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Preface

This is a book about building simple web sites with Drupal – and having fun doing it. This book will enable you to build 12 exciting and simple web projects, and to create quick prototypes of commonly-used applications within hours. This book will give you a competitive edge by helping you to rapidly implement web projects for personal and business use – without having to pay a developer to do it for you. With this book, almost anyone with just a bit of Drupal knowledge can build a complex web site by mixing the individual projects together. Instant Drupal!

What this book covers

The hands-on example projects in this book are based on fictitious web site development briefs, and they illustrate practical ways of applying Drupal. A chapter is dedicated to each example web site project. Each chapter contains a fictitious brief from which is derived the list of core and contributed modules that will be required to implement the project.

In *Chapter 1*, Isaac Meredith Smart is a professor of Sociology at Drupelburg University. His need is quite simple, and all he intends to do is to build a personal web site that will provide some shameless publicity to promote him professionally.

In *Chapter 2*, Verree High School is one of the most popular schools in Drupelburg. The school board of governors has decided to build a new web site, which will basically tell the world about the school, its facilities, and its staff.

In *Chapter 3*, The Global Hitchhikers Club is an online club for hobos and compulsive travelers. The purpose of the club web site is to enable members to keep an online blog of their travels, and provide a means for advising other club members on their own travels.

In *Chapter 4*, "Electric" Skid Jackson is a retired break-dancer and a full time choreographer and owner of the Def Freeze dance crew. Skid has an idea for a web site where all of the street dance events all over the world can be listed according to their location, so that he can be the first to know what is shaking.

In *Chapter 5*, Tony Tortilla is a student at Drupelburg University. Tony thinks that the social life could be vastly improved if the University had its own community web site where the students could get to know each other a little better.

In *Chapter 6*, The Daily Drupe is the only newspaper in Drupelburg, and it has a local circulation. The intention is to replicate the content of The Daily Drupe online, in a way that will enable the online edition to be easily updated on a real-time basis.

In *Chapter 7*, Dridgets Inc is the foremost manufacturer of bespoke widgets in Drupelburg. Their dridgets have won awards internationally and are considered to be vastly superior to other, mass-produced widgets, manufactured by so many unscrupulous garage factories. In order to consolidate their success, Dridgets have decided to set up an online e-commerce store to sell their widgets.

In *Chapter 8*, Wally Fishbourne has the idea to create an online directory where people can post details of accommodation available for rent, share, and sale all over Drupelburg. He is looking at a simple directory with listing and display features, rather in the style of Gumtree and Craigslist.

In *Chapter 9*, William and Elizabeth Bunter are organizing an online food appreciation community. They intend to enroll members from all over the world to share their food photos on a new web site, where the users will submit photos of their food for all other members to admire and rate.

In *Chapter 10*, Drupelburg Conference Venues (DCV) has been organizing conferences and events for many years. Now they think that much of their operation may be eased and much of their overheads reduced if they had a web presence. DCV is looking to create a web site where facilities can be listed and booked in real time.

In *Chapter 11*, Winston Groovy returned home to his wife Rita in Kingston Jamaica after being missing for two days, claiming to have been abducted by aliens. So Rita Groovy has decided to create a web site to aggregate occurrences of alien sightings all over the world to save other people the heartache of having their loved ones permanently lost to extra-terrestrial kidnappers.

In *Chapter 12*, bad news is always good news for the press. Vaughan Pyre has decided to take advantage of this and create a web site that will aggregate bad news and weird happenings from all over the world. The content of the site will be entirely derived from RSS feeds from several sources, with each feed being automatically retrieved and its items displayed on the web site.

In *Appendix A* you will learn to install and configure Drupal.

In *Appendix B* you will learn to optimize your Drupal site.

In *Appendix C* you will find a list of modules and themes used in this book, as well as links to their project pages.

What you need for this book

All of the projects in this book are based on Drupal 6. A list of the contributed modules and themes employed, and links to their project pages, is provided in *Appendix C*.

Who this book is for

This book is for anyone who wants to build a range of Drupal sites, and who wants to see how to apply the many available Drupal plugins and features in different scenarios. If you develop Drupal sites professionally, or would like to try building web sites as a freelancer, this is a great book to help you get started.

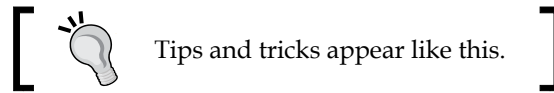
However, this book is not for absolute beginners. It is not a "dummies" book and users are advised to familiarize themselves with basic Drupal terminology and operations such as creating content, and uploading and enabling themes and modules. Some installation and configuration details are provided in the Appendix, and users are also encouraged to visit the Drupal project site (<http://drupal.org>) where ample help exists both in documentation and a very active users' forum.

This book will not make you an expert in developing with Drupal; it will not even bring you close. However, it should help you get your feet wet and make you unafraid to plunge deeper into the wonders of creating killer sites with a truly amazing framework.

Conventions

In this book, you will find a number of styles of text that distinguish between different kinds of information. Here are some examples of these styles, and an explanation of their meaning.

New terms and **important words** are shown in bold. Words that you see on the screen, in menus or dialog boxes for example, appear in our text like this: "Click on the **edit** link in front of the vocabulary **Continent**".



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I.M. Smart, Ph.D.—Building a Personal Site

Isaac Meredith Smart is a professor of Sociology at Drupelburg University. His need is quite simple, and all he intends to do is to build a personal web site that will provide some shameless publicity to promote him professionally. The objective is to give his students, as well as the entire academic community, as much information about himself as is decently permitted. Isaac wants his web site to have the following features:

- An "About me" page—showing his personal profile and interests
- A page that will list all of his publications
- A Blog to tell the world what he is currently doing, with a list of the latest blog posts displayed on the front page
- A Contact form that site visitors can use to send an email to I.M. Smart

Theme

Smart has chosen the "AD The Morning After" theme (which is a contribution to the Drupal project) because he loves the design. The front page will feature a teaser for Smart's profile at the top of the content area, and a list of his most recent blog posts in a block at the bottom of the front page. The final layout of Smart's web site can be seen in the following screenshot:



Build I.M. Smart's site

Okay, this guy Smart doesn't appear particularly likeable does he, and isn't this quite typical of university professors? But let's put our prejudices aside for a couple of hours and get his work done for him. The major tasks in building the web site for Isaac Smart will be:

- To create a new Content type called "Publication", under which he can list all of his work
- To be able to allocate terms to describe each added work
- To be able to display a Page view of the list of publications
- To be able to create a Block view of the list of his daily blog posts
- To create a simple Contact form

Modules

In order to create the desired web site, we will be using some essential Drupal modules.

Optional Core modules

The following optional **Core** modules will be required:

- **Blog** – will enable him create his blog posts
- **Taxonomy** – will enable him to classify his blog posts
- **Comment** – will allow all visitors to his web site to comment on, and to discuss his blog posts and publications
- **Contact** – will allow site visitors to send him personal messages
- **Upload** – will allow the upload of files into content

Contributed modules

The following contributed modules will also be used:

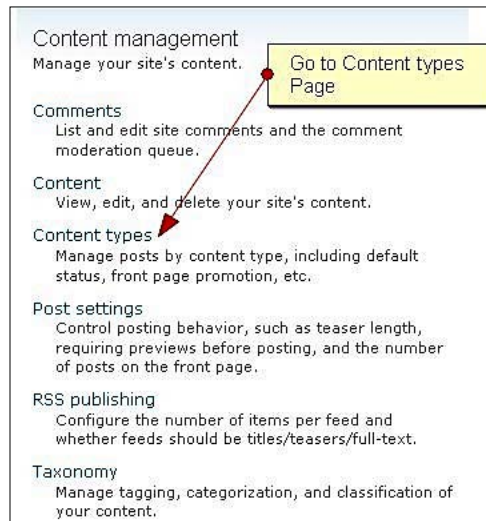
- **Taxonomy Menu** – will allow taxonomy vocabularies to be transformed into menus easily
- **IMCE** – will give the ability to upload and manage files and images
- **Image** – will allow the inclusion of images in content

Basic content

Smart's site is quite basic. The **About Me** page can be safely created from the **Story** Content type, and that is what we are going to do. However, to add an element of danger to the project, we will be including a new Content type for his publications, and we will call it just that – "Publication".

Create a new Content type

By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then to the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link.



If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there. Here, we need to create a new Content type for "Publication".

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Blog entry	blog	A <i>blog entry</i> is a single post to an online journal, or <i>blog</i> .	edit
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

To create the "Publication" Content type:

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top of the page. You will then be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type description and the general rules for the adding and display of content for this new Content type, in the places where they need to be in the form. Here are some guidelines:
 - a. In the **Identification** fields, add the **Name** and the **Description** of the Content type (in this case "Publication").
 - b. In the **Submission form settings**, you can choose the titles that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), and also fields specifying the minimum length of the article before it can be accepted for submission, as well as another place where you can describe submission guidelines for this Content type. Leave this at the system default setting.
 - c. In the **Workflow setting** we need to determine the default options:
 - i. Do you want the article to be immediately published and available for use on the site, immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - ii. Do you want to promote the article to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - iii. Do you want the article to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
 - d. In the **Comments settings** panel, indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on articles of this Content type or not, and if you do, how these comments will be handled. As previously mentioned, Smart wants to allow comments to be added to his publications by site visitors.

Categorize content

We first need to establish how the content is going to be organized for use on the site. This is quite easy because we have created only one new Content type, named **Publication**, that will have taxonomy terms – **Books** and **Papers** – attached to it. By doing this, we will have set the ground rules for how content will be created and displayed on the site.

Categories or terms may be used to further classify items that, even though they fall under the same Content type, need to be grouped with others with which they bear a close similarity. In this case, Smart's Publication list includes **Books** and **Papers**, which, even though they are both publications, would do well if grouped separately. So we must now create the new categories and establish relationships between these new categories and the new Content type.

Go to the **Taxonomy** link under the **Content management** section on the **Administer** page, and click on it to get to the Taxonomy page. If you have started a new site, then at the foot of this page, you will see a notice that there is no vocabulary available for your new categories. The **vocabulary** is a term by which a collection of categories (or terms) can be collectively described. In this case, let us create a vocabulary that we will call **Publications Type**. We will do this by clicking on the **Add vocabulary** link at the top of the page. This is what we will be entering into the form for this new vocabulary:

1. In the **Identification** panel, let us enter the **Vocabulary name**, and a **Description**, as well as any **Help text** that will guide Smart when he comes across this vocabulary. For **Publication**, we have used **Publications Type** as the **Vocabulary name**. For the **Description**, we have entered **The type of publication. Is it book or paper?** For the **Help text**, we will be instructing Smart to **Select appropriate publication**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a **Content type**. We have created it specifically for **Publication**, so we will naturally select the **Publication** checkbox.
3. For the **Settings**, we declare that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required**, and that Smart must choose a term from the supplied list. Moreover, because a Publication can be either a Book or a Paper but never both, a posted content may not have more than one term associated with it. Therefore, leave all of the other checkboxes with the system default settings.

The completed vocabulary page is shown in the following screenshot:

Edit vocabulary

▼ Identification

Vocabulary name: *

The name for this vocabulary, e.g., "Tags".

Description:

Description of the vocabulary; can be used by modules.

Help text:

Instructions to present to the user when selecting terms, e.g., "Enter a comma separated list of words".

▼ Content types

Content types:

- Blog entry
- Image
- Page
- Publication
- Story

Select content types to categorize using this vocabulary.

▼ Settings

- Tags
Terms are created by users when submitting posts by typing a comma separated list.
- Multiple select
Allows posts to have more than one term from this vocabulary (always true for tags).
- Required
At least one term in this vocabulary must be selected when submitting a post.

Weight:
 ▾
Vocabularies are displayed in ascending order by weight.

On returning to the **Taxonomy** page, we can see the new vocabulary that we have just created is listed. Now we need to add the terms for the vocabulary. We do this by clicking on the **add terms** link and completing the form that we will be presented with. At this stage, forget about the **Advanced Options** link at the bottom, because we only have a single level of terms.

Name	Type	Operations
Publications Type	Publication	edit vocabulary list terms add terms

If you click on the **list terms** link on the vocabulary, then you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created, in the order that these terms will be presented to Smart. If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.

Name	Operations
+ Book	edit
+ Paper	edit

[more help...]

Save Reset to alphabetical

Test the submission form

Now, let us test our content submission form and see how it works. In order to do this, you click on the **Create content** link (on the lefthand side of your page), and select **Publication**. You will then get a form, as shown in the following screenshot:

Create Publication

Title: *

Publications Type: *

- Please choose -

Menu settings

Body:

Path: p

Using this form, Smart will be able to post the details of his many publications to his web site. However, he doesn't know a thing about HTML (which proves that he isn't so great after all) and will definitely have problems while uploading images into his posts. So, we will give him an easy way to do this.

Images

Download the **IMCE** and **Image** modules. Install and enable them. It is also essential that you have the **Upload** module enabled. The **TinyMCE** editor (even though it is not essential) will permit Smart to edit his pages without knowing any HTML. Download the editor, if this feature is required.

Having done this, return to **Administer | Content management | Content types**, and select the **Publication** Content type. At the bottom of the page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now the **Publication** Content type will be ready to incorporate images. To confirm this, go to the **Create content** link for the Content type. Near the bottom of the page you will find the **Attached images** panel, as shown in the following screenshot, where you can upload images for your content. Do the same for the **Blog entry**, **Story**, and **Page** Content types.

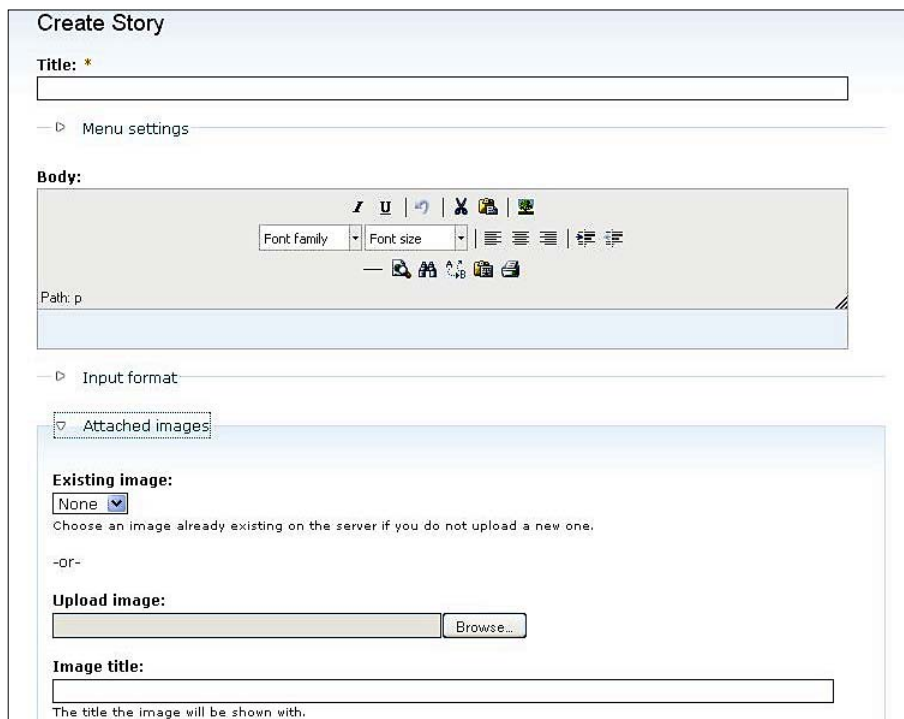
If you have configured your **TinyMCE** editor correctly, then you can similarly post images into the **Body** of your article by using the image upload function in **TinyMCE**.

We will also ensure that the **Attach images** functionality has been enabled in all of the other Content types. Then, in the **Workflow settings** for each Content type, deselect the **Promoted to front page** checkbox, or else you will end up with a very unruly front page display.

Create the About Me page

The **About Me** page, as we have decided, should really be quite straightforward and will be created from the **Story** Content type, which is recommended for content that is static.

1. From the **admin** menu, click on the **Create content** link, and then select **Story**. This will give you a form, which is similar to the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows the 'Create Story' form. It has a 'Title' field with an asterisk, a 'Menu settings' dropdown, a 'Body' field with a rich text editor (WYSIWYG), an 'Input format' dropdown, and an 'Attached images' section. The 'Attached images' section has an 'Existing image' dropdown set to 'None', an 'Upload image' section with a 'Browse...' button, and an 'Image title' field.

2. The handy **WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get)** editor, which is an emulation of desktop software like MS Word or Open Doc (with which most people will probably be accustomed), will make it easy for Smart to create his personal information page, and format it to his satisfaction.

Tips and traps



We have used this approach because Smart is the only person having a personal profile on this web site. Otherwise, it will not be adequate, and we may have to call up some other modules, especially the CCK module, which will enable us to create new form fields to make submissions more intuitive (for example, to present defined fields for name, education, interests, and so on).

- Because Smart wants this to feature on the front page, we will just promote the **About Me** page to the front page before saving it. The **Menu settings** field is optional, and it is only used if you want to add the item to the menu system. We will add the **About Me** page to the **<Primary links>**.

Menu settings

Menu link title:

The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu. Leave blank if you do not wish to add this post to the menu.

Parent item:

The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:

Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

Create Blog posts

Blog posts will be created in the same way as the other Content types.

Click on the **Create content** link on the **admin** menu and select **Blog entry**. This will give you a form similar to the one that we have used to create the **About Me** page. Smart will be able to type in his blog posts and save them. This is so very easy!

Create Blog entry

Title: *

Menu settings

Body:

Input format

Attached images

Existing image:

Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

-or-

Upload image:

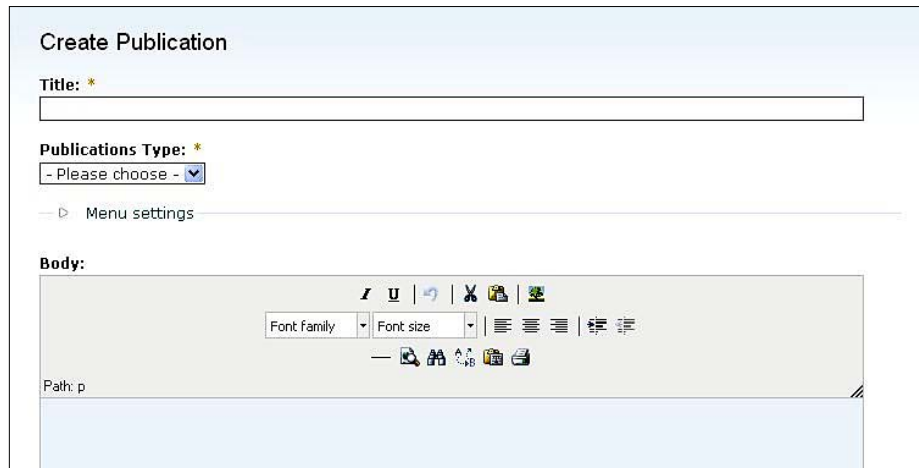
Image title:

The title the image will be shown with.

Create a Publication

Publications will also be created from the **Publication** Content type.

1. Click on the **Create content** link in the **admin** menu, and select **Publication**. This will give you a form similar to the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create Publication". It contains the following elements:

- Title:** A text input field with an asterisk indicating it is required.
- Publications Type:** A dropdown menu with the text "- Please choose -" and a downward arrow.
- Menu settings:** A link with a right-pointing triangle icon.
- Body:** A WYSIWYG editor with a toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, list, and image. Below the toolbar are dropdown menus for "Font family" and "Font size", and icons for bulleted list, numbered list, and link. Below the editor is a "Path:" label followed by the text "p".

2. Select the type of publication that you are creating from the **Publications Type** drop-down list. Again, with the handy WYSIWYG editor, adding content is very easy.

Create a Contact form

Having enabled the **Contact** module, we will now configure this to send messages to Smart at his email address `iamsmart@drupeburg.edu`.

1. Go to the **Administer** page and select the **Contact form** link.
2. In the **Contact form** page, add a new category to the form and name it **Website Feedback** (or whatever you want). Also, enter Smart's email as the recipient.

Contact form List **Add category** Settings

Category: *
Website Feedback
Example: 'website feedback' or 'product information'.

Recipients: *
iamsmart@drupelburg.edu
Example: 'webmaster@example.com' or 'sales@example.com,support@example.com'. To specify multiple recipients, separate each e-mail address with a comma.

Auto-reply:
Optional auto-reply. Leave empty if you do not want to send the user an auto-reply message.

Weight:
0
When listing categories, those with lighter (smaller) weights get listed before categories with heavier (larger) weights. Categories with equal weights are sorted alphabetically.

Selected:
Yes
Set this to Yes if you would like this category to be selected by default.

Save

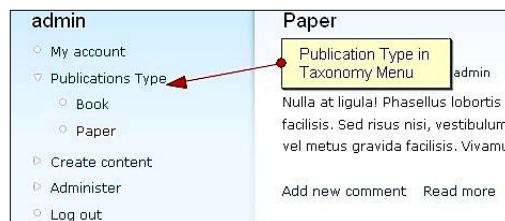
- The URL for the **Contact form** will be `http://www.sitename.com/?q=contact`. We will be adding this link to the menu later.

Display content

Now comes the fun part of nicely displaying the content for viewing.

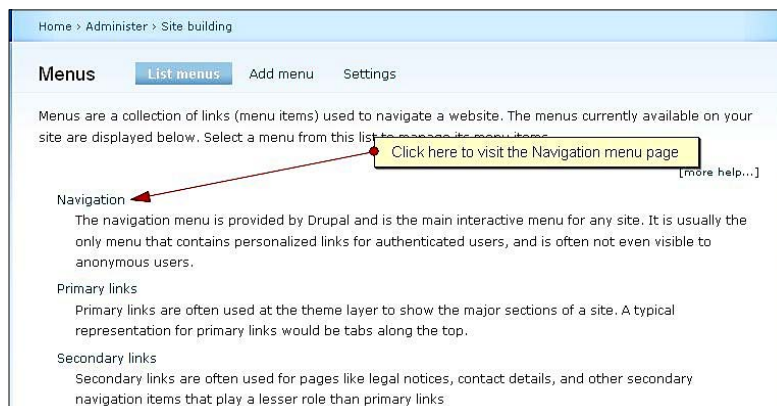
Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

Now that we have learned much of what is required to post content into Smart's web site, let's take a look at how we may view the content that we have put in. Again, there are several ways to do this. My favorite "quick and easy way" is to use a module known as the **Taxonomy Menu**. What this essentially does is permits you to view the content on your site just by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term. Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. You will now see the links to items related to each vocabulary under the Navigation menu in the sidebar.



Menus

We now have all of our pages as Smart would want them, but the navigation could still be improved. What we are going to do next is to arrange all of the menu items so that they are easily accessible. To do this, we will have to visit the **Menus** link on the **Administer** page, which will bring us to the page shown in the following screenshot:



What we intend to do is to move all of the menu links of the site content pages, as well as the **Contact form** page under the **Primary links** menu. At the moment, most of them are still under **Navigation**. So let us visit the **Navigation** menu page.

1. Click on the **edit** operation in front of **Publications Type**, and when you get to the edit page, change the **Parent item** to **<Primary links>**.
2. Do the same for **My blog**. We will end up with a view of the page, as shown in the following screenshot:

The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:
<Primary links>

The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:
0

Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

3. There is one last item that we need to add, and that is the **Contact form**. Click on the **Add item** tab at the top of the **Primary links** page. You will be asked to define the **Path**, **Menu link title**, and **Parent item** of the **Contact form**. Set these as **contact** (as indicated while creating the contact form), **Contact form**, and select **<Primary links>** respectively. The completed form is shown in the following screenshot:

Menu settings

Path: *

contact

The path this menu item links to. This can be an internal Drupal path such as `node/add` or an external URL such as `http://drupal.org`. Enter `<front>` to link to the front page.

Menu link title: *

Contact form

The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.

Description:

The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:
<Primary links>

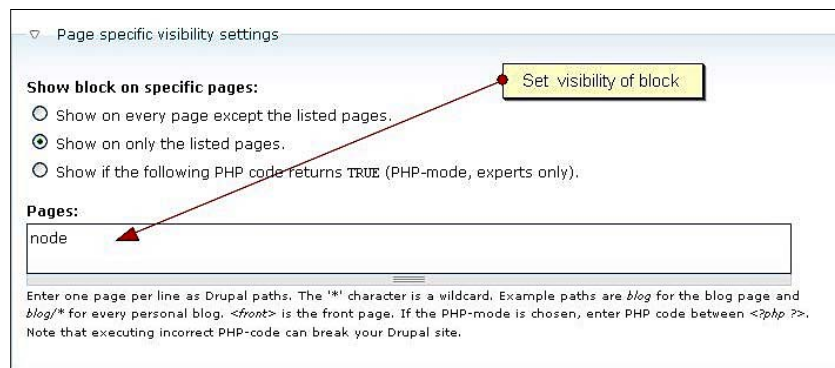
The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:

When you are finally returned to the **Primary links** page, you have the opportunity to rearrange all of the menu items as you wish by dragging them to the desired positions.

