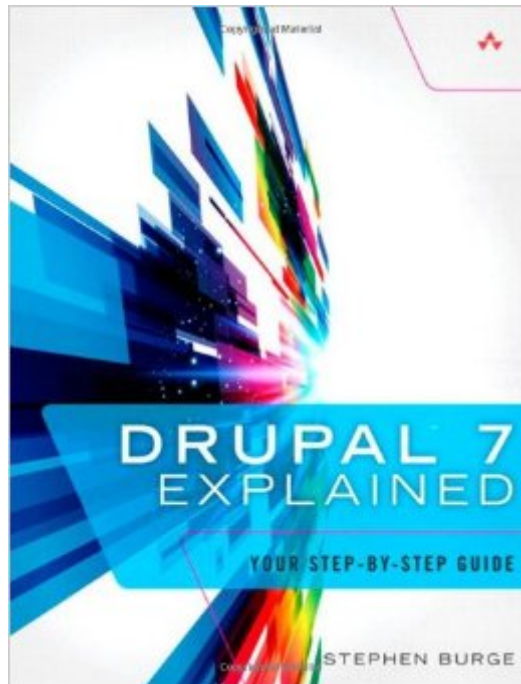


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Drupal 7 Explained: Your Step-by-Step Guide



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Drupal 7 Explained is for people who want a fun and clear introduction to Drupal. Drupal 7 Explained requires absolutely no experience with Drupal, content management, site construction, programming, scripting, or even HTML. Discover what Drupal does and how it works; then install Drupal 7, master site administration, simplify site creation via workflows, create highly-usable navigation, and much more. Quickly change site designs with themes; find, choose, install, and use modules, including Views; create advanced layouts with Display Suite Panels; customize user access; update and back up your sites; and build multiple site types, step by step! Please note: This book is 100% aimed at Drupal beginners. Drupal 7 Explained contains no code and that is absolutely deliberate. If you want to learn how to create themes or code modules, there are other books for you.

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This was my first venture into Drupalville, a little play on words, referencing the initial project that you will develop when you follow this book. This book does a great job getting you grounded in the proper way to approach Web projects. The process of Defining what you want to accomplish is spelled out with a critical overview. Anyone with a project manager or business analyst perspective will not be bored as this reminder is often necessary. Those who get charged up can go on the acquire Cindy McCourt's book "Drupal, The Guide to Planning and Building Websites" which I acquired prior to committing to actually learning Drupal. If you are a developer, you can follow the

step-by-step process to install Drupal and get started. The book does not assume that some obscure "Administrator" exists in your world who will "set you up" with an account. You are that person, and you can easily accomplish what is necessary to get started. PC or Mac? Doesn't matter. Local or Remote? Remote is recommended for obvious reasons, much less to do, and help is available. I got impatient and installed it locally with a simple download package. That got me started and I completed enough modules to know this book is excellent. Concomitantly, I acquired a new computer, and I really should start again, following their approach, on the new installation. I found the Drupal terminology explained very clearly. Even the simple terms are introduced and then re-inforced by the web creation process. One interesting approach is to wait until Chapter 12 to discuss the End User. The whole concept of creating special access web pages (or content) or setting up unique permissions can clearly wait until you know what you are doing. By Chapter 12 you should know what you are doing, and whom your target audience is. I think anyone can get started in Drupal with this book; you'd be a dummy to buy a different book!

This book is an excellent starting point for new Drupal users, or for the Drupal-curious. Written with the needs of the absolute beginner in mind, it provides a resource for anyone, no matter how much or little the individual knows about HTML, PHP or servers, to get started on their own advanced website. Burge manages to clearly explain very difficult Drupal concepts, such as Taxonomy, Views and Layouts. He also pointedly introduces the reader to the Drupal community (Drupal's greatest asset) throughout the book. Don't give up if you get frustrated during the install chapter. This is the most complicated part of the entire process, and Burge has simplified it brilliantly. Follow his guidance, and when you complete the chapter, you will be able to enjoy the rest of the projects throughout the book. By the end of the book, you will fully understand why those of us who use Drupal every day are so passionate about it! This is a new book, and there are still a couple of errors that haven't been corrected; if an instruction seems non-sequitur, it probably is. By the time you read the book, there will probably be an errata page to reference, but if you get stuck, backtrack a bit and think through the steps. Burge's explanations should give you enough foundation to figure it out on your own; if they don't, ask the community and you'll be back on track quickly. I definitely recommend this book as a starting point for those new to Drupal.

As a newbie Drupal user I love this book, I can overlook the editor mistakes--which by the way have been listed and correct on the book's webpage. Of the four Drupal books I purchased this is by far the easiest to follow, and the only one I've been inspired to read through completely! I have installed

many of the modules discussed and applied many hints that were given in the book--all of which will make my new site more user friendly and easier to maintain. I highly recommend "Drupal 7 Explained" to anyone seeking help in getting a basic web site created. Leave some of the more technical books until later! The help I've gotten from Stephen Burge through this book and OStraining has been invaluable.

Considering we are about to venture into Drupal 8, a lot of books on Drupal 7 are limited since many are not up to date. I was able to progress all the way to the end of this book with only a few problems, mostly because of user error. It teaches you the basics and is in depth so you get a good grasp on the fundamentals of Drupal 7. I highly recommend this book and if you notice the date I entered this review, you will see it still applies to the current version of Drupal 7 and gives you the ability to put together a good site. I wish this author would put together an intermediate and expert level book on Drupal. He does a very in depth explanation of what is needed to be successful in the Drupal environment. There were a few areas where I really had to concentrate to understand what he was trying to get you through but all in all, I was able to figure it out.. The book is pretty much on the spot with what you will see in the Drupal dashboard and behind the scenes of configuring your site. I've heard that other books can leave you in the wilderness, but this one doesn't. Don't let the fact that Drupal 8 is coming out, get this for a good handle on how to create a site in Drupal 7. Knowledge learned from here will fit right into Drupal 8.

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