

The Real Power of Drupal

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It's the people, stupid!

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What is Open Source?

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A little frame of reference



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No money!



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Free speech – say and do what you want
The code is open and you can modify it to your needs

What is Drupal?

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 * @file
 * The PHP page that serves all page requests on a Drupal installation.
 *
 * The routines here dispatch control to the appropriate handler, which then
 * prints the appropriate page.
 *
 * All Drupal code is released under the GNU General Public License.
 * See COPYRIGHT.txt and LICENSE.txt.
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require_once './includes/bootstrap.inc';
drupal_bootstrap(DRUPAL_BOOTSTRAP_FULL);

$return = menu_execute_active_handler();

// Menu status constants are integers; page content is a string.
if (is_int($return)) {
  switch ($return) {
    case MENU_NOT_FOUND:
      drupal_not_found();
      break;
    case MENU_ACCESS_DENIED:
      drupal_access_denied();
      break;
    case MENU_SITE_OFFLINE:
      drupal_site_offline();
      break;
  }
}
elseif (isset($return)) {
  // Print any value (including an empty string) except NULL or undefined:
  print theme('page', $return);
}

drupal_page_footer();

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“It’s really the Drupal community and not so much the software that makes the Drupal project what it is. So fostering the Drupal community is actually more important than just managing the code base.”

- Dries Buytaert

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This attitude is prominent throughout the top people in Drupal
(quote from Dries interview about 2 years ago)

Who runs this thing?



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people from all walks (places, experience, perspective) make Drupal go
remember that they are real people, not just names in cyberspace
all volunteers who just step up



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teams grow organically – no real top-down hierarchy
“defined leaders” : Dries, core maintainer and docs, infra, security leads
lots of groups and teams just get together, define things and do the work
remember this is all volunteer and you can be involved in what interests you



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How does this **work**?



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Do-ocracy: the person who does it gets the job. You don't need to be an "expert"
Also remember that other people before tried their best – don't bitch at their effort, try to help make it better



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Communication

it goes both ways, but you need to initiate contact with others or they won't know you're there

– virtual and live methods (live is important for context and makes online comm better)

You matter.

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Each person that uses Drupal can have an impact on the software and the millions of other people that use it

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