Latest blog posts

Smart wants a list of his latest blog posts to be shown on the front page. Doing this is a lot easier than you might think. Let's visit the **Blocks** page, by going to the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page. We will see that a block already exists for **Recent blog posts**. Drag it to a position under **Content**. However, this will make the latest blog posts to show on all of the pages, despite the fact that Smart only wants them on the front page. So we will need to configure this block to show only on the first page. Click on the **configure** operation in front of the block, and for the **Page specific visibility settings**, enter **node**.



While we are on the Blocks page, let's also drag the **Primary links** block to the **Left sidebar** (where we want it in our theme). The **Block title** of the block can be set to **<none>** to remove the default **Primary links** title.

As IM Smart wouldn't allow anyone else to log in to his web site we could also disable the login form, by removing by setting the **Region** of the **User login** block to **<none>**, and then click on the **Save** button, at the bottom of the page, to finish.

Permissions

A couple of details still need to be sorted out. We have created the content, but as it presently is, not the entire site is visible to everyone, especially the **Contact form**. We must set these permissions via the **Permissions** link on the **Administer** page. Make the **access site-wide contact form** permission accessible to all roles. Now, let us visit the front page to see what we have so far.



Finishing up

Smart has chosen the **AD The Morning After** theme to make his site more interesting. So we will now upload the theme and enable it.

The theme, once applied, confirms that all of the work required for I. M. Smart's site is finally done.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for any purpose
- Create new Content types and vocabularies
- Organize your content for display, using the Core **Menu** module and also the **Taxonomy** module

In real life, you may have more Content types and more content pages that are linked to the menu, such as the "About Me" page and a larger number of content categories, but the procedure basically remains the same.

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Verree High School—Building a School Site

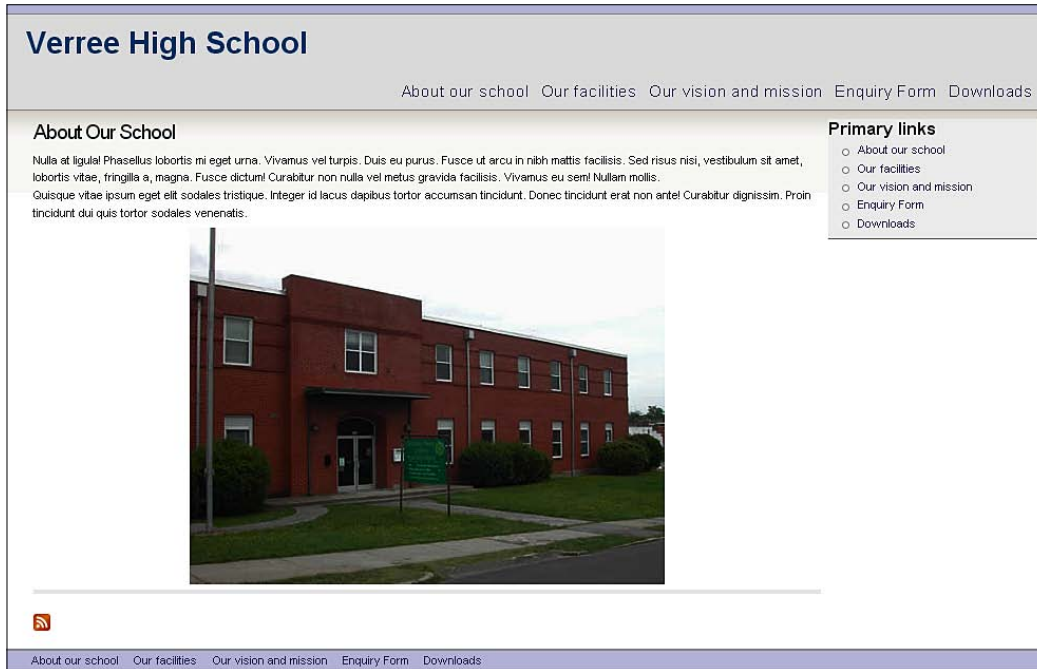
Verree High School is one of the most popular schools in Drupelburg. The school Board of Governors has decided to build a new web site that will basically tell the world about the school, its facilities, and its staff. The web site should be able to keep the world informed about the school's many activities, and it should also include a simple application form, through which detailed admission enquiries can be made. A page should also be included from which documents such as syllabuses and brochures can be downloaded.

Verree High School needs to incorporate the following features into their new web site:

- Content pages with the following descriptions:
 - Front page (About our School)
 - Our facilities
 - Our vision and mission
- A web-enabled application form for prospective students to make specific inquiries
- A page to list all of the downloadable items (brochures, catalogs, and so on)

Theme

The theme chosen for this project (for no particular reason) is "Beginning", which is a Drupal community contribution. The front page will feature a three-column theme.



Build the Verree High School site

The Verree High School web site is actually a simple site mostly made up of static pages such as **About our School**, **Our facilities**, and **Our vision and mission**. The complications that have been introduced into what otherwise would have been a straightforward site, which could have been completed within a couple of hours, are:

- A web-enabled form for detailed enquiries from the site users
- A download summary page where brochures and other files available to users may easily be accessed

Modules

From the tasks that are presented by this project, we are able to compile a list of contributed modules that will be used. So, for the purpose of this example, we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

The following modules are part of the Drupal Core and are not enabled by default. However, we need to use them:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content

Contributed modules

The following modules are not a part of the Drupal Core. We will have to obtain and upload them for use in this project.

- **Webform** – allows the creation of web-enabled forms for use on this project.
- **Views** – allows you to create customized lists and queries from your database.
- **Simpleviews** – an easy-to-use tool for building content listing pages.
- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sized images are created automatically.
- **IMCE** – gives the client the ability to upload and manage some files through the Admin interface.
- **Taxonomy Menu** – easily transforms taxonomy vocabularies into menus.
- **TinyMCE** – makes the formatting of all articles easier.

Enable modules

First, visit the **Modules** page and enable all of the modules that we need. For simplicity, just select all of the checkboxes related to the modules listed above. It is especially important to enable the **Upload** and **Webform** modules.

Configure the Webform module

We must configure the **Webform** module exactly as we want it to work. For this, visit the link or the page for the **Webform** module on the **Administer** page, and you will be shown the following page.

Webform
Webforms are forms and questionnaires. To add one, select Create content -> Webform. [more help...]

Available components

These are the available field types for your installation of Webform. You may disable any of these components by unchecking its corresponding box. Only checked components will be available in existing or new webforms.

Name	Description	Enabled
date	Presents month, day, and year fields.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
email	A textfield that automatically fills in a logged-in user's e-mail.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fieldset	Fieldsets allow you to organize multiple fields into groups.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
file	Allow users to submit files of the configured types.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
grid	Allows creation of grid questions, denoted by radio buttons.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
hidden	A field which is not visible to the user, but is recorded with the submission.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
markup	Displays text as HTML in the form; does not render a field.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pagebreak	Break up a multi-page form.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
select	Allows creation of checkboxes, radio buttons, or select menus.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
textarea	A large text area that allows for multiple lines of input.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
textfield	Basic textfield type.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
time	Presents the user with hour and minute fields. Optional am/pm fields.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Default e-mail values

From address:

The default sender address for emailed webform results; often the e-mail address of the maintainer of your forms.

From name:

The default sender name which is used along with the default from address.

Default subject:

The default subject line of any e-mailed results.

Change default address to which form result will be mailed

Change default subject that will appear on mail for , otherwise it will read "Form submission from Your Site Name"

All that is actually necessary to do is to change the default email to the one via which you will want submitted forms to be sent, and specify the default title of the form by which submissions are sent. Having done this, the **Webform** module will now be configured for use.

Configure the File uploads module

The **Upload** module should also be configured if you are intending to upload a file of an unusual format. Go to the **File uploads** link on the **Administer** page, and you will be presented with the page shown in the following screenshot:

File uploads

▽ General settings

Maximum resolution for uploaded images:
 WIDTHxHEIGHT
 The maximum allowed image size (e.g. 640x480). Set to 0 for no restriction. If an image toolkit is installed, files exceeding this value will be scaled down to fit.

List files by default:
 Yes
 Display attached files when viewing a post.

Default permitted file extensions:

 Default extensions that users can upload. Separate extensions with a space and do not include the leading dot.

Default maximum file size per upload:
 MB
 The default maximum file size a user can upload. If an image is uploaded and a maximum resolution is set, the size will be checked after the file has been resized.

Default total file size per user:
 MB
 The default maximum size of all files a user can have on the site.
 Your PHP settings limit the maximum file size per upload to 2 MB.

Callouts in the screenshot:
 - "Add other file extensions if required" points to the file extensions input field.
 - "Change maximum file sizes if required" points to the default maximum file size per upload input field.

Make the relevant changes according to your liking, especially if you need to add more file extension types to the default permitted file extensions, or if you need to change the maximum file size that is permitted. Otherwise, leave the default settings intact, and save the page. However, be conscious of the security issues of permitting executable files to be uploaded.

Create the Downloads Content type

By browsing to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section (shown in the following screenshot), we will find the **Content types** link. If we access this page, then we will see the various **Content types** listed there.

Content management

- Backup and Migrate**
Backup/restore your database or migrate data to or from another Drupal site.
- Comments**
List and edit site comments and the comment moderation queue.
- Content**
View, edit, and delete your site's content.
- Content types**
Manage posts by content type, including default status, front page promotion, etc.
- Post settings**
Control posting behavior, such as teaser length, requiring previews before posting, and the number of posts on the front page.
- RSS publishing**
Configure the number of items per feed and whether feeds should be titles/teasers/full-text.
- Signup administration**
View all signup-enabled posts, and open or close signups on them.
- Taxonomy**
Manage tagging, categorization, and classification of your content.

Here, we need to create a new Content type for "Downloads", as this will make it easier for the site administrator to post files for downloading.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Image	image	An image (with thumbnail). This is ideal for publishing photographs or screenshots.	edit
Page	page	A page, similar in form to a story, is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as the about page of a website. By default, a page entry does not allow comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	
Story	story	A story, similar in form to a page, is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a story entry. By default, a story entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete
Webform	webform	Create a new form or questionnaire accessible to users. Submission results and statistics are recorded and accessible to privileged users.	edit

We need to add another content type "Downloads"

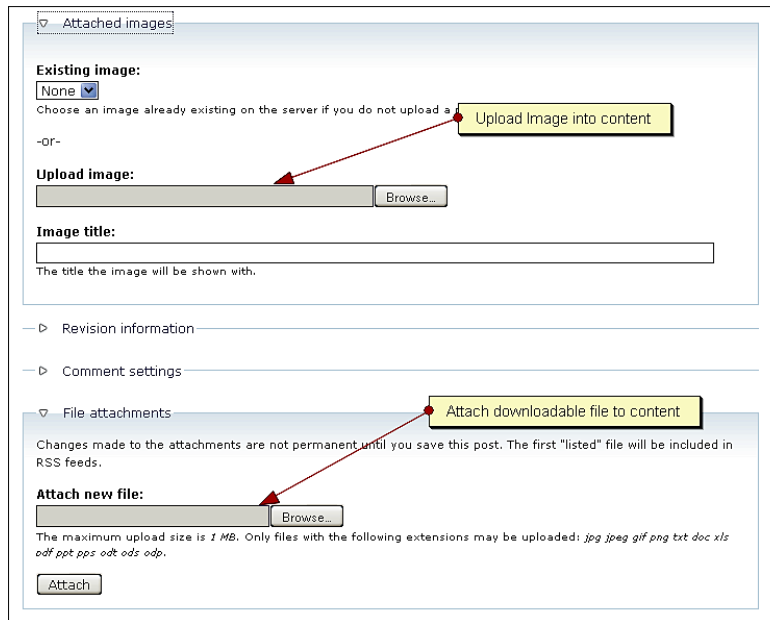
To create the "Downloads" Content type:

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top of the page. You will then be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type descriptions, the general rules for the adding of content, and the display of content for this new Content type, in the places where they need to be in the form. Here are some guidelines:
 - a. In the **Identification** fields, enter the **Name** and **Description** of the content type – **Downloads**.
 - b. In the **Submission form settings**, choose the title that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), and also the fields demanding the minimum length of an article before it can be accepted for submission. A field where you can describe submission guidelines for this Content type can also be found here (leave this at the system default setting).
 - c. In the **Workflow setting**, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the article to be published and made available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want to promote the article to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the article to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
 - In the **Attachments** option, select **Enabled**, in order to permit downloadable files to be attached to the content.
 - d. In the **Comment Settings**, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on articles from this Content type or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.
 - e. In the **Image Attach settings**, enable **Attach Images**, so that images can also be added to the text.

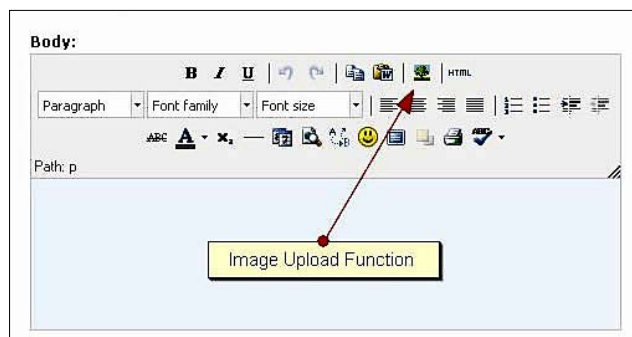
Perform the steps c to e for each of the other Content types.

Handle attachments and images

Go to the **Create content** link for **Downloads** or any of the other Content types. Near the bottom end of the page, you will find the **Attached Image** panel (where you can upload images to go with your text) and the **File attachments** panel.



If you have also configured your TinyMCE editor correctly, then you should have an editor bar, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot, in the **Body** field. You can similarly post images into the body of your text content by using the image upload function in the TinyMCE editor. You may, however, use any other text editor of your choice (for example, FCKeditor), which will of course result in a different but functionally-similar editor bar.



Test the Downloads submission form

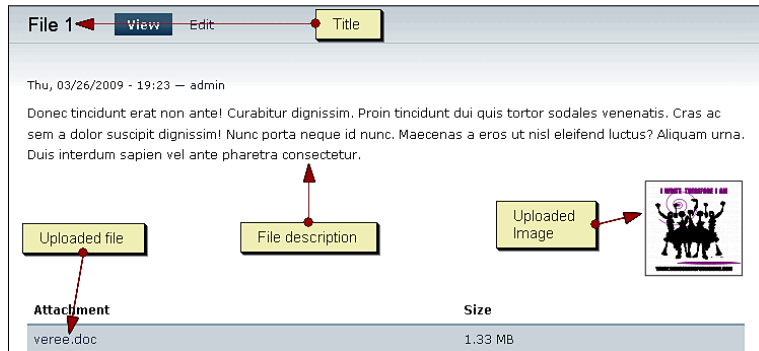
Now let us test our **Downloads** submission form and see how it works. To do this, click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side of the page, and select **Downloads**. You will then get a form similar to the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create Downloads" with several sections and callouts:

- 1. Add title of download:** Points to the "Title: *" text input field.
- 2. Add description of download:** Points to the large "Body:" text area.
- 3. Add additional image to description:** Points to the "Upload image:" section, which includes a "Browse..." button.
- 4. Uploads the file and attach it to content:** Points to the "Attach new file:" section, which includes a "Browse..." button and an "Attach" button.

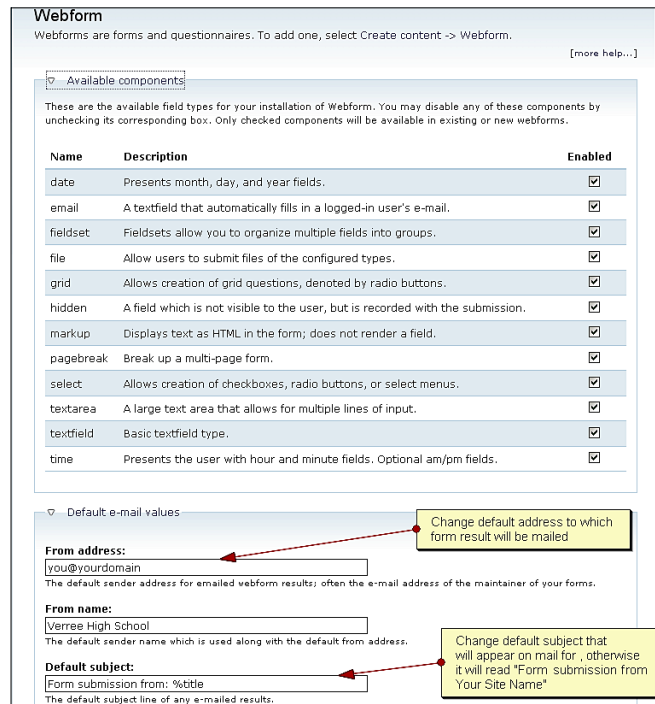
Other visible form elements include "Menu settings", "Input format", "Attached images" (with an "Existing image:" dropdown set to "None"), "Revision information", and "Comment settings".

Add one or two pages, and post some files to make sure that your file upload function has been set up properly. You should end up with a typical downloadable file content page as shown in the following screenshot:



Create a Webform

Every form that is created by using this module is actually a new Drupal node. The first form that we will be presented with, when creating a Webform, is the **Site configuration (settings)** page that will tell Drupal how to handle your completed form.



For the purpose of this web site, we are required to create a simple **Enquiry Form**, which will capture the following information from the visitor:

- Name
- Email
- Telephone
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Interests

Webform is a very powerful module that can be configured to do amazing things, depending on the components of the module that are used when creating the form. The example that we are attempting to perform, barely scratches the surface of the abilities of this module. Therefore, we will actually be performing very minor configurations.

As usual, we are able to create a Webform by visiting the **Create content** link and selecting **Webform**. There are some parameters that need to be defined, such as:

- The title of the form and a description, if available
- Whether the form will give a confirmatory message on submission, or direct the submitter to a URL that you have provided
- Whether the form will be emailed to an address that you have supplied, or the result will be accessed online by permitted users

For our form, we have used the following parameters:

- **Title: Enquiry Form**
- **Description: To make enquiries from Verree High School**
- **Confirmation Message: Thank you for your message**
- **Email to Address: enquiry@verreehigh.com**

The Webform with all the parameters filled in is shown in the following screenshot:

Create Webform

—▷ Menu settings

▽ Webform Settings

Title: *
Enquiry Form

Description:
To make enquiries from Verree High School

Text to be shown as teaser and before the form.

Confirmation message or redirect URL:
Thank you for your message.

Message to be shown upon successful submission or a path to a redirect page. Preface message with *message:* for a simple message that does not require a page refresh. Redirect pages must start with *http://* for external sites or *internal:* for an internal path. i.e. *http://www.example.com* or *internal:node/10*

—▷ Input format

▽ Webform access control

These permissions affect which roles can submit this webform. It does not prevent access to the webform page. If needing to prevent access to the webform page entirely, use a content access module such as Taxonomy Access or Node Privacy by Role.

Roles that can submit this webform:

- anonymous user
- authenticated user

Uncheck all roles to prevent new submissions. The *authenticated user* role applies to any user signed into the site, regardless of other assigned roles.

▽ Webform mail settings

E-mail to address:
enquiry@verreehigh.com

Form submissions will be e-mailed to this address. Leave blank for none. Multiple e-mail addresses may be separated by commas.

The other settings can be left with their default values. Now we can click on the **Save** button. Upon saving the Webform, we are taken to another page, from which we actually begin to build our form.

All of the information field that we require from the form user will be created from a component that relates to the type of data required. Specifically:

- **Name** – requires a **textfield** type component.
- **Email** – requires an **email** type component.
- **Telephone** – requires a **textfield** type component.

- **Gender** – requires a **select** type component
- **Date of Birth** – requires a **date** type component
- **Interest** – requires a **textarea** type component

These are the only components that we will use to build our **Enquiry Form**.



Tips and traps

When creating the **Enquiry Form**, make sure that the TinyMCE editor has been disabled on the page. Failing to do so may result in unnecessary HTML tags being applied to the text appearing in the text fields.

Create Name field

To create the **Name** field, we enter **Name** as the field **Name**, select **textfield** as the **Type**, and then click on the **Add** button.

Enquiry Form View Edit Results

Configuration Form components

This page displays all the components currently configured for this webform node. You may add any number of components to the form, even multiple of the same type. To add a new component, fill in a name and select a type from the fields at the bottom of the table. Submit the form to create the new component or update any changed form values.

Click on **Field title** component's name settings.

Name	Type	Value	Mandatory	E-mail	Operations
No Components, add a component below					
+ Name	textfield		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add

Submit

This takes us to another form, which will permit us to add more information about this field, as shown in the following screenshot:

Edit component: Name (textfield) View Edit Results

Configuration Form components

Label: *
Name
This is used as a descriptive label when displaying this form element.

Default value:
John Doe
The default value of the field.
—▷ Token values

Description:
Your name
A short description of the field used as help for the user when he/she uses the form.
—▷ Token values

Add values to these form fields

Here we have added:

1. **Label** – the label of the field, which will be **Name**, as shown in the previous screenshot.
2. **Default value** – some dummy data that will make the addition of a value to this field by the user a more intuitive process. In our case, we have entered **John Doe**.

Leave all of the other settings with their default values, and then click on the **Submit** button.

The **Telephone** field is created using a similar procedure.

Create an Email field

The **Email** field is built in a similar way to the **Name** field that we have just created, but with a different Webform component. The **Email** field can be configured as shown in the following screenshot:

Edit component: Email (email) View Edit Results

Configuration **Form components**

Label: *
Email
This is used as a descriptive label when displaying this form element.

User email as default
Set the default value of this field to the user email, if he/she is logged in.

Default value:
%useremail
The default value of the field.

—▷ Token values

Description:
Your email
A short description of the field used as help for the user when he/she uses the form.

—▷ Token values

Width:
Width of the textfield. Leaving blank will use the default size.

E-mail a submission copy
Check this option if this component contains an e-mail address that should get a copy of the submission. Emails are sent individually so other emails will not be shown to the recipient.

Disabled
Make this field non-editable. Useful for setting an unchangeable default value.

—▷ Advanced settings

Submit

In the configuration form that we have seen, a couple of new parameters will have to be defined. These parameters are:

- Whether the user's email will be the default email to be used in this field
- Whether a copy of the submitted form should be emailed to this user

Create a Gender field

The **Gender** field is also built in a similar way to the other two fields, but with a different component. For this field, we will be using the **Select** component. Therefore, we will need to present options to the user to select from. The values to be entered for this field are shown in the following screenshot:

Edit component: Gender (select) View Edit Results

Configuration **Form components**

Label: *
 Gender
 This is used as a descriptive label when displaying this form element.

Default value:
 Select Gender
 The default value of the field. For multiple selects use commas to separate multiple defaults.

—▷ Token values —

Options: *
 Male
 Female
 A list of selectable options. One option per line. Key-value pairs may be entered separated by pipes, such as "safe_key|Some readable option". Option groups for lists and menus may be specified with <Group Name>. <> can be used to insert items at the root of the menu after specifying a group.

—▷ Token values —

Description:
 Your Gender
 A short description of the field used as help for the user when he/she uses the form.

—▷ Token values —

Multiple
 Check this option if the user should be allowed to choose multiple values.

Listbox
 Check this option if you want the select component to be of listbox type instead of radiobuttons or checkboxes.

E-mail a submission copy
 Check this option if this component contains an e-mail address that should get a copy of the submission. Emails are sent individually so other emails will not be shown to the recipient. To use the option with a select component, you must use key-value pairs separated by pipes. i.e. user@example.com|Sample user.

Additionally, we need to determine how this field will be presented to the user – as a listbox or as a checkbox. We will also determine whether multiple values are permitted. Thankfully, in this case, our user will be (hopefully) either male or female.

