

State of Drupal Boston 2008

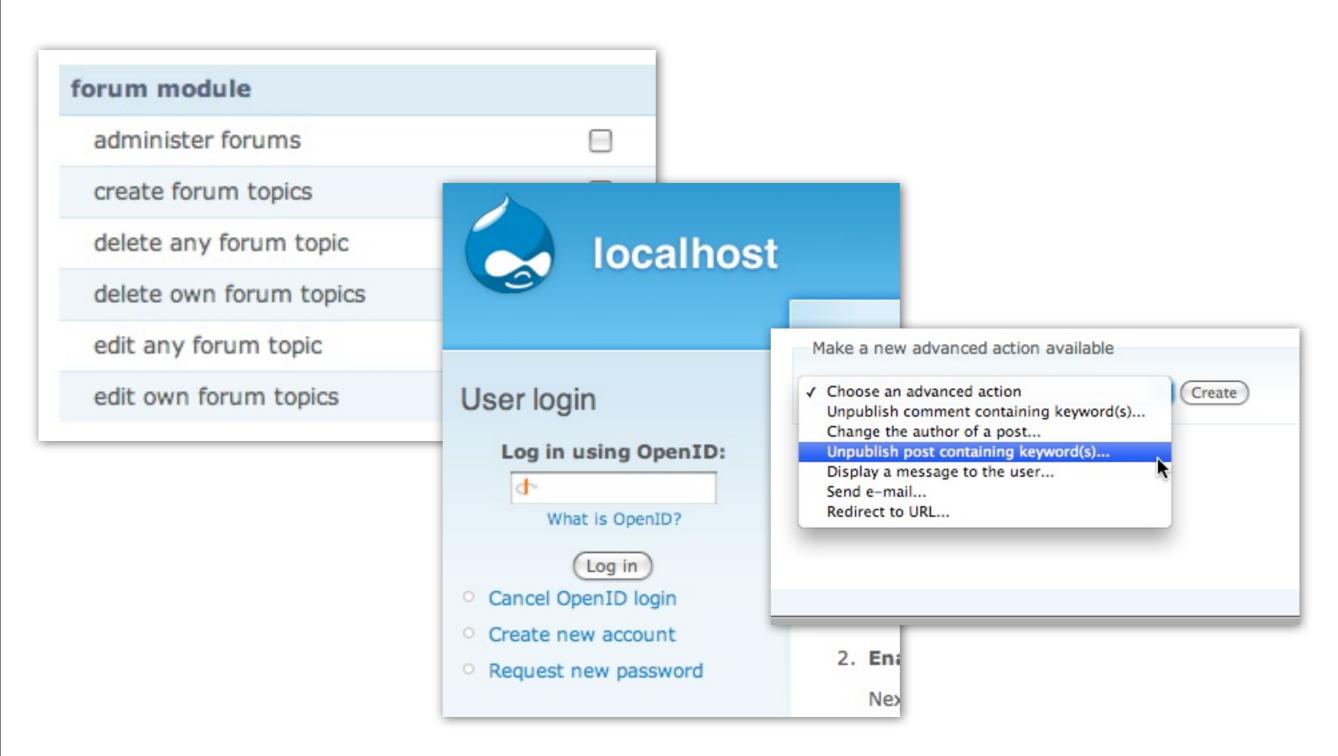
Dries Buytaert

Drupal 6 Released February 13, 2008

We have been busy bees

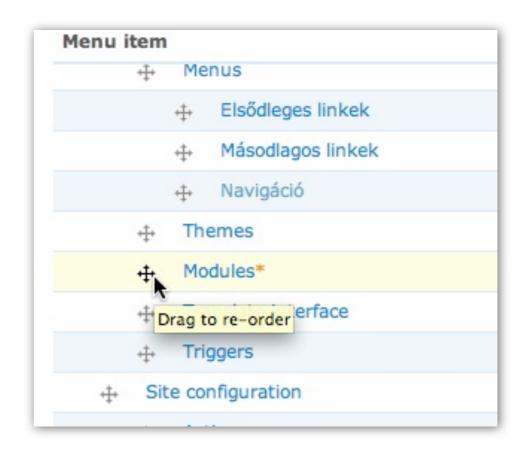
	Drupal 5	Drupal 6
Core contributors	472	741
Core patches	4927	9425

Drupal 6 has more features

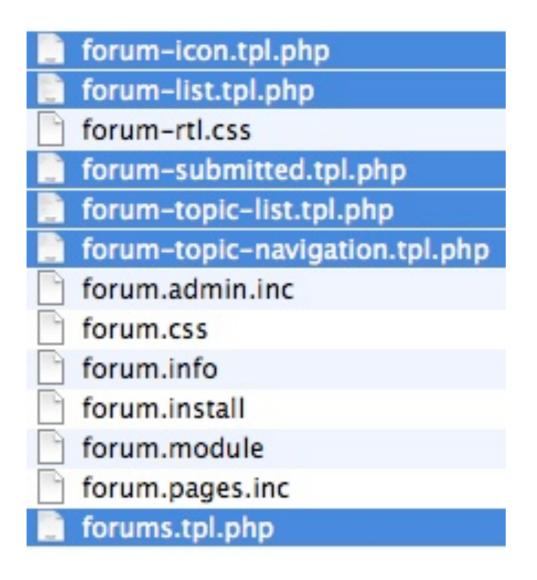


Drupal 6 is easier to administer





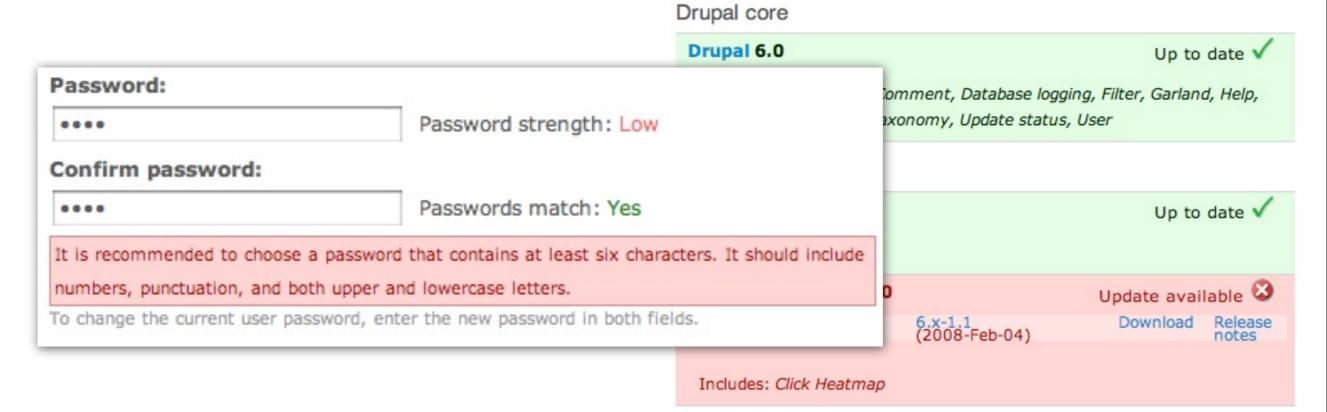
Drupal 6 is easier to theme





Drupal 6 is more secure

- Update notifications
- PHP input filter module
- Password strength checker



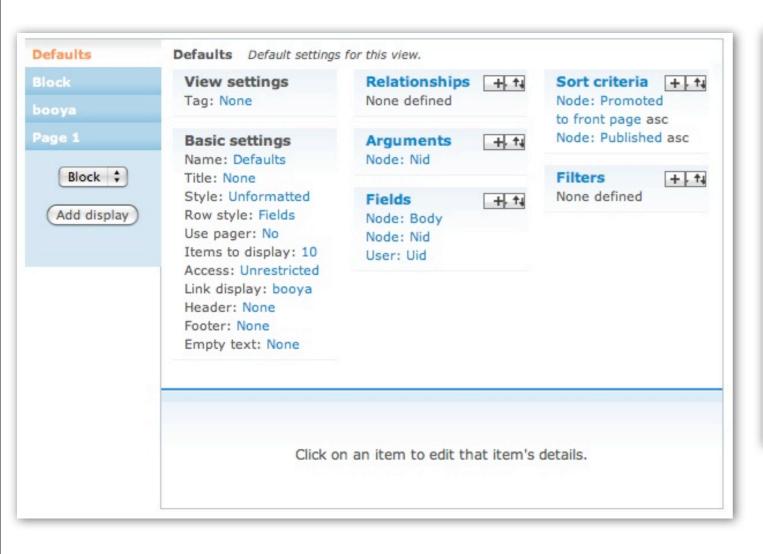
Drupal 6 is easier to scale

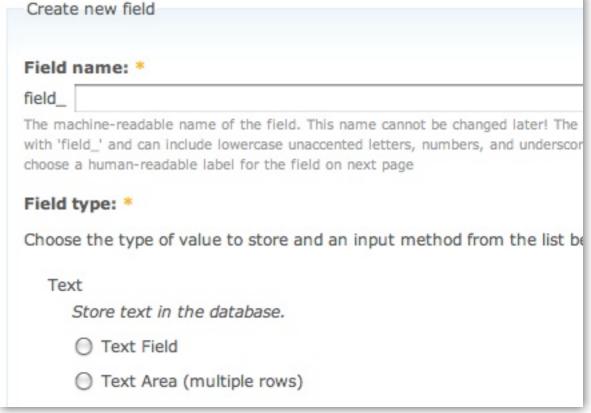
- Scalable logging
- Support for reverse proxies
- Conditionally load PHP files
- Block-level caching
- MySQL master-master replication

