DRUPAL 9
A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DID YOU KNOW?

Drupal 8 will reach end-of-life (EOL) by November 2021 and Drupal 7 by November 2022 and cease to exist. It's important to plan ahead, because the sooner you upgrade, the earlier you can take advantage of Drupal's 9 exciting new features.

WHAT DOES EOL MEAN?

Drupal will no longer support, maintain or improve Drupal 7 and 8. Using unsupported software is risky and can lead to four major disadvantages:

a. Higher security risks

b. Declining website performance, because new functionalities can't be implemented

c. Increased cost, because you will have to purchase support and maintenance from third parties

d. Decreasing SEO ranking

What's in it for you?

1. Your website follows the latest technology standards and will be future-proof for the next 5 years.
2. Future changes will take less time and effort because of core architecture standardization.
3. Updated front end techniques equates to better SEO rankings, performance and accessibility.
4. Big improvements in website loading time.
5. The dynamic CMS provides flexibility for creating new pages with available web components, we call this the "flexible component mindset".

THE UPGRADE

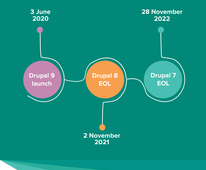
The upgrade from Drupal 7 to Drupal 9 is a sizable one, because of the significant changes in architecture. This is mostly because Drupal 8 was built from scratch without using the architecture of Drupal 7.

Drupal 9 on the other hand is built from the same architecture as Drupal 8. The update from Drupal 8 to Drupal 9 is therefore generally speaking a much smoother process.

THE TIMELINE

The timeline will depend on the size and complexity of your website. The average duration of a trajectory is 80 - 120 hours for a standard website and 120 - 250 hours for a more complex and large website.

Time to upgrade!



Upgrading to Drupal 9 is a must if you want a high-performing and secure website that puts you one step ahead of your competitors. It is not about whether you should upgrade or not, but about when you are going to do so and if you have a solid strategy in place.

LOOKING TO UPGRADE TO DRUPAL 9?

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