# GETTING STARTED WITH DRUPAL

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### **ASSUMPTIONS**

- You may or may not have development experience
- You have never used or have just started using Drupal
- Talking and thinking in terms of Drupal 7
- Not step by step guide, but key points

# INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

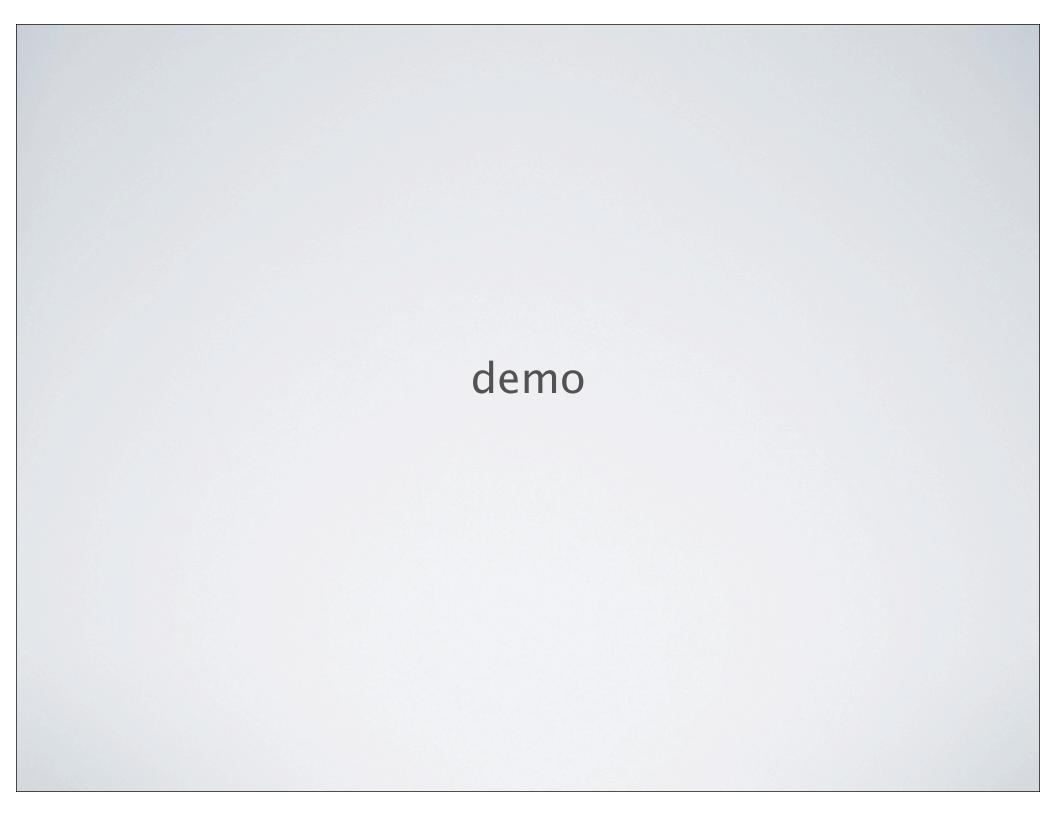
- PHP, Database, Web Server
  - Drupal 7: PHP 5.2.5 or higher (5.3 recommended)
  - Apache
  - MySQL 5.0.15 or higher

### DEV ENVIRONMENT

- MAMP/WAMP
  - Mac, Apache, MySql, PHP
  - Windows, Apache, MySql, PHP
- Acquia Dev Desktop

### **STEPS**

- 1. Setup dev environment
- 2.Create an empty database create user
- 3. Download Drupal Drupal 7
- 4. Access install directory via browser
- 5. Follow installation wizard
- 6.DONE!