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Path
              6.0
PHP filter
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Ping
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Poll
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Profile
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Search
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Statistics
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Syslog
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Taxonomy
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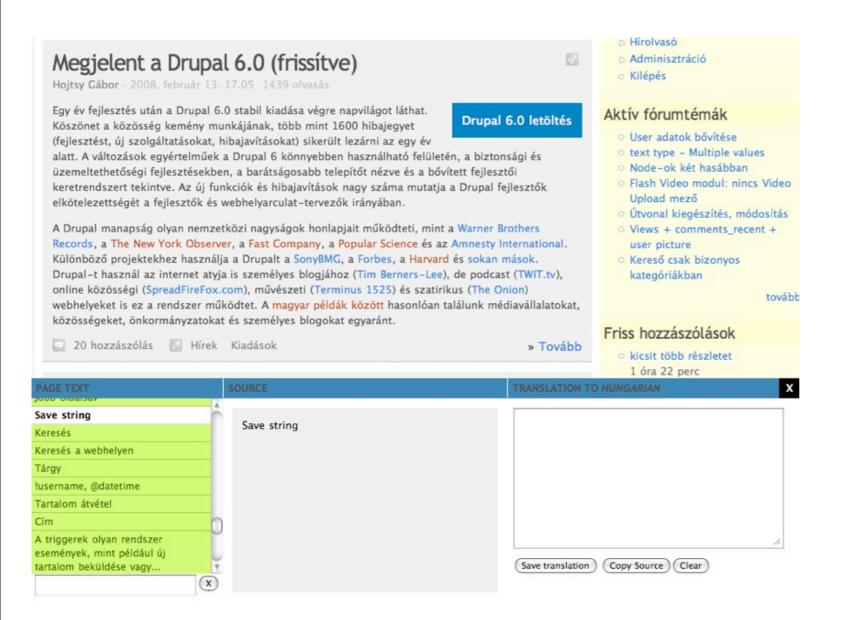
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Drupal 6 is easier to develop for





Drupal 6 is for more people



Üdvözlet a frissen telepített Drupal ala

A telepítés befejezéséhez és a használat megkezdéséhez

1. A webhely beállítása

Belépés után az adminisztrációs részből érhető el a v

2. További funkciók bekapcsolása

Következő lépésként érdemes áttekinteni a modulok Továbbiak a Drupal modulok letöltése oldalon találha

3. A megjelenés megváltoztatása

A webhely kinézetének megváltoztatását a smink be választható, de újat is le lehet tölteni a Drupal smink

4. Tartalom feltöltése

Végül megkezdhető a tartalmak beküldése. Ez az üze eltűnik.

Az ismerkedést javasolt az adminisztráció menű alapos á lehetőség felfedezésével kezdeni. Ebben a Drupal beépíte felkeresni a magyar nyelvű vagy az angol nyelvű Drupal levelezési listákon és fórumon érdemes feltenni.



- Thanks to the hundreds of developers that contributed to Drupal 6
- Thanks to the OSU OSL for the hosting
- Thanks to the thousands of people that provide support, that write documentation, and that evangelize Drupal, etc.



Drupal 6 is well received



100,000 Drupal 6 downloads the first month (compared to 50,000 Drupal 5 downloads the first mont of Drupal 5)

Drupal 6 is well received



20,000 Drupal 6 installations pinging home

To sum it up, Drupal 6 was exactly what we expected it to be:

AWESOME



Despite our successes, Drupal is still in its early stages ...



"Crossing the Chasm"



When are you going to buy one?

- I. Not until hell freezes over
- 2. Until I've seen enough of them and I know they get serviced well
- 3. After most people have switched
- 4. I'll be (or was) the first one on my block

The world is watching

to see if anything can

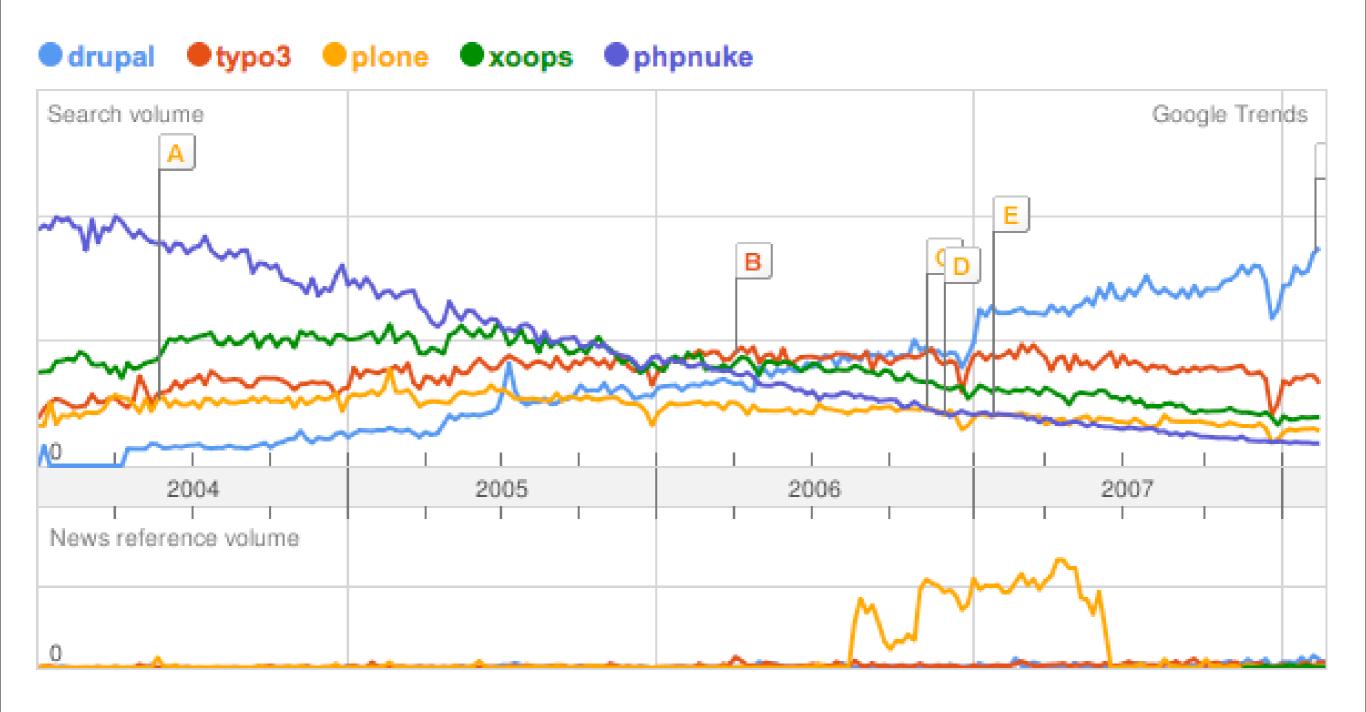
be made of Drupal



Still have to make the transition to become mainstream

- Extremely difficult transition
- History has proven this is a "do or die" transition
- Requires an unusual degree of unity



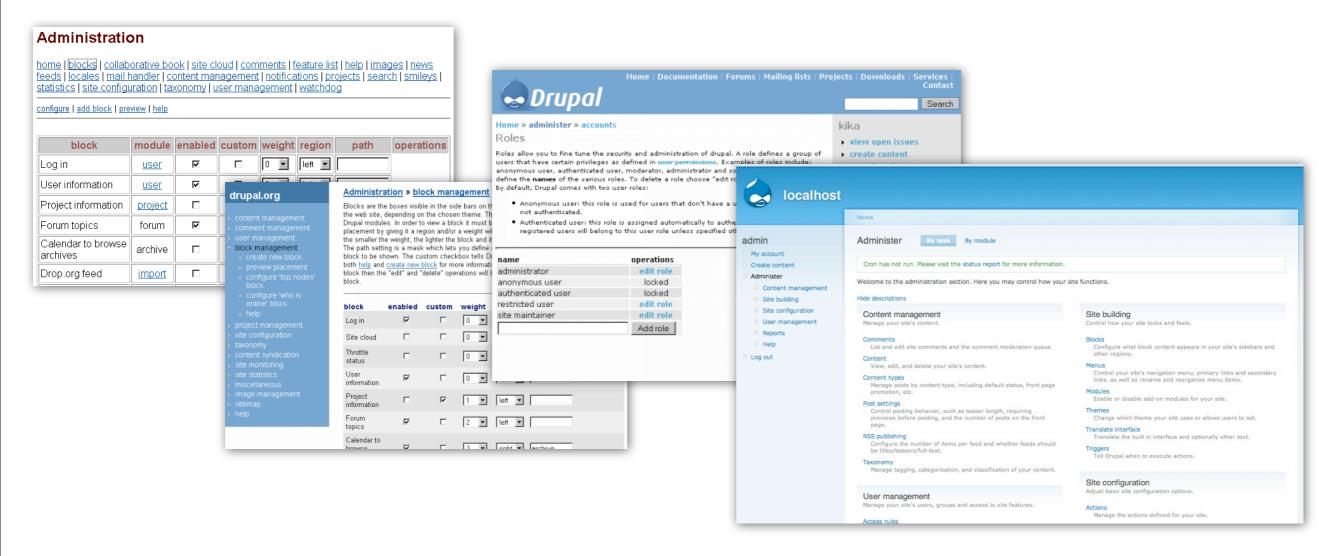


To move forward and to make that transition, at least 3 things need to be done

- I. Redesign our home, drupal.org
- 2. Drupal 7 "killer" release
- 3. Strategic but sweeping changes

