

Sunday Structure Summit Transcript - 7 June 09

note: conversation started a few days prior to the Summit.

Mark Boulton joined the chat

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Mark Boulton

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hello, testing. Is this thing on?

Leisa Reichelt

10:12

hey

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more friendly than IRC for non-techs

Mark Boulton

10:13

totally

Leisa Reichelt

10:13

i have a thing on D7UX to promote it too

Maarten Verbaarschot joined the chat

10:53

matthew solle joined the chat

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sollefamily joined the chat

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Stuart Church joined the chat

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Leisa Reichelt

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oh yay! UX people in the house!

Mark Boulton

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Hurray!

Stuart Church

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Hello! I was curious and followed the link on the d7ux blog. Didn't quite expect to end up chatting to anyone, though. Great work you're doing on the project, btw

Leisa Reichelt

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hey Stuart, we're not 'officially' chatting here yet I was just happy to see a few familiar names on the list of participants.

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would be great to have you around on Sunday if you're available!

matthew solle

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sunday 4pm yes

Leisa Reichelt

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it's 4pm GMT, so I think that makes it 5pm in London

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stupid summertime

Stuart Church

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I'll certainly make it if I can

Leisa Reichelt

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brilliant. We really need some strong UX voices in this discussion - would be soooo great to get it done but it gets so bogged down in discussions of technical implementation to the point of depression. So some focus on 'who cares, people need this' would be v helpful
matthew solle

12:27

agreed

Stuart Church

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It is quite a challenge, since the Drupal community is largely tech-oriented. I'll try to add my voice where I can

yoroy joined the chat

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Jeff Noyes joined the chat

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Dries Buytaert joined the chat

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Leisa Reichelt

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something exciting for Drupal peeps - Eigentor has just convinced merlinofchaos to come to the summit on Sunday! (I now owe Eigentor beer for life)

Yu-Jin joined the chat

18:17

Zach Meyer joined the chat

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Zach Meyer has left the chat

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Tim Millwood joined the chat

19:01

Jared Forsyth joined the chat

19:49

Kristjan Jansen joined the chat

10:17

Kristjan Jansen

10:17

hi guys

Leisa Reichelt

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hi Kristjan

Mark Boulton

10:19

hi

Dries Buytaert

10:22

hi folks

Mark Boulton

10:23

hi Dries

Bob Watson joined the chat

19:47

Joel joined the chat

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Joel

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Sweet. A Skype UX chatroom. I love it!

Kristjan Jansen

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even better, its a dream team chatroom

Dries Buytaert

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=)

Amy Stephen joined the chat

19:08

Bart joined the chat

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Dries Buytaert

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDUe4_kDfGk

yoroy

12:35

yep.

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Not sure if it only looks simpler because there is less in it

Dries Buytaert

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I'm not sure I understand the Library thing

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I still have a bazillion questions -- I don't understand how this deals with menu paths, block creating, views creation, content type creation, etc

yoroy

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Library seems to be a collection of blocks, content types and region-style page templates

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I'm missing menu building very much too

Dries Buytaert

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Drupal is a collection blocks, content types, views too -- it doesn't mean anything for me

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maybe we'll get more details and clarity on Sunday

yoroy

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"arrange stuff around your main item" where the item could be a node, a view, a search results page, a contact form etc.

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that's where it gets confusing if you know about how Drupal works now. It mixes regions, blocks, menus etc in ways we don't have now

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that, and I'm curious about how the 'template' vs. 'instance' views are separated

Dries Buytaert

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in my mind, the structure concept still lacks the necessary detail to know whether it is a Good Thing

yoroy

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default regions vs. layouts for a specific page

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content type vs. content item

Dries Buytaert

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instead of adding the necessary detail since London, it feels like details have been removed -- I have even more questions that I had before

yoroy

12:50

Me too.

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so yes, it's simpler mainly because there's less in it

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(default block visibility vs. page specific overrides is another one)

Dries Buytaert

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the navigation menu example was a bad one for me too (I think that's what you are referring to) -- you don't want to reconfigure or reposition your navigation menu on a page per page basis. Instead, you want to do that globally and have it affect all pages

yoroy

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yes, that's what I mean. how/where to set the global defaults and how to make it clear that you are either setting globals or local overrides

Amy Stephen

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is the focus new Drupal users?

yoroy

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yes

Amy Stephen

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then, i think it's brilliant

yoroy

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explain yourself!

Amy Stephen

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and i don't think those of you who know how to build sophisticated drupal sites can see that - since you probably see what's missing more

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i like the goal of helping new users build something quickly - within a half hour, or so - offering those basic Web site types with "shells" ready to go - and fewer choices

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once they have something built, then they can learn more about global concepts, etc.

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and by then, they are encouraged enough to dig in

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i liked it

Bart has left the chat

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Dries Buytaert

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yep, that is a great goal and the structure stuff help with that

yoroy

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that's all true, and you're right it's impossible for us to see it that way. But I do wonder if you learned the right things.

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that if you start digging in, everything still doesn't make sense

Amy Stephen

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well, the "right thing" to learn is that Drupal is the right tool to use, right? and worth learning more about?

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i think drupal is missing the baby steps - and this appears to address that a bit, IMO

yoroy

13:00

true & true

Dries Buytaert

13:00

adding baby steps is good, but what yoroy is saying (I think) is that it doesn't provide a path to the more experienced features/functionality

yoroy

13:00

yep

Dries Buytaert

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it enables you to take some first steps quick, but once you want to do something which you can't do with structure, you have to start over, and start at the beginning of the learning curve

Amy Stephen

13:01

dries - they are not starting over - i suspect most of the people this will help aren't coming in now
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if you are trying to address new users and less technical people, you have to reduce the amount of material you throw at them at first

Dries Buytaert

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agreed

Amy Stephen

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there is a wealth of learning material for Drupal in place - at some point - you can direct them there since they will have foundation needed to utilize it

Dries Buytaert

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but ... with this structure proposal, there need to be 2 parallel/duplicate paths to do things because there is a lot of things you can't do with the current structure proposal that you absolutly will want to do

Amy Stephen

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yes - and i think leisa said that in the video - that there needs to be another option for those people who know what to do - but that it wasn't on the prototype ? (looking again)

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this seems like a step up from sample data - should be a way to avoid it too if you know what you are doing

Dries Buytaert

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the thing is, for me, there is sooo much we can improve in the current UIs that would improve live of everyone, not just the newbies

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I understand what they want to do, but it fails for me, because I know to much about Drupal, and because, within 2 minutes, I'd want to do things that Structure doesn't enable me to do

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I realize that it might be brilliant for newbies

Amy Stephen

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yup - you clean something up and get something else dirty

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always a balance

Roy Scholten

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I think it would be good to hear from Leisa what the intended scope of this thing is.

Dries Buytaert

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agreed

Amy Stephen

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anyway - am impressed, as usual, with Drupal - good stuff

Dries Buytaert

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even if you are a newbie, I think that, within 30 minutes, you'll want to do more things

Roy Scholten

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the worry is that this is not a clean up but a new pretty layer that doesn't fix the actual problems underneath

Amy Stephen

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no - they will finish - have a stiff drink to relax - and brag to everyone they know about what they did!

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you are so way too geek! hehe

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these people are afraid!

Dries Buytaert

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yoroy -- you nailed it -- it is a new layer that leaves the actual problems underneath unfixed

Roy Scholten

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heh, stole that from bojhan, he keeps hammering on that point

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So, if the scope is to improve the first time experience, something you dive into straight after install: great. empowers people, make them feel they achieved something (and they did).

Leisa Reichelt

13:12

good afternoon

Roy Scholten

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hi Leisa

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sat on your hands following along?

Leisa Reichelt

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not at all, just stopped by to see if anything interesting was going on and saw there was conversation happening - reading back now

Roy Scholten

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ah good

Dries Buytaert

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it like my car is broken, but instead of getting the engine fixed, we're adjusting the driver's seat so it sits more comfortable

Leisa Reichelt

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yes, I know I need to get the prototype to the point where it actually starts to address the more complicated aspects of how blocks/menus etc. work

Dries Buytaert

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i think part of the problem is probably the name "structure" -- it suggests that this does all the important stuff

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it doesn't -- and so it is a source for an expectation mismatch

Leisa Reichelt

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and also good pick up re: moving the navigation - not sure why I picked that, it's not a great example (and one I deliberately stayed away from in the last prototype) - i have to do these things so quickly because I spend so much time talking about stuff on Skype and IRC!

Dries Buytaert

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maybe it should be called "getting started wizzard"?

Leisa Reichelt

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dries - i think this tool should be called something like 'site builder'

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and it should live in the structure section with all the other important stuff

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which, in the current prototype, lives in the library

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the main idea that this prototype addresses is what I learned from the last round of research

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which is that the very people we were trying to help through this tool still found it way too complicated

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it was too hard for novices and annoying for experts... not good

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so the main part of this prototype is really about creating sample sites/content types/page components that people edit rather than creating a lot from scratch -

Dries Buytaert

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in my mind, the structure tool allows you do paint a painting with really thick brush strokes -- which is great -- because in many paintiners that provides a foundation

Leisa Reichelt

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the need to achieve something with Drupal quickly was a really persistent feeling (and not a new finding either)

Dries Buytaert

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you do the thick brush strokes in 5 minutes, but then you spent 3 hours adding the details, the shades, etc

Leisa Reichelt

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yep, exactly

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the prototype example I gave was all about the thick brushstrokes, I agree

Dries Buytaert

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and I'm struggling with the 3 hours of work that i have no tools for at the moment

Leisa Reichelt

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yes, but they are the pieces that aren't fleshed out in the prototype yet

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being the library tools on the page with elements you can add (for intermediate users) and the library itself where you can create these, for more advanced users

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i know it's frustrating that these haven;t been fleshed out yet, and I'm sorry about that

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but at the same time, we need to understand the whole journey and going out and showing drupal newbies made me really aware that we were actually starting the journey too far along the learning curve

Dries Buytaert

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I'm struggling with it because right now, I can paint pictures that i can't sell -- unless my customer enjoys "Impressionism"

Leisa Reichelt

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lol. i know

Roy Scholten

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I'm starting to think that this library part should just be pointers to existing pages in admin (with hopefully an improved ui etc)

Leisa Reichelt

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roy - that is not far from what I have in mind

Roy Scholten

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and not try to integrate it into builder tool

Leisa Reichelt

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but that things you create in the library could go into the library 'palette' in the builder tool for reuse

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in fact that is pretty much the reason that I created the library section, so that we can maintain these more familiar functions and rather than trying to completely transform the,

work on improving their UI and finding a way to 'port' some stuff from them into the site builder as selectable elements... if that makes any sense

Roy Scholten

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yeah, it should def. be fed back into the list of available things

Leisa Reichelt

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i thought that would be a lot more scalable re: adding more modules

Roy Scholten

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right

Leisa Reichelt

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and also make the UX review more scalable, so we can easily farm out various interfaces for people to help review

Roy Scholten

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I'm glad this builder tool doesn;t try to cover the whole width and depth of the Drupal ocean anymore

Leisa Reichelt

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i think we were trying to provide a technical solution to a people problem

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by doing more 'human' work in designing these 'template' sites and pages, I think it is a much better approach

Dries Buytaert

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I think many engineers would approach this in reverse order:

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1) Improve the current tools and make them as easy to use for experts (this would also make them easier to use for newbies)

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2) Provide a layer on top of (1) for whatever is still too hard to do for newbies

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Right now, we're starting with (2) without having attempted to do (1)

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it is hard because optimizing (1) makes life easier for everyone, including newbies, and (2) only solves a smaller part of the bigger problem

Amy Stephen

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oddly enough, i don't think people mind spending 3 hours figuring out a detail IF they believe they already have something worth investing in - the quick start should help them feel invested

Leisa Reichelt

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amy - that's exactly right

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Drupal needs to repay the user quickly for their effort

Amy Stephen

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i think so too

Leisa Reichelt

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then the user will be confident about investing more time in Drupal

Dries Buytaert

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I'm still not 100% convinced to be honest -- look at nearly all other tools in the market

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take Apple's Keynote for example

Amy Stephen

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you aren't going to "be there" in one attempt, dries, it's going to take lots of iteration at the UI before you are done

Dries Buytaert

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creating Keynote presentations is really hard, and yet, it doesn't provide two layers; i.e. one optimized for newbies, one optimized for experts

Amy Stephen

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well, it's not as complex as a website, eh?

Leisa Reichelt

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i've not found creating keynote presentations hard. esp if you use one of their templates...

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going back to have another look at keynote now tho...

Dries Buytaert

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the keynote templates are a good idea, but we already have templates in Drupal -- we call it 'install profiles'

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(or distributions)

Leisa Reichelt

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dries to your points on optimising for newbies and not expert interfaces - there are good reasons for this I think, and that is that there is more expertise and momentum within the community to fix those expert interfaces - I think (and correct me if I'm wrong) that once we do focus on those we should be able to get them sorted out reasonably quickly.

Amy Stephen

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that's exactly what i thought - exactly

Leisa Reichelt

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what we're lacking is the ability to create an experience of Drupal that someone who hasn't invested a lot of time (or money) is able to comprehend

Dries Buytaert

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I disagree, Leisa -- fixing the expert features takes someone like you and Mark as well

Leisa Reichelt

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re: install profiles - i think there is a lot of similarity between what we're suggesting for this new site builder and installation profiles

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dries - I'm not saying we won't be actively involved in helping redesign those expert features - we definitely will

Dries Buytaert

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I haven't seen anyone in the community step forward to take a holistic view at the expert features -- it is all incremental improvements (which i support and am very happy with)

Leisa Reichelt

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but we have a lot more assistance within the community - it is much harder for community members to help see things from the newbies perspective - it's a bigger challenge for them and us

Dries Buytaert

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I fully agree with that

Amy Stephen

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drupal's biggest strength is it's flexibility - which as it turns out is it's biggest usability problem, too

Leisa Reichelt

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I am really hoping that if we can agree a 'framework' for this structure section, we can then start to define how those expert interfaces live in D7, and what that will require of them and then start creating them as issues and working together with teh community on them

Dries Buytaert

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I hope too, but I'm worried about the timing of that

Leisa Reichelt

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amy - precisely. This is the ultimate 'make sure you include flexibility for everything i might want to do in the future' project

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dries - that's the entire reason we've got this Summit lined up

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we need to agree that framework NOW.

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well, tomorrow.

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otherwise we'll have to go to Plan B which is just looking at those interfaces and making them as friendly as possible

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but I don't see any way that that can effectively support a new comers experience of Drupal
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because the conceptual understanding you require to put a Drupal site together is just too much
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so we can definitely make usability gains, but it would no longer be 'gamechanging' IMHO
Dries Buytaert
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I agree with that too
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it is hard to get people to buy into a framework if they can't tell if it will work, IMO
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I believe you when you tell us it works for newbies, but right now, I don't think it works for experts
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that makes it hard to embrace it for average to expert Drupal users
Leisa Reichelt
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that's probably v much related to the fact that there expert aspects haven't been shown at all in that interface
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I'm going to go get some lunch and then I'll spend more time this afternoon on trying to build out some of those components in the prototype and repost before tomorrow/
Dries Buytaert
13:39

agreed, and because it isn't (wasn't) really clear if this structure tool is a replacement for the experts feature or an addendum, or how it will integrate with expert features, etc
Amy Stephen
13:39

Leisa - do you envision the aspects you showed as being roughly equivalent to a "Wizard" in Word - that helps you get started with a resume for example, and can easily be skipped if desired?

Dries Buytaert
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based on this conversation, I know understand it is not meant to replace the expert interfaces

Roy Scholten
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yes, scope again

Leisa Reichelt
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Amy - I envisage a 'create something completely new' option on that page that would allow you to avoid templates entirely if that's not appropriate for your skill level/the type of site you're building

Dries Buytaert

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the list view has issues too, imo -- I don't know what it means to move regions up and down in a list view

Leisa Reichelt

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I think of it less as a wizard (i hate wizards as a rule) as a template that you can customise as much as you want

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dries - no, definitely not meant to replace expert interfaces

Amy Stephen

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yup - good Leisa - i think that is awesome - i tried using Drupal many times and stopped because it was too much - i think that would have brought me in

Dries Buytaert

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I think it would be good to show people how you could jump into expert mode

Leisa Reichelt

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dries - I'm not sure about the region moving in list either... I was thinking that if it was possible to tag regions descriptively (header, footer, LH column etc.) then that might be more useful.... needs more thought

Roy Scholten

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without making it jumping from a cliff

Dries Buytaert

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examples: (i) I want to specify the URL path of my page, (ii) I want to change the position of a block globally, etc

Leisa Reichelt

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dries - yes,

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give me a list of tasks and I'll have a go at building them in.

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concrete tasks like this make prototyping so much easier!

Dries Buytaert

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leisa, _if_ the structure is not meant to replace the expert interfaces, you can kill the list view, imo

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(and this is also what makes my head explode)

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because the current Drupal is accessible and it allows you to do everything

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in other words, disabled people could use the expert mode

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what makes my head explode is; does that mean we have duplicate functionality?

Leisa Reichelt

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not sure I'm following - are you equating list view solely as the accessible view?

Dries Buytaert

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that is what I have in my mind after watching the video, yes

Roy Scholten

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dries: nah, multiple UIs on the same functionality

Dries Buytaert

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maybe also a more scalable interface for bigger sites

Leisa Reichelt

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yes, exactly

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there are some drag and drop functions that will have accessible alternatives in list view

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but we will be trying to make the site builder tool in sitemap and page detail view as close to accessible as possible

Dries Buytaert

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the current functionality on the list view doesn't make sense to me though -- I don't really understand what it allows me to do

Leisa Reichelt

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mostly it is just a different view of what you can do on the sitemap view

Dries Buytaert

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i can move things up and down, but how is that reflected in my site?

Leisa Reichelt

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it's a pretty standard convention in applications that are kind of similar to the site builder

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to have a list/outline view and a more visual view

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moving up and down would be reflected in the position on the navigation (menu) or on the page (if you're moving things between regions)

Dries Buytaert

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what happens when I move 'Registration' above 'About', for example?

Leisa Reichelt

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it would move to a higher position in the navigation/menu

Roy Scholten

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you change the menu item's weight in Drupal speak

Leisa Reichelt

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yes

Dries Buytaert

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should use drag-and-drop, imo to be scalable ...

Leisa Reichelt

13:48

I think you you would be able to drag and drop it

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if you have motor skills and vision

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but if not, we have provided these other convenient tools

Dries Buytaert

13:49

so really, it allows me to configure a menu

Leisa Reichelt

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yes, that's one thing

Roy Scholten

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it is more of a navigation based view yeah

Leisa Reichelt

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but then if you open out a page and see the list of content per region it would also let you organise the position of elements on a page

Dries Buytaert

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is that only for the primary navigation then?

Leisa Reichelt

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again - you'd only want to do that in this view if you were vision / motor impaired

Dries Buytaert

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many Drupal sites have different navigation schemes; primary navigation, secondary navigation, tertiary navigation

Leisa Reichelt

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i think it can work at all levels

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eh. my boy is just waking up i have to step away for a while... sorry

Amy Stephen

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Roy Scholten

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I'd prefer to do it in the list view actually. but then, I'm not in the target audience

Dries Buytaert

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list view sounds a lot like the current menu navigation to me

Roy Scholten

13:51

correct

Dries Buytaert

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it's over-simplified in the video though

Roy Scholten

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but with links to related tasks for configuring the actual page it links to

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(whatever that 'page' is

Dries Buytaert

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what is broken though, I think, is that Schedule has one child called Session

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but, say, for the DrupalCon website we have 150 Sessions

Roy Scholten

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right

Dries Buytaert

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so, list view seems to map onto pages but it doesn't

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some of those are pages, others aren't

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About is a page, I think, but Session is a template for a page

Jeff Noyes

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what am I waking up to?

Dries Buytaert

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I don't want to have a template in my navigation menu

Roy Scholten

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my question as well, is this the tree for connecting the globals or the instances?

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jeff - we're warming up for tomorrow

Jeff Noyes

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are we warm?

Roy Scholten

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are you?

Dries Buytaert

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so if this doesn't allow me to configure my navigation menu, then what do I use it for?

Roy Scholten

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dries - unclear to me as well

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it's basically another representation of the sitemap view

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but even as a UX deliverable on paper or pdf, sitemaps reach their limits pretty soon

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but then again, we're mapping expert tools on this

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It could work for the primary + secondary levels, which are most of the time clearly hierarchical in structure

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beyond that, I don't know how menu's like for example 'related content' or any other non-hierarchical selection of links would fit in here

Jeff Noyes

14:00

This is how menu's work within structure? I had the same question. Or if I want to go directly to menus to push things around, how would I do that?

Roy Scholten

14:01

I have a kid waking up too now

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...

Amy Stephen

14:03

I keep thinking "Know your target audience."

Dries Buytaert

14:03

I don't think this has anything to do with target audience

Jeff Noyes

14:03

agree, all target audiences need this ability

Amy Stephen

14:03

then i am confused

Dries Buytaert

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it just doesn't make sense to mix templates and pages into a tree view or list view if it is meant to control the order of links in a navigation menu

Amy Stephen

14:04

do you know how many people that sentence would scare off?

Dries Buytaert

14:04

templates don't show up in the navigation menu, and yet they should up in the list view and the tree view

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should -> show

Amy Stephen

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the thing about WP that is very compelling is - you install - and you change the first post - and you are live

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from that point on, WP users spend hours and hours dinking with their blogs, adding little widgets to make it do more

Leisa Reichelt

14:06

(eh, i am supposed to be getting lunch now not stopping at my computer)

Amy Stephen

14:06

lol

Leisa Reichelt

14:07

dries - i agree there is a flaw in the logic of the page/template view in the list at the moment

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but I think that can be fixed

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i need food before I can go any further with it tho

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pls do email me any major issues like this one that you've identified (as you did with list view already)

14:08

and also any key tasks that you'd like to see

14:08

and I'll do what I can to get it into the prototype asap

Dries Buytaert

14:08

understood, will do -- tnx for looking into those things

Leisa Reichelt

14:08

my pleasure

14:08

back later

14:08

thanks everyone - I really appreciate all this thought and feedback

Amy Stephen

14:09

this entire process is awesome

14:09

i saw this yesterday - <http://jqueryui.com/themeroller/> - thinking about dries's comment on install profiles

14:10

maybe for real new newbies - some type of selection process to combine install profiles and a template, etc., into a getting started zip might be good

Kristjan Jansen

14:52

a feeling I get from the discussion so far is that there are two camps in different ends of the spectrum: "simple intuitive quick newbie wins" in one "real and hard drupal" in other. both camps feel the need to move close each other but it is scary and painful and only baby steps are made so far.

There are different ways to move on with this: a) continuing doing these tiny steps but never really meet b) hope to be saved by a superhero with UX in one and DX in other side of the brain, making both camps jump to the center

Roy Scholten

15:03

hi kristjan, do you know this superhero?

Kristjan Jansen

15:05

I'd like to know him or her

15:06

one brainscan looks similar what I envisioned <http://www.developmentseed.org/team/young-hahn>

15:08

Sometimes if I am stuck with a really complex problem. I just try to pick out some facts/solutions what are just obvious. Like:

1) There is a deep need to reduce set-up time of Drupal site and offer some_prepackaged_stuff to pick from and get started quickly. We all know welcome/pick a template screens from desktop software, that's that, but in the web toolkit.

Several attempts have been done so far to provide such packages, usually they duplicate each other or other come into play in a little different points in Drupal site building process (browsing for download, installing, actual site building). Some examples: drupal distributions, profiles selectable on install, features and some other similar modules.

One of the D7UX site builder goal -- to provide site templates -- fit nicely to these efforts. So: there is a need, we need to fix the need properly.

15:14

But there is always a problem with prefabricated stuff: It just magically builds something for you, hides the actual setup process and you will gonna have a hard time to later alter these magic settings already done for you. And we know we need to take that into

account: providing more "transparent magic" so you can track how the trick is actually done.
15:15

There is nothing new really, the same thing has been said in the very chat several times.
Roy Scholten
15:21
and I think the open source process etc. locks us into taking (mainly) small steps
15:22

and well, D7 timeframe is rapidly closing for a big heart & brain transplantation
Kristjan Jansen
15:22
steps can be significantly bigger if there is a clear vision looming in horizon -- such as d7ux outcome

Roy Scholten
15:23

true
Kristjan Jansen
15:25

i am not saying we need or can need a superman, i just said there seems to be a subconscious soul call for a mythical figure to save us from the chores
15:25

Tim Millwood
15:29

wow, been busy in here the last three hours.
Kristjan Jansen
15:33

Coming back to this "pick out the things what just stick out of the puzzle". Would it make sense to break this monster sitebuilder into smaller picees, easier to digest? Say that "template chooser": if we could use hypothetical install profiles 2.0 to achieve this: how this would work? Would be cool to apply a profile (or "site template") over a site several times, or pick each time a different one. Or learn from the features and patterns modules. The latter one relays on FormAPI "macros", programmatic submits of the form. One could build a functionality where these submits can visually played back, with hints / visual annotations. Creating this "transparent magic". Just a crazy idea.

What I am trying to say: lot of problems d7ux experiences first time are partially already solved out there in Drupal universe. It is just, ahem, unevenly distributed.

