What is Drupal?

Drupal can be whatever you need it to be. The power and flexibility of Drupal makes it an excellent choice for any site.

Drupal's core architecture, with a feature set easily expanded and enhanced by hundreds of community contributed modules, enables website owners to empower their visitors and users, cultivating the kinds of interactions that make a website not just a brochure.

The active community of users that exists around the Drupal project are committed to improving Drupal and offering assistance to people new to the system. Interactions among this community of users, consultants and developers encourages and facilitates improvements and innovations in the system. Drupal is different things to different users.

"…finally I have found a system that I can adapt with and not get bogged down creatively. I'm no coder, no graphics artist, no website developer but I know what I want and Drupal has helped me achieve most of this in a very short period of "

What sets Drupal apart?

Content Management: easily create, publish and revise web pages, blogs, podcasts, and video blogs, with optional automatic versioning and workflow.

Community Management: build full-featured online communities. Using Drupal's community features, any website can be a social network.

A Development Platform: the Drupal environment is the ultimate in developer friendlyness: cleanly structured, easy to learn, and easy to extend in non trivial ways.

Flexibility: Drupal functionality is structured into "modules" which can be turned on or off at will. Your site can adapt perfectly to your specific needs.

Features: the Drupal "core" consists of dozens of features, which are complemented by over a hundred contributed modules that do everything from publishing workflow to image galleries, e- commerce, WYSIWYG editing and more!

Accessibility: out of the box, all Drupal sites are search engine optimized and accessible due to Drupal's use of standards-compliant CSS and XHTML.

Performance: thanks to advanced features like caching and throttling, Drupal can adapt to traffic spikes and accomodate thousands of users easily.

Taxonomy: Drupal's core taxonomy system is far more than tagging or creating categories and sections for a site. The complexity of relationships that can be represented using the Drupal taxonomy system has made Drupal one of fastest growing web development platforms for libraries and academic archives. At the same time, Javascript auto-complete and a free-tagging system make it easy to implement user tagging.

Internationalization and Localization: the core interface of Drupal has already been translated into dozens of languages by local communities -- from Chinese to Catalan. The interface can be further translated or modified directly through the web interface. Modules for doing multilingual content are available today, and better multilingual support is one of the design goals for future versions of Drupal.

End Users: Those afraid of code can now maintain their own site. Drupal's content filters allow for a number of ways of inputting content for pages. The system can allow users of different skill levels to feel comfortable.

Developers: Drupal provides a core set of features that make it appropriate for building interactive websites and full web applications.

Consultants: Drupal's modular design means that consultants can work with their clients to customize Drupal to meet most needs -- from a brochure site to a complex community or e-commerce site.

"Drupal has a flexibility that allows me and my team to customize and modify it to the exact specifications of our clients, their organizations and their projects."