Drupal 6 improvements growing install base growing ecosystem new group of users

Every major release brings a new and larger group of people



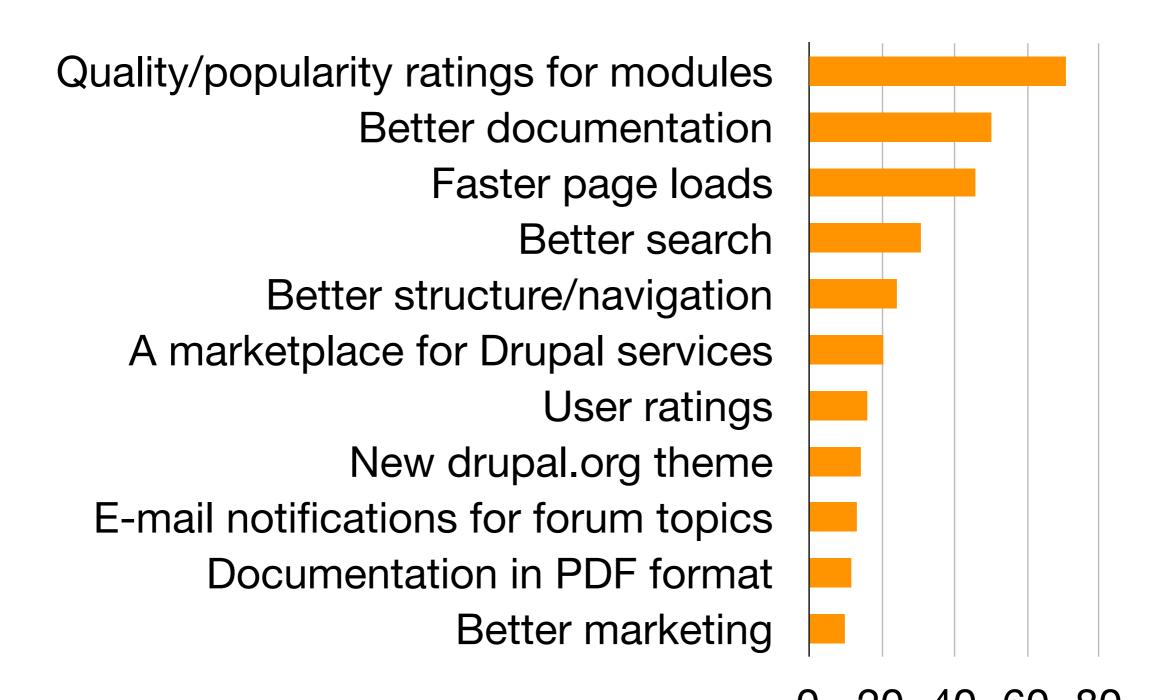
"Bandwagon" effect

- This new group of people will be a model for the next group of people
- As you go from one wagon to another, there is always some pain and reluctance

We did **not** properly adjust our house to accommodate the next group of users



Current group is still in pain ...



Special project for 2008: Drupal.org redesign

- Help plan at g.d.o/drupal-org-redesign-analysis
- Resources
 - Money
 - Project management
 - Developer resources
 - Designer resources
- Willingness to accept change

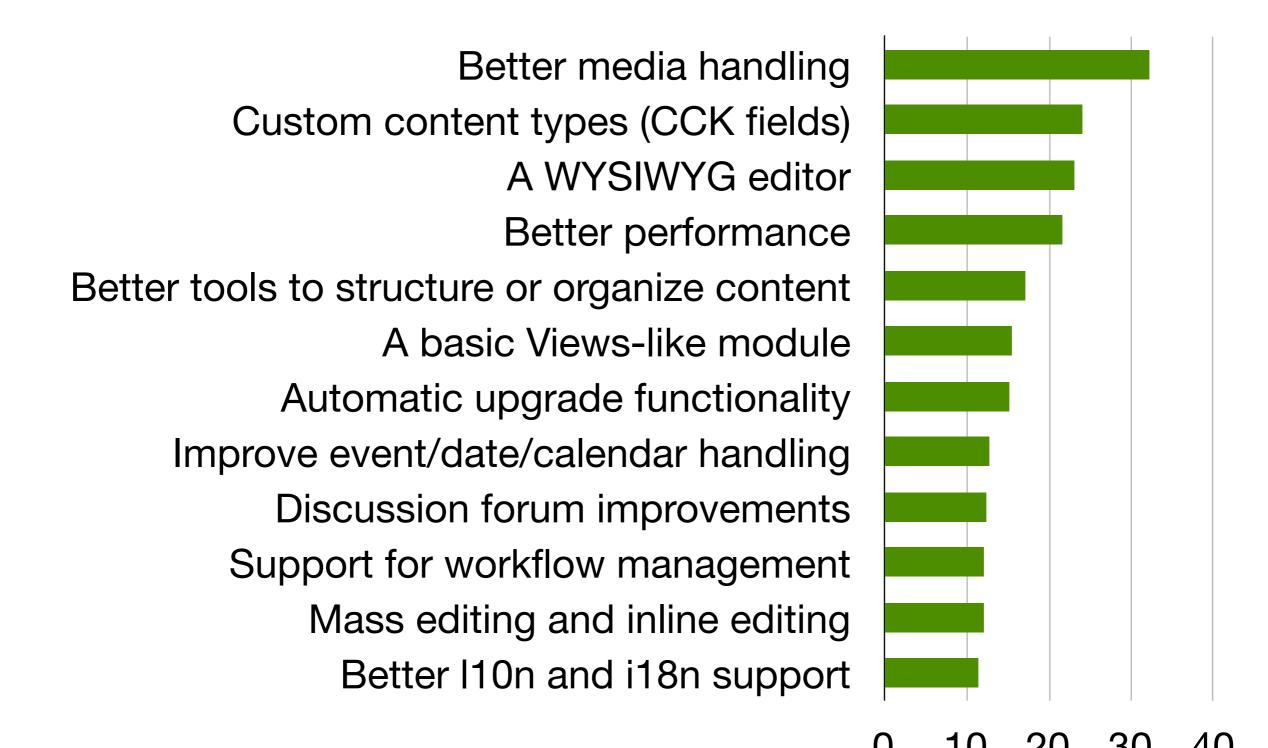


Short term future: Drupal 7





Most wanted end-user features for core

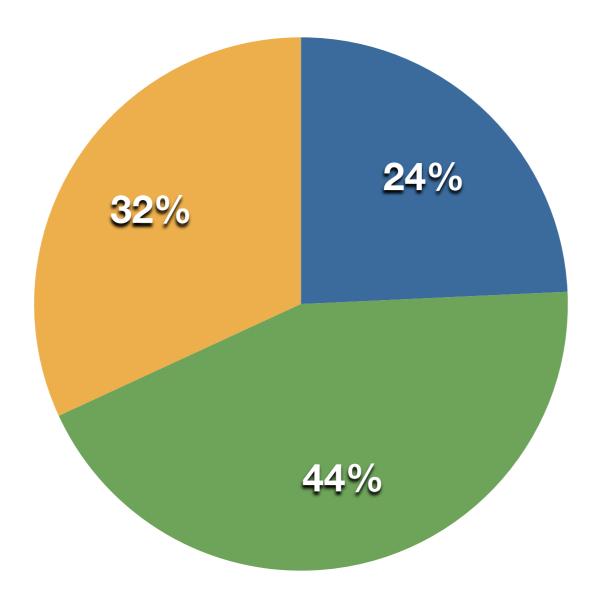


Most wanted developer features for core

Better performance for authenticated users Get the Views module's query builder into core Improve node access system Better internal APIs (easier to use, consistency) Better external APIs (import/export, webservices) File API improvements A semantic core theme (like Zen) Smarter cache invalidation Mail subsystem (with queues and accounting) Support for MySQL master-slave configurations Further extend APIs to support internationalization Enhance code quality