Dries Buytaert
16:31

Kristjan: roll up your sleeves!
16:43

I can help with the committing and pushing the ball forward by making decisions
16:43

but someone has to provide the patches that implement the mockups
16:44

feel free to start breaking things up -- it might be worth a try

16:44

maybe after Sunday or something

16:45

I think Leisa is taking another pass at the current mockups

Kristjan Jansen

16:49

Perhaps we should strive more towards more task oriented site builder. think mini-recipes here and there, not a 5-course-mega-dinner with a flick of a finger

16:50

so you can apply these recipes on working site and roll back or go step by step

16:52

so you pick a base of some kind and apply a blog + brochureware + social flavour, ending up a decent company 2.0 site

Tim Millwood

16:52

aren't these just install profiles 2.0

Kristjan Jansen

16:52

perhaps

16:55

<tech talk>I'd like see install profiles as macros you can execute</tech talk> what you can easily browse/download from inside drupal, run as a quick 1-click batch, run step by step with attached instructions or run with annotations_only, as a wizard so you will get instructions and step by step ui but do all necessary clicks yourself

16:56

so you can forget screencasts, site recipe is a real, interactive screencast inside drupal

Tim Millwood

16:57

I would see them working much like a module's install / uninstall file. It could then check if modules exist, run drupal functions, run sql, and then reverse all this in SQL. So I guess the tech is already there.

Dries Buytaert

16:58

at some point we have to break up Structure in lots of small pieces so we can implement them

Kristjan Jansen

16:58

i was more thinking how patterns module does thing, it executes formAPI submits -- I was to move up from there one level

Dries Buytaert

16:58

for now, I think, we're trying to get the big picture right -- it provides a path for people to work towards

Kristjan Jansen

17:07

my suggestion is basically -- tech geekery aside -- to think more freely about how site building tasks are structured in the real world. You are not building something a -> b -> c, you mess around, cut corners, revert to previous version, add some bits from some other site what you like but were not part of your original plan.

Think it as a box of Lego pieces you receive.

Currently we are thinking about 2 ways how to build something out of it: a bundled Oompa-Loompa who whips something together with 1 second but he never gives away his secrets; and secondly...obviously...a floor full of lego pieces. DIY!

None of these really fit to the model how people build things.

I was thinking -- there has to be something in between these two ways, something guiding, helpful, interactive, reversible etc.

17:09

... and separate to a micro-tasks.

no way you would construct a Lego space ship in one evening.

17:12

But all this was just about "site templates". Structure (Summit) initiative touches much more things. We need a good (reusable) UX for many many sitebuilding tasks, including building structural hierachies, constructing templates for different contexts etc.

Dries Buytaert

17:12

I agree, I think

17:12

I've been eager to see mark and leisa bridge both models so that people can flow from newbie-mode to normal-mode and vice versa

Kristjan Jansen

17:15

in ideal world you would use normal-mode tools as a newbie too -- and still feel comfortable. But yeah, it's hard. Let's work on it

Dries Buytaert

17:17

make sure to share your notes with us as well

Kristjan Jansen

17:18

sure

Dries Buytaert

17:43

(dinner)

Bojhan Somers joined the chat

20:18

Joel

22:48

I've been reading all the backscroll thus far, and I had a thought related to what everyone's been talking about in regards to Install Profiles & a Site Builder 'wizard' (but we're calling it a "Seer", right?)

Install Profiles help a site get to >50% completed right out of the box. A Site Building Tool assists with tasks that need to occur *after* the site is already installed and deployed. Remember, folks, that there's two workflows here, and both of them cannot be solved by a single, mocked-up tool.

The first one is "I'm installing a site onto a server so I can publish my content" The other one is "My site is installed, and now I want a new page, blog_post, image_gallery, whatever." The tools to assist newbs in these two workflows will look very different.

And yes, we need a tool for each workflow. And yes, they should be snazzy UI layers above (or alongside) the default Drupal HTML so that advanced devs can still get to a 12-mile-long node/add form whenever they want to.

MOHD RAFIE joined the chat

11:33

Gábor Hojtsy joined the chat

15:55

waxstrong joined the chat

16:00

Kristijan Jansen

16:00

are we on?

Bojhan Somers

16:01

hey kika

Gábor Hojtsy

16:04

kika: in an hour AFAIR

Bojhan Somers

16:04

Gábor 16:00 GMT is now

Mark Boulton

16:05

no, 16:00 BST is now

Bojhan Somers

16:05

hah, timezones.

Mark Boulton

16:05

16:00 GMT is 17:00 BST - in one hours time

MOHD RAFIE

16:06

looking forward to the discussion, absolute new to drupal

Mark Boulton

16:06

great to have you here!

Bojhan Somers

16:06

Mark Boulton, so the notation on leisa her post isnt GMT?

Tim Millwood

16:06

I think the people new to Drupal will have the best feedback.

MOHD RAFIE

16:06

agreed

16:07

i've worked with Joomla and WP

Bojhan Somers

16:07

I thought it was summer time, notation. Hmm, bah - let me reschedule some things.

MOHD RAFIE

16:07

hope to see drupal

Mark Boulton

16:07

Bojhan: It was always 16:00 GMT - I had to double check several times though.

16:07

Bojhan: Continues to confuse me.

Bojhan Somers

16:07

Mark Boulton, yhea I thought that 15:00 GMT is now.

16:07

16*

MOHD RAFIE

16:09

anyone: how far we are from the start?

Mark Boulton

16:09

50 mins

MOHD RAFIE

16:09

see you in 50 minutes then

Mark Boulton

16:09

see you then!

Jeff Noyes

16:10

bummer, thought it was now.

Leisa Reichelt

16:10

stupid daylight savings... it always screws things up

Kristjan Jansen

16:10

we need global time

MOHD RAFIE

16:10

<http://permatime.com/>

Leisa Reichelt

16:11

wait a little while tho, I am trying to get a new video of the prototype up for you to take a look at in light of some chats I had with Dries, Yoroy and others yesterday - exporting the video now

Jeff Noyes

16:11

looking forward to it

Roy Scholten

16:12

eh, thought it was now as well :\

Bojhan Somers

16:13

Roy scholten, well 16:00 GMT+1 it is now. But I think they meant 17.00

Leisa Reichelt

16:13

we mean 16:00 GMT

Bojhan Somers

16:13

ehh

Leisa Reichelt

16:13

setting a global meeting to GMT is a pretty standard thing to do....

Bojhan Somers

16:13

yhea,

Mark Boulton

16:13

It is 15:13 GMT is now.

Bojhan Somers

16:14

ahh right not summer time

Leisa Reichelt

16:14

i even put a link in the post so you could check your local time.... sorry for the inconvenience but I'm not sure what more we could have done

Bojhan Somers

16:14

oke,

Mark Boulton

16:14

still hope you can all make it?

Bojhan Somers

16:14

Leisa, I think its just that we where all under the impression it was summer time.

16:14

but thats oke.

16:15

roy, lets do some sprint stuff now then

MOHD RAFIE

16:19

can someone tell me how the discussion process going on?

16:19

text only?

Leisa Reichelt

16:19

yes, text only

16:19

i think it would be too chaotic if we did voice

16:19

we have a moderator who will be joining us shortly

16:20

her name is Ivanka Majic

MOHD RAFIE

16:20

ok

16:20

that would be fine

Leisa Reichelt

16:20

and we'll be taking notes etc. into a Google Document as we go

16:20

in fact, if everyone wants to give me their email address I can add you to that document

now

16:20

either here or email me at leisa.reichelt@gmail.com

Kristjan Jansen

16:20

skype does not really scale for voice

MOHD RAFIE

16:20

mohdrafie@gmail.com

Kristjan Jansen

16:20

kristjan.jansen@gmail.com

Tim Millwood

16:21

tim@markboultondesign.com

Bojhan Somers

16:21

bojhan@gmail.com

Gábor Hojtsy

16:21

gabor@hojtsy.hu

Leisa Reichelt

16:24

ok, sending invite to google doc now

16:24

when you get in pls add your name and a brief introduction about yourself to the document
(so we can all get to know who is participating today)

16:24

let me know if you don't get the invite

Jeff Noyes

16:25

jeff.noyes@acquia.com

ivanka majic joined the chat

16:25

Leisa Reichelt

16:25

hi Ivanka

ivanka majic

16:25

hi

Leisa Reichelt

16:25

everyone, meet Ivanka

Tim Millwood

16:25

Do we see updates live on Google Docs?

Leisa Reichelt

16:26

she is going to be our moderator today

ivanka majic

16:26

hello everyone

Leisa Reichelt

16:26

I've asked her to speak in CAPS so we can differentiate her from the crowd

waxstrong

16:26

hello ivanka

Leisa Reichelt

16:26

she's not shouting, just being different

ivanka majic

16:26

HELLO

16:26

THAT'S LOUD!

MOHD RAFIE

16:29

I'm looking forward to meeting the objective on the point of people that never use drupal
and currently using other platforms.

Tassoman joined the chat

16:32

Kristjan Jansen

16:33

gdoc sometimes gets too wobbly if too many people in, so I added myself there and left for now

MOHD RAFIE

16:33

*we are waiting for Google Wave I believe

waxstrong

16:35

waxstrong0405@gmail.com pardon for delayed response, leisa.

Leisa Reichelt

16:37

np. invitation sent

waxstrong

16:38

thanks got it

Dan Serrato joined the chat

16:43

Kieran Lal joined the chat

16:45

Kieran Lal

16:45

Hello, is this over?

Mark Boulton

16:46

No, it's not even begun!

16:46

begins in 15 mins

Kieran Lal

16:46

Ok, great

Maarten Verbaarschot joined the chat

16:49

Tassoman

16:50

can we have links to background document? Are them on flickr/ D7UX blog?

Leisa Reichelt

16:50

<http://www.d7ux.org/structure>

16:50

is the main one

16:51

i am in the process of loading a new video to youtube (is taking much longer than I'd hoped), but I'll put some still from that prototype onto Flickr as well - link TBC



Gábor Hojtsy did not receive that google doc invite

16:51

MOHD RAFIE

16:52

maybe you can upload it at filedropper.com

Leisa Reichelt

16:52

also check out Who is D7UX for if you're not familiar with Jeremy & Verity yet <http://www.d7ux.org/who-is-d7ux-for/>

MOHD RAFIE

16:52

and we can download it later

Leisa Reichelt

16:52

mohd - either way it will take a while, my upload speed is painful I'm afraid

MOHD RAFIE

16:52

noted.

Leisa Reichelt

16:53

resending that invite now Gabor

MOHD RAFIE

16:54

quick question, by 30 minutes installation, do you mean everything is ready to go?

Leisa Reichelt

16:55

as in new people should be able to get a Drupal site up and running in 30mins?

Tassoman

16:55

30 minutes, up and configured

Leisa Reichelt

16:55

i mean they should be able to go from the point where it is installed to having a site that is more than the landing / help page up and running in 30mins

MOHD RAFIE

16:56

thanks for the input

Tassoman

16:56

I think that the goal could be having a "news area" and a bunch of page with contact form. Nothing more than wp (to get started).

Angie Byron joined the chat

16:57

Bojhan Somers

16:57

hey webchick

Angie Byron

16:57

Ahoy.

ivanka majic

17:00

Are we ready to start? Just want to warn you all I will be typing IN CAPS TO SHOW UP AND NOT BECAUSE I AM SHOUTING

Leisa Reichelt

17:00

yep, i make it kick off time

Jason Reed joined the chat

17:00

Leisa Reichelt

17:00

does anyone want to do a last run around in IRC and see who we can rustle up?

Linea Rowe joined the chat

17:00

Jeff Noyes

17:01

leisa, I don't appear to have edit rights

Peter Wolanin joined the chat

17:01

ivanka majic

17:02

SHALL WE DO RULES WHILE WE ARE WAITING FOR STRAGGLERS?

Jeff Noyes

17:02

yes

Leisa Reichelt

17:02

Jeff - can only imagine that must be due to the no. of people in there? you have same rights as everyone else

ivanka majic

17:02

START WITH INTRODUCTIONS?

chx joined the chat

17:02

ivanka majic

17:02

I AM IVANKA AND I AM NOT SHOUTING

Jeff Noyes

17:02

Leisa, ok.

Dan Serrato

17:03

I'm Dan Serrato and I am an educator that uses drupal to create school and organizational sites, as well as personal family site with picture galleries and video

ivanka majic

17:04

HI DAN

Dan Serrato

17:04

and I'll stick around as long as the baby keeps sleeping

Angie Byron

17:04

I'm Angie Byron, the core committer for Drupal 7, who will be one of the people helping to shepherd these changes through. I'm obsessed with Drupal.

ivanka majic

17:04

HI ANGIE

Leisa Reichelt

17:04

I'm Leisa Reichelt, I'm working with Mark Boulton on the D7UX project

Gábor Hojtsy

17:05

Gábor Hojtsy, Drupal 6 maintainer, Acquia engineer, with Drupal since 2003; already helped implement some of the d7ux concepts for a prototype and going to do more

Linea Rowe

17:05

I'm Linea Rowe, working with Acquia who will help implement the UX concepts

Jeff Noyes

17:05

I'm jeff noyes, I'm a UX designer for Acquia - 15 years of experience designing web applications - 1 year of which with Drupal. I'll be helping with design, and translation of design to engineers.

chx added Igarfiel to this chat

17:05

Bojhan Somers

17:05

I'm Bojhan Somers, member of Drupal's usability team. Have been working the last year on improving drupal 7 and freelance information architect.

Mark Boulton

17:05

I'm Mark Boulton, and i'm working with Leisa Reichelt and Acquia on D7UX.

ivanka majic

17:05

HI LEISA, LINEA, GABOR, BOHJAN AND JEFF

17:05

AND MARK

mattmedeiros joined the chat

17:06

Peter Wolanin

17:06

I'm Peter Wolanin - have worked for Acquia 1 year, 3 year Drupal contributor

chx added yfhahn to this chat

17:06

Tim Millwood

17:06

I'm Tim Millwood, an in house web developer at Mark Boulton Design. Using Drupal for 18 months.

Jason Reed

17:06

I'm Jason Reed- designer for Acquia. New to Drupal, but I've had a fair amount of experience w/ several other CMSes.

ivanka majic

17:07

HI PETER, JASON AND TIM

MOHD RAFIE

17:07

Mohd, engineering student as well as freelance designer. Never tried Drupal but have been designing Wordpress and Joomla.

Leisa Reichelt

17:07

are any of our 'I know nothing about Drupal but care about good user experience people still here?

ivanka majic

17:07

HI MOHD

Leisa Reichelt

17:07

oh, there's one!

MOHD RAFIE

17:07

*ops.. designing with

chx

17:07

I am Karoly Negyesi, developer team lead of NowPublic.com.

ivanka majic

17:07

HI KAROLY

chx

17:07

Ivanka, do you have your Caps Lock stuck?

ivanka majic

17:07

IS THAT EVERYONE?

Jason Reed

17:07

@Lesia- that'd sorta be me.

MOHD RAFIE

17:07

moderator = CAPS

Kristjan Jansen

17:07

I'm Kristjan Jansen, Drupal contributor from v1.0, freelance UX designer, former senior Skype interaction designer

ivanka majic

17:08

THANKS MOHD

17:08

YES - JUST TO BE CLEAR - I AM STANDING UP AND NOT SHOUTING

Tassoman

17:08

Pierluigi Tassi from Italy, I'm self employed web developer serving Drupal solutions to customers: from small blog to complex communities since 2007. Helping in #drupal-support and #drupal-italia

ivanka majic

17:08

WE COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SHOW UP

17:08

HI PIERLUIGI

17:08

AND KRISTJAN

Kristjan Jansen

17:08

please add "Ivanka is a moderator, that's why she uses CAPS LOCK" as chat topic

Leisa Reichelt

17:09

good plan. will do

Kristjan Jansen

17:09

...in addition to existing topic

ivanka majic

17:09

WELCOME EVERYONE

Maarten Verbaarschot

17:09

I'm Maarten Verbaarschot, ux designer and theme developer ... worked a lot with textpattern in the past but started digging into drupal about a year ago

waxstrong

17:09

I am W. Waxstrong and I belong to Jeremy (non-technical site builders). I quite understand PHP, though. Well, I did make myself understand codes coz I've seen how powerful Drupal can be and there's no way I can harness its potentials without climbing the steep learning curve.

ivanka majic

17:10

HI WAXSTRONG AND MAARTEN

Kieran Lal

17:10

Just an FYI: Linux users are challenged to use Skype as it doesn't support public chat.

Chx had to write a python script to join us.

ivanka majic

17:10

KIERAN - NOTED

Leisa Reichelt set topic to "D7UX - Sunday Structure Summit - Ivanka is our Moderator that's why she's using Caps, she's NOT SHOUTING! "

17:10

Gábor Hojtsy

17:10

Linux users can be invited

ivanka majic

17:11

RIGHT, IS EVERYONE HERE?

17:11

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE START?

Peter Wolanin added sncatchpole to this chat

17:11

Tassoman

17:11

Dam'n i've booted windoze to get here :q

MOHD RAFIE

17:11

i guess no

Leisa Reichelt added thomas.moseler to this chat

17:12

ivanka majic

17:12

OK SO, FIRST TOPIC - 30 MINUTES

17:12

The objective of the Site Builder tool is to create an experience that allows someone who is new to Drupal to create a site using Drupal in less than 30 minutes.

Jason Reed added Paul Lovvik to this chat

17:12

Alan Pritt joined the chat

17:12

ivanka majic

17:13

IS THIS A REASONABLE OBJECTIVE?

Peter Wolanin

17:13

no

17:13

I would much rather see something like patterns in core

David Braziel joined the chat

17:13

Dan Serrato

17:13

@peter what does that mean?

Peter Wolanin

17:14

basically a library of configurations

Kieran Lal

17:14

<http://drupal.org/project/patterns>

Tim Millwood

17:14

My view is that install profiles / patterns etc are the key. A one click install / uninstall.

Marek Sign joined the chat

17:14

Peter Wolanin

17:14

so you could rapidly try out different sets of themes/blocks/modules

Kieran Lal

17:14

auto configure sites to really useful start states

Dan Serrato

17:14

ok

David Lanier joined the chat

17:14

Gábor Hojtsy

17:14

well, part of the structure tool (at the start) it autoconfiguring with certain pages and views, no?

Leisa Reichelt

17:14

@peter how is that inconsistent with the stated objective?

Peter Wolanin

17:14

@ti - yes, basically install profiles that are more useful or can be applied post-install

MOHD RAFIE

17:15

would love to see that objective to be achieved (new user).

Peter Wolanin

17:15

@leisa - those patterns would have been created by other people, not by the new user in 30 min

Jeff Noyes

17:15

Think peter is saying the objective can be met via install profiles.

Kieran Lal

17:15

@Leisa your approach is to make Drupal easy for new users to use, Peter's approach is to automate past the pain.

Leisa Reichelt

17:15

@tim, peter - I agree that something like install profiles that can be used post-install = good

17:16

@keiran - not sure if you've seen our most recent take on the prototype but I think we're both actually on much the same track

17:16

tell me to shut up anytime if I talk too much... i do that

Mark Boulton

17:16

@kieran Our approach is to automate past a (degree) of pain. We're on the same page here I think.

Tim Millwood

17:16

One thing is that install profiles, install / uninstall functions have been available for ages. Maybe we need to look at why they are not being used.

Peter Wolanin

17:16

I think providing a library of known, useful configs to let a new user try would be more convincing than making them fiddle blocks, regions, and columns

MOHD RAFIE

17:16

agreed with @Peter

ivanka majic

17:17

CAN WE AGREE THAT WE ALL WANT TO GET PEOPLE PAST THE PAIN AND GET THEM UP AND RUNNING?

Leisa Reichelt

17:17

@peter - that's pretty much exactly what our latest prototype does (or at least, that's what it does in my head)

Mark Boulton

17:17

@peter That's *exactly* what the site builder does - it just displays it in a slightly different way

MOHD RAFIE

17:17

anyway, how do you define new users?

Roy Scholten

17:17

question: do you have to choose an install profile on download or during install?

Mark Boulton

17:17

agree

Dan Serrato

17:17

I think "past the pain" should be the new D7 motto

Leisa Reichelt

17:17

new users = people who don't know how to make the site that they want using Drupal

Peter Wolanin

17:17

to use an install profile now you have to re-install - that is something to be avoided

Carolyn Wood joined the chat

17:18

MOHD RAFIE

17:18

level of knowledge required?

thomas.moseler

17:18

Install profiles not necessarily contradict the site builder

Peter Wolanin

17:18

@leisa - ha, I would define most users as above - you don't know how to build a specific site until you are deep into it

Tim Millwood

17:18

technically this can already be done with Drupal just by using a module's install file. It can check for and enable modules, setup blocks, run database queries.

Dan Serrato

17:18

at this moment, no new user that I know would EVER attempt to install by install profile as it stands now

Leisa Reichelt

17:19

mohd: no knowledge of Drupal but you probably know a bit about what a database is, with out ever having made one

Michael F. Booth joined the chat

17:19

MOHD RAFIE

17:19

thanks

Leisa Reichelt

17:19

some background from recent user research - it was *really* clear that we need to let people 'make something' v quickly if we're going to keep them in the Drupal family - and something more than what they get post-install at the moment

Dan Serrato

17:19

so it would definitely need to be an easy click to install already setup profile

Jason Reed

17:19

Agreed: having to choose a profile before you ever get Drupal up and running seems counterintuitive to the user just looking to check out Drupal

Roy Scholten

17:20

jason: indeed. offering Drupal X,Y & Z is not a solution imo

chx added tic2000 to this chat

17:20

Gábor Hojtsy

17:20

we are talking about the first video at <http://www.d7ux.org/structure-summit-sunday/> right? that does page/view/content type config without reinstallation, on the fly, allowing for editing, experimentation, etc

Kieran Lal

17:20

Let me provide a quick personal anecdote. In 2006 I built an automate past the pain solution, called CivicSpaceOnDemand, which allowed users to automatically get their site configured to a past the pain solution. We configured hundreds of things to make the starting point much easier. It didn't accomplish the goals we wanted because the users still didn't have a site building UI they really understood, it was still Drupal. They couldn't grasp the concepts of Drupal through the UI. Automation, like patterns, is only going to get you so far.

Tim Millwood

17:20

I think it needs to work much like the blog module does, that doesn't do much more than setup a blog content type and a few blocks, this can be turned on or off as needed. we need one of these for each style of site.

Peter Wolanin

17:21

@kieran - site building meaning layout, or hierarchy?

Jason Reed

17:21

@Kieran- right- makes sense.

ivanka majic

17:21

SO, WE AGREE THAT WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE PAST THE PAIN.

Kieran Lal

17:21

@patterns

Jeff Noyes

17:21

@kieran, that's helpful

Leisa Reichelt

17:21

@keiran - agree that we definitely don't want to build a sheltered workshop

Eric Gundersen joined the chat

17:21

MOHD RAFIE

17:21

Agree! 30 minutes of pleasure, but not pain.

Roy Scholten

17:21

ivanka: yes

Bojhan Somers

17:21

very helpfull, I think that features/pattrens is a bit diffrent.

ivanka majic

17:21

DO WE ALSO NEED TO ADD TO THAT THE NEED TO HELP PEOPLE LEARN A BIT ALONG THE WAY?

Kieran Lal

17:22

@peter, I mean like patterns. We auto configured blogs, newsletter templatel, blocks, modules. views, some ccks, etc.

Bojhan Somers

17:22

@kieran Intresting

ivanka majic

17:22

I THINK WE SHOULD EXPLORE WHAT WE MEAN BY THE 30 MINUTES OF PAIN FREE INTRODUCTION AND THEN LOOK AT THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATIONS AFTERWARDS - TOPIC 2

Leisa Reichelt

17:22

Ivanka - I'd suggest that it is something along the lines of the first 30mins being the beginning of a journey of learning

MOHD RAFIE

17:22

@ivanka: can that one go at the advanced features, or documentation?

Peter Wolanin

17:22

well, there are really 2 different goals perhaps - the novice user in 30 minutes should be able to see something of waht Drupal can do

17:23

vs. past 30 min a better admin UI to let them get further along

ivanka majic

17:23

PRIMARY GOAL - 30 MINUTES

Kieran Lal

17:23

We need to separate two goals: Getting something done for the user, and helping the user get something done for themselves. I like the later.

ivanka majic

17:23

SECONDARY GOAL - LEARN SOMETHING OF DRUPAL?

MOHD RAFIE

17:23

yup

Mark Boulton

17:24

@peter: Exactly, it should explain some of Drupal's rather obscure concepts and a way that will make sense to them and start people on the curve

David Braziel has left the chat

17:24

Leisa Reichelt

17:24

@mark - showing those concepts in context = positive learning experience

Roy Scholten

17:25

I agree on the goals as well

Kieran Lal

17:25

"Positive learning experience"++

Roy Scholten

17:25

(it helps if some people chime in on these 2 goals I think, speak up!

Tim Millwood

17:25

We don't want something that runs on install and says "You now have 3 nodes, 2 views and 5 blocks" even though they may have a nice site, I don't think the user would have any more of an understanding.

Kristjan Jansen

17:26

My suggestion is to think more freely about how site building tasks are structured in the real world. You are not building something a -> b -> c, you mess around, cut corners, revert to previous version, add some bits from some other site what you like but were not part of your original plan. Current install profiles are very very weak following such openended / a bit random model.

Think it as a box of Lego pieces you receive.

Currently we have 2 ways how to build something out Drupal: an Oompa-Loompa who whips something together with 1 second, but you can not really follow HOW he did all these things (install profile). Second options is build a site from scratch.

