There Might (Not) Be a Module For That

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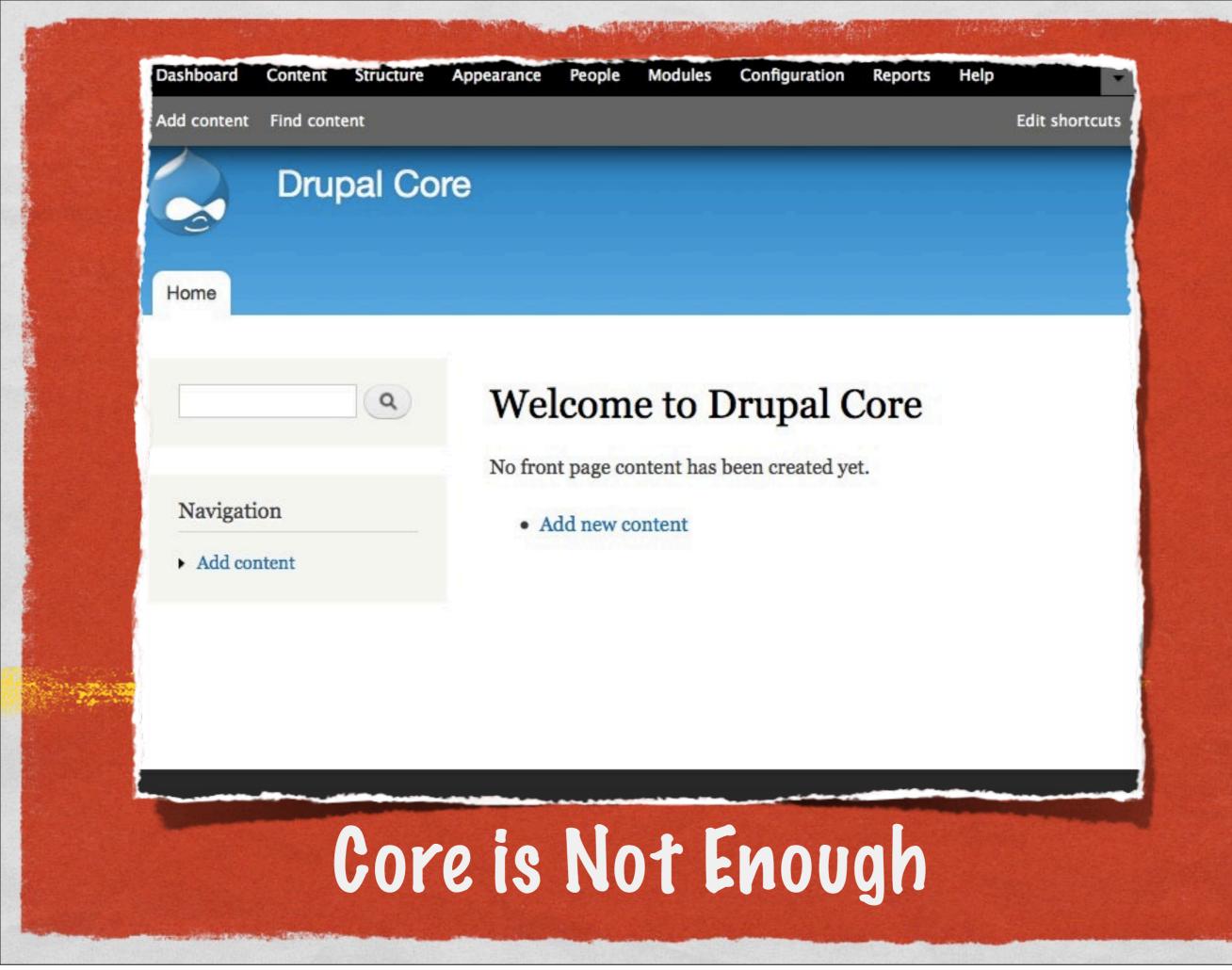
Get Started

Community

Drupal

Come for the software, stay for the community

Drupal is an open source content management platform powering millions of websites and applications. It's built, used, and supported by an active and diverse community of people around the world.



