

How to use the *freaking awesome* Drupal community

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Come for the software, stay for the community

Drupal is an open source content management platform powering millions of websites and applications. It's built, used, and supported by an active and diverse community of people around the world.



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Refine your search

- ☒ All
- ☐ Modules
- ☐ Themes
- ☐ Documentation
- ☐ Forums & Issues
- ☐ Groups

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Why Choose Drupal?

Use Drupal to build everything from personal blogs to enterprise applications. Thousands of add-on modules and designs let you build any site you can imagine. Join us!

[Get Started with Drupal](#)

Drupal Distributions

Distributions are a collection of pre-configured themes and modules for feature-rich web sites

Sites Made with Drupal



Lifeguard Press osCommerce Migration to Drupal

Develop with Drupal



Help build Drupal 8. We are already hard at work. But we need your help to **develop**, **design** and **test** the next version of Drupal.
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21,309 Modules

1,688 Themes

612 Distributions

25,031 Developers

This week

3,847 Code commits

6,496 Issue comments

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The Drupal community

Where to get help, support,
ideas and inspiration



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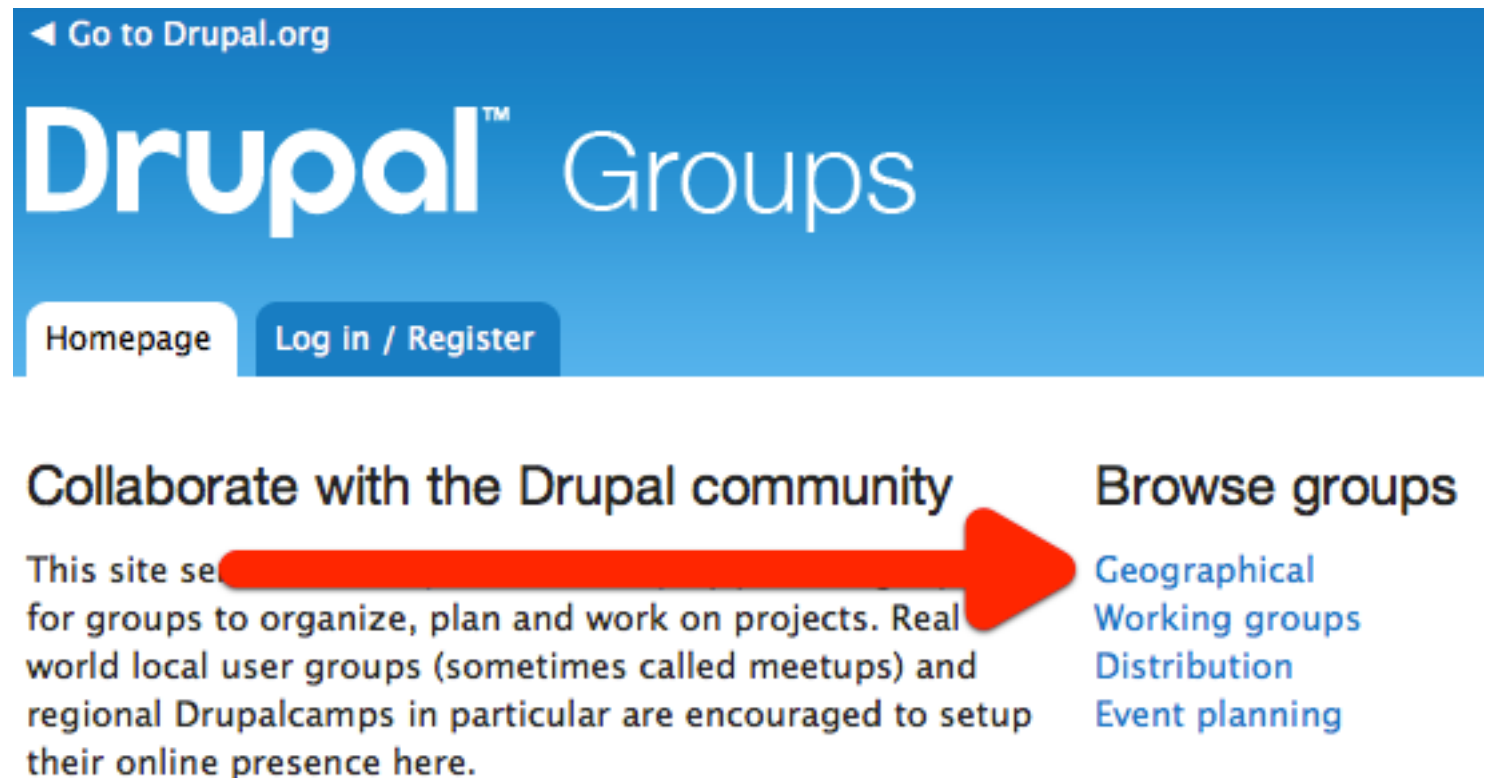
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1. Local meetups