So perhaps we need something in between, basicall small reusable recipeies you can apply for the sitem, roll them back, choose another, follow them step by step etc.

So you pick a base of some kind for your site and apply a blog + brochureware + social "flavour", ending up a decent company 2.0.

Technically these could be patterns module style FormAPI "macros" you can apply all in one go or go step by step.

MOHD RAFIE

17:26

woooo

Leisa Reichelt

17:26

@tim - no sheltered workshops

chx

17:26

/invite tic2000

17:26

ops

chx has left the chat

17:27

Angie Byron

17:27

(via Crell on IRC) I think we need to accept that Drupal is a system that will always have a learning curve. The goal should not be to eliminate it, but to get people up and over it as quickly and painelssly as possible.

Roy Scholten

17:27

sure

chx joined the chat

17:27

Leisa Reichelt

17:27

http://www.flickr.com/photos/_leisa/3603069855/sizes/o/

17:27

that is a link to a diagram that outlines what we're currently proposing

MOHD RAFIE

17:27

@tim: Can we have a default post so that people can see which on goes to which section?

Leisa Reichelt

17:27

(ivanka, am I jumping ahead?)

Adrian Rossouw joined the chat

17:27

Mark Boulton

17:27

@Crell (via Angie): Absolutely agree. But the curve is more like a wall for certain people at the moment. The goal should be to flatten it off slightly.

ivanka majic

17:28

LEISA, I AM JUST WONDERING

17:28

PETER, YOU HAD A FIRM NO - WAS IT THE PROPOSED SOLUTION OR THE OBJECTIVE THAT YOU WERE SAYING NO TO?

Bojhan Somers

17:28

Mark: Yes, do we have a full picture what this wall consists off?

Leisa Reichelt

17:28

i don't think anyone thinks that the purpose of this structure/site building tool is to hive off a tiny part of Drupal for beginners and leave them loved out

MOHD RAFIE

17:28

having a dummy text would help user to understand, i'm not sure if it is there or not at the moment. sorry

Leisa Reichelt

17:29

bojhan: let's start with the difference between a content type and a node

ivanka majic

17:29

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT TOPIC: DOES THE PROPOSED SOLUTION SHELTER USERS FROM DRUPAL TOO MUCH

17:29

WE HAVE 5 MORE MINUTES ON THIS TOPIC

Peter Wolanin

17:29

I was objecting to the idea that a novice would be able to really "build" a site in 30 min - vs. understaind what sort of sites are buildable

ivanka majic

17:29

IF WE AGREE OUR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GOALS WE CAN MOVE ON

thomas.moseler

17:29

With the structure tool you might put something on your page and later learn that this is a block - but you don't need that knowledge to do it in the first place

Kristjan Jansen

17:29

if you have such "site recepies" or "Install profiles 2.0" so you can forget screencasts, site reciepe is a real, interactive screencast inside drupal. So you will get best of two worlds: you can explore how site building profiles do their magic -- and also such a magic macro / tutorial UI on top of exiting configuration tools does not duplicate the site building tools they do now in d7ux proposal

Leisa Reichelt

17:29

thomas - exactly

Kristjan Jansen

17:30

sorry I am going offpiste

Roy Scholten

17:30

interesting territory though

Bojhan Somers

17:30

ivanka, I think we agree on the premise that - beign able to fiddle around and get something done, is above understanding all concepts of Drupal.

17:30

But, completely building a site is different than fiddling and getting something.

Kristjan Jansen

17:30

what is "proposed solution". Leisa, is your video up?

ivanka majic

17:31

EVERYONE: The objective of the Site Builder tool is to create an experience that allows someone who is new to Drupal to create a site using Drupal in less than 30 minutes.

Tassoman

17:31

maybe the sitebuilder being some of the window tutorials that people loves?

thomas.moseler

17:31

buzzr works like that a lot

ivanka majic

17:31

I THINK WE CAN RE-PHRASE THAT SO YOU ALL AGREE

MOHD RAFIE

17:31

Why does it takes 30 minutes?

Leisa Reichelt

17:31

kristjan - it's still loading but it is a development on the previous video (Prototype2) and shows more of the DX aspects

Angie Byron

17:31

I think we're all saying the same thing. I think some of the engineers are jumping to implementation details, which is what engineers do.

ivanka majic

17:32

ANGIE - I AGREE

Tassoman

17:32

site builder should bring un awarned users to get known what drupalese terms are

Jeff Noyes

17:32

I agree too.

Leisa Reichelt

17:32

i'm putting screenshots in here: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/drupalredesign/>

Bojhan Somers

17:32

ok

ivanka majic

17:32

LET'S RE-PHRASE VERY QUICKLY AND THEN MOVE ON TO DETAIL

Angie Byron

17:32

(via Crell on IRC): <Crell> webchick: For what definition of "site"? Brochureware? Blog? Social Networking / Community?

thomas.moseler

17:32

We don't know how to work it out but everybody would like it if it worked

Tassoman

17:32

the most known interface is the windoze wizard tool to get things done also in windows servers

Leisa Reichelt

17:32

crell via angie - there would be a range of definitions.



ivanka majic CALLING TIME

17:33

I_theborg joined the chat

17:33

Kristjan Jansen

17:33

i feel nobody argues we need to kickstart all drupal users fast, it's just a question what tool (or multiple tools) we need to that. I am proposing to take more of a "mini-task" type of approach, break big sequential monolithic site building processes/wizards into smaller chunks you could (re)apply, reverse etc.

ivanka majic

17:34

IF WE ARE HAPPY THAT WE AGREE ON THE OBJECTIVE THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT WHY THE PROPOSED SOLUTION DOESN'T HELP PEOPLE LEARN

17:34

WHICH SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE BIGGEST OBJECTION

Roy Scholten

17:34

"The objective of the Site Builder tool is to create an experience that allows someone who is new to Drupal to create some linked and dressed up pages in 30 minutes"

ivanka majic

17:34

CORRECT?

Jeff Noyes

17:34

I think that's a good start.

Bojhan Somers

17:34

ivanka, yes.

Roy Scholten

17:34

yup

thomas.moseler

17:34

So we talk about the how now

ivanka majic

17:34

I AM PUTTING ROY'S SUMMARY IN THE GOODLE DOC

Kristjan Jansen

17:34

yep, I do not see why be against it

Tim Millwood

17:35

We need to make sure they understand what they are doing and why.

MOHD RAFIE

17:35

linked and dressed up pages - good proposal!

ivanka majic

17:35

TIM - I THINK THAT KICKS US OFF NICELY FOR TOPIC 2

Peter Wolanin

17:35

sure, sample content is an important thing to provide, I think

Leisa Reichelt

17:35

@Tim - to what level of detail?

Kristjan Jansen

17:35

page is the most ambiguous word in drupal ever

Leisa Reichelt

17:35

how much do I need to know to get started?

17:36

and how much can I learn as I go (on a need to know basis)

Bojhan Somers

17:36

well, to get started on what?

Tim Millwood

17:36

leisa - enough that they can edit, change, delete, redo it if needed.

MOHD RAFIE

17:36

are we finished with the first topic?

Tassoman

17:36

i wouldn't use the word "page" any more, it's better: content

Kristjan Jansen

17:36

"linked up and dressed site sections" are more correct imhp

Linea Rowe

17:36

it's important that people think of "pages" as containers of content

Leisa Reichelt

17:36

yes, we can't abandon the word 'page' because that's one word people think they understand!

Tassoman

17:36

linked and dressed content

ivanka majic

17:36

TOPIC 2: discuss the proposed Experience Architecture for the site building tool / Structure section of D7 and come to an agreement on an Experience Architecture that meets both the UX requirements for new players without negatively impacting DX (Developer Experience).

Roy Scholten

17:37

no just pages, it's first 30 minutes remember?

Kristjan Jansen

17:37

there should be a *beep* filter for using word "page"

Leisa Reichelt

17:37

or an electric shock

MOHD RAFIE

17:37

why?



ivanka majic NOTICING A LOT OF DETAILED DISCUSSION

17:37

Leisa Reichelt

17:37

lol

Tassoman

17:37

lol +1

MOHD RAFIE

17:37

sorry, totally new in drupal.

Leisa Reichelt

17:37

can I talk you through the current idea and that might get us started?

ivanka majic

17:38

LEISA - GO AHEAD

Roy Scholten

17:38

mohd, great, hang in there!

Angie Byron

17:38

emoticon:smile

Leisa Reichelt

17:38

I wish I had managed to get that video up... been working on it all day

Angie Byron

17:38

(sorry!)

Kristjan Jansen

17:38

how long to go?

Leisa Reichelt

17:38

can you all see those picture on Flickr ok?

Linea Rowe

17:38

yes

ivanka majic

17:38

WE HAVE 45 MINUTES ON THIS TOPIC

17:38

LEISA - TALK US THROUGH IT

Kristjan Jansen

17:38

get it up to topic

Jeff Noyes

17:38

my biggest objections are time, effort, scalability and loss of functionality. The later may be an artifact of being a strawman concep.

chx added cathytheys to this chat

17:38

ivanka majic

17:39

JEFF - ALL NOTED

Leisa Reichelt

17:39

ok, i'll quickly talk you through this:

17:39

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/leisa/3603069855/sizes/o/>

17:39

here's the idea

ivanka majic

17:39

LEISA, PLEASE GET US ALL ON THE SAME PAGE

Leisa Reichelt

17:39

new to drupal users have Drupal installed and come to this 'structure' page for the first time

17:39

they are asked to select a type of site

17:40

a big part of our work will be to make sure we have the right set of sites and the right pages/functionality for each site

17:40

they can change their mind OR opt to create from scratch, if they are brave

Dan Serrato

17:40

Unfortunately, parenting duties are calling (or crying). Great discussion and wish I could stay. Best to all of you and thank you for all of this tremendous effort.

Leisa Reichelt

17:40

thanks Dan
MOHD RAFIE

17:40

thanks Dan!
Leisa Reichelt

17:40

once a site type is chosen they then see, in a sitemap type layout, the 'pages' (sorry) of their site

ivanka majic

17:40

THANKS DAN, BYE

Leisa Reichelt

17:40

they can go into each page and move stuff around, delete stuff and add stuff from a library
l_theborg

17:41

Leisa, at first look is confusing

MOHD RAFIE

17:41

i quite like Leisa's idea

Leisa Reichelt

17:41

the library would contain different page elements, form elements, menus etc.

Angie Byron

17:41

Primary concern is that people don't really want "types of sites". What they want is features.

Leisa Reichelt

17:41

they need somewhere to put those features tho

17:41

and on the 'select site' page we would list the included features

MOHD RAFIE

17:41

features is an add-on

Angie Byron

17:41

I want a wiki, a forum, and a blog, to make my website about cooking with butter.

MOHD RAFIE

17:41

types of sites = structure

Tassoman

17:42

i think that clients can't say what's blog and what's news site

17:42

they have no clue

Leisa Reichelt

17:42

at every point you'll be given exposure to 'make your own'

Angie Byron

17:42

Cooking sites is not a site in the list, and I don't want to have to choose either "blog" or "forum"

Leisa Reichelt

17:42

which will lead you into the 'TOol Shed' (working title)

Kristjan Jansen

17:42

I like cooking as a methaphore

Leisa Reichelt

17:42

which is essentially v similar to Site Buidling in D7 now

17:42

blocks, content types, that kind of thing

17:42

much the same interface but with lots of usability love

ivanka majic

17:43

ARE WE ALL CLEAR ON THE BASICS OF LEISA'S IDEA?

17:43

ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO THROUGH THE QUESTIONS?

MOHD RAFIE

17:43

@Leisa, are all features can be used at all type of 'pages' - sorry

Leisa Reichelt

17:43

mohd: I thnk ideally we'd try to have 'default' features depending on the kind of page you were on but you could 'show all'

Jeff Noyes

17:44

I'm completely on board with Angie. Not sure Drupal is a brochureware building tool.

Bojhan Somers

17:44

Ok but we are clear, I think - ivanka

Peter Wolanin

17:44

right - I agree w/ Angie that each shoudl list a set of "big" features, and avoid calling them site types

Kristjan Jansen

17:44

i do not get what is "content elements" part

thomas.moseler

17:44

The audience we are facing should be clarified

MOHD RAFIE

17:44

that would be useful. having default can increase someone's love to something.

Mark Boulton

17:44

Jeff: It is **exactly** that for some people though - especially if evaluating.

ivanka majic

17:45

ANGIE, CAN WE GO BACK TO YOUR POINT PLEASE?

Leisa Reichelt

17:45

kristjan - yeah, i made that up today, it may be flawed, it is kind of like a form builder but for a content type... it may be shortlived

Angie Byron

17:45

Mark: But if I install a tool, and it gives me the choices of site types as "Blog", "Wiki", or "Forum" as site types, and I want all three, I'm going to choose a different tool.

ivanka majic

17:45

(THOUGH YOUR EXAMPLE IS MAKING ME THINK OF SUPPER)

Jason Reed

17:45

@Mark- right. Drupal can be more than a brochureware generator, but it can also be just for brochureware sites.

Angie Byron

17:45

@ivanka: lol!

Michael F. Booth

17:45

My clients often refer to lists of features by shorthand. "We want a bunch of social networking-type features". So this "type of site" idea feels useful to me.

Leisa Reichelt

17:45

re: audiences pls refer to Jeremy in the Who Is D7UX for post
thomas.moseler

17:45

Are we targeting people with little web building experience?

Angie Byron

17:46

Mark: We want to show people out of the box that Drupal does much, much more than brochureware sites.

David Lanier

17:46

brochureware can be good as a starting point or launchpad.

ivanka majic

17:46

CAN WE DEFINE BROCHUREWARE SITES?

Mark Boulton

17:46

Angie: I agree, but in order to do that, we have to help them up the curve, not plonk them at the foot of the wall.

Leisa Reichelt

17:46

@angie - at any rate, I think that is more of a content objection than a general approach objection

Tim Millwood

17:46

Angie: do you think users should be selecting site features rather than site types?

Roy Scholten

17:46

brochure: home, about, work, contact

Jeff Noyes

17:46

brochureware = about us, team, contact, projects

Angie Byron

17:46

Mark: So are we saying that we assume people don't know what forums, blogs, etc. are?

Leisa Reichelt

17:47

@angie - we can change the shape and name of the thing htat people choose to begin with, totally happy to do that

Jeff Noyes

17:47

@Leisa, maybe that's what's hanging me up

David Lanier

17:47

agree with Jeff's idea of what brochureware is.

Tassoman

17:47

i think Jeremy would be happy of sitebuilder at all

thomas.moseler

17:47

I would expect to be a forum in a Cummunity site

Leisa Reichelt

17:47

@angie - but I think we should minimise the decision making up front - give people a place to start and then they can add stuff in

Jeff Noyes

17:47

if we do a better job at showing exemplary sites, I'd feel better

Roy Scholten

17:47

I thing features like Angie says ties in nicely with smaller tasks kristjan is talking about

Angie Byron

17:47

Maybe it's just a terminology problem. I thought when I watched the video that what I'm talking about was what was there. I just really hate "types of sites" because that's limiting. I much prefer "What do you want on your site?"

Leisa Reichelt

17:48

we can also make a point that you can add a bunch of other stuff to whichever site you choose

Roy Scholten

17:48

"set up forum", "create contact form", "build main menu" etc

Mark Boulton

17:48

Angie: No, I don't think so. I think we're trying to help people and give them a 'leg up' on the wall by providing some context - a starting point.

Angie Byron

17:48

Or is "types of sites" in your terminology just "templates" that set up some sensible defaults?

Tassoman

17:48

site types could be: blog, wiki, forum, news, gallery, catalog, ecommerce

thomas.moseler

17:48

The site template might also show "features"

Leisa Reichelt

17:48

angie- I think that's probably a good thing to put out to testing

thomas.moseler

17:48

At the moment it only shows a structure

ivanka majic

17:48

HOW ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT YOUR SITE TO DO?

Leisa Reichelt

17:48

we should FIND OUT (sorry Ivanka) what works for people and what doesn't, not just speculate

17:49

question: what exactly do we mean by features?

Kristjan Jansen

17:49

it's a good idea to provide a decent neutral base, such as news list and about page. think it is a pizza dough. so if you have that you could do the "create yr own type of pizza" thing, picking a "social sauce" with "product catalog" etc

Angie Byron

17:49

By features I mean basically what you mean by site types, I think. Blog. Forum. Image gallery.

Jeff Noyes

17:49

Feature - I want mutli-user blog site

17:49

Feature - I want to rate my products

Angie Byron

17:50

But you could download features from contrib like Crazy Tricked Out E-Commerce

Kristjan Jansen

17:50

yea, feature = flavour

Jeff Noyes

17:50

Feature - I want to create and vote on events

ivanka majic

17:50

me/ NOTICING PEOPLE DISCUSSING DETAILS OF TOOL RATHER THEN APPROACH

Linea Rowe

17:50

the dozen or so newbies that I've talked to all told me why they wanted the site, and quickly listed the features they wanted (blog, photo gallery, etc)

ivanka majic

17:50

oops

MOHD RAFIE

17:50

(quick question) Do you target developers/designers to use Drupal or someone totally new and have the desire to build a website.

Leisa Reichelt

17:50

jeff - they're two v different kinds of features....

Roy Scholten

17:50

ivanka: not really true, it's a criticism of the starting point of the tool

ivanka majic

17:50

MOHD - JEREMY IS THE PERSONA

17:51

ROY, THANKS

Roy Scholten

17:51

"choose full type of site" vs. "what do you want your site to do?"

Tassoman

17:51

most cms are set as "kind of" content displayer

thomas.moseler

17:51

There was this nice video showing a wizard to select all features you want on your site on the youtube group...

Tim Millwood

17:51

Im starting to think of a feature as a high level module.

Angie Byron

17:51

Right. To be clear, I'm specifically trying to avoid diving into implementation details. My issue is with the mental framework we're providing our brand new users.

Jeff Noyes

17:51

@leisa, agree, just trying to list a buch of features to address teh question

chx

17:51

<Crell> This sounds similar to what Debian offers in its installer. It has 100,000 packages in its repository. On the installer, there's a dozen or so checkboxes for "LAMP server", "Mail server", "KDE Desktop", "GNOME Desktop", etc., each of which installs a few dozen packages with configuration.

Tassoman

17:52

i mean i want a blog i get wp i want a gallery i take another, i want a wiki take another one

Kristjan Jansen

17:52

@leisa: are contents of "Library" <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leisa/3603069855/sizes/o/>
just placeholders or maps somehow what exist in Drupal now?

Leisa Reichelt

17:52

<http://www.d7ux.org/who-is-d7ux-for/> - for anyone who hasn't yet met Jeremy

Tassoman

17:52

drupal could merge them all showing all features

Angie Byron

17:52

Drupal is a framework where you can plug in all kinds of functionality and it will all work natively from a single admin panel. That is huge. I worry that if we present them with an OR selection rather than an AND selection, we are going to provide the wrong conception out of the box.

Tassoman

17:52

so "start drupal as wiki", "as blog" "as gallery"

I_theborg

17:52

agree with Angie

Leisa Reichelt

17:53

@kristjan - just placeholders

Tassoman

17:53

jeremy would be asked to make a website of ACME inc event

Adrian Rossouw

17:53

you need meta packages

17:53

basically

ivanka majic

17:53

SO, THIS GOES BACK TO THE SECONDARY GOAL OF THE FIRST TOPIC?

Bojhan Somers

17:53

I think conceptually it makes more sense to indeed offer features as opposed to types of things.

Adrian Rossouw

17:53

which is what features is

Tassoman

17:53

so he need an event manager, a gallery a blog and ecommerce

Leisa Reichelt

17:53

so, I think we're getting hung up unnecessarily on that initial selection

Michael F. Booth

17:53

the problem is that a list of features doesn't define the site's fundamental structure. People find it easy to list features, but hard to define structure. That's why the "type of site" thing is provided out of the box.

Angie Byron

17:53

Leisa: I think that;s probably true.

Leisa Reichelt

17:53

a) you can change your mind at any time

MOHD RAFIE

17:53

can we have both, features based / type of site based

17:53

win win

17:54

but would be painful for engineers, sorry.

Adrian Rossouw

17:54

mohd : install profiles

Leisa Reichelt

17:54

b) the whole purpose of that selection is to get you into a space where we can open up the tools in a context that you can understand them

17:54

at no point is that initial selection locking you into ANYTHING!

Adrian Rossouw

17:54

you could easily write an install profile that bootstraps and pre-configures some features

17:54

hell. you could write features which act as meta packages for other features

Bojhan Somers

17:54

b) so not exposing them to unnecairy steps, that are required by other type of sites setups?

Tassoman

17:55

last customer of mine asked for a quick startup website

17:55

a wp would be enough

Kristjan Jansen

17:55

@michaelfbooth I think added features could be easily visualized in site structure

Tassoman

17:55

his son introduced ecommerce and events

Angie Byron

17:55

Leisa: OK. So basically we agree on the concept of "features", but your terminology of "site type" means "A bunch of features pre-configured to look like X, which you can then go in and modify later if it's not quite how you like it."

Gábor Hojtsy

17:55

I see the types of sites just a combination of preconfigured features with a suggested default structure

MOHD RAFIE

17:55

I think I fit Jeremy (even I'm a student, lol)

Tim Millwood

17:55

the frustrating thing is that the install profile feature is already in core, we just need to add some install profiles into core, and then revisit the UX.

Tassoman

17:55

so adding pre configured feats would me make an happy Jeremy

Gábor Hojtsy

17:56

then you can edit features and structure

Angie Byron

17:56

Also known as "What Gábor said."

Adrian Rossouw

17:56

install profiles need to be looked at on a very deep level

17:56

they are different from modules

17:56

have different hooks

Angie Byron

17:56

Adrian, etc. Let's not get hung up on implementation details.

Adrian Rossouw

17:56

where they shouldn't be

Kristjan Jansen

17:56

they need to be reinvented

Leisa Reichelt

17:56

+1 to what Gabor said

Michael F. Booth

17:56

Indeed, what Gábor said.

Adrian Rossouw

17:56

angie: it's not that

Angie Byron

17:56

We definitely need to address that, but not for this chat.

Mark Boulton

17:56

Angie: That's exactly right to my mind. The site type is the context - you can expand, delete etc. to your hearts content. This just provides a starting point.

Adrian Rossouw

17:56

but what install profiles need to do is collect modules/features

17:56

as was mentioned above

Angie Byron

17:57

Mark/Leisa: Cool. I'm on the same page now. Thanks.



Leisa Reichelt does a happy dance

17:57

Kristjan Jansen

17:57

Ivanka, are we off track?

Angie Byron

17:57

Mark Boulton

17:57

thomas.moseler

17:57

hehe everybody agree on "What Gabor said"

ivanka majic

17:57

KRISTJAN - AS LONG AS THERE ARE AGREEMENTS WE ARE ON TRACK

Kieran Lal

17:57

It's nice to see people agreeing, just knew what they are agreeing on.

17:57

just wish I knew what they are agreeing on

Peter Wolanin

17:57

@Mark/Angie - but LABELING the sites this way is going to hurt more than help I think

Tassoman

17:57

in word of Gabor

thomas.moseler

17:57

The challenge may be to show the structure alongside with features and not confuse people

David Lanier

17:58

So do we need to determine a name for a collection of features? (not "site type")?

Mark Boulton

17:58

@peter what would you suggest instead?

Angie Byron

17:58

@Kieran: The agreeance is that there are three "levels" here.

17:58

@Kieran: #1: modules and configuration settings

Tassoman

17:58

site type is ok

Angie Byron

17:58

@Kieran: #2: "features" (which are pre-bundled modules and configuration settings)

Tassoman

17:58

it rocks as node type

Leisa Reichelt

17:58

@peter happy to workshop what that entry point selection should be - I agree that it's really important to get right. I think we should come up with a few alternatives and research the pants of them



ivanka majic SOMEONE DEFINE WHAT GABOR SAID PLEASE FOR THE MINUTES

17:58

Angie Byron

17:59

@Kieran: #3 "site types" which is basically a collection of features pre-configured as a "group blog" or "community site" or whatever.

Peter Wolanin

17:59

@mark - waell, we can have overall labels, but the need to be different than "type" as

David suggests

ivanka majic

17:59

WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME AND I THINK IT IS WORTH NOTING BEFORE YOU MOVE ON

Mark Boulton

17:59

Ivanka: "I see the types of sites just a combination of preconfigured features with a suggested default structure"

Michael F. Booth

17:59

Emphasis on "suggested default structure"

ivanka majic

17:59

RIGHT, THAT IS GOING IN THE CONCLUSIONS SECTION

Kristjan Jansen

17:59

bring on that word of wisdom

ivanka majic

17:59

CARRY ON



Leisa Reichelt needs a fresh cup of tea

17:59

Bojhan Somers

17:59

ivanka: can you restate, the topic?

Angie Byron

18:00

Basically, end users would be exposed first to site types to get some defaults established, then they would be able to go in and add/remove features to tweak it a bit, and gradually they get more experienced and start playing at the modlue/coniguration page level

ivanka majic

18:00

discuss the proposed Experience Architecture for the site building tool / Structure section of D7 and come to an agreement on an Experience Architecture that meets both the UX requirements for new players without negatively impacting DX (Developer Experience).

Angie Byron

18:00

@leisa/mark: is that an accurate summary?