Develop with Drupal

16,605 Modules

1,406 Themes

419 Distributions

18,543 Developers

This week

3,462 Code commits

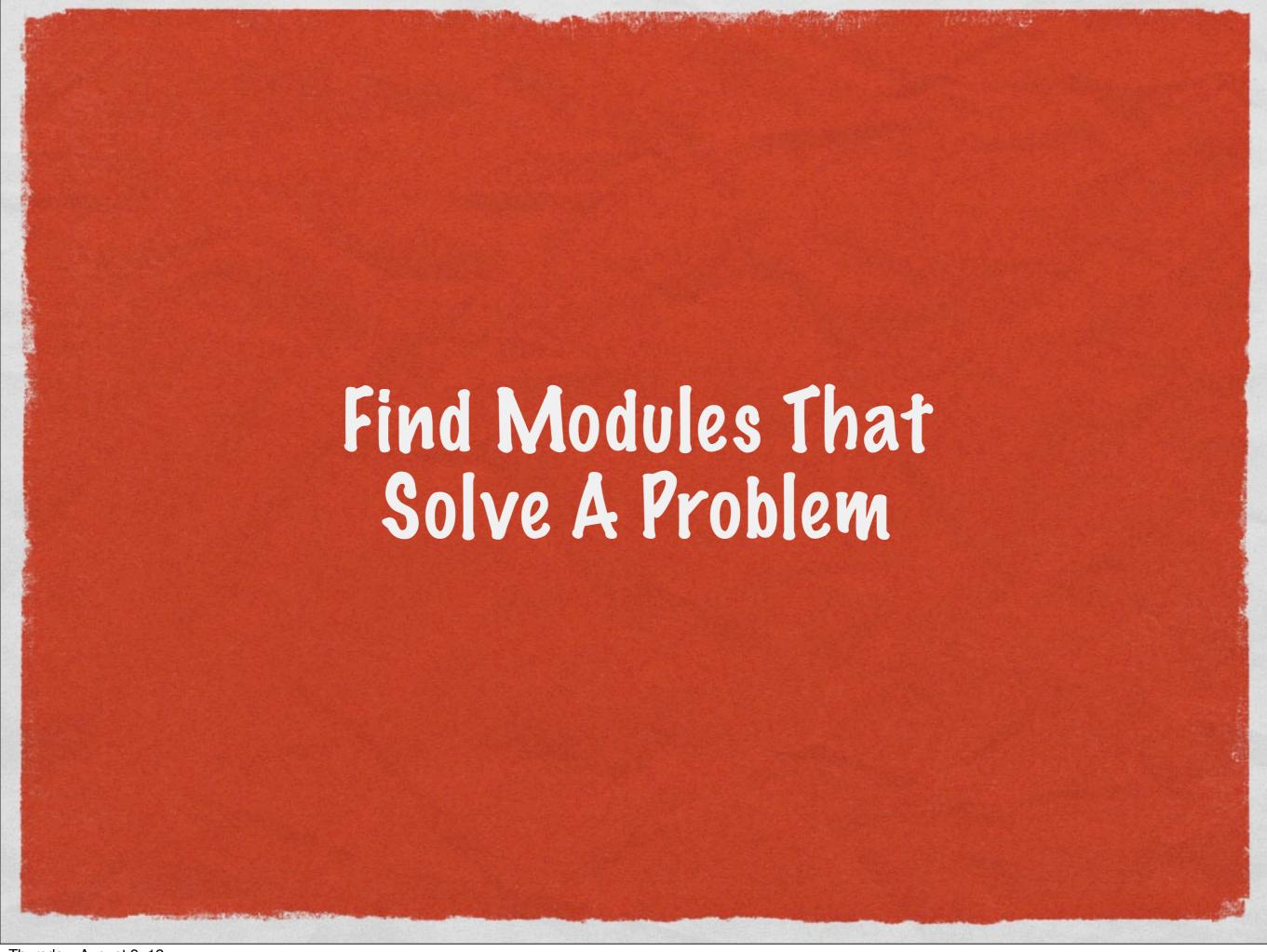
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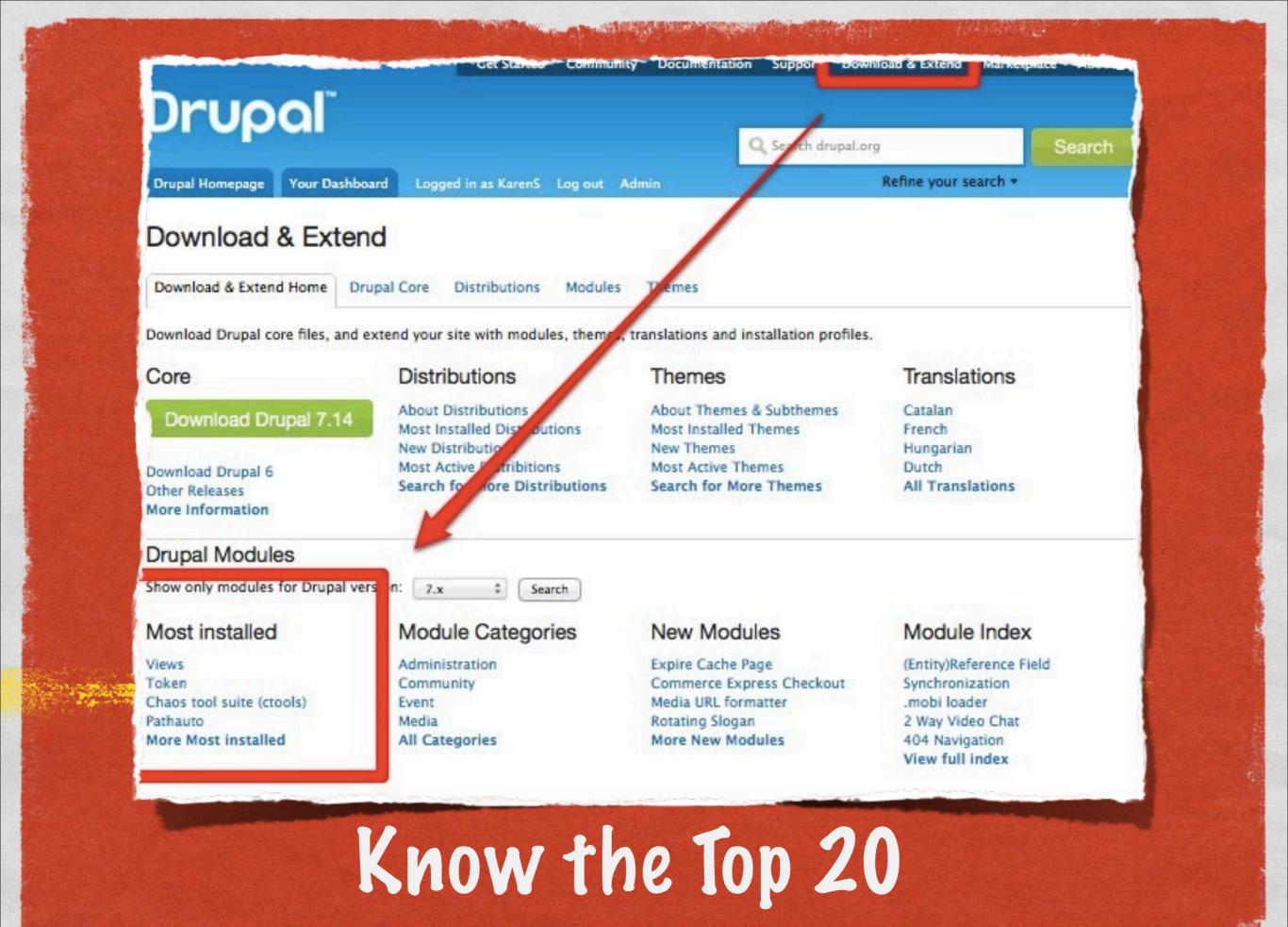
Drupal Core Security Info

Is There A Module For That?