## DRUPAL COMPONENTS

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- Functionality Modules
- Visual Layout Themes
- Distributions

# DRUPAL COMPONENT: FUNCTIONALITY

Modules
23,052

Core
Contributed

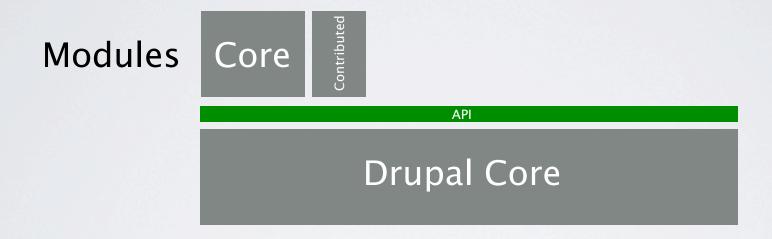
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Drupal Core

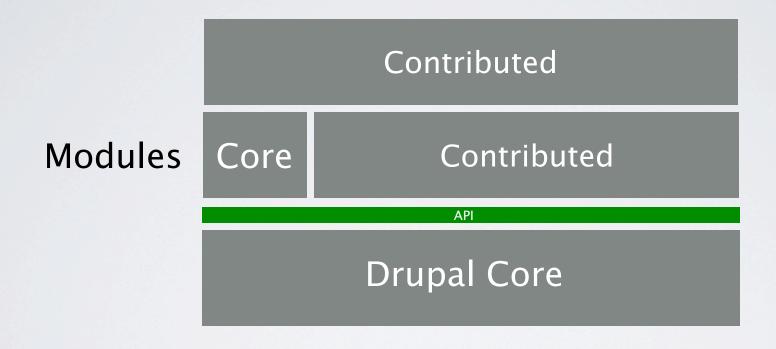
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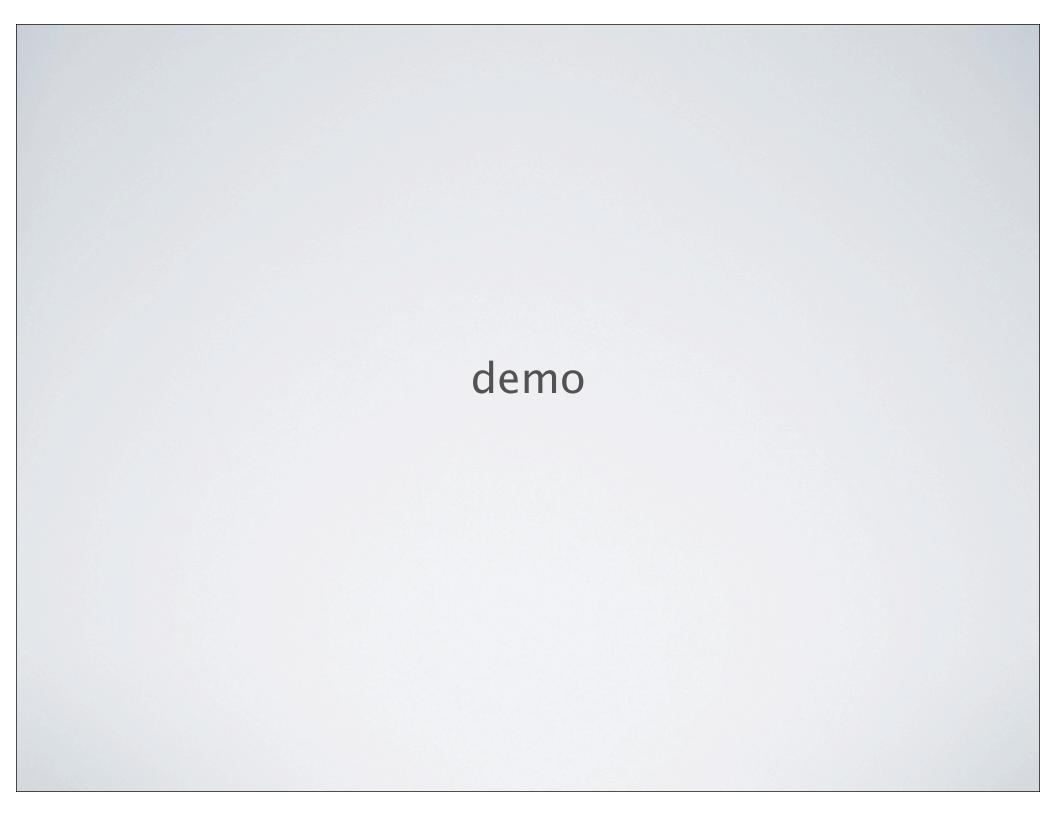
- Core Drupal required
- Contributed
  - Community provided (23,000+)
  - "There is a module for that"