Leisa Reichelt set topic to " D7UX - Sunday Structure Summit - Ivanka is our Moderator that's why she's using Caps, she's NOT SHOUTING! We're discussing the propsed Experience Architecture for Site Builder and if it meets both UX and DX requirements "

18:00

Mark Boulton

18:00

@angie: Is it ever! (does a little dance!)

Angie Byron

18:00

(minus all the typos)

Bojhan Somers

18:00

ivanka: I dont feel we are discussing that.

Angie Byron

18:00

yay!

Bojhan Somers

18:01

We are now discussing instalation profiles, which is maybe a small part of the site structure tool.

Kristjan Jansen

18:01

site type = a bunch of preconf features?

ivanka majic

18:01

BOJHAN - I THINK SOME OF THIS DISCUSSION NEEDED TO HAPPEN TO HELP IRON OUT ASSUMPTIONS

Mark Boulton

18:01

@Bojhan: We're discussing this: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/leisa/3603069855/sizes/o/>

Kristjan Jansen

18:01

+ structure to visualize them how they build up a site?

Angie Byron

18:02

I guess that's a question. Where does this "choose a type of site" decision happen?

Kristjan Jansen

18:02

the = they

Tassoman

18:02

I agree with Angie, features should configure all core parts of drupal, so blocks, nodetypes, taxos, and menus

Angie Byron

18:02

During installation or just after installation or?

Leisa Reichelt

18:02

bojhan - it's not purely about installation profiles

18:02

agree that the relationship between 'select your <featureset>' and installation profiles needs to be clarified

David Lanier

18:02

Say I have a site that I've already built, structured, and is live. Should I be able to use the site builder tool to add new features and sections to my live site?

Leisa Reichelt

18:02

personally, I think, perhaps death to install profiles

Bojhan Somers

18:03

ehh,

Angie Byron

18:03

+1 Leisa

Leisa Reichelt

18:03

david: yes



ivanka majic 15 MINUTES LEFT ON THIS TOPIC

18:03

Bojhan Somers

18:03

Well features, installation profiles - just any label that describes what gabor meant. I agree on.

Angie Byron

18:03

Trying to decide what kind of site you want when you don't even know what Drupal is yet is very silly.

Kristjan Jansen

18:03

death to install profiles 1.0. But they need to be resurrected in a totally reinvented form

Leisa Reichelt

18:03

why death to install profiles? - I would say that their stagnation is happening for a reason

18:03

kristjan - i agree, and it should be post-install

Adrian Rossouw

18:03

leisa : the biggest thing about install profiles for me

Leisa Reichelt

18:03

a lot of curation needs to happen and be presented post-install

Adrian Rossouw

18:03

is that they have their own modules directory

MOHD RAFIE

18:04

Angie: that's a bit harsh

Adrian Rossouw

18:04

ie: for filesystem structure

Leisa Reichelt

18:04

(human work, not technology)

Adrian Rossouw

18:04

and distribution

Angie Byron

18:04

Mohd? Sorry?

Kieran Lal

18:04

@Leisa Good. The site builder tool needs to be a safe zone for understanding drupal site building concepts. Not just during installation, but through out the site building lifecycle of a site.

Tassoman

18:04

i think that the goal of sitebuilder is to get started Jeremy that he could do any feature he wants

Adrian Rossouw

18:04

ie: when you download a package, it isn't available on all sites

Angie Byron

18:04

Mohd: That wasn't directed at you! I was saying that our current installer requires you to select what "type" of site you want out of the gate.

18:04

Mohd: And it's confusing for people because they don't even understand what Drupal is yet, since it's not yet installed.

Adrian Rossouw

18:04

and you dn't have to segregate hundreds of modules to site directories

Angie Byron

18:04

So moving that decision to post-install is a big win.

Mark Boulton

18:04

@keiran: I see it as one of the stepping stones to learning 'Drupalese'

MOHD RAFIE

18:05

Angie: noted. I'm just thinking about Jamie though.

thomas.moseler

18:05

Spencer Wyatt showed this nice Wizard on Flickr group... <http://www.flickr.com/photos/spencerwyatt/3418899024/sizes/o/in/pool-903403@N22/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/spencerwyatt/3418898918/sizes/o/in/pool-903403@N22/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/spencerwyatt/3418898796/in/pool-drupalredesign>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/spencerwyatt/3418089215/sizes/o/in/pool-903403@N22/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/spencerwyatt/3418088615/sizes/o/in/pool-903403@N22/>

Angie Byron

18:05

It also sucks because currently choosing a type of site is an irreversable decision.

Michael F. Booth

18:05

And then, after you choose the wrong "type" of site on that first screen, you can never go back. You can't really explore one type, then explore another.

Bojhan Somers

18:05

I think I am just gonna go with webchicks definition of the parts of this proposal. I don't think we are agreeing on the concept of the structure tool, but rather a better way to handle getting started and finding the features you need.

Roy Scholten

18:05

I'm unclear about what we are discussing now

Angie Byron

18:05

If you want a different type - reinstall!

Michael F. Booth

18:05

Aka what Angie just said.

Angie Byron

18:06

haha

Adrian Rossouw

18:06

ok

MOHD RAFIE

18:06

oh.. that is painful

Adrian Rossouw

18:06

here's what i think

Angie Byron

18:06

Roy: I think we're just getting terminology straight atm.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:06

Just got here, completely agree on features vs. site types - people want 'image gallery' 'video uploads' 'groups' etc. and mix and match - we need to make that obvious.

Adrian Rossouw

18:06

post install

18:06

show the features page

Peter Wolanin

18:06

@Angie - can we include a "drop all tables" button w/ no confirm form too?

18:06

Kristjan Jansen

18:06

I see the process as: 1) install is just to get basic credentials / database going, nothing to choose there. 2) a site building UI appears. Much of features are offered. To ease the choosing, some preselected combinations of features are offered: these are site templates

Angie Byron

18:06

Peter: Hahaha! Sounds great! RTBC!

Adrian Rossouw

18:07

and add something in the settings.php that allows you to specify additional search paths

Frans Kuipers joined the chat

18:07

Leisa Reichelt

18:07

kristjan: +1

Angie Byron

18:07

+1 Kristjan

Tassoman

18:07

i think a needed last step is the review of the entire process

Roy Scholten

18:07

yep nice

MOHD RAFIE

18:07

+2 kristjan

Jeff Noyes

18:07

+1 Kika

Bojhan Somers

18:07

sounds good.

Roy Scholten

18:07

let user make the shopping list of ingredients, so to say

ivanka majic

18:08

SO WHAT ACTUALLY NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO THE SITE BUILDER TOOL FOR YOU TO MOVE FORWARD?

Gábor Hojtsy

18:08

well, if people don't like what they selected, they can edit their site structure to anything else via finer grained tools

thomas.moseler

18:08

So if it is a combination of nodes, modules, views and stuff it should also be possible to delete it again without reinstalling your entire site

Gábor Hojtsy

18:08

I think tht expectation is that they will not diverge completely

Kristjan Jansen

18:08

and some preselected shopping list for dump cookers

Roy Scholten

18:08

kristjan: yep

David Lanier

18:08

It would be great to have a log of what happened, after you "apply", so you can go back and review (learn) what the site builder did for you.

Bojhan Somers

18:08

Sorry, is there a difference between the site builder and structure tool?

Angie Byron

18:09

Mark/Leisa: one thing. Let's make sure that the "Select type of site" also has a "none" option, for people who already know what they're doing so they don't have to undo a bunch of crap.

Leisa Reichelt

18:09

Gabor, or choose another one entirely

Mark Boulton

18:09

@Bojhan: Same thing - different name.

Bojhan Somers

18:09

ok

Angie Byron

18:09

(that might already be there... i was a little distracted watching the video)

MOHD RAFIE

18:09

@ivanka: Any quick fix from the backend dashboard?

Leisa Reichelt

18:09

Angie - it already has a 'start from scratch' option, with a 'needs Drupal Skillz' warning

MOHD RAFIE

18:09

*that is so wp

Peter Wolanin

18:09

@all - I think almost every template needs to have the option to add (or not) some dummy content

Bojhan Somers

18:09

Warning :(

Angie Byron

18:09

@David Lanier: That's an interesting idea!

Kristjan Jansen

18:09

@nadavid: I was proposing the same thing: all preconf should be (re)applicable, reversible, trackable

Larry Garfield

18:09

Question from the peanut gallery: Are we reinventing the wheel, or have we looked into how other complex systems handle this sort of "simplified choices menu" problem? (I'm thinking Linux distributions.) It seems like there would be good ideas to borrow there.

Tassoman

18:09

site builder installations should be skippable or optional

Roy Scholten

18:10

ivanka: for the notes: 1) install is just to get basic credentials / database going, nothing to choose there. 2) a site building UI appears. Much of features are offered. To ease the choosing, some preselected combinations of features are offered: these are site templates

Larry Garfield

18:10

Especially as Drupal is conceptually closer to them than to WordPress and company.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:10

@Larry it's like Red Hat in '99

Gábor Hojtsy

18:10

Leisa: what happens to their existing pages, content types, modifications, etc when they switch site types?

Michael F. Booth

18:10

So, a site template is both: (a) a bunch of preselected features from a big shopping list of features; (b) a suggested structure (the "site template"). Either can then be further customized.

Larry Garfield

18:10

catch: Yes, so let's skip the past decade and learn from what they did.

Bojhan Somers

18:10

Gábor it crashes

MOHD RAFIE

18:10

oh no!

Leisa Reichelt

18:10

Gabor, an excellent question. I dont know yet.

Adrian Rossouw

18:10

also. whatever happens. keep in mind we support multi-site in core

18:11

wordpress has forked their project just to support this

MOHD RAFIE

18:11

what do u mean adrian?

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:11

@Leisa - this is a big argument for features vs. site types - so you only kill a part of your site rather than all of it.

Angie Byron

18:11

Adrian: Meaning make it more obvious to people that this is a capability of Drupal?

Adrian Rossouw

18:11

you can't just go 'here's everything available everywhere on this drupal'

18:11

you need to be able to segregate code to different GROUPS of sites

18:11

not just different sites

Leisa Reichelt

18:11

@catch - I still don't see the difference between feature sets and site types frankly... didn't we have a note about that somewhere?

Adrian Rossouw

18:11

ie: you need these set of features available to this subset of sites

18:12

and these features/modules available to these subset of sites

18:12

i think the new sites.php would be the best place to implement something like this

MOHD RAFIE

18:12

thanks: now I see why Drupal is powerful!

Kristjan Jansen

18:12

site type is a bit confusion, I think it's better to refer to feature combinations or smth for now



ivanka majic "I see the types of sites just a combination of preconfigured features with a suggested default structure"

18:12

ivanka majic

18:12

LEISA - IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT?

Leisa Reichelt

18:12

ivanka - yes, thanks

Adrian Rossouw

18:12

site types are meta features

Kristjan Jansen

18:13

Can I throw a crazy tech idea to the ring?

Bojhan Somers

18:13

hah, I am really not following this.



ivanka majic SEEING CIRCLES

18:13

Adrian Rossouw

18:13

also. keep in mind having multiple structures lead to possibility of functionality clashes



Angie Byron draws a picture

18:13

ivanka majic

18:13

BOHJAN - I AM WITH YOU

Jeff Noyes

18:13

seems like we

18:13

re all over

18:13

we're all over

Leisa Reichelt

18:13

kristjan - yes pls re: crazy idea

Bojhan Somers

18:13

adrian, stop the implmentation for a minute. We know, there are 20 million hooks to the idea.



Joel wishes people would stop mentioning Installation Profiles in this discussion. They're simply not at all relavant to a Jeremy user who wants a site built his way.

18:14

Leisa Reichelt

18:14

ivanka, bojhan - anything specific we can clarify or just generally overwhelmed? (and understandably so!)

ivanka majic

18:14

I AM GOING TO PUT SOME STATEMENTS OUT AND YOU CAN AGREE OR DISAGREE

18:14

AND THEN WE CAN MOVE ON TO OUTSTANDING CONCERNS



Leisa Reichelt would also be happy to put installation profiles to one side for the moment

18:14

Bojhan Somers

18:15

leisa, well what we are discussing, really. I think we all agree on features, but haven't discussed the site builder tool beyond that at all.

ivanka majic

18:15

THE SITE BUILDER IN PRINCIPLE IS A GOOD IDEA AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T OBSCURE OTHER WAYS OF DOING THINGS

Larry Garfield

18:15

Agree

Michael F. Booth

18:15

agree

Mark Boulton

18:15

agree

Leisa Reichelt

18:15

=1

Adrian Rossouw

18:15

agree

Maarten Verbaarschot

18:15

agree

Tassoman

18:15

+1

Leisa Reichelt

18:15

+1, that is

MOHD RAFIE

18:15

Bojhan Somers

18:15

+1

I_theborg

18:15

yes

Linea Rowe

18:15

+1

Leisa Reichelt

18:16

holy cow, is this a Drupal meeting?

Mark Boulton

18:16

lol

Leisa Reichelt

18:16

ivanka majic

18:16

YOU NEED TO SEPERATE SET UP OF A SITE FROM THE INSTALLATION PROCESS
ITSELF

Jason Reed

18:16

+!

Mark Boulton

18:16

+1

Larry Garfield

18:16

+1

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:16

+1

Bojhan Somers

18:16

+1

Leisa Reichelt

18:16

yup

David Lanier

18:16

no obscurity?

Peter Wolanin

18:16

+1

I_theborg

18:16

mas uno

Jeff Noyes

18:16

+1

Maarten Verbaarschot

18:16

yes

ivanka majic
18:16
DAVID - DON'T HIDE HOW DRUPAL WORKS
fgranger joined the chat
18:16
MOHD RAFIE
18:16
errr...
18:16

1 question
David Lanier
18:17
hehe. was kidding. +1 from here too.
Adrian Rossouw
18:17
+1
ivanka majic
18:17

Leisa Reichelt
18:17
mohd - go for it
MOHD RAFIE
18:17
will that come eventually after the installation, if so, +1
Leisa Reichelt
18:17
mohd - yes, that's the idea
Tassoman
18:17
i'ts a must not hiding things, more should be cleared also
MOHD RAFIE
18:17

ivanka majic
18:17
WE SHARE SOME OBJECTIONS ON THE LABELLING AND STRUCTURE FOR THE
PROPOSED SOLUTION
Leisa Reichelt
18:17
you set up your site after you install it and we give you tools to help with the setup
Kristjan Jansen
18:17
It is and old story -- there is always a problem with prefabricated stuff: It just magically
builds something for you, hides the actual setup process and you will gonna have a hard
time to later alter these magic settings already done for you. And we know we need to
take that into account: providing more "transparent magic" so you can track how the trick is
actually done.
ivanka majic
18:18
(THIS IS WHERE I AM ON SHAKY GROUND AS DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAIL)

Kristjan Jansen

18:18

A crazy idea: To build our "feature builder" we could learn more from the features and patterns modules. The latter one relies on FormAPI "macros", programmatic submits of the form. One could build a functionality where these submits can visually played back, with hints / visual annotations. So you can easily track what the hell the feature installer is doing in you site.

ivanka majic

18:18

KRISTJAN - 1 MOMENT PLEASE

Leisa Reichelt

18:18

ivanka - perhaps say that there are a few different approaches to what we present to people as their initial selection - we'll investigate a few options and conduct user research to confirm the best approach

Kristjan Jansen

18:18

sorry

ivanka majic

18:19

SHALL WE USE THE LAST 40 MINUTES TO DISCUSS WHAT OUR CONCERNS ARE WITH THE PROPOSED SOLUTION - AND LIST THEM IN THE DOCUMENT

18:19

AND THEN LOOK AT NEXT STEPS?

Bojhan Somers

18:19

ivanka: I think thats better yes.

Larry Garfield

18:19

kristjan: patterns is trying to move away from macros IIRC, which is a good thing.

ivanka majic

18:19

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN MOVE FORWARD

Angie Byron

18:19

(sorry, that took awhile) <http://img.skitch.com/20090607-8wcdsmysraqp8x423rpfnykr.png>

Linea Rowe

18:19

@Ivanka, would you please resend the link to the google doc? thx

Angie Byron

18:19

That's basically a summary of the terminology.



Angie Byron reads backscroll

18:20

Leisa Reichelt

18:20

did we get anywhere with that last statement, Ivanka?

ivanka majic

18:20

THANKS ANGIE

Larry Garfield

18:20

angie: Yes. And have the ability to "jump in" at any of those levels you want, including ignoring some of them if you prefer.

I_theborg

18:20

@Angie: I like it

MOHD RAFIE

18:20

angie: how should I know what is taxonomy, nodes, views?

Larry Garfield

18:20

(Most consulting shops would probably ignore the top level entirely, and may or may not even bother with level 2.)

MOHD RAFIE

18:20

any quick info for that?

Angie Byron

18:21

Mohd: You don't, which is why you would interact with features. But people who know what they're doing can jump down to the building block level.

ivanka majic

18:21

WE AGREE TO INVESTIGATE A FEW OPTIONS ON THE BEST THING TO PRESENT USERS WITH AFTER THEIR INITIAL INSTALL

Kristijan Jansen

18:21

@lgarfiel - perhaps we need to bring them back but this this time user-facing way.

@Angie: cool image, makes sense!

Linea Rowe

18:21

me too

Leisa Reichelt

18:21

I think that our current proposal for the site builder would definitely let you jump in at the top and bottom level of Angie's diagram but perhaps not the middle - you'd need to take one step to get to the middle

Larry Garfield

18:21

kristijan: No, macros are a horrific implementation. It's a sign of how bad our APIs are for doing that sort of stuff programmatically. We need to fix those APIs.

Peter Wolanin

18:22

@liesa - I think the middle level would be the most useful

Leisa Reichelt

18:22

jump into site types (or whatever we call a grouping of features) via the 'novice' interface, jump into building blocks via the 'Tool Shed'

Tim Millwood

18:22

Re: Angie's image: could I setup features without setting a site type.

chx
18:22
foo bar
18:22

opsie
Roy Scholten

18:22
larry: those are not the target group, so that's ok I think



Shoko and Nat Catchpole likes the middle level the most - and thinks consulting shops would create their own middle-level configurations.

18:22
Larry Garfield
18:22

leisa: Jumping in at level 2 would be very useful to "mid-tier" users and shops. Build your own "features", then enable 8 of them on a new client site, then tweak. We wouldn't want to use that top level.

Angie Byron
18:22

Agreed. The top level only makes sense for *totally* new users who want a "demo"

Jeff Noyes
18:22

argree level 2 would be useful

Leisa Reichelt
18:23

larry, agree you wouldn't want to use the top level

Angie Byron
18:23

Everyone else is going to want to jump in at tier 2.

Kristjan Jansen
18:23

who needs top level?

Tassoman
18:23

i think site type is un needed

Mark Boulton
18:23

first 30 minutes remember...

Angie Byron
18:23

With lots of hooks to get down to tier 1.

Leisa Reichelt
18:23

angie - top level would be a fast way to put together a v basic site - which we sometimes need to do

David Lanier
18:23

brand new user needs top level

MOHD RAFIE
18:23

jeremy's friend

Larry Garfield

18:23

Top level would be for the "What's this Drupal thing?" users.

Michael F. Booth

18:23

@Kristjan: The person who needs to learn in 30 minutes whether Drupal is even usable.

They need the top level.

Angie Byron

18:23

@Michael: Yep, agreed.

Linea Rowe

18:23

+1

Gábor Hojtsy

18:23

level 2 should be a UI

18:23

should have a UI that is

Angie Byron

18:24

Agreed with Gabor as well.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:24

I'm wondering if top level is distribution / install profile and middle level is what core ships with - because top level is going to be very difficult to provide features for with core.

Leisa Reichelt

18:24

an exercise - go out and try to explain how to make something in Drupal to someone who knows other content management systems but not Drupal

I_theborg

18:24

this should be a wizard ui

Larry Garfield

18:24

Mid level is for users on their second site, and shops. Lower level is for pros who write modules in their sleep, like me.

MOHD RAFIE

18:24

the bigger the block, the general it is

Leisa Reichelt

18:24

I was reminded again by going out last week just how bloody difficult it is for people to get their heads around

Angie Byron

18:24

Leisa: Currently that's absolutely impossible, I agree.

Leisa Reichelt

18:24

we shouldn't underestimate that

Joel

18:24

The top level (Site Types) is a needed functionality for anyone who's dealt with Drupal for less than six months.

Kristjan Jansen

18:24

yep, but I do not see what is fundamentally different from picking ambiguous "community site" from lvl2 than picking "blog + forum" from lvl 2

Bojhan Somers

18:24

Ivanka, what is the topic now?

Angie Byron

18:24

Leisa: But if we show them only the choice between tier 1 and tier 3, we're still not quite there yet.

Leisa Reichelt

18:25

angie - tier two options are exposed within a microsecond of choosing from tier 1

Larry Garfield

18:25

@catch: IMO, given the time frame much of this will have to happen in contrib via install profiles or similar.

ivanka majic

18:25

BOHJAN - CONCERNS AND MOVING FORWARD

Leisa Reichelt

18:25

if we expose tier two, how many options are their to choose from?

davidwheelerphd joined the chat

18:25

Angie Byron

18:25

Leisa: So is Tier 2 basically "Page templates" and "Content elements"?

Leisa Reichelt

18:25

we want to reduce the number of choices, get people moving on their journey, once they're feeling like they're getting somewhere, open up more choices

Larry Garfield

18:25

Views, Panels, and Calendar are not going to end up in core in D7 at this rate, so for those we'd need a way for them to be useful for features/site types.

Roy Scholten

18:25

leisa: roughly the amount of modules in core

Tassoman

18:26

i think site type is consequent of level2 selection

Bojhan Somers

18:26

ivanka: so concerns regarding the site building tool.

Larry Garfield

18:26

Which is mostly a d.o technical issue. We just need to make sure core is ready for us to add that.

Kristjan Jansen

18:26

lvl 1 ui should be part of lvl 2 selection process. lvl 1 items should be just hints for feature grouping

Leisa Reichelt

18:26

angie, yes, but 'page templates' = something like 'blog' which would comprise index page/blog post/comments

18:26

kristjan - yes

Angie Byron

18:26

kika: not sure about that. Many types of sites might want a blog as their part of their default feature set.

Tim Millwood

18:26

Is there a way we can make installing modules easier, because these "Site types" will depend on contrib modules.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:26

@Larry agreed.

Jeff Noyes

18:26

+1 kika

Alan Pritt

18:26

Top level is ambiguous though. A community site could be almost anything, for example.

So you'd have to be able to cycle through each of these options to see what features they contain to understand.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:26

@Tim - plugin manager.

David Lanier

18:27

re. views/panels/calendar - we need a good way for contrib modules to be exposed in Tier 2.

Leisa Reichelt

18:27

angie - we can make a big sign for the initial selection page making sure that people understand they can add whatever they want to their site

Joel

18:27

@Kristjan, A newbie utilizing the top level of Site Types would be like a person pinging their head into #drupal-consultants and asking, "How do I build a digg.com? An amazon.com? A Library site for my school?" That's why we still need to present it to users.

Leisa Reichelt

18:27

angie - we could also potentially add another option for people who want to 'roll their own', but that is an intermediate option, not a newbie

Tim Millwood

18:27

Catch: Can plugin manager get in Drupal 7 core?

Mark Boulton

18:27

kika: I think they are - they're just labels for groupings of features

Roy Scholten

18:27

yeah, top level is the one we already agreed on to be fuzzy / not sure to be helpful

MOHD RAFIE

18:27

nice shout Joel



ivanka majic THINKS YOU ARE DEFINING APPROACHES TO INVESTIGATE AS PART OF NEXT STEPS?

18:27

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:27

@Tim - patch in the queue.

Angie Byron

18:27

Leisa: "Roll your own" is definitely not for newbies. And perhaps not even intermediate, I agree.

Tassoman

18:27

if you chose a blog with forum by reflect it would be a community also a gallery could be a community of sharing images

Larry Garfield

18:28

There's a couple of issues here. There's the UI question, but also the infra question. For this to work, we need a good way to define level 1 and level 2 packages... and download/install them easily.

Bojhan Somers

18:28

ivanka: I think, we are still discussing, the tool to setup "features" (or any other label).

Larry Garfield

18:28

So, speaking like an engineer, we can work in parallel on the UI for it as well as the packaging/distribution.

18:28

Those can/should be semi-independent, because we know what will have to happen to the mother ship for that to work.

Joel

18:28

@all, Site Types is targeted at people who heard the word "Drupal" last week. If you've installed more than ten Drupal modules in your lifetime, we must presume that you're far too overqualified to judge the validity of this top level of "Site Types".

Angie Byron

18:29

K for "investigation after the call": What infrastructure changes to drupal.org would be needed to support the concept of sharing "features"

ivanka majic

18:29

BOHJAN ALL THESE POINTS WILL HAVE TO BE SUMMARISED AS PART OF AN ACTION LIST

MOHD RAFIE

18:29

where can jeremy fit in his skills? php, css, xhtml? @anyone

Larry Garfield

18:29

I think that's a take-away for the core folks: We need features/patterns/whatever they're called in core MORE than we need views/panels/whatever module in core.

Angie Byron

18:29

Larry: Yep;

Roy Scholten

18:29

larry: yes!

ivanka majic

18:29

ANGIE - THAT IS IN THE ACTIONS LIST OF THE DOC NOW - THANKS

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:29

@Angie - hopefully plug manager downloads modules, features are provided by (meta) modules.

Angie Byron

18:29

Ivanka: Thanks!

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:29

+1 Larry.