Head to
groups.drupal.org



The screenshot shows the Drupal Groups homepage. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "Go to Drupal.org" and "Drupal™ Groups". Below the header, there are two buttons: "Homepage" and "Log in / Register". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Collaborate with the Drupal community" and contains the text: "This site serves as a central hub for groups to organize, plan and work on projects. Real world local user groups (sometimes called meetups) and regional Drupalcamps in particular are encouraged to setup their online presence here." The right column is titled "Browse groups" and contains a list of links: "Geographical", "Working groups", "Distribution", and "Event planning". A large red arrow points from the left column to the right column.



2. DrupalCon

One North American and one European
(and probably one Southern Hemisphere)
DrupalCon each year.

Next Drupalcon: Portland, OR, May 20–24
portland2013.drupal.org



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2b. Free DrupalCon!

Every single session from every single DrupalCon ever is recorded and available free.

youtube.com/DrupalAssociation



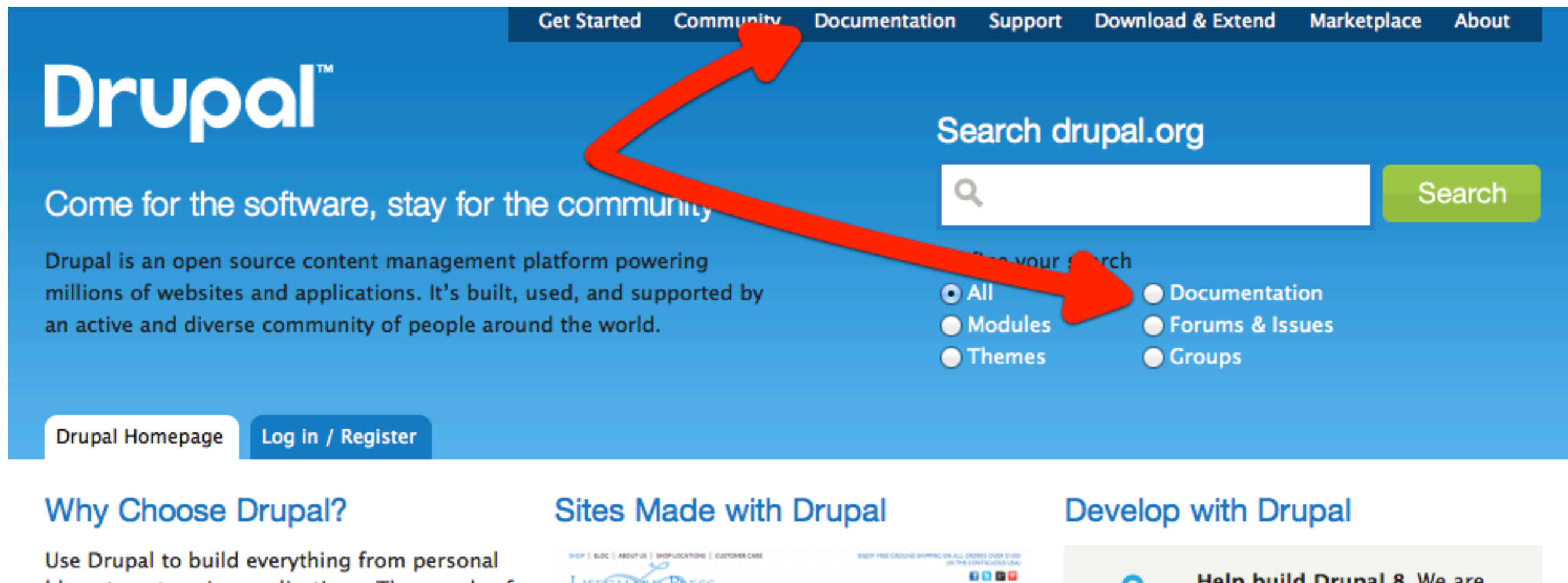
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3. Drupal docs



The screenshot shows the Drupal.org homepage. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains links: Get Started, Community, Documentation, Support, Download & Extend, Marketplace, and About. The 'Documentation' link is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the navigation bar, the Drupal logo is on the left, and a search bar with the text 'Search drupal.org' is on the right. The search bar has a magnifying glass icon and a green 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are radio buttons for 'All', 'Modules', 'Themes', 'Documentation', 'Forums & Issues', and 'Groups'. The 'All' radio button is selected. Below the search bar, there are links for 'Drupal Homepage' and 'Log in / Register'. Below the search bar, there are three main sections: 'Why Choose Drupal?', 'Sites Made with Drupal', and 'Develop with Drupal'. The 'Why Choose Drupal?' section has the text 'Use Drupal to build everything from personal'. The 'Sites Made with Drupal' section has a list of links: SHOP, BLOG, ABOUT US, SHOP LOCATIONS, CUSTOMER CARE. The 'Develop with Drupal' section has the text 'Help build Drupal & We are'.

