Contributing to WordPress

Marianne Masculino
BlogHer08

What?

- **W**ord**P**ress is a powerful personal publishing platform

- Built on PHP and MySQL

- Licensed under GPL -- Free to distribute and use

- Open Source project that is worked on by people all over the world

- Customizable and can use for anything - download, install and run on your own server

- WordPress.com is a free hosted service

Stats

- Version 1.5 was downloaded 900,000 times (2005)
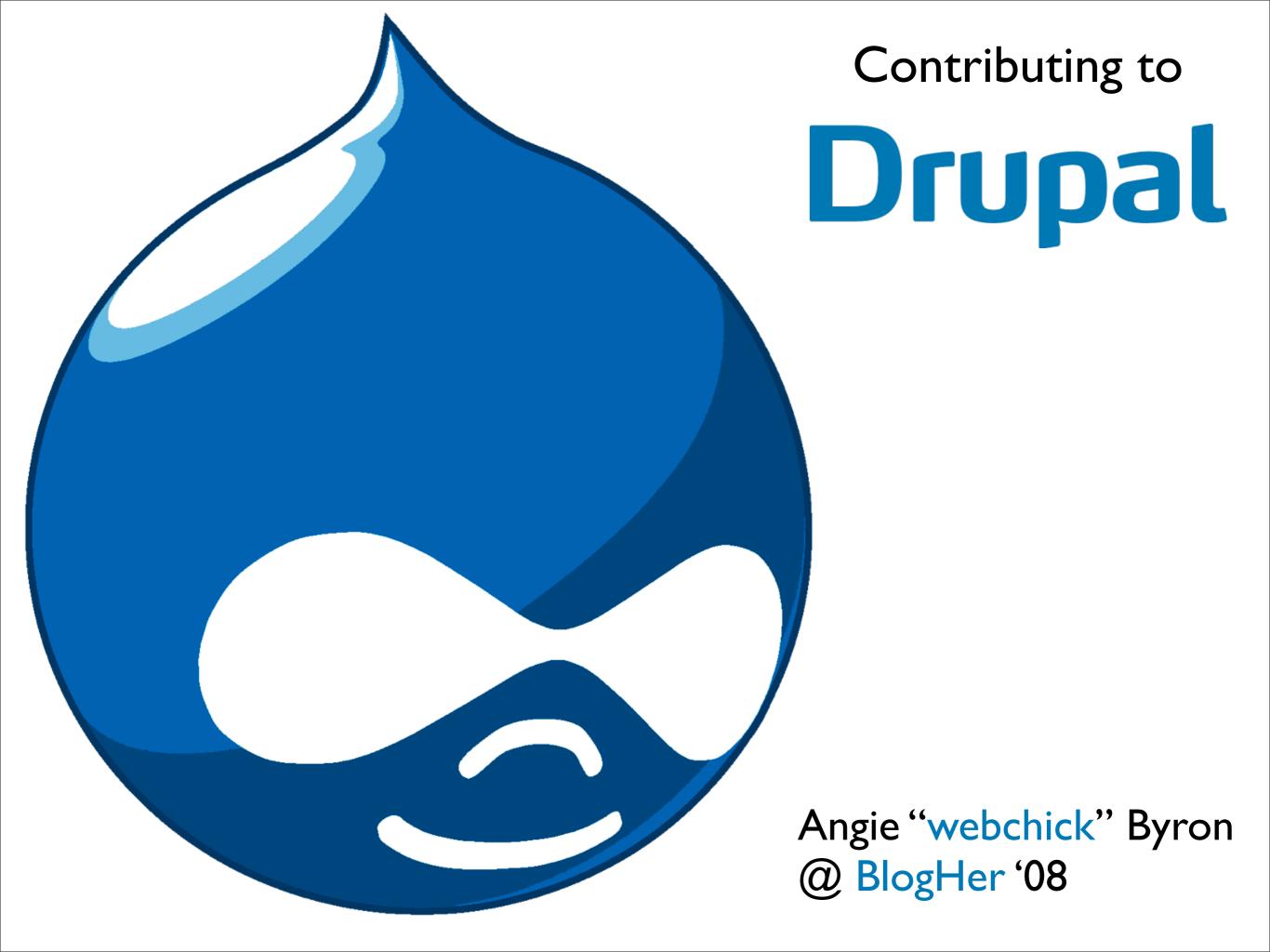- 2006 1,545,703 downloads
- 2007 3,816,965 downloads

As of noon today

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times

« Back to WordPress.org

*2.6 was released Monday 8:30pm PST

Contributing to

Drupal

Angie "webchick" Byron
@ BlogHer '08

What is Drupal?

Content Management System

- Targeted for building "beyond the blog" community sites.

file

uploads

security user profiles

blocks performance modules search

engine-friendly urls user management administration panels localization error

reporting rss taxonomy blogging comments

forums multi-site installations event

logging community authoring ajax search

free tagging feed aggregation contact

form help system roles and permissions statistics

tracking polls

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Content Management
Framework

xml-rpc
file api jquery
database abstraction layer form
api file api session management node
system url routing theme system string
handling filter system content versioning
installation profiles access control trans-
latable output user system caching
date/time handling unicode support mail
handling image manipulation installation
system hook system menu system
module system user authentication
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© Dries Buytaert

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History

- Developed in 2001; successor of b2/cafelog

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- WordPress.com and Automattic

- First WordCamp in San Francisco in 2006

The Story of Drupal

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POWERED BY Drupal

January 14, 2001

Who Uses WordPress?

flickr ^{BLOG}

The companion blog to Flickr, almost certainly the best online photo management and sharing application in the world.

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Jul 19 Photo Safari Montreal-Évolution et transformation

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Sparklers!

The New York Times

Blogs

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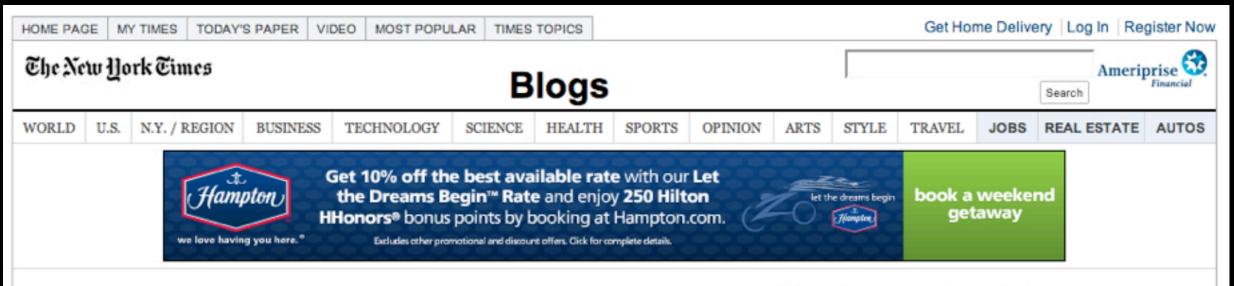
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Current Blogs

For an introduction to blogs, visit the Blogs 101 page.

ArtsBeat

Reporters and critics from The Times report from arts events from around the world.

RSS | ATOM

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A collaborative blog from inside Iraq by reporters, photographers and Western and Iraqi staff.