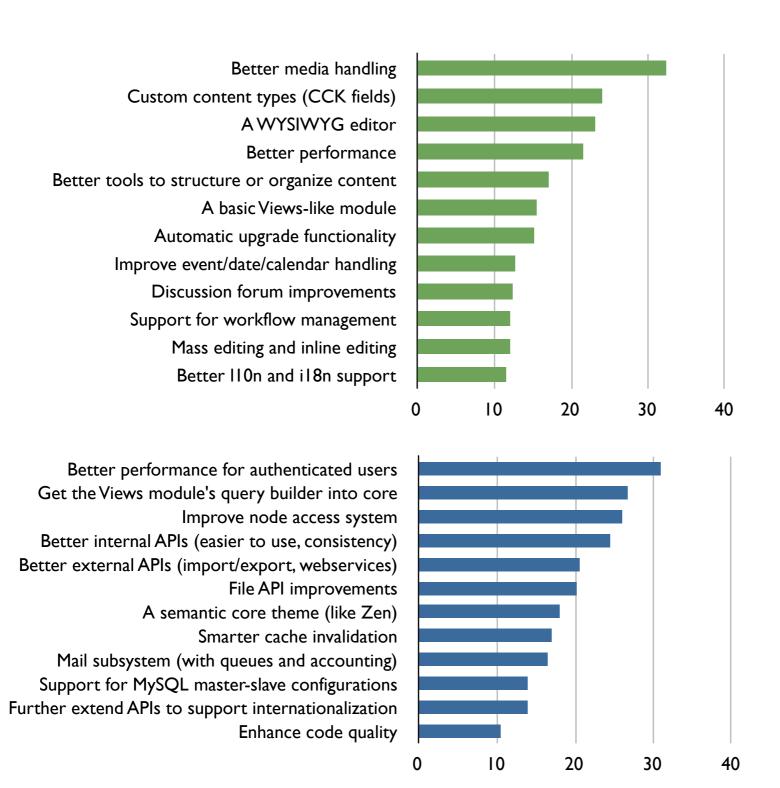
Focus for Drupal 7

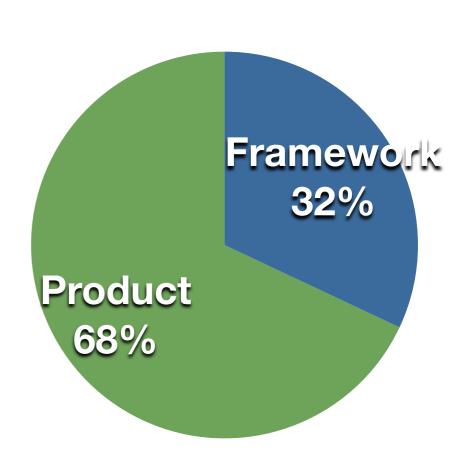


- End users with small or medium Drupal sites
- Enterprise users with large Drupal sites
- Web application developers



Easy ...





- 7 end-user features
- + 3 developer features
 - = killer release



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- 2. Custom content types in core
- 3. WYSIWYG editor
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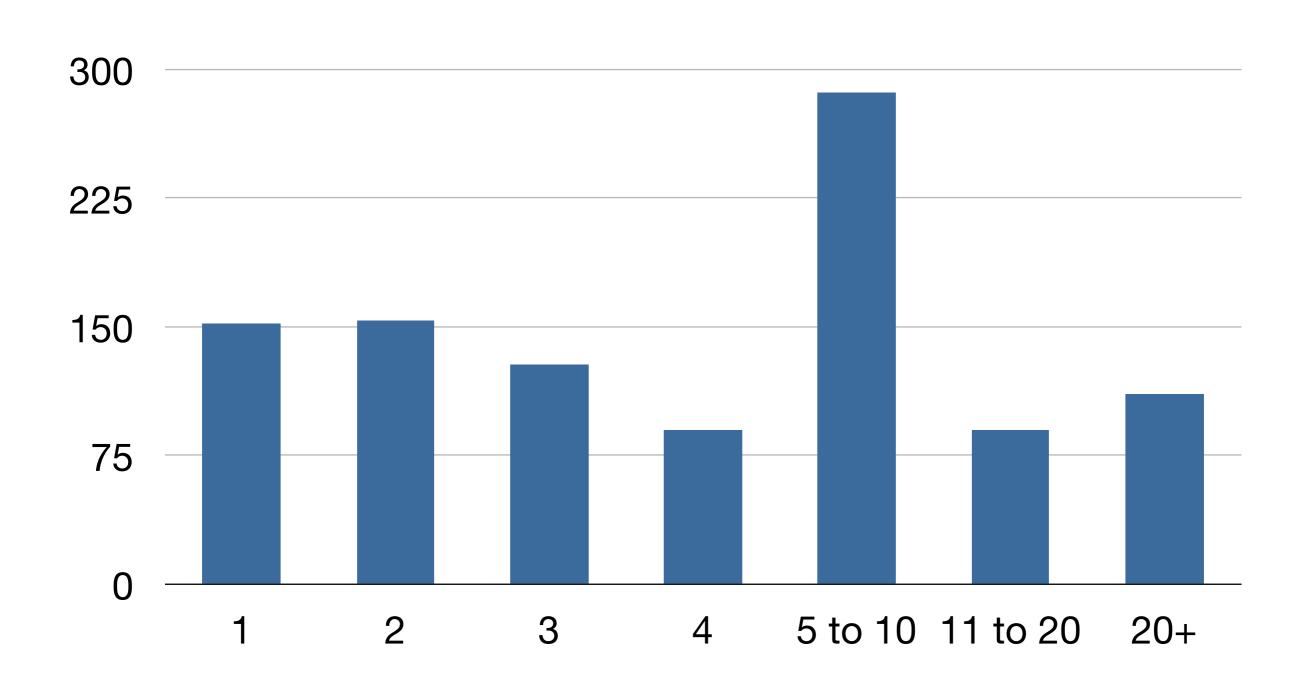
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There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.

Mark Twain



Whutt, 85% of the respondents have more than one Drupal site?





How many people gave up on Drupal?

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Usability testing

- Spent a 3 days in a professional usability lab to "see users fail" -- or rather "to see Drupal fail".
- Common tasks take us 30 seconds to complete, it took the people in the usability lab 30 minutes to find.
- See http://groups.drupal.org/usability for results

"I didn't expect to feel so stupid. I don't like feeling stupid."

"I already lost the page that I created."



Untiversity Libraries



admin

- Administer
- Log out

Administer





Welcome to the administration section. Here you may control how your site functions.

Hide descriptions

*Content management

XX ont page promotion, etc.

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equining previews before posting, and the number

RSS publishing

Manage tagging, categorization, and classification

User management

Manage your site's users, groups and access to site

List and create rules to disallow usernames, e-mail



First 5 seconds

Drupal where to store uploaded files and how.

Choose which image toolkit to use if you have

Site building

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Xinge which theme your site uses or allows users

Actions

Administration theme

Date and time



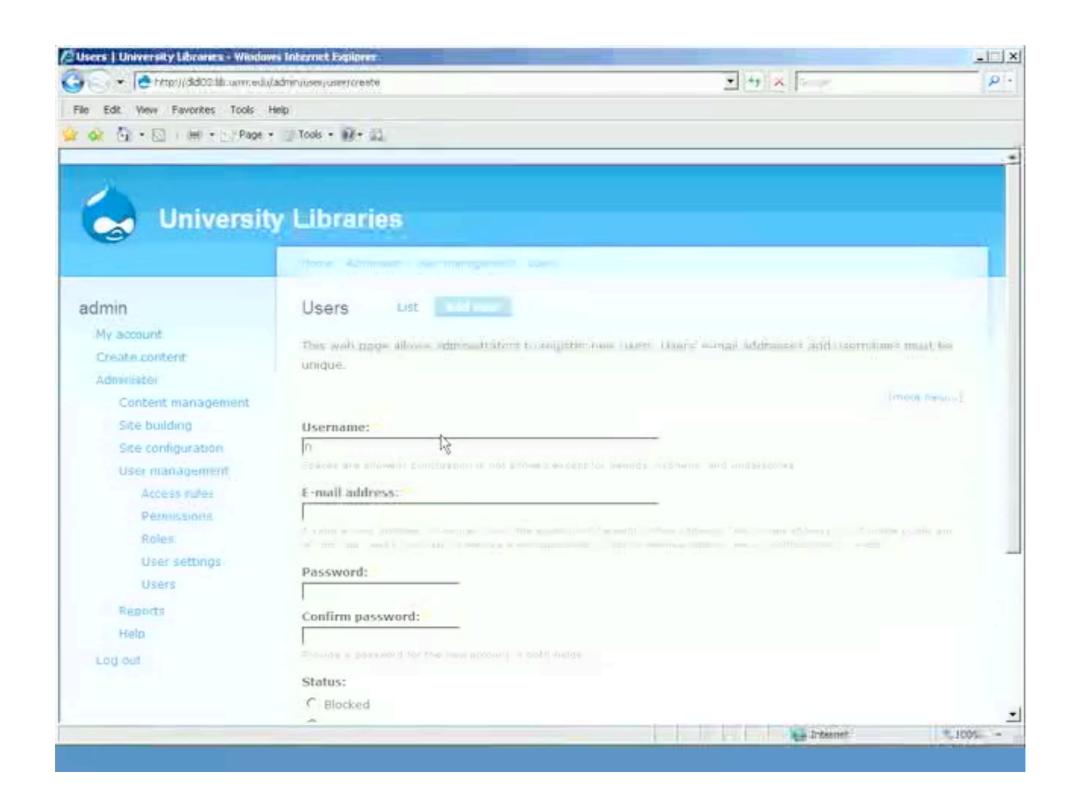
Settings for how Drupal displays date and time, as

Error reporting

403/404 errors as well as PHP error reporting.

Image toolkit

Users



Several users backed out in a panic because they thought they'd caused an error condition due to red text.