4. Issue queues

- Great for specific error messages
- Great if you know the module
- Not great for “what could be causing this” questions

Views

[View](#) [Version control](#)

Posted by [merlinofchaos](#) on November 25, 2005 at 8:34pm

You need Views if

- You like the default front page view, but you find you want to sort it differently.
- You like the default taxonomy/term view, but you find you want to sort it differently; for example, alphabetically.
- You use /tracker, but you want to restrict it to posts of a certain type.
- You like the idea of the 'article' module, but it doesn't display articles the way you like.
- You want a way to display a block with the 5 most recent posts of some particular type.
- You want to provide 'unread forum posts'.
- You want a monthly archive similar to the typical Movable Type/WordPress archives that displays a link in the form of "Month, YYYY (X)" where X is the number of posts that month, and displays them in a block. The links lead to a simple list of posts for that month.

Views can do a lot more than that, but those are some of the obvious uses of Views.

Views for Drupal 8

Views is in Drupal 8 Core!

Recommended versions of Views!

For new installs of Drupal 6, we recommend the 6.x-3.x branch. We have not changed the recommended version you see below, because there is an upgrade bug in 6.x-2.x that causes upgraded views to break. We don't want anyone getting a surprise breakage of their site.

The 6.x-2.x branch of Views is in critical/security maintenance mode only. If we can fix the upgrade issue, that will absolutely be fixed and the branch will officially be deprecated at that

Maintainers for Views

[daweher](#) – 2911 commits
last: 2 weeks ago, first: 3 years ago

[damiankloip](#) – 353 commits
last: 8 weeks ago, first: 47 weeks ago

[tim.plunkett](#) – 579 commits
last: 17 weeks ago, first: 2 years ago

[dww](#) – 28 commits
last: 22 weeks ago, first: 5 years ago

[xjm](#) – 78 commits
last: 24 weeks ago, first: 32 weeks ago

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Issues for Views

To avoid duplicates, please search before submitting a new issue.

[Advanced search](#)

All issues
2530 open, 18334 total

Bug reports
980 open, 7034 total

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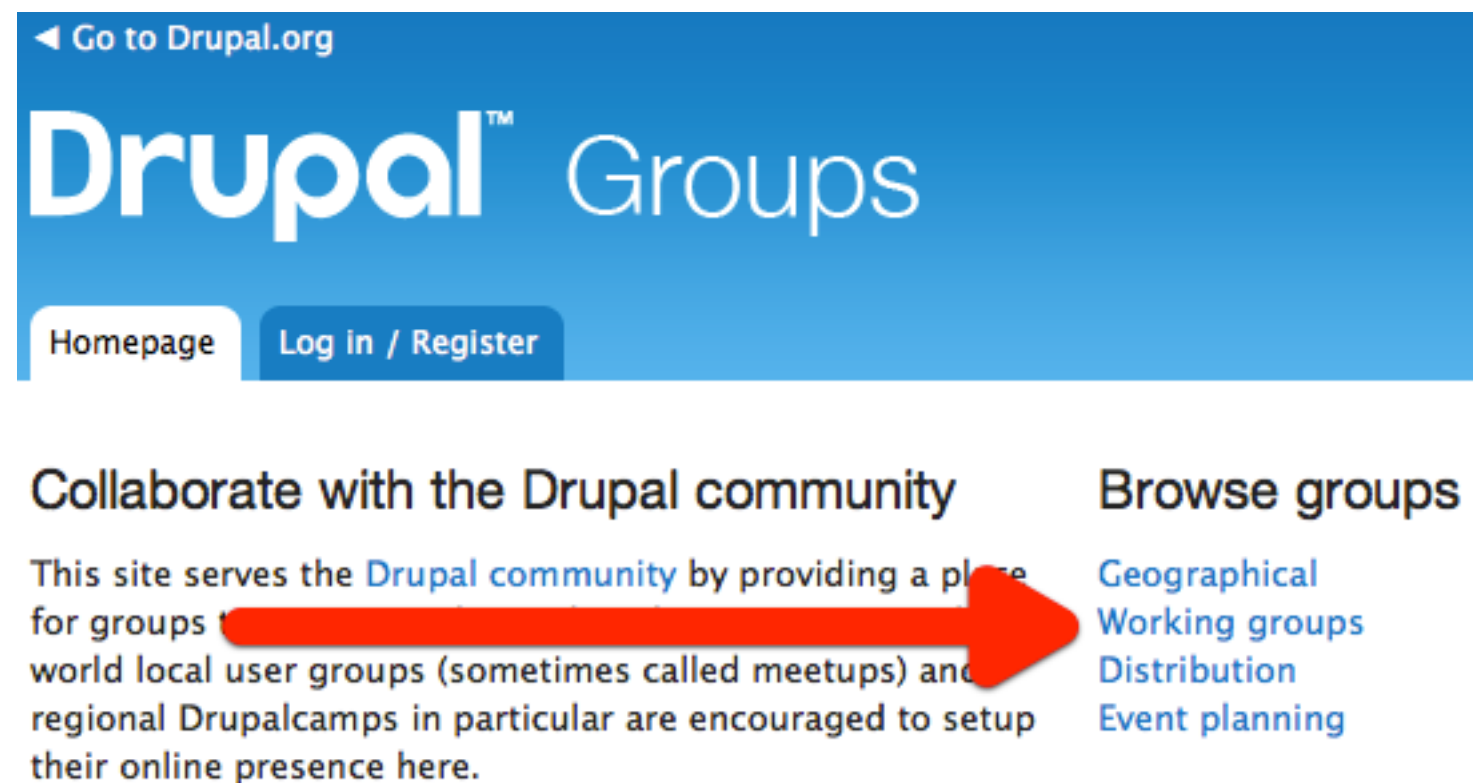
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5. Drupal Groups