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Bats

Times sports reporters on the latest news and best stories unfolding in the 2008 baseball season.

The Lede

NYTimes.com follows the day's news stories as they spiral off into unexpected directions.

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The Medium

Adventures in digital culture, a magazine blog (and column) by Virginia Heffernan.

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The Moment is a daily blog that spans the T Magazine universe of fashion, design, food and travel.

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ON THE RECORD W/ Greta Van Susteren — GretaWire Blog

July 19th, 2008 1:29 PM Eastern

What annoys you about your goverment?

by Greta Van Susteren

Is there something that really bugs you about your government ? Here is your chance to vent!

POST WHAT ANNOYS YOU

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Posted in Uncategorized

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What do YOU think?

iCANHAS CHEEZBURGER

Lolcats n Funny Pictures

How To Make Lolz
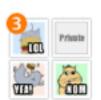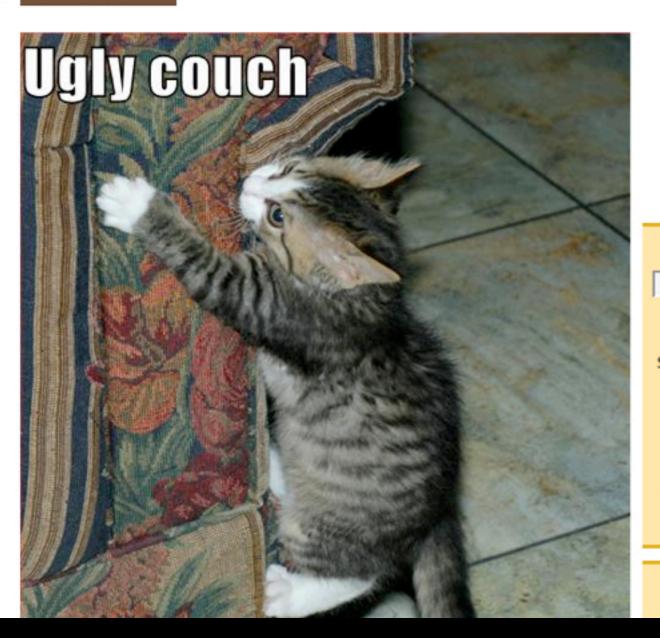
1 Pick a picture
Upload any picture, or use our images.

2 Add a caption
Write something funny. You can even make one just for your friends.

3 Save it or Submit it
» Make One Now!
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Ugly couch Edit

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On Asking Users For Their Feelings
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Eclipse to Textmate: An IDEological Change
By **Alex Vazquez** · Comments (**15**)

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Visualizing Fitts's Law
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Using a Custom Class To Create JSON in PHP
By Tim Sabat · Comments (8)

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By Ryan Campbell · Comments (10)

JUL 1st

Color Image Scale!
By Kevin Hale · Comments (4)

JUN 25th

Silence The Echo with MacGDBp
By Tim Sabat · Comments (3)

Our Other Projects

WUFOO
Making forms
easy + fast + fun.

Who uses Drupal?

greenopolis.org

mylifetime.com

amnesty.org

AvrilLavigne.com

dooce.com

blogher

The community for women who blog
You say it. We share it.

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Live-blogs from BlogHer '08 - updating all day

Tune in to this post as we continually update the links with live-blogs from each of the

11 comments

BlogHer '08 Buzz: The Widget to Watch

If you're at the BlogHer '08 Conference and blogging about it, add your link to the BlogHer '08 Buzz widget. If you're not at the conference but wan ...

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Surrender : If you cannot change it - let it go.

by Mata H at 7:45pm Fri, 18 Jul 2008 under Health & Wellness, Religion & Spirituality, worry, chaos, peacefulness, spiritual surrender

The day has only so many hours. We can only do so much. And there is so much in

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Every Mom Needs One
Send your Momtourage an eCard and say thanks!

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Forget the fashion magazines! Take these fun books to the beach

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Get the scoop on this weekend's hottest releases -- like Heath Ledger's The Dark

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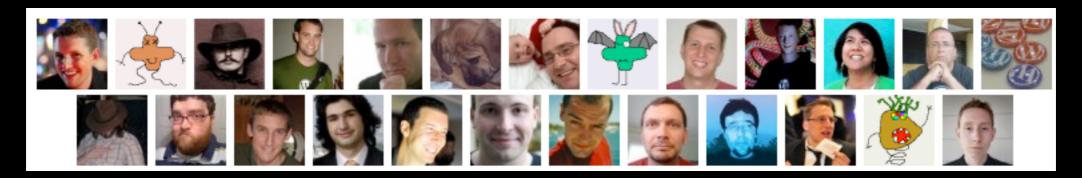
Headlines

Michelle Obama: "Let's talk"

Eco-Living: Honey, our bees are in trouble

??? ;)

Who?

Team Automattic

- 90+ Contributors to WP 2.5 core

- 100s contribute to documentation, translation, bug reports, themes, support

- You

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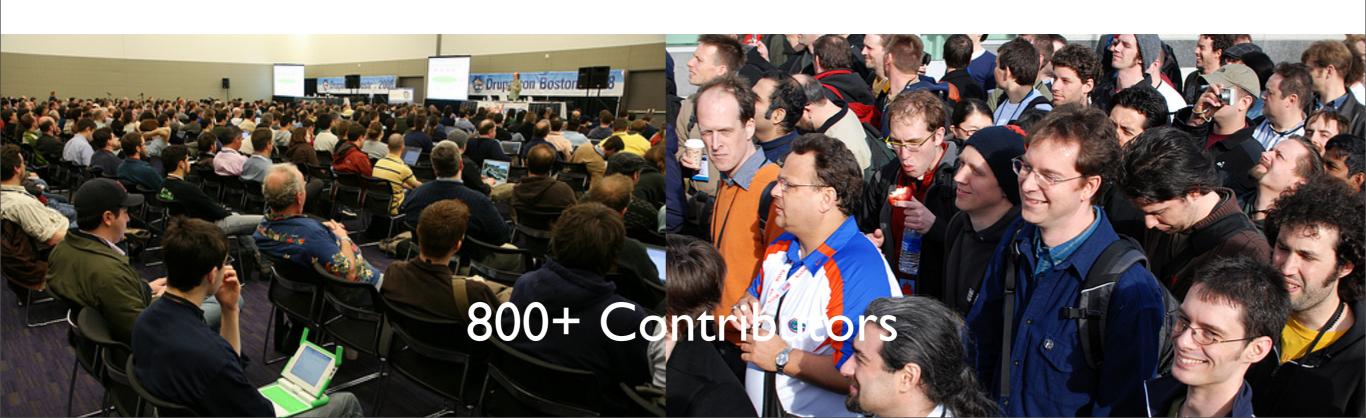Drupal 6 Maintainer

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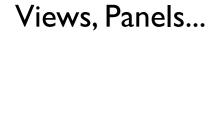
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  - Help evangelize Drupal

How does the open source community get stuff done?

Mailing Lists

http://lists.automattic.com/

lists.automattic.com Mailing Lists

Welcome!