Candidates for removal

- Throttle
- Ping



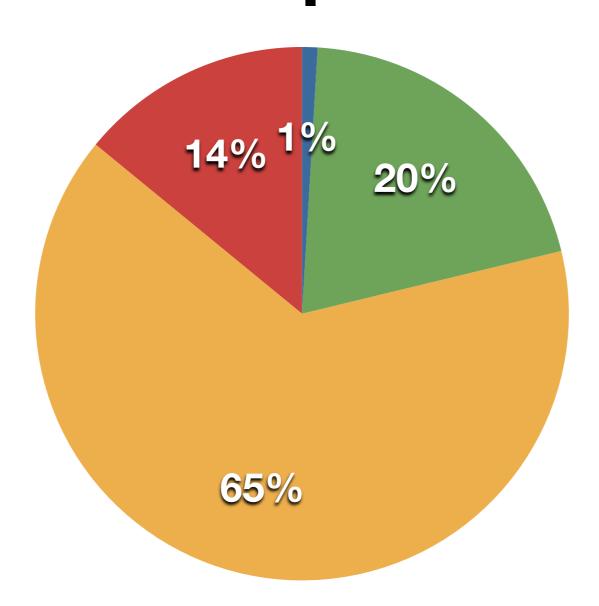


I should totally have taken a booth at the job fair ...

	Logo on all web and marketing materials			
	Conference Program Ad + Job and Index listing	Sponsor thank-you page	Quarter Page	
	Conference admissions		2	
	Business and job fair	Listing in guide	Listing in guide, and table at fair	
	Ads on conference site			



Preferred frequency of major Drupal releases



One release every 3 years

One release every year

One release every 2 years

Two releases a year

Drupal 6 release cycle

5 month development cycle

7 month code freeze

Drupal 7 freezes four months from now on May 15, 2008



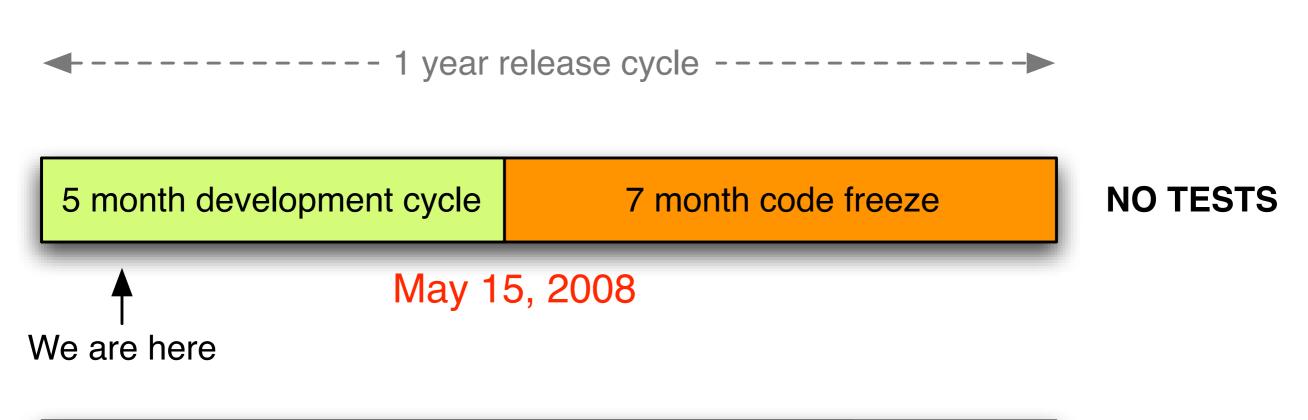
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May 15, 2008

I'm willing to make an exception if ...



9 month development cycle

3 months

100% TEST COVERAGE

Other reasons to do testing

- Design for testability leads to better APIs
- Encourages experimentation and innovation

Also came up with a good way to fund the next DrupalCon ...



Drupal 7 and testing

- Write unit tests, functional tests, and integration tests
- Ship core tests with Drupal core
- Still have to figure out what test frameworks to use, and if we can ship them with core as well

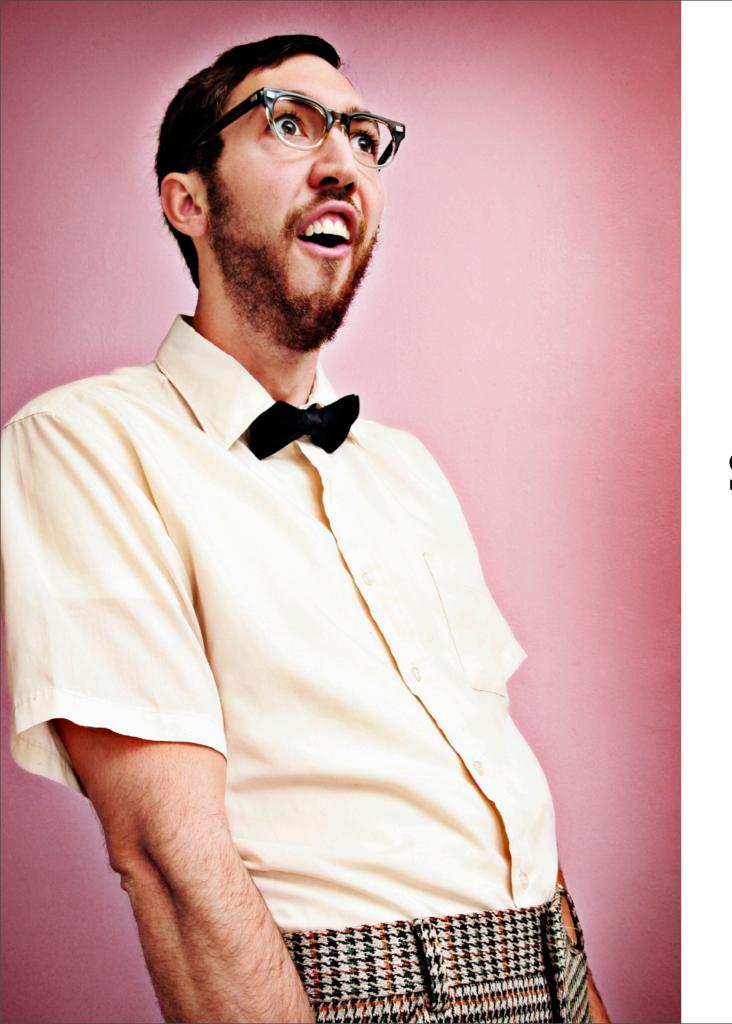
Drupal 7 and beyond

(preparing for more wagons and going mainstream)



From infinite extensibility to infinite interoperability

- Web 1.0 = web content management
- Web 2.0 = Web 1.0 + user management + infinite extensibility
- Web 3.0 = Web 2.0 + infinite interoperability
 = Web 2.0 + data portability + web service APIs
 - = semantic web



Dude, we've been talking about the semantic web for 10 years. Pass around the crack pipe, please!

Less focus on functionality, more focus on data

- Integrate data from different sources
- Allow other people to reuse your data
- Decentralize data so that no party owns all data
- Do cool stuff with large amounts of data

Exporting your data so it can be imported

- Extend Drupal so it supports multiple output formats (e.g. generate XHTML, XML or JSON for a node)
- Figure out when to serve what output format (e.g. different responses to different HTTP headers)

More power to fields, less power to nodes

- Decompose content into small pieces (i.e. fields)
- Treat fields as first class citizens
- Connect the fields with semantic sugar
- Put that into Drupal 7 ASAP

An event node in Drupal 6 -- the relational data model

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More power to fields and semantic sugar

Organization	organizes	Event	
Band	plays at	Event	
Band	starts on	Date	
Band	ends at	Date	
Band	plays at	Location	

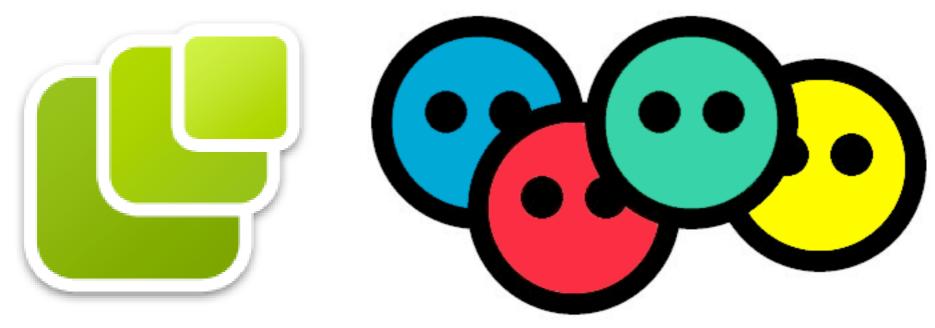
Dangerously close to RDF

Subject	Predicate	Object	
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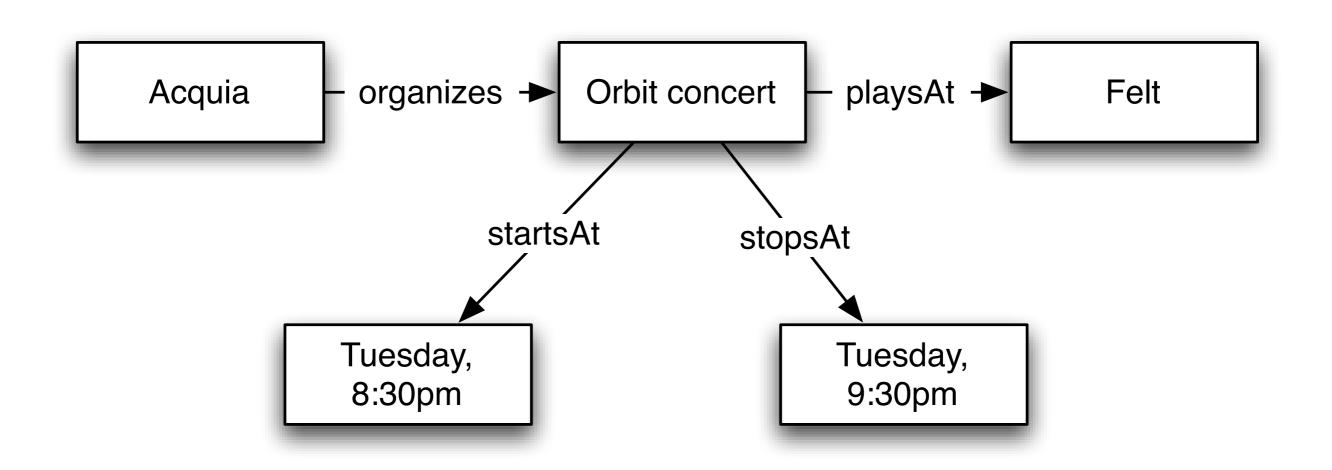
Any knowledge in this world can be decomposed in RDF triples of subject, predicate and object