Create the Date of Birth field

The **Date of Birth** field is created using the **date** component. The following screenshot shows the values to be entered:

The screenshot shows the configuration page for a 'Date of Birth' component. The page title is 'Edit component: Date of Birth (date)' with 'View', 'Edit', and 'Results' buttons. The 'Form components' tab is active. The settings are as follows:

- Label:** * Date of Birth (This is used as a descriptive label when displaying this form element.)
- Default value:** (The default value of the field. Accepts any date in any GNU Date Input Format. Strings such as today, +2 months, and Dec 9 2004 are all valid.)
- Description:** Date of birth (A short description of the field used as help for the user when he/she uses the form.)
- Timezone:** Website timezone (selected), User timezone, GMT (Adjust the date according to a specific timezone. Website timezone is defined in the Site Settings and is the default.)
- Observe Daylight Savings:** (Automatically adjust the time during daylight savings.)
- Start year:** 1960 (The first year that is allowed to be entered.)
- End year:** 2050 (The last year that is allowed to be entered.)
- Use a textfield for year:** (If checked, the generated date field will use a textfield for the year. Otherwise it will use a select list.)

A yellow callout box with the text 'Change start and end year if required' has a red arrow pointing to the 'Start year' field.

The main settings in this form are the **Timezone**, the **Start year**, and the **End year** for the field. Most of these do not really affect the result of the form.

Create the Interest field

The **Interest** field uses the **textarea** component, because this component can better handle content of undetermined length. The completed **Interest** field is shown in the following screenshot:

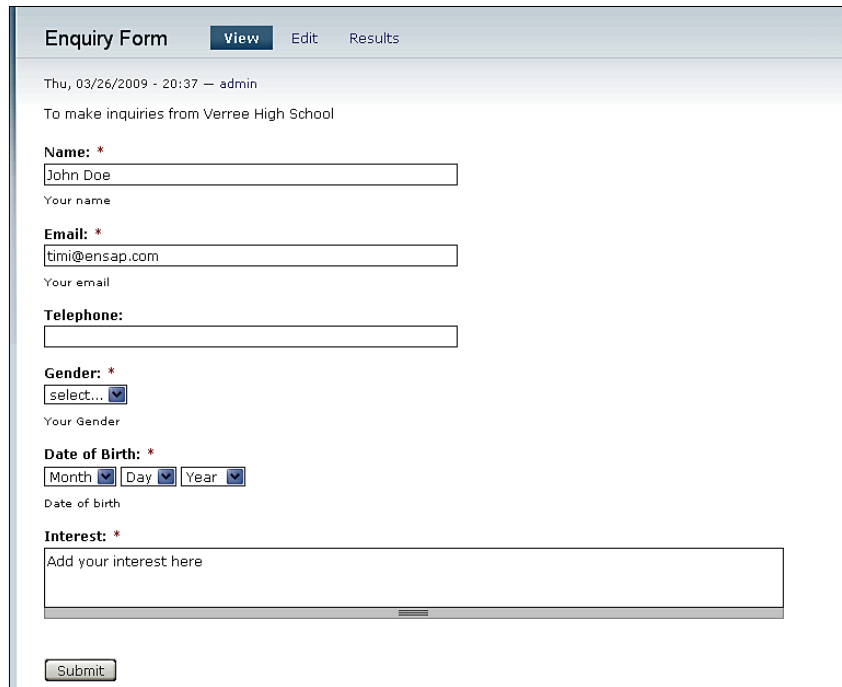
The screenshot displays the configuration interface for an 'Interest' field. At the top, there are tabs for 'Configuration' and 'Form components', with 'Form components' selected. The main configuration area includes the following sections:

- Label: ***: A text input field containing 'Interest'. Below it, a note states: 'This is used as a descriptive label when displaying this form element.'
- Default value:**: A large text area containing 'Add your interest here'. Below it, a note states: 'The default value of the field.'
- Description:**: A text input field. Below it, a note states: 'A short description of the field used as help for the user when he/she uses the form.'
- Width:**: A small text input field. Below it, a note states: 'Width of the textfield. Leaving blank will use the default size.'
- Height:**: A small text input field. Below it, a note states: 'Height of the textfield. Leaving blank will use the default size.'
- Resizable**: A checked checkbox. Below it, a note states: 'Make this field resizable by the user.'
- Disabled**: An unchecked checkbox. Below it, a note states: 'Make this field non-editable. Useful for setting an unchangeable default value.'

Most of the settings here can be kept safely with their default values.

View the Form

Now, in order to see what our completed form looks like, click on the **View** tab at the top of the page to which we are adding the components. The result can be seen in the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Enquiry Form" with three tabs: "View" (selected), "Edit", and "Results". The form content includes:

- A header area with the text: "Thu, 03/26/2009 - 20:37 — admin" and "To make inquiries from Verree High School".
- A "Name:" field with a red asterisk, containing the text "John Doe". Below it is the label "Your name".
- An "Email:" field with a red asterisk, containing the text "timi@ensap.com". Below it is the label "Your email".
- A "Telephone:" field.
- A "Gender:" field with a red asterisk, containing a dropdown menu with "select..." selected. Below it is the label "Your Gender".
- A "Date of Birth:" field with a red asterisk, containing three dropdown menus for "Month", "Day", and "Year". Below it is the label "Date of birth".
- An "Interest:" field with a red asterisk, containing the text "Add your interest here" and a large text area below it.
- A "Submit" button at the bottom left.

Looks nice doesn't it?



Tips and traps

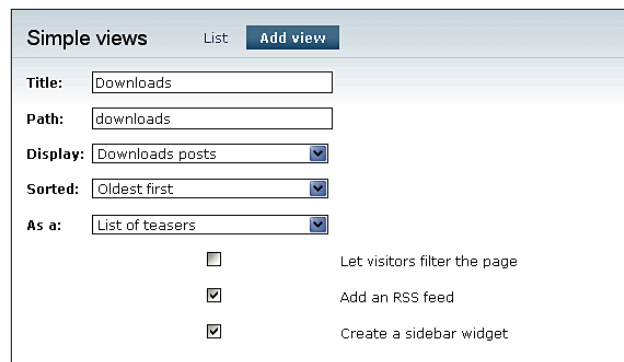
Remember to change the permissions for the users (to create or view file uploads, create or view images, and view the Webform) in the **Permissions** link on the **Administer** page.

Display content

The Downloads summary page lists all of the content submitted under the **Downloads** Content type. This page will make it easy for users to quickly locate items that are available for download.

Downloads summary Page

In order to create this page, enable the **SimpleViews** and **View** modules. Visit the configuration page for the **SimpleViews** module at **Administer | Site building | Simple views**. Click on the **Add view** tab, and create a view for the **Download list** page by entering the configurations shown in the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows the 'Simple views' configuration interface. At the top, there is a 'List' tab and an 'Add view' button. Below this, the following fields are visible:

- Title:** Downloads
- Path:** downloads
- Display:** Downloads posts
- Sorted:** Oldest first
- As a:** List of teasers

At the bottom, there are three checkboxes with corresponding labels:

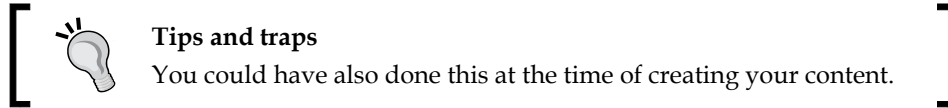
- Let visitors filter the page
- Add an RSS feed
- Create a sidebar widget

This will create a page view and a block for the items that have been posted under the **Downloads** Content type.

Create Menus

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. We want to have the ability to access all of our content pages from under the **Primary links** menu. In order to do this, go to the individual content pages that you have created (**About our school, Our facilities, Our vision and mission, Enquiry Form**), and click on the **Edit** tab.

In the menu setting for each content page, add a menu title and set the **Parent item** as **<Primary links>**.



Now go to **Menus** link on the **Administer** page. Select the **Add item** tab in the **Primary links** menu page, and add the page URL for the **Downloads** page to the **<Primary links>** as shown in the following screenshot:

A screenshot of the Drupal 'Primary links' menu settings form. The form has a title 'Primary links' and three tabs: 'List items', 'Add item' (which is active), and 'Edit menu'. The form contains several fields: 'Path: *' with the value 'downloads'; 'Menu link title: *' with the value 'Downloads'; 'Description:' with the value 'Downloads page'; 'Parent item:' with a dropdown menu showing '<Primary links>'; and 'Weight:' with a dropdown menu showing '6'. There are also checkboxes for 'Enabled' (checked) and 'Expanded' (unchecked).

Primary links List items **Add item** Edit menu

Menu settings

Path: *
downloads
The path this menu item links to. This can be an internal Drupal path such as *node/add* or an external URL such as *http://drupal.org*. Enter *<front>* to link to the front page.

Menu link title: *
Downloads
The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.

Description:
Downloads page
The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:
<Primary links>
The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

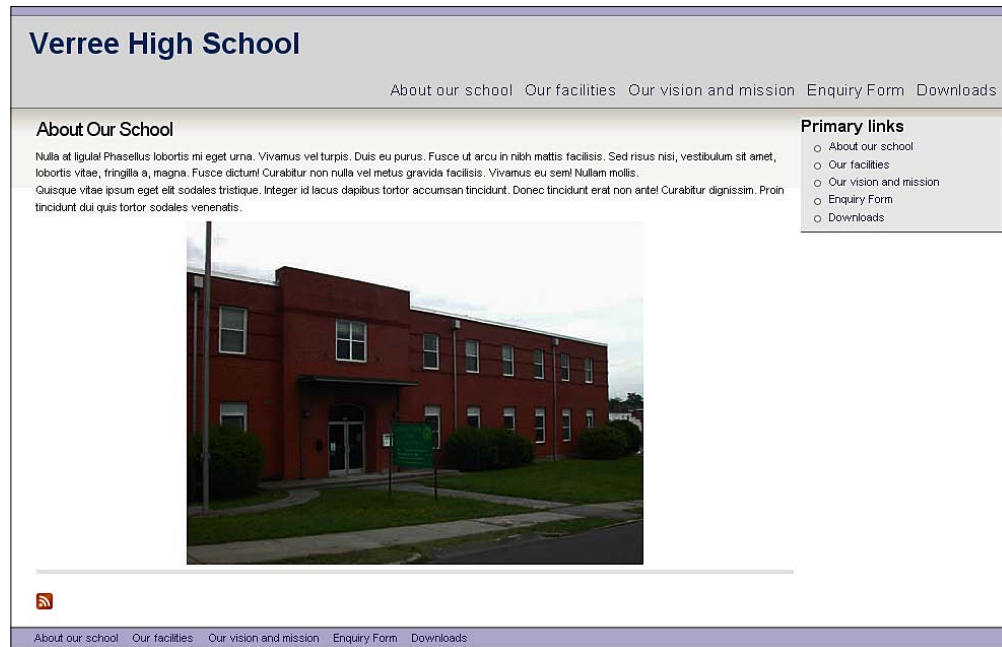
Weight:
6
Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

When we have completed this, let us visit the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page, and move the **Primary links** block to the **Right sidebar** – where we want it.

On this page, you may also opt to remove the **User login** and the **Navigation** blocks from the sidebar.

Finishing up

We may now enable our new theme, **Beginning**, on the **Themes** page, and configure it to our preferences. Verree High School now has a website that satisfies the needs of the Board of Governors.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for a small educational, research, or non-profit organization
- Use the **Webform** module to create dynamic forms and questionnaires
- Use the **SimpleViews** and **Views** modules to generate quick page and block views of content by Content type

3

Global Hitchhikers Club— Building an Aficionado's Site

The Global Hitchhikers Club is an online club for hobos and compulsive travelers. The purpose of the club web site is to enable members to keep an online blog of their travels, and to provide a means for advising other club members on their own travels. In their blog, club members will describe the places where they've been, including the sleeping and eating facilities, as well as the disposition of the natives. Users can also upload photos.

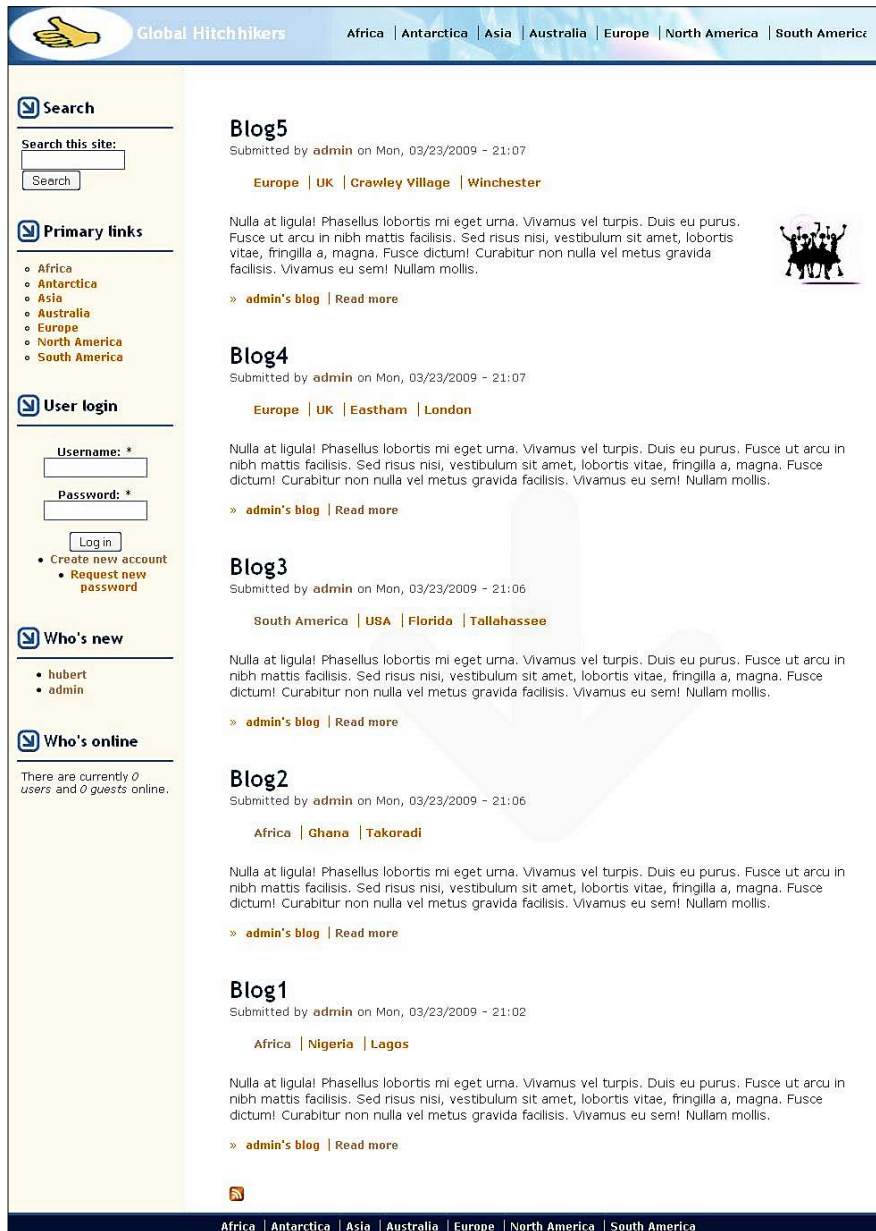
The Global Hitchhikers Club web site will have the following distinguishing features:

- Members will be able to create their own profile page, which will be visible to other members
- Members will be able to create blog entries, categorized by the continent location, and be able to upload photos into these entries
- The latest blog entries will automatically be promoted to the front page
- Site users will be able to comment on these blog entries

Links will be provided to show page views of blog entries categorized by continent.

Theme

The theme chosen for the Global Hitchhikers Club web site is "Pushbutton", which is a Drupal core theme. The front page will feature a two-column layout.



Build the Global Hitchhikers Club site

Picture Hubert the hobo, sitting on a park bench in central Timbuktu, with his trusty laptop beside him. After locating a free Wi-Fi hotspot, he proceeds to report back to the rest of the club via the web site about his journey so far, his present location, how he successfully completed his travel, and the best way to get free amenities such as free meals and liquor at his destination.

In order to enable this web site to function successfully, we need to do the following:

- Select the modules necessary to implement the required functionalities and configure them
- Establish profile pages where members may fully describe themselves and where other members can track their travels (profile pages will contain name, email, mobile phone number, age, gender, and nationality)
- Create selectable terms for Hubert to describe the continent where he has found himself
- Create form fields for him to tag his specific location—country and locality
- Categorize and organize all of the content in a logical way, to enable it to be easily accessed and read

Modules

From the tasks that are presented by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used.

Optional Core modules

Now, there are often several ways of getting the same result. Each method undoubtedly requires different combinations of contributed and Core modules. However, for the purpose of this example, we shall be using the following **Core** modules:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – permits users to comment on stories
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content
- **Profile** – allows the configuration of user profiles
- **Blog** – enables the easy and regular update of web pages and blog posts
- **Search** – enables site-wide searches by keyword

Contributed modules

The following modules will have to be obtained and uploaded for use in this project:

- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically.
- **IMCE** – gives the client the ability to upload and manage some files through the Admin interface.
- **Taxonomy Menu** – easily transforms taxonomy vocabularies into menus.
- **TinyMCE** – makes adding page breaks and setting a drop cap in the articles a bit easier. We have most of the buttons disabled.

Basic content

As the site is built around the **Blog** module, no other Content type will need to be created. However, the main challenge that will still present itself is how to categorize the content in a way that will make it useable. But before we do this, let us first define the users and how they will be registered and visible to others.

User settings

The basic user settings may be found as a link on the **Administer** page, and the page to which it opens to is called **User settings** (surprise). Let us enable **Signatures** at the bottom of this page (so that members can add cool sign-offs at the end of their blogs, like Namaste, Adios amigos, Peace brothers, Ketchya, Yours Truly, Sayonara, Wha' Gwan, and so on). Let us also enable picture support (so that members can have their pictures displayed in their profiles).

Signatures

Signature support:

Disabled

Enabled

Pictures

Picture support:

Disabled

Enabled

Picture image path:

Subdirectory in the directory `sites/default/files/` where pictures will be stored.

Default picture:

URL of picture to display for users with no custom picture selected. Leave blank for none.

Picture maximum dimensions:

Maximum dimensions for pictures, in pixels.

Picture maximum file size:

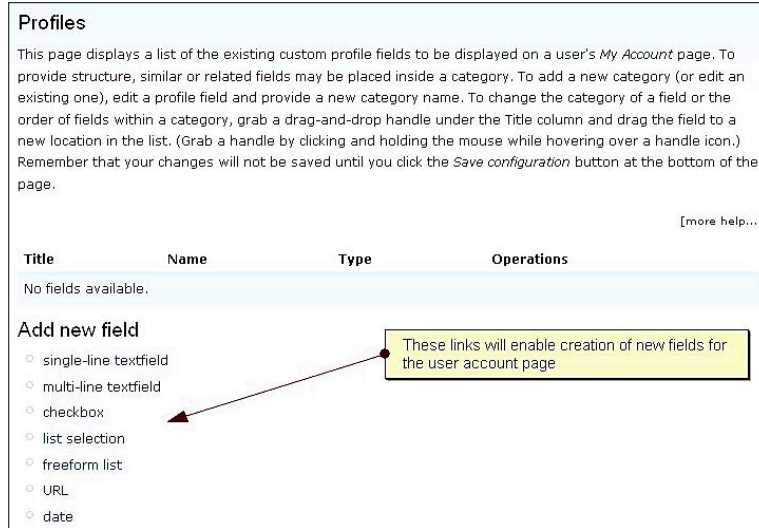
Maximum file size for pictures, in kB.

Picture guidelines:

This text is displayed at the picture upload form in addition to the default guidelines. It's useful for helping or instructing your users.

User profile

However, what we have done so far will not give us a user profile page that is comprehensive enough. To get what we want, we need to enable the **Profile** module on the modules page. On visiting the **Profiles** link in the **admin** menu, we will be presented with a page like the following:



This page presents us with seven possibilities for creating new fields on the **User account** page. Now let us add form fields for the following information:

- Username
- Alternate email address
- Mobile phone
- Date of birth
- Gender

Name

The **Name** field is a **single-line textfield**. This is the link on the **Profiles** page that we will click on to create this field. This gives us a page where we will fill in the following details:

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal information**, because that is exactly what this is all about.
- For the **Title**, enter **Name**.

- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_name**.
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**.
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose name is %value**. This will enable site users to find people whose name contains a certain string defined by the user (for example, Tom, Tomas).
- Select the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering.

The completed page is shown in the following screenshot:

add new *single-line textfield*

Field settings

Category: *

Personal information

The category the new field should be part of. Categories are used to group fields logically. An example category is "Personal information".

Title: *

Name

The title of the new field. The title will be shown to the user. An example title is "Favorite color".

Form name: *

profile_name

The name of the field. The form name is not shown to the user but used internally in the HTML code and URLs. Unless you know what you are doing, it is highly recommended that you prefix the form name with `profile_` to avoid name dashes with other fields. Spaces or any other special characters except dash (-) and underscore () are not allowed. An example name is "profile_favorite_color" or perhaps just "profile_color".

Explanation:

Enter your name

An optional explanation to go with the new field. The explanation will be shown to the user.

Visibility:

Hidden profile field, only accessible by administrators, modules and themes.

Private field, content only available to privileged users.

Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages.

Public field, content shown on profile page and on member list pages.

Page title:

People whose name is %value

To enable browsing this field by value, enter a title for the resulting page. The word `value` will be substituted with the corresponding value. An example page title is "People whose favorite color is %value". This is only applicable for a public field.

Weight:

0

The weights define the order in which the form fields are shown. Lighter fields "float up" towards the top of the category.

Form will auto-complete while user is typing.
For security, auto-complete will be disabled if the user does not have access to user profiles.

The user must enter a value.

Visible in user registration form.

The **Alternate email address** and **Mobile Phone** fields are created by using a similar method.

Date of Birth

The **Date of Birth** field is a **date** field, so that is the link that we will click on to create this field.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal information** because that is exactly what this is all about
- For the **Title**, enter **Date of Birth**
- For the **Form** name, enter **profile_dob**
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose birthday is %value**
- Select the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

Gender

The **Gender** field is a **list selection**, because each blogger is either male, or female. Okay, we'll add the **I don't know** category for political correctness.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal information** because that is exactly what this is all about
- For the **Title**, enter **Gender**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_gender**
- For **Selection options**, enter **Male**, **Female**, and **I don't know**, on separate lines
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list page**
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose gender is %value**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed and visible when users are newly registering

The following screenshot shows how our new profile creation page looks:

Profiles

Profile fields have been updated.

This page displays a list of the existing custom profile fields to be displayed on a user's *My Account* page. To provide structure, similar or related fields may be placed inside a category. To add a new category (or edit an existing one), edit a profile field and provide a new category name. To change the category of a field or the order of fields within a category, grab a drag-and-drop handle under the Title column and drag the field to a new location in the list. (Grab a handle by clicking and holding the mouse while hovering over a handle icon.) Remember that your changes will not be saved until you click the *Save configuration* button at the bottom of the page.

[\[more help...\]](#)

Title	Name	Type	Operations	
Personal information				
⊕ Name	profile_	textfield	edit	delete
⊕ Mobile Phone	profile_mobile	textfield	edit	delete
⊕ Alternate email address	profile_email	textfield	edit	delete
⊕ Date of Birth	profile_date	date	edit	delete
⊕ Gender	profile_gender	selection	edit	delete

Save the configuration. Note that we have chosen to have all of these fields show on the user registration page. In order to make sure that it works the way we planned, let's log out from our **admin** account for a minute and attempt to register as a new user, by clicking on the **Create new account** link. The form that will be presented to us will be similar to the one shown in following screenshot:

User account [Create new account](#) [Log in](#) [Request new password](#)

Account information

Username: *

Spaces are allowed; punctuation is not allowed except for periods, hyphens, and underscores.

E-mail address: *

A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.

Personal information

Name: *

Enter your name

Mobile Phone: *

Your mobile phone

Alternate email address:

Your alternative email address for contact

Date of Birth: *

Jul ▾ 4 ▾ 1937 ▾

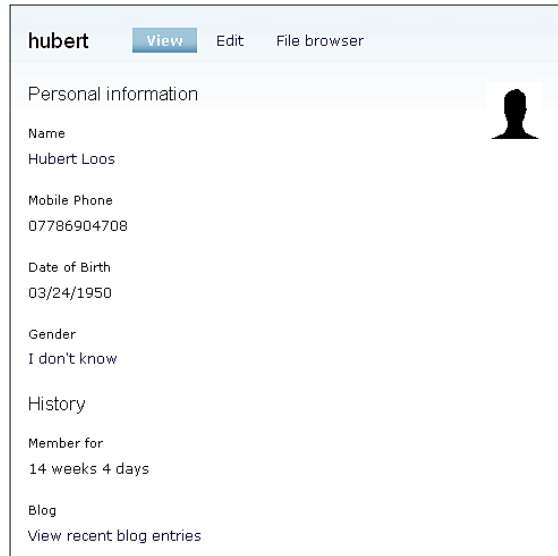
Your birthday

Gender: *

I don't know ▾

What is your gender ?

