the drupal.org redesign project
design by community

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Drupal.org is the official website of Drupal, an open source content management platform.

Equipped with a powerful blend of features, Drupal supports a variety of websites ranging from personal weblogs to large community-driven websites.

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Drupal 6.5 and 5.11 released

Gábor Hojtsy - October 8, 2008 - 21:38

Drupal 6.5 and Drupal 5.11, maintenance releases fixing problems reported using the bug tracking system, as well as critical security vulnerabilities, are now available for download.

Upgrading your existing Drupal 5 and 6 sites is strongly recommended. There are no new features in these releases. For more information about the Drupal 6.x release series, consult the Drupal 6.0 release announcement, more information on the 5.x releases can be found in Drupal 5.0 release announcement.

Download Drupal 6.5
Download Drupal 5.11

Views 2.0 officially released!

merlinofchaos - October 17, 2008 - 22:02

Three and a half months ago, Views, along with CCK and OG were made available as a release candidates. Today, I've finally got to the conclusion that this application has been immensely improved in the past months, which is why it is now officially released as Views 2.0.
‘Drupal is an **open source social publishing platform** that allows an individual or a community of users to easily publish, manage and organize a wide variety of content on a website.

Begun as a hobby project of Dries Buytaert, it was first released as an **open source project** in 2001 and has steadily grown in popularity ever since.’
720,000 unique visitors / month
homepage viewed 1 million times / month
300,000+ users
300 new users per day
375,000 discussion threads
4:1 response rate on general discussions
10:1 response rate on dev. discussions
how do you redesign the home of such an active, engaged community?
how do you design in an ‘open source’ way?
design by & with community
Drupal.org Redesign - Participate in Research

we’re looking for all kinds of people to help us redesign drupal.org - whether you’re a newbie, a drupal developer, a designer, or someone who has to decide which CMS to use where... we want to hear from you!

You just need to fill out the form below and then stay tuned to hear from us in the coming months!

* Erforderlich

How well do you know Drupal? *
- not at all - I've never used Drupal
- low knowledge - I know Drupal a little but not a lot
- medium knowledge - I've used Drupal a little but there is a lot I don't know
- expert - I know most things about Drupal

Do you consider yourself a part of the 'Drupal community'? *
- yes
- no
- not yet!
- what Drupal community?

How would you describe your role? *
- Developer/Programmer
- Trainer
- Designer
- Content Manager/Editorial/Admin
- Project Manager
- Decision Maker/Other
openly blogging the process
asking questions
Design By Community

September 16, 2008

One of the interesting challenges of the redesign process for Drupal.org is managing the expectations of a community of over 200,000 registered users. Not only that, but a community of largely open source developers. I mention that specifically because of the culture that surrounds open source development. Leisa and I have been trying something that is, frankly, terrifying. We're designing in the open.

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Alys Rose Boulton
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Drupal.org: come wireframe with me!
Leisa calls on the community to take part in an interesting group wireframing exercise

disambiguity – "Opening the floodgates! How to participate in the Drupal.org redesign project
Leisa opens the floodgates with many channels by which to participate in the Drupal.org redesign project.

Drupal.org:

August 15, 2008

A day or so ago, the small design studio I run, Mark Boulton Design, was announced as the redesign partner for the redesign of drupal.org. Together with the outstandingly talented Leisa Reichelt and Carolyn Wood, the team at Mark Boulton Design, has been hard at work and I'll be talking about the process and asking questions

Of interest ...

From Poly to Pole
Ten Crimes Against Web Typography (and how to avoid them)
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Slightly OT: Feedback on changes to group layout

Laura - Tue, 2008-09-16 21:36
Since this has been such an active group, with multiple concurrently active threads, I did a little Panels work here to (hopefully) make it a bit easier to keep up with everything.

The Discussion tab shows all content in the traditional River of News format.

The Recent Activity tab shows a table of posts, sorted by the date/time of the most recent comment on the thread. (Current Drupal aficionados will recognize this as much like the Tracker view.)

Updated: redesign discussions to get involved with!

leisareichelt - Tue, 2008-09-16 10:47
hi all

just a little update of more redesign collaboration we're doing.

if you haven't already, consider whipping up a wireframe of a page you think needs some attention ref:
http://www.disambiguity.com/drupalorg-come-wireframe-with-me/

We're also getting into tackling Information Architecture issues with an online cardsort: http://www.disambiguity.com/drupalorg-help-overhaul-the-information-arch...
(phew, what a long URL!)

and a discussion about whether d.o is or isn't in a healthy state of flux: http://www.disambiguity.com/drupalorg-discussion-is-drupal.org-

More coverage of regional events in the Drupal

I think it is crazy that the regional events don't get more coverage over at the drupal.org main site.
recruit *more* participation

(search.twitter.com)
lightweight communication with community via Twitter
Crowd Sourcing Research

This wiki has been thrown together quickly to act as a support resource for communities who are looking for resources for their community to get involved in user research. In the first instance, for the Drupal Redesign project which is currently in progress.

here's a summary of the information we're gathering:

- Technology - how to get set up
- Interviewing - how to run a good interview
- Recruiting - who to interview and how to find them
- Analysing Research - what did you learn? what should be done as a result of what you've learned
- Sharing Our Knowledge - can we create a 'source library' for user research?

Where is the current prototype? here: http://drupal.markboultondesign.com/iteration2/

More soon and - it's a wiki! Feel free to add whatever you can!

yay!

Need help with formatting? Here's the cribnotes I use. http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Formatting Are you good with wikis and wiki formatting? Feel free to go crazy and tidy this up! In particular - does anyone know how to change that 'MainPage' heading to something more useful like 'Crowd Sourcing Research'?
Drupal.org prototype development

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<td>Revised navigation</td>
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<td>Iteration #3 ~ 10th October 2008</td>
<td>Download &amp; Extend</td>
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<td>Updated content and added new pages</td>
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*Please note:* These prototype files are to indicate and demonstrate functionality only. They are not indicative of the final design of the website.

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