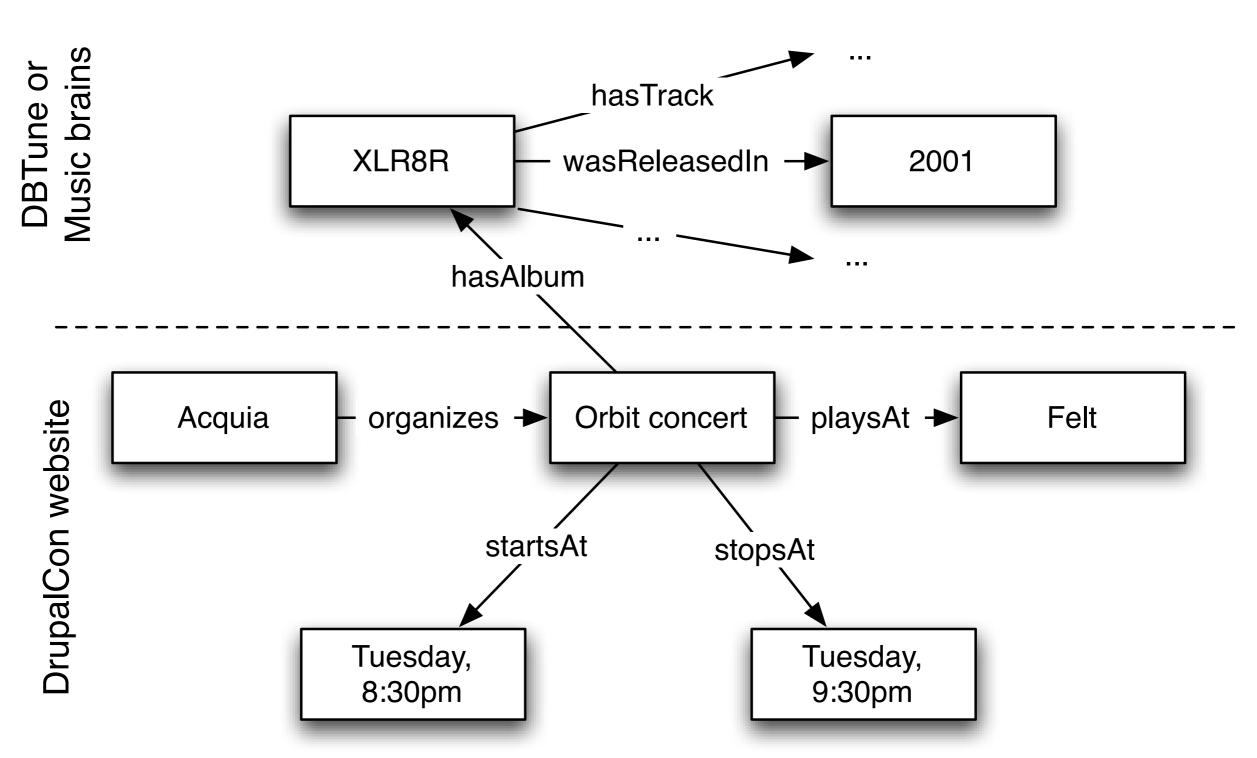
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<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:eg="http://example.org/foovocab#"
  xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/">
        <foaf:Person rdf:nodeID="p1">
            <foaf:name>Alice</foaf:name>
            <foaf:knows>
                <foaf:Person rdf:nodeID="p2">
                    <foaf:name>Bob</foaf:name>
                    <eg:secretlyStalking rdf:nodeID="p1"/>
                </foaf:Person>
            </foaf:knows>
            <eg:acquaintance rdf:nodeID="p2"/>
            <eg:archNemesis rdf:nodeID="p2"/>
        </foaf:Person>
</rdf:RDF>
```



RDF describes everything as a graph



RDF works with multiple data sources

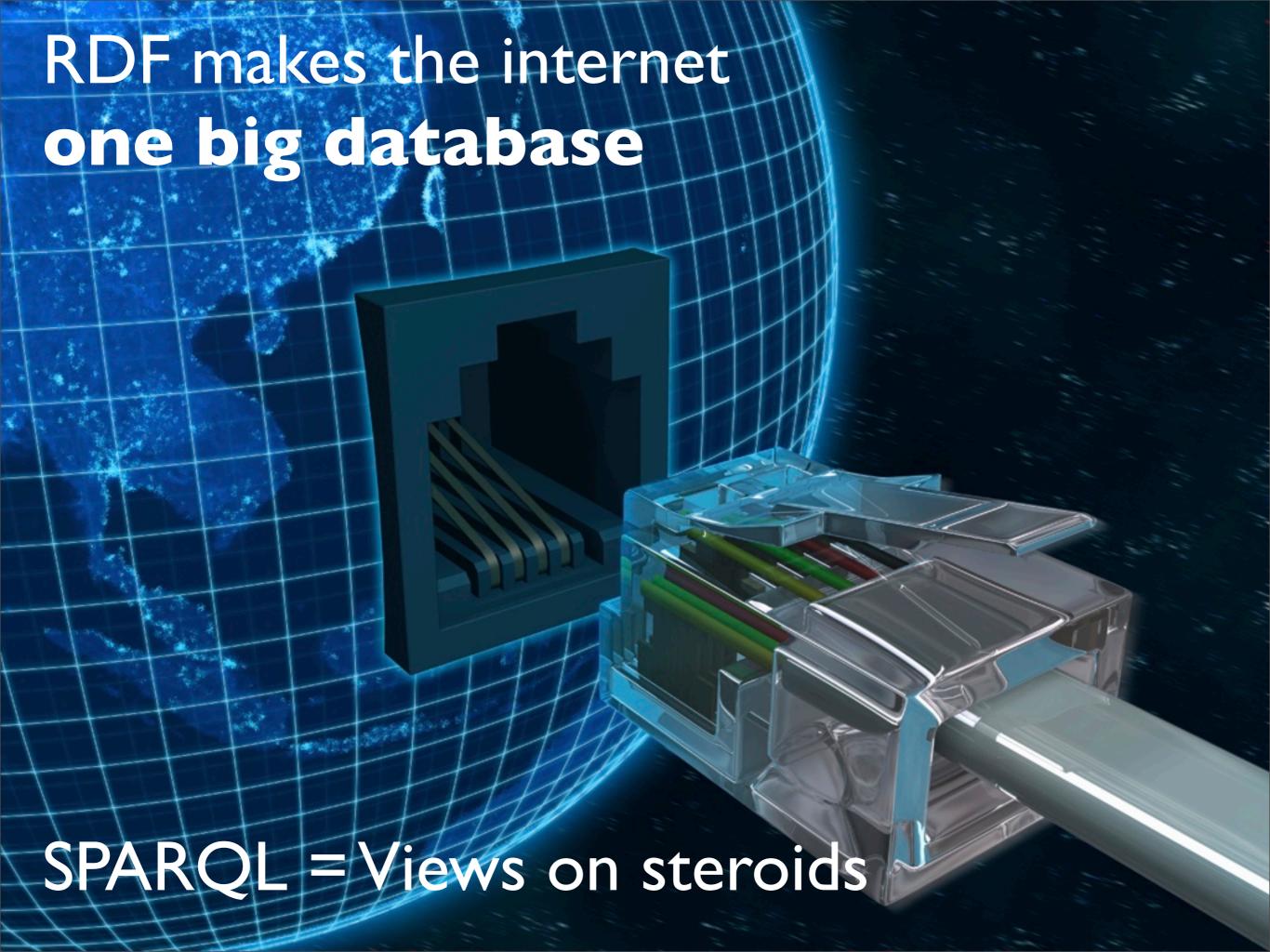


SQL -- relational database

