WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR OLD DRUPAL SITE?
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HELLO!

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CHAT COLLABORATION

Introduce yourself

Ask questions

Answer questions

Have fun!

FOREST BATHING

"Forest bathing and forest therapy
(or shinrin-yoku) broadly means taking in,
in all of one's senses, the forest atmosphere."

STATE OF DRUPAL

Let's look at the numbers

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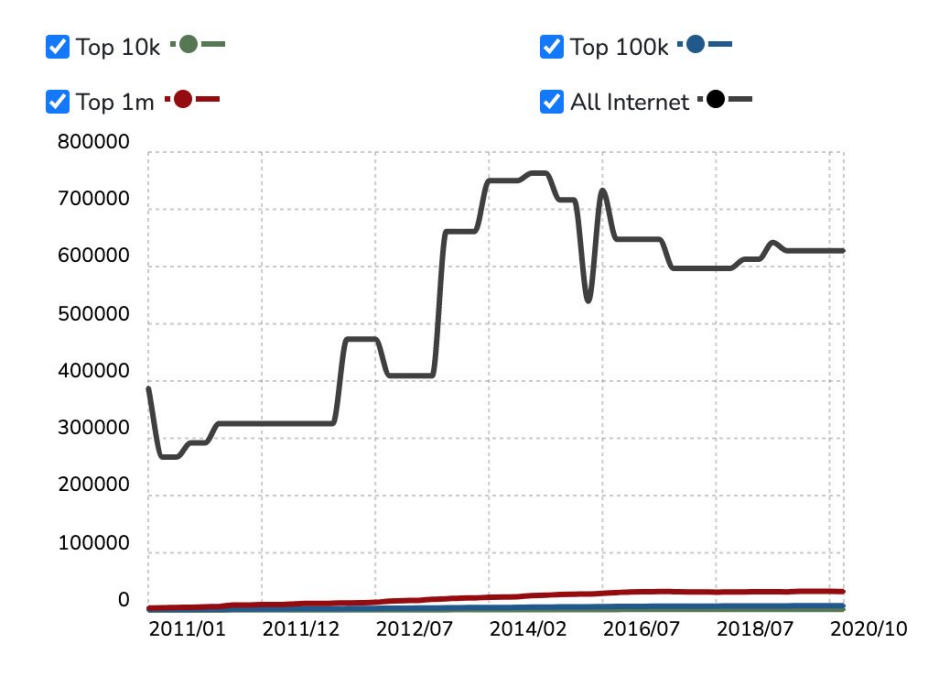

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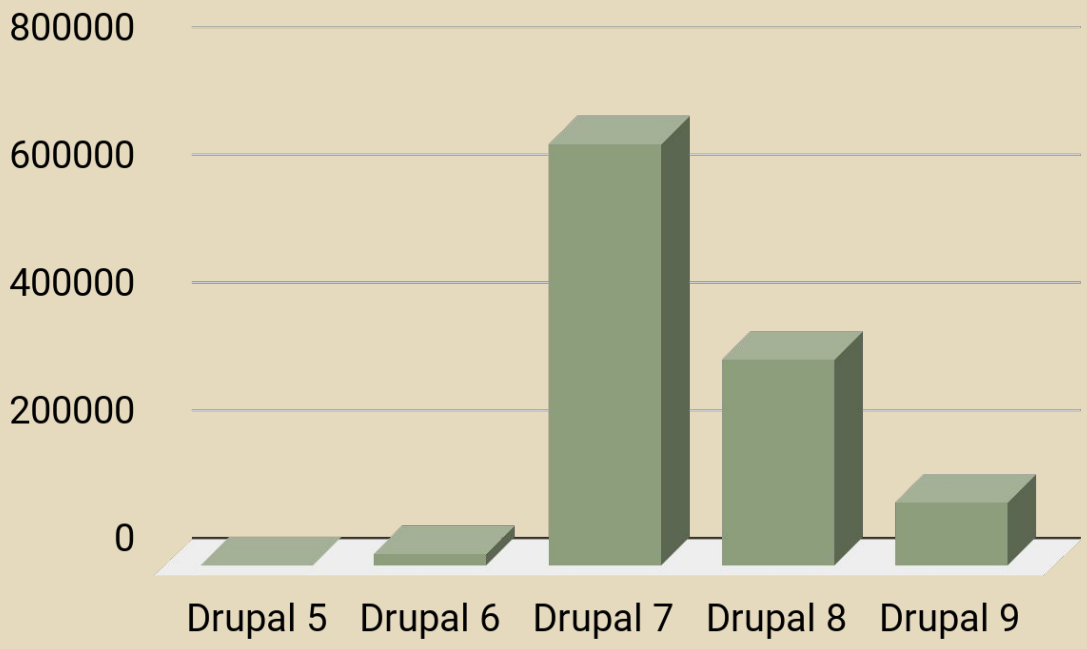