Head to
groups.drupal.org
(again)



Drupal for Good

This group is a place to share ideas, organize and generally put our heads together regarding how Drupal is, and can be, used for charitable and various nonprofit purposes.

groups.drupal.org/drupal-for-good

Drupal for Activists and Campaigns

A special interest group for activists and campaigners who use Drupal or want to use it, who may or may not be programmers or designers, and who want to: discuss what Drupal can do for a good activist or campaign site, compile an activist/campaign based Drupal How-to, etc and make a better welcome message. I.e. Unions, Environmental Groups, Animal Rights, Activist Social Networking etc.

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6. Instant Reply Chat

(this is not actually what it stands for)

drupal.org/irc

It's not scary!

And it's really
useful to learn!

#drupal-ngo

Chat with the Drupal Community on IRC

Last updated January 11, 2013.

Getting started

- For IRC experts: all of these channels are on irc.freenode.net
- For people new to IRC, read the [setting up and using IRC](#) page.

Essential Channels to Join

- [#drupal](#) is a lounge of sorts. Here, we talk about patches we need reviewed, quick how-to questions, and what we've been doing with Drupal lately, among other things. If it's Drupal-related, and isn't in-depth enough to take over the channel with lots of text, and doesn't need a quiet venue, it is fair game in #drupal.
- [#drupal-contribute](#) is the place to go if you want to help with core and contrib coding work, promotion, advocacy, infrastructure, and general Drupal community tasks. The rule of thumb here: if it ends up on the drupal.org infrastructure, and you are working on it or want to work on it, then this is the place to talk about it.
- [#drupal-support](#) is for long or deep support discussions. While quick questions are okay in #drupal, some discussions are just too long for that channel, or need a quieter venue -- that's when they go in #drupal-support.

Topical Channels

Note: There is a separate page for [Regional IRC Drupal channels](#).

- [#drupal-accessibility](#) channel to chat about coding and accessibility issues and extensions in Drupal
- [#drupal-adaptivetheme](#) design and theme development support and discussion for users of Adaptivetheme



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7. NTEN's Community of Practice



[CoP: Drupal](#)

Members: [210](#) Owner:

If you work in a nonprofit using Drupal, or you work with nonprofits using Drupal, this is the group for you!

my.nten.org/group/drupal

- Free monthly discussion calls hosted by Johanna Bates and me (next call **Thurs. Apr. 25**)
- Email/web discussion list

8. Blogs and resources

Drupal Planet: **drupal.org/planet**

Node One videos: **nodeone.se/sv/learn-drupal**

Ivan Zugec: **zugec.com**

Modules Unraveled podcast: **modulesunraveled.com/podcast**

Lullabot Module Monday: **lullabot.com/ideas/blog**

Lullabot videos/podcast: **drupalize.me** (some free, some paid)

Code Karate videos: **codekarate.com**



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