```
$results = db query("
    SELECT n.title
      FROM {node} n
      WHERE n.status = 1
  ");
while ($title = db result($results)) {
  print check plain($title);
```

SPARQL - RDF graph

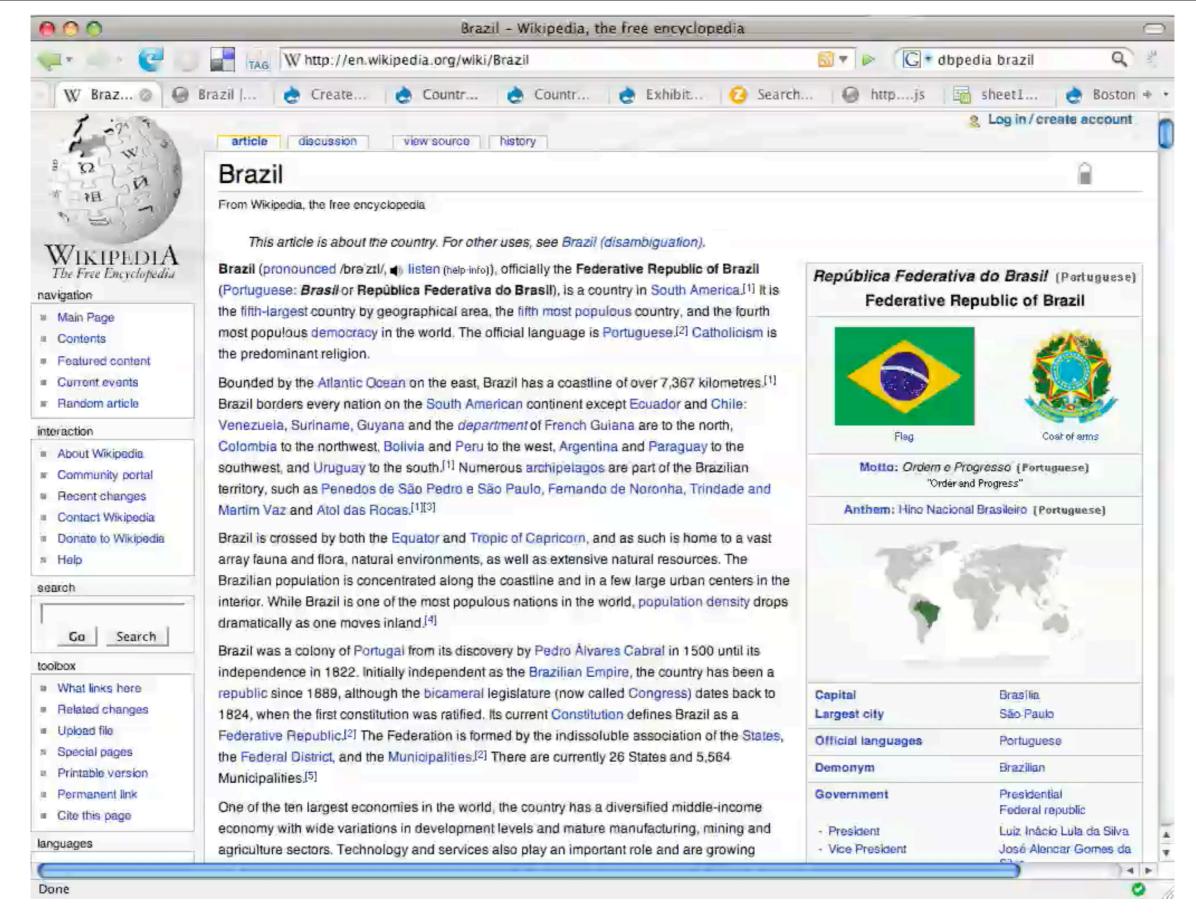
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$results = sparql query("
      SELECT ?title WHERE {
        ?node rdf:type drupal:node
        ?node dc:title ?title
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foreach ($results as $title) {
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Let me show you a video of the future

(implemented in Drupal)

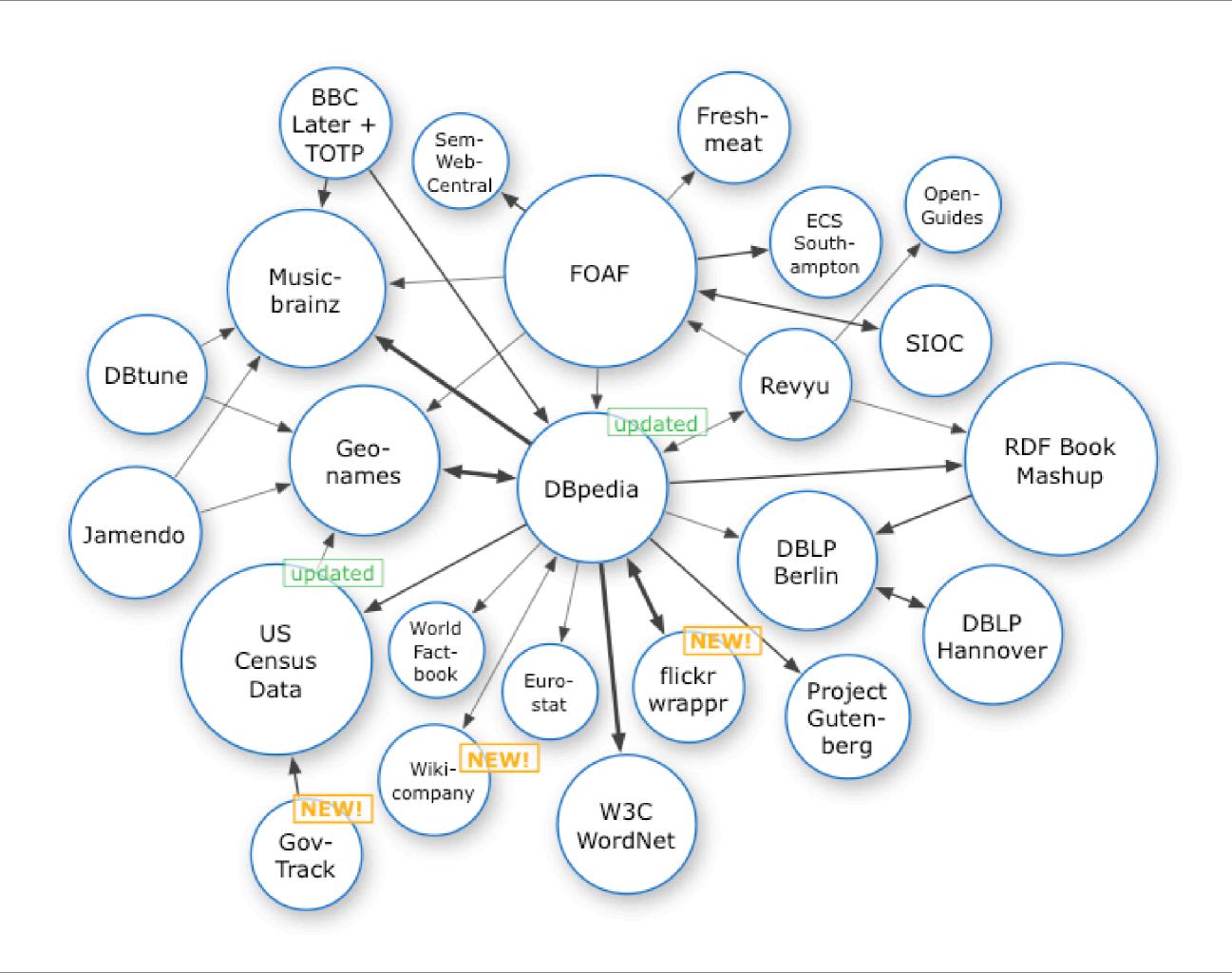


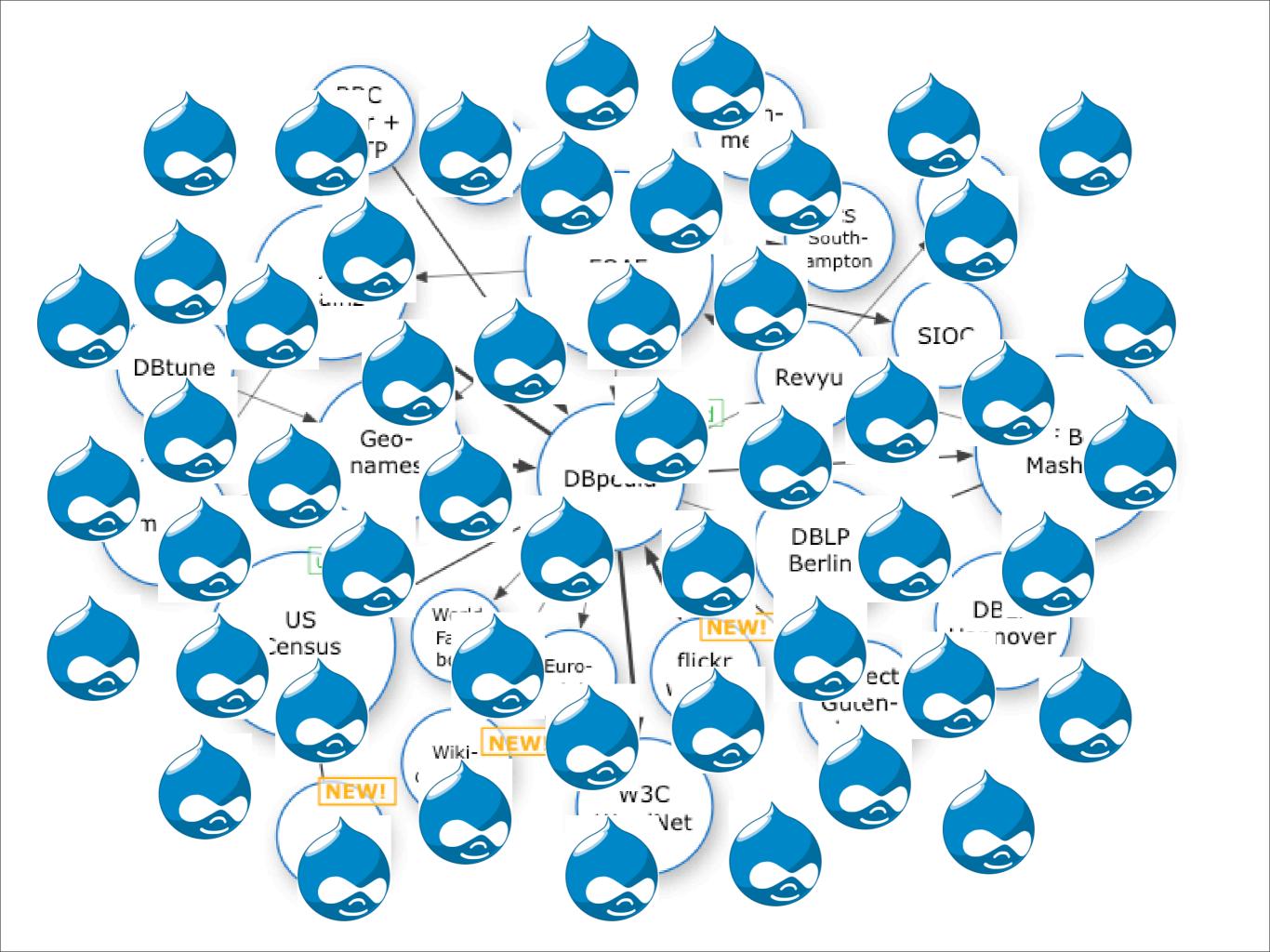


Made for this presentation by Ben Lavender, Miglius Alaburda and Arto Bendiken.



"The future is here. It's just not evenly distributed yet."





The social graph just connects people -- we have an opportunity to build a graph that connects everything

"From the World Wide Web (WWW) to the Giant Global Graph (GGG)"

