

Publishing Platform on Drupal 8

15+ brands: how to BUILD a unique site for each brand...without DEVELOPING a new site for each brand

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The Project I Publishing Platform



Building a Publishing platform on Drupal 8.

Migrating 15+ brands, from various CMSs/ Frameworks onto the new platform.

Content dating back to 1995.

Start with Core and then release brands on a rolling schedule.

The Project I Goals

Empower brands

Allow the brands to do more, take control of their web sites and rely less on developers.

-- create new landing pages, manage their home page layout, manage menus, access control etc

-- last year alone, the support system received ~58 tickets related to updating the footer

Let developers focus on innovation.



The Project I Goals

Develop once, use anywhere

All brands should reap the benefits of best in class features.

-- Brand X does something well, adapt it and distribute to others.

Reduce maintenance costs over time.

Maintain code standards and best practices (SEO, accessibility, analytics etc) across brands.



The Project I Goals



The Project I Discovery Phase

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Defined Core platform features and Brand specific features



Established a common language around content types, layouts, components etc



Defined multi site architecture



High level timeline as well as brand rollout plan

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The Project I Discovery Phase

We started with Core platform development and came up with a rolling go live schedule for the brands.

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Platform features and Demo

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Platform features and Demo



Site Building power of Drupal 8



Multi Site architecture and Configuration Management



Patternlabs and Global Styleguide

Site Building I Key Concepts

Empowering Brands

Following modules and Drupal 8 concepts lay the foundation of the site building capabilities within the platform

- 01 I Panels and Panelizer
- 02 I Layout Discovery
- 03 I Blocks as entities
- 04 I Paragraphs & Quick Edit
- 05 I Media Entity



Site Building I Demo







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Site Building I Demo

Component Examples

Most components were developed as **Block Entities**



Why Kyle Hendricks is excited to have Tyler Chatwood in the Cubs' starting rotation

Everyone wants to know when the Cubs are going to add another starting pitcher. Fewer folks want to talk about the one they've already signed this offseason.



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SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL TEST II



Promo Test 2 copy



Promo Test 1

Promo Test 1 copy Promo Test 3 copy





Platform Architecture

Brand 1



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Platform Architecture



Brand 1

Platform Architecture I Config Mgmt



Configuration Management in Drupal 8 is the for successfully building a platform.

Example: we define a core article content type, with a set of core article fields.

Brands have the ability to create or modify fields for their respective sites.

We can still push core changes to all brands.

Platform Architecture I Config Mgmt

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Platform Architecture | PatternLab



Global style guide using PatternLab.

Central place to see all components within the platform as well as all brand sites.

Allows front end developers to work independently of back end.

Summary

- Core modules and concepts in Drupal 8, such as layout discovery and configuration management, having blocks as entities are the backbone of our platform approach.
- Significant improvement in media management and paragraphs module, which has improved editorial experience.
- You can set up your platform as a multi-site as well as a single site installation. We are maintaining a combination of both.
- A strong governance model should be in place otherwise the platform can get out of hand and implode.
- Implement QA automation. We've used Behat extensively in this project.





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