The Process

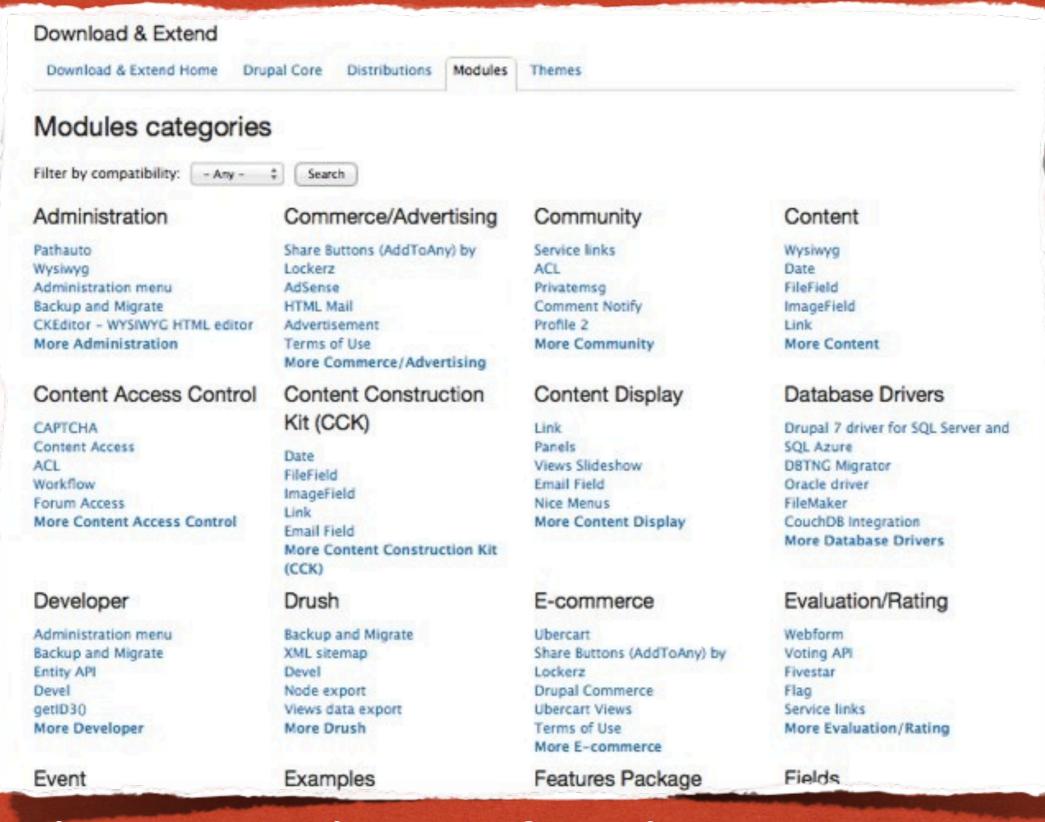
- Identify each problem/requirement
- Find modules that solve it
- Evaluate the quality & suitability of the solutions
- Choose between alternatives
- If necessary, roll your own solution





#	Project	Jun 17, 2012	Jun 10, 2012	Jun 20
1	Drupal core	694,923	691,495	688,7
2	Views	468,406	464,970	461,8
3	Token	414,171	410,799	408,
4	Chaos tool suite (ctools)	368,046	364,271	359,5
5	Pathauto	351,133	348,165	346,
6	Content Construction Kit (CCK)	242,183	242,033	242,
7	Wysłwyg	233,872	231,787	230,2
8	Date	232,483	230,251	228,1
9	Administration menu	232,211	230,111	229,0
10	IMCE	222,718	220,859	219,2
11	Webform	219,084	215,773	214,3
12	Google Analytics	212,309	210,204	209,1
13	FileField	173,941	173,779	174,5
14	ImageAPI	168,039	168,030	168,2
15	Libraries API	162,953	159,723	156,7
16	ImageField	162,740	162,361	162,76
17	ImageCache	155,818	155,869	156,17
18	Link	152,817	151,129	149,72
19	Backup and Migrate	152,799	150,883	149,67
20	CAPTCHA	139,631	139,292	139,13
21	CKEditor - WYSIWYG HTML editor	131,240	131,229	130,27
22	Advanced help	125,651	124,935	124,86
23	Entity API	121,323	118,936	115,90

/project/usage



/project/modules/categories

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Extend and customize Drupal functionality with contributed modules. If a module doesn't quite do what you want it to do, if you find a bug or have a suggestion, then join forces and help the module maintainer. Or, share your own by starting a new module.

Pathauto

Posted by Dave Reid on February 14, 2005 at 6:06pm Last changed: 4 weeks 5 days ago

The Pathauto module automatically generates URL/path

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Home	
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Hello World	

New Modules

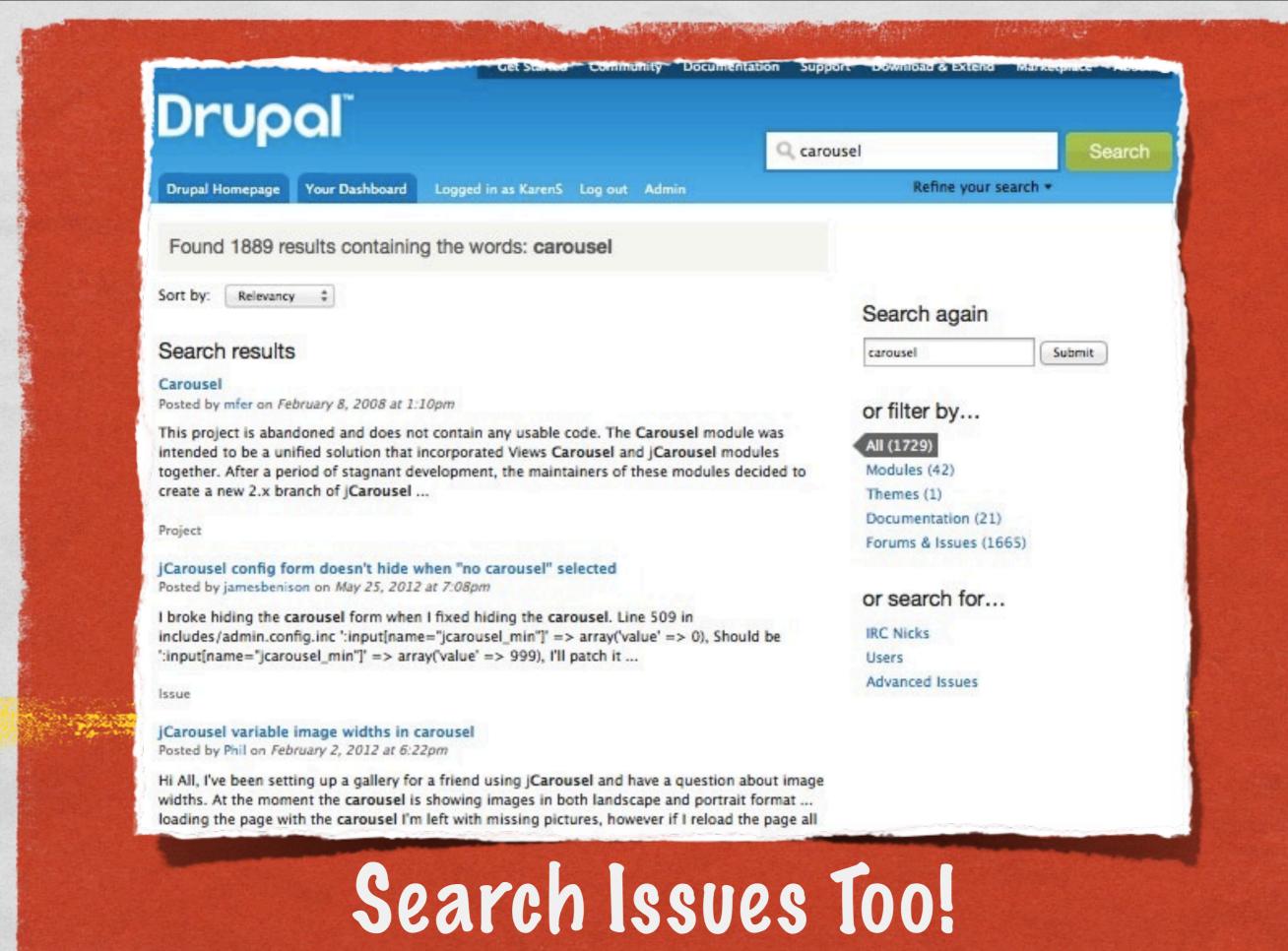
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Discussions