Tim Millwood

18:29

MOHD: in a custom module.



ivanka majic YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES LEFT IN TOTAL

18:30

Kristjan Jansen

18:30

Larry

Angie Byron

18:30

LOL

Tassoman

18:30

MOHD Jeremy hasn't any php xhtml css skill. It's only texhy



Larry Garfield doesn't even know what kristjan jus tsaid...

18:30

Tassoman

18:30

techy

Kristjan Jansen

18:30

it's larry-dance

Angie Byron

18:30

larry: it's an animated dancing guy.

Bojhan Somers

18:30

hah

Angie Byron

18:31

Implementation Action item: Investigate into what changes need to be made to plugin manager to support the concept of "features" (and also drive that patch into core, pronto)

Roy Scholten

18:31

great to hear an engineer say this, really

ivanka majic

18:31

RESTATING WHAT LARRY SAID: I think that's a take-away for the core folks: We need features/patterns/whatever they're called in core MORE than we need views/panels/whatever module in core.

18:31

IN THE CONCLUSIONS?

Leisa Reichelt

18:31

i have a question

Bojhan Somers

18:31

So, yes - features. We can discuss the specifics the next 30 minutes, or talk about the actual site structure tool.

Angie Byron

18:31

Ivanka: yep!

Joel

18:31

Agreed. +1

Roy Scholten

18:31

oh yes

Bojhan Somers

18:31

+1

Larry Garfield

18:32

+1's himself.

Angie Byron

18:32

I think we should probably talk about the site structure tool since that's why we're here.

Leisa Reichelt

18:32

does everyone understand how things like 'creating blocks', 'creating content types' fits into this structure proposal?

cathytheys

18:32

so plug in manager is a big push?

Angie Byron

18:32

And so are Mark and Leisa.

Joel

18:32

Plugin Manager is a big push, yes

MOHD RAFIE

18:32

go for it! :)

Bojhan Somers

18:32

Angie: exactly, I dont want us to get side tracked.

Angie Byron

18:32

And plugin manager/install profiles/featuues/etc. are all implementation details for us to sort out after the chat.

Larry Garfield

18:32

cath: Well, the plugin manager engine, vis, secure way to download stuff from within the GUI. That's a blocker for *everything* we're discussing.

Angie Byron

18:32

(and their action items are on the doc so we won't forget)

cathytheys

18:32

k

MOHD RAFIE

18:33

oh, thanks Tim! for the editing capabilities

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:33

Leisa: I see those as being done at the page level - I want to add some content, oh I need a date on it, so I click to edit / clone the add content form and that takes me to content types admin.

Angie Byron

18:33

Leisa: ok. Want to continue your walk through?

👤

ivanka majc THINKS LEISA SHOULD DO WHAT ANGIE SAID

18:33

Angie Byron

18:33

lol

Tassoman

18:33

Leisa i think Jeremy shouldn't create any block or content type

Leisa Reichelt

18:33

angie, not necessarily, I kind of already did it - I just want to make sure that people actually have a clear picture of how it works

Roy Scholten

18:33

lol

Kristjan Jansen

18:33

http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3414/3575550279_789e717aa1_o.png

Tassoman

18:33

nothing more than reviewing things done

Joel

18:33

If we had Plugin Manager and Patterns working together, and available immediately after site installation, then (minus the still gory Patterns UI) People could almost do all of this stuff themselves.

Kristjan Jansen

18:33

background: <http://www.developmentseed.org/blog/2009/may/29/making-and-using-features-drupal>

18:34

We need Young Hahn, now!

ivanka majic

18:34

RESTATING WHAT LEISA SAID: Leisa: I see those as being done at the page level - I want to add some content, oh I need a date on it, so I click to edit / clone the add content form and that takes me to content types admin.

MOHD RAFIE

18:34

is that true? Kristjan?

Angie Byron

18:34

Leisa: I'm still a little concerned about "Your choice is between this ambiguous amorphous blob of "site type" or "you need to know what a block is"

18:35

But actually "page template" sounds kind of like what we're saying "features" are.

Larry Garfield

18:35

joel: Agreed. Right now we need to get the infra in place to make it work. The rest is contrib.

ivanka majic

18:35

ANGIE - I HAVE PUT THAT IN THE ISSUES LOG

Leisa Reichelt

18:35

ok, so, take a look at this scratching: http://www.flickr.com/photos/_leisa/3603076569/sizes/o/

18:35

this is a representation of a homepage

18:35

you can edit stuff that is already on the page, move blocks around, etc.

Angie Byron

18:36

Yeah, that stuff is all cool. I also like the "list view" for accessibility.

Leisa Reichelt

18:36

you can add something new from the Library, say for example, another block

Kristjan Jansen

18:36

so, this is a home page template?

Leisa Reichelt

18:36

but all the time there are little links to 'Make A New One'

Angie Byron

18:36

(Implementation Action Item: We need jQuery UI in core)

Leisa Reichelt

18:36

that will then move you over into the Tool Shed

Kristjan Jansen

18:37

I like how list view maps to our internal drupal_render()able structures. It's a visual page_alter()

Leisa Reichelt

18:37

(i can't believe I've used that name so many times and no one has objected)



Angie Byron kind of likes "tool shed" as a metaphor.

18:37

I_theborg

18:37

@Angie: and an option to non javascript enabled browsers



Joel wants a Tool Shed on his next site plz

18:37

Leisa Reichelt

18:37

in the tool shed you will find many tools familiar to experienced Drupallers

Angie Byron

18:37

theborg: That's what the "list" view is for.



Leisa Reichelt won't tell you what the Tool Shed is in Sydney

18:37

Angie Byron

18:37

theborg: Watch the second video. It's demoed in there.

Leisa Reichelt

18:38

angie - having said that, the list view is in peril

Angie Byron

18:38

Gasp!

Larry Garfield

18:38

Dare I ask what color this tool shed is?

Angie Byron

18:38

no!!

18:38

Larry: LOL

Joel

18:38

BLUE!

Angie Byron

18:38

Leisa: How so? We do need a way for this to degrade.

Kristjan Jansen

18:38

@Leisa Library: are these things draggable to the page?

Leisa Reichelt

18:38

larry - I think you can paint it whatever colour you like

Kristjan Jansen

18:38

If so, Site templates do not go there



ivanka majic 20 MINUTES LEFT IN TOTAL

18:38

Leisa Reichelt

18:39

kristjan - not 100% sure, at the moment I'm toying with the idea that you select them and you get a popup to enter any configuration info, when required, otherwise yes probably drag and drop

18:39

k - hoping to provide an accessible alternative

Angie Byron

18:39

(Implementation action item: We need to drive home the "popbox" patch in core)

Leisa Reichelt

18:39

at worst the list view

thomas.moseler

18:39

Well any tool shed likes a solid bikeshedding

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:39

@Leisa - why the list view in peril?

Leisa Reichelt

18:39

toolshed is *the* place for bikeshedding

MOHD RAFIE

18:39

design point of view, how do we style the "draggable module"?



Angie Byron will write toolshed.module that changes the background of that page to a different random colour on each page view.

18:39

Larry Garfield

18:39

I love how "bikeshed" is now a common verb.

Leisa Reichelt

18:40

catch - in peril is probably an exaggeration.... let's just say that Dries has raised a list of concerns that I'm still working through resolving

MOHD RAFIE

18:40

still in custom module eh @tim?

Leisa Reichelt

18:40

it might not be quite as fully functional as first envisaged... I'm also coming back to the idea of using menus more rather than organising in a tree....

Larry Garfield

18:40

Menus are trees, just presented differently.

Angie Byron

18:41

@Leisa: one question on "page templates".. how are you handling "lists" of stuff?

Leisa Reichelt

18:41

larry - yes, but I wanted to get everything into one tree...



Tassoman brb

18:41

Leisa Reichelt

18:41

so perhaps we just need to find a way to do forests,

18:41

Angie Byron

18:41

Leisa: like the current front page is a list of all content that is flagged as "promoted", ordered by date descending.

Bojhan Somers

18:41

I personally feel, that conceptually we are going down a road that is only going to make it harder to understand the bits and pieces of Drupal. Instead of fixing the existing interactions and linking them we are creating a whole new mid-level where you "structure" your site. (REALLY setting a side the talk about features now) Especially as the site structure tool has a confusing grasp on the difference between a template and a actual page. There are so many hooks to the concept, we are constantly introducing more and more to it - this will ultimately end up what Jeff Noyes put out that we have spend 3 full months working on solutions, while the whole is becoming more and more complex. Certain parts will definitely work, but the structure tool itself to me sounds really confusing.

Tim Millwood

18:41

Sorry, I can't keep up. I'll catch up later. bye

ivanka majic

18:42

CAN ANYONE ADDRESS BOHJAN'S CONCERNS?

Roy Scholten

18:42

"Especially as the site structure tool has a confusing grasp on the difference between a template and a actual page."

Joel

18:42

@all: Here's something I said yesterday in this chat room, and it bears repeating. There's a huge chasm between a user who's installing and setting up a site for the first time, and one who's coming back to their site to make modifications and tweaks or add a new content type. We **must** be careful to avoid the pitfall of making the Site Builder tool into an "I've just started installing my very first site and waht do I do now" or we run the rist of having created a GUI for Install Profiles and nothing more. Caution, caution!

Leisa Reichelt

18:42

ivanka - just a moment, trying to catch up with stuff!

Roy Scholten

18:42

^ that

Kristjan Jansen

18:42

the page <-> template confusion is a problem

Larry Garfield

18:42

Drupal is complex. We can't make it not complex, we can only make complexity easier to grasp. -)

Leisa Reichelt

18:42

argh!



Leisa Reichelt needs Skype to mind read

18:42

MOHD RAFIE

18:43

@Larry: can't make it not complex? is that an excuse?

ivanka majic

18:43

WE HAVE ALREADY CONCLUDED THAT WE MUST GET PEOPLE GOING AND EDUCATED AT THE SAME TIME

Mark Boulton

18:43

We've agreed that we want to help people get up to speed with Drupal

Jen Simmons joined the chat

18:43

ivanka majic

18:43

WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO OBSCURE DRUPAL FUNCTIONALITY FROM PEOPLE

Leisa Reichelt

18:43

angie: re list pages. What I would like in my magic world is to have list options there that would use views. Assuming we can't get views in core it would help you get views and then (this is where the magic happens) tell views the information it needs to present the pre-defined list page... make sense? too magic?

Angie Byron

18:44

Mohd: Not an excuse. Drupal is complex. In order to really understand it, you must know a bunch of terminology. The concern is that we don't want to "gloss over" that terminology, we want to provide structured interactions within which to learn about it.

Larry Garfield

18:44

Mohd: There are 15 moving parts in a Drupal site. Eliminating parts means eliminating capability. We need to make it easier to control those parts en-masse, not eliminate parts.



Leisa Reichelt is going back to read Bojhan's essay now

18:44

Leisa Reichelt

18:44

hey Jen

Jen Simmons

18:44

hi!

Angie Byron

18:44

Leisa: I think a feature could ship with a view that presents a listing page. I'll need to think about that some. It's something we struggled with a lot with Buzzr.

Mark Boulton

18:44

I think we agreed that Drupal is complex and that we didn't want to obscure that fact

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:44

@Bojhan - I think menu and book modules already have that kind of interaction, but in a somewhat broken way (only nodes, or, well menu module) - so if we look at structure as bringing those up to date then I have less concerns about it than approaching it as a new layer.

Kristjan Jansen

18:44

page <-> template problem is that sometimes template is responsible generating gazillions for Drupal pages, sometimes just one. That dynamic nature is hard to represent in IA-style sitemap

Larry Garfield

18:45

What do you mean by template?

Bojhan Somers

18:45

catch: nono, there are so many more things in structure tool

Larry Garfield

18:45

That has a specific meaning in Drupaleze, but I'm not sure if that's what you mean.



ivanka majic 15 MINUTES - WE HAVE TO MOVE ON TO NEXT STEPS

18:45

Angie Byron

18:45

Larry: "Page Template" in http://www.flickr.com/photos/_leisa/3603069855/sizes/o/

Bojhan Somers

18:45

catch: menu and book, are just about the site map

Leisa Reichelt

18:45

@Bojhan - how else do you propose to get people onto the Drupal learning curve more quickly? I think it is A Good Thing to create a magic layer between the way the technology works and the way that humans work so that people can start working using a mental model they can grok and then gradually learn how Drupal works.

MOHD RAFIE

18:46

*a bit worried with Drupal after getting excited with it

Kristjan Jansen

18:46

there are multiple templates in drupal. content type is a template, generic page layout etc is a template

Angie Byron

18:46

(I think)

Leisa Reichelt

18:46

do not underestimate how many people think that Scary is a synonym for Drupal

Angie Byron

18:46

Mohd: It's a bit tricky to wrap your head around, but it's AMAZING once you do!

18:46

Mohd: And the community is really helpful and awesome!



ivanka majic CALLING TIME

18:46

l_theborg

18:46

do we know how many diferent kind of users/personas install drupal? (User, designer, builder, developer) Let's build an instalation for everyone.

Michael F. Booth

18:46

next steps?

MOHD RAFIE

18:46

ok

Leisa Reichelt

18:46

ivanka - good, because I'm lost

ivanka majic

18:47
RIGHT
MOHD RAFIE
18:47
from designer POV
ivanka majic
18:47
MOHD SHHH
18:47

Kristjan Jansen
18:47
where we are now at?
Angie Byron
18:47
@theborg: -1, sorry. Installation profiles should be based around what people want to do,
not who they are.
MOHD RAFIE
18:47
how someone having a PSD can change it to a drupal site
18:47

having said that he know the type of site
👹
ivanka majic YOU ARE ALL GREAT BUT YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES
18:47
Leisa Reichelt
18:47
lol
Roy Scholten
18:47
haha
Angie Byron
18:47
Ivanka: Ok, what's the topic now?
ivanka majic
18:47
WE NEED TO FOCUS ON WHAT IS NEEDED NEXT
MOHD RAFIE
18:47
sorry guys
ivanka majic
18:47
NEXT STEPS
MOHD RAFIE
18:48
*next question
ivanka majic
18:48
I WANT TO START WITH LEISA
Leisa Reichelt

18:48

i need to know if we agree that we should proceed with the plan as documented with amends as noted by ivanka throughout this discussion OR if we think that it is too big/scary/wrong/dangerous

Angie Byron

18:48

Well, implementation-wise, we already identified a number of next steps earlier when we were supposed to be talking about other things.

Kristjan Jansen

18:48

1) break the site structure thing into smaller workable chunks for separate work

Leisa Reichelt

18:48

angie - step back

Kristjan Jansen

18:48

site structure = site builder

Bojhan Somers

18:49

@leisa I don't think I have a great solution, but I don't see how we map to a users mental model beyond structuring your content. You say grok gradually, but for now I don't see the building part.

Mark Boulton

18:49

It's crunch time I think. Do we carry on this path and Make It Work. Or stop and fix what we have.

Leisa Reichelt

18:49

kristjan - if we agree to proceed then yes, this is a great time to start dividing it all up into pieces

Bojhan Somers

18:49

Mark boulton, yes!

Angie Byron

18:49

Leisa: I'm tentatively +1 to proceeding with this, but it's tricky because it's one of those things I think we're really going to have to see in action before we can really judge it.

18:49

So it's a risk.

18:49

Because we can't do both, really.

Mark Boulton

18:49

Bojhan: That was two questions

Kristjan Jansen

18:49

so installation profiles 2.0/ feature thing can take its own path, template builder UIs their own etc

Bojhan Somers

18:49

Mark Boulton:

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:49

@Leisa: I don't think it's feasible to get the site structure tool as currently wireframed into core before freeze - I think we can get important infrastructure in - and work on pieces which will be good improvements in their own right

Peter Wolanin

18:49

@Angie - we need (as Larry said) some kind of config tool in core first

Leisa Reichelt

18:50

if we don't make a decision to go forward with this now, then we're essentially making a decision to Not go forward

David Lanier

18:50

Is this an action item: map specific building blocks to features to "site types" ?

Jeff Noyes

18:50

hard to say when degrading is in peril. If it can't degrade, is there a point?

Leisa Reichelt

18:50

degrade? (you mean list view?)

Jeff Noyes

18:50

y

Leisa Reichelt

18:50

degrading is not in peril

Larry Garfield

18:50

peter: Not a config tool as much as the framework and architecture so that we can pull down the rest from contrib, even if it's not built until December.

Jeff Noyes

18:50

ah, I thought you said it was

Peter Wolanin

18:50

@larry - sure

Leisa Reichelt

18:50

yeah, i backed down

Angie Byron

18:51

@Peter: I think there is a lot of work here that could proceed while the configuration stuff is being done. I'm not sure that needs to come "first"

MOHD RAFIE

18:51

I think I need to wait until d7 is out

Angie Byron

18:51

But getting this in before code freeze will be.. yikes.

Josh Ellinger joined the chat

18:51

Peter Wolanin

18:51

@Angie - well, that part is essential, as Larry says, to support all this even in contrib

Angie Byron

18:51

True.

Leisa Reichelt

18:51

ok. just to make the repercussions of this decision clear - if we don't do something *like* site builder, then D7 becomes a usability - enhanced release but it is not a gamechanger (to reference Dries d.o post)

Larry Garfield

18:52

leisa: Let me make sure I understand your question. "Do we build this layered package/site builder dohicky, or do we make the existing admin suck less? We don't have the budget to do both."

Angie Byron

18:52

I agree with Leisa.

Mark Boulton

18:52

Leisa: +1

Leisa Reichelt

18:52

it becomes easier to use for people who 'get' Drupal but it doesn't help you get Drupal any faster

18:52

there will still be a LOT of dust caused by people running FAST away from Drupal

Jeff Noyes

18:52

Assuming we all agree and think this is a valid path, is this big enough to state that it can't be built in time for d7?

Peter Wolanin

18:52

@leisa - core vs. contrib

Leisa Reichelt

18:52

and I certainly won't be switching from Wordpress anytime soon (not that you should really count that in your considerations)



ivanka majic DO YOU ALL AGREE THIS IS A VALID PATH?

18:53

Roy Scholten

18:53

ugh. easy on the FUD now please



Tassoman is back

18:53

Angie Byron

18:53

@Jeff: It depends on if we can get, for example, the Development Seed guys to pitch in on core patches for feature-related stuff.

Bojhan Somers

18:53

Leisa: I think conceptually, you guys are on the right track. But for the building part there is so much still to think out, it is not realisticly to say - we can do it before code freeze.



Larry Garfield waits for Leisa to respond to his question.

18:53

Peter Wolanin

18:53

WHAT is a valid path?

Leisa Reichelt

18:53

larry - sorry, reading back

Angie Byron

18:53

@Jeff: if we try and do it with the current D7 crew, I'm not very optimistic it can be done.

Leisa Reichelt

18:53

and trying to remember what FUD stands for

Jason Reed

18:53

fear, uncertainty, doubt

Bojhan Somers

18:53

Leisa: If you are saying, experience wise we have no choice, I don't see what we are voting for

Peter Wolanin

18:53

(fear, uncertainty, doubt)

ivanka majic

18:54

PETER, THE SITE BUILDER

David Lanier

18:54

In my opinion, building the site builder well is worth delaying D7 release.

ivanka majic

18:54

I NEED TO SPLIT THIS INTO 2 THINGS

Angie Byron

18:54

I agree, but Dries is who you have to convince.

Roy Scholten

18:54

break up in smaller chunks is essential. even let go of the unified vision for the grand total of it for a bit

chx

18:54

<qt><tha_sun>>
 FWIW, I mostly agree with bojhan.</qt>

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

18:54

@Leisa, this is a resource question, not a do we want it or not question.

Mark Boulton

18:54

(is buying David a beer next time he sees him)

Larry Garfield

18:54

leisa: Let me make sure I understand your question. "Do we build this layered package/site builder dohicky, or do we make the existing admin suck less? We don't have the budget to do both."

ivanka majic

18:54

1) DO WE AGREE ON THE SITE BUILDER (ALLOWING FOR THE FACT THAT THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE AND VALID CONCERNS)?

Leisa Reichelt

18:54

"Do we build this layered package/site builder dohicky, or do we make the existing admin suck less? We don't have the budget to do both." - we can modularise this work, and call on the community can't we?

Peter Wolanin

18:55

site builder is a goal, but I don't agree that we will see it in core by code freeze

Leisa Reichelt

18:55

hell, you think I'm getting paid today?

Angie Byron

18:55

1) I think so, but again, it's one of those things we won't really know until we start being able to play with it.

MOHD RAFIE

18:55

As a newbie: I want to see the Site Builder

ivanka majic

18:55

2) HOW DO WE GO ABOUT GETTING IN IT BEFORE CODE FREEZE?

Larry Garfield

18:55

Leisa: Yes, but time is part of budget.

Kristjan Jansen

18:55

If you would take everything out of site builder, what absolutely needs to say?

Bojhan Somers

18:55

leisa: we all arnt

Larry Garfield

18:55

s/budget/resources/



Larry Garfield hugs Leisa.

18:55

Leisa Reichelt

18:55

bojhan, that was in reference to the budget issue raised previously



Leisa Reichelt thanks Larry

18:55

Angie Byron

18:55

2) What we really need for this to happen is for Drupal shops to step up.

18:56

And I've been abysmally disappointed with how much this has NOT happened.

Larry Garfield

18:56

I was referring as much to the design and development of the roadmap (which is what you're doing) as to the actual coding involved (which is webchick's job to kidnap people for).

Roy Scholten

18:56

iterate, test, build the smaller chunks and learn from that on how to integrate best?

Joel

18:56

Proposed Nest Steps:

1. Get a secure contrib module fetch-&-install tool into core.
2. Build a post-installation GUI for users that allows them to either select a Site Type or skip straight to installing/enabling desired Features. Ask the user if they'd like to use this tool, or allow them to skip it and do everything by hand.
3. Build a set of GUI tools for editing "pages", blocks, views, etc at a later stage such that users can either flow directly from the Initial Installation phase into these tools, or return to them anytime they desire for more editing and configuration tasks.
4. Allow each user to decide whether or not they want to use these GUI tools, and remember that decision for them. Allow the user to re-enable this feature at any time.
5.

Bojhan Somers

18:56

Leisa: Well, I am not talking code wise - I think design wise, there are so many bits and pieces to this that you need a lot more time to work on this.

Joel

18:56

LOL @ "Nest Steps"

18:56

*Next Steps

Jason Reed

18:56

@Joel re: 5- Profit? ;P



ivanka majic LOVES JOEL

18:56

Jeff Noyes

18:56

@Angie, I think if the concepts point to a good solution, that helps new users discover, and legacy users continue, maybe then they'll step up.

Larry Garfield

18:57

Joel ++

Angie Byron

18:57

@Leisa: I think part of the risk here is this is being presented as a "100% of this or nothing" approach, which makes it very risky. Are there parts of this which could be integrated and still meet the goal? Or does it need to be the whole kit and kaboodle to reach the goal?

Roy Scholten

18:57

yes, what angie said

Angie Byron

18:57

@Jeff: You would think so, but I've yet to see this happen. In fact, what I see happening is people poaching ideas from the D7UX work and doing them in contrib for D6. Sigh.

Larry Garfield

18:57

Secure module download/upgrade engine is a big win in itself, even if nothing else happens.

Leisa Reichelt

18:57

so, a part of this strategy is improving all those interfaces we know and hate so much at the moment



ivanka majic NOTICES EVERYONE IS ON THE HOW AND NOT THE IF

18:58

Jeff Noyes

18:58

@angie - yes. seen that too.

Leisa Reichelt

18:58

that is something that, as I understand it, lots of people in the community have been gagging to geth their hands on

Mark Boulton

18:58

@Angie: I hear you

Larry Garfield

18:58

ivanka: That could mean we all agree on the IF.

Jeff Noyes

18:58

hopes this is an artifact of being in concept stage

Joel

18:58

@Webchick Drupal Shops are not stepping up to this discussion table because they don't care. They all have built their own tools, their tools are better than everybody else's tools, and they'd all share their tools in a heartbeat if everyone else would adapt to their internal workflows. That's just the way it is, and only after this Discussion will they begin to pay attention to The Way.

Kristjan Jansen

18:58

"either select a Site Type or skip straight to installing/enabling desired Features" -- they are very close things, very intertwined

ivanka majic

18:58

LARRY I SURE HOPE SO

Larry Garfield

18:58

But more likely it's a matter of needing to know how hard it is before we can say if it's worth it.

Kristjan Jansen

18:58

there is no OR

Angie Byron

18:58

Ivanka: How leads directly to If, IMO. If we can't do it, it's better to spend the resources we have on incremental improvements, as much as I would like not to do that.

Jeff Noyes

18:58

regardless, I think we should answer the viability question assuming D7 will not push.

Larry Garfield

18:58

Which is a problem in **every** project I've ever worked on. I can't estimate it until I've done a third of the work and seen where the rest will have to go.



ivanka majic WE ARE AT TIME

18:59

Kristjan Jansen

18:59

"Build a set of GUI tools for editing "pages" <-- scary pages again! perhaps "page templates"

Bojhan Somers

18:59

Jeff noyes: Looking purely at the design work to be done, is that realisticly?

ivanka majic

18:59

IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO MARRY UP THE IF AND THE HOW

Larry Garfield

18:59

What's the minimum that would have to be in core to allow the rest of this to live in contrib, and a recommended d.o-hosted install profile?

