasizing the importance of considering both ethical and financial factors when making recommendations to clients. John mentioned their hosting guide on the website, which outlines different hosting categories and costs, while Tara suggested looking into ethical hosting options and ensuring informed consent from clients regarding their hosting choices. The conversation also touched on the high costs of certain enterprise tools, like Acquia's digital asset management system, and the value of having a diverse toolkit of hosting options to better serve clients' needs.

Drupal Hosting Platform Comparisons

The group discussed various hosting options for Drupal sites, with John explaining their multi-cloud approach using AWS, Google Cloud, and DigitalOcean for hosting smaller clients at around \$400 monthly. Tara inquired about GoDaddy hosting, and John noted while Drupal can run on GoDaddy, database performance issues and FTP limitations make it unsuitable for serious development. Chris shared an experience with Azure's load balancer causing performance issues, and John recounted a case where routing problems between DigitalOcean and Scalegrid caused slow performance that was resolved by moving the database server closer to the application server.

Drupal Security Update Challenges

The group discussed security concerns around automatic updates for Drupal websites, with Chris proposing a Java application that runs on the desktop as a safer alternative. Chad shared insights on approaching security conversations with organizations, emphasizing the importance of understanding their maturity level and using empathetic, non-confrontational language. The discussion highlighted the challenges of convincing organizations to prioritize security updates, particularly for older versions of Drupal, and the need for technologists to approach these conversations with sensitivity and patience.

Drupal Experience Builder Beta Release

Chad discussed the upcoming beta release of Experience Builder in Drupal, highlighting its goal to achieve feature stability. He shared his personal experience with an outdated Drupal website and the challenges of upgrading, emphasizing the importance of considering both the website and server environments. Chad and Tara agreed on the need to approach clients gently when discussing upgrades, focusing on improvements rather than fear-mongering about security issues. Tara mentioned a potential client who was hesitant about website upgrades but open to discussing improvements.

Planning Pacific Northwest Drupal Camp

The group discussed the Pacific Northwest Drupal Camp in October, with Chad expressing uncertainty about attending due to concerns about crossing the US border and potential privacy issues. Tara mentioned she was considering attending, potentially with help from Free Lock covering her ticket, and discussed transportation options including a train from Anchorage. They agreed to continue planning discussions in the PNW-Drupal-Summit Slack channel, with Chad offering to share session submission details and notes from the meeting. The next meetup was scheduled for July 2nd, with session submissions due on the 11th, and they discussed potential topics including running a Drupal business and Experience Builder usage.

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Meeting Chat

18:14:04 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : My profile: <https://www.drupal.org/u/tolstoydotcom>

18:35:57 From Tara Anderson : Good evening! 🤔👋

19:15:18 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : <https://github.com/TolstoyDotCom/sheephole>

19:16:42 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : uofmhealth.org

19:16:47 From John Locke : I gotta drop... Thanks for the conversation!

19:17:12 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : <https://www.borenawards.org/>

19:20:22 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : vta.org seems to be on 9 too

19:23:25 From Chris Kelly - WisdomTree.dev : I'm going to watch the 3rd period, but interesting conversation, thanks. I'm currently looking for a remote contract doing backend work so feel free to reach out if you know something. I can also do hourly consultations.

19:24:00 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "I'm going to watch t..." with 👍

19:24:23 From Tara Anderson : Reacted to I'm going to watch t... with " 👍 "

19:43:51 From Chad Hester : <https://pnwdrupalsummit.org/>

19:48:49 From Chad Hester : <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C074J1F6ALC>



2025-07-02



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RSVP Link: <https://lu.ma/ovqzcwqv>

Meeting Recording:  [PTVDUG Meetup 2025-07-02, Neurodiversity & Inclusion](#)

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- 60 mins: Group discussion about neurodiversity and inclusion.
 - Perhaps Fei Lauren, Matthews Saunders, AmyJune, or Norah could offer insights.
 - **DISCLAIMER:** We are not medical nor legal professionals. If you need help, please consult someone qualified to provide you the support you need. Our aim in this discussion is to share our experiences and hopes for improvement in the workplace and in our lives.
 - How can we support people with DEIA issues? E.g., Including government and private companies.
 - Hiring and discrimination.
 - Better job descriptions.
 - Coaching and recruiters to help navigate job opportunities.
 - Networking and referrals.
 - Interviews are for both parties.
 - Work with an ally to honestly navigate opportunities.
 - Finding and keeping work.
 - Understand what accommodations you should ask for. What is mutually beneficial and fair.
 - Overall social challenges.
 - Accommodations.
 - Good communication practices and expectation setting. The price of being misunderstood or holding the wrong context.
 - Time management and accountability. E.g., time sheets, punctuality, budgeting work.
 - Information management and organization.
 - Recognizing mental and physical fatigue.
 - Distributed leadership.

- Understand motivators: urgency, novelty, interest, ease, and imperfection.
 - Understand a person's drive.
- Routines and needs.
- Medicine impacts and challenges.
- Support, especially outside of work.
- Organization.
- Good days and bad days.
- Resources?
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%93938pm-pt-2025-08-06>
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Fei Lauren (feilauren)
 - Natalie Cainaru (cainaru)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Pavlos Daniel (pavlosdan)
 - Mike McCaffrey (mikemccaffrey)
- Topics for next time?
 - New Kalamuna base them with Mike McCaffrey
 - PNW Summit session review with Pavlos Daniel
 - Developing modules and themes with performance in mind (Fei)
 - Planning a virtual conference, summit, or camp

Additional Resources

- <https://howtoadhd.com/>
- <https://drhallowell.com/read/books-by-ned/> (e.g., Driven to Distraction)
-  Beyond Inclusion - Doing the Right Thing, Drupal Style
- <https://www.danpink.com/books/drive/>
- <https://www.radicalcandor.com/>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/experience_builder/issues/3515932

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Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions and technical troubleshooting, followed by discussions about neurodiversity and inclusion in the workplace, including challenges with cognitive overload, communication barriers, and strategies for supporting neurodivergent employees. The group explored workplace accommodations, leadership models, and personal motivation strategies, with particular focus on how to accommodate different needs and leverage individual strengths. The conversation ended with updates on ongoing projects including a new base theme for Kalmuna and upcoming presentations, as well as discussions about organizing a virtual DrupalCon to improve accessibility for remote participants.

Next steps

- Chad & Fei: Create a proposal for DrupalCon Global/Virtual based on the DrupalCon Working Group requirements and templates. Follow up on organizing a virtual Drupal conference/camp, including reaching out to previous organizers and community members in different regions
- Fei: Connect with organizers in Ukraine and Africa to explore interest in virtual Drupal events
- All Team Members: Document examples of successful accommodations for neurodivergent employees to share with the team
- Chad: Share the resources mentioned about leadership and neurodiversity in the meeting notes
- Chad: Post meeting notes and recording for the current session

Summary

Neurodiversity & Inclusion Discussion

The meeting began with introductions and technical troubleshooting, with Fei successfully resolving an audio connection issue. Chad mentioned that several participants, including Amy June, Matthew Saunders, and Nora, were expected to join but had not yet done so. The group discussed the purpose of the meeting, which focused on neurodiversity and inclusion, with Chad emphasizing that the session was not intended to provide medical or legal advice but rather to facilitate peer support and workplace improvement. As the meeting progressed, participants shared personal updates and awaited additional attendees before proceeding with the planned discussion.

Overcoming Cognitive & Communication Barriers

The group discussed challenges with cognitive overload, communication, and attention in both neurotypical and ADHD contexts. Fei shared how managing multiple projects and channels in Slack can lead to information overload, while Chad emphasized that multitasking is actually rapid context switching and advocated for serializing tasks instead. The conversation explored how communication barriers arise from both senders and receivers having different contexts and information processing capabilities, with Eric sharing personal examples of miscommunication due to assumptions about shared context.

Neurodiversity Hiring & Retention Strategies

The group discussed strategies for supporting individuals with neurodiversity and marginalized identities in hiring and job retention. They explored ways to improve job descriptions, such as keeping them concise and letting candidates demonstrate their skills. Fei emphasized the importance of interviewing as an opportunity for both the employer and candidate to assess fit. The group also discussed the challenges of disclosing

neurodivergence during interviews and the benefits of having accommodations in place. Chad suggested asking about a company's diversity and inclusion programs during interviews as a way to gauge their openness to neurodivergent employees.

Neurodivergent Workplace Accommodation Strategies

The group discussed workplace accommodations, particularly focusing on clear communication practices and time management for neurodivergent employees. Chad emphasized the importance of well-defined expectations and commitment languages, while Fei shared challenges with timesheets and suggested alternative solutions like local device tools to track work efficiently. The conversation concluded with a discussion about distributed leadership models and the benefits of creating supportive work cultures that accommodate various needs, noting that many ADHD-friendly practices also benefit neurotypical employees.

Leadership Insights & Inclusivity

Chad shared insights from leadership books, emphasizing that leaders should not manage more than five people and must take ownership of mistakes, be accountable for team performance, and provide proper accommodations. Fei highlighted how poor leadership disproportionately affects marginalized people, including those with ADHD and autism, and discussed the importance of having empathetic and patient managers. They also touched on the value of being able to switch teams for a fresh start and the need for individuals with ADHD to sometimes be louder and more opinionated.

Task Strategies for Neurodivergent Individuals

Chad discussed strategies for overcoming the challenge of starting tasks, particularly for individuals with ADHD and autism, emphasizing the importance of understanding dopamine deficiency and exploring treatments like medication or therapy. He highlighted

the value of breaking tasks into smaller parts, focusing on personal motivation, and reframing tasks to make them more interesting or beneficial. Fei shared insights on reframing to-do lists as "to-do because" lists, emphasizing the emotional and long-term benefits of tasks, while Pavlos and Natalie discussed the role of external motivation and self-care in task completion.