Shopping

Views carousel | drupal.org

More drupal.org/project/viewscarousel/

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Well Maintained?

- Number of committers and commits
- How recently committed?
- How many bugs relative to total issues?
- Balance complexity of module against pure stats
- Usage numbers and patterns
- Code quality

e proper esmerel - 118 commits ovides an last: 6 weeks ago, first: 1 year ago merlinofchaos - 3241 commits last: 14 weeks ago, first: 6 years ago lay View all committers View commits Issues for Views for To avoid duplicates, please search before submitting a new issue. Search (e. /pe. Advanced search All issues that 2037 open, 16555 total s that month. Bug reports 657 open, 6373 total

Is It Well Maintained?

Downloads

Recommended releases

Version	Downloads	Date	Links
7.x-3.3	tar.gz (1.51 MB) zip (1.72 MB)	2012-Feb-22	Notes Edit
6.x-2.16	tar.gz (1.21 MB) zip (1.35 MB)	2011-Nov-14	Notes Edit

Other releases

Version	Downloads	Date	Links
6.x-3.0	tar.gz (1.13 MB) zip (1.31 MB)	2012-Jan-03	Notes Edit

Development releases

Version	Downloads	Date	Links
7.x-3.x-dev	tar.gz (1.54 MB) zip (1.76 MB)	2012-Jun-15	Notes Edit
6.x-3.x-dev	tar.gz (1.1 MB) zip (1.26 MB)	2012-May-18	Notes Edit

Project Information

Maintenance status: Actively maintained

Development status: Under active development

Reported installs: 461860 sites currently report using this module. View usage statistics.

Downloads: 2,358,561 Automated tests: Enabled Last modified: June 1, 2012

View all releases



Which Version/Branch is Safe?

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Usage statistics for Views

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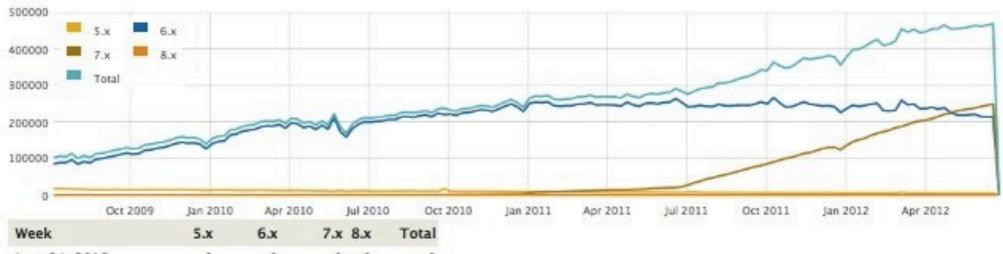
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Views project page Usage statistics for all projects

Weekly project usage



June 24, 2012 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 June 17, 2012 5,027 213,980 249,395 4 468,406 June 10, 2012 4,919 213,985 246,066 0 464,970 June 3, 2012 4,984 214,732 242,144 0 461,860 May 27, 2012 5,060 221,181 238,256 0 464,497

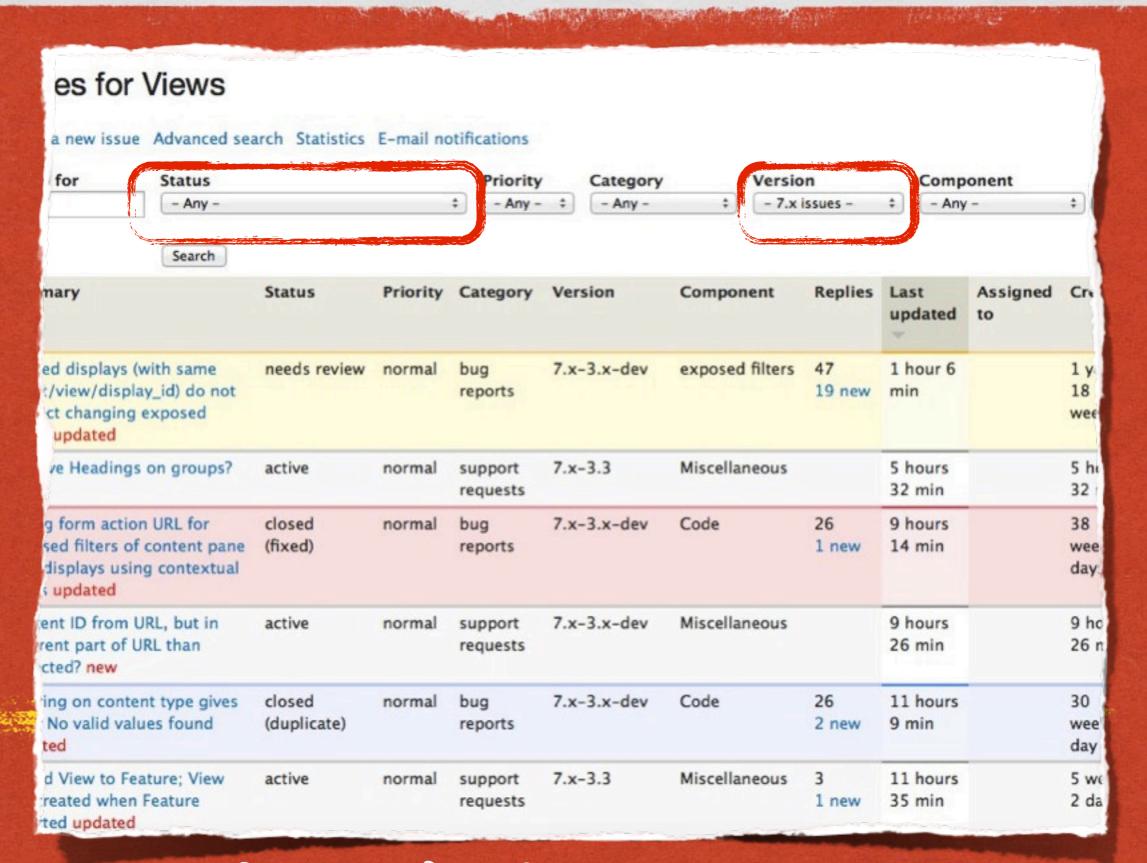
Check Usage Stats

Code Quality

- Is it neat and well-documented?
- Poes it comply with Drupal coding standards?
- Is there a lot of commented-out code?