Angie Byron

18:59

Well marrying if/how depends on the answer to the question "Can we prioritize parts of the site builder, or does the whole thing need to be implemented for it to work at all?"

ivanka majic

19:00

LEISA - CAN YOU ANSWER THAT?

Leisa Reichelt

19:00

which one?!

ivanka majic

19:00

ANGIE

19:00

"Can we prioritize parts of the site builder, or does the whole thing need to be implemented for it to work at all?"

David Lanier

19:00

"



Leisa Reichelt is thinking

19:00

Larry Garfield

19:00

The entire site builder could just be a contrib module, if we have a way for core install profiles to find and fire a post-install wizard/interface. Then we can build that wizard/interface post-code freeze.

Leisa Reichelt

19:00

larry - would it ever actually happen then?

Kristjan Jansen

19:01

can we downscale?

ivanka majic

19:01

CAN THE SITE BUILDER GO IN AFTER RELEASE? AS AN ADDITION? DOES IT NEED TO BE ON THE SAME TIME-LINE?

Leisa Reichelt

19:01

suspect there is something about codefreeze that is particularly motivating

Angie Byron

19:01

Larry: yes, but that doesn't help the people who install "Drupal core" and expect it to work.

Jeff Noyes

19:01

We talked to Dries about that in London, and he wanted this work to be core. Not sure if that has changed

Larry Garfield

19:01

That depends on political will, but contrib's political will is easier to move than core's.

Kristjan Jansen

19:00

If you would take everything out of site builder, what absolutely needs to say?

Angie Byron

19:01

But if we worked to make distribution infrastructure suck less hard, we could potentially ship a "Drupal for newbies" distro, for example.

Bojhan Somers

19:01

angie: still won't get them much further.

Larry Garfield

19:01

webchick: So we don't give them a link to download core. We give them a link to download the profile that includes the site builder. Experts can find the "bare core" download on the project page.

Angie Byron

19:02

Larry: Right.

Larry Garfield

19:02

webchick: That's exactly what I mean. That buys us time *and* flexibility.

Leisa Reichelt

19:02

i'm trying to see how we can pull site builder apart into separate releases incremental but it doesn't seem to happen naturally... can try harder tho'...

Kristjan Jansen

19:02

We could release d7 as "developer edition"

Larry Garfield

19:02

Which would also allow Lullabot, DevSeed, and others to swap in their own site builders if they are so inclined in a year.

Eric Gundersen

19:02

Sweet, a lighter core

merlinoflogrus joined the chat

19:02



ivanka majic THINKS YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT

19:02

Angie Byron

19:03

Leisa/Ivanka: What's being weighed at the moment is whether we allocate resources to putting this tool in core, or allocate resources to putting the backend in place so tht this tool (or others like it) could be layered on top of core.

ivanka majic

19:03

OK - I HAVE TO CALL TIME

Eric Gundersen

19:03

Implementation matters here because it could help to make a lighter core. Installer profiles + something like feature servers (think mac ports) can change how this conversation needs to play out. Distributed features servers could be awesome, for example Acquia might have feature bundle for a wordpress distro, I might want to have features for an intranet for NGOs, some user can pull from both. This will not get in the way of Angie+ Boris wanting to make a recipe site.

ivanka majic

19:03

ANGIE - YES, I SEE

Jen Simmons

19:03

I agree these improvements really need to be in core for them to work. No newbie is going to download contrib modules *before* starting to climb the dreaded wall that's too steep to climb

Larry Garfield

19:03

Yes, I'm talking about what Eric just said.

Bojhan Somers

19:03

Angie: I don't think you are even weighting in the design resources, needed to make all the other interfaces work that "need love"

Kristjan Jansen

19:03

+1 to split the thing apart in many levels: UI parts, backed/frontend



ivanka majic WANTS HER SUPPER

19:03

Larry Garfield

19:04

Jen: Unless the core package they download will download contrib modules for them.

merlinoflogrus

19:04

Note that if we ever get distributions really *working* on drupal.org, the divide between core and contrib will shrink.

ivanka majic

19:04

SEEMS TO ME THAT SITE BUILDER HAS A LIFE WORTH EXPLORING

Larry Garfield

19:04

Which we want to do anyway.

ivanka majic

19:04

SEEMS THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO ADDRESS IMPLEMENTATION

Kristjan Jansen

19:04

I have never seen a conference that ends on time

Angie Byron

19:04

It's a risk either way. Not getting this into core means assuming that "someone" steps up to make distribution infrastructure suck less. Getting it into core means not doing lots of other stuff we might want to do because it's going to take LOTS of work to do. And it also somewhat forces people to use this tool since its' provide by default

ivanka majic

19:04

LEISA HAS SPECIFIC THINGS SHE SHOULD INVESTIGATE AS PART OF THE UI

Leisa Reichelt

19:04

you've never been moderated by ivanka before, I gather

Amy Stephen

19:04

Hope I'm not out of line, here. I want to encourage the very seasoned geeks who I respect the heck out of, to empower Leisa and Mark and lean on them a bit. Several of you have said "Drupal is hard" - and it is hard - but I do not believe it *has* to be hard and this effort and BUZZR are the first indications I have seen that shows any sign of encouragement that Drupal might one day be suitable for people who do not want to know what a node is and they do not see that as a deficiency in their character.

Angie Byron

19:05

lol Amy.

Jen Simmons

19:05

@Larry -- but if it's part of every download, then it's really part of core / close enough... i mean it has to be part of every install, (not just special ones like Aquia Drupal.)

Joel

19:05

@Ivanka Thank you *sooo* much for participating in this chat, and keeping us on course! /

me bows

MOHD RAFIE

19:05

Thanks all!

Angie Byron

19:05

Ivanka/Leisa: Are we allowed to continue discussing now that the meeting is over or do should we shut up?

Larry Garfield

19:05

jen: No no, I mean make d.o actually use profiles for reals, rather than the pathetic attempt we have now.

Bojhan Somers

19:05

shutup!

Angie Byron

19:05

hehe

Leisa Reichelt

19:05

ivanka - we still have to get to a point of agreement as to whether we contribute resource to this or not. If not, then I'll go focus on the Blocks Editing Page and try to make that happier for existing Drupal people etc. We can't waste more time umming and arring and having 'concerns' = we have to make a call

Larry Garfield

19:06

Then the front page download is to the profile that includes the site builder.

Jason Reed

19:06

agreed

ivanka majic

19:06

JASON - WHO YOU AGREEING WITH?

Leisa Reichelt

19:06

no call = no sitebuilder and usability improvements of existing interfaces only (and I think we can do both)

Larry Garfield

19:06

So when people download "core", they're actually getting core+site builder.

19:06

That lets us build and develop sitebuilder outside of core's dev cycle, which I think is necessary to get it all done before 7 actually ships.

merlinoflogrus

19:06

If it helps, I've been working off and on for two years on Panels, which has a lot of resemblance to this site builder. The fact of the matter is that 1) it's hard and 2) it does some things fundamentally different from the way Drupal wants to do them. Resolving these issues is going to be hard both technically and politically.



ivanka majic EVERYBODY STOP

19:07

Jason Reed

19:07

@Ivanka- agreeing w/ Leisa. I think we almost *have* to get to sitebuilder to really let D& live up to the promise.



Kristjan Jansen feels Lullabots April 1st "Drupal Usability Edition" coming up

19:07

ivanka majic

19:07

I THINK YOU ALREADY AGREED ON THAT

Bojhan Somers

19:07

leisa: So realistically, looking at all the existing interfaces, expecting people to setup up and fix them all - is not going to happen. There are far more nuts and bolts to them in drupal 7, that meets the face.

19:08

than*

Leisa Reichelt

19:08

so, that's one no vote then

Mark Boulton

19:08

do we yes/no vote it?

Larry Garfield

19:08

Leisa: IMO, continue with site builder. Let's be ambitious. Whether it lives as a core module or a contrib module that it's hard to get core without is something for us to figure out later.

ivanka majic

19:08

LET ME STATE WHAT YOU ARE VOTING ON

Kristjan Jansen

19:08

get plugings/autoupdate for d7 and seed "d7ux" into drupal 6 months later

Jason Reed

19:08

@Ivanka- I agreed that site builder had promise, and I agreed to the underlying principles. I'm just encouraging us all to commit to the herculean effort.

Bojhan Somers

19:09

ohh, am I voting. heh

Jeff Noyes

19:09

IMHO, i'd like to see you nail down some of the questions Dries and this forum raised, then allow angie/dries, to figure out what it would take to get it into core. If the answer is, we could get it into core sometime July next year - than that answer should be the answer.

Linea Rowe

19:09

yes, please restate what we're voting in

19:09

on

Bojhan Somers

19:09

+1 on jeff noyes

Kristjan Jansen

19:09

I agreed that site builder had promise, and I agreed to the underlying principles AND I promise to be that Hercules?



ivanka majic SITE BUILDER IS A GOOD IDEA AND WE SHOULD CRACK ON

19:09

Joel

19:10

I can't vote Y on that unless I know how much time there is to realistically pull it off without stuffing a Vista into core and shipping it.

Leisa Reichelt

19:10

jeff's position is effectively a no vote

Bojhan Somers

19:10

oke so

19:10

NO

ivanka majic

19:10

JOEL - THAT IS A SECOND PART OF THE VOTE

Jason Reed

19:10

+1 - we should carry on.

Angie Byron

19:10

+1

Larry Garfield

19:10

Dries: Do you have any input here?

Angie Byron

19:10

Dries is not here.

davidwheelerphd

19:10

Vote Yes for Site Builder.

ivanka majic

19:10

MANY MANY SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD ON ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO IMPLEMENT

Jeff Noyes

19:10

not true. My vote is, TBD based on your progress, and ability to get it into core

Leisa Reichelt

19:10

if that is the approach we're taking then there is no point us spending time on the site builder now when there are other things that need attention for code freeze, if this is not going to be in core for D7

MOHD RAFIE

19:10

Site Builder

Joel

19:10

Ivanka, well, in that case, I vote that YES, Site Builder is a good idea and I want it in core.

Kristjan Jansen

19:10

for me site builder is a mishmash of different parts. I vote yes to get in absolutely necessary components what would make a real difference and build a foundation

David Lanier

19:11

carry on, yes. But quickly break it down into bite-size tasks.

Angie Byron

19:11

(what Kristjan said)

Leisa Reichelt

19:11

david - with pleasure

Bojhan Somers

19:11

kika: lol, thats then a no as well

Peter Wolanin

19:11

well, I think we need the foundations in core by code free + a vision

MOHD RAFIE

19:11

what? didn't know it's gonna beat

Kieran Lal

19:11

+1 throwing my vote behind Leisa and Mark progressing with site builder

merlinoflogrus

19:11

In my opinion: Site builder is technically impossible with a September code freeze

Kristjan Jansen

19:11

Site Builder does not exist

Maarten Verbaarschot

19:11

agreeing with david

Bojhan Somers

19:11

kika: I don't get you, you say. Lets do this, but...

ivanka majic

19:11

OK

Peter Wolanin

19:11

I agree w/ merlin re: feasibility

Angie Byron

19:11

Honestly though, I think a vote here is a bit useless.

19:11

What we need is a list of hard concerns.



ivanka majic NEEDS TO CONCLUDE AND HAVE SUPPER

19:11

Jeff Noyes

19:11

+1 carry on. +1 nail down the detials fast +1 evaluate likelihood for core. + 1 reevaluate.

ivanka majic

19:12

1) CARRY ON WITH SITEBUILDER

Bojhan Somers

19:12

+1 to that

MOHD RAFIE

19:12

+1

Larry Garfield

19:12

merlin: Unless we allow parts of it to live in contrib as part of a default install profile. But that's a call that only Dries and webchick can make if they're OK with that approach.

Joel

19:12

+1 to carrying on with Sitebuilder



Kieran Lal Ivanka you would do well to give the floor to merlinoflogrus who is the most experienced person on this topic

19:12

Kristjan Jansen

19:12

+1 chunk, downscale, make modular

Kieran Lal

19:12

got to run. bye.



Angie Byron thinks ivanka should go have supper and we can continue debating.

19:12

Kristjan Jansen

19:12

mike to the merlin!



Leisa Reichelt has to go have supper and put kiddie to bed v shortly too

19:12

Bojhan Somers

19:13

We are all saying, Yes. but. I don't see how that is either agreeing or disagreeing.

Leisa Reichelt

19:13

it's not

ivanka majic

19:13

ANGIE - I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT



ivanka majic THINKS YOU ARE ALL IN VIOLENT AGREEMENT

19:13

Joel

19:13

Nobody is saying that Site Builder is a horrid, rubbish idea.

Angie Byron

19:13

ok, so hard concerns:

Bojhan Somers

19:13

Joel: right

Angie Byron

19:13

1. There is < 3 months before code freeze

19:13

2. There is a lot represented in this tool that is NOT how Drupal works right now.

Linea Rowe

19:14

sounds like there's still disagreement about whether site builder should be on core vs contrib - but either way, the foundation work has to get into core

Angie Byron

19:14

3. In order to make this really awesome, we need the ability for people to import/export/share featyres

19:14

(in core)

Bojhan Somers

19:14

4. There are a lot of interfaces, on side of this one that will require lvoe for this to work.

Tassoman

19:14

if there are enough forces the job could be done

Tim Millwood

19:14

There is no reason site builder should be contrib.

Angie Byron

19:14

4. If we DON'T put it in core, we need distribution infrastructure to support a "Drupal Basic" installation profile to support it in contrib

merlinoflogrus

19:14

Personally, I would benefit massively from any effort into getting core Sitebuilder ideals into core, because that's what Panels wants to do, and a lot of my work has been trying to fit a square page (Panels) into Drupal's round hole. I use a lot of hammering.

davidwheelerphd

19:15

I think agreement is to go forward on site builder. Get what is possible into Core but possibly have portions outside of core to develop after September.

Tassoman

19:15

time could be a reason

19:15

and users response about it

Angie Byron

19:15

5. If we DO put it in core, we lock it in for 4+ years. Are we sure we want to do that to something that hasn't actually been invented yet?

Jeff Noyes

19:15

we should proceed under the assumption that it goes in core

Kristjan Jansen

19:15

what holds us back to get it in? people?



ivanka majic Wishes you all the very best and is going. byeeee

19:15

Kristjan Jansen

19:15

process?

Bojhan Somers

19:15

ivanka: thanks!

Roy Scholten

19:15

thank you ivanka

Larry Garfield

19:15

kristjan: Both.

merlinoflogrus

19:15

If it goes into core and that is the assumption then we should not proceed because it is technically impossible to get it into core with the current core timeframe.

Larry Garfield

19:15

Thanks, Ivanka!

Michael F. Booth

19:15

ivanka: Many thanks.

Leisa Reichelt

19:15

thanks ivanka!

Linea Rowe

19:15

thanks Ivanka!

Jason Reed

19:16

Thanks Ivanka

ivanka majic

19:16

Pleasure - any time!

Angie Byron

19:16

Thanks so much, Ivanka! You ROCK!

Kristjan Jansen

19:16

thanks indeed

Jeff Noyes

19:16

thanks Ivanka

19:16

very helpful



Larry Garfield hugs Invanka.

19:16

Angie Byron

19:16

6. The site builder is currently being presented as an "All or nothing" approach. There are serious doubts about having the time/resources/energy to get this in in any sort of timely manner.



ivanka majic waves

19:16

Angie Byron

19:16

7. Drupal shops, apart from Acquia, are not stepping up to work on this stuff.

Joel

19:16

@Merlin, does that square page in a round hole have rounded corners?

Bojhan Somers

19:16

Angie: what about my 4?

merlinoflogrus

19:17

Joel: Yes but only because they've been worn down from repeatedly being hammered into a round hole =)

Peter Wolanin

19:17

@angie - I think you count for 3 people from lullabot

Angie Byron

19:17

8. We would like a prioritized list of the stuff that site builder exposes to see if there is a "halfway" point we could do.

19:17

</dump>

19:17

bojhan: Sorry, didn't see your #4, I was spewing. One sec.

Jeff Noyes

19:17

That's a fundamental thing for me. If nobody is stepping up, timeline for core is a concern, then how can we vote a continue?

19:18

I'm ok with continueing, but we really need to reevaluate when we know more

Angie Byron

19:18

9. There are a lot of interfaces, on side of this one that will require lvoe for this to work. <-- do you mean basically "not sure the site building tool is fully mapped out yet?"

19:18

@Bojan^^

Jeff Noyes

19:18

which means we cant spend too much time getting to the "more"

Leisa Reichelt

19:18

well, shouldn't our action points be around how we can get people more excited about getting involved in this?

Angie Byron

19:18

good point.

Bojhan Somers

19:18

@Angie As you see in the video, leisa put forwards this idea of "this interface needs love" I feel there are way to many to tackle, along side of this massive effort.

Angie Byron

19:19

10. How do we raise the profile of this exciting work and entice people to work on it?

Tim Millwood

19:19

Can we break down site builder into two? Site builder 1.0 into D7, Site builder 2.0 in D8?

Jeff Noyes

19:19

which I think they will, so long as we can get to the "more" fast

Angie Byron

19:19

Bojhan: Oh, ok.

19:19

9. The thing isn't fully designed yet.

Leisa Reichelt

19:19

for example I know some places that are not Drupal houses yet but are going to be v soon - is there some way they can help? because I know they're scared about what they'll need to do to make the admin acceptable for their clients

Bojhan Somers

19:19

leisa: It simply is scary,

Tim Millwood

19:19

I see site builder 1.0 being little more than getting some install profiles into core and giving it a nice UI.

Larry Garfield

19:19

We need the R word.

Leisa Reichelt

19:20

Bojhan: I'd love to see a list of those interfaces from your perspective.. I must be missing some because it doesn't seem like a huge list to me

Joel

19:20

Rails?

Angie Byron

19:20

Leisa: honestly, the best way to get this done by people like that is to break this down into bite-sized tasks. Then we could ferret out bits and pieces to people

Larry Garfield

19:20

Roadmap



Angie Byron slaps Larry with a fish

19:20

Angie Byron

19:20

A stinky one!

Bojhan Somers

19:20

Leisa: CCK, Views, Blocks, "Modules?", Taxonomy.

Joel

19:20

The guy who smells like cod is right. Future plans.

Angie Byron

19:21

LOL

Larry Garfield

19:21

webchick: Just how are we going to get anyone to work on something coherent and cohesive like this WITHOUT a roadmap? So far we've failed miserably at that.

Leisa Reichelt

19:21

Bojhan: more?

MOHD RAFIE

19:21

is the discussion over yet?

Kristjan Jansen

19:21

+1 to split the thing apart in many levels: UI parts, backed/frontend

Bojhan Somers

19:21

Leisa: Lol, only those are like 4 months of work.

Leisa Reichelt

19:21

Bojhan: four months of whose work?

Bojhan Somers

19:21

Leisa: well design work.

Angie Byron

19:21

Larry: That was just a knee-jerk reaction. What do you mean by "Roadmap" though? Isn't that the same of "Change this from 'Site builder' to 'Lots of bits and pieces that make up the site builder'?"

Larry Garfield

19:21

Drupal needs steering for this to happen, whether it's core or contrib. And we don't even have a wheel to steer.

Bojhan Somers

19:21

Leisa: and implementation.

Kristjan Jansen

19:22

can we put some estimates on damn thing?

Joel

19:22

@Mohd: For all intents, yes. But stick around to see how the Drupal community does things. It's a fascinating study in human dynamics vs. forward progress

Larry Garfield

19:22

A roadmap implies 2 things: A list of what is planned and how it fits together and a confirmation that is actually what is going to happen.

Leisa Reichelt

19:22

lol @ Joel

thomas.moseler has left the chat

19:22

Angie Byron

19:22

Larry: Ok! I can get behind that.

Leisa Reichelt set topic to " D7UX - Sunday Structure Summit - in its death throes. Ivanka has left the building "

19:23

MOHD RAFIE

19:23

I'm gonna write a blog contributed to drupal

Joel

19:23

We *could* make a roadmap that *only* deals with this Site Builder. And not the entirety of Core itself, right?

Larry Garfield

19:23

Without that confirmation, as in "Yes, we're going to put the site builder in core, if you want D7 to ever see the light of day then get on that", nothing will happen along those lines unless one small piece of it happens to fit someone's short-term itch.

Angie Byron

19:23

Mohd: PLease do! We're always interestered in the perspective of people new to the software. Us old hats forget all of the stuff that screwed us up when we got ststarted.

MOHD RAFIE

19:23

what-i-wish-i-knew-about-drupal blog

Larry Garfield

19:23

A roadmap means you stop scratching itches and take a shower.

Bojhan Somers

19:23

hehe

Larry Garfield

19:24

But that requires coordinating all of your hands and feet to go turn on the water.

🙄

Larry Garfield just came up with that analogy but loves it.

19:24

🙄

Leisa Reichelt is in metaphor hell

19:24

Bojhan Somers

19:24

larry its oke now

Angie Byron

19:24

It's one of those crazy showers with like 3 knobs: temperature, pressure, shower head size

Joel

19:24

Leisa: That'd be MetaHell to you.

Mark Boulton

19:24

brain. hurts.

Angie Byron

19:24

You need 9 arms to operate it

Roy Scholten

19:24

metaphorically

Jeff Noyes

19:24

I have to split. 2 kids are growing impatient

Leisa Reichelt

19:24

oh, stop it already!

19:24

WHOA!

Jeff Noyes

19:24

thanks for this. very helpful

Leisa Reichelt

19:24

AM GOING TO HAVE TO START TALKING LIKE IVANKA

Larry Garfield

19:24

I don't even know if it's too late to have a real roadmap in the D7 cycle. It may be.

Angie Byron

19:24

Ok, so action items for *us*

Bojhan Somers

19:24

jeff noyes: byee!

Mark Boulton

19:25

thanks Jeff

Joel

19:25

yay for all caps! Now we can all shut up and listen again.

Leisa Reichelt

19:25

lol.

Larry Garfield

19:25

1) Engine to download and update modules from within the web GUI: Critical and must be in core.

Jeff Noyes

19:25

I assume the googledoc will recap all decisions?

Leisa Reichelt

19:25

jeff: if we get to any, yes

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:25

plugin manager.

Angie Byron

19:25

Leisa/Mark: Do you think you could do some thinking about "Of all of the concepts presented in the site builder demo, these are the REALLY IMPORTANT ONES that we can't possibly NOT do or it would not be a site builder" vs. "These are important too, but if required we could do without them even though it would suck."

Mark Boulton

19:25

Jeff: yep - transcript will be available too

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:25

exportable / importable configurations that can live in code fore *everything*

Jeff Noyes

19:25

thank you. Keep up the good work!

Larry Garfield

19:25

2) Structure and standard for defining packages. Think profiles TNG. This must be a common definition, which realistically means in core even if core doesn't use it.

19:26

catch: I'd say XML, not code, but that's an implementation question for later.

Jason Reed

19:26

I also have to run... best of luck in metahell, all.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:26

@Larry XML = code.

Angie Byron

19:26

And then can someone "own" getting together with the Features/Patterns/etc. developers and figuring out what would make sense for getting APIs into core?

Larry Garfield

19:26

hehe

Angie Byron

19:26

Is that anyone's particular "itch"?

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:26

merge book and menu modules into 'outline'.

Larry Garfield

19:26

It has been Palantir's on and off.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:26

Fix blocks UI.



Roy Scholten sees all designers quitting, boo!

19:26

Bojhan Somers

19:26

angie: wern't we at a table in dc?

Angie Byron

19:27

bojhan: Sorry?

MOHD RAFIE

19:27

not just yet Roy

Bojhan Somers

19:27

angie: I thought like atleast 4 of them wanted that incore.

19:27

angie: wasnt yhahn though
MOHD RAFIE

19:27

mark is still there

Joel

19:27

I'll take charge of the Patterns discussion in regards to basic needs for core APIs

Bojhan Somers

19:27

Joel: great!

Angie Byron

19:27

Bojhan: Oh lots of people "want" it in core. I'm interested in who's going to actually do the fricking work. Which so far is "no one"

Young Hahn

19:27

i am here btw, just listening

Larry Garfield

19:27

But I don't know if I could dedicate enough time to it, especially given the "herding cats" aspect of getting DevSeed and Gravitech together.

Bojhan Somers

19:27

hah

Angie Byron

19:27

joel: yay! Thank you!

Leisa Reichelt

19:27

angie - the problem with writing a list of 'good stuff' and 'less important stuff' is that we still need to deliver a coherent experience

Bojhan Somers

19:27

@angie totally true!



Larry Garfield hugs Joel.

19:27

Kristjan Jansen

19:27

larry: any hope to get "transparent", step-by-step package definitions

Angie Byron

19:27

Leisa: Hm. Yes.

Josh Ellinger has left the chat

19:28

Leisa Reichelt

19:28

not to say that it can't be done, but it will be essentially designing a whole other de-scoped version of the interface to make sure it still hanges together ok

Larry Garfield

19:28

Joel: Count me in for the discussions and brainstorming at least, even if I can't help with coordinating and coding.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:28

@Leisa: if code freeze is September 1st, we don't have a choice but to focus on things which will actually get in.

19:28

or let us fill the gaps later in a clever and seamless way.

Leisa Reichelt

19:28

that's an interesting if, tho', isn't it

Angie Byron

19:28

Leisa: Right. And that seems like a waste of time. I'd rather just focus on making individual "building blocks" less painful.

Larry Garfield

19:28

Leisa: Which is why I say "build it for reals... How it gets to users is our problem."