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List	Description
buddypress-dev	[no description available]
HyperDB	[no description available]
spam-stopper	[no description available]
wiki-tech	[no description available]
wp-cp	WordPress Caching Proxy
wp-docs	WordPress Documentation
wp-forums	[no description available]
wp-hackers	[no description available]
Wp-install	[no description available]
wp-polyglots	[no description available]
wp-pr	[no description available]
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lists.drupal.org Mailing Lists

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List	Description
consulting	A list for Drupal consultants and Drupal service/hosting providers
CVS-applications	List for CVS applications
development	A list for Drupal developers
documentation	A list for documentation writers
drupal-con	A mailing list for the organization of Drupal conferences
drupal-cvs	A list with all CVS commit messages
infrastructure	Drupal.org Infrastructure Maintainers
support	A list for support questions
themes	A list for theme developers
translations	A list for translators
webmasters	A list for the webmasters at *.drupal.org

http://lists.drupal.org/

http://codex.wordpress.org/IRC
http://drupal.org/irc

Development Planning

http://codex.wordpress.org/Development_Planning

Development Planning: Working Groups

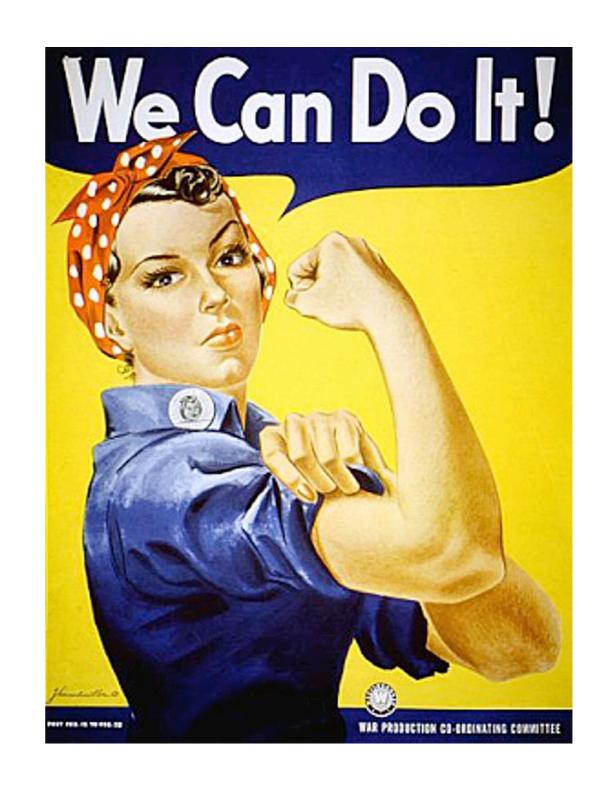## http://groups.drupal.org/

Issue tracker

http://trac.wordpress.org/

http://drupal.org/project/issues/

Ways to Get Involved

- Donations
- Evangelism
- Support
- Documentation
- Bug reports
- Translations
- Development

How to get involved:
Donations

Donate

http://wordpress.org/donate

- Hosting and operation expenses

- Domain registrations

- Legal Costs

- Donations to other Open Source projects that support WP

- Developer Rewards

One-time donations

http://association.drupal.org/donate

http://association.drupal.org/membership

- Donations go to:

Search

NEWS   BLOGS   ABOUT   DONATE   **MEMBERSHIPS**   PRESS   FAQ   STAFF   CONTACT   LOGIN

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Memberships

You can purchase an annual membership to the Drupal association.

Buy   for €22.

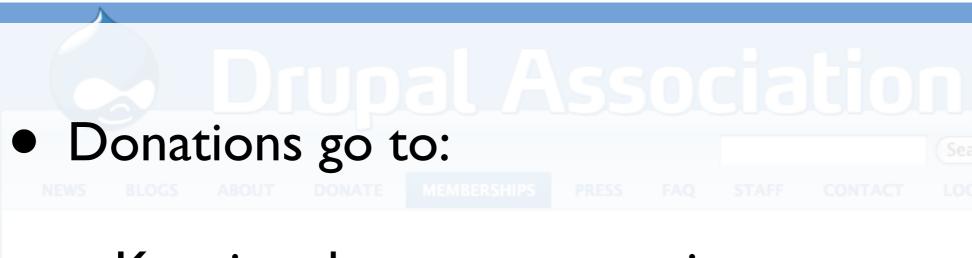Buy   for €73.

Benefits of membership

1. Membership directory

The *direct benefit* of your membership is that your name and website will be listed in the membership directory.
A Drupal Association membership offers you the use of Drupal association badges.

http://association.drupal.org/membership

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    (but many developers take donations)

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How to get involved:
Evangelizing

Evangelize

- Use WordPress? Love it? Spread the love!!

- Attend conferences, WordCamps and other events

- Help out a friend

Blog about Drupal

http://drupal.org/planet

Join community marketing efforts

http://groups.drupal.org/drupal-marketing

How to get involved:
Support

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http://wordpress.org/support & #wordpress IRC
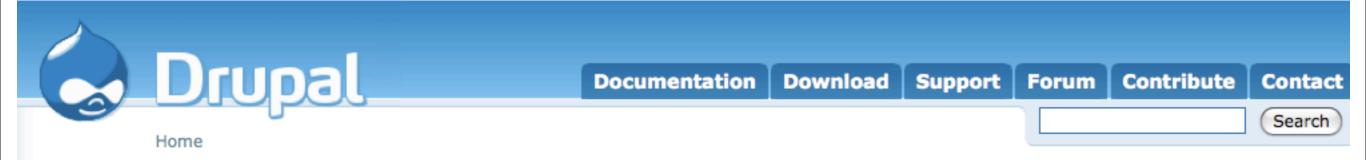
- Installation

- How To/Troubleshooting

- Themes/Templates

- Plugins - Hacks

- WP - Advanced

- Your WP

- Miscellaneous

- Requests/Feedback

- Alpha/Beta

Support

http://wordpress.org/support

- Familiar with functions and features

- WordPress terminology

- Understand the intent behind the questions

- Patience

- Willing to go that extra step

- discuss with other support volunteers and moderators on wp-forums mailing list

http://drupal.org/forum

- Other support avenues: http://drupal.org/support

  - #drupal-support on irc.freenode.net

  - Support mailing list

  - Issues under category "support request"

- Why?

  - Fastest way up Drupal learning curve

  - No matter how much you think you don't know, you can help someone else

  - Meet both friends and clients!

How to get involved:
Documentation

Documentation

http://codex.wordpress.org/Codex:Contributing

- Create an account

- Create your User Profile

- Review the guidelines

- Sign up with the wp-docs mailing list

Documentation

- Administrative/Maintenance - check recent changes, spelling, grammar, wiki markup, vandalism, incorrect links, poor organization

- Content Management - copy editing, tasks list, new articles, expand/merge articles

- Discuss/Decide - <u>wp-docs mailing</u> is where to coordinate and collaborate all things Codex

Documentation

- Be Patient
- Be Nice
- Edit mercilessly
- Ask Questions
- Have fun

Add a new documentation page

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Submit Book page

Please do NOT post test pages. Drupal.org is a production site and you will not be able to delete content once you post it.

Title: *

Backing up your site (monkeys)

Parent:

------ Important! : Backing up the database and existing files

The parent section in which to place this page. Note that each page whose parent is <top-level> is an independent, top-level book.

Drupal version:

Drupal 4.5.x or older
Drupal 4.6.x
Drupal 4.7.x
Drupal 5.x
Drupal 6.x

Choose the Drupal version(s) which best applies to your post.