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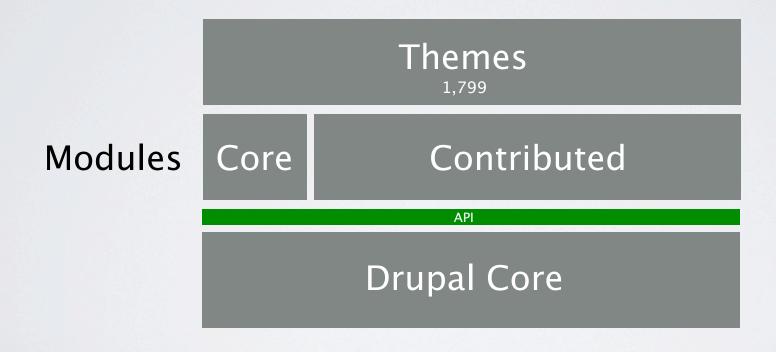


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# DRUPAL COMPONENT: VISUAL LAYOUT

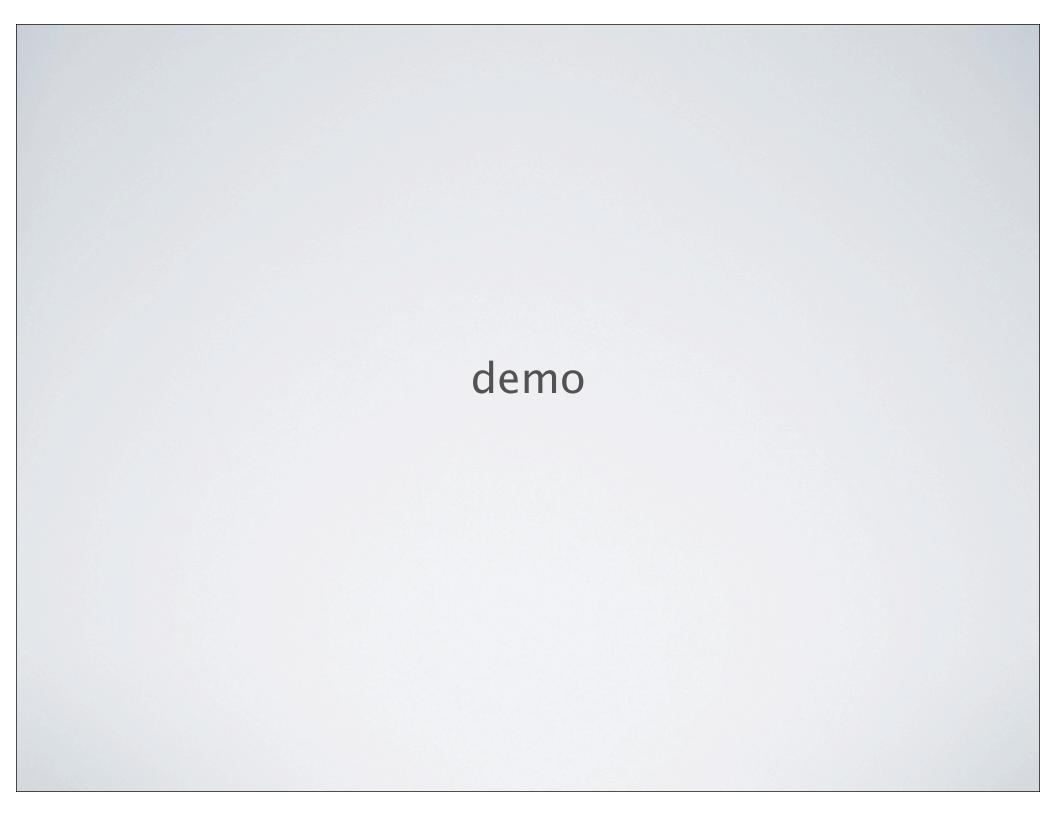


#### VISUAL LAYOUT: THEME

- Change look and feel of website
- Core Themes provided on installation
- Contributed Themes
- Create your own

#### VISUAL LAYOUT: THEME

- Themes characteristics
  - Different layout regions
    - 2 sides bars, two footers, nav section...
  - Responsive, Fluid Layouts
  - Fonts, colors, widths...