How Well Poes It Work?

- Check those issue queues
- Test drive
- Dig for documentation
- Google it



Mine the Issue Queues

Search

40 personal results. 171,000 other results.

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Pathauto | drupal.org

Images

drupal.org/project/pathauto

Feb 15, 2005 – The Pathauto module automatically generates URL/path aliases for various kinds of content (nodes, taxonomy terms, users) without requiring ...

Maps

Pathauto module | drupal.org

News

Videos

drupal.org/node/1559910 2 posts - 1 author - May 3

Shopping

More modules will come as the theme is more tested. Pathauto shows up as a popular, useful module. Is it important in a Community Media ...

Discussions

Pathauto module disappear after upgrading to 7x-1.6 - 2 posts - Jun 27, 2012

Move the "API" functions to pathauto.module - 1 post - Feb 20, 2012

More

[pathauto module] "preview" of url alias - 2 posts - Feb 15, 2012 Move Pathauto integration to Pathauto.module - 13 posts - Apr 15, 2011

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Pathauto: generate URL path aliases automatically | drupal.org

drupal.org/documentation/modules/pathauto

Sep 14, 2005 - The Pathauto module creates automatic path aliases for nodes, users, and category terms, eliminating the need to create them manually.

Show search tools

Improving Drupal's Clean URLs with the Pathauto Module ...

www.ostraining.com/blog/drupal/pathauto-module/

Feb 8, 2010 - This tutorial was requested by a student who is learning the Drupal

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Pocumentation

- Look for README.txt or INSTALL.txt
- Find 'Configure' and 'Help' links on module list
- Look for documentation link on d.o. project page
- Use Advanced Help module
- Search Drupal.org or Groups.Drupal.org
- Look for internal documentation and hook_menu



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Refine your search *

Community Documentation

Community Docs Home Installation Guide

Administration Guide

Comparisons of contributed modules

Edit Outline Revisions

Last updated November 28, 2009. Created by LeeHunter on June 3, 2008. Edited by Francewhoa, Keyz, BioALIEN, catch. You can edit this page, too.

This section contains overviews of different groups of contributed modules that carry out similar tasks. These overviews can be very useful if you are evaluating modules to meet a certain requirement and cannot distinguish the differences between them.

Note that some contributed modules change rapidly, sometimes within weeks or months of being reviewed, therefore comparisons may not reflect the current state of modules. For an up to date module description find each module's project page.

If you spot errors, or find yourself reviewing a group of similar modules that have not been covered in this section, please contribute corrections and additions.

Please also view the Similar Module Review group, which offers many comparisons of modules that offer similar functionality.

- Comparison of Ads / Banners Advertising modules
- Comparison of Breadcrumb Customizing modules
- Comparison of CSS Preprocessors
- · Comparison of Charting Modules
- Comparison of E-Commerce solutions (circa 2008)
- Comparison of Glossary-type modules
- Comparison of Image-handling modules
- Comparison of Lightbox-type modules
- Comparison of Links Page modules
- Comparison of Node Ordering Modules
- Comparison of Question and Answer modules

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Drupal version

Drupal 4.5.x or older, Drupal 4.6.x, Drupal 4.7.x, Drupal 5.x, Drupal 6.x, Drupal 7.x

Developers and coders, Documentation contributors, Site administrators, Site users, Themers

Site Building Guide

- Best practices
- Book: Drupal 7 the Essentials
- · Building the site functionality
- Contributed modules
 - Contributed module documentation
 - Comparisons of contributed modules