Tim Berners-Lee

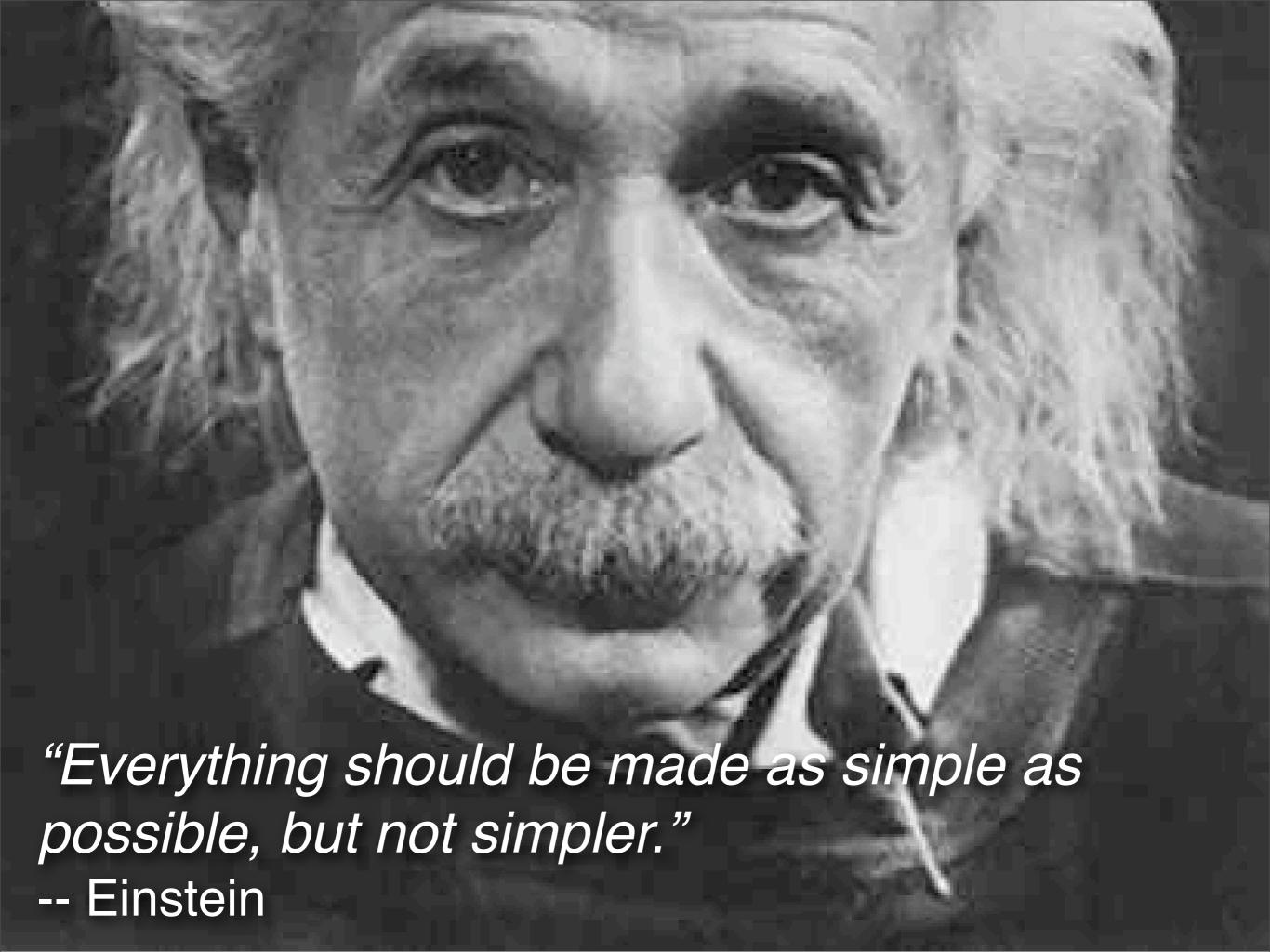


Big opportunity

- Better search
- Better targeted ads
- Deeper integration
- Better personalization
- Import/export
- CCK and Views in core
- Drupal.org integration

We should get some of this *crack* in Drupal 7

- More power to fields
- XML documents are used to exchange messages/data
- RDF is used to make it uniform, predictable and to untap its potential
- SPARQL to implement distributed views





The semantic web aligns well with my vision for Drupal

- Make Drupal really easy to use
- Eliminate webmaster
- Eliminate developer
- Eliminate designer
- Eliminate publisher?

The world is watching

to see if anything can

be made of Drupal







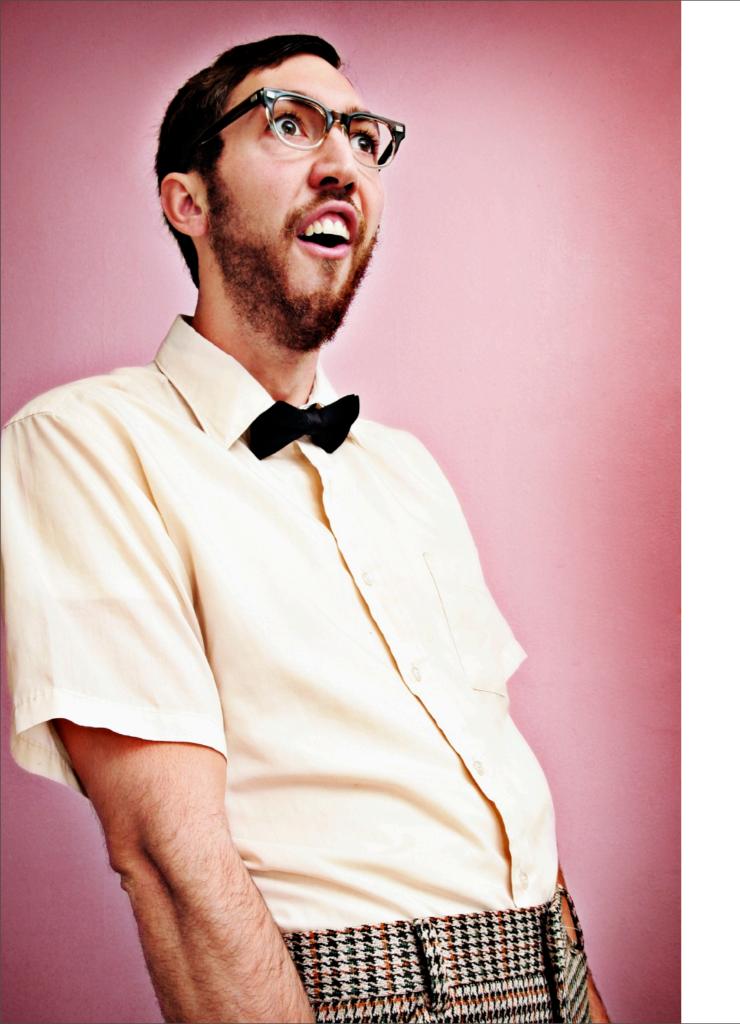
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11. Usability

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3. Prepare for the semantic web and push innovation



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