

Feature overview

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General features

Collaborative Book

Our unique collaborative book feature lets you setup a project or “book” that needs to be written and then authorize other individuals to contribute content.

2 [detailed information](#)

Friendly URL's

Drupal uses Apache's mod_rewrite to enable URL's that are both user and search engine friendly.

Modules

The Drupal community has contributed many modules which provide functionality like taxonomy display, jabber authentication, private messages, bookmarks, etc.

[detailed information](#)

Online help

Like many Open Source projects, we can't say that our online help is perfect but have built a robust online help system and written the core help text.

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Open source

The source code of Drupal is freely available under the terms of the GNU General Public License (GPL). Unlike proprietary blogging or content management systems, Drupal's feature set is fully available to extend or customize as needed.

[detailed information](#)

Personalization

A robust personalization environment is at the core of Drupal. Both the content and the presentation can be individualized based on user-defined preferences.

Role based permission system

Drupal administrators don't have to tediously setup permissions for each user. Instead, they assign permissions to roles and then group like users into a role group.

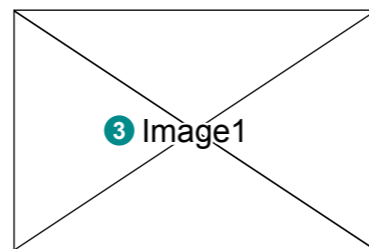
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Searching

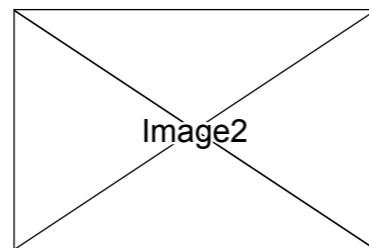
All content in Drupal is fully indexed and searchable at all times.

Site cloud

Every Drupal application has a customizable “site cloud” which tracks other websites you're interest in and lets you know how recently they've been modified.



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Suggestions:

1 Proper structure

Use either:

- standard headers h1 h2 h3 or
- combination of h1 h2 h3 and definition lists <d1></d1>

2 “Detailed information” link next to feature description

This helps to improve the reading flow.

Alternatives:

- rename the link to something more informal such as “Learn more” or “Read more”
- make the feature titles clickable as well

3 Inline screenshots

Inline screenshots provide far more quicker overview of the features than static links and also live up the dull page.

Problems:

4 Awkward placement of images on wider pages

When browser page is too wide, the text and the image flows such a way that they will be misaligned.

Solution: none at the moment. We can experience with some CSS padding though.

5 Ordering of the features

Currently we use alphabetical ordering, but this does not match the actual importance of the features. The order should match the order used in document General information about Drupal (<http://drupal.org/about>)

Solution: introduce a weight concept?