So our profile page has been properly configured (the way we want it), and you can finally see what happens when Hubert completes his profile.



Configure the Blog entry Content type

The **Blog entry** Content type is automatically created when the core **Blog** module is enabled. This Content type will permit users to post blog posts that are simply user journals.



Ensure that you have enabled the **Blog** module. When we go onto the **Administer** page of the site, and then onto the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link. If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there.

Content types			
		List	Add content type
Below is a list of all the content types on your site. All posts that exist on your site are instances of one of these content types.			
Name	Type	Description	Operations
Blog entry	blog	A <i>blog entry</i> is a single post to an online journal, or <i>blog</i> .	edit
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

We will not be creating a new Content type, as the **Blog entry** Content type is already present.

1. Click on the **edit** link for the **Blog entry** Content type. You will then be presented with a form.
2. In the **Workflow setting** panel, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the blog entry published and available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want the blog entry to be promoted to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the blog entry to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox. For this project, we should probably ignore this option.
3. In the **Comments settings** panel, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to be posted for blog entries or not, and if you do, how these comments will be handled. For our example, we will allow comments to be made on blog entries.

Images

You may have seen that the form has no place to enable us to add images. Therefore, Hubert the hobo cannot post images into his blog entries, as he does not know how to code HTML.

Download the **IMCE** and **Image** modules, and install and enable them. While at it, also download the TinyMCE editor, enable it, and configure it. The TinyMCE editor is not essential, though. If it is not included, then Hubert might need to learn how to code after all, in order to be able to insert pictures, tables, and formatted text inline in his blog entries. Finally, you must also enable the **Upload** module, or else no user will be able to attach images or other files to their blog entries.

Having done this, return to **Administer | Content management | Content types**, and display the **Blog entry** Content type page again. At the bottom of the page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now your blog entries will be ready to incorporate images. In order to confirm this, go to the **Create content** link for the **Blog entry** Content type again. Near the bottom, you will find the **Attached images** panel, where you can upload images to your blog entries.

For these to work though, you need to set the user permissions to enable your registered users to use the functionalities mentioned above.

Attached images

Existing image:
None ▾
Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

-or-

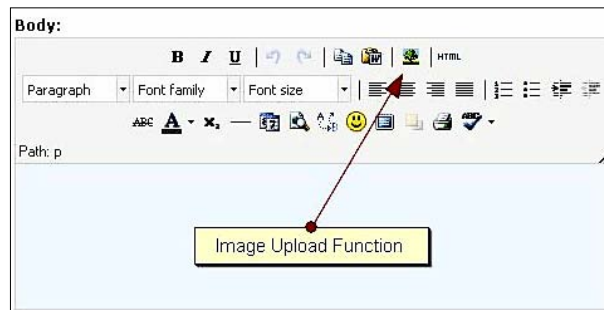
Upload image:

Image title:

The title the image will be shown with.

You may find that the **TinyMCE WYSIWYG editor** module may be quite difficult to configure all by itself. For this, there is also an **autoconf** module that does much of the hard work for you, automatically.

If you have configured your TinyMCE editor correctly, then you should have an editor toolbar, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot, in the **Body** text area. You can similarly post images onto the body of your blogs by using the image upload function in your TinyMCE editor, as well as add formatting to the **Body** text, by using the text formatting function.



Create new categories

Our blog entries will need to be organized into categories in order to group them together with other blog entries, according to geographical location.

Go to the **Taxonomy** link under **Content management** section in the **Administer** page, and navigate to the Taxonomy page. If you have started a new site, then you will see at the foot of this page a notice that there is no vocabulary available for your new categories. The **vocabulary** is a term by which a collection of categories (or terms) can be collectively described. In this case, let us create three vocabularies—Continent, Country, and Location. We will do this by clicking on the **Add Vocabulary** link at the top of the page. The form for this new vocabulary will then be filled with the following values:

1. In the **Identification** panel, let us enter the name of the vocabulary, a **Description**, and also any **Help text** that comes to mind to guide the users when they come across this vocabulary. For Continent, we have used **Continent** as the **Vocabulary name**. For the **Description**, we have entered **The continent that you are posting from**, and for the **Help text**, we will be instructing the user to **Enter the continent which you are posting from**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a Content type. We have created it specifically for blog entries. So we will, of course, select the **Blog entry** checkbox.

3. For the **Settings**, we declare that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required**, and that the blogger must choose a term from the supplied list.

▽ Identification

Vocabulary name: *

The name for this vocabulary, e.g., "Tags".

Description:

Description of the vocabulary; can be used by modules.

Help text:

Instructions to present to the user when selecting terms, e.g., "Enter a comma separated list of words".

▽ Content types

Content types:

- Blog entry
- Image
- Page
- Story

Select content types to categorize using this vocabulary.

▽ Settings

- Tags
Terms are created by users when submitting posts by typing a comma separated list.
- Multiple select
Allows posts to have more than one term from this vocabulary (always true for tags).
- Required
At least one term in this vocabulary must be selected when submitting a post.

Weight:

Vocabularies are displayed in ascending order by weight.

Whereas the vocabulary called **Continent** will have terms included for selection, **Country** and **Location** are free-tagging, meaning that the Hubert will type these in by himself.

Name	Type	Operations
⊕ Continent	Blog entry	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
⊕ Country	Blog entry	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
⊕ Location	Blog entry	edit vocabulary list terms add terms

Add new terms

Getting back to the **Taxonomy** page, we can see that the new vocabulary that we have just created is now listed. Now we need to add the terms for the **Continent** vocabulary. We do this by clicking on the **add terms** link and then completing the form that we will be presented with. Forget about the **Advanced options** link at the bottom of the page at this stage because we only have a single level of terms.

If you click the **list terms** operation to the righthand side of the vocabulary, then you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created, in the order that they will be presented to the user. If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.

Terms in *Continent* [List](#) [Add term](#)

Continent is a single hierarchy vocabulary. You may organize the terms in the *Continent* vocabulary by using the handles on the left side of the table. To change the name or description of a term, click the *edit* link next to the term. [more help...]

Name	Operations
⊕ Africa	edit
⊕ Antarctica	edit
⊕ Asia	edit
⊕ Australia	edit
⊕ Europe	edit
⊕ North America	edit
⊕ South America	edit

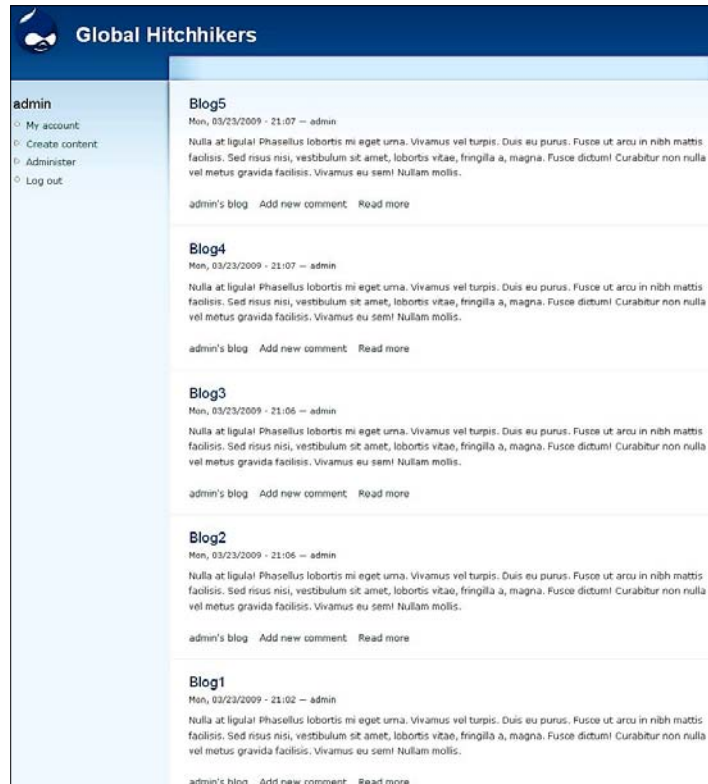
Test the Blog submission form

Now let us test our blog submission form and see how it works. To do this, click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side of the page, and select **Blog entry**. You will get a form similar to the one shown in following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a form titled "Create Blog entry". It has the following fields and elements:

- Title:** A required text input field.
- Vocabularies:** A section containing:
 - Continent:** A required dropdown menu with the text "Please choose ...".
 - Country:** A required text input field with a placeholder "Enter the country which you are posting from".
 - Location:** A required text input field with a placeholder "Enter the actual location where you are posting from".
- Menu settings:** A section with a "Split summary at cursor" button.
- Body:** A large text area for the main content of the blog entry.

Now add some blog posts to ensure that you have successfully performed the tasks mentioned up to now.





Tips and traps

Remember to change the permissions to **create blog entries**, **create images**, and **upload files** in the **Permissions** page in the **admin** menu.

Display content

Now, that just about settles much of what is required to post blog posts onto the Global Hitchhikers Club web site. First, we want to be able to view our blog posts by continent.

Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

Again there are several ways to do this. One quick method is to use a module known as **Taxonomy Menu**. What this essentially does is permits you to view your blog entries just by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term.

Taxonomy Menu settings

Continent:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Country:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Location:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Module page:

category

How should be the first item on the menu? Example: categories/1/2/3, technology/1/2/3

Display number of nodes per terms
If checked, number of node per term will be displayed in the menu.

Hide Empty Terms
If checked, only taxonomy terms with members will be shown in the menu.

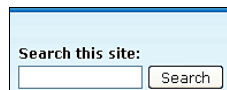
Display descendants
If checked, then when a term is selected all nodes belonging to subterms are also displayed.

Download the **Taxonomy Menu** module, and install it. After this, go to the **Administer** page, and then to the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page. Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. You will now see the links to items related to each vocabulary under the Navigation menu in the sidebar. If you have posted items into the categories already, then you will see that your posts appear on the page when you click on the corresponding menu. If you click on the **Continent | Africa** link, for example, then it will show you a page containing all blog entries that have been posted to the site from Africa.



Quick searching

The **Search** module gives us a form through which the entire site can be searched for your keyword. Enable this module. Go to the **Blocks** page, and put it in the region that suits you. In this case, we have located it at the top of the **Left sidebar**. You must run cron to index the posts before performing a search.



Menus

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. For simplicity, we will be putting our entire **Continent** page views menu under the **Primary links** menu, and separating it from our user's menu.

To do this, go to the **Menus** link on the **Administer** page.

1. Click on the **Navigation** link at the top to access the page, which lists all of the navigation links.
2. Click on the **edit** link in front of each term, under the vocabulary **Continent**.
3. In the resulting page, change the **Parent Item** to **<Primary links>**, and also select the **Expanded** checkbox.

- After having moved all of the terms under **Continent** to the **Primary links** menu, deselect **Continent** from the **Navigation** link menu.

After saving, you are taken to another page which shows that all of the menu items for the terms have been moved to under the **Primary links** menu.

Now visit the **Blocks** page. Grab the **Primary links** block, and drag it to the **Left sidebar**. On saving the blocks, we will see our new Primary links for Continents neatly placed where they can easily be accessed. While we are on the **Blocks** page, we could also move the **Who's new** and **Who's online** blocks to the **Left sidebar**.

Finishing up

We may now enable our **Pushbutton**, theme on the **Themes** page, and configure it to our preferences. We have now given Hubert the hobo a new web site to share his travels with his pals worldwide.

Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for publishing blog posts from multiple users
- Configure the **Profile** module to collect and display user details
- Use free tagging and vocabularies to classify content

4

Breaking Events—Building an Events Site

"Electric" Skid Jackson is a retired break-dancer. Having won the Red Rhino Street Dance Award for five years in a row, Skid is now a full time choreographer and owner of the Def Freeze dance crew. Skid has an idea for a web site where all of the street dance events all over the world can be listed according to their location. The primary advantage of such a web site to Skid will be to provide a constant stream of prize-winning dance duels where he can enter the Def Freeze dance crew. He has chosen the name "Breaking Events" for his web site.

Skid Jackson wants a web site where new events, from anywhere in the world, can be listed on the site by all of the registered users. He also wants to be reminded when any item is posted, so that he can be the first to know what is shaking. Additionally, notifications on new events are sent to all of the site users who have subscribed to receive them.

The Breaking Events web site will have the following features:

- Registered users will be able to create events, categorized by continent
- Calendar – which will show all of the events in a grid view
- A mini calendar in the side bar
- A listing of the latest listed events, shown as teasers, on the front page
- Users can subscribe to receive mail about new postings to the site
- Users can subscribe to be alerted via email when an event draws near

Theme

The theme chosen for this web site is "TerraFirma", which is a Drupal community contribution. The front page will feature a two-column theme, with the main content accommodating listed events and the sidebar holding the blocks.

The screenshot shows a two-column layout for a website. The header features a red banner with a silhouette of a person performing a trick and the text "breaking events" next to a city skyline silhouette. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Africa (1), Antarctica (0), Asia (1), Australia (1), Europe (1), and North America (0) of July 2009. The main content area displays three event listings, each with a title (Event 5, Event 4, Event 3), start/end times, time zone, and a paragraph of placeholder text. Each event listing includes a "Calendar" link and a "Read more" link. The sidebar on the right contains several blocks: "Events" with a calendar for July 2009, "Upcoming events" listing Event 5 (17 days away), "Primary links" listing regional counts, a "Drupal" logo, and a "User login" form with fields for Username and Password, a Log in button, and links for "Create new account" and "Request new password".

Build the Breaking Events site

To enable this web site to function properly, we need to do the following:

- Create selectable terms for users to describe the Continent in which the event is taking place.
- Establish free tag fields for the user to describe his or her specific location (country and locality). The advantage of free tagging is that the users can be quite precise when describing their positions.
- Select the modules necessary to implement the required functionalities and configure them.
- Categorize and organize all of the content in a logical way in order to enable them to be easily accessed and read.

Modules

From the tasks that are required by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used. The "Breaking Events" web site is built entirely around the **Event** module, and should be fairly easy to build.

Optional Core modules

For the purpose of our example, we shall be using the following **Core** modules:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – permits users to comment on stories
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content
- **Search** – enables site-wide searching by keyword

Contributed modules

For the purpose of this example, we shall be using the following contributed modules:

- **Event** – allows the creation of event-type content.
- **Notify** – allows users and admin to receive periodic emails about all the new or revised content and / or comments.
- **Signup** – allows users to sign up for content of any type.
- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes are created automatically.

- **IMCE** – gives the client the ability to upload and manage some files through the Admin interface.
- **Taxonomy Menu** – easily transforms taxonomy vocabularies into menus.
- **Tiny MCE** – makes adding page breaks and setting drop caps in the articles a bit easier.
- **Poormanscron** – runs the Drupal cron operations without needing the cron application.

Enable modules

First, visit the modules page and enable all of the modules that we need. For simplicity, just select all of the checkboxes related to the modules that we have listed.

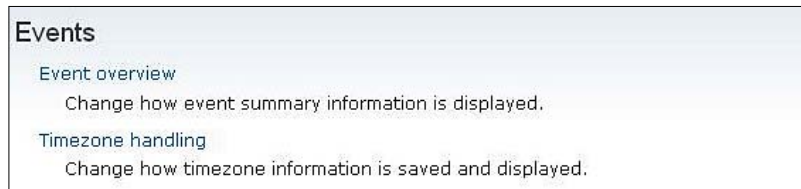
Basic content

The site is built around the **Event** module, which automatically creates its own content type. However, the main challenges that we will still be presented with are:

- How to categorize the content in a way that will make it easy to find
- How to create the alert system for newly-listed events
- How to create the alert system for upcoming events

Configure the Events module

We must configure the **Events** module before it can function. In order to do this, visit the link for the **Events** module on the **Administer** page. The page will have a section similar to the following screenshot:



Event overview

Go to the **Event overview** setting page. This is where you will set values like how many items are listed in the upcoming event block that the module will provide on the **Blocks** page, as well as overviews and controls. Leave these settings with their default values, or change them to the appropriate values, as per your needs.

Event overview

Upcoming event block limit:

Limit the amount of events displayed in the upcoming events block by this amount.

Default overview:
 Day
 Week
 Month
 Table
 List
The default event view to display when no format is specifically requested. This is also the view that will be displayed from the block calendar links.

Table view default period:

The default number of days to display in the table view. You can specify a different number of days in the url. More info on the event url format [here](#)

Taxonomy filter controls:
 Show taxonomy filter control on calendar views
 Only show taxonomy filter control when taxonomy filter view is requested
 Never show taxonomy filter control

Content type filter controls:
 Show content type filter control on calendar views
 Only show content type filter control when content type filter view is requested
 Never show content type filter control

Time zone handling

We can leave the time zone settings at the default settings for now. Later on, you will be prompted to enter the time zones for the events.

Date and time

Visit the **Date and time** link on the **Administer** page, and set it to the time zone that you want to adopt for your site, and select how you want dates to be formatted.

Date and time

Locale settings

Default time zone:
Europe/London
Select the default site time zone.

User-configurable time zones:
 Disabled
 Enabled
When enabled, users can set their own time zone and dates will be displayed accordingly.

First day of week:
Sunday
The first day of the week for calendar views.

Formatting

Short date format:
03/25/2009 - 06:20
The short format of date display.

Medium date format:
Wed, 03/25/2009 - 06:20
The medium sized date display.

Long date format:
Wednesday, March 25, 2009 - 06:20
Longer date format used for detailed display.

Save configuration Reset to defaults

Configure the Notification module

Skid Jackson desires that his site users should be able to receive notifications for newly-listed events, so that they are kept abreast of the news on up-coming events.

Visit the **Notification settings** link on the **Administer** page. Here, you will be presented with a page that will enable you to set how often you want notifications to be sent, as well as for which kind of Content type notification may be sent.

1. We want the notification to be sent every week, so we select the **1 week** option.
2. The notification should be sent for the **Event** Content type, so we select the **Event** checkbox.

Notification settings

▽ E-mail notification settings

Send notifications every:
 How often should new content notifications be sent? Requires cron to be running at least this often.

Hour to Send Notifications:
 Specify the hour (24-hour clock) in which notifications should be sent, if the frequency is one day or greater.

Number of failed sends after which notifications are disabled:

▽ Notification by node type

Having nothing checked defaults to sending notifications about all node types.

Image

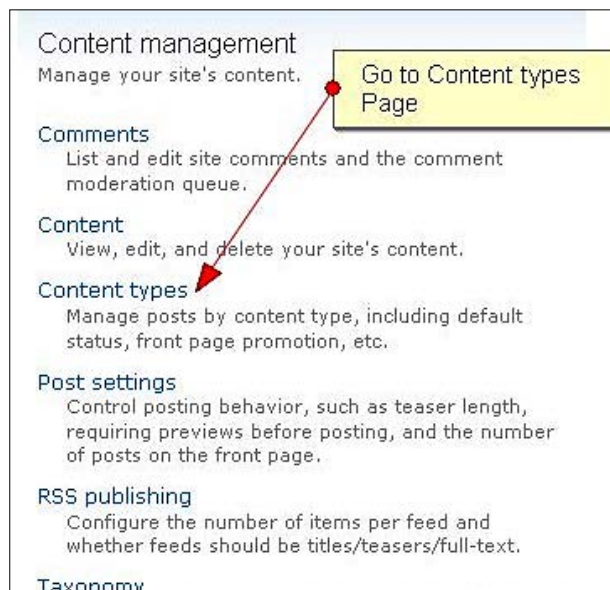
Event

Page

Story

Configure the Event Content type

Ensure that you have enabled the **Event** module. By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link.




If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there. We will not be creating any new Content type.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Event	event	Events have a start date and an optional end date as well as a teaser and a body. They can be extended by other modules, too.	edit delete
Image	image	An image (with thumbnail). This is ideal for publishing photographs or screenshots.	edit
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

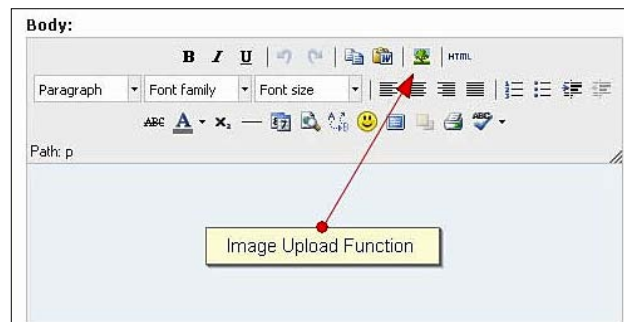
1. Click on the **edit** link of the **Event** Content type. You will then be presented with a form.
2. In the **Workflow setting**, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the event to be published and available for use on the site, immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want the event to be promoted to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the event to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox. For this project we should avoid this option.
3. In the **Comments settings** panel, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on events or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.
4. In the **Signup settings** panel, select the **Enabled (on by default)** option.
5. In the **Event calendar** setting, select the **All Views** option.

Images

At the bottom of the form for this Content type, you will see a panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now your **Event** Content type will be ready to incorporate images. To confirm this, go to the **Create content** link again for the **Event** Content type. Near the bottom of the page, you will find the **Attached images** panel where you can upload images for your events.



If you have also configured your TinyMCE editor correctly, then you should have an editor bar, which is similar to the one shown in the following screenshot in the **Body** field. You can similarly post images into the body of your **Event** by using the upload image function in TinyMCE.



Create new categories

Our events will be organized into categories in order to group them together with other events according to geographical location.

Go to the **Taxonomy** link under the **Content management** section on the **Administer** page, and navigate to the **Taxonomy** page. If you have started a new site, then you will see at the foot of this page a notice that there is no vocabulary available for your new categories. The **vocabulary** is a term by which a collection of categories (or terms) can be collectively described. In this case, let us create three vocabularies – Continent, Country, and Location. We will do this by clicking on the **Add vocabulary** link at the top of the page. This is what we will be filling into the form for this new vocabulary.

1. In the **Identification** panel, let us enter the name of the vocabulary, a **Description**, as well as any **Help text** that comes to mind to guide the users when they come across this vocabulary. For the Continent, we have used **Continent** as the **Vocabulary name**. For the **Description**, we have entered **The continent you are posting from**. For the **Help text**, we will be instructing the user to **Enter the continent which you are posting from**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a Content type. We have created it specifically for **Event**, so we will naturally select the **Event** checkbox.
3. For the settings, we declare that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required**, and the person posting the content must choose a term from the supplied list.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Vocabulary' form in Drupal. It is divided into three main sections: Identification, Content types, and Settings.

- Identification:** Contains three text input fields. The first is 'Vocabulary name' with the value 'Continent'. The second is 'Description' with the value 'The continent you are posting from'. The third is 'Help text' with the value 'Enter the continent which you are posting from'. Each field has a small 'x' icon to clear the text.
- Content types:** Contains a list of content types with checkboxes. 'Event' is checked, while 'Image', 'Page', and 'Story' are unchecked.
- Settings:** Contains several options. 'Tags' is unchecked. 'Multiple select' is unchecked. 'Required' is checked. Below these is a 'Weight' field with a value of '0' and a 'Save' button.

At the bottom of the form are 'Save' and 'Delete' buttons.

Whereas the vocabulary called **Continent** will have terms included for selection, **Country** and **Location** are free-tagging, meaning that the person posting the content must type these in.

Name	Type	Operations		
+ Continent	Blog entry	edit vocabulary	list terms	add terms
+ Country	Blog entry	edit vocabulary	list terms	add terms
+ Location	Blog entry	edit vocabulary	list terms	add terms

On returning to the **Taxonomy** page, we see that the new vocabulary that we have just created has been listed. Now we need to add the terms for the **Continent** vocabulary. We do this by clicking on the **add terms** link, and completing the form that we will be presented with. Forget the **Advanced options** link at the bottom of the page at this stage, because we only have a single level of terms.

If you click on the **list terms** link on the vocabulary, then you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created, in the order that they will be presented to the user. If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.

Terms in *Continent* [List](#) [Add term](#)

Continent is a single hierarchy vocabulary. You may organize the terms in the *Continent* vocabulary by using the handles on the left side of the table. To change the name or description of a term, click the *edit* link next to the term. [\[more help...\]](#)

Name	Operations
+ Africa	edit
+ Antarctica	edit
+ Asia	edit
+ Australia	edit
+ Europe	edit
+ North America	edit
+ South America	edit

Test the Event submission form

Now let us test our Event submission form, and see how it works. To do this, click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side menu, and select **Event**. You will get a form, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a 'Create Event' form with the following sections:

- Title:** A required text input field.
- Vocabularies:** A section containing:
 - Continent:** A dropdown menu with 'Australia' selected.
 - Location:** A required text input field with a help icon and the text 'specific venue of event' below it.
 - Country:** A required dropdown menu with a help icon and the text 'Country location of event' below it.
- Menu settings:** A collapsed section.
- Body:** A large text area for the event description.
- Input format:** A collapsed section.
- Event time settings:**
 - Event has time**
Is time important for this event? Uncheck if event takes all day.
 - Start date:** A date picker showing March 25, 2009, 06:44.
 - Event has end date**
Check if you want to specify an end date for this event, then choose end date below.
- Attached images:**
 - Existing image:** A dropdown menu with 'None' selected. Text below: 'Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.'
 - Upload image:** A text input field with a 'Browse...' button.
 - Image title:** A text input field. Text below: 'The title the image will be shown with.'

