## Use Cases

### Corporate Sites

Drupal works well for internal and external corporate sites because of its flexible permissions system and easy web-based publishing.

▸ **obsidian.co.za**

### Community Sites

Drupal excels as a platform for news sites and other communities where stories are provided by the audience. Incoming stories are automatically voted upon by the readers and the best stories are promoted to the home page. Submissions with poorer quality or of lesser interest are hidden after enough negative votes.

▸ **ecademy.com**

### Campaign Sites

Due to its strong networking, collaborative, and community capabilities, Drupal is a powerful choice for grassroots political campaigns.

▸ **musicforamerica.com**

### Educational Sites

As an online course platform, Drupal facilitates a strong community-building environment and enhances student-centered collaborative learning. A package for education distribution with extensive documentation is available.

▸ **drupaled.cyberdash.net**

### Personal Sites

Drupal is great for a personal web site where the owner can keep a blog, publish photos, and maintain a collection of links.

▸ **urlgreyhot.com**

**For more use cases, visit drupal.org/cases**

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## Drupal

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### Relevant Links

**Forums**
▸ drupal.org/forum

**Screenshots**
▸ drupal.org/screenshots

**Mailing Lists**
▸ drupal.org/lists

**Documentation**
▸ drupal.org/handbook

**Downloads**
▸ drupal.org/download

**Hosting & Services**
▸ drupal.org/services

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## STANDARDS COMPLIANT
# ACCESSIBLE
# MODULAR
# STABLE
# FREE

## Drupal

**CONTENT MANAGEMENT**
**COMMUNITY BUILDING**
**COLLABORATION**

# Benefits

## Standards Compliant

Drupal uses standards-compliant methods such as XHTML, separation of content and layout through CSS and clean URLs to make sites accessible and to improve search engine ranking.

## Stable

Drupal uses a database abstraction layer with support for several engines such as MySQL and PostgreSQL. Along with support for database table prefixes, Drupal has been extensively tested under high loads (such as a "Slashdot effect") and also includes built-in throttling and caching for optimal performance.

## Supported

There is an active developer and user community that participates in mailing lists, forums, and IRC. Several consultants also offer paid support and development using Drupal, and several ISPs specialize in hosting Drupal sites.
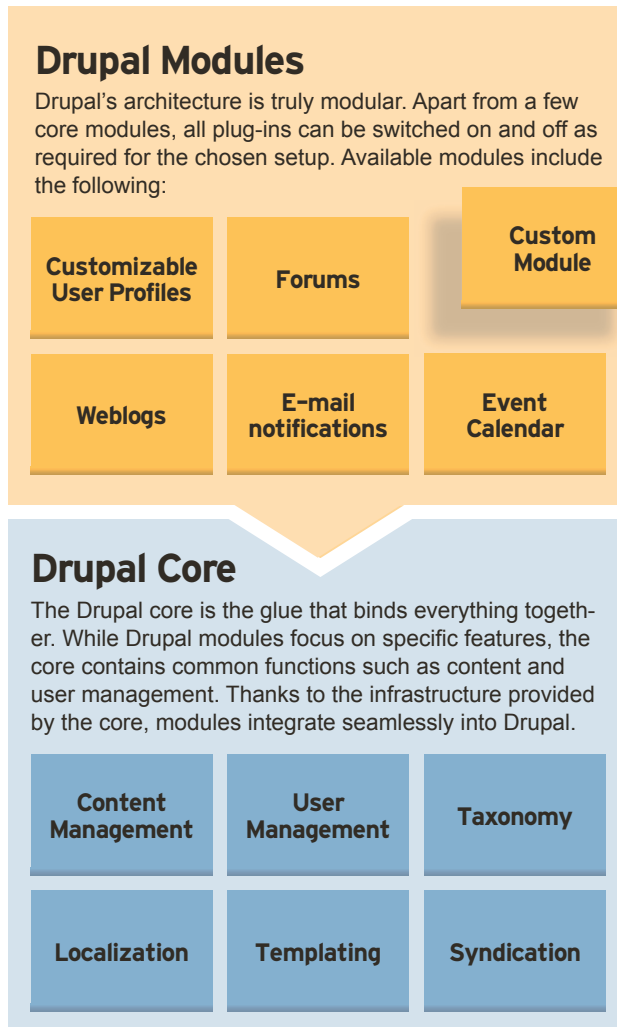
### Open Source

Drupal is licensed under the terms of the GNU General Public Licence (GPL), giving the freedom to customize and redistribute the code.

## Here to stay

Drupal has been in continuous development for over three years. The same group of primary developers refines and improves the code and encourages more people to create additional modules, contribute patches, and write vital documentation. The growing momentum is evidenced by many new websites and projects committing to Drupal.

# Drupal Architecture

## Drupal Modules

Drupal's architecture is truly modular. Apart from a few core modules, all plug-ins can be switched on and off as required for the chosen setup. Available modules include the following:

| Customizable User Profiles | Forums | Custom Module |
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| Weblogs | E-mail notifications | Event Calendar |

## Drupal Core

The Drupal core is the glue that binds everything together. While Drupal modules focus on specific features, the core contains common functions such as content and user management. Thanks to the infrastructure provided by the core, modules integrate seamlessly into Drupal.

| Content Management | User Management | Taxonomy |
|---|---|---|
| Localization | Templating | Syndication |

# Key Features

## Taxonomy

Drupal does much more than implement simple categories. Instead, Drupal's flexible taxonomy system allows creation of unlimited separate classification schemes. Each of these schemes can be arranged as a simple list, as a tree, or as a tree with interconnected branches. Administrators can choose different schemes to associate with each content type, and users may then browse tagged content by its taxonomy terms.

## Collaborative Book

The book feature organizes content into a nested hierarchy. It is particularly well-suited for manuals, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and user-contributed documentation. Comments may be posted to book pages, previous content revisions may be provided, and pages can be moved amongst the hierarchy at any time.

## Syndication

Drupal creates a syndicated RSS feed for others to gather with a "news aggregator," such as NetNewsWire or Feed-Demon. This allows your readers to view your latest content from the comfort of their desktop. Similarly, Drupal provides its own built-in web aggregator for reading and collecting news from other sites.

## Localization

The Drupal interfaces can be translated to make your Drupal website accessible in one or more languages.

**For more features, visit drupal.org/features**