

Comparing Open Source CMSs: Joomla, Drupal, and Plone

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What We'll Cover

- Intro to Open Source Content Management Systems
- Comparing Joomla, Drupal, and Plone
- Joomla Demo
- Drupal Demo
- Plone Demo
- Q & A

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Introductions

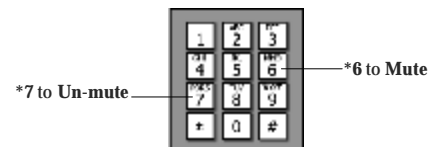
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Ask questions! Otherwise we're speaking to a black hole!

- Enter questions into the Chat box



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An Intro to Open Source Content Management Systems

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What Does it Mean to Be Open Source?

Open Source (OS) applications....

- Allow you to access and change the source code
- Often can be downloaded without cost
- Typically require at least some tech-savvy to get up and running
- Are supported by a community of users and consultants
- Often offer many "plug-ins" created by the community

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What is a Content Management System?

An OS content management system (CMS) allows you to manage website text and images through a database. This typically means...

- Quicker website setup
- Completely flexible graphic design
- Tools to easily update pages and navigation
- Support for rule-based content (like events or news)
- Community support and plug-ins

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What is a CMS: **Setting up a Website**

CMSs make it easier to create a website than building it from scratch.

- You download the CMS code and install it on a web-server
- Basic setup is done through forms, without code
- CMSs encourages web standards, like accessibility
- Ease and tech skills required depend on the CMS
- If you have unusual needs, you can extend through code (consider the coding language)

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What is a CMS: **Tailoring the Graphics**

All three of these tools allow completely flexible graphic design.

- Can use a default look, but they're quite generic
- A design starts with a graphic designer
- Designs are implemented through HTML and CSS

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What is a CMS: **Updating Pages and Navs**

CMSs allow easy update of pages and navigation



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What is a CMS: **Rule Based Content**

Many CMSs can also automatically display items like events or news based on rules



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What is a CMS: **Community Support**

These tools are supported by a community.

- There is a core base of developers who organize updates
- The community also builds and shares extensions and plug-ins
- You can talk to other users and experts in forums
- Consultants specialize in developing and supporting using these tools

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Comparing Joomla, Drupal and Plone

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