Post some events, to make sure that the site has been correctly set up, and make sure that the posts are promoted to the front page. You should end up with a front page similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a Drupal page titled "breaking events". On the left is an "admin" sidebar with links: My account, Create content, Administer, and Log out. The main content area lists five events, each with a title, date, time, and location. Each event entry includes a short paragraph of placeholder text and a "Read more" link. The events are:

- Event 5:** Wed, 02/25/2009 - 07:01 - admin. Start: 07/23/2009 07:00. End: 08/25/2009 07:00. Timezone: Europe/London. Location: Asia, Mumbai, Pune.
- Event 4:** Wed, 03/25/2009 - 07:00 - admin. Start: 04/25/2009 06:59. End: 04/30/2009 06:59. Timezone: Europe/London. Location: Florida, North America, Tallahassee, USA.
- Event 3:** Wed, 03/25/2009 - 06:59 - admin. Start: 04/25/2009 06:58. End: 04/29/2009 06:58. Timezone: Europe/London. Location: Europe, london, o2, UK.
- Event 2:** Wed, 03/25/2009 - 06:58 - admin. Start: 03/27/2009 06:57. End: 03/29/2009 06:57. Timezone: Europe/London. Location: Africa, Lagos, Nigena, Theater.
- Event 1:** Wed, 03/25/2009 - 06:57 - admin. Start: 03/30/2009 06:44. End: 04/29/2009 06:44. Timezone: Europe/London. Location: Australia, Australia, big hall.

Tips and traps



Remember to change the permissions to **create event content**, **create images**, and **upload file** on the **Permissions** page.

Without enabling the **Poormanscron** module, the notification will not work.

Display content

The **Taxonomy Menu** module will permit you to view your events just by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term. We want to be able to view our events by Continent.

Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

Download the **Taxonomy Menu** module, and install it. After this, go to the **Administer** page, and then to the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page. Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. You will now see the links to items related to each vocabulary under the Navigation menu in the sidebar.

Taxonomy Menu settings

Continent:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Country:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Location:

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Module page:

How should be the first item on the menu? Example: categories/1/2/3, technology/1/2/3

Display number of nodes per terms
If checked, number of node per term will be displayed in the menu.

Hide Empty Terms
If checked, only taxonomy terms with members will be shown in the menu.

Display descendants
If checked, then when a term is selected all nodes belonging to subterms are also displayed.

If you have posted items into the categories already, then you will see that your posts appear on the page when we click on the corresponding menu. For example, if you click on the **Continent | Asia** link, then you will see a page containing the events that have taken place, or will take place, in **Asia**.



Menus

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. For simplicity, we will be keeping our entire Continent page views menu separate from our user's menu. We will be putting them all under the **Primary links** menu.

To do this, go to the **Menu** link on the **Administer** page.

1. Click on the **Navigation** link at the top to access the **Navigation** page, which lists all of the navigation links.
2. Click on the **edit** link in front of each term under the vocabulary **Continent**.
3. In the resulting page, change the **Parent Item** to **<Primary links>**, and also select the **Expanded** checkbox.
4. After having moved all of the terms under **Continent** to the **Primary links** menu, deselect **Continent** from the **Navigation** link menu.

After saving, you are taken to another page which shows that all of the menu items for the terms have been moved under **Primary links** menu.

Now visit the **Blocks** page, grab the **Primary links** block, and drag it to the **Right sidebar**. After saving the blocks, you will see your new **Primary links** block for the Continents neatly placed on the lefthand side of the page, from where they can easily be accessed.

Calendar and Upcoming events blocks

There is a calendar view block provided by the **Event** module. In order to make this easily accessible, we will place it on the sidebar. There is also an upcoming events block listing the nearest events, which we will also place on the sidebar.

Go to the **Blocks** link on the **admin** menu, and move these two modules to the **Right sidebar**. If we return to the front page, we will then have the blocks arranged, as shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a Joomla! website with a blue header and a white main content area. The header contains a logo and the text "breaking events". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for continents: Africa (1), Antarctica (0), Asia (1), Australia (1), Europe (1), North America (1), and South America (0). The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a "Primary links" sidebar with a list of continent links. The middle column contains two event details blocks, "Event 5" and "Event 4", each with a title, date, time, and description. The right column contains an "Events" sidebar with a calendar for March 2009 and an "Upcoming events" list.

Primary links

- Africa (1)
- Antarctica (0)
- Asia (1)
- Australia (1)
- Europe (1)
- North America (1)
- South America (0)

admin

- My account
- Create content
- Administer
- Log out

Event 5
Wed, 03/25/2009 - 07:01 — admin
Start: 07/23/2009 07:00
End: 08/25/2009 07:00
Timezone: Europe/London
Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

Event 4
Wed, 03/25/2009 - 07:00 — admin
Start: 04/25/2009 06:59
End: 04/30/2009 06:59
Timezone: Europe/London
Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

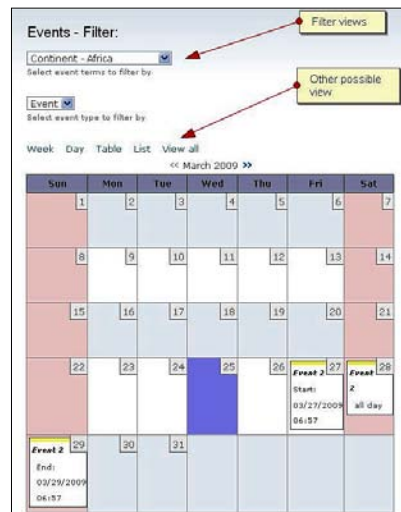
Events
<< March 2009 >>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Upcoming events

- Event 2 (2 days)
- Event 1 (5 days)
- Event 3 (31 days)
- Event 4 (31 days)
- Event 5 (120 days)

On clicking the month link at the top of the calendar, we are presented with the following page view, which allows a more detailed view of individual events:



There, if you click on any event panel, you will see a page similar to following screenshot, showing the details of the event. It also shows a link at the bottom, through which qualified users may sign up to participate in the event.

Event 2

[View](#)
[Edit](#)
[Signups](#)

Wed, 03/25/2009 - 06:58 — admin

Start: 03/27/2009 06:57

End: 03/29/2009 06:57

Timezone: Europe/London

Nulla at ligula Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

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Nunc gravida. Nam suscipit. Nam metus massa, placerat ut; placerat vitae, sollicitudin ac, dolor. Integer molestie. Pellentesque elit orci, blandit sed, rhoncus quis; sagittis congue, odio. Nam nec lacus. Mauris tellus lectus; adipiscing ac, egestas at; sodales sed, ante. Maecenas gravida bibendum enim. Sed libero. Duis lectus elit, rhoncus sed, egestas sit amet, pellentesque ut, dui. Vivamus eget erat id neque vestibulum ullamcorper. Proin et purus. Nam vel orci ac est commodo lobortis? Fusce commodo, tellus quis gravida tincidunt, nisl magna lobortis dui, quis congue erat libero sollicitudin dolor! Aliquam erat volutpat. Ut tristique. Phasellus dictum, dui in hendrerit scelerisque; diam ipsum auctor ante, eget feugiat eros eros a nisl.

Sign up for Event 2
Signup for event

Name: *

Phone:

Finishing up

We may now enable our new, **Terrafirma**, theme on the **Themes** page, and configure it according to our preferences.

The screenshot displays a Drupal website with a 'breaking events' theme. The header features a navigation menu with regional filters: Africa (1), Antarctica (0), Asia (1), Australia (1), Europe (1), and North America (1). The main content area lists three events, each with a title (Event 5, Event 4, Event 3), start/end times, timezones, and placeholder text. Each event entry includes a 'Calendar' icon and a 'Read more' link. The right sidebar contains an 'Events' calendar for July 2009, a list of 'Upcoming events' (including Event 5 in 17 days), 'Primary links' to regional filters, a 'Drupal' logo, and a 'User login' form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Log in' button, and links for 'Create new account' and 'Request new password'.

Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for listing events from multiple users
- Use the **Notify** module to enable a user to get notifications of new content posted
- Make use of free-tagging to classify content

5

Drupbook—Building a Community Site

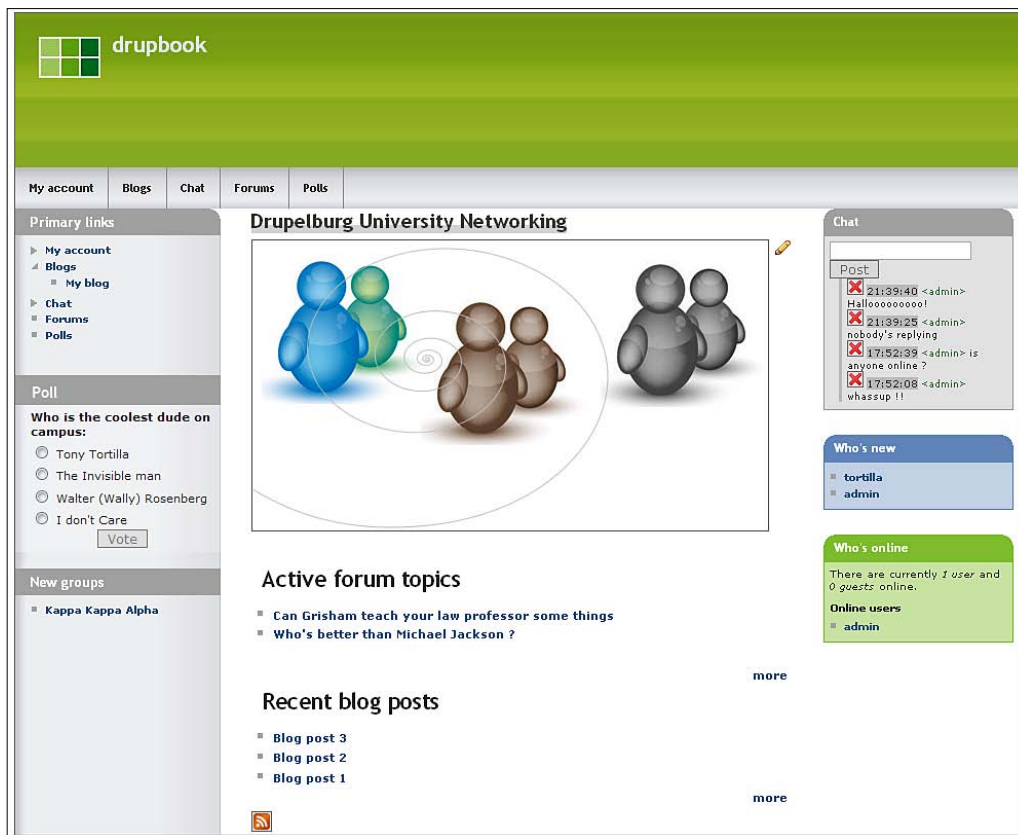
Tony Tortilla is a student at Drupelburg University. Tony thinks that the social life could be vastly improved if the University had its own community web site where the students could get to know each other a little better. With about 5,000 students, Tony thinks that the idea might immediately make him a big hit with the chicks, and also possibly make him lots of money in the future, when the site is bought by Google. So, Tony Tortilla has come up with the idea of Drupbook—a simple community web site for the students at Drupelburg University.

Drupbook is intended to be quite simple initially, and will have the following main features:

- Users will be able to create detailed profile pages for themselves (names , interests, and so on)
- Users will be able to create blogs, which will be shown on a general blog page and be available for comments
- Users will be able to create special interest groups of their own
- There will be a forum for users to express their views and opinions on several subjects including books, music, film and video, and concerts
- Users will be able to create polls and have others vote on them
- Users will have access to real-time chat

Theme

The theme chosen is "Multiflex-3", which is a contribution theme. Tony chose this theme as he liked it and thought it would attract interest and draw favorable attention from the University students.



Build Drupbook

Tony is not looking for anything fancy like **Facebook** or **MySpace** but just a weekend project. All he wants is a simple community portal with basic social networking features, which can be summarized as follows:

- Tony wants users to be able to create and maintain clubs on the portal
- He wants users to be able to share their interests, knowledge, and opinions on several social topics
- He needs users to be able to hold online conversations in real time, in live chat

In order to create this site, we need to do the following:

- Establish profile pages where users may fully describe themselves. Profile pages will contain name, email, mobile phone number, age, gender, faculty, and so on.
- Select the modules necessary to implement the required functionalities, and configure them.
- Create blogging functionality to enable users to share their journals with one another.
- Create a forum for discussing entertainment topics and, principally, books, music, film & video, and concerts.
- Enable users to create polls.
- Enable users to chat with one another in real time.
- Enable users to create clubs and invite other members to join.
- Organize all of the content in a logical way in order to enable it to be easily accessed and read.

Modules

For Tony Tortilla's community web site, we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

The Optional Core modules are included in the basic Drupal installation, and these will have to be enabled:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – allows users to comment on stories
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content
- **Profile** – allows the configuration of user profiles
- **Forum** – enables threaded discussions about general topics
- **Poll** – allows your site to capture votes on different topics in the form of multiple choice questions
- **Blog** – enables user web pages or blogs to be updated easily and regularly
- **Search** – enables site-wide searching by keyword

Contributed modules

The following Contributed modules will need to be obtained from the Drupal web site, uploaded, and enabled:

- **OG** – enables users to create and manage their own 'groups'
- **Tribune** – provides an advanced discussion space, such as a chat room
- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images (thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically)
- **IMCE** – gives the client the ability to upload and manage files through the Admin interface

Basic content

The site is built around several modules that give it the "community" functionality. In this case, the main challenge will be to make the features enabled by these modules to be easily accessible and to be harmonized. Tony will also want the users to have a standard profile form so that uniformity (of the information that they present to other users) can be maintained. This will enable other users to know what they should expect to find on a user profile. It will also enable structured searches of profiles.

User settings

The basic user settings may be found as a link on the **Administer** page, and the page that it opens to is called the **User settings** page. At the bottom of this page, we will enable **Signature support**. We will also enable **Picture support** so that the users can have their pictures shown on their profiles.

Signatures

Signature support:

Disabled

Enabled

Pictures

Picture support:

Disabled

Enabled

Picture image path:

Subdirectory in the directory `sites/default/files/` where pictures will be stored.

Default picture:

URL of picture to display for users with no custom picture selected. Leave blank for none.

Picture maximum dimensions:

Maximum dimensions for pictures, in pixels.

Picture maximum file size:

Maximum file size for pictures, in kB.

Picture guidelines:

This text is displayed at the picture upload form in addition to the default guidelines. It's useful for helping or instructing your users.

To get the desired user profile page, we need to enable the **Profile** module on the **Modules** page. On visiting the **Profiles** link on the **Administer** page, we will be presented with a page similar to the one shown in following screenshot:

Profiles

This page displays a list of the existing custom profile fields to be displayed on a user's *My Account* page. To provide structure, similar or related fields may be placed inside a category. To add a new category (or edit an existing one), edit a profile field and provide a new category name. To change the category of a field or the order of fields within a category, grab a drag-and-drop handle under the Title column and drag the field to a new location in the list. (Grab a handle by clicking and holding the mouse while hovering over a handle icon.) Remember that your changes will not be saved until you click the *Save configuration* button at the bottom of the page.

[\[more help...\]](#)

Title	Name	Type	Operations
No fields available.			

Add new field

- single-line textfield
- multi-line textfield
- checkbox
- list selection
- freeform list
- URL
- date

These links will enable creation of new fields for the user account page

This page presents us with seven possibilities for creating new fields on the user's accounts page. Now let us add form fields for:

- User's name [textfield]
- Alternative Email [textfield]
- Mobile phone number [textfield]
- Date of birth [date]
- Gender [list selection]
- Faculty [list selection]
- Blab about me [textarea]

Name

The **Name** field is a **single-line textfield**. So this is the link that we will click on to create this field.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal Information** because that is exactly what this is all about
- For the **Title**, enter **Name**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_name**
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose name is %value**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

The completed **Name** field form is shown in the following screenshot:

Field settings

Category: *

The category the new field should be part of. Categories are used to group fields logically. An example category is "Personal information".

Title: *

The title of the new field. The title will be shown to the user. An example title is "Favorite color".

Form name: *

The name of the field. The form name is not shown to the user but used internally in the HTML code and URLs. Unless you know what you are doing, it is highly recommended that you prefix the form name with `profile_` to avoid name clashes with other fields. Spaces or any other special characters except dash (-) and underscore (_) are not allowed. An example name is "profile_favorite_color" or perhaps just "profile_color".

Explanation:

An optional explanation to go with the new field. The explanation will be shown to the user.

Visibility:

Hidden profile field, only accessible by administrators, modules and themes.

Private field, content only available to privileged users.

Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages.

Public field, content shown on profile page and on member list pages.

Page title:

To enable browsing this field by value, enter a title for the resulting page. The word `%value` will be substituted with the corresponding value. An example page title is "People whose favorite color is %value". This is only applicable for a public field.

Weight:
 ▼

The weights define the order in which the form fields are shown. Lighter fields "float up" towards the top of the category.

Form will auto-complete while user is typing.
For security, auto-complete will be disabled if the user does not have access to user profiles.

The user must enter a value.

Visible in user registration form.

The **Alternative Email** and **Mobile Phone Number** fields are created using a similar procedure.

Date of Birth

The **Date of Birth** field is a **date** field. So we will click on the **date** link to create this field.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal Information**, because that is exactly what this is all about
- For the **Title**, enter **Date of Birth**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_dob**
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

Gender

This is a **list selection** field because each user is either male, or female; we'll add the "I don't know" category for political correctness. Select the **list selection** link.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal Information**
- For the **Title**, enter **Gender**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_gender**
- For **Selection options**, enter **Male, Female** and **I don't know** on separate lines
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose gender is %value**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

Field settings

Category: *
 Personal Information

The category the new field should be part of. Categories are used to group fields logically. An example category is "Personal information".

Title: *
 Gender

The title of the new field. The title will be shown to the user. An example title is "Favorite color".

Form name: *
 profile_gender

The name of the field. The form name is not shown to the user but used internally in the HTML code and URLs. Unless you know what you are doing, it is highly recommended that you prefix the form name with `profile_` to avoid name clashes with other fields. Spaces or any other special characters except dash (-) and underscore (_) are not allowed. An example name is "profile_favorite_color" or perhaps just "profile_color".

Explanation:

An optional explanation to go with the new field. The explanation will be shown to the user.

Selection options:
 Male
 Female
 I don't know

A list of all options. Put each option on a separate line. Example options are "red", "blue", "green", etc.

Visibility:

Hidden profile field, only accessible by administrators, modules and themes.
 Private field, content only available to privileged users.
 Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages.
 Public field, content shown on profile page and on member list pages.

Page title:
 People whose gender is %value

To enable browsing this field by value, enter a title for the resulting page. The word `%value` will be substituted with the corresponding value. An example page title is "People whose favorite color is %value". This is only applicable for a public field.

Weight:
 0

The weights define the order in which the form fields are shown. Lighter fields "float up" towards the top of the category.

Form will auto-complete while user is typing.
 For security, auto-complete will be disabled if the user does not have access to user profiles.

The user must enter a value.

Visible in user registration form.

Faculty

This is also a **list selection** field, as each user will only belong to one faculty at a time. Drupelburg University has only four faculties – Arts, Engineering, Science, and Medicine. Select the **list selection** link.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal Information**
- For the **Title**, enter **Faculty**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_faculty**
- For **Selection options**, enter **Arts, Engineering, Science, and Medicine** on separate lines
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- For the **Page title**, enter **People whose faculty is %value**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

About Me

The **About Me** field is a **multi-line textfield**. This is the link that we will click on to create this field.

- In the **Category** field, let us enter **Personal Information**
- For the **Title**, enter **About Me**
- For the **Form name**, enter **profile_about**
- For **Visibility**, select **Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages**
- Select all of the last three checkboxes to make this field compulsory, auto-completed, and visible when users are newly registering

The completed **About Me** field form is shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows the 'Field settings' form for a new field. The form is titled 'Field settings' and contains the following sections:

- Category:** * Personal Information (selected from a dropdown menu). Below the dropdown is a text explanation: 'The category the new field should be part of. Categories are used to group fields logically. An example category is "Personal information".'
- Title:** * About Me (text input). Below the input is a text explanation: 'The title of the new field. The title will be shown to the user. An example title is "Favorite color".'
- Form name:** * profile_about (text input). Below the input is a text explanation: 'The name of the field. The form name is not shown to the user but used internally in the HTML code and URLs. Unless you know what you are doing, it is highly recommended that you prefix the form name with `profile_` to avoid name clashes with other fields. Spaces or any other special characters except dash (-) and underscore (_) are not allowed. An example name is "profile_favorite_color" or perhaps just "profile_color".'
- Explanation:** (empty text area). Below the area is a text explanation: 'An optional explanation to go with the new field. The explanation will be shown to the user.'
- Visibility:** (radio buttons). The selected option is 'Public field, content shown on profile page but not used on member list pages'. Other options are 'Hidden profile field, only accessible by administrators, modules and themes.', 'Private field, content only available to privileged users.', and 'Public field, content shown on profile page and on member list pages.'
- Weight:** (dropdown menu) set to 0. Below the dropdown is a text explanation: 'The weights define the order in which the form fields are shown. Lighter fields "float up" towards the top of the category.'
- Three checkboxes are checked: 'Form will auto-complete while user is typing.', 'The user must enter a value.', and 'Visible in user registration form.'. Below these is a text explanation: 'For security, auto-complete will be disabled if the user does not have access to user profiles.'

Once all of the fields have been created, our new profile creation page looks similar to the one shown in following screenshot:

Title	Name	Type	Operations
Personal Information			
+ Name	profile_name	textfield	edit delete
+ Alternative Email	profile_email	textfield	edit delete
+ Mobile Phone Number	profile_phone	textfield	edit delete
+ Date of Birth	profile_dob	date	edit delete
+ Gender	profile_gender	selection	edit delete
+ Faculty	profile_faculty	selection	edit delete
+ About Me	profile_about	textarea	edit delete

Save the configuration. Note that we have elected to have all of these fields show on the user registration page. To make sure that this works the way we planned it, let's log out from admin for a minute, and attempt to register as a new user by going to the **Create New Account** link. The new user registration form that we created is shown in the following screenshot:

Personal Information

Name: *

Enter your name

Alternative Email: *

Mobile Phone Number: *

Date of Birth: *

Jul 9 1990

Gender: *

Male

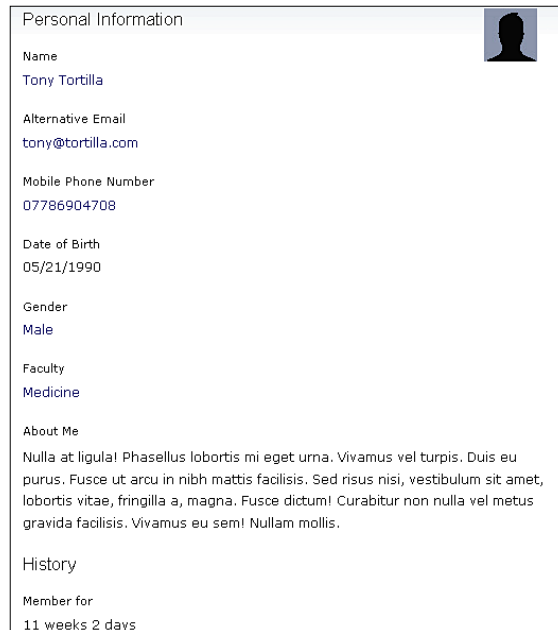
Faculty: *

Arts

About Me: *

Create new account

So our profile page is properly configured the way we want it, and the following screenshot summarizes what happens when Tony Tortilla completes his profile:

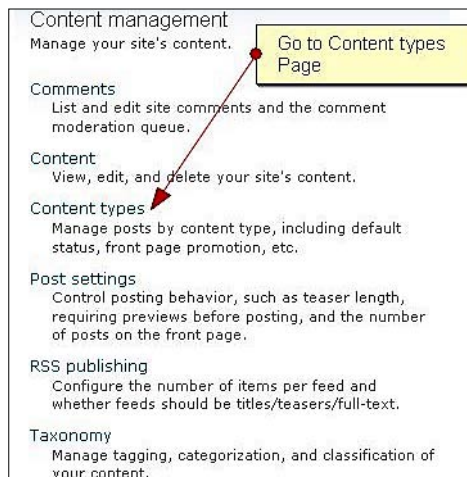


The screenshot shows a user profile page for Tony Tortilla. It includes a profile picture placeholder, a name field, an alternative email field, a mobile phone number field, a date of birth field, a gender field, a faculty field, an about me field, and a history field. The about me field contains a paragraph of placeholder text.