Body: *

Another way to backup your site is to have trained monkeys copy everything the users type in to a separate database as it comes in. While this may seem expensive at first, stu

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3 ▸ Add child page · Printer-friendly version · Add new comment

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Getting Started

- **The Features, Mission, and Principles of the Drupal Project**
- The Drupal Overview
- **Before You Start**
- **Drupal 6**
- **Drupal 5**
- **Drupal 4.7 and earlier**
- **Core modules**
- **Upgrading from previous versions**
  - **Introduction to upgrading**
    - **Getting started: Choosing your method and preparing the site**

Important! : Backing up the database and existing files

| **View** | Edit | Revisions |

Please back up the existing files and database for your site before you begin the rest of the upgrade process. Even if you have determined that you **may not need to upgrade the database**, it doesn't hurt to make a backup. If the upgrade process fails, you may not be able to resurrect your site without the use of backups.

Choose either the GUI or command-line method for backing up your site.

- **Backing up your site (GUI)**
- **Back up your site (command line)**
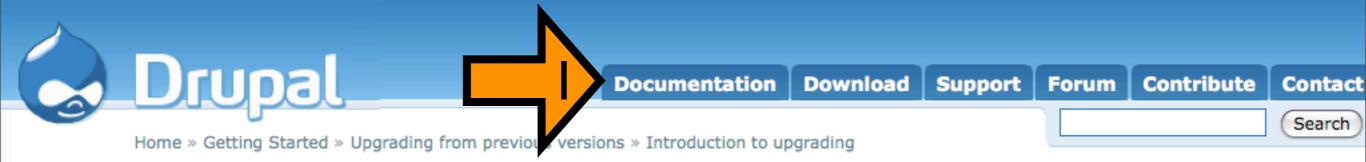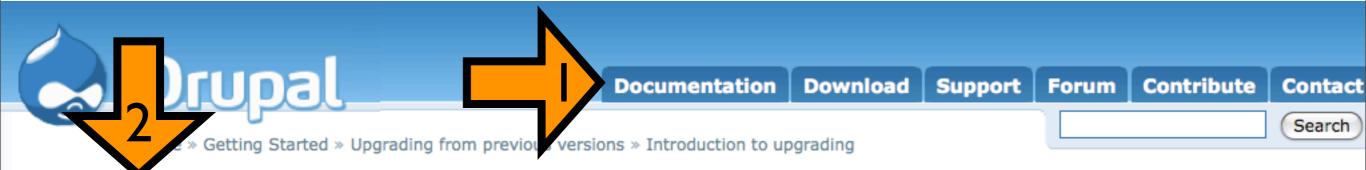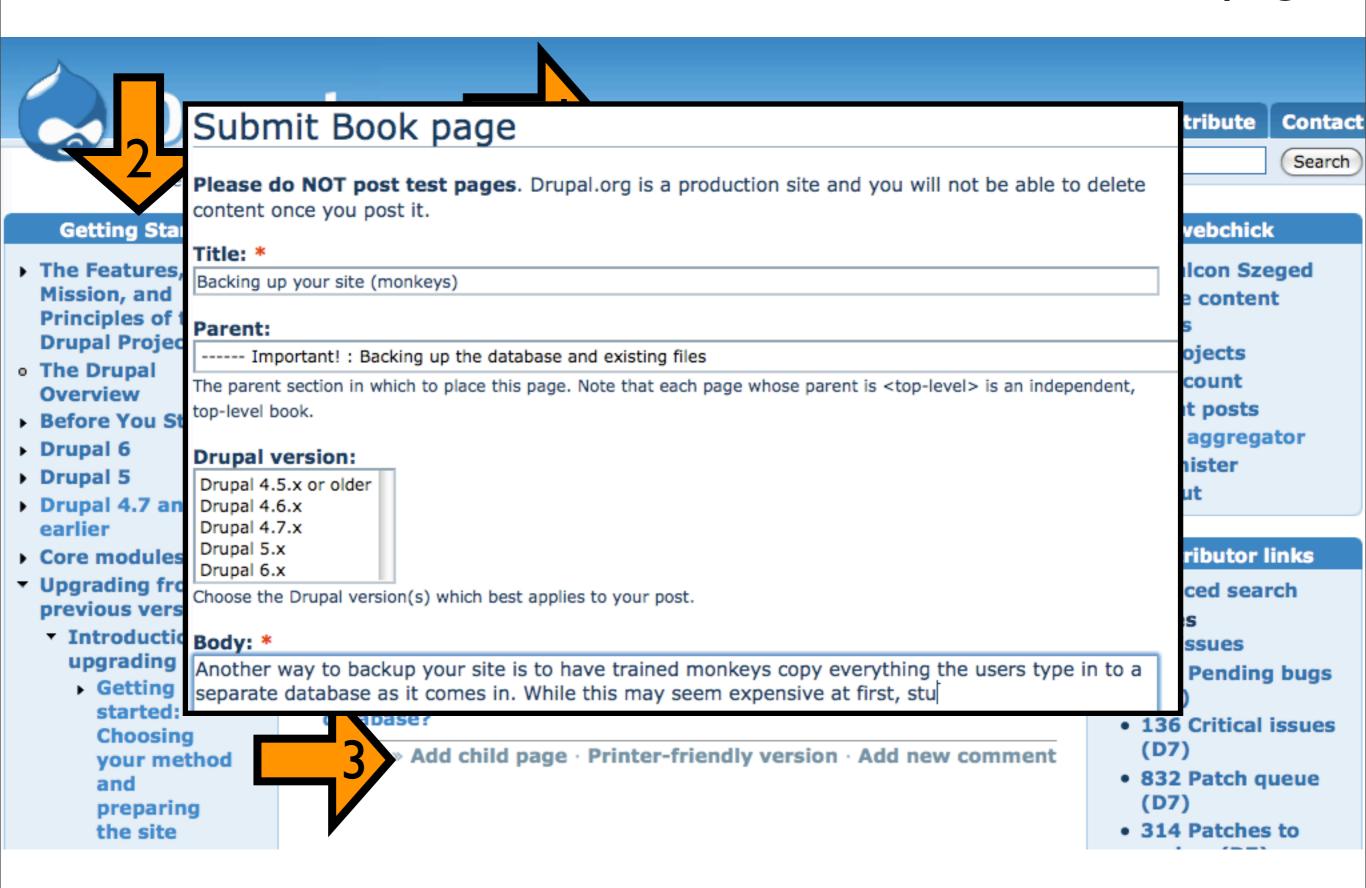
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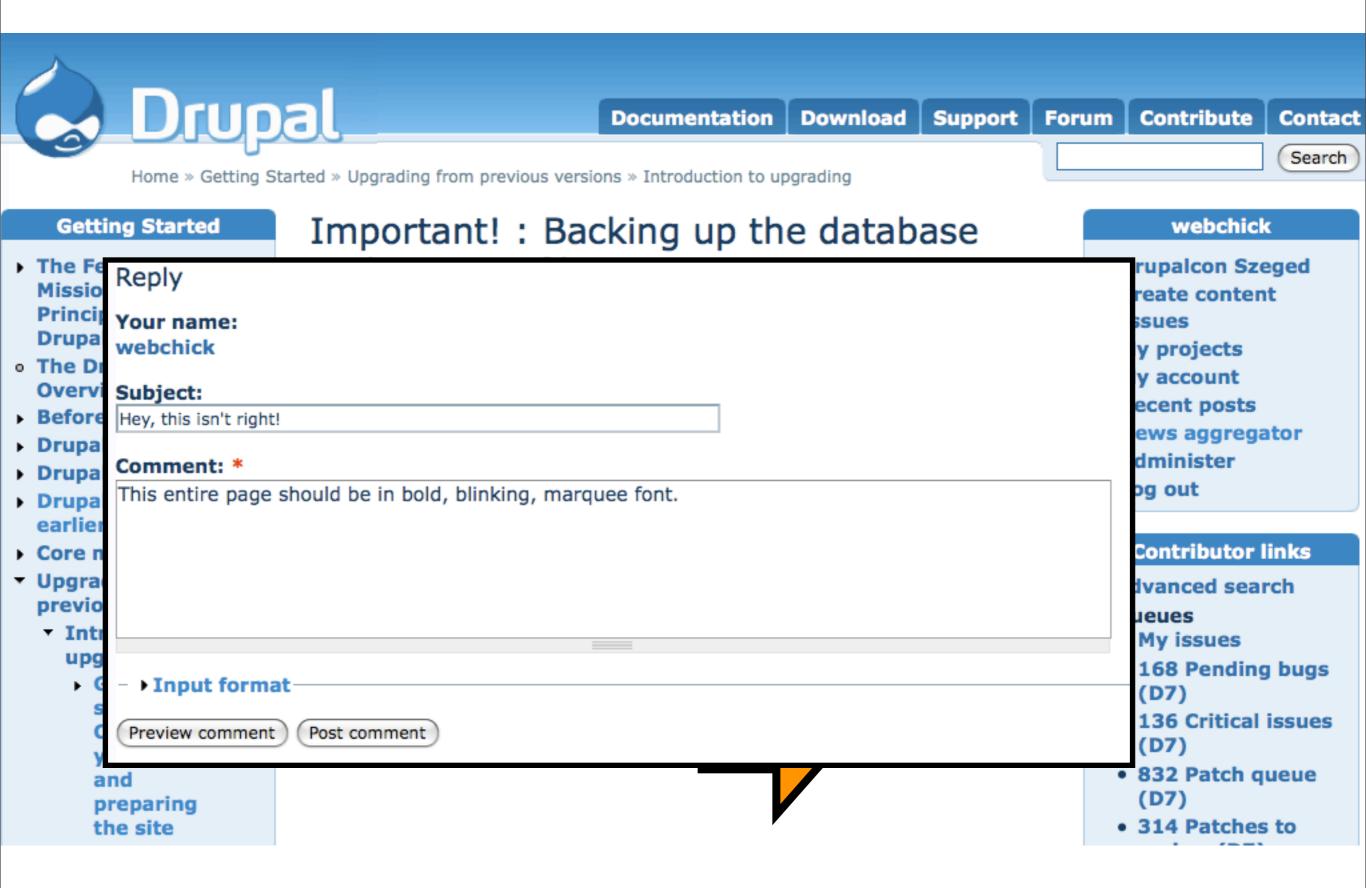
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Contributor links