Jen Simmons

19:28

Has there been discussion of moving code freeze back from Sept 1?

Angie Byron

19:29

Jen: So far Dries is very resistant to that.

Larry Garfield

19:29

Jen: The odds of Dries OKing that are extremely slim.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:29

Leisa, it is but I brought this up in DC.

Angie Byron

19:29

Which makes sense.

19:29

Code slush has been since Feb. 2008

19:29

We need to get moving.

Larry Garfield

19:29

Mmm... slush...

Tassoman

19:29

what will happen to install profiles? will them die with D7 and site builder?

Joel

19:29

@Larry: You got it man. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Angie Byron

19:30

It was Dries's hope that announcing a "call for action" on the front page of d.o 3 months before code freeze would result in a flurry of activity

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:30

Angie - but then Dries has a habit of letting 'usability' improvements in during RCs, not that I'm into that.

Angie Byron

19:30

So far this has not materialized.

19:30

Nat: Me neither.

Leisa Reichelt

19:30

yes, but (no offense intended), you *would* be in favour of making individual "building blocks" less painful because that's useful for you... doesn't help us make Drupal more accessible to non-Drupallers, which (if i remember correctly) was the job that Mark & I were supposed to do

Angie Byron

19:30

I would prefer code freeze to mean what it says on the tin. ;P

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:30

Leisa - well we have to do that anywy.

19:31

Leisa, otherwise you go from site builder to admin/content/types in one push.

Leisa Reichelt

19:31

catch - yes, and it is part of the plan for the site builder

Bojhan Somers

19:31

Leisa: Yes, that's always a culture thing we are fighting agianst. But that's oke.

Angie Byron

19:31

Leisa: Oh. What I meant was "If it's between you spending time making a shittier version of the site builder or fixing the existing UIs, I'd rather you fix the existing UIs." My *vast* preference, of course, would be for you to focus on making the awesome site builder.

Larry Garfield

19:31

Leisa: Yes, but before we can build the interface you design, we need to build the tools capable of building that interface.

Kristjan Jansen

19:31

I advise also take a hard look at features module

Adrian Rossouw has left the chat

19:32

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:32

Angie - I think we can look at "what has to go in before freeze not to fuck up code freeze" and "what can go in between September 1st and (say) January" without making a big mess of things.

Angie Byron

19:32

My only concern with Features module is it's brand new as of like. A few weeks ago, no?

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:32

And how much can be pushed onto d.o

Angie Byron

19:32

Nat: that sounds sensible.

19:32

I like that we can swear now that Ivanka's not here. ;D

Leisa Reichelt

19:32

lol

Larry Garfield

19:32

hehehe

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:32

I would've sworn much earlier but just got back from dinner.

Larry Garfield

19:32

She gave up on herding cats for the day.

Leisa Reichelt

19:32

she said to say that she's coming back to check the transcript

19:32

Bojhan Somers

19:33

dinner, right. heh

Angie Byron

19:33

Oh no!!

19:33

I meant um. "Fudge" up. Yes. Fudge.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:33

Glad this stated three hours later than I thought.

Bojhan Somers

19:33

catch: we should initiate a Drupal time

19:33

initiate*

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:33

Drupal time!

Angie Byron

19:33

Leisa/Mark: Ok. So are you guys basically blocked until "the community" / "Dries and I" come to a decision on how you should spend your time?

Marek Sign has left the chat

19:34

Leisa Reichelt

19:34

Angie - it's not so much blocked, more that if we don't get a decision on SiteBuilder et, al, then spending time on it now is time that we should probably spend elsewhere

19:34

if we're going to go for it, we're going to have to go hard (as you've all agreed)

Angie Byron

19:34

IMO I still think your time is best spent on this.

Leisa Reichelt

19:34

if not, we might as well refocus on other things

Angie Byron

19:34

Incremental interface improvements is something the Drupal community is good at.

Leisa Reichelt

19:34

and come back to this later, maybe

Kristjan Jansen

19:35

mapping Site builder UI and Backend implementation: what has to be there to support UI from API level? Features/install2.0, what else? Or should it be a separate chat?

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:35

Leisa / Mark - personally I'd like to see more of page templates, how you see blocks / content types / views interacting - since a lot of that needs fleshing out, and these are the things which Bojhan (and me and others) are concerned are going to be hard to squeeze into it.

Angie Byron

19:35

And whether it goes in core or contrib, it's obviously something that we need in order for people to make sense of Drupal.

merlinoflogrus

19:35

BTW I would love love love if Panels were the place where this functionality were to live outside of core, especially if we can get core to be more cooperative.

Bojhan Somers

19:35

catch: Thanks , yes.

Angie Byron

19:35

merlin: Could you make a list of "things you have to fight against in core" that we could try and work on during code thaw?

19:35

merlin: As of right now, I have no idea what those things are.

Larry Garfield

19:35

merlin: Then what we need is... what webchick said.

merlinoflogrus

19:35

Sure.

Angie Byron

19:35

yay!

Joel

19:35

yay!

merlinoflogrus

19:35

You want it now or more formalized later? =)

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:35

merlin: I'll happily turn them into issues and/or work on those.

19:35

now is good.

Larry Garfield

19:36

"This is a PITA in contrib. Make it easier, please, core." -- That something we need more of in general.

Joel

19:36

and later too

Larry Garfield

19:36

Which is different from "get this in core".

Joel

19:36

just braindump for now

Angie Byron

19:36

merlin: just a brain dump now would be great. We could get rolling on it. Then if you want to write a more formalized blog post that'd also be valuable AI think.

Larry Garfield

19:36

"core stop fighting me" is IMO even more important.

merlinoflogrus

19:36

1) The biggest issue we have is that Panels would really like to be able to say "This is a layout, use it here here and here". But core really says "This is a page" and everything goes in and modifies what that page does. If you draw that as a workflow line on a sheet of paper, the decision points are totally in the wrong place.

Angie Byron

19:36

Leisa/Mark: I anticipate we are probably done with any designy related stuff and are fully into implementation mode now, if you guys want to go like eat and stuff.

Bojhan Somers

19:37

Angie: done? what?

Kristjan Jansen

19:37

can designers still contribute or we turned this into dev politics now? (it's ok too)

Mark Boulton

19:37

Sorry, was afk - back-scrolling now...

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:37

Designers please continue - really dev talk could move to #drupal.

Angie Byron

19:37

Bojhan/Kristjan: Well, unless there are more specific design issues with the site builder that need discussion now.

Leisa Reichelt

19:37

alrighty... so, we should keep working on this but we're not committed to getting it into core for Sept - is that the takeaway?

Bojhan Somers

19:38

Angie: read up to what catch said.

Angie Byron

19:38

So far this entire day has been around "OMG OMG OMG" and so I'm trying to work through some of that.

19:38

Ok! Let's go to #drupal.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:38

Leisa: I don't think we can make that commitment - once again it's a resource issue.
merlinoflogrus

19:38

2) This is particularly true of the blocks system. Blocks are just there, and each block has complicated logic to determine whether it shows up somewhere. Right now a block can be in exactly one region, and it requires pure code work to do it any other way.

Larry Garfield

19:38

Leisa: We're committed to it as a place to end up. The schedule for getting there, we're still confused.

Angie Byron

19:38

Leisa: I think the takeaway is "This tool looks like it will rock, please continue fleshing it out, regardless of ultimate implementation details which is not something you have control over."

Jen Simmons

19:38

So this is the crisis?:

1) There's general agreement that we all want an amazing new design to totally overhaul DUX, and make Drupal awesome and more friendly to professional designers and general newbies.

- 2) Code freeze is so-far-locked to Sept 1.
- 3) There's a LOT of work that will need to be done to get said awesome new design built.
- 4) So we either need more time, or more people helping (or likely both).
- 5) There seems to be a lack of people stepping up so far to help get this built, so that makes us nervous about whether/not it's possible
- 6) There seems to be doubt that code freeze will be pushed back
- 7) We still want awesome design

This seems to be a crisis on leadership, imo, not something the community can vote on. If Dries is the one who can push the code freeze date back or not, then he's the one who can decide whether or not we should 'go for it'.

A roadmap, clear vision for where we want to go, and a series of phonecalls to Drupal shops everywhere asking them to provide resources to build certain parts would certainly help.

I personally *want* to see Drupal overhauled and made awesome from a UX POV.... I don't want you all to give up!

merlinoflogrus

19:39

In comparison, the designer way is really to say "For this page, I want these items here, here and here."

Kristjan Jansen

19:39

generic context to core and be integral part of Site Builder UI!

Angie Byron

19:39

Jen: That's an accurate summary.

merlinoflogrus

19:39

And 3) Yes, the 'context' idea Panels has is *awesome*. Seriously, as a developer, once you play with it, it's amazing what you can do with it. Now that I have context in Panels, every time I go to work on Views I go "Hey I can...oh wait, I don't have context."

Kristjan Jansen

19:40

abstract context, put it to the core, build UI

Jen Simmons

19:40

I was wonder in D.C. how this exact problem would work out. I saw people saying code freeze Sept 1, and people saying, total overhaul new UX that will rock

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:40

merlin: off hand, do you know how far from context/features context panels context is (and frankly, the same for exportables)?

Amy Stephen

19:40

you guys are awesome - thanks for letting me observe - Leisa and Mark - you have already made a huge difference and that is going to grow into good things - later folks!

Angie Byron

19:40

Bye Amy!



Larry Garfield hugs Amy.

19:40

Jen Simmons

19:40

and I thought.... yeah, there's going to be a time when those two things conflict....

Mark Boulton

19:40

thanks Amy

Amy Stephen has left the chat

19:40

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:41

Jen: as soon as this was announced I was screaming 'whut, code freeze'

Angie Byron

19:41

Btw, I totally agree with Amy, Mark/Leisa. You guys are amazing.



Larry Garfield hugs Mark and Leisa.

19:41

merlinoflogrus

19:41

catch: Unfortunately I have not looked at all at context/features. Features is very different from exportables, that much I know. I think their idea of context is more or less the same at the core level but the implementation is, as far as I can tell, backward from mine.



Larry Garfield hugs merlin, too, just for good measure.

19:41

Jen Simmons

19:41

It's my strong hope that the total UX overhaul wins, and the Drupal community does NOT give up on the vision for a better Drupal.



Leisa Reichelt never knew Larry was such a hugger!

19:41



Larry Garfield is a very friendly person.

19:41

merlinoflogrus

19:41

Leisa: It's the beard. He grew the beard and suddenly he felt comfortable hugging people!

19:41

=)

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:41

merlin: heh, exactly what I guessed.

Angie Byron

19:41

Jen: Here's a question. Would you be willing to do some leg work to help see this happen? Like help with a marketing/PR push around these efforts, make the calls to dev shops?



Kristjan Jansen hugs a tree

19:42

Larry Garfield

19:42

merlin: I was hugging people long before I became my own evil twin.

Angie Byron

19:42

Because lots of people *want* this to happen. It's a question of resources at this point.

merlinoflogrus

19:42

Larry: Hush, it was a *good* joke.

Bojhan Somers

19:42

jensimmons: to be honest. I think that we are focusing far too much on "ooh gosh" the implementation. And not taking the time to look at the design part of the site structure tool. Its normal we do this, but its not good for the usability of this tool.

Larry Garfield

19:42

Not just resources. Resources that we KNOW are going to be worthwhile.

Angie Byron

19:42

Bojhan: Yes, this is definitely true. But we] /did/ ask developrs to show up to this, and that's what developers do.

Larry Garfield

19:42

Few shops are willing to commit large chunks of time to something that may or may not die the death of "well, I don't know, let's discuss this more" in the issue queue.

19:43

Which has killed MANY good ideas.

Giovanni Glass joined the chat

19:43

Jen Simmons

19:43

I am willing. Honestly, I haven't done a thing yet because it's too freaking hard to figure out where to jump in. Just reading all the blog posts and g.d.o posts and d.o pages and and and would take me 10 hours/week --- just to figure out what's going on!! And I have my own design shop to run! that's said, I'm here!

merlinoflogrus

19:43

angelabyron: One of the reasons so much of Panels moved into CTools is that by abstracting out tools, we can look at what's there and consider how the smaller tool would look/work in core. Context is one thing that we could absolutely spend some time looking at.

Peter Wolanin

19:43

@larry/agie - Rodmap?

Angie Byron

19:43

Larry: I don't really see that happening for this. Dries has stated several times that he wants D7 to be revolutionary. This tool is a huge part.

merlinoflogrus

19:43

angelabyron: Ideally, context could integrate with the entity system + the menu system.

Leisa Reichelt

19:43

ok, before I go, here's is why I'm pushing on this so hard I guess - for Mark & I to get the Sitebuilder along with everything else we need to do, into a fit state (a good state), it's going to require more time than we have budgetted for, so it becomes my own personal time (which is pretty bloody scarce). I've seen what happens to good UX ideas around here... I don't want to pour my soul into something and not get paid for it and have it die a slow death... <will probably regret such candour>

Angie Byron

19:43

Jen: Excellent.

Jen Simmons

19:44

I bet a lot of people feel like i do, especially designers. It's hard to figure out where to start when so much reading is necessary to get started. I think direct conversation is easier. So tell me how I can help

merlinoflogrus

19:44

Leisa: Do not regret that candour, I feel exactly the same way a lot.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:44

Mark, Leisa - did you see my question re: fleshing out templates / content types / blocks / biews in the structure tool - I think that's critical for both more buy-in as well as moving forward with implementation.

Bojhan Somers

19:44

Leisa: I fully understand that. It's kind of why 90% of the UX persons already left.

Larry Garfield

19:44

Yes, but because it's happened so many times there's no way that Tiffany and I would be willing to commit, say, 60 hours of developer time to this as a project. Not without some assurance that we'd be getting something back for it in the form of a D7 that's more awesome for the stuff *we* do.

Angie Byron

19:44

Leisa: So, I saw the discussion today as pretty positive. There weren't comments like "Wow, that totally sucks. Why would we want that?" there were comments like "Wow, that looks awesome. I'm discouraged because I don't think it can be done."

Leisa Reichelt

19:44

catch - yes, my last post is kind of a followup to that

Kristjan Jansen

19:44

Not just resources, we need superhero with UX in one and DX in other side of the brain

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:44

Leisa: very understandable and I agree.

Larry Garfield

19:44

I suspect the math is the same at other shops.

19:45

What Leisa said applies to developers, too.

Kristjan Jansen

19:45

there are some such superheroes

Leisa Reichelt

19:45

catch - I don't think we'll EVER get everything answered to some people's satisfaction without designing the entire thing... we're getting into some detail but the time/commitment required to get into ALL detail worries me

19:45

catch - totally understand that it's a catch22 situation (har har)

Angie Byron

19:45

Larry/catch/Leisa/others: Do you think step 0 of getting shops to pony up some time is "Dries lays a stick in the sand that says 'Drupal 7 doesn't ship until this is done'?"

19:45

I have no idea if he's willing to do this, mind you.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:45

Angie, yes.

Angie Byron

19:46

Just trying to figure out a way forward.

Larry Garfield

19:46

Honestly? It would have worked if he'd said that 6 months ago.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:46

Exactly.

Larry Garfield

19:46

With 3 months left, I don't know if it would be viable now.

Angie Byron

19:46

Larry: We didn't have the site builder 6 months ago.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:46

In fact I said that 6 months ago.

Angie Byron

19:46

The site builder mockups/videos are great because they describe how this "mythical thing that's going to make Drupal 7 easy" is going to actually work.

Kristjan Jansen

19:46

Either way, d7ux needs to be sustainable after Leisa and Mark are off, we need to transfer their brain dumps over to us already

Angie Byron

19:46

And that part of it is brand spanking new as of the last 2 weeks or so.

Bojhan Somers

19:47

kika: I think thats bull

19:47

kika: sorry, but it is.

Kristjan Jansen

19:47

explain?

Bojhan Somers

19:47

kika: we have loads of talented people in our community, we have to step up and reconize and empower them. Not put mark and leisa on the rockstarr palletete, and suck at improving drupal 8 again.

Angie Byron

19:47

Mark/Leisa: When does your paid engagement with Acquia end?

19:47

(if you're allowed to say(

Larry Garfield

19:47

Angie: Yes, but "plugin manager needs to be in core" is not.

Mark Boulton

19:47

angie: July (end)

Leisa Reichelt

19:48

bojhan, i don't think that's what kika meant at al

Angie Byron

19:48

So roughly 2 months more?

Larry Garfield

19:48

We've been saying that for 2 years. Like every other feature, it's at "this would be cool if someone did it. Please? Anyone? Beuler?"

Mark Boulton

19:48

6 weeks

Kristjan Jansen

19:48

@bohjan: this is what I meant basically -- let's be rock too, now

Mark Boulton

19:48

3 sprints

Angie Byron

19:48

Larry: PPlugin manager in core has a patch.

19:48

It's CNW though

Leisa Reichelt

19:48

i think, if i understand correctly, that he means that hopefully we've been engaging in system wide design and we want to make sure that all of our thinking around what the system is is handed over and able to be implemented wherever we haven't managed to touch

Larry Garfield

19:48

And who is owning that? Who has an *incentive* to own that?

Leisa Reichelt

19:48

although, clearly I could be wrong

Angie Byron

19:49

Right. Making D7UX work sustainable/carry-onnable.

Kristjan Jansen

19:49

@leisa thanks, correct!

Bojhan Somers

19:49

leisa: right, but that's not really happening - and there are very deep culture aspects of why.

Angie Byron

19:49

Larry: Every Drupal shop has *incentive* to own that, I think.

Larry Garfield

19:49

Incentive could be money, could be ego, could be "make my job easier later".



Leisa Reichelt thinks that who rockstar thing is bull frankly

19:49

chx

19:48

Larry, Plugin Manager is being worked on

Leisa Reichelt

19:49

bojhan: the system design is still embryonic at the moment... give us a chance



Angie Byron thinks that rock star is euphemism for "People who get a whole lot of ire directed at them."

19:49

Larry Garfield

19:49

Case in point: Palantir already has a workflow for getting modules down into our sites. It works for us. We're not random new users. We know how to install it as a contrib module.

Bojhan Somers

19:50

leisa: hehe, I love it. Really, bah

Giovanni Glass

19:50

head hunters use that phrase "rockstar programmers" It's total disrespect for the work at hand. IMO.

Kristjan Jansen

19:50

I never wanted to talk about -- what I meant: in order to make d7ux initiative sustainable, Drupal designers need more commitment _now_

Larry Garfield

19:50

So what is our enlightened self-interest, as a for-profit company, to devoting *an unknown number of hours* (kiss of death) to a core feature, when history has shown that even great features can get ignored and not make it into code freeze.

Angie Byron

19:51

Bojhan: I'm sensing some real bitterness from you. Can we please keep discussion on topic to this work and not whatever personal feelings are lying under the surface?

Kristjan Jansen

19:51

and learn as much from the fresh perspective Leisa & co are offering

Larry Garfield

19:51

That's what keeps more shops from doing core work, IMO.

Bojhan Somers

19:51

aww dammit, totally not what I am meaning, well.

Larry Garfield

19:51

Undefined amount of resources required for undefined, possibly no, return value.

Angie Byron

19:51

Larry: So what Palantir needs is a roadmap document that says "These are release blockers"?

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:51

@Larry - I think the whole problem is around the idea of shops contributing rather than allowing time for developers to contribute.

Bojhan Somers

19:51

kika: We can engage them by recognizing them.

Larry Garfield

19:51

And why 99% of all the core work I do is on personal time, for personal ego reasons.

merlinoflogrus

19:51

Darnit I want to code with my guitar.

Kristjan Jansen

19:52

+ we need way more talented individuals on board in upcoming months (especially post leisa&mark), such as Young

Giovanni Glass

19:52

so we need more paid resources than what is currently allocated?

Larry Garfield

19:52

catch: True. We DO have a "community development" time, but that's by nature undirected/self-directed and core is scary.

Angie Byron

19:52

Giovanni: wouldn't have to be paid, but we do need more bodies, yes.

Young Hahn

19:52

kika: I am trying to set aside time where i can

Tim Millwood

19:52

Kristjan: I don't think there will be a post Leisa & Mark.

Angie Byron

19:52

The current core development team are all tied up in their own issues.

Larry Garfield

19:52

heyrocker, for instance, is doing a lot with the deploy module still... but has written one core patch, because it scares him.

Mark Boulton

19:52

Tim: Why not?

merlinoflogrus

19:52

Drupal has changed. It used to be that a 'big' project in Drupal took a couple solid weeks and then another indefinite amount of time tweaking.

Larry Garfield

19:52

I can't throw him at "make plugin manager work in core".

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:52

We need more bodies *who can write javascript*

Kristjan Jansen

19:53

ok. less leisa&mark?

I personally will contribute my free time for now and I hope more people do it

Tim Millwood

19:53

Mark: I'm sure we'll be contributing to Drupal for a long time to come.

merlinoflogrus

19:53

Now a 'big' project in Drupal takes 3-6 months of really hard work, plus 2-3 years of going through the process of getting the core community to accept it.

Larry Garfield

19:53

hehe.

Bojhan Somers

19:53

Leisa: I think fundamentally I agree far more on system design and all that your doing that you percieve, I just want to make a informed design decision - as you said, you can never design to satisfy the current questions and that is part of why making a decision - purely design wise is really hard.

Mark Boulton

19:53

Tim: Ah! yes, I almost consider myself an insider now

Giovanni Glass

19:53

with the task broken up into chunks, people will pick what they want to tackle

Larry Garfield

19:53

DBTNG was 1.5 years in the making, because I'm bloody insane. Few people are.

Kristjan Jansen

19:53

with no JS gods, we never achieve any of the site builder UI magic

Larry Garfield

19:53

Menu API was the same.

Angie Byron

19:53

merlin: I think that is both true and untrue. Now that we have unit tests in core, some features have been able to get pushed in spookily fast.

19:53

(like the queue manager)

19:54

I didn't even get a chance to read that before it got committed.

merlinoflogrus

19:54

But queue manager wasn't a 'big' project.

Giovanni Glass

19:54

we have JS gods, kkaefer, et al

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:54

Angie: not true for anything with an interface.

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momendo: proportionally few.

Mark Boulton

19:54

Right, I'm off to eat. Here's my take. We've *seen* the reaction this tool has on the target audience's face. We've seen the potential. That's why we're very passionate about it. This honestly holds the difference between a 'oh good' release, and a game changer - and I'm not talking about Drupal, but CMS market (open source and otherwise).

Kristjan Jansen

19:54

g i v e m e m o r e

Angie Byron

19:54

Yes, re-working a huge chunk of Drupal's API is a big project. And will take longer than 2-3 weeks because it has much bigger implications than it used to (now that we have 50,000 modules)

Mark Boulton

19:55

If we can agree a way forward to Make This Happen, then it would be so incredibly awesome.

Angie Byron

19:55

Mark agreed.

Bojhan Somers

19:55

Heh, we can't say no to that.

Kristjan Jansen

19:55

there were several ideas, no?

Larry Garfield

19:55

Mark: Which is why my opinion is "you do your part to make this happen. We're debating how we're going to get our part done."

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:55

merlinoflogrus: for example I think we could completely refactor blocks in 3 months to do a subset of what Panels stuff and get that in.

Kristjan Jansen

19:55

chunk it into pieces, downscale, rework

merlinoflogrus

19:55

Like I said, I'd be happy to have a lot of it live in Panels. Which means you'd get a dedicated dev for at least those parts of it. The rest is all up to you =)

Jen Simmons

19:55

I'll be at Drupal Design Camp next weekend. What can the design community do at this point to help? (beyond read the blogs and respond to questions)

Bojhan Somers

19:55

Jen: fixing drupal theming?

merlinoflogrus

19:56

catch: If we have context first, then yes.

MOHD RAFIE

19:56

I like that!

Angie Byron

19:56

Mark/Leisa: What Larry said (you do your part to make this happen. Don't sweat the details; that's up to the rest of us)

Mark Boulton

19:56

Larry: great, but we shouldn't do that in silos

Jen Simmons

19:56

Bojhan: themers theme, they don't build theme engines

Larry Garfield

19:56

Of course not.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:56

merlinoflogrus - mind if I bother you with stupid questions over the next few weeks?

Angie Byron

19:56

Jen: There are a few design/theme-related patches in the queue. Particularly around making the default .tpl.php files a lot more themer-friendly.

Larry Garfield

19:56

But don't let us not knowing how to find the warm bodies to implement it keep you from designing it.

Angie Byron

19:56

Mfer should be pretty up to speed on those.

Tim Millwood

19:56

when we talk about putting things into Panels are we also talking about putting panels in core?

merlinoflogrus

19:56

catch: Please do. You're always welcome to ask me questions about that. For some I may point you at the code. It *is* abstracted already.

Angie Byron

19:57

Jen: Dries has also said that he wants to see new themes in core, although I haven't quite had brainspace to think of how we can do that without making it a "contest"

Mark Boulton

19:57

larry: that's very good to hear (wish I'd heard positivity like that a month ago!)

Angie Byron

19:57

Which is really uncool in the design community

merlinoflogrus

19:57

Tim: Panels, no, it's not core worthy for many reasons. Underlying architecture of it? I hope so.

Leisa Reichelt

19:57

Jen : also, talk to Mark about his thoughts re: theming

Tim Millwood

19:57

merlin: good

Larry Garfield

19:57

chaostools is more where to loo for "stuff to put into core".

Mark Boulton

19:57

Jen: Please do

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

19:57

yep.