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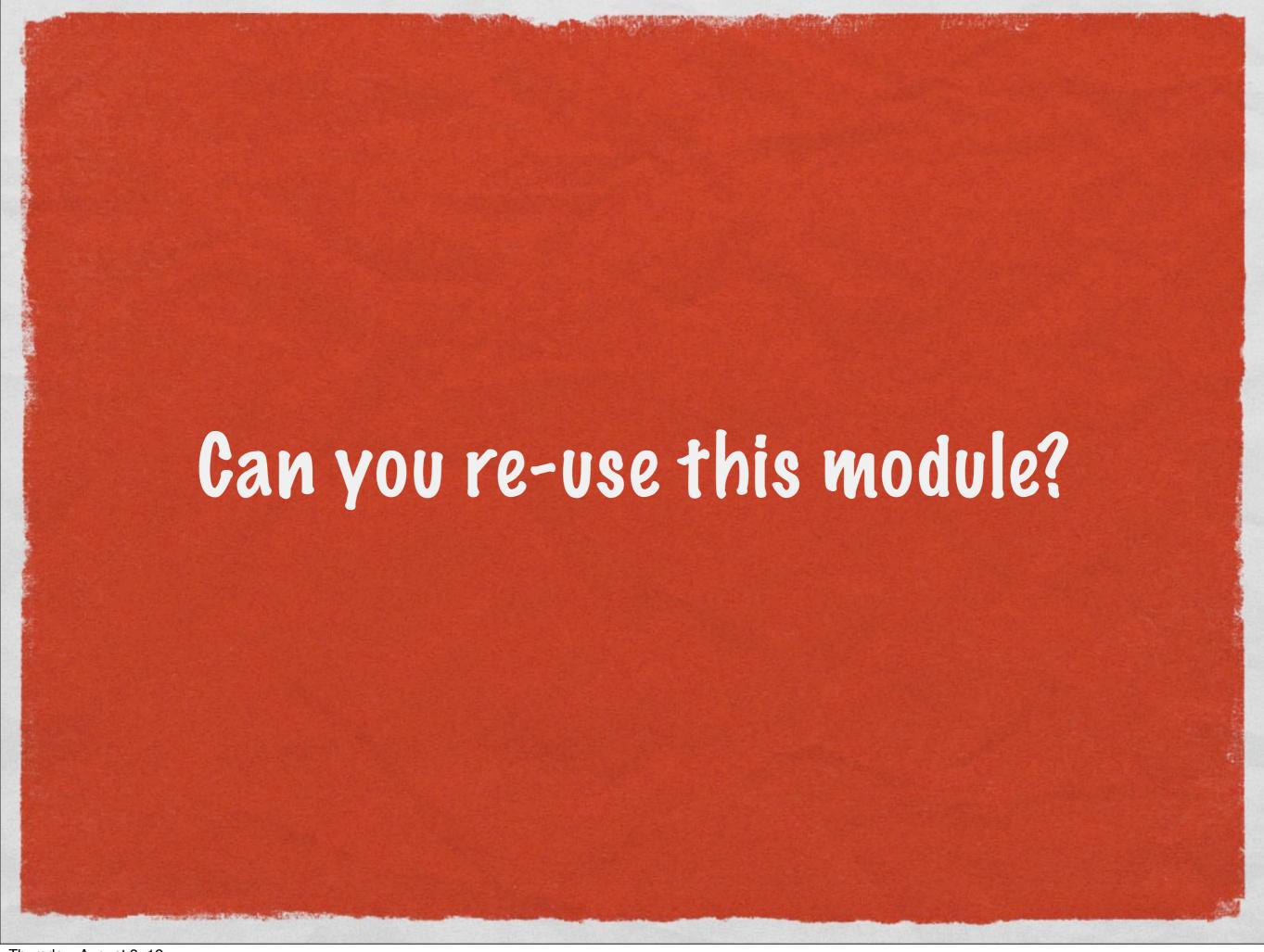
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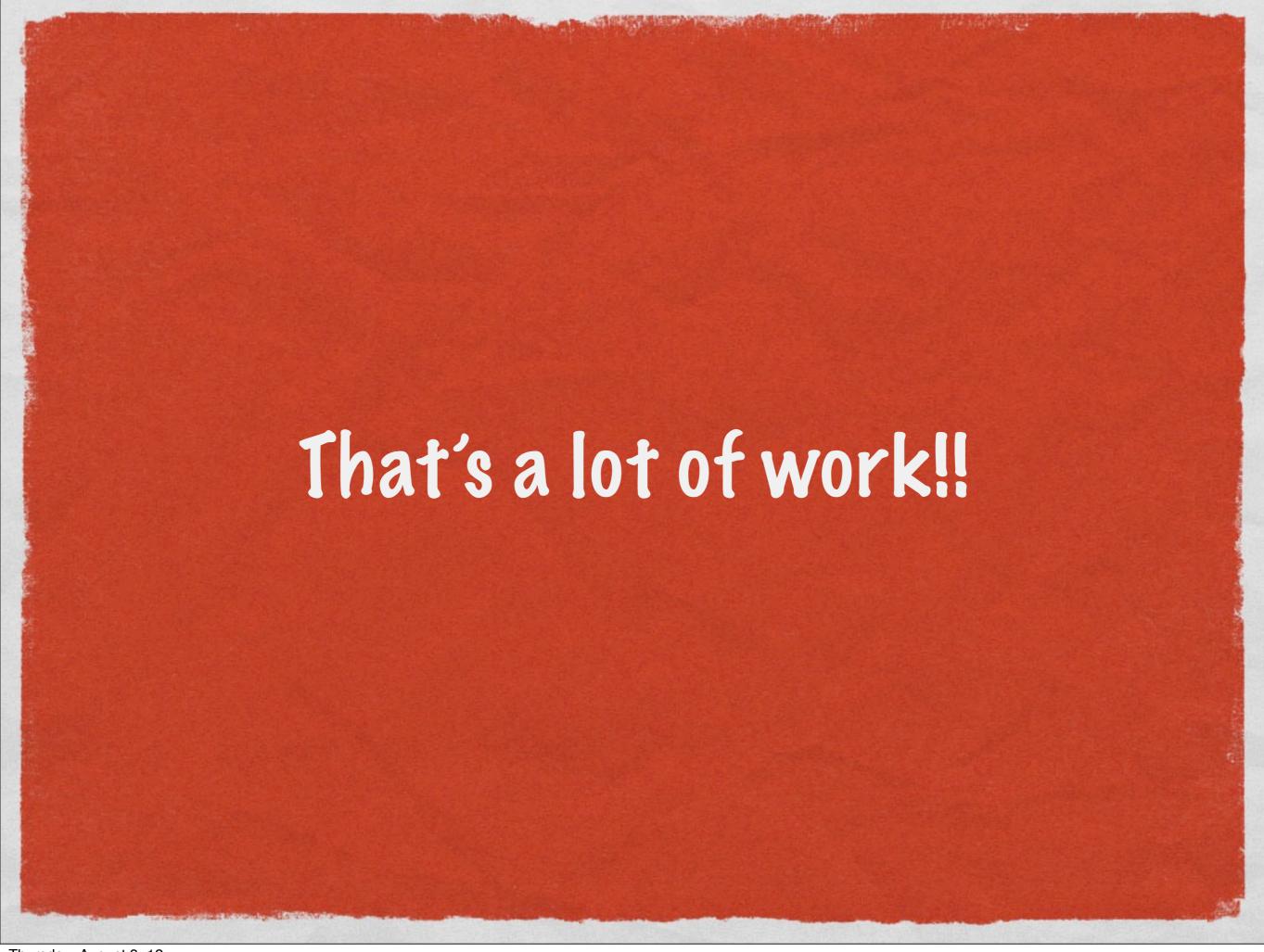






Prototype

- Set up a prototype site
- Try out key modules
- Create a content type and key fields
- Use Pevel Generate
 - Make fields required
 - Image min/max settings



What if the Module Won't Po?

- Too many bugs
- No solid release
- Badly maintained
- Badly written
- Not a good fit

Bugs

- Could it be operator error?
- Did you try the dev version?
- Is there a patch?
- Can you write a patch?
- Make sure the patch is posted and marked RTBC
- Looking for co-maintainer?

Wrong Features

- Can you adjust the requirements?
- Is there a feature request?
- Can you propose a patch?
- Can you use it as-is for now and customize in phase 2?

Rolling Your Own

- Google. Again.
- Search d.o. sandbox projects.
- There may be issues with code snippets to get you started.
- Can you make it work with existing modules and some 'glue', rather than a total custom solution?
- Can you phase a custom solution in?