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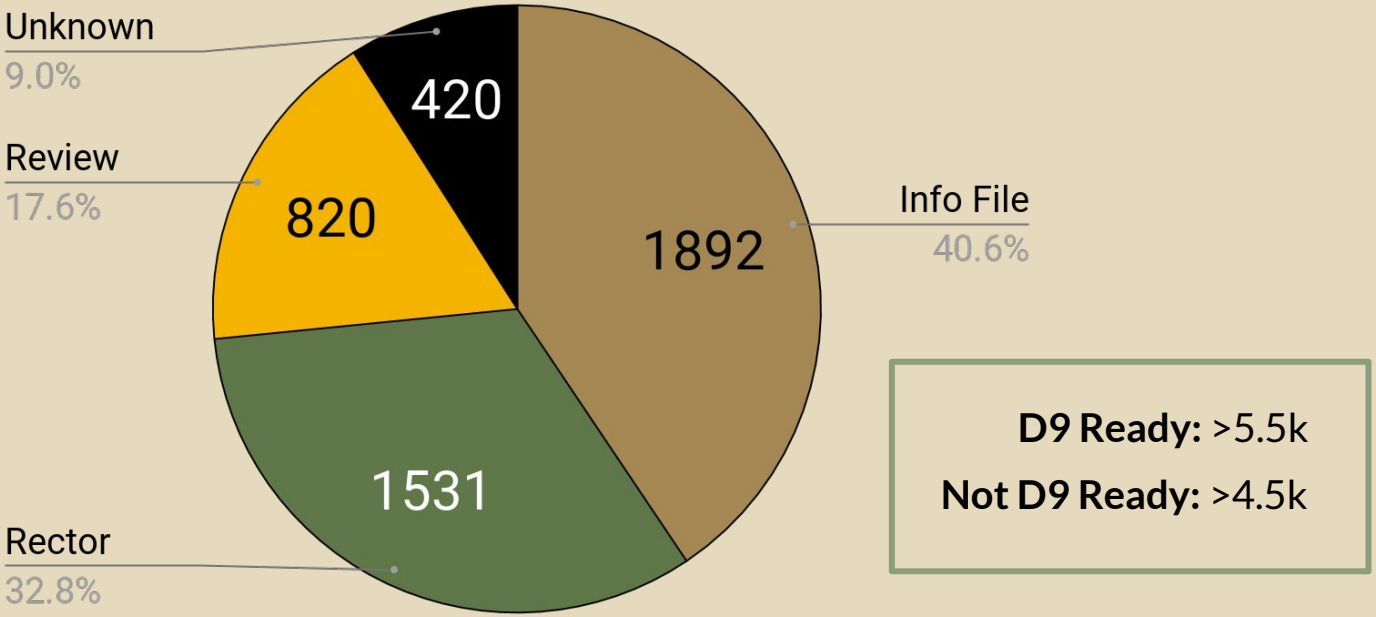
DRUPAL 8 TO 9 PROJECTS UPGRADE



D9 Ready: >5.5k

Not D9 Ready: >4.5k

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VERSIONS TIMELINE

Drupal 8 EOL
November 2021!

Drupal 7 EOL
November 2022

Drupal 9 EOL
November 2023

Drupal 10.0

Drupal 9.4
June 2022!

EOL = End of Life | bit.ly/d10release

ROADMAP

QUESTIONS

Things to ask yourself before you begin

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OPTIONS

Your choices for moving forward with your site

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TIPS

Info and tools to make things easier for you

“Adopt the pace of nature:
Her secret is patience.”

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Are you okay with the site going away?

OPTIONS IF YOU DON'T NEED THE SITE

Delete It

Consider the joy of one less thing to worry about

Give It Away

Maybe someone else would find it valuable

TIPS FOR GETTING RID OF YOUR SITE

BACKUP FIRST

You may change your mind

CAUTION!

Don't delete the wrong things!

CONSIDER ARCHIVING

We'll talk about that next

Can the site be stored away?

OPTIONS IF YOU CAN ARCHIVE YOUR SITE

Store Static Version

If you just want to have a copy of public pages

Store Site Dump

If you want to be able to reinstall the site

TIPS FOR ARCHIVING YOUR SITE

HTTRACK

Site copier for static version

DRUSH OR BACKUP & MIGRATE

Drupal tools for creating archives

TEST YOUR ARCHIVE

It might be broken, so test it!