Motivation & Workplace Accommodation Strategies

Chad and Fei discussed personal motivation and workplace accommodations, with Chad recommending Daniel Pink's book "Drive" and Fei sharing how she balances work by dedicating specific days to administrative tasks and AI research. They agreed that understanding and accommodating individual drives can help harness potential, with Fei noting that workplace candor about neurodiversity helps create a supportive environment. The conversation concluded with Chad recommending Kim Scott's "Radical Candor" and discussing how the workplace often rewards career advancement over expertise, suggesting a need to better recognize and reward those who excel in their specific roles.

Operant Conditioning & Behavior Reinforcement

Chad and Fei discussed operant conditioning, with Chad explaining how rewarding desired behaviors strengthens neural pathways while punishing undesired ones doesn't always work. Fei shared personal examples of using positive reinforcement, including giving herself stickers as rewards and rebranding water as "flow juice" to make drinking it more enjoyable. They agreed that reframing tasks as playful activities can help overcome motivational challenges, with play, novelty, and urgency being sources of dopamine that can help condition positive behaviors.

Car Maintenance & Emergency Access

The group discussed various experiences with car maintenance, particularly focusing on Mike's recent flat tire incident where he had to locate the jack under the driver's seat, which led to a discussion about the accessibility and design of emergency equipment in vehicles. They explored how better design and labeling could improve emergency situations, with suggestions including keeping the jack in the trunk and providing clear instructions or labels. The conversation concluded with Fei expressing concern about RV tire maintenance and the need to locate appropriate jacking equipment for recreational vehicles.

Kalmuna Theme & Experience Builder

The group discussed ongoing projects and upcoming presentations. Mike reported working on a new base theme for Kalmuna, combining two existing themes and revisiting common practices. Pavlos mentioned preparing for a PNW Summit session on using common Drupal modules effectively. The group also discussed the upcoming release of the Experience Builder, with a target date of July 31st. Chad noted that this was a fluid deadline and expressed excitement about using the Experience Builder for his personal website.

Virtual DrupalCon Planning Discussion

The group discussed organizing a virtual DrupalCon, with Chad proposing a pilot test as a camp or summit to assess feasibility and accessibility. Fei shared that the DrupalCon working group has developed templates and financial models to support regional events, but no specific plans for a global virtual event exist yet. They agreed to explore organizing a virtual event, potentially focusing on regions with higher barriers to in-person attendance, and to reach out to experienced virtual event organizers for guidance.

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Meeting Chat

18:07:00 From Chad Hester : Here is our meetup notes document for today:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?pli=1&tab=t.4spzphmxhg1y

18:18:46 From Natalie Cainaru : And resetting that timer can be very tricky when you're billable hours like in professional services 😓

18:19:29 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "And resetting that t..." with +

18:25:41 From Natalie Cainaru : The unfortunate "coping mechanism" I developed over the years was to be extremely detailed and thorough, which has led me to become too verbose at times.

18:27:15 From Pavlos Daniel : I can go if its cause of me xD lol

18:27:31 From Eric Wheeler : Reacted to "I can go if its caus..." with 😊

18:27:45 From Fei Lauren (she/they) : Lol omg no it's my wif

18:31:10 From Pavlos Daniel : My rule of thumb is: nothing is a must have. If I meet at least 50% of the "required" koalifications I'll apply for it 😊

18:31:56 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "My rule of thumb is:..." with +

18:33:02 From Pavlos Daniel : I dunno. Referrals have been 50/50 for me.

18:34:26 From Pavlos Daniel : Eeeeew depends. When the mortgage is due I'll take the paycheque xD

18:34:34 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Eeeeew depends. When..." with 😊

18:35:02 From Pavlos Daniel : Not "eeew"...that was supposed to be an "eeeh"

18:36:54 From Chad Hester : Body doubling!

18:37:08 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Body doubling!" with 🙌

18:37:18 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "Body doubling!"
I volunteer as tribute!

18:37:47 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "Body doubling!"
Sometimes its the only way for me to get stuff done

18:38:21 From Pavlos Daniel : How does contributing to open source work here.

18:38:38 From Pavlos Daniel : If they say we don't like contributing or opensource, I'm out

18:38:43 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "How does contributin..." with ❤️

18:38:49 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "How does contributin..." with +

18:38:51 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "If they say we don't..." with +

18:41:22 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "If they say we don't..." with +

18:45:11 From Pavlos Daniel : Speaking of getting and keeping the job. Do y'all disclose ur neurodivergency if any? I don't until I feel really really really really comfortable. Especially during the recruitment phase when they ask for whether u identify with any groups, I always

answer no even if I have things in the list out of fear of considered a potential problem or resource drain etc.

18:52:29 From Pavlos Daniel : Right?!what do I even ask for?! This 100%

18:53:31 From Pavlos Daniel : No timesheets xD half joking and half not joking. Time sheets as someone with time management issues are the bane of my existence

18:53:44 From Natalie Cainaru : Replying to "Speaking of getting ..."
I think it depends for me. In one of my previous roles long long ago, I ended up disclosing my neurodivergency to a manager who (at the time) I had (mistakenly) trusted, and I got burned royally by it.
However, years after that at a more recent previous role, I ended up disclosing my neurodivergency when I noticed other folks around being more open about their own neurodivergencies.

18:54:01 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "No timesheets xD hal..." with 👉

18:54:05 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "No timesheets xD hal..." with ➕

18:54:12 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "No timesheets xD hal..." with ⬆️

19:00:01 From Pavlos Daniel : Or bigger buckets to log time against instead of logging every single minute for every single thing. T_T

19:00:29 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Or bigger buckets to..." with 👉

19:02:40 From Pavlos Daniel : I have to reposition myself

19:03:56 From Natalie Cainaru : Ohhh, I would have loved a "tagging out" sort of system at my last role... that seems like a huge way to mitigate burnout 😭

19:08:03 From Pavlos Daniel : Or as we say in Cyprus... the fish smells from the head

19:11:27 From Pavlos Daniel : preach

19:12:43 From Pavlos Daniel : See my immediate thought would be... why did they change teams do they not like me? 😊

19:13:11 From Pavlos Daniel : Also true lol

19:13:34 From Pavlos Daniel : If everyone likes me I'm like... wth is wrong with u people

19:27:01 From Pavlos Daniel : Life at my previous role... one fire to the next...

19:27:08 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Life at my previous ..." with 😊

19:27:12 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Life at my previous ..." with 👉

19:28:05 From Eric Wheeler : Lovely seeing everybody, I need to go and put the kid to bed. 😊

19:28:07 From Pavlos Daniel : Replying to "Life at my previous ..."
"What fresh hell will I get parachuted in today" - was the thought every morning

19:28:20 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Lovely seeing everyb..." with ❤️

19:28:40 From Natalie Cainaru : Replying to "Life at my previous ..."
Glad to know I wasn't the only one with that thought every morning (especially when returning from vacations)

19:28:45 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Lovely seeing everyb..." with ❤️

19:28:49 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to ""What fresh hell wil..." with +

19:29:01 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "Glad to know I wasn'..." with 😊

19:31:48 From Pavlos Daniel : Noted... get a clicker and a bag of treats xD

19:32:46 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Noted... get a clicker..." with 👉

19:34:45 From Pavlos Daniel : I need to find my own "stickers"

19:37:43 From Pavlos Daniel : +1

19:41:52 From Pavlos Daniel : lol

19:42:21 From Pavlos Daniel : It's like an escape room U have to find the jack, then find the lever, then the spare is hidden somewhere else...

19:45:01 From Pavlos Daniel : Next time u r in Vancouver, u r teaching me too ;p

19:47:32 From Pavlos Daniel : Nothing is important \o/

19:48:30 From Pavlos Daniel : I need to put together my session for PNW summit T_T

19:53:29 From Chad Hester : https://www.drupal.org/project/experience_builder/issues/3515932

19:54:09 From Pavlos Daniel : Whoever goes, get me a tshirt

19:55:47 From Pavlos Daniel : Or generally how to organize smaller events like that

19:56:02 From Pavlos Daniel : Keenly aware that next year we r supposed to host the PNW in Vancouver 😊

19:58:45 From Pavlos Daniel : Drupalcon Canada!

19:58:52 From Pavlos Daniel : MapleCon!

19:58:52 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Drupalcon Canada!" with 📶

19:58:56 From Natalie Cainaru : Reacted to "Drupalcon Canada!" with +

20:00:03 From Pavlos Daniel : Wasn't there a university that did a big Drupal virtual event? Stanford?

20:00:33 From Pavlos Daniel : That would be great!