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  - **832 Patch queue (D7)**
  - **314 Patches to**

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How to get involved:
Bug Reports

Report Bugs
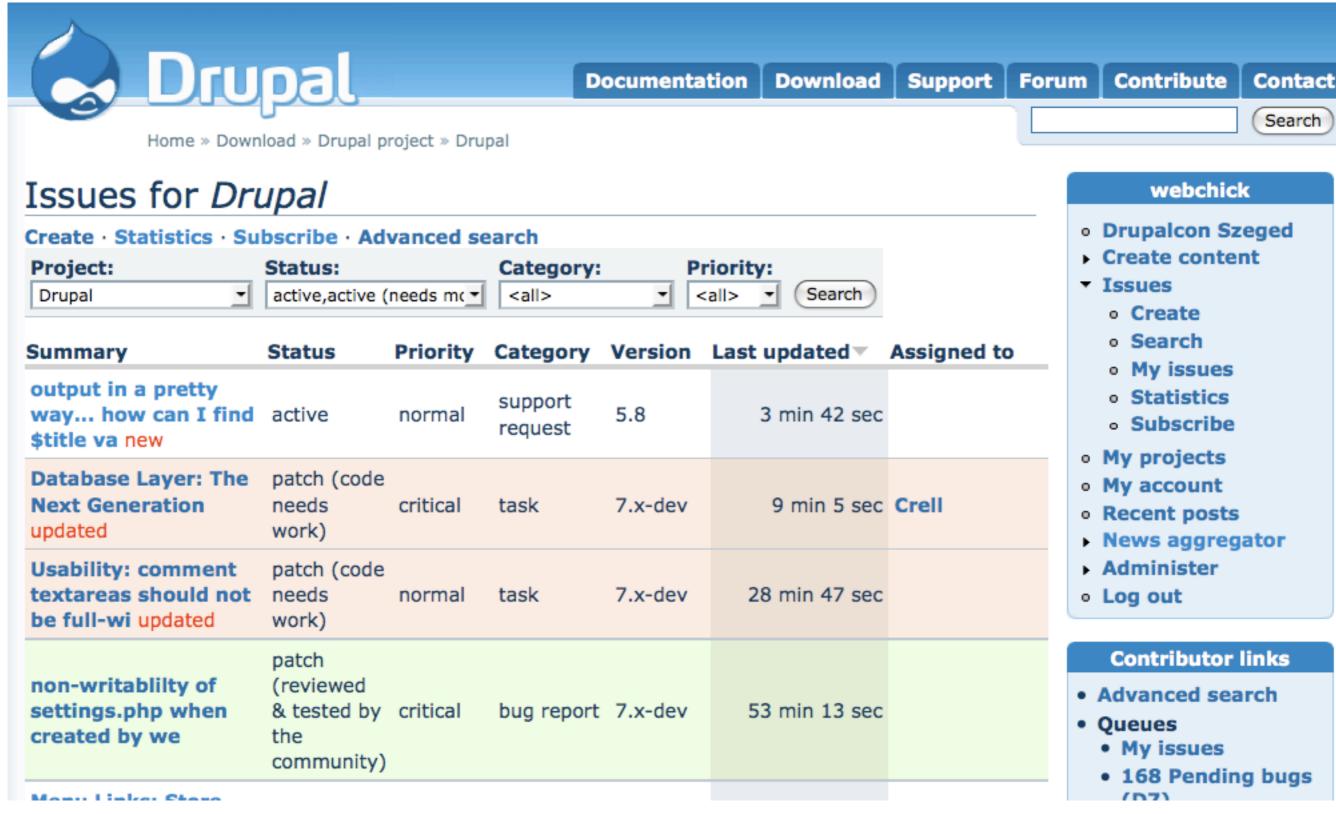
- Find a bug

- Verify it's really a bug

- Log in to Trac(using your Support forum details) - http://trac.wordpress.org/newticket

- Replicate bug and marks ticket to be fixed

- Bug gets fixed - accepted, how-to, create patch, upload to Trac, tested, committed, closed