Personal Information	
Name	Tony Tortilla
Alternative Email	tony@tortilla.com
Mobile Phone Number	07786904708
Date of Birth	05/21/1990
Gender	Male
Faculty	Medicine
About Me	Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.
History	Member for 11 weeks 2 days

Configure the Blog entry Content type

The **Blog entry** Content type is automatically created when the core **Blog** module is enabled. This Content type will permit users to post blog posts that are simply user journals. Ensure that you have enabled the **Blog** module.



By browsing onto the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link. If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there. We will not be creating a new Content type as the **Blog entry** Content type is already present, as shown in the following screenshot:

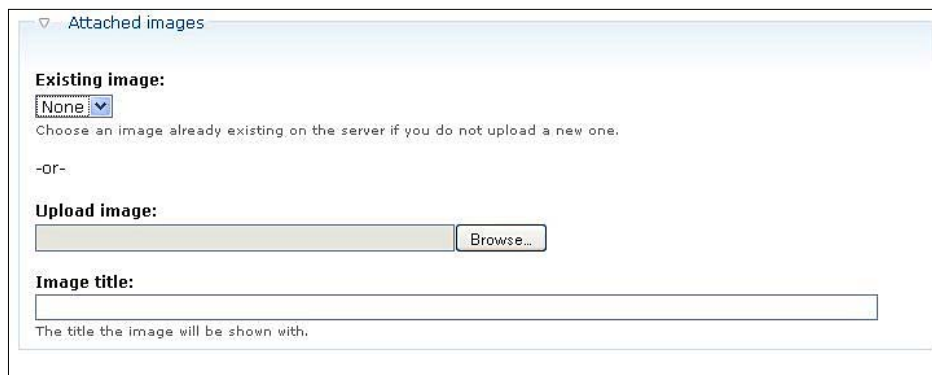
Content types			
		List	Add content type
Below is a list of all the content types on your site. All posts that exist on your site are instances of one of these content types.			
Name	Type	Description	Operations
Blog entry	blog	A <i>blog entry</i> is a single post to an online journal, or <i>blog</i> .	edit
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

1. Click on the **Blog entry** Content type's **edit** link. You will then be presented with a form.
2. In the **Workflow setting** panel, we need to determine the following options:
 - Do you want the blog entry to be published and made available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want the blog entry to be promoted to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the blog entry to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox. In our example, we do not want to make the content sticky.
3. In the **Comments settings** section, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on blog entries or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.

Images

You can see that the submission forms for blog posts and other Content types have no place to enable us to add images. Download the **IMCE**, and **Image** modules, and install and enable them. Finally, you must also enable the **Upload** module, or else users will not be able to attach images and other files to their posts.

Having done this, return to **Administer | Content management | Content types**, and check all of the Content type pages again. At the bottom of the Content type's page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now your content will be ready to incorporate images. To confirm this, go to the **Create content** link again for the **Blog entry** Content type. Near the bottom of the page, you will find the **Attached images** panel where users can upload images for their blog entries.



Attached images

Existing image:
None

Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

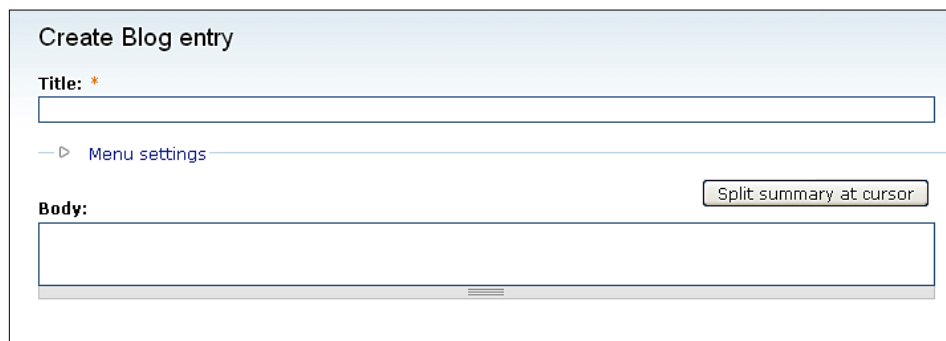
-or-

Upload image:
Browse...

Image title:
The title the image will be shown with.

Test the Blog submission form

Now let us test our blog entry submission form, and see how it works. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link on the left, and select **Blog entry**. You will get a form similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:



Create Blog entry

Title: *

Menu settings

Body: Split summary at cursor

Now add some blog posts to ensure that you have done everything correctly.

Blog5
 Mon, 03/23/2009 - 21:07 — admin

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

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Blog3
 Mon, 03/23/2009 - 21:06 — admin

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Configure Polls

Now let's configure the polls. If you have not enabled the **Poll** module in your **Modules** page, then go and do so now. When you return to the **Content types** page, you will see that a **Poll** Content type has been automatically created, and the text alongside it describes what a poll is, for you:

"A poll is a question with a set of possible responses. A poll, once created, automatically provides a simple running count of the number of votes received for each response."

The poll is for obtaining feedback on various topics from users.

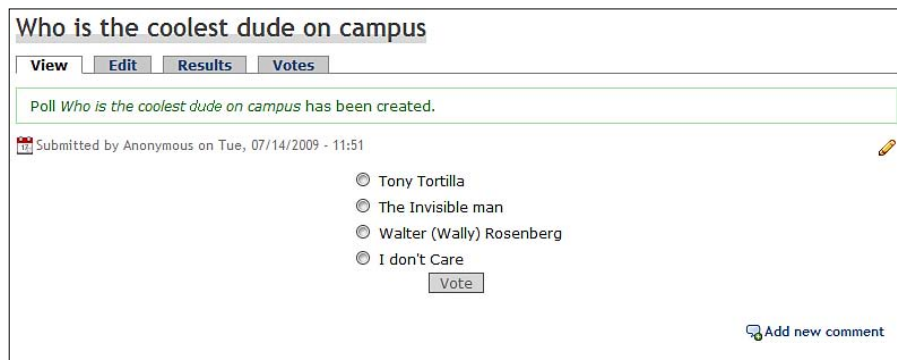
Let us create a sample poll for the users of Tony Tortilla's Drupalbook. Our poll will be like this:

Who is the coolest dude on campus?

- Tony Tortilla
- The Invisible man
- Walter (Wally) Rosenberg
- I don't Care

To create this poll, go to the **Create content** link, and then select **Poll**. Enter your question, the selections, the value that you want to award to each selection, and the duration of your poll. We have given all of the options the same value ("1" in this example).

On saving the poll, you should get a polling form similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows a web form for creating a poll. The title is "Who is the coolest dude on campus". Below the title are four tabs: "View", "Edit", "Results", and "Votes". A message box says "Poll Who is the coolest dude on campus has been created." Below that, it says "Submitted by Anonymous on Tue, 07/14/2009 - 11:51". The poll options are: "Tony Tortilla", "The Invisible man", "Walter (Wally) Rosenberg", and "I don't Care", each with a radio button. There is a "Vote" button and an "Add new comment" link at the bottom right.

But we don't really want to see the poll as a page view; we want it in the sidebar. If we make a quick visit to the **Blocks** page, then we will find that a block for the **Most recent poll** has been created. Now move this block to the **Left sidebar**, and save the setting. After you've done this, you will see the latest poll block on the left (where we want it).

Configure Forums

Creating the forums should also be easy. Go to the **Modules** page, and enable the **Forum** module. On the **Forums** page in **Administer | Content management**, you will be presented with a blank page. Here, we will create a single "Container" that has four forum boards for **Books, Music, Film & Video**, and **Concerts**. Let's call the container **General Topics**.

In order to do this, look for the links at the top of the page, and follow the instructions for creating the container and for creating the forum. Each of the forum boards (**Books, Music, Film & Video, and Concerts**) will have the container **General Topics** as a parent.

Name	Operations
+ General Topics	edit container
+ Books	edit forum
+ Concerts	edit forum
+ Film & Video	edit forum
+ Music	edit forum

Posting to the forum requires that you follow the process that you must have become quite familiar with by now. Go to the **Create content** link, and look for the **Forum topic** Content type. You will be presented with a form similar to those you have seen already. When you have completed this form, you will have created a forum topic. While at it, add a few more topics.

Configure Chat

There are several other modules capable of adding the chat functionality to the community web site, but the **Tribune** module has been selected, just as an example and not because it is better than any other. Go to the **Modules** page in **Administer | Site building**, and enable the **Tribune** module. Then return to the **Administer** page, and look for the **Tribune** link, which will lead to a configuration page. Most of the settings in this page may safely be left with their default values.

If you click on the **Tribune** link on the **Left sidebar**, then it will lead you to the users chat page.

Tribune

The maximum length for a message is 512 characters

You can format your message using some HTML tags. The allowed tags are <i>, , <u>, <s> and <tt>

URLs will be converted to links, but make sure you start them with "http://"

✘ 17:52:39 <admin> is anyone online ?
 ✘ 17:52:08 <admin> whassup !!

Now let us go to the **Blocks** page, and move the **Tribune** block to the **Right sidebar** to make this feature more easily accessible. Rename the block to **Chat** to make it look more familiar to users.

Configure Organic groups

Organic groups will enable users to set up groups or clubs of their own, and invite others to participate. Go to the **Modules** page, and enable OG modules – specifically the **Organic group access control** module.

After returning to the **Administer** page, we should look for the **Organic groups configuration** link, which will present us with a settings page.

At the top of this new page, you will initially see an error message asking you to define your **Group nodes** and **Standard group post** Content types.

Create new Group Content type

By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content** management section, we will find the **Content types** link. If we access this page, then we will see the various content types listed there.

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top; you will then be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type's descriptions, the general rules for the adding of content to, and displaying of content from, this new Content type, in the places where they need to be in the form.
3. In the **Identification** fields, add a **Name** and **Description** for the Content type.
4. In the **Submission form settings**, you can choose the title that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), and also the fields demanding the minimum length an article must be before it can be accepted for submission, as well as another place where you can describe submission guidelines for this Content type.
5. In the **Workflow settings**, we need to determine the default options. Do you want the article to be published and made available for use on the site, immediately after submission? Do you want it promoted to the front page? Do you want it to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If the answer is "No" to any of these questions, then ignore the relevant option.
6. In the **Comments settings**, indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made for articles from this Content type or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.

Now return again to the Organic groups configuration page. **Edit** the presented Content types, and set **Story** as **Standard group post** and **Group** as **Group node**. You may, at this point, leave other settings with their default values. The following screenshot gives us a visual cue of what has to be done:

Group

Identification

Name: *

 The human-readable name of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the *create content* page. It is recommended that this name begin with a capital letter and contain only letters, numbers, and **spaces**. This name must be unique.

Type: *

 The machine-readable name of this content type. This text will be used for constructing the URL of the *create content* page for this content type. This name must contain only lowercase letters, numbers, and underscores. Underscores will be converted into hyphens when constructing the URL of the *create content* page. This name must be unique.

Description:

 A brief description of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the *create content* page.

—▷ Submission form settings

—▷ Workflow settings

▽ Organic groups

Organic groups usage:

- Group node
- May not be posted into a group.
- Standard group post (typically only author may edit).
- Wiki group post (any group member may edit).

Specify how organic groups should treat nodes of this type. Nodes may behave as a group, as group posts, or may not participate in organic groups at all.

Create a Group

We have designated the **Group** Content type as our group node, which means that it is the Content type that will always be used to create groups. Therefore, in order to create a new group, we go to the **Create content** link, and then select **Group**. This will present a page as shown in the following screenshot:

Create Group

Title: *
Kappa Kappa Alpha

Description: *
Tortilla's group
A brief description for the group details block and the group directory.

— ▸ Menu settings

List in groups directory
Should this group appear on the list of groups page (requires OG Views module)? Disabled if the group is set to *private group*.

Private group
Should this group be visible only to its members? Disabled if the group is set to *List in Directory* or *Membership requests: open*.

Registration form
May users join this group during registration? If checked, a corresponding checkbox will be added to the registration form.

Membership requests: *

Open - membership requests are accepted immediately.

Moderated - membership requests must be approved.

Invite only - membership must be created by an administrator.

Closed - membership is exclusively managed by an administrator.

How should membership requests be handled in this group? When you select *closed*, users will not be able to join or leave.

Mission statement: Split summary at cursor
If you can't beat us join us

A welcome greeting for your group home page. Consider listing the group objectives and mission.

We define the name of the group and its visibility on this page. After we have created the new group, we may go to the **Blocks** page, and move the **New groups** block to the **Left sidebar**. It should show the details of the group there to all of the users who have access privileges to the group.

Put it all together

Now we need to tie all of the elements of the project together to make the site more meaningful to the users.

Front page

From our design, we need to move the latest blog posts and active forum topics to the front page. We can easily do this on the **Blocks** page. Move the required blocks to the **Content** region, and configure them to show only on the front page.

Also move the **Who's online** and **Who's new** blocks to the sidebar, where we want them.

Menus

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. For simplicity, we will be putting our links to **My account**, **Blogs**, **Chat**, **Forums**, **Polls** menu all under the **Primary links** menu, and separate from our navigation menu.

In order to do this, go to the **Menu** link on the **Administer** page, and select **Site building**.

- Click on the **Navigation** link at the top to access the page that lists all of the navigation links
- Click on the **Edit** link in front of **My account**
- In the resulting page, change the **Parent Item** to **<Primary links>** and also select **Expanded**

After saving, you are taken to another page showing that all of the menu items for the terms have been moved under the **Primary links** menu. Do this for the remaining menus – **Blogs**, **Chat**, **Forums**, and **Polls**.

Now visit the **Blocks** page, grab the **Primary links** block, and drag it to the **Left sidebar** from where all of the features can now easily be accessed.

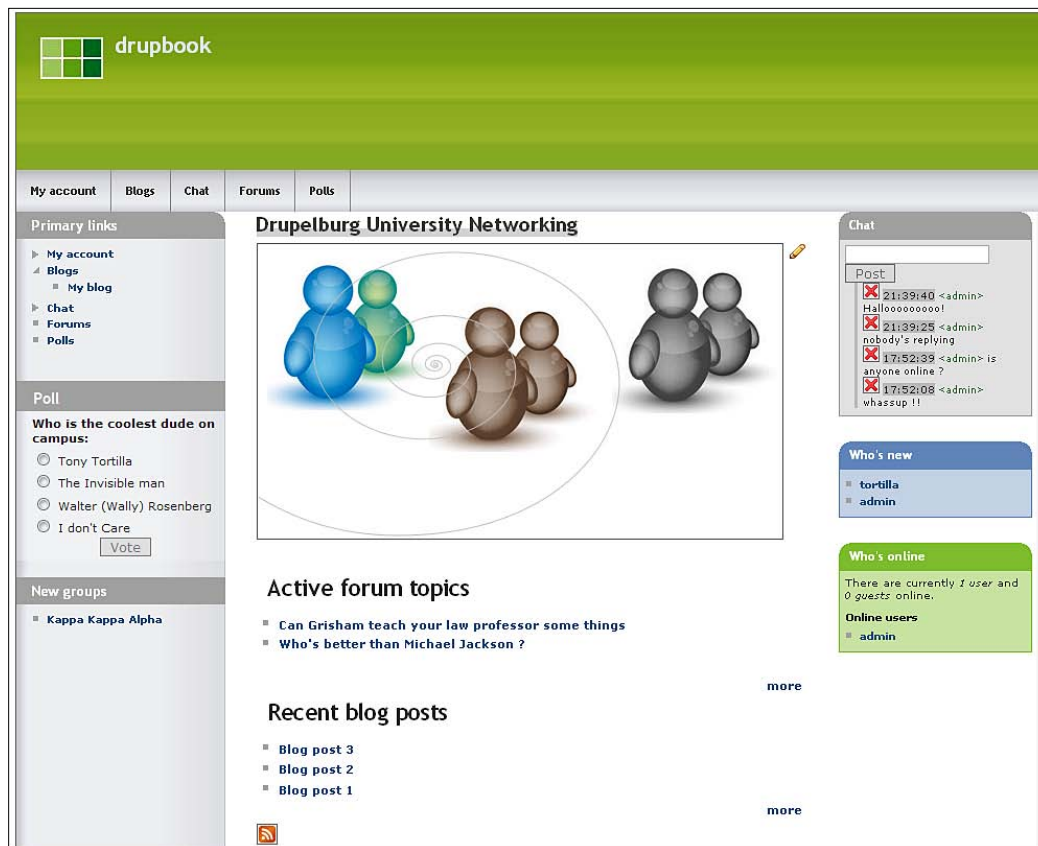


Tips and traps

You must remember to visit the **Permissions** page on the **Administer | User management** to control what site users are permitted to do. Basically, they should be permitted full access to blogs, forums, images, comments, polls, chat, and user relationship.

Finishing up

We may now enable our new theme, **Multiflex-3**, on the **Themes** page. Tony Tortilla now has a new social networking site for his friends and the entire Drupelburg University student community!



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic web site for social networking
- Configure the **Forums**, **Polls**, **Organic groups**, **Chat**, and so on as community features for the portal

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The Daily Drupe—Building a Newspaper Site

The Daily Drupe is the only newspaper in Drupelburg, and it has a local circulation. The newspaper carries a variety of articles organized into several categories:

NEWS

- Local
- World
- Business

SPORTS

- Football
- Cricket
- Golf
- Snooker

OPINION

- Editorial
- Letters

FEATURES

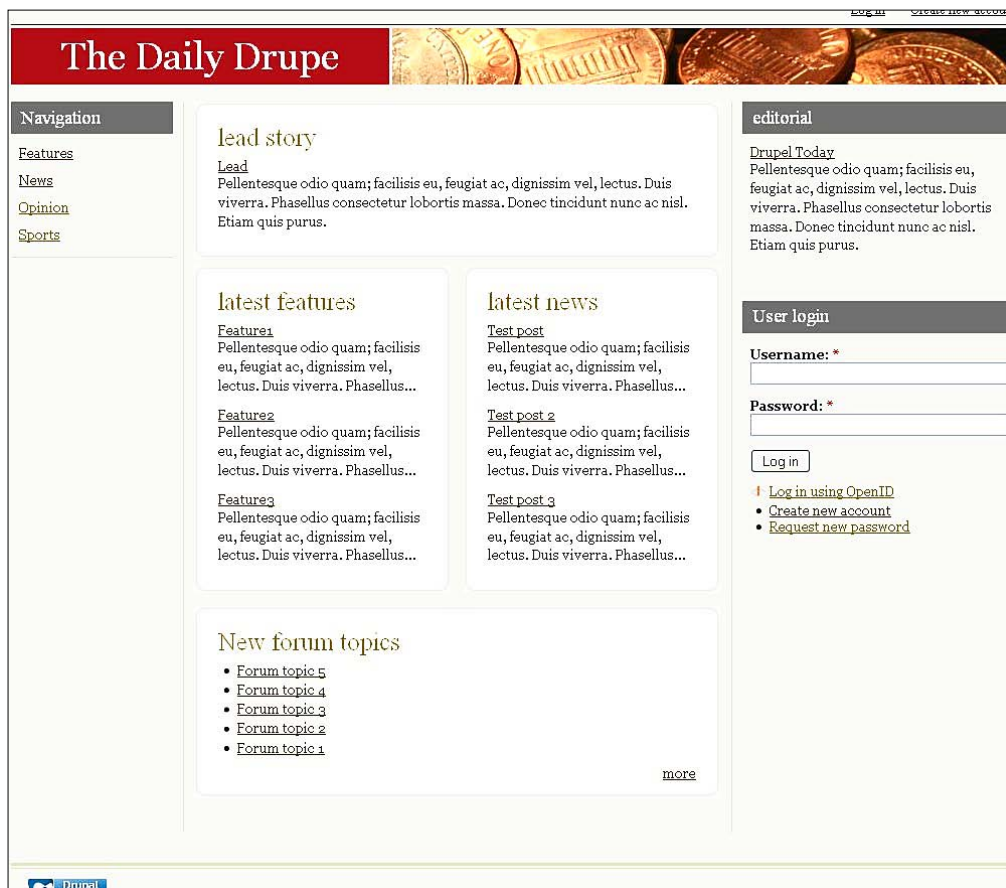
- Politics
- Arts
- Media
- Science
- Natural Health
- Law
- Education
- Fashion
- Food & Drink
- Auto

The intention is to replicate the content of The Daily Drupe – online – in a way that will enable the online edition to be easily updated on a real-time basis. Typically, stories will be posted from all over Drupelburg to be approved by the Editor before they are promoted to be read.

In addition to the usual stories, it has been decided by the publisher to introduce some other community features that will encourage users to visit the web site more often. So The Daily Drupe will also include a forum – for readers to join discussions on various topics.

Theme

The theme chosen is "Analytic", which is a Drupal community contribution. The front page will feature a three-column theme, with the content area in the middle, which is further arranged into panels to accommodate blocks of content.



Build The Daily Drupe online

The primary challenges of this project will be how to:

- Normalize, categorize, and organize all of the content in a logical way in order to enable it to be easily accessed and read
- Select the modules necessary to implement the required functionalities, and to configure them
- Implement the front page design without altering the templates of the core theme that we will be using

Modules

From the tasks that are presented by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used. There are often several ways of getting the same result, with each method undoubtedly requiring different combinations of contributed and Core modules, but for the purpose of this example we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

We will be using the following **Core** modules, which are enabled from the **Modules** page:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – permits users to comment on stories
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content

Contributed modules

We will also be using the following contributed modules, which are uploaded and then enabled from the **Modules** page:

- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically.
- **IMCE** – gives the client ability to upload and manage some files through the Admin interface.
- **Panels** – this module allows you to create pages that are divided into areas of the page.

- **Taxonomy Menu** – easily transforms any of your taxonomy vocabularies into menus.
- **Tiny MCE** – makes adding page breaks and setting drop caps in the articles a bit easier.
- **Views** – provides a flexible method of controlling how lists of content are presented.

Categorize content

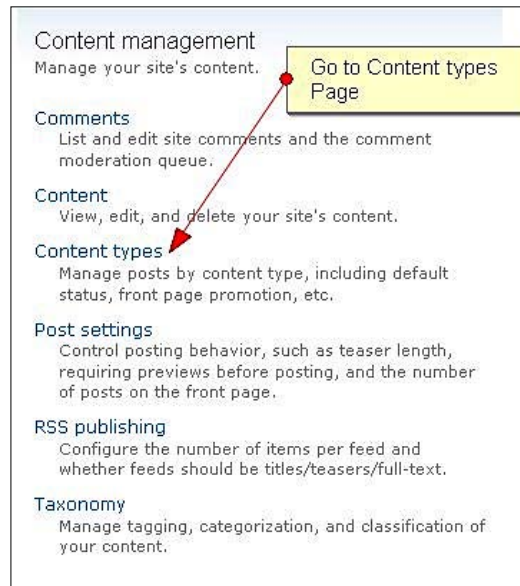
What we need to do first is to establish how the content is going to be organized for use on the site. Having an existing print-based publication has made it easier for us to establish the relationship between the various Content types. For example, News as a Content type has categories for Local, World, and Business news. So, there is no need to create Local News as a main Content type, but it can be created as a News category. We will establish Sports as a major Content type, with Football, Cricket, Golf, and Snooker as categories. We shall do the same for all the other listed content.

NEWS	SPORTS	OPINION	FEATURES
Local	Football	Editorial	Politics
World	Cricket	Letters	Arts
Business	Golf		Media
	Snooker		Science
			Natural Health
			Law
			Education
			Fashion
			Food & Drink
			Auto

We have now defined the framework for how content will be organized on the site. Now let us implement these rules.

Create new Content types

By going to the **Administer** page of the site and then to the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link.



If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there. Our needs are not so basic, so we will need to create our own new **Content types** for News, Sports, Features, and Opinion.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

A yellow box above the table contains the text 'We need to Create new content types'. A red arrow points from this box to the 'Story' row in the table.

To do this, we will go by the following procedure:

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top. You will then be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type descriptions and the general rules for the adding of content to, and display of content from this new content type, in the places where they need to be on the form. Here are some guides:
 - a. In the **Identification** fields, add the **Name** and **Description** of the Content type.
 - b. In the **Submission Form settings**, choose the title that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), and also fields defining the minimum length of an article before it can be accepted for submission, as well as another place where you can describe submission guidelines for this Content type. Leave this at the system default setting.
 - c. In the **Workflow setting**, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the article to be published and available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want to promote the article to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the article to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
 - d. In the **Comments settings**, indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on articles of this Content type or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.