2025-08-06



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Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Luke McCormick (cellear)
 - Andrii Kocherhin (man-1982)
 - Andrés Laverde (alaverde)
 - Janna Malikova (jannakha)
 - Rashmit Sidhu ()
 - Pooja Upadhyay (pooja.addweb)
 - Bob Snodgrass (bsnodgrass)
 - Mike McCaffrey (mikemccaffrey)
- Topics for next time?
 - Virtual Conference
 - Helping newcomers to Drupal
 - How to set up a local development environment
 - How to contribute to Drupal

Additional Resources

- <https://drupalsouth.org/events/drupalsouth-wellington-2026>
- <https://www.drupal.org/ixp>
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Next steps

- Chad: Update the meetup notes with the Drupal South conference link shared by Janna
- Chad: Explore forming a committee to plan a virtual conference with alternative formats suitable for online events
- Chad: Reach out to Fay regarding potential Drupal Association support for virtual conferences
- Chad: Organize the next virtual meetup on the first Wednesday of the next month from 6-8 PM Pacific Time
- Chad: Organize a future meetup topic about inclusive community and neurodivergent individuals
- Chad: Organize a future virtual meetup on setting up local development environments for Drupal

- Chad: Talk to people about organizing a Drupal lunch and learn promotion
- Chad: Talk to people about potential future meetup topics based on Andrii's suggestion
- Bob: Reach out to other meetup organizers in the Central US time zone about coordinating joint virtual/in-person meetups
- Janna: Present her "Security by Design" talk at Drupalcon in Austria
- Janna: Share information about the Drupal South conference in Wellington, New Zealand in May next year
- Janna: Share links to Melbourne and GovCMS meetups in the chat
- Andres: Check out the Drupal Inexperience Initiative shared by Chad for learning Drupal
- Andres: Consider what presentations would be helpful for new Drupal users at future virtual events
- Andres: Review the drupal.org installation guide and provide feedback on any missing or unclear steps
- Andres: Explore the Drupal Association's video library for past DrupalCon presentations relevant to his learning needs
- Andres: Consider proposing a specific topic for the next meetup
- Andres: Review Selwyn's documentation on Drupal entities to better understand foundational concepts
- Andres: Focus on learning how the Drupal API and hooks work to avoid implementing "hacks"
- Pooja: Explore ways to contribute to the Drupal ecosystem as a non-technical person
- Mike: Prepare a session on ensuring proper heading structure in Experience Builder for the Northwest Summit
- All participants: Consider presenting at future virtual meetups or conferences
- All participants: Share their drupal.org usernames in the chat to receive credit for participation

- All attendees: Consider sharing the Drupal Inexperience Initiative link with people new to Drupal
- All attendees: Explore ways to contribute to the Drupal ecosystem beyond coding
- All attendees: Explore starting their own local virtual meetups if interested
- Interested participants: Consider joining the planning committee for the virtual conference

Summary

Travel Plans & Tech Discussions

The meeting was informal and casual, with participants discussing travel and vacation plans. Chad mentioned he made the meeting topic more open-ended, including the possibility of discussing a virtual conference, though Faye might not have news to share from the Drupal Association. The group also talked about the challenges of registration links and Chad offered to improve the process if issues arise. Participants shared travel experiences, including Chad's trip to Savory Islands, and discussed the time difference between different locations, particularly between Australia and Vancouver.

Drupal South Conference Planning Meeting

The meeting began with Janna Aus announcing the upcoming Drupal South conference in New Zealand in May next year. Chad provided an overview of the virtual meetup structure, including how to share Drupal.org usernames for credit, and explained that the meetups are recorded for community support and accessibility. He encouraged new attendees to introduce themselves, and Luke McCormick shared his background in web development since 1994 and his interest in bringing the Pacific Time users group together.

Drupal Community Introduction Meeting

The meeting began with introductions, where participants shared their backgrounds and experiences with Drupal. Andrés, a new Drupal user, expressed his enthusiasm for the platform despite being a beginner. Janna, an Australian community member, highlighted her transition from other platforms to Drupal and mentioned her upcoming presentation on security at a Drupal conference in Austria. Rashmit, the community manager from India, emphasized her role in connecting and contributing to the Drupal community. Mike and Bob also shared their experiences and involvement with Drupal, with Bob mentioning his long-standing involvement with the Fox Valley Drupal Meetup. The meeting focused on introductions and passing the speaking stick to the next participant.

Virtual Drupal Conference Planning Discussion

The group discussed the potential for organizing virtual Drupal conferences and meetups. Chad proposed exploring both small-scale, DIY virtual conferences and larger, time-zone-based events, with considerations for time zone challenges and community engagement. Bob shared experiences from Fox Valley Drupal meetups, highlighting successful formats during COVID-19, while Rashmit and Janna emphasized the importance of attracting new participants and offering beginner-oriented workshops. The group agreed on the need for further discussion and planning, with a focus on innovative formats to enhance virtual event participation.

Drupal Community Engagement Strategies

The group discussed virtual meetups and community contributions in the Drupal ecosystem. Chad shared resources for learning Drupal, including the Drupal Inexperience Initiative (IXP) and Mike Canella's courses. They explored the challenges of organizing in-person events versus virtual meetups, considering factors like attendance, accessibility, and financial incentives. Pooja, a director of client relations from India, joined the meeting and shared her experience with Drupal migrations and interest in contributing to the

community. The group discussed various ways to contribute to Drupal, including coding, translations, documentation, and helping organize events.

Drupal Learning Resources Discussion

The group discussed various resources for learning Drupal, including Drupal Easy, Drupalize.me, and Acquia's courses. Chad shared his experience with these resources and emphasized the importance of understanding navigation, content types, and page layouts before diving into Drupal. Andrés mentioned his current role maintaining Okanagan College's website and his challenges with Drupal installation. The group also discussed the difficulty of setting up a local development environment for Drupal, with Chad suggesting it could be a topic for a future virtual meetup. Janna encouraged Andrés to provide feedback on the official Drupal installation guide to help improve it for beginners.

Drupal Development Best Practices

Chad provided guidance on working with Drupal, emphasizing the importance of understanding how to affect change in contrib modules and core, as well as the significance of PHP, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript skills for backend work. He highlighted the benefits of using Twig over PHP templates and encouraged new users to conduct thorough audits of websites to understand their structure. Andrés expressed a need for more guidance on Drupal APIs, hooks, and backend processes, and Mike discussed the use of Twig Tweak, noting potential issues with updates but overall recommending its use. Chad recommended exploring Selwyn's documentation for a better understanding of Drupal's foundational concepts.

Drupal's Experience Builder Concerns

The group discussed concerns about Drupal's direction, particularly regarding Experience Builder. Mike and Bob expressed worries about the loss of structured content and accessibility features in Experience Builder, while Janna shared insights from attending a

conference where React developers were criticizing the rapid changes in their technology. The discussion highlighted tensions between enterprise-level requirements and accessibility for smaller organizations, with Janna noting that government agencies in Australia are moving away from Drupal to proprietary solutions due to procurement pressures.

Drupal Community Events Overview

The group discussed upcoming Drupal events, including Drupal South 2024 in Wellington, New Zealand, and various local meetups. Janna mentioned the Gov CMS monthly meetups and a community week in November. Chad explained that the virtual Drupal users group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8 PM Pacific Time, and encouraged participants to join the Slack channel for ongoing community discussions.

Meeting Chat

18:08:40 From Luke McCormick : d.o: cellar

18:08:47 From @JannaAus : do: jannakha

18:09:15 From andriikocherhin : <https://www.drupal.org/u/man-1982>

18:09:54 From @JannaAus : DrupalSouth Wellington 2026:
<https://drupalsouth.org/events/drupalsouth-wellington-2026>

18:10:39 From Andrés Laverde : do: alaverde
<https://www.drupal.org/u/alaverde>

18:26:43 From @JannaAus : <https://www.popdata.bc.ca/>

18:27:44 From @JannaAus : anyone worked on this website or knows their IT team?

18:33:34 From Chad Hester : Replying to "anyone worked on thi..."
I haven't heard of it, but it looks like a great cause.

18:45:22 From Bob Snodgrass : bsnodgrass

18:45:29 From Mike McCaffrey (he/him) : mikemccaffrey

18:46:50 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/ixp>

18:47:11 From Bob Snodgrass : Reacted to "<https://www.drupal.o...>" with 👍

18:47:17 From Chad Hester : Reacted to "<https://www.drupal.o...>" with 👍

18:47:18 From Chad Hester : Removed a 👍 reaction from "<https://www.drupal.o...>"

18:49:13 From Andrés Laverde : Reacted to "<https://www.drupal.o...>" with 👍

18:49:58 From Pooja Upadhyay : pooja.addweb

18:50:10 From Pooja Upadhyay : Reacted to "<https://www.drupal.o...>" with 👍

19:14:25 From @JannaAus : ddev:
<https://www.drupal.org/docs/getting-started/installing-drupal/install-drupal-using-ddev-for-local-development>

19:14:47 From Pooja Upadhyay : Reacted to "ddev: <https://www.dr...>" with 👍

19:15:38 From Andrés Laverde : Reacted to "ddev: <https://www.dr...>" with 👍

19:16:53 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/docs/getting-started/installing-drupal>

19:24:54 From @JannaAus : and how outdated modules and core is :-)

19:27:09 From Chad Hester : This is a fantastic resource for Drupal:
<https://www.drupalatyourfingertips.com/>

19:29:10 From Bob Snodgrass : Yes that is excellent

19:31:30 From Chad Hester : <https://www.youtube.com/drupalassociation> This has all the DrupalCon recordings :)

19:47:47 From @JannaAus : GovCMS meetup :
<https://www.govcms.gov.au/news-events/events/coffee-grounds-census-uncovered-insights-shaping-govcmss-future>

19:50:24 From Chad Hester : <https://lu.ma/ptvdug>

19:50:53 From @JannaAus : melbourne meetup: <https://lu.ma/user/usr-JvtoH7sxC5n2EHG>

19:50:57 From @JannaAus : follow this user

19:51:06 From Chad Hester : <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C080M7LMLHY>

19:51:15 From andriikocherhin : Reacted to "melbourne meetup: ht..." with 👍



2025-09-03



PTVDUG – Meetup Notes,

2025-09-03

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82716951169?pwd=FnEnEpu1WM2Qaw1nI1W9PzKnEFa9k3.1>

Event Information Link:

<https://www.drupal.org/community/events/pacific-time-virtual-drupal-meetup-6%E2%80%93938pm-pt-2025-09-03>

RSVP Link: <https://lu.ma/xfz32nc7>

Meeting Recording:  **PTVDUG Meetup 2025-09-03, Open Discussions**

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 - Denys Kravchenko ()
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Additional Resources

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Quick recap

The meeting began with introductions and discussions about daylight changes and job opportunities in the tech industry, with Chad and Luke exploring various approaches to job searching and networking. The group then delved into technical topics, including setting up Drupal development environments, exploring AI tools for development, and discussing the role of AI in education and business. The conversation ended with Chad sharing his extensive experience in the Drupal agency world, covering topics like market conditions, leadership principles, and user-focused feature development, while encouraging attendees to propose topics for the upcoming October meetup.