Before You Report a Bug
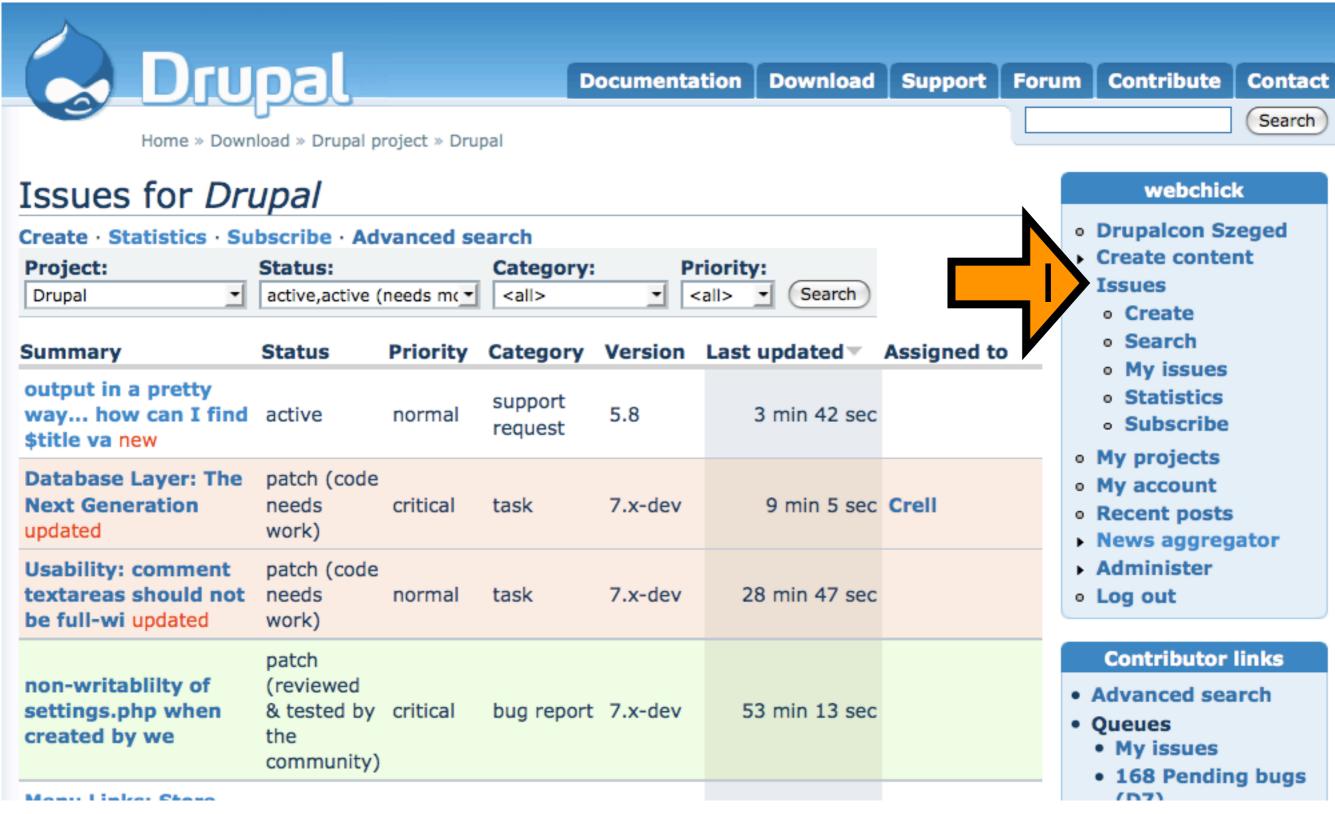
- Search Trac so there aren't any duplicates

- If bug was reported and fixed, but you don't agree - speak up

- Discuss it on the wp-testers or wp-hackers mailing lists, forums and #wordpress IRC channels

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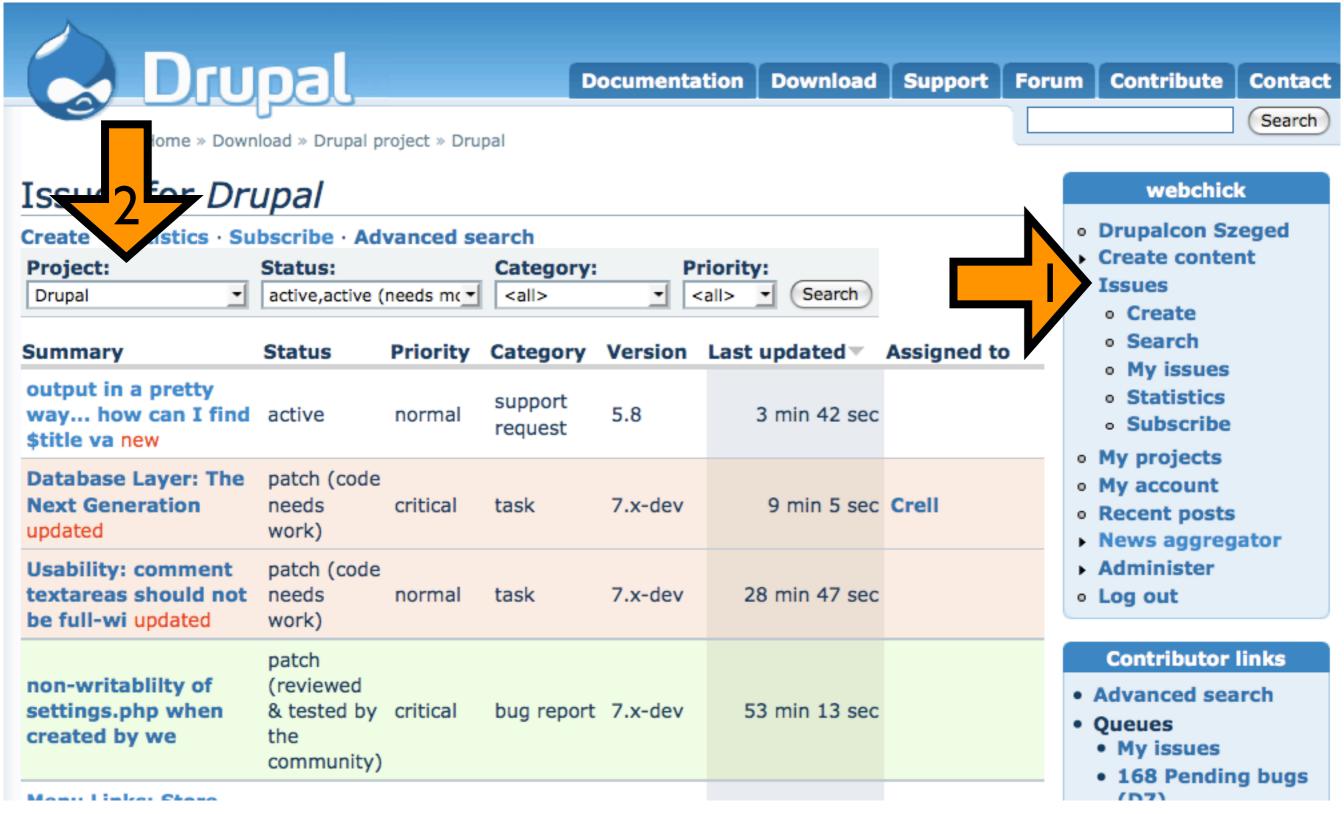
- Be prepared to participate in the process and aid developers

