

Dear Sir,

On behalf of drupalkar project, I would like to introduce our plans to foster industry - student communication around Drupal and FOSS. Drupal is a CMS which powers internet's top sites and bring in vast opportunities from career point of view. Drupal is at a stage where demand has surpassed supply by many factors and industry is finding difficult at best to find drupal skills in the market. India contributes to significant share of IT resource pool but still there are handful of developers around the country who are decently skilled in drupal due to lack of awareness at college level. After many discussions among drupal industry experts and developers we have come to the conclusion that its best to tap the talent early and raise awareness at college level along side their usual curriculum. We feel that market is moving towards lean and new age software mostly based on FOSS and due to college curriculum's lack of action toward significant FOSS awareness and courses, project like Drupalkar can find its value among students and faculty.

I am writing this letter to seek permission of college to allow drupalkar presentation in the college by experienced developers. Please find below the approach adopted by drupalkar to be effective:

Approach to reach out to students is simple, show something they can make in an hour rather than a speech/talk on why drupal, how drupal? as the talks get incoherent (its upto the drupal developer conducting the demo session to open up for Q/A which I strongly recommend) and over the time ineffective. We would pickup models from internet and show students how to make that site in drupal and how easy web development is with drupal.

I would like to find out your college's interest to foster such communication and awareness around drupal and preparing students for market needs. We seek no remuneration

from either college or students to conduct these sessions, these sessions will be totally free and of high quality led by drupal experts in line with FOSS philosophy. Though we will need some amenities like auditorium/class and internet connection to conduct these sessions effectively. Please let us know if you would like your college to be part of drupalkar pilot.

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Hoping to hear in positive from you.

Regards
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