Next steps

- Luke: Start looking for job opportunities on the West Coast, focusing on universities and government institutions that use Drupal.
- Luke: Identify specific companies on the West Coast he might want to work for and check their career pages.
- Luke: Connect with potential hiring managers or direct hirers on LinkedIn at target companies.
- Luke: Develop a strategy for converting cold leads to warm leads in his job search.
- Luke: Consider networking strategies rather than cold applications for job hunting.
- Luke: Explore job boards that specify regions or time zones for West Coast opportunities.
- Luke: Consider creating tools to crawl job listings for West Coast positions.

- Chad: Explore Drupal Forge and Drupita as potential solutions for easier Drupal environment setup.
- Chad: Update the meetup notes with information from the chat after the meeting.
- Chad: Continue exploring Experience Builder/Canvas for his personal website.
- Luke: Share more information about Drupal Forge's capabilities with the group.
- Luke: Implement a "download this site" feature in Drupal Forge to allow users to export their sites.
- Luke: Consider developing a simplified data import/export functionality for Drupal.

Summary

Drupal Development & Career Guidance

The meeting began with informal introductions and a discussion about daylight changes with the upcoming equinox. Chad explained the purpose of the meeting, noting that it would focus on helping newcomers to Drupal, setting up local development environments, and contributing to the open-source project. Luke raised concerns about job opportunities being biased towards the East Coast, and Chad suggested focusing on specific companies of interest rather than relying solely on job boards.

Job Search Strategies & Market Challenges

Chad and Luke discussed the challenges of job searching and the effectiveness of different approaches. Chad emphasized the importance of networking and warm leads over cold applications, explaining that targeted marketing and building relationships are more effective. They also touched on the current job market, with Chad noting that many agencies are not hiring due to hiring freezes and budget constraints. Luke shared his experience working in the tech industry in California, particularly in education and government sectors, and expressed some frustration with the limited job opportunities in his area.

Drupal Development Environment Simplification

Chad and Luke discussed the challenges of setting up a development environment for Drupal, particularly for newcomers. Luke demonstrated Drupal Forge, a tool that allows for quick setup of Drupal sites, and Chad suggested considering it for use in Drupal contrib and classroom settings. They explored the possibility of adding features like data export/import to make Drupal more accessible for beginners.

Drupal Export-Import & Theme Strategies

Luke and Chad discussed the challenges of exporting and importing content in Drupal, particularly with structured content and different view systems. They explored the concept of "Hello World" for Drupal, with Luke suggesting it could be a brochureware site using only internal data modeling tools and content types. Chad mentioned the potential for a Drupal marketplace for themes, similar to what existed in the past. Luke proposed a business idea of collaborating with WordPress theme developers to create Drupal versions of their themes, sharing revenue. They also touched on the importance of starting with lower-fidelity designs for simpler customers and the need for opinionated design systems.

AI's Impact on Developer Roles

Luke shared his experience as a newly minted developer, leveraging AI tools like Cursor to write specifications and automate repetitive tasks, which has significantly improved his productivity. Chad and Luke discussed how AI is transforming the role of developers and business analysts, emphasizing the need for human oversight to address AI hallucinations and ensure accuracy. Chad highlighted that while AI speeds up development, it does not replace human judgment and creativity, and the role of business analysts becomes more critical in defining requirements and ensuring alignment with organizational needs. Andrés raised concerns about AI potentially hindering learning for junior developers, but

Luke countered that AI can be a valuable teaching tool, providing detailed explanations and documentation.

AI's Role in Education & Life

Chad and Luke discussed the role of AI in education and daily life, emphasizing that while AI tools can assist with complex tasks, they should not replace fundamental understanding. They also talked about the potential risks and benefits of AI advancement, with Luke expressing concern about AI's future capabilities. The conversation concluded with a brief discussion about Drupal features and LinkedIn connections.

Drupal Agency Business Models

Chad shared his extensive experience working with Drupal agencies since 2014, highlighting the diverse structures and business models within the industry. He explained how agencies often specialize in specific verticals like government, higher education, or nonprofits, and discussed the challenges of scaling operations, including balancing resources and managing both in-house staff and contractors. Chad also described the typical processes for sourcing work, including responding to RFPs and leveraging networking and marketing efforts, while emphasizing the importance of focusing on specific areas of expertise to avoid spreading resources too thin.

Adapting Strategies for Market Challenges

Chad discussed the importance of understanding market conditions and adapting sales and marketing strategies, particularly in response to events like COVID-19. He emphasized the value of profit-driven growth and cautious hiring practices, highlighting how mature companies can better weather financial storms. Chad also stressed the significance of having contingency plans for various scenarios, such as reduced sales or staff losses, and the importance of good communication between departments. He noted that new agencies often face challenges in hiring the right people at the right time as they

grow, and sometimes hire consulting firms to assess their business and recommend strategies.

Leadership & Lean Startup Insights

Chad shared his experience with leadership books and book clubs, highlighting "Who Moved My Cheese" and "Radical Candor" as influential reads. He discussed his career transition from coding to focusing on strategy, leadership, and helping organizations with technology and user needs. Chad emphasized the importance of lean startup principles, advocating for building small, testable prototypes to iterate and improve based on user feedback, rather than relying on detailed requirements from stakeholders.

User Testing & Feature Prioritization

Chad discussed the importance of understanding both organizational affordances and audience needs to effectively prioritize and build user-focused features, using water bill payment as an example. He explained various user testing methods, including card sorting exercises and A/B testing, and emphasized the importance of proper recruitment and incentivization of test users. The group discussed challenges in finding testers, with Andrés sharing his experience of discovering Drupal behaviors and JavaScript APIs. Chad concluded by encouraging attendees to propose topics for the October meetup, which is scheduled before the Vienna Drupalcon and Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit.

Meeting Chat

18:03:00 From Chad Hester :
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hgNej1eZpVJF2nbNATGAkYEPnCBIP2_mouhsRpa-KA/edit?pli=1&tab=t.drnidjui9j5e

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19:00:49 From Andrés Laverde : All the information you put in there gets logged I guess, they can train their models with our interactions

19:01:22 From Luke McCormick : <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lmccormick/>

19:09:22 From Andrés Laverde : Acro media is the only Drupal agency I know; they are local from the Okanagan I think!

19:38:44 From Andrés Laverde : user stories

19:52:19 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupalatyourfingertips.com/javascript>



2025-10-01



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- Getting the word out about our meetups

Additional Resources

- <https://www.interaction-design.org/courses/accessibility-how-to-design-for-all>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Design_of_Everyday_Things
- <https://www.nngroup.com/>
- <https://www.w3.org/>
- <https://info.cern.ch/>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/regex_text_replacement
- <https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.parse-url.php>
- <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1738>

Meetup Summary

Quick recap

The meeting began with Chad and Andrés discussing Drupal project challenges and best practices, followed by a conversation between Chad and Mike about the differences between WordPress and Drupal, including heading structures and accessibility considerations. The group explored web standards, URL anatomy, and technical concepts like character encodings and content migrations, with Chad providing guidance on accessibility standards and development practices. The discussion concluded with conversations about networking opportunities, community involvement, and strategies for improving meeting attendance through various outreach methods.

Next steps

- Andrés to learn about creating patches in Drupal to avoid forking modules when making changes.
- Andrés to explore WCAG standards and accessibility certification courses, particularly the one from IXDF shared by Chad.
- Andrés to investigate the Regex Text Replace module shared by Mike for handling hard-coded links in Drupal.
- Andrés to continue learning JavaScript fundamentals through the Eloquent JavaScript book.
- Chad to update the meetup information page with clearer details about timing and how to join.
- Chad to create printouts/flyers about the meetup to distribute at conferences to increase attendance.
- Mike to prepare his session on proper heading structure for the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit.

- Andrés to invite colleagues who might be interested in joining future meetups.
- Chad to connect Andrés with the organizers of the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit in Vancouver next year.

Summary

Drupal Project Best Practices

Chad and Andrés discussed Andrés' challenges with a Drupal project, where he felt isolated despite having a partner with more Drupal expertise. Chad advised Andrés on best practices, emphasizing the importance of local testing before making live changes and using Composer for managing code changes. They also discussed the value of contributing back to the Drupal community, even if only through local patches, and the importance of finding a balance between caution and efficiency in development workflows.

Drupal vs WordPress: Heading Structures

Chad and Mike discussed the differences between WordPress and Drupal, with Chad explaining that Drupal is more robust for large-scale data structures and scaling compared to WordPress. Mike mentioned he has an upcoming presentation for the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit on proper heading structure in Drupal, which will cover using paragraphs and templates to ensure correct heading levels. They also briefly discussed the evolution of content management systems and the growing importance of proper heading structures for accessibility.

Accessibility & Usability Headings Discussion

Chad and Mike discussed the importance of headings for both accessibility and usability, emphasizing their role as waypoints for both humans and machines. Andrés shared his work on improving menu navigation accessibility and sought guidance on best practices,

leading Chad to recommend exploring WCAG standards, developing empathy for diverse user experiences, and considering certifications or accessibility audits as learning tools.

