



Drupal Continued

Or should we just start at the beginning?



What is Drupal?

- ..Is a “Content Management System”
- No web design knowledge or software needed. (!) Use out-of-the-box
- PHP based
- Primarily designed for interactive use, has all the functionality for viewers to read and comment on the content.
- Can be modified to function as a “static” site, with many available “themes” to personalize the front end visuals



Drupal Specific Terms

- **Nodes:** Piece of information that is pulled into the site. (Page, story, blog post etc)
- **Modules:** Plugins –a piece of software that gives additional functionality, usually needs to be installed and/or activated
- **Theme:** unified graphic style, stays the same throughout and gives the “look”.
- **Core:** modules included, optional and required.
- **Template:** how nodes appear



Types of pages

- When choosing “Create content”
- A “**Page**” does not allow comments
- A “**Story**” does allow comments
- A “Story” is by default set to be promoted to the home page, but that can be turned off
- Carefully set all options and **SAVE** the changes for them to go into effect.



Create a page

- Create content/page
- Copy/Paste the content:
- Set the specifics.
- For the link, choose from the drop down where you want it to appear.
- Under Parent item: choose <Primary links>, puts it at the top bar.
- View how to add HTML for formatting



Change the graphics

- Drupal installation directory
- Themes / theme-name-folder
- Find name of image to replace in the source
- Then replace the image OR modify the css style that defines the image file



Status reports

- Under Administration/Reports
- Shows recent activity
- Updates available
- Status report
- Cron maintenance tasks
- Etc info



Site Maintenance

- Administer/Site maintenance
- Here you can turn the site off temporarily for maintenance and/or upgrades.
- You can set your own default message that appears if anyone visits the site during the update period.
- Drupal will remind you if updates (critical or version updates) are available



links

- <http://themegarden.org/drupal6/>
- <http://www.siteground.com/tutorials/drupal-tutorial/index.htm>
- <http://mogdesign.eu/blog/ultimate-drupal-tutorial-collection/>
- <http://drupal.org/handbook>