- Not all bugs are bugs, but be glad you had a say

- Thanks for helping out
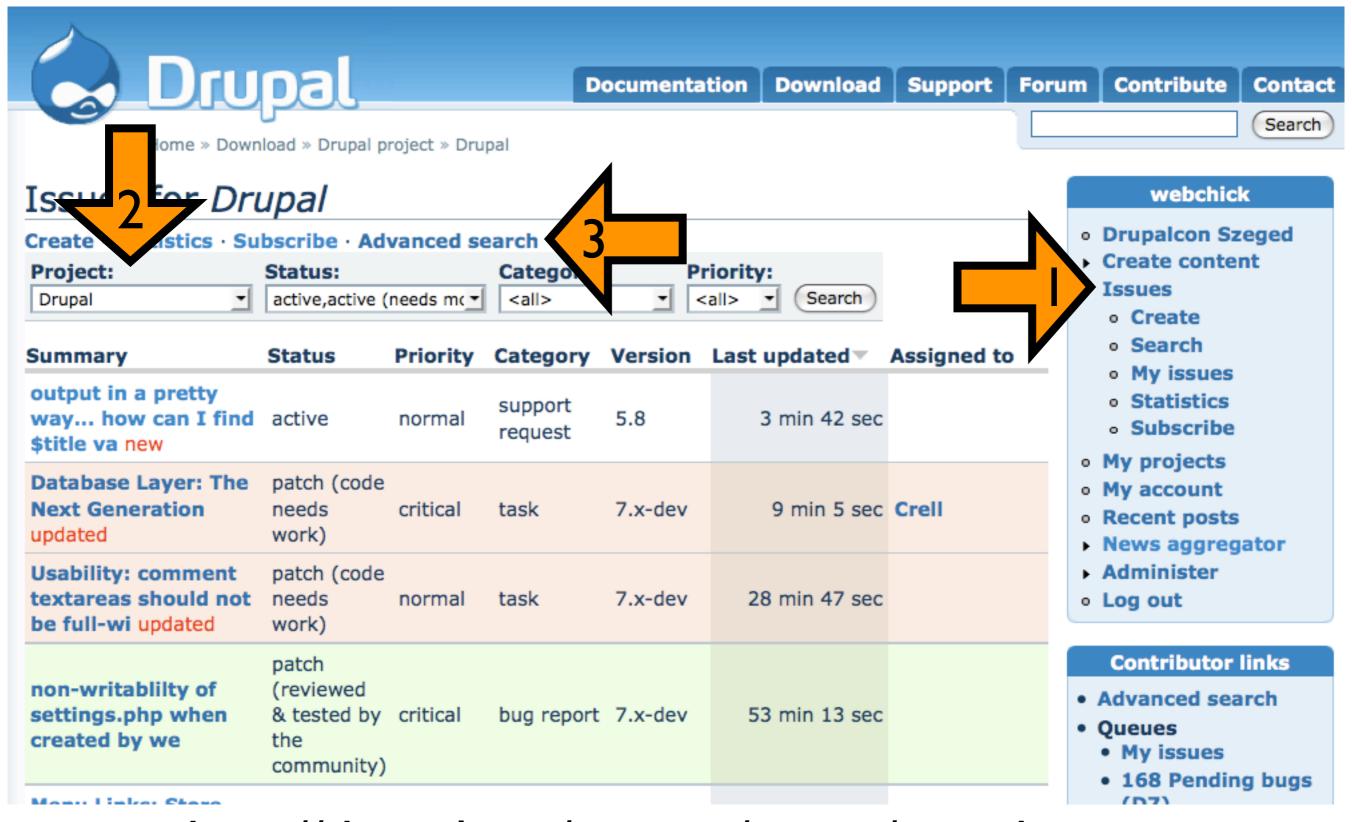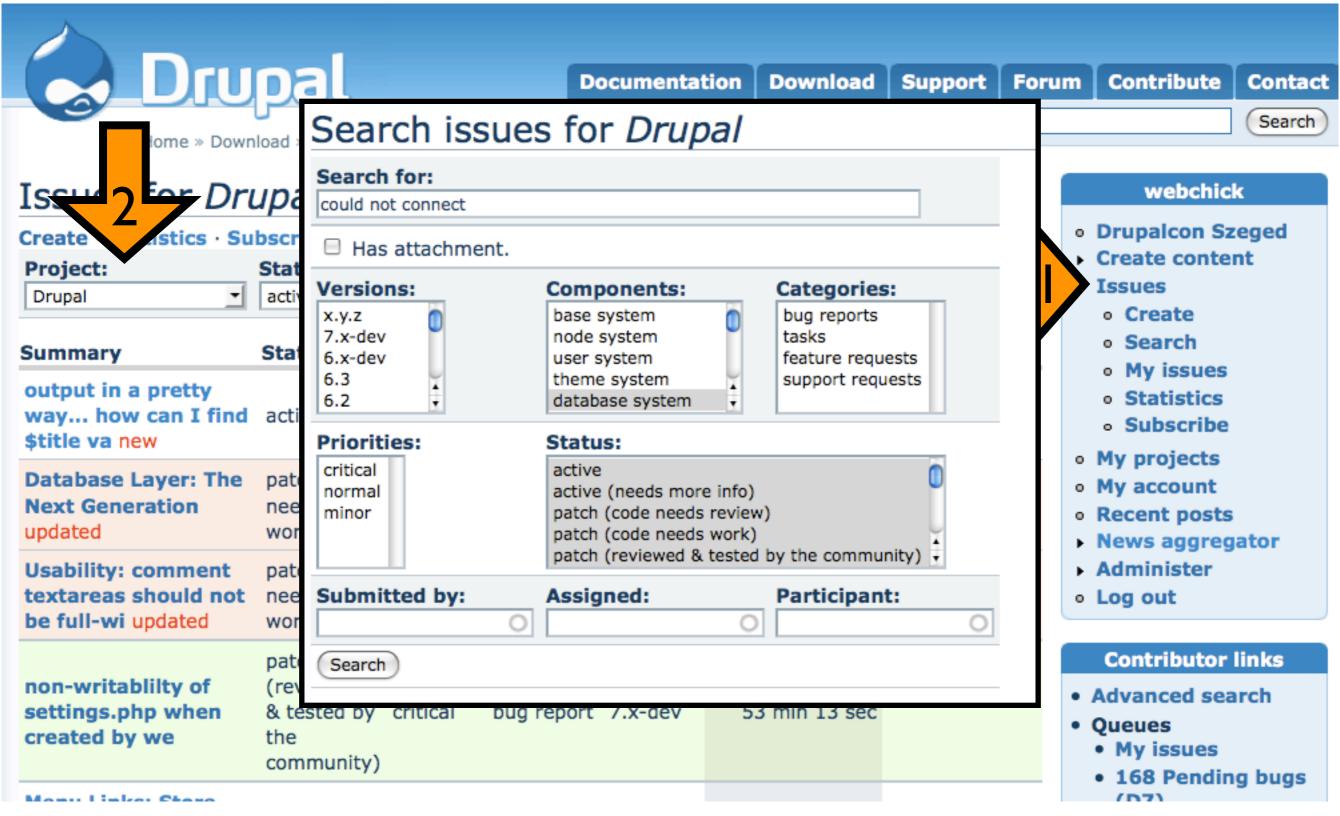
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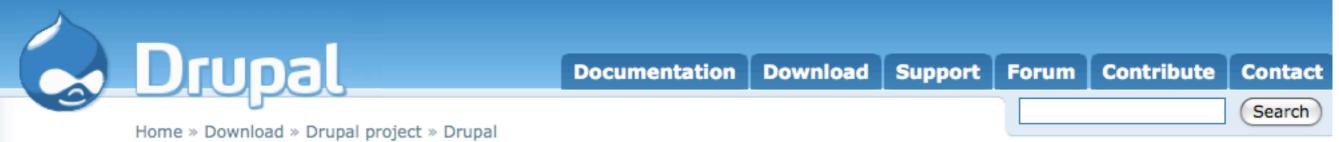
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- Goal: communicate to developers...