Accessibility & Universal Design Discussion

Chad advised Andrés to start with WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) and suggested a course or certification for accessibility. He emphasized the importance of universal design, which considers everyone's needs, and recommended reading "The Design of Everyday Things" by Don Norman. Chad also discussed the evolution of programming languages and the concept of technical debt. Mike joined the conversation, mentioning the World Wide Web Consortium's new logo, which Chad found unremarkable.

Web Standards & Link Management

The group discussed the evolution of web standards, including HTML, and how organizations like the W3C maintain and evolve these standards with input from the broader community. They also explored the history of the first website, which was created at CERN in Switzerland. The conversation then shifted to addressing the challenge of replacing hard-coded links in Drupal websites, particularly when changing domains. Mike suggested using the Regex Text Replace module to handle this, while Chad emphasized the importance of using relative links instead of absolute links to avoid similar issues in the future.

URL Anatomy & Web Standards

Chad explained the anatomy of a URL, including its components like schema, host, port, user, pass, path, query, and fragment. He emphasized the importance of understanding web standards, such as those defined by W3C and RFC, for developers. Chad also discussed character encodings, content migrations, and database limitations, highlighting the relevance of these topics in web and internet-related work. He encouraged Andrés to

familiarize himself with these standards and mentioned the movies "Office Space" and "Idiocracy" as relevant to understanding certain technological issues.

Mike Judge Films & Meetups

Mike and Chad discussed the films "Idiocracy" and "Office Space" by Mike Judge, noting their relevance as commentaries on corporate culture and societal trends. They agreed that while "Idiocracy" presented a dystopian future, "Office Space" captured a specific moment in time that may have improved since its release. The conversation shifted to promoting their virtual meetups, with Mike suggesting posting on Mastodon and creating a dedicated webpage, while Chad mentioned using Luma for notifications. They agreed to make the Zoom link more prominent on the Luma page to attract more attendees.

Improving Drupal Event Attendance Strategies

The group discussed challenges with meeting attendance and ways to improve outreach, including posting links in multiple locations and distributing print materials at conferences. Chad shared details about the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit, which rotates between Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, and noted concerns about traveling to the United States due to recent political tensions. The discussion concluded with recommendations for Canadian Drupal events and broader tech conferences like Web Summit for networking opportunities.

Networking & Mentorship in Tech

Chad and Andrés discussed the importance of networking and community involvement in early career development, particularly for those in smaller regions like the Okanagan. Chad shared his experiences with balancing professional relationships and emphasized the value of knowledge sharing and mentorship within the tech community. They explored Andrés's interests in accessibility and JavaScript fundamentals, with Chad encouraging a focus on foundational skills and understanding the human element in technology. They

also discussed potential opportunities for organizing or participating in local Drupal meetups and events, with Chad offering to connect Andrés with the organizers of the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit.

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18:51:46 From Mike McCaffrey (he/him) : https://www.drupal.org/project/regex_text_replacement

18:58:01 From Andrés Laverde : <https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.parse-url.php>

19:01:28 From Chad Hester : <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1738>

19:07:21 From Andrés Laverde : The movies were Office Space and Idiocracy?

19:12:17 From Mike McCaffrey (he/him) : <https://www.drupal.org/project/ptvdug>



2025-11-05



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- 60 mins: Chat about the 2026 PNW Drupal (?) Summit and maybe virtual camp ideas.
 - Similar shifts from Drupal to more broad tech solutions in a conference, camp, or summit: Chattanooga, Stanford Web Camp
 - Try not to get too vague
 - More attendee and sponsor opportunities
 - Audience? Same as typical camps, but expanding to diff developers.
 - Make it more attractive to students.
 - Make the message less about “Drupal” or “WordPress” and more about general “web development”
 - Virtual camps?
 - Look at the Backdrop Live camp, Write the Docs camp
 - The market has changed significantly. How do we meet newcomers and unemployed individuals where they are to provide what they need?
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Luke McCormick (cellear)
 - Peter Rubin (peterrubin)
 - Amber Matz (amber himes matz)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Keegan Rankin (megakeegman)
- Topics for next time?
 - Helping with issues or website builds

- Connect with the [Drupal Camp Chattanooga](#) folks about their rebranding and scope shift to “Open Source Camp Chattanooga”
 - Follow up with them after their camp wraps to hear “lessons learned” about their format, brand shift, and attendee reception.
- Check the Computer Science offerings at local BC schools.
- [other next actions identified by attendees]

Additional Resources

- <https://www.drupalcampchattanooga.com/>
- <https://events.backdropcms.org/schedule>
- <https://www.writethedocs.org/>
- <https://www.drupalcontribution.org/>

Meetup Summary

Quick recap

The group discussed their experiences at recent Drupal events and explored the possibility of hosting a summit in Vancouver, with plans to form a planning committee by December. They considered expanding the summit's focus beyond Drupal to attract a broader audience and discussed strategies for making technology education and events more accessible. The conversation concluded with discussions about virtual events, career transitions in tech, and improving local Drupal meetups.

Next steps

- Chad: Connect with Drupal Camp Chattanooga organizers after their November 7-8 event to debrief about their transition to Open Source Camp and learn lessons about format shift
- Chad: Reach out to Ryan Price by December 1st deadline to confirm interest in bringing the summit to Vancouver
- Chad: Form a planning committee in December for the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit
- Chad: Run ideas about summit format and branding with Ryan and Heather
- Amber: Look into UBC computer science offerings and reach out to instructors to explore making the summit attractive to students
- Chad: Post meeting recording on YouTube with transcripts
- Chad: Find attendees on Drupal.org and give credit through the credit system for attendance
- Chad: Send announcement in Slack channel about topics for December 3rd meetup
- Chad: Explore Write the Docs conference format and organization approach

- Luke: Take over San Francisco Drupal users group as an online monthly session starting next year
- Chad: Field the idea of tackling community member website issues as a group activity for December meetup
- Keegan: Share Drupal.org username with Chad for credit system

Summary

Drupal Event Experiences & Planning

Chad, Luke, Amber, and Peter discussed their experiences at recent Drupal events, including the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit and DrupalCon LA. They shared stories about attending and volunteering at various conferences over the years. Chad mentioned his upcoming Canadian citizenship test and the process of logging travel for permanent residency. The group briefly touched on Amber's presentation at the Summit and her involvement in local tech events. The conversation concluded with a mention of planning for next year's Summit in Vancouver, with Chad noting they would discuss this further.

Vancouver Open Source Summit Planning

The group discussed potentially hosting a Drupal or open-source web technologies summit in Vancouver, with Chad noting it was last held there in 2017. Amber shared details about Open Source Camp Chattanooga, which recently rebranded from Drupal Camp and focuses on Laravel, WordPress, and Drupal training. The discussion explored expanding beyond Drupal to include adjacent technologies like React, Angular, and Vue, while maintaining focus on backend data storage and content management. Chad suggested reaching out to Chattanooga's organizers for lessons learned about their recent event before forming a planning committee in December.

Vancouver Summit Planning Discussion

Chad discussed his efforts to explore the possibility of hosting the summit in Vancouver, with a deadline set for December 1st to gauge local interest. He reached out to about a dozen agencies in the area and emphasized the importance of including non-agencies in the planning process. Eric suggested expanding the summit's focus beyond Drupal to attract a broader audience and address the challenge of attracting new participants to maintain the project. Both agreed on the need to form a planning committee to further define the summit's format and scope.

Expanding Drupal Summit's Scope

The group discussed expanding the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit to include broader web technology topics, with Chad noting that agencies like Major Tom are focusing exclusively on WordPress, while Affinity Bridge's CEO suggested broadening the event's scope without losing focus. They considered rebranding options like "Pacific Northwest Open Summit" or "Drupal and Web Technology Summit," with Eric suggesting keeping "Drupal" in the name to maintain recognition. The discussion included potential venue options at UBC and sponsorship interest from Canopy, while Amber highlighted the opportunity to attract a wider range of participants, including students and developers with various skills in web technologies.

Attracting Younger Audiences to Drupal

Amber discussed the need to attract a younger audience to the Drupal community by highlighting its diverse applications beyond traditional web development, such as AI, mobile apps, and APIs. She suggested exploring computer science offerings at UBC to make the community more appealing to students. Peter and Chad agreed on the importance of appealing to a broader audience by focusing on website development as an entry point, with Peter suggesting AI as a bridge to web development. Luke questioned whether young people still find web development exciting, but Peter and Chad

emphasized the potential of combining AI with web development to attract a younger audience.

Drupal Summit Vancouver Planning

The group discussed plans to bring the Drupal summit to Vancouver, following a successful event in Portland. Chad reported positive interest from organizations in BC, though they are still determining how to brand and scope the event to attract both Drupal enthusiasts and new audiences. The conversation shifted to Keegan's story about a high school teacher in Arlington, Virginia who integrates Drupal into his programming courses to teach students about free software and cooperative business models. Chad suggested this could be a model for future Drupal community activities, particularly group building exercises that simulate real-world development roles.

Technology Education Accessibility Strategies

The group discussed strategies for making technology education and events more accessible and affordable, particularly for students and career-changers. They explored the idea of rebranding events to focus on the audience's needs rather than technical details, with Amber suggesting a balance between attracting new faces and retaining regular attendees. Chad agreed to work with Ryan and Heather on planning, including seeking advertisers and sponsors, and mentioned the possibility of organizing a low-cost or free virtual camp.

Virtual Events: Challenges & Opportunities

The group discussed the challenges and potential of organizing virtual events, with a focus on supplementing in-person meetings rather than replacing them. They explored formats like pre-recorded sessions, breakout rooms, and time-blocked schedules to enhance engagement and accessibility. Luke shared his experience with an upcoming online Drupal users group in San Francisco, while others highlighted the success of virtual events like

Stanford's webcam sessions. The conversation concluded with Keegan sharing his journey into programming through a coding bootcamp, emphasizing the importance of accessible entry points into tech.