Can the site be static?

OPTIONS IF YOUR SITE CAN BE STATIC

"Fully" Static Site

If you don't need dynamic functionality

"Semi" Static Site

If you need some dynamic functionality

TIPS FOR MOVING TO A STATIC SITE

HTTRACK or JEKYLL

"Fully" static version

GATSBY

Drupal-friendly React framework

TOME or STATIC SITE GENERATOR

Drupal modules for D8+D9 or D7+D8

Are you wanting to migrate away from Drupal?

OPTIONS IF YOU WANT TO MIGRATE FROM DRUPAL

Rebuild on SaaS

For simple sites, it may be best to just start over

Migrate to New CMS

If there is a lot of content, consider migrating

TIPS FOR MOVING AWAY FROM DRUPAL

TEST OUT A SAAS PRODUCT

Wix, Weebly, Squarespace, etc.

FG DRUPAL TO WORDPRESS

Plugin for Drupal 4 through 9

OTHER POPULAR OPTIONS

Joomla, Contentful, Backdrop*

Are you happy with your Drupal 7 site?

OPTIONS IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH YOUR DRUPAL 7 SITE

Extended Support

You can stay on Drupal 7 safely until 2025

Migrate to Backdrop

Backdrop is a fork of Drupal 7

TIPS FOR STICKING WITH DRUPAL 7

EXTENDED SUPPORT VENDORS

Acquia, Dropsolid, Lullabot, myDropWizard, Tag1

BACKDROP UPGRADE

Supported from Drupal 7

Check out Jen's session at 2pm Pacific

DRUPAL 6 TO 7 UPGRADE

You could upgrade to Drupal 7

Are you on Drupal 8?

OPTIONS IF YOU'RE ON DRUPAL 8

Upgrade to Drupal 9

You're running out of time, EOL in November!

Invent a Time Machine

Just checking to see if you are paying attention

TIPS FOR IF YOU ARE ON DRUPAL 8

UPGRADE IS PRETTY EASY

Get up to version 8.9 first

UPGRADE STATUS MODULE

Module that runs on Drupal 8+9

DEPRECATION STATUS TOOL

Acquia hosts a tool for checking contributed project compatibility

Do you want to transition from Drupal 6 or 7 to 9?

OPTIONS IF YOU'RE MIGRATING FROM DRUPAL 6/7 TO 9

Press the Button

For small sites, consider the automated tool

Rebuild and Migrate

Map your old site to the new site structure

TIPS FOR IF YOU'RE MIGRATING FROM 6/7 TO 9

AUDIT AND REMOVE CRUFT

Make sure to clean up first so you aren't bringing over cruft

AUTOMATED LEAVES STRUCTURE

If you don't like your structure, don't use the "press the button" option

MIGRATE MODULES

Core modules plus contributed modules like Migrate Plus and Migrate Tools

“smile,
breathe,
and go slowly.”

— thich nhat hanh

RESOURCES: TOOLS

- Backup & Migrate Module (D5 thru D9)
- HTTrack Website Copier
- Jekyll Static Site Generator
- Gatsby Quick Start
- Tome Static Site Generator Module (D8+D9)
- Static Site Generator Module (D8) | Static Generator Module (D7)
- Netlify Hosting (with free tier)
- FG Drupal to WordPress Plugin (D4 to D9)
- Backdrop CMS (Drupal 7 fork)
- Drupal 7 to 8/9 Module Upgrader Module
- Upgrade Status Module (D8+D9)
- Drupal 9 Contributed Project Readiness Tool
- Core and Contributed Migrate Modules (D8+D9)

RESOURCES: VIDEOS

- An Introduction to Static Site Generators for Drupalists | Brian Perry
- Meet Tome, a Drupal Static Site Generator | Sam Mortenson
- Goodbye Drupal 8, Hello GatherContent + Static Site | Andrew Mallis
- Beyond static: Building a dynamic app w/ GatsbyJS | Jesus Manuel Olivas
- Backdrop is Drupal 7. You know where it came from.
- How I'm migrating JeffGeerling.com from Drupal 7 to Drupal 8
- Bridging the gap from Drupal 7 to Drupal 9
- Preparing You and Your Site for Drupal 9
- Upgrade From Drupal 8 to 9 with composer
- Fixing Composer issues with a Drupal 9 upgrade
- DrupalCon 2021 Drupal 10 Readiness Keynote (coming soon)