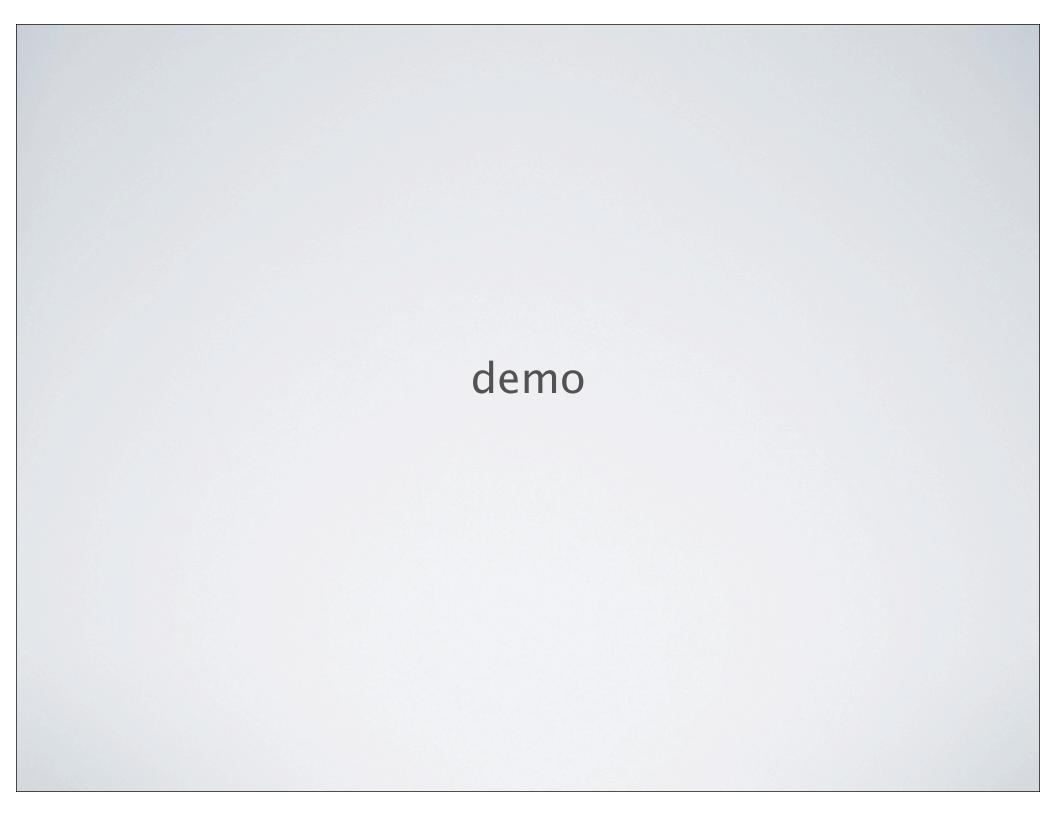


# FUNCTIONALITY: DISTRIBUTIONS

- Examples:
  - Drupal Commons internal or external communities
  - OpenPublish Online news industry
  - Commerce Kickstart Implementation of Drupal Commerce Module

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- Single install that contains:
  - Drupal, Modules, Theme and Configuration
- Quick implementation specific use-case
- Community contributed
- 699 available



## CORE CONCEPTS

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- Content Types
- Nodes
- Block, Menu & Taxonomy

# CORE CONCEPTS: CONTENT TYPES

- (like) Database Tables
  - Books, Orders, Articles, Restaurant Menus, Customers...
- Default Content Types: Articles and Basic Page
- Create as many content types as you need