Contributing Back Code

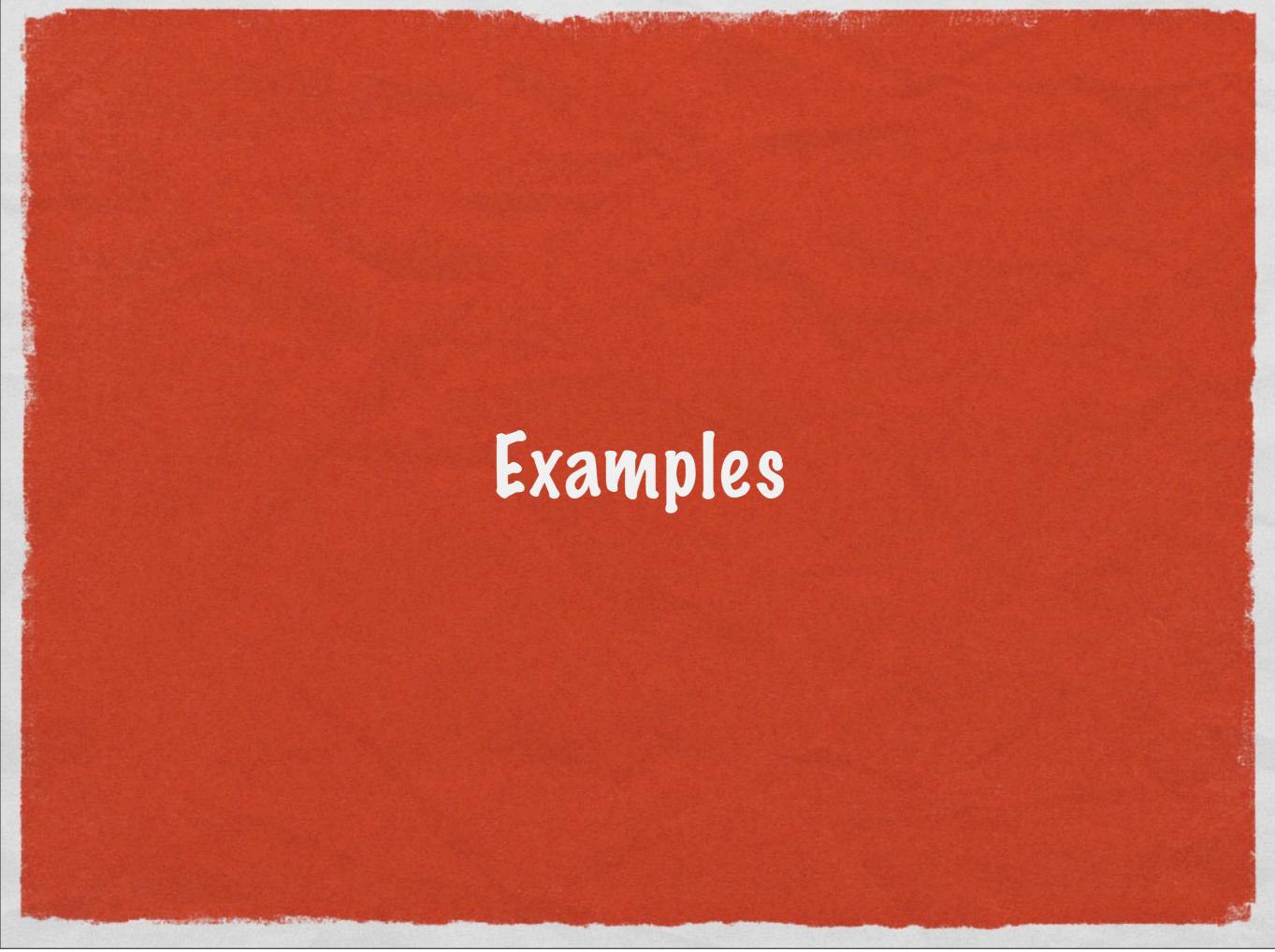
- Is this a problem others will have?
- Is there an existing module that does something similar?
- Can you add a new feature to existing module?
- Can you write code general enough for wide use?

Contributing Back

- Blog about what you learned
- Add documentation, screenshots, screencasts
- Test and bump patches
- Add comparisons to drupal.org/node/266179

Validating Your Pecisions

- Be worried if:
 - You jumped straight to custom code instead of looking for an existing solution
 - You avoided a time-tested solution because it was missing one tiny feature
 - You didn't do your due diligence



Alternative Solutions for Address + Geolocation

Solution #1	Solution #2
Location Module 1,620 KB	Addressfield Module 52 KB
	Geofield Module 32 KB
	Geocoder Module 20 KB
	GeoPHP Module + Library 110 KB + 193 KB

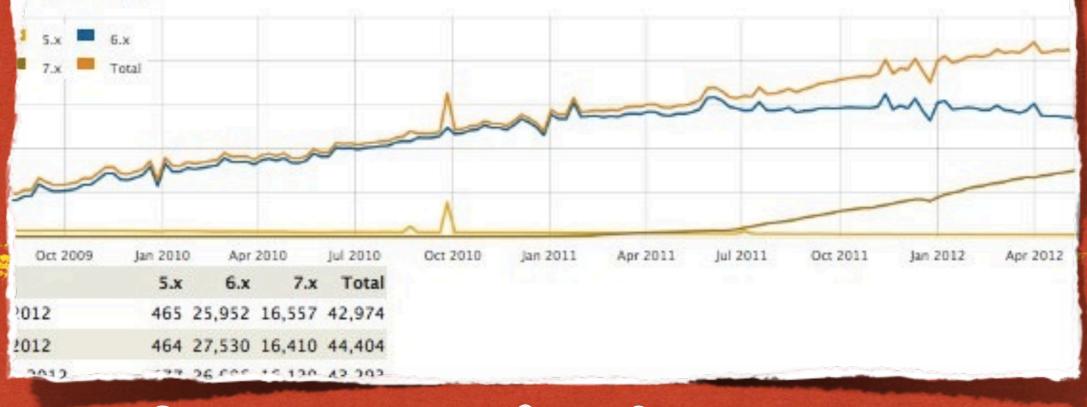
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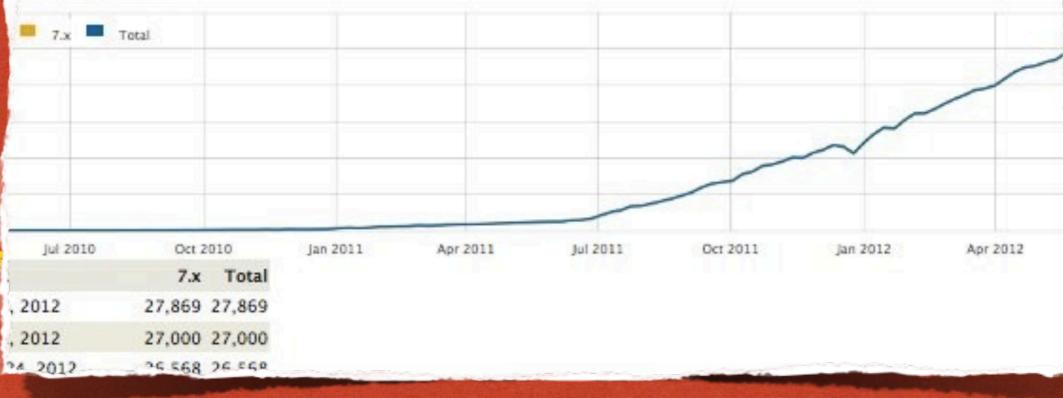
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Statistics for Addressfield