Do the same for all of the other new Content types. Now add some content to each category to ensure that you have done everything correctly.



Tips and traps

When a new Content type is created, you need to access the page for this Content type and deselect the **Promoted to front page** checkbox in the **Workflow settings**, or else any new content created gets promoted to the front page. This could cause you a lot of embarrassment when this occurs with inappropriate content.

If you think that your submission form needs more fields than the basic **Title** and **Body**, then you must install the **CCK** module, which will allow you to create them.

Create new categories

Categories are used to classify items that fall under the same Content type and need to be grouped with others with which they bear closer similarity. For example, **News** is a Content type, but it can be further categorized into **Local**, **World**, and **Business** news. We must now create new categories and establish relationships between them and the new Content types. We will again create the **News** Content type and the content categories under it, as an illustration.

Navigate to the **Taxonomy** link under the **Content management** section of the **Administer** page, and click on it to get to the **Taxonomy** page. If you have started a new site, then you will see a notice that there is no vocabulary available for your new categories at the foot of this page. The **vocabulary** is a term by which a collection of categories (or terms) can be collectively described. In this case, let us create a vocabulary, which we will call **News**. We will do this by clicking on the link **Add vocabulary** at the top of the page. This is what we will be filling into the form for this new vocabulary.

1. In the **Identification** fields, enter the of the **Vocabulary name**, a **Description**, as well as any **Help text** that comes to mind to guide the users when they come across this vocabulary. For **News**, we have used **News Type** as the vocabulary name, for the **Description** we have entered **The type of news that you are posting**, and for the **Help text** we will be instructing the user to **Select from list**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a Content type. We have created it specifically for **News**, so we naturally select the **News** checkbox.

3. For the **Settings**, we specify that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required** and that the person posting the content must choose a term from the supplied list. Moreover, as we can have **Local**, **World**, and **Business** news, we select the **Multiple select** checkbox to indicate that multiple selections can be made. In other words, a posted content may have more than one term.

The screenshot shows a configuration form for a vocabulary in Drupal. It is divided into three main sections: Identification, Content types, and Settings.

- Identification:** Contains a text input for "Vocabulary name:" with the value "News Type" and a description "The name for this vocabulary, e.g., 'Tags'". Below it is a larger text area for "Description:" with the value "The type of news that you are posting" and a note "Description of the vocabulary; can be used by modules." At the bottom of this section is a "Help text:" input with the value "Select from list" and a note "Instructions to present to the user when selecting terms, e.g., 'Enter a comma separated list of words'".
- Content types:** Contains a section "Content types:" with three checkboxes: "News" (checked), "Page" (unchecked), and "Story" (unchecked). A note below says "Select content types to categorize using this vocabulary."
- Settings:** Contains three checkboxes: "Tags" (unchecked), "Multiple select" (checked), and "Required" (checked). Notes include "Terms are created by users when submitting posts by typing a comma separated list.", "Allows posts to have more than one term from this vocabulary (always true for tags).", and "At least one term in this vocabulary must be selected when submitting a post." Below these is a "Weight:" dropdown menu set to "0" with a note "Vocabularies are displayed in ascending order by weight."

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Save" and "Delete".

On navigating back to the **Taxonomy** page, we see that the new vocabulary that we have just created is listed. Now we need to add the terms for the vocabulary.

Name	Type	Operations
News Type	News	edit vocabulary list terms add terms

We do this by clicking on the **add terms** link and completing the form that you will be presented with. Forget the **Advanced options** link at the bottom at this stage, because we only have a single level of terms.

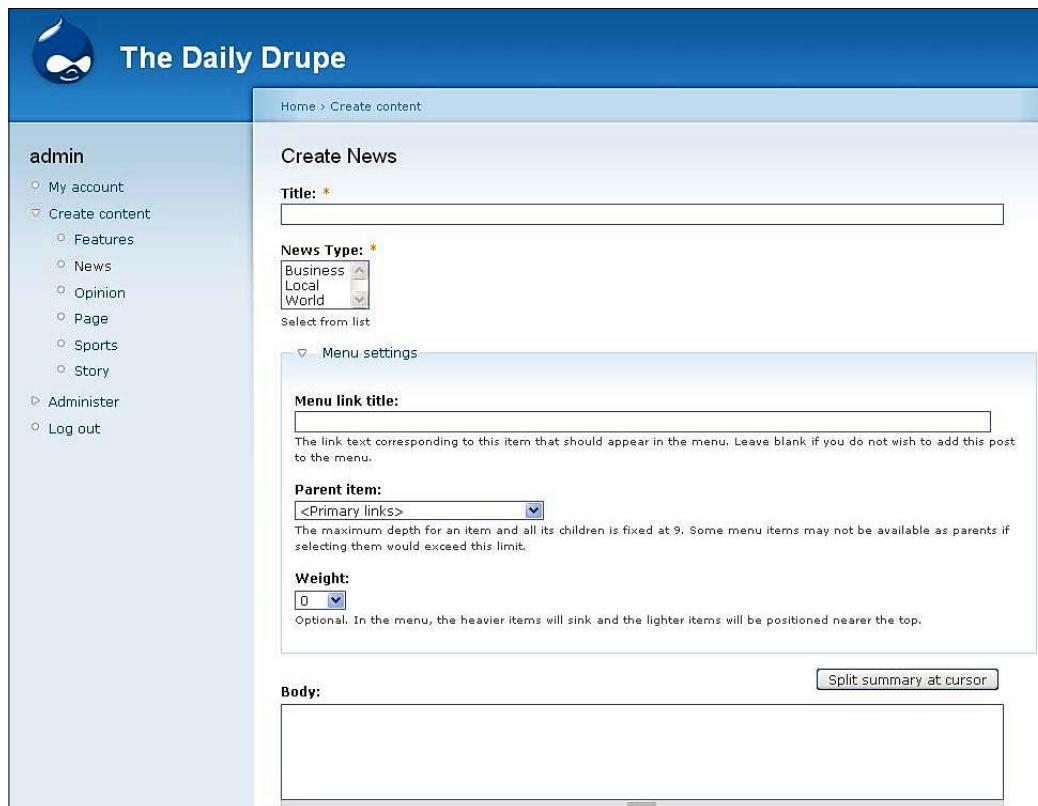
Do this for all of the other Content types. If you click on the **list terms** link on the vocabulary, then you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created in the order that they will be presented to the user. If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.

[more help...]

Name	Operations
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Use this handle to drag to position of your choice.</div> </div> Arts	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Auto </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Education </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Fashion </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Food & Drink </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Law </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Media </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Natural Health </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Politics </div>	edit
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 5px;">+</div> Science </div>	edit

Test the submission form

Now let us test our content submission form, and see how it works. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link on the left, and select **News**. You will get a form similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows the 'Create News' form in the admin interface of 'The Daily Drupe'. The form is located in the main content area, with a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Create content'. On the left, there is a sidebar menu under 'admin' with options: My account, Create content (selected), Features, News, Opinion, Page, Sports, Story, Administer, and Log out. The 'Create News' form includes a 'Title' field with an asterisk, a 'News Type' dropdown menu (with options Business, Local, World), and a 'Menu settings' section. The 'Menu settings' section contains a 'Menu link title' field, a 'Parent item' dropdown (set to '<Primary links>'), and a 'Weight' dropdown (set to 0). Below these fields is a 'Body' text area and a 'Split summary at cursor' button. The form is designed for creating and managing news items.

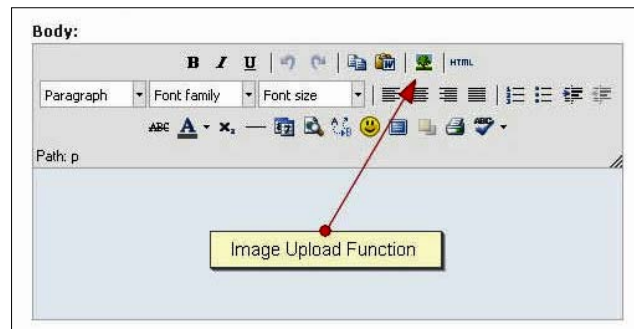
This form will enable you to submit your news. However, unless you know how to use HTML, there is no way to include images into your content. Therefore, we will enable the modules that make this possible.

Images

We should now invoke some contributed modules from our list. Download the **IMCE** and **Image** modules, and install and enable them. While at it, also download the **TinyMCE** editor or any other editor of your choice, enable it, and configure it to your requirements. The TinyMCE editor is not essential. If you like a hard life, then you may want to continue to enter some of your content by using HTML. Finally, you must also enable the **Upload** module.

Having done this, now return to the **Administer | Content management | Content types** page, and select one of your new Content types. At the bottom of the page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now your Content type will be ready to incorporate images. In order to confirm this, go to the **Create content** link again for the Content type and you will find the **Attached images** panel near the bottom end of the page, where you can upload images for your content.

If you have also configured your TinyMCE editor correctly, then you should have an editor bar, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot, in the **Body** text area. You can also post images into the body of your article by using the image upload function in TinyMCE. However, if you use a different editor, then the display will be different but quite often as intuitive.



Display content

Now that about settles much of what is required to post content into your web site. Let's look at how we may view what we have put in.

Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

Again, there are several ways to display content. A quick and favorite method is to use a module known as **Taxonomy Menu**. This module is actually very useful. What it essentially does is it permits you to view the content on your site just by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term. Download the **Taxonomy Menu** module, and install it. Once it has been installed, browse to the **Administer** page and then on to the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page. Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. An overview of the settings on the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page can be seen in the following screenshot:

Taxonomy Menu settings

Features Type

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

News Type

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Opinion Type

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Sports Type

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Module page:

category

How should be the first item on the menu? Example: categories/1/2/3, technology/1/2/3

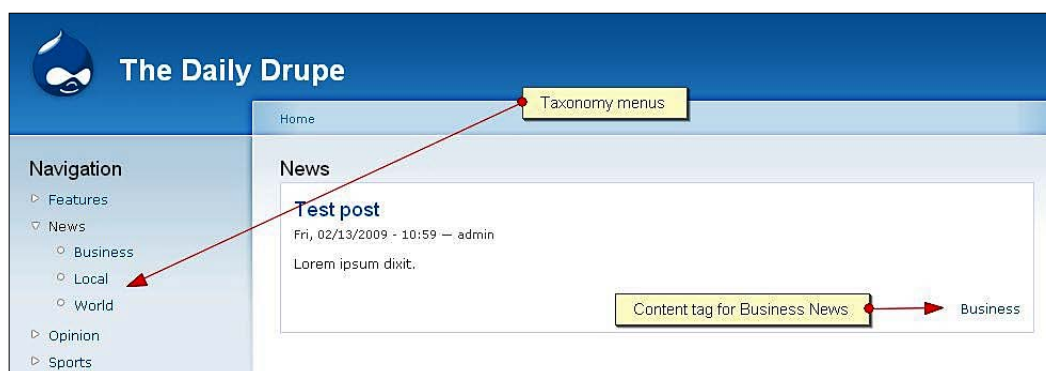
Display number of nodes per terms
If checked, number of node per term will be displayed in the menu.

Hide Empty Terms
If checked, only taxonomy terms with members will be shown in the menu.

Display descendants
If checked, then when a term is selected all nodes belonging to subterms are also displayed.

Save configuration

You will now see the links to the items related to each vocabulary term under the Navigation menu in the sidebar. If you have posted items into the categories already, then you will see that your posts appear on the page when you click on the corresponding menu. Navigate to the **Menus** page. Click on the **Navigation** link at the top of the page. On the resulting page, click on the **edit** link of each vocabulary listed and rename the **Menu link title** to **Features**, **News**, **Opinion**, and **Sports** respectively. Save the configuration and return to the Navigation menu. If you click on the **News | Local** link (shown in the following screenshot) for example, then it will show you a page containing all of the local news that has been posted to the site.



Forums

Creating the forums should also be easy. Go to the **Modules** page, and enable the **Forum** module. On the **Forums** page in **Administer | Content Management**, you will be presented with a blank page. Here we will create a single Container that has only one single Forum. Let's call the container **General**, and the forum **Have your say**.

In order to do this, look for the links at the top of the page, and follow the instructions for creating the container and for creating the forum. The forum **Have your say** will have the container **General** as **Parent**.

Name	Operations
+ General	edit container
+ Have your say	edit forum

Save

Posting to the forum requires that you follow the process you must have become quite familiar with by now. Go to **Create content** link, and look for the **Forum topic** Content type. You will be presented with the form that you will recognize from the previous examples. Once you have completed this form, you will have created a forum topic. While at it, add a few more topics. You will find them useful in a few minutes.

The lead story block

Next we will need to implement the requirement to view the "lead story", as well as the latest editorial, latest features, and latest local news, in blocks placed on the front page. Therefore, it is time to get acquainted with the **Views** module. Essentially, what this module does is provide a flexible method of controlling how lists of content are presented. After installing and enabling the module, visit the **Views** module on the **Administer** page.

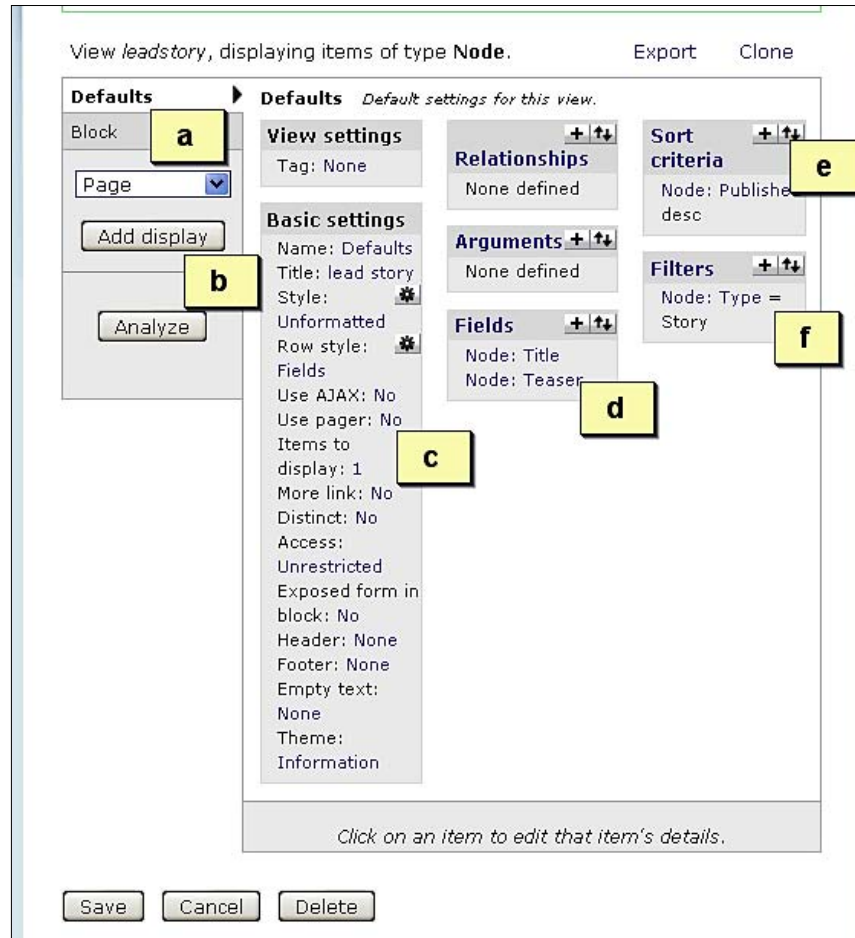
When you first open the **Views** page, you may want to immediately take a quick dash out again, because it may look so unfriendly. But never mind, we will soon fall in love with it. With this module, we shall be creating:

- Latest editorial – block
- Lead story – block
- Latest features, listed as teasers – block
- Latest local news, as teasers – block

Let us start by creating the lead story block:

1. Click on the **Add** link at the top to add a new view
2. In this instance, add **leadstory** as **View name**, and select **View type** as **node**
3. The next screen is where the real battle will be fought:
 - a. Select **Block** in the default setting
 - b. In the **Basic settings**, give the block a **Title**, such as **lead story**
 - c. In **Items to display**, change the value to **1**
 - d. In **Fields**, select **Node: Title** and **Node: Teaser**
 - e. In **Sort criteria**, select **Node: Published**, and choose descending order
 - f. In **Filters**, select **Node:Type is one of Story**

The completed View page is shown in the following screenshot:



Save this, and you are done. If you now go to the **Blocks** page, then you will see that a new block has been created called **leadstory: Block**. When put in use, this block will display the title and teaser for the last article posted into the **Story** Content type, in a block. Now we are making good progress, right?

The latest editorial block

In order to create this block, just follow the same procedure that we have just seen, but with a few changes:

- a. Select **Block** in the default setting
- b. In **Basic settings**, give the block a **Title**, such as **latest editorial**
- c. In **Items to display**, change the value to **3**
- d. In **Fields**, select **Node: Title** and **Node: Teaser**
- e. In **Sort criteria**, select **Node: Published**, and choose descending order
- f. In **Filters**, select **Node: Type is one of Editorial**

Save this, and you are done. If you now go to the **Blocks** page, then you will see that a new block has been created, called **latesteditorial: Block**. When put in use, this block will display the titles and teasers of the last three articles posted for the **Editorial** Content type, in a block.

The latest features block

In order to create this block, just follow the same procedure that we have just seen, but with a few changes:

- a. Select **Block** in the default setting
- b. In **Basic settings**, give the block a **Title** such as **latest features**
- c. In **Items to display**, change the value to **3**
- d. In **Fields**, select **Node: Title** and **Node: Teaser**
- e. In **Sort criteria**, select **Node: Published**, and choose descending order
- f. In **Filters**, select **Node: Type is one of Features**

Save this, and you are done. If you now go to the **Blocks** page, then you will see that a new block has been created called **latestfeatures: Block**. When put in use, it will display the titles and teasers of the last three articles posted for the **Features** Content type, in a block.

The latest news block

In order to create this block, just follow the same procedure we have been following, but with a few changes:

- a. Select **Block** in the default setting
- b. In **Basic settings**, give the block a **Title** such as **latest news**
- c. In **Items to display**, change the value to **3**
- d. In **Fields**, select **Node: Title** and **Node: Teaser**
- e. In **Sort criteria**, select **Node: Published**, and choose descending order
- f. In **Filters**, select **Node: Type is one of News**

Save this, and you are done. If you now go to the Blocks page, then you will see that a new block has been created called **latestnews: Block**. When put in use, this block will display the titles and teasers of the last three articles posted for the **News** Content type, in a block.



Tips and traps

In this example, all of the block displays are node titles and teasers. So if you don't want a display that will look like a mess, then you must tame the length of our teasers. For that, go to the **Administer** page and into the **Post settings** page, and set the length of trimmed posts. Better still, do this when you create your view, in the **Views** section.

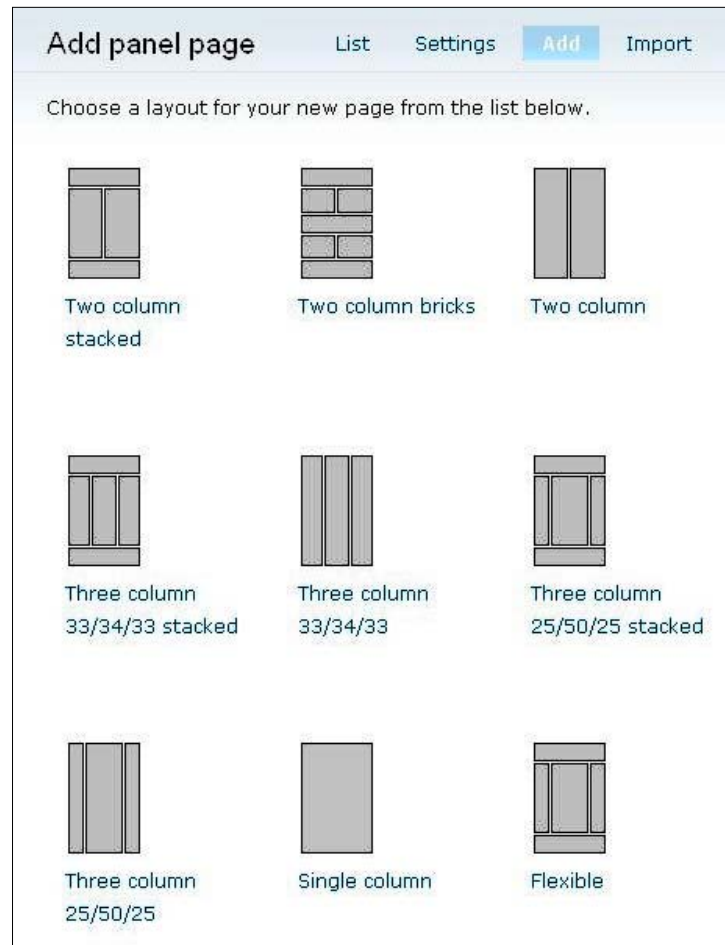
You can also link the teaser **Title** field to its node and remove the **Label** text, in order to refine the look on the front page.

Front page

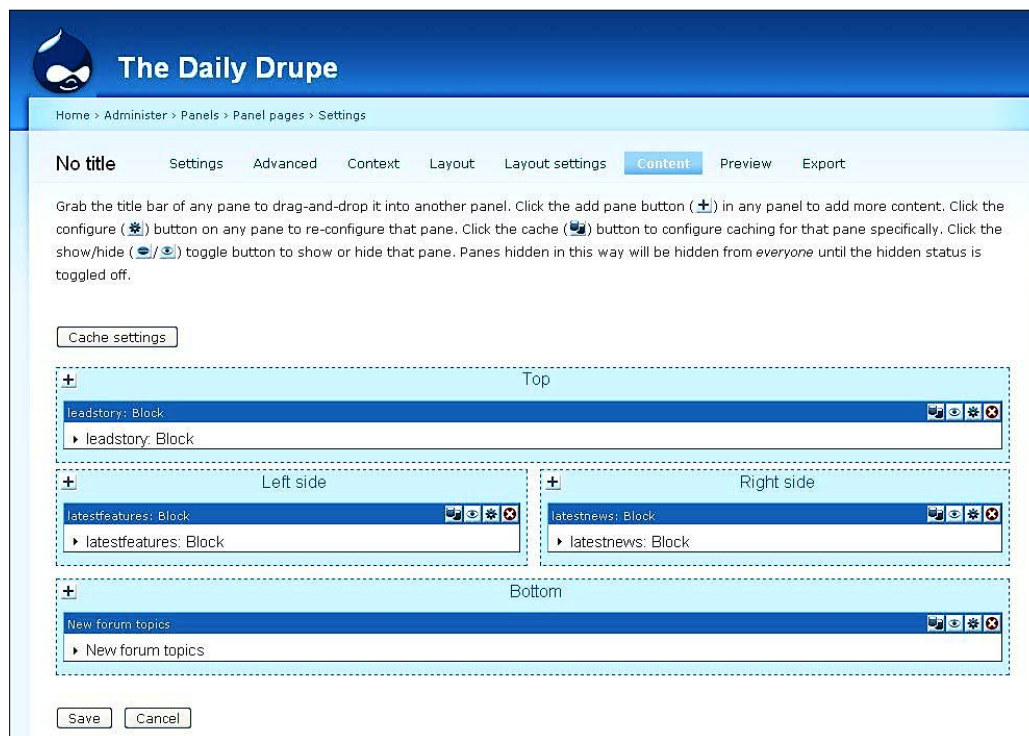
There are several ways to create panels on the front page in the way required by the specifications. However, as we want to go to the pub in the next one hour, we will do it the easy way – by using the **Panels** module, which was surprisingly created to do exactly this kind of task.

1. Install the **Panels 2** module, and enable it on the **Modules** page. You will find that a whole new section for **Panels** has been created on the **Administer** page, and this is where you set up your displays.

2. Click on **Panel pages**, and you will be presented with a blank page that shows that no panel has been created yet. Click on the **Add** tab at the top of the page to add a panel. This takes you to the configuration page, as shown in the following screenshot:



3. On this page, we can see that the arrangement that most closely resembles what we want is the **Two column stacked** display. Click on this option. On the page setting that comes up, add **front** in both the **Panel name** and **Path** fields and save. Ignore all of the other settings, and go to the **Content** settings. This is where you assign the blocks to the panel.



Assign the **leadstory**, **latestnews**, **latestfeatures**, and **new forum topics** to the panel, and set the default **Pane style** to **Rounded Corners**. Then click on **Save**.