RESOURCES: BLOG POSTS

- Sending a Drupal Site into Retirement Using Static Generation | Lullabot
- Ported Drupal 7 blog to Jekyll | boombatower
- Decoupling Drupal is Easier Than You Think | Medicurrent
- Building My Site with Tome and Single File Components | Sam Mortenson
- Drupal to WordPress Migration Guide | Another Coffee
- Backdrop is a viable alternative to Drupal 7 | Backdrop
- When Do I REALLY Need to Upgrade From Drupal 7 (or 8)? | MyDropWizard
- How and When to Upgrade from Drupal 7 to Drupal 9 | Lullabot
- 19+ Guides to nail your Drupal 9 migration | Evolvingweb
- 31 days of Drupal migrations | Mauricio Dinarte
- Drupal 8/9 Migration Performance Tips and Tricks | Tandem

RESOURCES: DOCUMENTATION

- HTTrack Docs
- Jekyll Docs
- Gatsby Docs
- Tome Docs
- Netlify Docs
- Backdrop Docs
- Upgrade Process to Drupal 7
- Drupal 7 Extended Vendor Support
- Upgrading Using Web Browser
- Upgrading from Drupal 6 or 7 to 8 or 9
- Upgrading from Drupal 8 to 9
- Drupal 8/9 Core Migrate Modules
- Known Issues When Upgrading from Drupal 6 or 7 to Drupal 8 or 9

THANKS!

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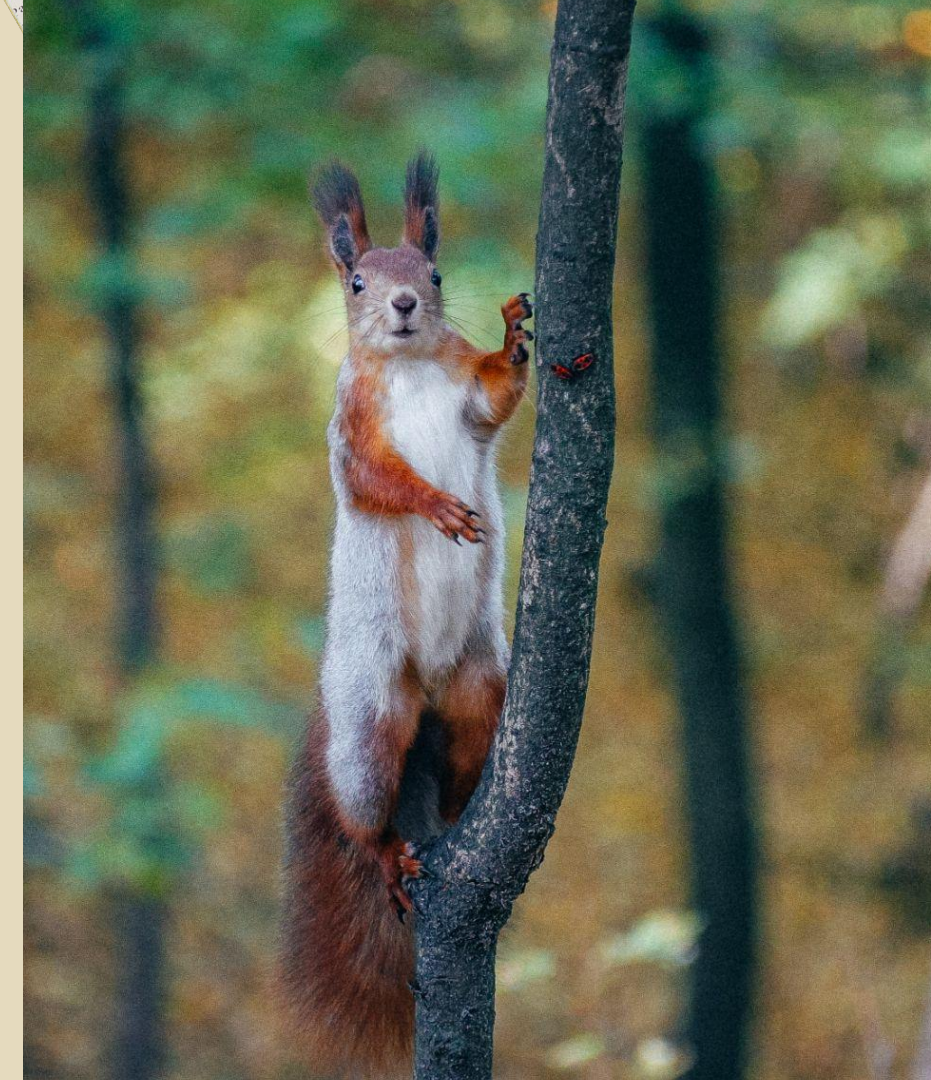

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