nome » Results » Results for Bailey-Bree in 2012

Results for Bailey-Bree

By Event By Team

Team	Rank	# Fish	Weight	Big Fish	Date
Bailey-Bree	11	2	5.07	0.00	Saturday, Jun 09 2012
Bailey-Bree	13	3	6.61	0.00	Saturday, Apr 14 2012
Bailey-Bree	14	0	0.00	0.00	Saturday, May 12 2012
Bailey-Bree	16	2	5.03	3.44	Saturday, May 26 2012
Total SUM		7	16.71		
Total AVG		2	4.18		
Total MIN		0	0.00		
Total MAX		3	6.61	3.44	

Custom Code - Views Calc

Alternative Solutions for Multilingual

- Content Translation or Entity Translation?
- Contributing Back
 - http://lullabot.com/articles/localized-and-multilingual-content-drupal-7
 - Description and comparison of multilingual options
 - Several pages of links to resources uncovered during research

Which Version for Organic Groups?

- Version 7.1 or Version 7.2?
 - Lack of documentation
 - Problems in 7.1, Patches needed for 7.2
- Contributing Back:
 - lullabot.com/articles/organic-groups-drupal-7
 - drupalize.me/series/organic-groups-drupal-7
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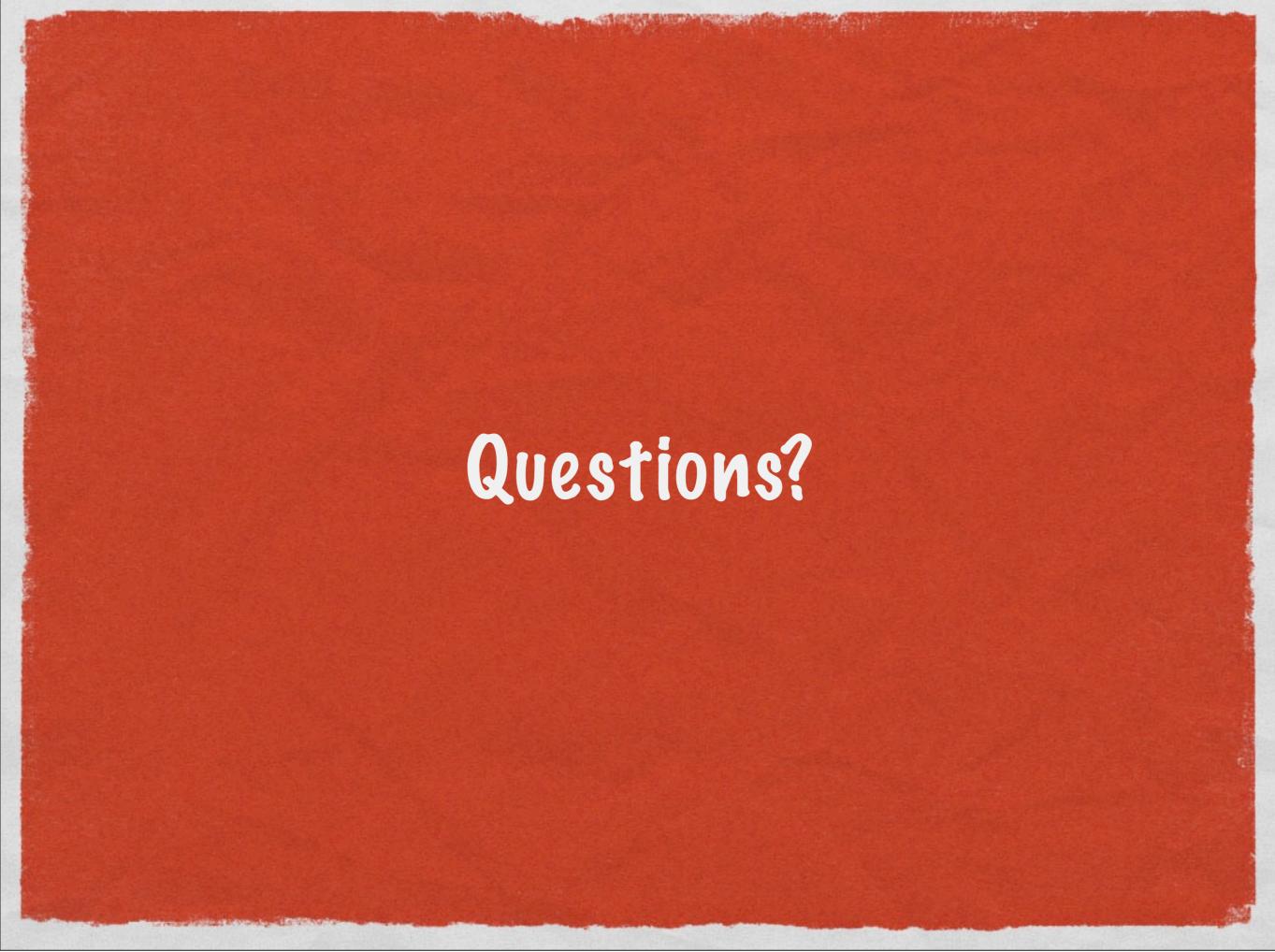
Other Examples

- Features + Glue
 - Views Gallery Module
- Choosing Between Alternatives
 - CCK vs Flexinode
 - Image module vs Imagefield

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- Views
- Panels
- Token
- Pate
- Calendar



What did you think!

Locate this session on the DrupalCon Munich website

http://munich2012.drupal.org/program/sessions/ there-might-not-be-module Click the "Take the Survey" link.

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