Tech Jobs & Drupal Meetups

The group discussed challenges in the tech job market and career transitions, with Keegan sharing his experience of attending a coding boot camp to find work in Boston. They explored ideas for improving local Drupal meetups, including creating a centralized event platform and organizing group website work sessions. Chad announced the next meetup will be on December 3rd, and encouraged attendees to share their Drupal.org usernames for credit tracking.

Meeting Chat

18:52:31 From Eric Wheeler : <https://events.backdropcms.org/schedule>
18:59:21 From Chad Hester : <https://www.writethedocs.org/>
18:59:39 From Amber Matz : Reacted to "<https://www.writethe...>" with 👍
19:34:54 From Keegan : <https://www.drupalcontribution.org>
19:39:44 From Keegan : megakeegman



2025-12-03



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- 60 mins: 2026 outlook for Drupal and a PNW summit.
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup in February 2026!
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Pavlos Daniel (pavlosdan)
 - Luke McCormick (cellear)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Keegan Rankin (megakeegman)
- Topics for next time?
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- [other next actions identified by attendees]

Additional Resources

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Meetup Summary

A summary of the meeting may be generated by AI and will be added below.

Quick recap

The meeting began with a discussion of recent events including an Eastern Time meetup presentation on Git workspaces and the Chattanooga camp's success with open source technologies, followed by an exploration of various project management tools and their experiences. The conversation then shifted to upcoming Drupal developments and concerns about AI implementation, including discussions about potential bubbles and the importance of practical applications. The group concluded by addressing community initiatives, including plans to revitalize the San Francisco Drupal Users Group and discussions about the future of Drupal in a data-driven world.

Next steps

- Luke McCormick: Send invite to Pavlos for his San Francisco Drupal Users Group presentation
- Chad: Follow up more on the PNW Summit planning

Summary

Git Workflows & Project Tools

Chad and Pavlos discussed the recent Eastern Time meetup, where a presentation on Git workspaces and workflow was given, including a demo of switching between work environments without stashing. They also talked about the Chattanooga camp's success with open source technologies, noting that while Python developers were interested,

Ruby developers did not attend. The conversation shifted to various project management tools like Redmine, ActiveCollab, and Asana, with Chad and Pavlos sharing their experiences with different platforms. Finally, they briefly touched on university students' focus on JavaScript for web development, with Chad noting the potential for backend development with JavaScript.

Drupal Canvas Development Concerns

The group discussed the upcoming release of Drupal Canvas, with development and potential features. Pavlos expressed concerns about Canvas's lack of support for multilingual and content moderation capabilities, questioning the prioritization of AI features over essential functionalities. Chad shared his experience with AI implementation in healthcare, emphasizing the importance of testing and practical applications. The conversation also touched on Git worktrees and their potential for streamlining development workflows, as well as the Chattanooga camp's approach to open-source web topics.

Chad's Career Transition to Megaport

Chad shared his recent career change, accepting a full-time position with Megaport in Australia, though he will continue his involvement with Drupal and the community. He expressed a desire to contribute to the summit but does not want to take on a leadership role, preferring to focus on his new job and upcoming move to the Francis Peninsula.

Drupal, AI, & Future Predictions

The group discussed Chad's recent personal achievements, including buying a truck with a camper and securing a job. They then explored the future of Drupal in 2026, with Pavlos noting the potential release of Drupal Canvas. The conversation shifted to AI, with Chad and Eric expressing concerns about AI valuations and the risk of a bubble similar to the dot-com era. Luke McCormick defended AI valuations, arguing that AI enables

unstructured programming and could significantly improve various industries, including agriculture in Ethiopia.

AI Development & Future Implications

The group discussed the current state and future of AI technology, with Chad and Luke McCormick exchanging perspectives on its development and potential risks. Chad emphasized the importance of starting with existing knowledge in AI programming, while Luke expressed concern about the rapid advancement and unknown future implications of AI. The conversation also touched on the potential for an AI bubble similar to the dot-com bubble, with Chad suggesting that AI would not disappear but would mature after such a bubble.

Revitalizing Drupal User Group Online

Luke McCormick discussed his plans to revitalize the San Francisco Drupal Users Group by transforming it into a structured monthly online meeting series, with a focus on creating high-quality video content and establishing a Drupal job board to address the East Coast bias in job listings. He expressed interest in collaborating with groups.drupal.org and mentioned his involvement with the DrupalCon Marketing Committee. The group also discussed the importance of supporting job seekers and creators in the Drupal marketplace, with Chad highlighting the need for career coaches and job fairs at future DrupalCons. Pavlos and Chad explored the potential of Drupal in a data-driven future, emphasizing its ability to provide structured content for AI interactions.

Meeting Chat

18:09:34 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : <https://activecollab.com/>

18:35:19 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : i'll say this... it's marginally more useable than NFTs ;)

18:40:38 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : now we can't hear you

18:49:52 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : coming strong out the gate. love it

18:56:03 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : You reminded me of this Luke

19:02:33 From Eric Wheeler : Unfortunately I need to drop off. Thanks everyone!

19:02:41 From Pavlos (he/him) - BC : thanks joining eric!



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 - Upcoming summit planning
 - Meetup format
 - Drupal module approval process
 - Lightgallery formatter
 - OpenCollective
 - Process to pass security advisory coverage
 - Social Post Facebook and Mastadon
 - Drutopia
 - Live website build demo w/ Lightgallery Formatter
 - Keegan looking for work for Argaric
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Bernardo Martinez
 - Andrew Morton
 - Keegan Rankin (megakeegman)
 - Bob
- Topics for next time?
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- [other next actions identified by attendees]

Additional Resources

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Meetup Summary

Quick Recap

The monthly Drupal meetup focused on discussing module development and maintenance, particularly around Andrew's Light Gallery Formatter module which Bob demonstrated on his client website. The group explored how to implement and configure the module, with Bob sharing his experience of setting it up for a photo album project. Keegan shared insights about maintaining social media posting modules, while Chad provided guidance on module security approval processes. The discussion concluded with Bob sharing details about a Central Time Zone Drupal meetup initiative that combines both remote and in-person gatherings on a quarterly basis, with participation from various local groups including Austin, Chicago, and Minneapolis.

Next Steps

- Andrew: Reach out to the Drupal Maintainers channel (and/or Security discussion channel) in Drupal Slack for advice and updates on the module security approval process for Light Gallery Formatter
- Andrew: Consider reaching out directly to BBU23 (Drupal Lady) and other known security team contacts for help with security advisory coverage for the module
- Keegan: Decide by end of the week how to handle the contributed code/merge request for Social Post Facebook module, including possible coordination with the contributor about future refactoring
- Bob: Test Andrew's Light Gallery Formatter module on the photo site and potentially file issues or contribute documentation based on findings
- Bob: Reach out to his contact in Atlanta involved in low-income housing development and potentially connect them with Keegan

- Chad: Follow up with Keegan to share a spreadsheet/tool for tracking outreach and lead efforts for business development
- Keegan: Put contact information (email) in the chat for Bob to facilitate the housing industry connection

Summary

Informal Social Meeting Discussion

The informal meeting began with casual conversation. The group discussed the format of the meeting, which was intentionally loose and social in nature, with Chad explaining that while there might be a proposed topic, the meeting would adapt based on who attended. The conversation concluded with Andrew joining the call and briefly discussing the weather in Vancouver, noting that they were experiencing nice weather but might see colder temperatures around Valentine's Day.

Drupal Summit Venue Planning

The group discussed plans for a Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit, with Chad reporting on venue options in Vancouver, Canada, including universities and libraries, though hotels were deemed too expensive. Chad is exploring partnerships with university computer science departments to potentially secure free or discounted venues and student attendance, similar to previous successful university collaborations. Andrew raised concerns about the security approval process for his Light Gallery Formatter module, which has been stuck in review for over a month, and the group suggested he reach out to the Maintainers Slack channel and security discussion channel for further assistance.

Drupal WebForm Security Review

The group discussed Andrew's work on the WebForm module and its security review process. Chad and Bob suggested Andrew reach out to other module maintainers and join

the main Drupal Slack community for more support. They also discussed the importance of open source funding and community involvement. Andrew mentioned he had submitted a request to opt into security advisory coverage for the module.

Drupal Module Documentation & Integration

The group discussed documentation challenges and the volunteer-driven application process for Drupal modules, which can take days or weeks. Andrew shared concerns about React library integration and third-party dependencies in Drupal, noting the complexity compared to WordPress. Bob suggested reaching out to maintainers in the Maintainers channel for guidance, while Chad advised being patient and polite when contacting the community. The conversation concluded with Chad mentioning his upcoming work trip to Australia in May.

Open Source Contribution Strategies

The group discussed the challenges and benefits of contributing to open-source projects, with Chad emphasizing the importance of the social contract and the value of community contributions despite potential vulnerabilities. Keegan shared his experience with maintaining the Social Post Facebook module, which has seen a revival after significant changes in Drupal and Facebook's API, and discussed the complexities of managing contributions and potential refactoring. They explored strategies for balancing maintenance efforts, including the possibility of forking the project into submodules to lighten the load, and Keegan considered making a decision on a contribution by the end of the week.

Social Media Tools for Events

Bob expressed interest in exploring social media posting tools for event platforms, particularly for the Florida Drupal Camp, and discussed the challenges of maintaining and updating social post modules. Keegan explained the current state of social post modules,

including their development history and the difficulties in coordinating with other maintainers. The group discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of using social media platforms for business purposes, with Chad highlighting their importance for small communities and businesses without websites.