  - what *exactly* is wrong? What were you expecting? what happened instead?

  - how to *reproduce* the problem, in the fewest exact steps

- ... they can't fix something they can't see!

- Mention details about your setup; Drupal/PHP/MySQL versions, modules installed, etc.

- COME BACK to issue and help test patches and answer follow-up questions

How to get involved:
Translations

Translate

http://codex.wordpress.org/Translating_WordPress
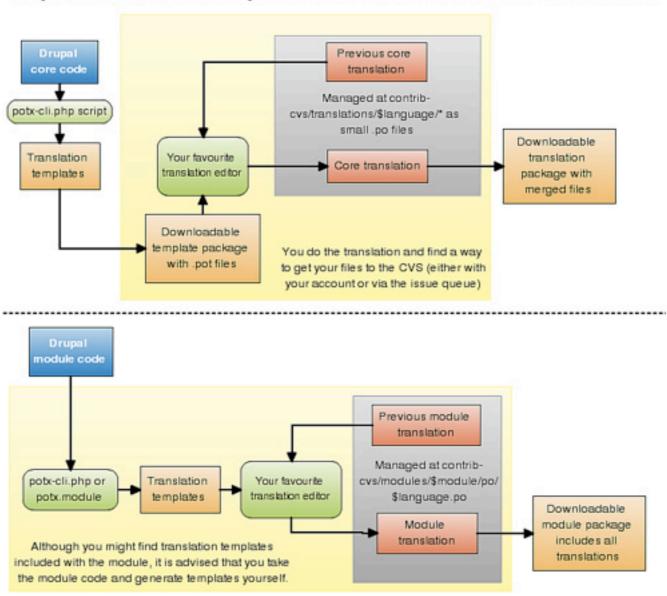
- Translate WordPress to your language

- Organic translation - natural language, not too structured, make it logical

- Maintain the level of formality(or informality)

- Don't use slang or audience-specific terms

- Read up on other software localization

Qualifications and Tools

- Truly bilingual

- Familiar with PHP

- Human language constructs

- GNU gettext - Localization Framework

- LaunchPad, poEdit and KBabel

- wp-polyglots mailing list

Drupal interface translation processes for core and contributed translations

http://drupal.org/translators

How to get involved:
Testing

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- Release candidates are available for download

- Grab latest versions/builds via Subversion - http://svn.automattic.com/wordpress/trunk

- Help find bugs, test out new features and play

- Get updates via wp-testers mailing list

Usability testing

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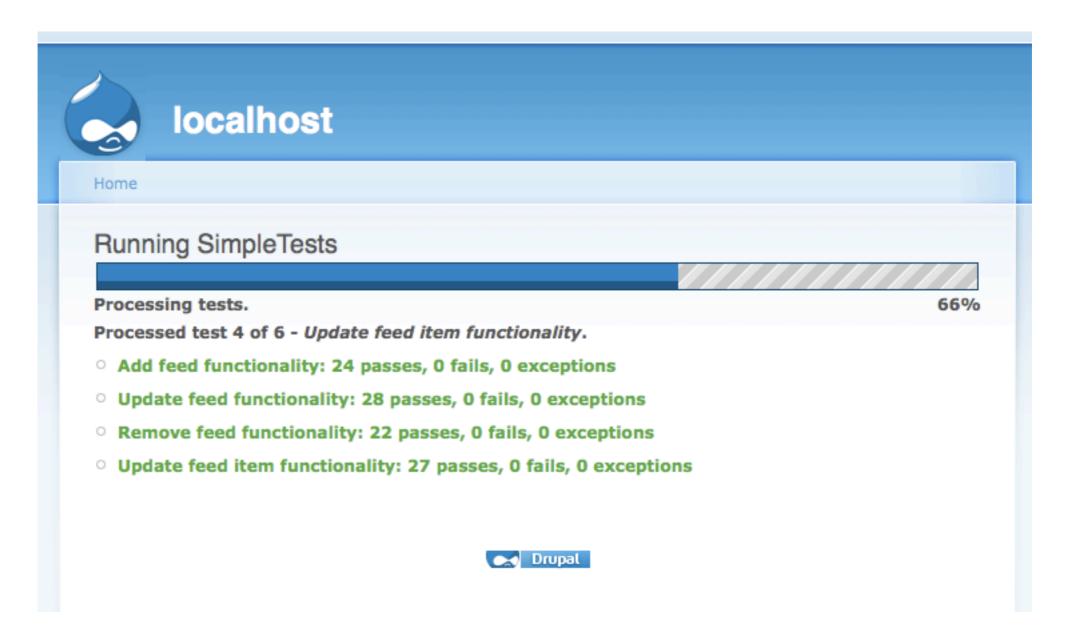
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http://drupal.org/patch

Run and write automated tests

http://drupal.org/project/simpletest

http://groups.drupal.org/testing-qa

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Development Planning

- Formalize proposals sent to wp-hackers mailing list

- Consolidate email threads

- Collaborate on feature specifics

- Research the ideas and log it on the Codex

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Contribute patches

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Start a project of your own!

- Make sure no one's done it yet :)
  http://drupal.org/search/node/
  Enter `type:project_project` and search for keywords

- Get a CVS account:
  http://drupal.org/cvs-application/requirements
  http://drupal.org/cvs-application

- Get your module/theme/translation into CVS:
  http://drupal.org/handbook/cvs/quickstart

- Create a project on the drupal.org website:
  http://drupal.org/node/add/project-project

- Resources

  - http://drupal.org/coding-standards

  - http://api.drupal.org/

  - http://drupal.org/contributors-guide

  - http://www.drupalbook.com/

- Modules

  - Coder: http://drupal.org/project/coder

  - Devel: http://drupal.org/project/devel

Additional Resources

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- http://codex.wordpress.org/Codex:Community_Portal

- http://codex.wordpress.org/Contributing_to_WordPress

- http://wordpress.org/support/

- http://codex.wordpress.org/Mailing_Lists#Documentation

- http://drupal.org/contribute

- http://drupal.org/videocasts

- http://groups.drupal.org/drupal-dojo

- http://groups.drupal.org/drupalchix

...and a user group near you!

http://groups.drupal.org/bay-area
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Thanks!