Jen Simmons

19:57

yeah, no theme contests please.

merlinoflogrus

19:57

Yes. In fact, at this point I consider CTools my staging area for core work.

Joel

19:57

Here's a thought for Mark & Leisa.

If the details of how this Site Builder tool works can become fleshed out enough to present them to 6 big D shops as a 3-D wireframe and some screencasts, I have a feeling that they could all come to an agreement that this is something they should get together and build for their *clients*. There's not a shop out there right now that doesn't feel the pain of handing off a "completed" site to clients that then need 2 weeks of handholding in order to edit their own content and create a few new tags. Advanced Help only goes so far when the peices of the admin puzzle are lying on the ground in different rooms.

I've personally heard four dev shops admit that they're skipping D6 in favor of D7. What if we "forced" them to help built the D7 they're waiting for? Jen, are you hearing this?

merlinoflogrus

19:57

jen: Don't worry, I've let the idea die.

Angie Byron

19:58

Jen: So maybe something to take away is "How could we canvas the wider design community to create Drupal 7 themes, some of which may go into core, without insulting them?"

Leisa Reichelt

19:58

Jen - ah yes, a discussion around incentives for designers to contribute when there are no designers to show off in front of in the Drupal community. SO far all I've got is cash / visibility but visibility is problematic. Any others would be useful

Larry Garfield

19:58

Angie: The way to do that is to hire a graphic design student, pair him with one of our few designers, iterate through a design, and then *know* that it's going into core.

19:58

The not knowing is a killer for a LOT of people... themers and coders.

Leisa Reichelt

19:58

larry: hire a good designer, not a student

19:58

then other designers will aspire to be part of the strong design culture of Drupal.

Giovanni Glass

19:59

you can't force anyone. but I think if we have a clear vision, tasks broken up, paid drupal companies will step up if they want to increase their street cred

Larry Garfield

19:59

Students are cheaper. But yes, I mean hire someone who's not up to the level of awesome that you and Mark are... then help them get up to that level through Drupal.

Mark Boulton

19:59

we talked about this. We need to create a beacon

Angie Byron

19:59

@Larry: Sorry, but I don't feel comfortable "promising" someone that a design will go into core without seeing it.

MOHD RAFIE

19:59

student will eventually become a designer

19:59

junior designer i mean

Larry Garfield

19:59

Angie: Then you're talking spec work, unless you're paying them either way.

Angie Byron

19:59

@Larry: And building a design without a guarantee it goes into core is spec work.

20:00

So we are pretty much screwed.

Bojhan Somers

20:00

hah

Leisa Reichelt

20:00

mohd: absolutely, no disrespect intended to design students, but to create a design community you need people for the community to gather around.

Mark Boulton

20:00

exactly



Leisa Reichelt will not use the R-star word

20:00

Mark Boulton

20:00

moths to a lightbulb - get great designers involved (both in and outside of the community). Create a community where design is valued.

Larry Garfield

20:00

We can promise to pay them in money or in karma, but designers are even less likely to work on something without a promise of return than coders are.

Kristjan Jansen

20:00

Leisa is off, right? @Mark did you get any response what could help to iterate with site builder tomorrow?

MOHD RAFIE

20:00

oh, i'm an engineering student

merlinoflogrus

20:00

The answer is that you do 5 designs. Put them all into core. Pick the best one to be the new default. Remember, non-default themes don't have to be the best.

Giovanni Glass

20:00

design is an offline conversation no? g.d.o/design4drupal covers this and that convo stagnated

MOHD RAFIE

20:01

just love designing without making design a cheap industry

merlinoflogrus

20:01

But yeah momendo is right that conversation is not for here.

Leisa Reichelt

20:01

giovanni - are you channeling ivanka?

Angie Byron

20:01

Indeed, we got a bit OT. (*shock*!)

Giovanni Glass

20:01

i fought that topic and it died on the vine.

Kristjan Jansen

20:01

yep, please move it to d4d and just discuss the overlap of d4d and d7ux ?

Bojhan Somers

20:01

kika: Yhea, I was worried about that to

Leisa Reichelt

20:01

we'll help you keep bringing it back, don't worry

Tassoman has left the chat

20:01

Jen Simmons

20:01

Creating a beacon..... sounds like the right direction to me. The problem is not that there are too few designers. We don't need to look for students to bail us out. They'll just create more crappy designs. There are plenty of shit Drupal themes out there already. it's just too crazy-all-over-the-place right now if you are interested in jumping in, but have limited time. Some kind of central movement ... a beacon.... is exactly what's needed

Bojhan Somers

20:01

kika: seems we all love good design

Mark Boulton

20:02

look what Blogger did, and Wordpress

Kristjan Jansen

20:02

@leisa, @Mark did you got any response what could help to interate with site builder tomorrow?

20:02

among all this noise

MOHD RAFIE

20:02

WordPress break the barrier between designers and a bit of development

Leisa Reichelt

20:02

@kristjan. is that a question for us to answer or one we asked?

MOHD RAFIE

20:02

I'll try to provide some info as I go along

Angie Byron

20:03

Does anyone know what makes WP different than Drupal in that regard? I personally have no idea.

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

20:03

Mark - a lot of that is due to hosted services though I think - wordpress default theme was crapy last time I looked.

Giovanni Glass

20:03

we need dries to channel obama-like vision, break the tasks down, let the companies own a piece they have competence in, let the convo happen on d.o and d7ux, set deadlines and see where we end up in stepped milestones

Larry Garfield

20:03

JohnAlbin and Caroltron are decent beacons for the theming community, which is the in-between between designer and coder.

Bojhan Somers

20:03

@Angie poltiics

MOHD RAFIE

20:03

maybe for totally new people like me

Larry Garfield

20:03

But yeah, there's no one at that level on the fully design side.

Angie Byron

20:03

Other than "There are more sexy themes for WP so it naturally attracts more designers"

Mark Boulton

20:03

catch: no, I mean they hired Happy Cog to build 2.5

Leisa Reichelt

20:03

and its less of a nightmare to theme apparently

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

20:03

angelbyron: wordpress.com as opposed to wordpress.org

Mark Boulton

20:03

HC were the beacon

Angie Byron

20:03

And "All of the Drupal default Drupal themes suck"

Mark Boulton

20:03

in the design community

Kristjan Jansen

20:03

@leisa -- I am asking do you got stuff for tomorrows work with site builder -- or just got lot of meta-politics-roadmap talk

Jen Simmons

20:04

For one you can pound out a sexy WP theme in one day if you know what you are doing.

WP is simple. Drupal themes are way harder, esp for public consumption

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

20:04

Mark, OK but I think the Drupal ugly / wordpress pretty was there way before 2.5

Angie Byron

20:04

Leisa: Well, I know that's the perception. But I've seen WP themes and I don't see what's much different than Drupal there from the technical side. Apart from they provide a web-based interface for typing in PHP code directly *ugh)

Leisa Reichelt

20:04

@kika - I have *loads* to do tomorrow on Sitebuilder, i'm still just not 100% confident that it's the right way to spend my time....

Angie Byron

20:04

It's all just dragging in templates, modifying them, and adding CSS

Larry Garfield

20:04

kika: Well, there's about a quarter as many variables to deal with in a wordpress theme.

Angie Byron

20:04

Now theming in Drupal 5 and below? THAT was a pain.

20:04

But Drupal 6 is pretty awesome.

Leisa Reichelt

20:04

angie - i like that webbased interface, that's the only way I'd ever get into the wp code!

Larry Garfield

20:05

Esp. with Zen.

Jen Simmons

20:05

Angie: it's not just the php, its designing the way the physical spaces are used

Mark Boulton

20:05

that's not what I'm talking about. We know you can do beautiful things with Drupal, but there is no guiding light. No design lightbuld

Leisa Reichelt

20:05

angie - just telling it as i hear it

MOHD RAFIE

20:05

ok, based on Angie, I'll try drupal6

Leisa Reichelt

20:05

anyways....

Angie Byron

20:05

Leisa: Cool, thanks.

Kristjan Jansen

20:05

@leisa -- thats bad then. What could help to have that 100% confidence?

Bojhan Somers

20:05

Angie: I think, you need php to design anything in Drupal.

Leisa Reichelt

20:05

thank you everyone for your time/participation

20:05

it's been a really great conversation

20:05

i'm glad we did this (and glad I reruited ivanka!)

Jen Simmons

20:06

I hope this has been helpful, and not upsetting!

Mark Boulton

20:06

thanks everyone

MOHD RAFIE

20:06

sorry for being a pain.

Kristjan Jansen

20:06

did it met your expectations?

MOHD RAFIE

20:06

haha

Angie Byron

20:06

Bojhan: It depends. If all you want is different colours, one line to your .info file to add in a style sheet. If you want to change the HTML around the stuff, you can monkey about in .tpl.php files quite a bit without knowing any PHP.

Bojhan Somers

20:06

A designer, doesnt want diffrent colours

Angie Byron

20:06

Leisa: So you're cool with the "outcome" as it were?

Leisa Reichelt

20:06

kika: I had anticipated the worst, so this is pretty good

Bojhan Somers

20:06

hah

Larry Garfield

20:06

bojhan: You need to be a CSS guru more than a PHP guru.

Angie Byron

20:06

I was worried about that.

Leisa Reichelt

20:06

angie: not really but I don't see how we can get past it... I'll give it some more thought.

Kristjan Jansen

20:07

again, what is needed to help you guys move forward?

Angie Byron

20:07

bojhan: What we've seen is that the thing that screws designers up the most is not PHP, it's the entire concept that there is no "Page" to theme. There are bits and pieces of things to theme that come together and make a page.

20:07

But that's true of WP and Joomla too, from what I can tell.

Bojhan Somers

20:07

True, that to

Leisa Reichelt

20:07

kika: confidence that our work will actually come to something!

Bojhan Somers

20:07

Angie, nah not really.

Angie Byron

20:07

It's mostly the "You can't use Dreamweaver for theming a CMS" thing that makes theming hard.

Jen Simmons

20:07

it's more true in WP - the php is in more pieces

Bojhan Somers

20:07

@Angie its all perception, Drupal percieves far more difficult to theme.

Jen Simmons

20:07

pro designers don't use dreamweaver

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

20:07

@Leisa: this is the way of all core patches..

Larry Garfield

20:07

Angie: Not just that, but the difficulty in pulling things from one chunk into another sibling chunk.

Angie Byron

20:07

Jen: Yeah. The two WP themes I've ever seen had gobs of PHP in them.

Giovanni Glass

20:07

maybe another blog post, post-status update is at hand

Angie Byron

20:07

Stuff we use modules to do.



Angie Byron shudders again

20:08

MOHD RAFIE

20:08

Ah Jen, you made a mistake there

Kristjan Jansen

20:08

@leisa it already has changed more than anything else lately in Drupal

Leisa Reichelt

20:08

i have to say that I'm leaning towards deprioritising site builder for now, working on other stuff (in a way that will hopefully fit into sitebuilder on the off chance it ever happens) and get back to it if we can

Jen Simmons

20:08

you can't build a well-done website using Dreamweaver tools either. so that's not the drupal delay

Mark Boulton

20:08

likewise

Angie Byron

20:08

Leisa/Mark: Aw.

Roy Scholten

20:08

CAN WE HAZ MICROPROJECTS AROUND SITE BUILDER?

Angie Byron

20:08

Honestly, that's probably the most sensible thing to do.

chx

20:08

Leisa, i think it's quite clear that you need to talk to Dries

Tim Millwood

20:08

I think site builder 1.0 could be very simple.

Mark Boulton

20:08

chx: we've tried

Angie Byron

20:08

But I still wonder if there's a way we could pull this off.

Kristjan Jansen

20:08

can we have microproject "make leisa believe again!?"

merlinoflogrus

20:09

Leisa: Given what you've said and your reasons, I think that is the right decision. As sorry as I am to see it.

chx

20:09

If he says "site builder mandatory for D7" then that happens

Roy Scholten

20:09

Angie Byron

20:09

kika: Haha. Yes!

Jen Simmons

20:09

(i mean you can use Dreamweaver... but you can't let it write the code for you)

Bojhan Somers

20:09

Leisa: right, microprojects - we still need to talk about that, and loads of other stuff When we have like 1 minute somewhere.

Giovanni Glass

20:09

microsoft does this, iterate over and over for years,

Shoko and Nat Catchpole

20:09

@Mark tried code freeze or tried sticking site builder in front of?

Leisa Reichelt

20:09

Roy - one of the next steps I think would definitely be to get some working parties on that list If pages Bojhan rattled off earlier - I was thinking I could pair design with some of the UX crew



Larry Garfield needs to get back to his site upgrade, handlers, and house shopping....

20:10

merlinoflogrus

20:10

Angie: One thing that could still come out of sitebuilder is the design bar at the top of the page. We could really use that. An admin menu on steroids.

Mark Boulton

20:10

catch: yep. Feeling is there's not enough buy in and code freeze pretty imovable.

Bojhan Somers

20:10

Leisa: yhea, I have bunch of stuff to work out for you guys - lets just do this somewhere next week.

Angie Byron

20:10

merlin: Well, that's actually separate from site builder.

Kristjan Jansen

20:10

I will step forward, although from spare time

Angie Byron

20:10

Mark/Leisa: Let's propose something to Dries first before we totally call this off. Ok?

Mark Boulton

20:11

angie: happy to

Leisa Reichelt

20:11

kika: yay. that would be awesome

Angie Byron

20:11

I can own that.

MOHD RAFIE

20:11

define: Dries

merlinoflogrus

20:11

angela: Oh well then that makes it easier.

Angie Byron

20:11

Mohd: Sorry. Dries is the Drupal project lead.

Leisa Reichelt

20:11

Dries = God Of Drupal

Angie Byron

20:11

Mohd: our "benevolent dictator for life"

MOHD RAFIE

20:11

OMG!

20:11

haha

Mark Boulton

20:11

Dries = The Buck Stops

Tim Millwood

20:11

Mohd <http://drupal.org/user/1>

Angie Byron

20:11

Right.

Kristjan Jansen

20:11

I think break monolithic d7ux proposal into pieces and separately track / schedule them -- both UX and API part -- needs to happen fast

merlinoflogrus

20:11

Dries pretty much has the final say about what happens with Drupal core, always.

Leisa Reichelt

20:11

i reckon Dries = at the hospital at the moment too, huh?

Angie Byron

20:12

Leisa: I think so.

merlinoflogrus

20:12

Leisa: I should hope so.

Bojhan Somers

20:12

hehe,

Giovanni Glass

20:12

jan: i think so too

Angie Byron

20:12

Ok, I'll own "writing a big ass email to Dries that summarizes the concerns raise dhere and what we need from him:

Larry Garfield

20:12

Oh, is he? About time.

Mark Boulton

20:12

Angie: Thanks

Angie Byron

20:13

Mark/Leisa: Is there other stuff you can work on that doesn't mean setting the site builder totally aside in the meantime?



Angie Byron anticipates it may take more than a day or two to get a response.

20:13

Mark Boulton

20:13

Angie: Totally. Heaps.

Leisa Reichelt

20:13

ok then. here's what I'll do. I have some more ideas that I want to get into this prototype so that I thnk it really starts to make it clear what it is, what it needs to do etc. I'll finish that up. Let's see what we can do re: talking with Dries, but I'm going to hold off further work on Sitebuilder and focus n other stuff until we have more commitment

Angie Byron

20:13

yay!

20:13

Leisa: that sounds great.

20:13

Ok. So I'm going to work on committment.

Tim Millwood

20:13

I think at minimum site builder should be an improved version of Drupal 6's install profiles. I may even open an issue to start this.

Angie Byron

20:13

Joel is going to work on features/whatever.

Kristjan Jansen

20:13

sure, its already broke up <http://www.d7ux.org/project-framework/> but perhaps there should be more smaller pieces what already map with some of the API implementations so devs and UX can work together.

Angie Byron

20:13

(or getting the latticework in place)

20:14

catch and Earl are going to work on teasing out what from CTools makes sense as core patches (possibly the whole thing)

Kristjan Jansen

20:14

Also, the prioritizing (if we only have resources for implement 6 pieces out of 12 d7ux parts, what gets in?)

Joel

20:14

Just add cTools to core. Hehehehe.

Angie Byron

20:14

ugh. someone chx? was going to work on making some more headway with plugin manager

Larry Garfield

20:14

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kkaefer/1448284068/> - courtesy chx

Angie Byron

20:15

I can talk to Rob Loach about the jQuery stuff

Kristjan Jansen

20:15

ctools in 1 sentence, please?

Larry Garfield

20:15

chx is working on plugin manager, which I think is a dangerous name since handlers will probably get renamed to plugins.

20:15

kristjan: The core++ stuff that views and panels both need, factored out.

merlinoflogrus

20:15

kika: It's a collection of underlying API tools I use to do the advanced stuff in Panels and Views. Some of it is UI related some of it is underlying data structure related. It's about 10 different tools all in one.

Angie Byron

20:15

Jen has owned some of the "higher-level" tasks, like tackling some of the "people" reasons this isn't moving forward

Leisa Reichelt

20:15

is anyone putting this in the google doc?

Angie Byron

20:15

as well as liaising with the design community

Kristjan Jansen

20:15

can we ban work "plugin"? Algon with "page"?

Angie Byron

20:15

Leisa: no.

20:16

I can go back and add it though

Leisa Reichelt

20:16

ok, i can come back and copy it over later from the transcript

merlinoflogrus

20:16

kika: It includes ajax helpers, multi-step form wizard, plugin loading, contexts, etc.

Joel

20:16

I haven't been able to access the google doc. ever. I just keep getting a endlessly loading white page.

Leisa Reichelt

20:16

i have to go now though - thanks again everyone

Angie Byron

20:16

Anyone else say that they would do something?

Bojhan Somers

20:16

larry: any reason why plugin manager isnt called module manager?

Angie Byron

20:16

Leisa: Thank you SO much!!!

Mark Boulton

20:16

me too. Thanks everyone.

merlinoflogrus

20:16

Bojhan: I handles themes too

20:16

It

Bojhan Somers

20:16

merlin: ahh,

Leisa Reichelt

20:16

my pleasure - bye! (although I'm not logging out so I can keep the transcript!)

merlinoflogrus

20:16

Leisa, Mark: Take care!

Bojhan Somers

20:16

Module & Theme Manager

Angie Byron

20:16

We do need to get rid of the silly word "plugin" though. ;P

Jen Simmons

20:16

maybe local drupal meetups can each take on a piece of the build. Rob Loach is on NYC.... and is a big leader here..... but when I talked to the NYC group after D.C., they were pretty anti-UX. They just haven't been evangelized yet... and if they were on board, the group could contribute a lot. Again, leadership. Rob could do great things. Might be true in other cities. Give each city a chunk.

Kristjan Jansen

20:16

thanks, Leisa. I am sorry you feel inconfident now

Bojhan Somers

20:17

Thanks al lot!

Jen Simmons

20:17

Thanks Leissa!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MOHD RAFIE

20:17

cheers all!

Larry Garfield

20:17

Yay, Leisa!

20:17

bojhan: Not a clue. It ought to be.

Angie Byron

20:17

ok, I think I'm going to head out too.

Bojhan Somers

20:17

@Angie thanks for beign here

Tim Millwood

20:17

We have Drupalcamp UK, next week, maybe we can get something done.

Larry Garfield

20:17

God, it's after 2 pm already???

Konstantin Käfer joined the chat

20:17

Angie Byron

20:17

Bojhan: Anytime!

merlinoflogrus

20:17

Leisa: Whatever happens, I will raid your Sitebuilder design for parts. =)

Kristjan Jansen

20:19

sitebuilder is what we need. let's just split it up and work on details and to get it in. Even if we manage get some parts in only, it is a very good guideline to work towards

Larry Garfield

20:19

webchick: Another problem is that we're too big for anyone to want to do anything.

Angie Byron

20:19

Larry: "we" ==?

Kristjan Jansen

20:19

the world will not end if there is no canvas-based page rearranging tool and just list-based one etc.

Larry Garfield

20:20

Diffusion of responsibility. "There's enough other people that someone will do it, I don't need to."

20:20

It's a well-understood psychological behavioral pattern.

Angie Byron

20:20

Ah, yes.

Larry Garfield

20:20

The more people there are in the big soup of Drupalers, the less responsibility anyone feels to do anything that needs doing.

20:20

That's something we have to address... I just fear we won't be allowed to.

Jen Simmons

20:21

Angie, I'd love to talk to you more about themes. How do I reach you?

Angie Byron

20:21

Jen: IRC is usually best. I'm "webchick" on irc.freenode.net. There's a design channel there too: #drupal-design

20:21

I fail at pretty much every other communication medium, I've found.

20:22

But if you want to send an e-mail it's drupal [at] webchick.net

Jen Simmons

20:22

ha! You can reach me at jensimmons at gmail

Angie Byron

20:22

Honestly though, I'd prefer to discuss this on groups.drupal.org so others can participate.

20:22

Email is where good information goes to die.

Jen Simmons

20:22

ok

Bojhan Somers

20:22

@Angie I love that lesson btw



Joel adds that to his rotating email quote sig

20:22

Angie Byron

20:23

Haha.

Bojhan Somers

20:23

I found it so true, only after I experienced what I was doing.

Giovanni Glass

20:23

use google wave!

MOHD RAFIE

20:23

i'm off. thanks all!

20:23

bye bye

Angie Byron

20:23

bye, Mohd! Thanks for stopping by!

Bojhan Somers

20:23

@angie emmajane made another patch, yay!

Angie Byron

20:24

Bojhan: W00t!

20:24

URL?

Jen Simmons

20:24

i gotta get the rest of my plants into the garden... so I'm off too. Thanks for the discussion everyone!!

Bojhan Somers

20:24

<http://drupal.org/node/484186>

20:24

Jen: Thanks for beign in this talk!

Angie Byron

20:25

Agreed.

20:25

It's really cool all of the people who showed up.

Tim Millwood

20:25

is there anyway settings.php can be automatically generated?

Bojhan Somers

20:25

Tim: no

Angie Byron

20:25

Tim: The short answer is no.

Kristjan Jansen

20:25

it's almost like DrupalSkypeCon

Larry Garfield

20:25

File permissions make life hard.

Tim Millwood

20:25

MOHD RAFIE has left the chat

20:25

chx

20:26

Angie, the long answer is yes-

Angie Byron

20:26

The long answer is "Not without making Drupal exploitable"

Giovanni Glass

20:26

i was hoping people would step up to the mike, it's skype afterall

chx

20:26

but we need plugin manager first in.

Angie Byron

20:26

chx: ORLY?

chx

20:26

yeah

20:26

if you can copy themes and modules.... why not settings.php ?

Angie Byron

20:26

I guess that's true!

chx

20:26

we can provide a cospypaste backend too



Larry Garfield strokes his evil goatee.

20:27

Bojhan Somers

20:27

chx: but!

chx

20:27

"Here is your settings.php , upload it"

Bojhan Somers

20:27

chx: can we remember ftp data?

chx

20:27

NO!

Angie Byron

20:27

chx: How far along is plugin manager? I confess I haven't really sat down and read/tried that patch yet.

Bojhan Somers

20:27

chx: heh

Larry Garfield

20:27

chx: So module manager (they're not plugins!!!!) needs to get into core, stat.

chx

20:27

Larry: yes.

Larry Garfield

20:27

Last I saw it the UI was unusable even in contrib.

chx

20:27

Jacob Singh wanted to take over

20:27

the backend is quite good

20:27

it needs OOPification

20:27

but , it's quite ahead



Angie Byron blinks

20:27



Larry Garfield perks up.

20:27

Angie Byron

20:27

it needs OOPification?



Kristjan Jansen thinks we need to rename it to #drupal-dev

20:28

chx

20:28

teh UI is teh sucks.

Angie Byron

20:28

Coming from chx?

Young Hahn

20:28

did chx just say that

Bojhan Somers

20:28

larry: We have stalleed most work on UI

Angie Byron

20:28

haha, sorry kika. we're shedding designers right and left.



Giovanni Glass blinks twice

20:28

Angie Byron

20:28

My understanding was the "part 1:" patch didn't have any UI bits in it, eh?

chx

20:28

yes.

20:28

No UI

Angie Byron

20:28

Good.

merlinoflogrus

20:29

Hm. I found the UI for plugin manager to be perfectly usable. A little ugly but perfectly usable.

Larry Garfield

20:29

chx: If you have specific OOPification questions/issues, please point me at them.

chx

20:29

You knoe, while the tab cleanup work is fun

20:29

this PM is more important

Angie Byron

20:29

chx: WAY more important.

chx

20:29

what about I eat lunch and finish PM part 1?

Angie Byron

20:29

LOL

20:29

Sounds great!

Larry Garfield

20:30

So should we move back to #drupal-dev or #drupal?

chx

20:30

who wants to order me sushi ?

merlinoflogrus

20:30

Anyway, I should close this chat and go shower and stuff. Man.

Konstantin Käfer

20:30

I do

Angie Byron

20:30

#drupal looks busy. Let's go to #drupal-dev.

Konstantin Käfer

20:30

does anyone see my messages, btw?

Giovanni Glass

20:30

yes

Konstantin Käfer

20:30

ok

Giovanni Glass

20:31

you came in late however

20:32

alright, i'm out. tnks everyone

chx has left the chat

20:33

Angie Byron

21:02

(oh, btw, for transcript purposes, we all went to #drupal-dev and found that the last reply in the 'plugin manager' issue was Jacob saying "I'll have a new patch in a day or two" so we went and moved onto other things.)