Social Media Posting Module Development

The group discussed social media posting modules, with Keegan explaining his development of modules for Facebook, Mastodon, and a microblog content type called MPase. Keegan's main motivation was to enable automated posting without requiring manual saves, which was particularly useful for his client's cron job publishing system. The discussion concluded with Bob mentioning his involvement in the Drupal recipes initiative and his work with Fox Valley Drupal, while expressing interest in potentially incorporating Andrew's photo module into one of his projects.

Travel Photo Website Development

Bob discussed a project for a client who wants a website to showcase travel photos. He has set up a Drupal CMS site with a travel portfolio content type and basic media functionality. Bob is waiting for the client to provide new content before proceeding further. He plans to add the Neon Byte theme and create views to replace the current basic layout. The team helped troubleshoot some technical issues Bob was facing with the deployment process.

Light Gallery Module Implementation

Bob and the team discussed implementing a Light Gallery module for a client's website, with Andrew providing guidance on its configuration. They explored how to set up different profiles for fields and display configurations, and Bob noted that the module would be similar to what the client had in mind. Bob planned to experiment with the module and potentially create new issues or documentation for Andrew. They also

discussed the importance of getting content from clients before making major website changes, and Bob shared an example of using this approach with an artist client who creates large, three-dimensional works.

Drupal Meetup Strategy Discussion

The meeting focused on discussing the structure and future of local Drupal meetups, with Chad explaining their quarterly hybrid model combining remote and in-person events. Bob shared insights about his daughter's art website project built on Drupal, while Keegan highlighted Agaric's current need for new clients and discussed their interest in working with housing finance agencies. The group discussed strategies for finding new business opportunities, with Chad offering to share a spreadsheet for tracking leads and Bob offering to make an introduction to a potential contact in the housing development sector.

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18:13:40 From Bernardo Martinez : dang

18:13:44 From Bernardo Martinez : Tricky date

18:15:30 From Chad Hester : https://www.drupal.org/project/lightgallery_formatter

18:15:42 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/project/projectapplications/issues/3565784>

18:17:57 From Chad Hester : #maintainers

18:22:37 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/project/webform>

18:22:40 From Chad Hester : <https://opencollective.com/webform>

18:31:59 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/node/1011698>

18:51:00 From Keegan : https://www.drupal.org/project/social_post_facebook

19:02:08 From Keegan : www.drupal.org/project/mposse

19:06:57 From Bernardo Martinez : Heading out. Good night you all. Nice to meet you.

19:07:21 From Andrew : Reacted to "Heading out. Good ni..." with 🙌

19:07:51 From Chad Hester : <https://drutopia.org/>

19:43:52 From Chad Hester : #pacific-time-virtual-drupal-users-group



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 - Layout Builder vs Canvas
 - May meetup canceled
 - Starshot proposition vs. reality
 - Affording quality solutions
 - Tailwind, Display Suite, Display Builder
 - The role of AI
 - Any promos?
 - 25 years of Drupal Gala
 - Pub crawl
- 30–45 mins: Networking, socializing, and BoFs

Next Actions

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 - Bernardo Martinez
 - Eric Wheeler
 - Mike McCaffrey
 - Lee Walker
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Additional Resources

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Meetup Summary

The group discussed various topics around Drupal development, including the current state and future of the Drupal ecosystem, content management systems, and the impact of AI on web development. They explored challenges with Drupal's positioning, particularly around competing with WordPress and addressing the needs of smaller businesses versus enterprise clients. The conversation covered technical aspects like the use of Canvas, UI Suite, Display Builder, and Tailwind CSS, as well as discussions about site templates, component libraries, and the role of design systems in Drupal development. Participants also discussed the impact of AI on development workflows and the potential for AI to assist with or replace certain development tasks, while emphasizing the importance of human expertise in problem-solving and architectural decisions.

Next steps

- Lee: Ask Pierre if he is scheduled to speak at Drupalcon this year.
- Lee: Talk to Bridget (from UTC) about the Chattanooga CART website RFP and whether she is still involved.

Summary

Drupal Travel & Design Plans

The group discussed travel plans, with Chad sharing details about upcoming trips to Mexico and Australia, including a stop in Fiji. They also talked about Drupalcon and Mike's upcoming presentation on headings, which will include new content on Canvas. The conversation then shifted to a discussion about Drupal's layout and design systems, comparing Canvas, UI Suite, and Display Builder. Andrew and Lee shared insights about

the UI Suite's current limitations and future plans, while Mike expressed concerns about Canvas moving away from structured content.

CSS Framework Evaluation Discussion

The team discussed the pros and cons of Tailwind CSS, with Lee advocating for its simplicity and efficiency while Mike and Andrew expressed concerns about utility classes and the need for semantic design. They explored alternative approaches like CSS variables and component libraries, with Andrew suggesting a hybrid approach and Eric mentioning FlowBike as a useful resource. The conversation touched on the importance of layout in CSS and the potential for community involvement in revitalizing frontend development.

Drupal Development Framework Discussion

Lee and Andrew discussed the pros and cons of using React and Vite in Drupal development, with Lee expressing concerns about React's complexity and Vite's build times. They explored the potential of HTMX for improving front-end reactivity and discussed challenges with Drupal Canvas, including limitations in layout and field rendering. Bernardo joined the conversation, asking about building new Drupal sites with Drupal Canvas in mind, and Andrew shared their experience working on a radio station project, highlighting some of the unexpected limitations they encountered.

Drupal Canvas UI Challenges Discussion

The team discussed the evolution and challenges of Drupal's Canvas UI, comparing it to competitors like WordPress and Wix. They acknowledged that while Canvas is useful for creating landing pages, it may not be the best solution for enterprise-level sites, as it's primarily a layout and content storage system rather than a robust content management tool. The group also touched on the potential of Drupal to cater to a broader audience, including marketers and small businesses, but expressed concerns about the current state of the Canvas UI and its limitations for enterprise use.

Drupal Evolution & Market Challenges

The group discussed the evolution of Drupal, particularly comparing Drupal 7's popularity among hobbyists and developers to its current state. They noted that Drupal 7's accessibility and flexibility attracted developers, but the complexity of later versions, including the need for engineering degrees and the move to Twig, has deterred hobbyists and side projects. Andrew shared his use of Drupal for experimental application development and suggested the potential for site templates to restart interest in the platform. Lee and Bernardo emphasized the need to grow market share, even with smaller projects, to ensure the long-term viability of Drupal in the market.

Drupal Content Editing Challenges

The team discussed challenges with content editing experiences in Drupal projects, particularly how content editing is often an afterthought and budget constraints prevent proper planning. Chad suggested using spreadsheets to define content types and map to design concepts, while Lee noted that clients typically prioritize features over content editing usability. The group agreed that while recipes aim to improve efficiency, there's still work needed to refine solutions for reuse, and Andrew emphasized the importance of conversations around recipe proposals to improve outcomes.

Drupal Community & Architecture Discussion

The group discussed the challenges and opportunities in the Drupal community, particularly focusing on how to rekindle developer excitement similar to the Drupal 7 era. Lee emphasized the importance of teaching new clients about the realities of user behavior and the need for thorough feature planning. The conversation then shifted to technical architecture, where Andrew raised questions about Drupal's limitations compared to React or JavaScript frameworks, leading to a discussion about decoupled architectures and the potential for headless applications. The conversation ended with Lee sharing insights about Elixir, a language that offers fault tolerance and error handling

capabilities, and its potential as an alternative to traditional web development approaches.

Content Management Workflow Discussion

The team discussed content management workflows and the evolution of Drupal compared to WordPress, with Mike noting that Drupal is improving but still has a long way to go. Lee and Andrew explored the challenges of implementing designs from clients, particularly when designs are not web-friendly or lack specific details. Chad emphasized the importance of starting with a basic component library and tailoring it to the client's needs rather than creating bespoke designs, which can be costly and inefficient. The group also touched on the need for better documentation and demonstration of available components to help clients and internal teams implement them more effectively.

Drupal Site Templates Discussion

The group discussed the development and distribution of site templates in Drupal, with Mike and Andrew agreeing that reusing components and starting points could be beneficial for both agencies and clients. They explored the idea of charging for site templates, with Andrew suggesting that payment might be appropriate for long-term projects, while Mike noted that Drupal has historically followed a freemium model. The conversation touched on the challenges of updating distributions and the need for a more flexible approach to pre-packaged solutions. Chad emphasized the importance of focusing on what works well rather than constantly striving for perfection, while Andrew compared web development to an MMA fight, where the goal is simply to avoid getting knocked out.

Drupal Ecosystem Growth Strategies

The group discussed challenges and opportunities in the Drupal ecosystem, focusing on the need for new contributors and companies using Drupal as a competitive solution. Lee

highlighted a missed opportunity for a local Drupal project and emphasized the importance of marketing and internships. Bernardo suggested creating more Drupal sites to generate opportunities for new contributors, while Andrew proposed a platform model to share features across similar clients. The conversation also touched on Pantheon's new content publishing tool and Lee's upcoming opportunity to bid on a Chattanooga transit website project.

AI's Impact on Software Development

The group discussed the impact of AI on software development, with Lee noting that AI is transforming junior developer roles but creating a gap for mid-level developers. They debated whether AI can truly innovate technology or if it primarily reproduces existing patterns, with Chad and Andrew suggesting that while AI can assist with specific tasks, human developers still play a crucial role in problem articulation and understanding complex technical challenges. The conversation concluded with Chad comparing AI to a simplified version of human neural networks, suggesting that while AI can process vast amounts of data, it lacks the depth of human understanding and creativity.