# CORE CONCEPTS: CONTENT TYPES

- Books
  - Title, Description, Author, ISBN

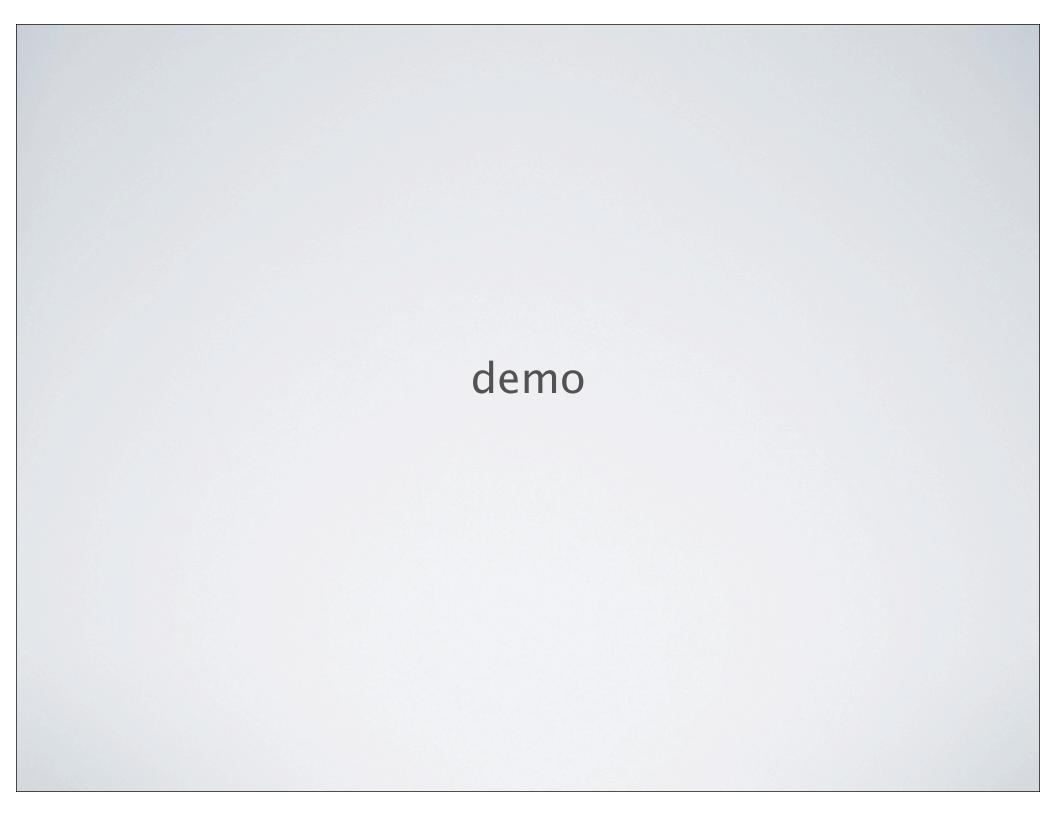
LABEL	MACHINE NAME	FIELD TYPE
+ Title	title	Node module element
+ Description	body	Long text and summary
+ Author First	field_author_first	Text
+ Author Last	field_author_last	Text

# CORE CONCEPTS: CONTENT TYPES

- Every Content Types has
  - At least one field, TITLE
  - Author
  - Publishing information
  - Comments

# CORE CONCEPTS: NODE

- All content is a Node
- A node is any Article, Blog Post, Customer, Menu Item...
- Every one has a unique ID, NID



# CORE CONCEPTS: OTHER

blocks, menu, taxonomy

# FIRST PROJECT(S)

### OUT OF THE BOX

- Basic website:
  - Menus
  - Basic content pages
  - Articles (blog) w/comments

# START WITH DISTRIBUTION?

Maybe

- Experience development will be more successful using a Distribution
- Learn by building from scratch and learn from using a distribution
- How close does the distribution match the functionality you require?

### START WITH THEME?

Yes - It's required

- Install a few themes and switch between them
- Choosing a theme
  - Characteristics, Number of websites using the Theme, Number of open issues

### TYPICAL FUNCTIONALITY

- Forms
  - Modules: Webform, Webform Conditional
- WYSIWYG Editing
  - Module: WYSIWYG, TinyMCE/CKEditor, Insert
- Multi-level menus
  - Modules: Nice Menus, Menu Blocks
- Displaying of Data
  - Module: Views

### CHOOSING A MODULE

- Search Drupal.org (advanced Modules)
- Search Google.com
- Choosing
  - Module usage, "Actively Maintained", Open/ Close issues

### RESOURCES

- Drupal.org
- Groups.Drupal.org
- Drupal IRC
- Drupal User Group
- Drupal Camps
- Podcasts

- YouTube
- Drupalize.me
- · Linda.com
- BuildaModule.com
- Visit Amazon.com

## THE END

THANK YOU

### LINKS

- Drupal download -<u>https://drupal.org/start</u>
- MAMP <a href="http://www.mamp.info/">http://www.mamp.info/</a>
- WAMP <a href="http://www.wampserver.com/">http://www.wampserver.com/</a>
- Acquia Dev Desktop <a href="http://www.acquia.com/downloads">http://www.acquia.com/downloads</a>
- IRC <a href="https://drupal.org/irc">https://drupal.org/irc</a>