



DRUPAL CONTENT AND SITE ADMINISTRATION FOR DRUPAL

LOCATION: 11 HOLLAND AVE, OTTAWA

COST: \$1,000

SPECIALLY CRAFTED COURSES TO ASSIST ORGANIZATIONS IN BETTER LEVERAGING DRUPAL.

Aside from having a phonetically intriguing name, the content management system Drupal also has a dedicated core of programmers who work tirelessly to extend and improve its functionality. A slightly more sophisticated CMS than a blogging-oriented system like WordPress, Drupal's main benefit is that it is very open to incorporating different "modules." To use an analogy, this means that Drupal's solid programming trunk has countless equally solid module branches. Each branch only helps to enhance the overall fitness and scope of the CMS. New modules sprout practically every day from around the globe. Drupal also offers what is known as a Taxonomy feature, which enables administrators to set highly specific and nuanced categories for different forms of content. These types of features make it easy to remake websites as needed without having to spend enormous amounts of money reinvesting in infrastructural costs. This flexibility and rigorous international support structure means that Drupal is the

preferred CMS for major websites such as The White House and international finance magazine "The Economist." It is free to install, although training sessions are recommended for those who intend to use the CMS to build sites. Some companies make their living by providing employees or engineers who are specifically trained in Drupal in order to build commercial or public sector sites. However, as an open-source platform Drupal is not "restricted." Anyone who has a genuine interest in using the CMS may do so, with the caveat that it may take them some time to learn their way around the system. Drupal's goals in 2013 include creating a more stable version of "Drupal 8" in order to increase the amount of users globally. In order to facilitate this goal, the programmers who are actively working on this version of the CMS are attempting to create a slightly more organized forum where programmers and users can comment on problems or breakthroughs they have made with the CMS. This forum would also stage more regular meetings with top Drupal operators in an effort to spot problems, share solutions and generally craft an increasingly powerful and ubiquitous CMS.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

No matter what your site is intended to do, making sure site managers and members are using it in a productive way is integral to its success. This course seeks to ensure just that and educate attendees on the numerous tools made available to content publishers and site administrators. Once you learn Drupal's language for content administration and site management, you will be able to effectively leverage any Drupal CMS.

AUDIENCE:

This course is designed for anyone involved with updating and managing their website who wants to maximize their productivity. The course tailors to a wide range of organizational positions:

- Senior Managers
- Communications
- IT and Web Teams
- Web Publishers and Content Editors

No previous programming or technical knowledge is required. For any questions regarding suitability of this course please contact us.

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OPIN is a provider of enterprise content management solutions for government and public sector organizations. At OPIN, our vision is to assist clients through software implementation and consulting in creating an effective web presence. OPIN works with federal, provincial, and municipal governments, as both a service and software supplier. Our mission is to provide extensive IT, management and creative competence to deliver custom enterprise content management solutions to clients using open-source technology.



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Chris is a self-motivated, results-oriented entrepreneur with over nine (9) years' experience in the informatics processing industry. From his 9 year career as a consultant in the Federal Government, Mr. Smith has gained experience in project management, software development, data management, and enterprise resource planning systems. He is well versed in Drupal, Apache Solr, CSS, XHTML, MySQL, Common Look and Feel (CLF) 2.0 and Government of Canada Usability standards as well as the new World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility

Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 standards.

Chris teaches courses at Algonquin College in the Interactive Multimedia Development Program, specializing in web design and web content management. His experience and leadership at OPIN Software has helped position the company to be one of the most successful Drupal system integrators for the Government of Canada and has allowed the company to branch out to other public sector organizations such as the Governments of Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia as well as Academic Institutions and Not for Profits.

AGENDA

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

INTRODUCTION – WHAT ARE BLOCKS, NODES, FIELDS, ETC

SITE BUILDING – CREATING CONTENT, UI, CUSTOM FIELDS, TAXONOMY

FIELD API – LEVERAGING BOOLEAN FIELDS, NUMERIC FIELDS, IMAGE FIELDS, ETC

SITE ADMINISTRATION – ADMIN TOOLBAR, CONFIGURATION SECTION. USER MANAGEMENT

BUILDING DYNAMIC PAGES – A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DRUPAL VIEWS MODULE

VIEWS ADMINISTRATION – AVAILABLE VIEWS, DECONSTRUCTING A VIEW, TRANSLATION INTERFACE



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