Technology Impact on Product Development

The group discussed the evolution of technology and its impact on product development, comparing it to the shift in car design from focusing on driving experience to self-driving capabilities. They explored the role of AI in development, with Mike emphasizing that existing tools like modules and composer can already handle many repetitive tasks. Lee shared insights about the WordPress ecosystem, highlighting its widespread use despite some limitations, while Chad noted the importance of balancing market research with disruptive innovation in product development. The conversation ended with a reminder about upcoming Drupal events, including a gala, and Chad announced he would miss the next meetup due to travel plans to Australia and Fiji in May.

Meeting Chat

18:19:51 From Bernardo Martinez : I agree its great for prototyping not great for a complete systems.

18:24:50 From Eric Wheeler : <https://flowbite.com/>

19:14:33 From Bernardo Martinez : The designer probably got pennies though. The agency ate it all.

19:16:45 From Eric Wheeler : It was nice seeing everybody, unfortunately I have to drop. 🙋

19:16:56 From Bernardo Martinez : See you

19:16:57 From Eric Wheeler : Submit to Stanford WebCamp!

19:17:05 From Bernardo Martinez : Reacted to "Submit to Stanford W..." with 😂

19:28:56 From Bernardo Martinez : Drupito and flexsite

19:32:01 From Lee Walker : <https://pantheon.io/platform/content-publisher>

19:41:06 From Bernardo Martinez : Heading to bed, see you all next time.



2026-04-01



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 - DrupalCon
 - DrupalCan
 - Jobs
 - Drupal AI and experimentation
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Next Actions

- Join our next meetup:
- Give credit to attendees:
 - Andrii Kocherhin (man-1982)
 - Pavlos Daniel (pavlosdan)
 - Will Hartmann (papagrande)
 - Eric Wheeler (sikofitt)
 - Andrés Laverde (alaverde)
- [other next actions identified by attendees]

Additional Resources

- #pnw-drupal-summit: <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C074J1F6ALC>
- <https://drupalcampottawa.com/>
- <https://2026.decoupleddeays.com/>
- linkedin.com/in/teknorah/
- <https://imagexmedia.com/careers>

- <https://job-boards.greenhouse.io/acquia/jobs/7521200>
- <https://www.drupal.org/project/ai>
- <https://digital.gov/guides/plain-language>
- <https://www.drupal.org/blog/ai-in-drupal-cms-20-practical-tools-you-can-use-from-day-one>
- https://www.drupal.org/project/schema_metatag
- <https://search.google.com/test/rich-results>

Meetup Summary

Quick Recap

The Pacific Northwest Virtual Drupal Users Group met to discuss upcoming events and share experiences about DrupalCon. Chad announced that the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit will be held October 17-18 at BCIT's campus in Vancouver, with a call for papers opening in May. The group discussed the new Drupal Canada Association initiative and potential for a future Canada-specific Drupal conference. Several members shared their experiences attending DrupalCon, highlighting the value of networking and community connections. The conversation included discussion about current challenges in the Drupal job market, with Will sharing his experience seeking new opportunities. The conversation ended with a detailed discussion about implementing AI tools in Drupal, where Andres sought advice about ethical AI implementation for his organization's website.

Next Steps

- All interested participants: Join the PNW Drupal Summit planning meeting tomorrow at 7 PM Pacific (self-assigned for those interested in helping with the summit).
- All interested presenters: Prepare and submit session proposals for the PNW Drupal Summit when the call for papers opens in May.
- Andrés: Gather more detailed requirements from manager regarding AI implementation needs for their Drupal site.

Summary

Drupal Community Updates & Events

Chad announced that there will be no meetup in May due to his travel plans to Mexico, Australia, and Fiji. He shared that he started a new job in December working with a company not involved in Drupal, but will continue his Drupal community work. Chad discussed ongoing initiatives including the Inexperience Initiative and Drupal in a Day, and announced that the Pacific Northwest Drupal Summit will be held on October 17-18 at BCIT's campus in Vancouver.

Conference Planning & Logistics

The group discussed an upcoming meeting and conference planning. Chad mentioned that the call for papers opening was targeted for May, with the conference being held in Canada this year for the first time since 2017. The discussion included details about the venue at BCIT's downtown campus, which was chosen for its central location and accessibility for attendees flying or driving in.

Drupal Canada Association Formation

Chad discussed the formation of the Drupal Canada Association, which aims to have a dedicated presence in Canada separate from the main Drupal Association. He explained that while a DrupalCon in Canada next year is being considered, the Orlando event is already confirmed. The new association has created a website at Drupalcan.com and has established both public and private Slack channels to coordinate activities, though it is currently in its early stages with about 20 members.

Drupal Conference Attendance Discussion

The group discussed their interest in attending Drupal conferences, with Pavlos expressing a desire to see Drupal events outside the US, including potentially in Mexico. Chad noted that while DrupalCon North America has historically been held in the US, the brand can be leveraged for events in other regions like Europe, India, and Japan. The conversation also touched on the costs of attending conferences, with Will mentioning that as an independent contractor, he had to pay his own way and found the fees around \$700, though he was willing to pay for the Seattle event since it was in his hometown.

Drupalcon Experience & Insights

The group discussed their experiences at Drupalcon, with participants sharing that networking and community engagement were the main motivators for attending. Pavlos and Chad noted that while the community and social aspects were important, the educational sessions provided valuable opportunities to learn Drupal quickly. Eric shared a positive experience helping with "Drupal in a Day," which successfully reached 50-55 participants out of 73 registrants, including a visit from Dries. The conversation ended with Chad asking about potential improvements to future Drupalcon events, though the specific suggestions were not captured in the transcript.

Drupalcon Session Planning Improvements

The group discussed challenges and potential improvements for Drupalcon. Pavlos raised concerns about attending multiple sessions simultaneously, while Chad suggested prioritizing Birds of a Feather sessions and noted that session recordings are available. The discussion highlighted an overemphasis on AI sessions at recent conferences, with Eric commenting that it felt like an AI conference rather than a Drupal conference. Chad proposed gathering community input on desired session topics before the call for papers to better balance content, and noted that the session selection committee currently avoids scheduling concurrent popular topics like site building and AI.

DrupalCon & Career Networking Discussion

The group discussed the upcoming DrupalCon in Rotterdam and noted that European events tend to be more developer-focused compared to North American events. Will shared his challenges finding freelance work in the current market, mentioning that one client laid him off due to budget cuts, and Chad suggested Will join Nora's Digital Career Sandbox group for networking opportunities. Chad also shared his experience working with a business advisor to establish KPIs and focus on building a sales pipeline through networking rather than cold calling.

Business Development Strategy Discussion

Chad shared his approach to business development, which involved creating a tracker spreadsheet to monitor weekly networking meetings and potential client interactions. Will discussed the current challenging industry environment, attributing it to post-COVID contraction and AI impacts, while expressing openness to learning new technologies beyond Drupal. The conversation concluded with Chad suggesting potential networking opportunities, including a Drupal-specific staffing agency run by Chris McGrath and a contractor collective called BlueFly.

Drupal Career & AI Implementation

The group discussed job opportunities in the Drupal industry and career advice. Chad suggested exploring various Drupal agencies for potential employment, including Pantheon, ImageX Media, and Phase 2 Technologies. The conversation then shifted to the implementation of AI in Drupal websites, where Will shared examples of useful AI applications like generating alt text for images and analyzing content readability. Chad emphasized the importance of properly understanding business needs before implementing AI solutions and recommended prototyping AI tools on test sites before full implementation.

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18:06:57 From Andrew : <https://drupal.slack.com/archives/C074J1F6ALC>

18:09:23 From Will Hartmann (PapaGrande) : #pnw-drupal-summit

18:14:53 From Pavlos Daniel : <https://drupalcampottawa.com/>

18:26:54 From Pavlos Daniel : A man after my own heart xD

18:26:57 From Pavlos Daniel : Karaoke ftw

18:39:53 From Eric (Phone) : Reacted to Karaoke ftw with "❤️"

18:44:48 From Chad Hester : <https://2026.decoupleddays.com/>

18:45:06 From Pavlos Daniel : Reacted to "https://2026.decoupl..." with ❤️

18:45:29 From Pavlos Daniel : Between that and the PNW it should make up for not attending drupalcon 😊

18:46:32 From Chad Hester : [linkedin.com/in/teknorah/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/teknorah/)

18:48:34 From Pavlos Daniel : If you are familiar with Pantheon's products, they are hiring for a sales engineer.

18:55:51 From Pavlos Daniel : Acquia is hiring for a similar position as well (solutions engineer)

18:55:55 From Chad Hester : <https://imagexmedia.com/careers>

18:56:13 From Pavlos Daniel : <https://job-boards.greenhouse.io/acquia/jobs/7521200>

18:59:24 From Eric (Phone) : I know nothing about AI 😞

18:59:38 From Chad Hester : <https://www.drupal.org/project/ai>

19:00:00 From Pavlos Daniel : Though I'm also interested in how to solve the ethics+AI dilemma

19:00:40 From Eric (Phone) : I need to drop off. Great seeing everyone! Come help us organize the PNW Drupal Summit tomorrow!

19:04:17 From Will Hartmann (PapaGrande) : <https://digital.gov/guides/plain-language>

19:04:35 From Pavlos Daniel : The other thing you can look at is DrupalCMS, I believe it ships with an AI recipe you could take a look at to see what people are using it for

19:04:55 From Pavlos Daniel :
<https://www.drupal.org/blog/ai-in-drupal-cms-20-practical-tools-you-can-use-from-day-one>

19:07:24 From Pavlos Daniel : Schema.org metadata are your friend there

19:08:13 From Pavlos Daniel : https://www.drupal.org/project/schema_metatag

19:10:57 From Will Hartmann (PapaGrande) : <https://search.google.com/test/rich-results>



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