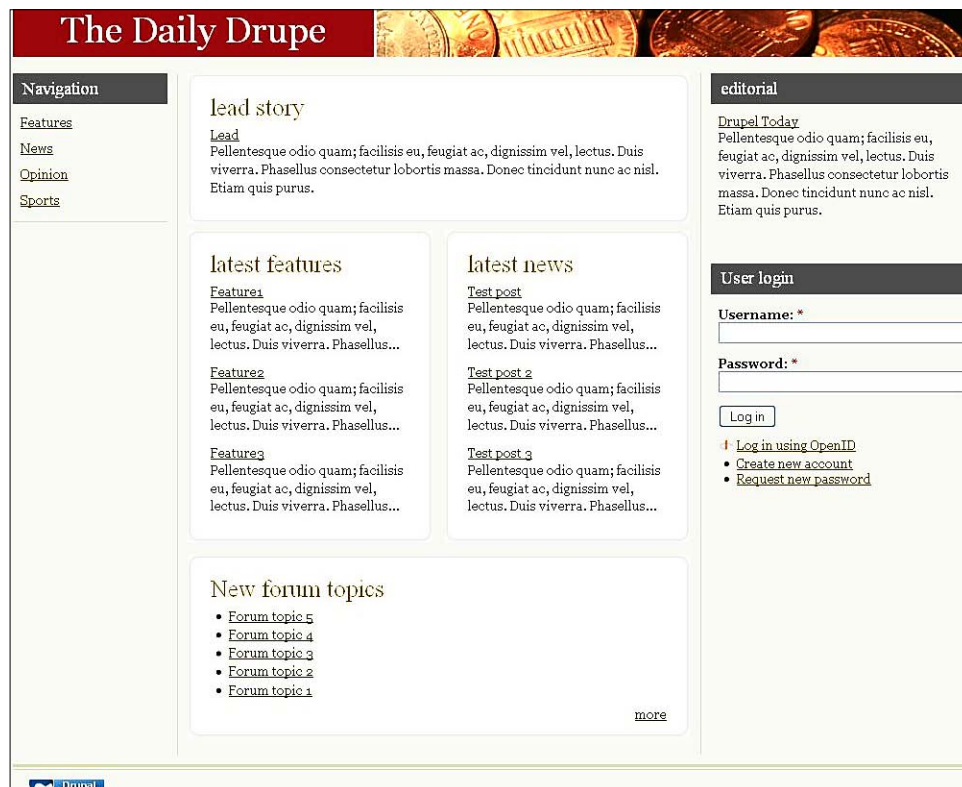
The last thing to do before heading for the pub is to go to the **Site information** link on the **Administer** page, and change the default front page to **front**, which is the path of our panel, and save.

Editorial and User login blocks

To place the **editorial** and **User login** blocks in the **Right sidebar**, we will visit the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page. There, we will place both of the blocks in the **Right sidebar** (where we want them) and save the setting.

Finishing up

We can now enable our new theme, **Analytic**, on the **Themes** page, and configure it to our preferences. Now, when we go to the front page, we see that our panel has replaced the content section on the front page, and we see that we are done with this project.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for publishing an online newspaper or magazine
- Use **Panels** and **View** modules effectively

In real life, you may want to increase the number of blocks to be displayed on the front page and sidebars. You may also want to create blocks for each Taxonomy term. As you can see, this is not so difficult when you are using the **View** module. You may also be envisaging a more elaborate layout on the front page and elsewhere on the web site. This is often easily done using the **Panels** module.

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Dridgets Inc.—Building an E-commerce Site

Dridgets Inc. are the foremost manufacturers of bespoke widgets in Drupelburg. Their 'dridgets' have won awards internationally and are considered vastly superior to other, mass-produced, widgets manufactured by so many unscrupulous garage factories. In order to consolidate their success, Dridgets have decided to set up an online e-commerce store to sell their dridgets. As a start, however, the widgets will only ship in Drupelburg and will be available in three colors – pink, yellow, and blue – and in only one size.

The functionality required by Dridgets for their web site includes:

- Simple page views of products from the links in the main menu
- A billing system with the automatic addition of a flat shipping cost for all items
- A shopping cart with checkout that permits payment by check or PayPal

Having considered other alternatives, Dridgets Inc. have chosen to use the Ubercart shopping cart for their web shop.

Theme

The theme chosen is "Superclean", which is a Drupal community contribution. The front page will feature a two-column theme with the main content accommodating product information and the sidebar holding the blocks.



Build the Dridgets Inc. web shop

Many books have been written on how to use Ubercart, and it will be foolhardy to imagine that everything about this very versatile shopping cart system can be learnt in a few pages. Therefore, we will look exclusively at the steps required to build the Dridgets Inc. project. Specifically we will be looking at how to:

1. Enable the shopping cart to list detailed product descriptions and images.
2. Show product name, detailed description, prices, and ordering procedure in full page view and with links to the main menu.
3. Configure product prices and billing to reflect the cost of flat-rate local shipping.
4. Configure the checkout to accept payment through PayPal.

Modules

From the tasks that are presented by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used. The Dridgets web site will be built entirely around the Ubercart module. So for the purpose of this project, we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

We will be using the following **Core** modules:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content

Contributed modules

We will also be using the following contributed modules:

- **Ubercart** – the shopping cart on which the site will be based
- **Token** – provides an API for modules to use tokens
- **CCK** – allows custom fields to be added to nodes
- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images
- **Image Field** – provides image upload field for CCK
- **Imagecache** – allows presets for image processing
- **Thickbox** – allows inline pop-ups for images

Basic Ubercart configurations

Now, at first glance, Ubercart can look like a very hostile animal indeed, with many pages of daunting features. However, this needn't be so. Just imagine it as a feast, and you only need to take what you need from the whole table and leave the rest for later, or for other people with more varied tastes.

Firstly, we must enable Ubercart and all of the dependent modules, as indicated by the **Modules** table. Without the following modules Ubercart will not function, and so they must be enabled prior to installing Ubercart itself:

- **Token**

The following Ubercart modules from the **Core** grouping must be enabled for this particular project:

- **Cart** – provides the shopping cart for the Ubercart site
- **Order** – permits orders to be received and managed
- **Product** – allows products to be listed in the store
- **Store** – allows store settings to be implemented and for the site to be managed
- **Shipping Quotes** – displays shipping quotes information to customers at checkout

The following **extra** modules are also required to be enabled:

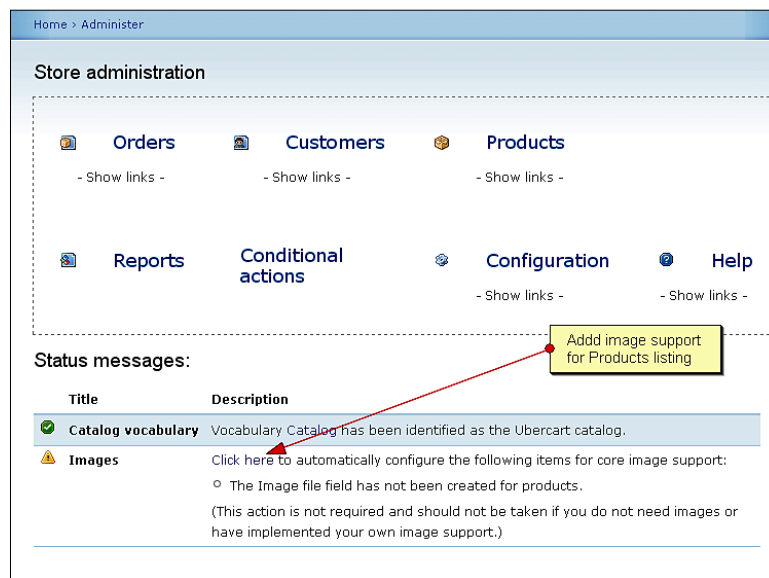
- **Flatrate**—charges a flat rate per product or per order for shipping
- **PayPal**—integrates PayPal services with Ubercart

For Ubercart to be able to configure core image support, enable the following modules:

- **Content**
- **CCK Image field**
- **Imagecache**

Image configurations

This is not essential if you do not want images in your shopping cart catalog. However, without images, the web site will look very dreary indeed. Therefore, we will be adding image support. In order to do this, navigate to the main **Store administration** page at the URL `admin/store`, as shown in the following screenshot:



Basic Store settings

To set the Basic Store settings, we go to the **Administer** page and, under **Store administration**, select the **Configuration** link that leads to the **Configuration** page. On this page, you will be presented with a selection of links. The ones that are most important at this stage are:

1. **Country settings** – where you define the countries that your store sells to.
2. **Payment settings** – where you determine how you want your customers to be able to pay.
3. **Store settings** – where you set some parameters such as your store's name, address, and associated information.

It is not that the other settings are less important, but as we observed earlier, Ubercart is a feast, and you should take what you need at any time rather than pile your plate with too much at once. Whenever you need to alter any of the other default settings, you may always return to do this.

Country settings

Selecting the **Country settings** link will lead to the expected **Country settings** page. Select the **Import countries** link to give Ubercart the details of the countries that your cart will deal with. In this case, and only for the purpose of illustration, we have selected **United Kingdom; Canada** and the **United States** have been imported by default.

Country settings Overview Edit

[Import countries](#) [Country formats](#)

Country file united_kingdom_826_1.cif imported.

Country importer

To import new country data, select it in the list and click the import button. If you are using a custom or contributed import file, it must be placed in the Ubercart folder uc_store/countries.

Country:

- sweden_752_1.cif
- switzerland_756_1.cif
- taiwan_158_1.cif
- thailand_764_1.cif
- turkey_792_1.cif
- ukraine_804_1.cif
- united_arab_emirates_784_1.cif
- venezuela_862_1.cif
- vietnam_704_1.cif
- zimbabwe_716_1.cif

Country	Code	Version	Operations
Canada	CAN	1	disable remove
United Kingdom	GBR	1	disable remove
United States	USA	1	disable remove

At this time, we will leave the **Country formats** setting at the default state.

Payment settings

Selecting the **Payment settings** link will lead to the **Payment settings** page where you can configure your payment options. Here we are more interested in the **Payment methods** pane, and not because the others are not important. Just enough for the present serving, remember? Dridgets is using only **PayPal**, so we have selected PayPal.

In the **PayPal Websites Payment Standard settings** pane, as shown in the following screenshot, you can enter the details of your PayPal account so that, on checkout, the store will direct your customer to PayPal for a payment:

Payment methods

The settings forms below are for the payment methods defined by enabled modules. Click a name to expand its options and adjust the settings accordingly. Methods are listed in order of appearance on the checkout screen, determined by the list position setting (current value shown in parentheses).

Enabled	Payment method	List position	Default gateway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PayPal Express Checkout	1	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PayPal Website Payments Standard	1	-

▼ PayPal Express Checkout settings

For Express Checkout, you need to enable the cart pane and configure the Website Payments Pro settings.

▼ PayPal Website Payments Standard settings

PayPal e-mail address:
dridgets@dridgets.com
The e-mail address you use for the PayPal account you want to receive payments.

Currency code:
USD
Transactions can only be processed in one of the listed currencies.

PayPal login page language:
US

PayPal server:
Live
Sign up for and use a Sandbox account for testing.

Payment action:
Complete sale
"Complete sale" will authorize and capture the funds at the time the payment is processed.
"Authorization" will only reserve funds on the card to be captured later through your PayPal account.

Order review submit button text:
Submit Order
Provide PayPal WPS specific text for the submit button on the order review page.

Store settings

We do need to enlighten Ubercart, as well as the site users, on some stuff such as the store's name, address, and other information. Again, on the **Store settings** page, we will only be adding items that are listed on the **Contact settings** page, for simplicity.

Store name:	<input type="text" value="Dridgets Inc"/>
Store owner:	<input type="text" value="Timi Ogunjobi"/>
E-mail address:	<input type="text" value="mail@dridgets.com"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include the store name in the from line of store e-mails. <small>May not be available on all server configurations. Turn off if this causes problems.</small>	
Phone number:	<input type="text" value="12323456789"/>
Fax number:	<input type="text"/>
Street address 1:	<input type="text" value="1 Dridgets Drive"/>
Street address 2:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text" value="Drupelburg"/>

Shipping quote settings

Now for another important aspect that we have nearly forgotten: after Joe Bling has ordered a dozen Dridgets and has been taken to the checkout point, he needs to be charged for shipping. Otherwise, Dridgets Inc. will lose out when getting the stuff to Joe Bling's house. Therefore, let's go to the **Shipping quotes settings** page to sort this out. Here, as we had earlier determined that all of the customers will be charged a flat rate of \$2 per order for all of their purchases, we will select the **Flat Rate** tab on the **Quote methods** page.

We will be prompted to **Add a new flat rate shipping method**, and on clicking this link we will be led to a page similar to the following screenshot:

Edit flat rate method

Shipping method title:
Basic shipping
The name shown to distinguish it from other flatrate methods.

Line item label:
Basic shipping
The name shown to the customer when they choose a shipping method at checkout.

Base price:
\$ 0.00
The starting price for shipping costs.

Default product shipping rate:
\$ 2.00

Submit Delete

We have now created a new flat rate shipping method, which will charge every customer a basic rate of \$2 for every single transaction, no matter the amount of the order.

Image handling

In order to set up images for the Product Content type, we use the **Thickbox** module. Enable the module, and browse to the **Administer | Site configuration | Thickbox** page, to select the **Enable for image nodes** checkbox. Configure the **Product Content** type's **Ubercart product settings** panel to incorporate images for the **Product image field**.

Add a Product to the store

When Ubercart is installed, it automatically creates a **Product** Content type. You may verify this by visiting the **Content types** link in **Administer**. If you are familiar with creating content (nodes) in Drupal, then you will know that to add a new node of type **Product**, you need to browse to the **Add content** link and select **Product**. This will give you the form required to submit your product descriptions.

Create Product

Name: *

 Name of the product.

Description:

 Enter the product description used for product teasers and pages.

—▷ Input format

Catalog:

 Hold Ctrl while clicking to select multiple categories.

▽ Product information

SKU: *

 Product SKU/model.

List price: **Cost:** **Sell price: ***
 The listed MSRP. Your store's cost. Customer purchase price.

Product and its derivatives are shippable.

Weight: **Unit of measurement:**

Dimensions
 Physical dimensions of the packaged product.

Units of measurement:	Length:	Width:	Height:
<input type="text" value="Inches"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Package quantity:

 For a package containing only this product, how many are in it?

Default quantity to add to cart:

 Leave blank or zero to disable the quantity field next to the add to cart button, if it is enabled in general. If it is disabled, this field is ignored.

List position:

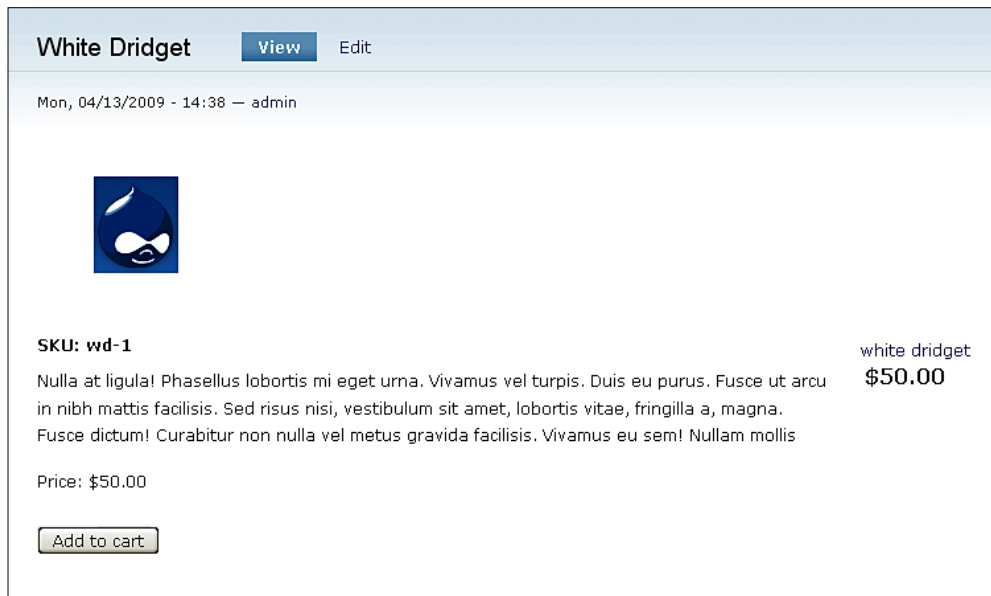
 Specify a value to set this product's position in product lists.
 Products in the same position will be sorted alphabetically.

Image:

+ Maximum Filesize: 2 MB
 Allowed Extensions: gif jpg jpeg png

In this **Product** form, we do not have to fill in all of the fields. Only the essential parts, such as the **Name**, **SKU**, and the product price, need to be completed. We should also enter an appropriate **Description** of the item and one or several photographs, or else we will find it a bit tough to get a potential buyer to purchase our invisible product. Note that these fields are essential because Ubercart demands that they be filled in. **SKU** stands for **Stock Keeping Unit**. It is the unique identifying mark for a specific product and thus must be defined. Without a price, nobody will be able to purchase the product. It may be helpful to add the product dimensions and the weight, so that the buyers have an idea of the size, especially if they are expecting it to fit in their mailbox.

Now post some products to make sure that your store has been properly set up. You should end up with a product page view similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

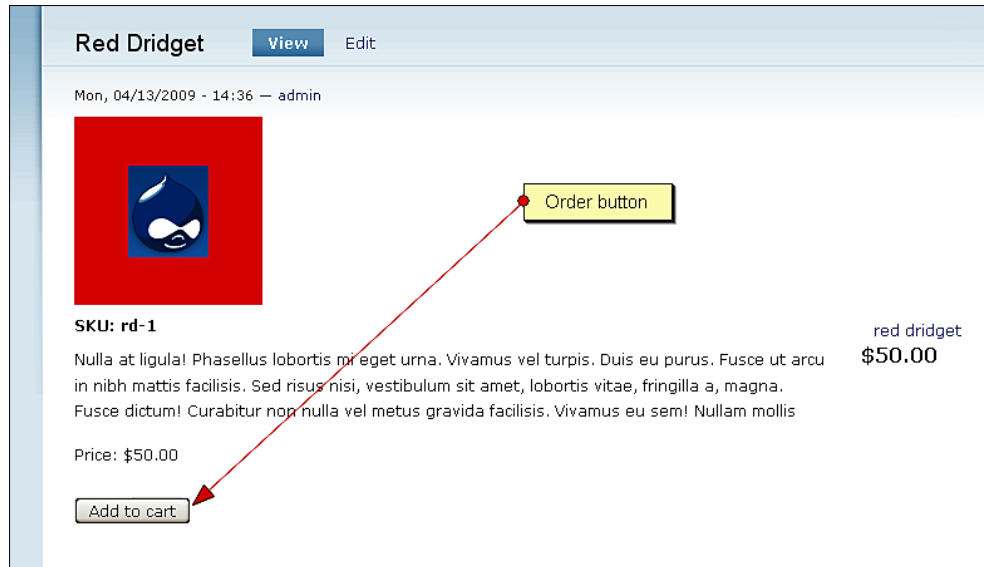


Have we done this right?

We have configured the cart to accept payment, and we have added products to the cart. Let's see whether we have done this right by following a typical order process.

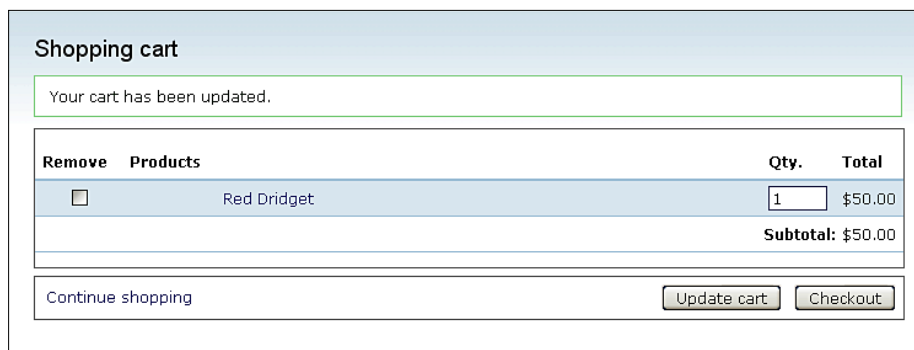
Joe Bling selects a Dridget

The customer has clicked on the **Add to cart** button to buy a **Red Dridget**.



Joe Bling is taken to the cart

Placing the order takes the customer to the cart, where he is given the options to **Continue shopping**, **Remove** the item from the cart, or proceed to the **Checkout**.



Joe Bling goes for checkout

On deciding to go for checkout, the customer is taken to another page, where delivery and billing information is demanded.

Checkout

Cart contents

Qty	Products	Price
1x	Red Dridget	\$50.00
		Subtotal: \$50.00

Customer information

Order information will be sent to your account e-mail listed below.
E-mail address: timi@ensap.com (edit)

Delivery information

Enter your delivery address and information here.

*First name:
*Last name:
Company:
*Street address:
*City:
*Country:
*State/Province:
*Postal code:
Phone number:

Shipping cost calculated

The shipping cost will ordinarily be calculated from the delivery address, but as we have specified flat rate shipping, all customers will be charged the specified \$2 per order.

Billing information

Enter your billing address and information here.

My billing information is the same as my delivery information.

Calculate shipping cost

Shipping quotes are generated automatically when you enter your address and may be updated manually with the button below.

general: \$2.00

Payment method

Select a payment method from the following options.

Order total preview:

Subtotal:	\$50.00
general:	\$2.00
Order total:	\$52.00

Clicking on the **Review Order** button at the bottom of this page takes the customer to the payment point. The order process has finally concluded.

Display Products

This is a simple shopping cart with only one category of products, and there is no need for any elaborate menus and navigation systems. All we are looking to do is place links to each product page in the **Primary links** menu

In order to do this, we shall revisit each of the product pages, and click on the **Edit** tab. In the **Menu settings** section, we will enter the name of the product in the **Menu link title** field, and set the **Parent item** as **<Primary links>**.

Menu settings

Menu link title:

 The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu. Leave blank if you do not wish to add this post to the menu.

Parent item:

 The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:

 Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

Now we need to put all of the links neatly together in a side bar. If we visit the **Blocks** page, then we will find a block for **Primary links**. Now we will move this block over to the **Left sidebar**, where we want it. We want to rename our menu **Dridgets**, so we go to the **configure** page for this block, and enter the new block title, before finally saving it. The result is that we have the new menu block displayed, as shown in the following screenshot:



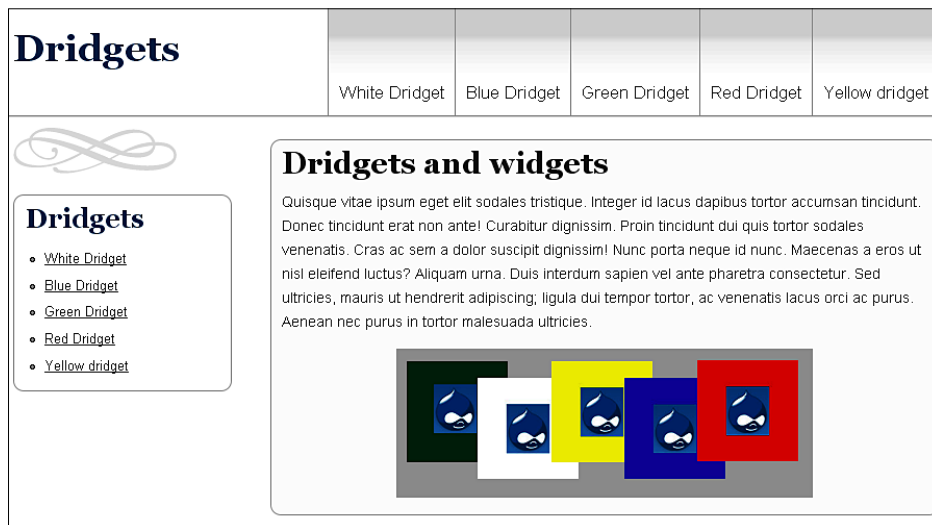
Front page

The front page will be created from the **Page Content** type, as it only consist of some static text and image.

Click on the **Create content** link, and find the **Page Content** type. Start a new node titled **Dridgets and widgets**, and enter your text and images. When you are done, promote the node to the front page in **Publishing options**, and, in order to make sure that this post is not displaced by subsequent posts, also make it **Sticky at the top**, before saving. Otherwise, you could also browse to the **Site Information** link on the **Administer** page and make this node the default home page.

Finishing up

We may now enable our new theme, **Superclean**, on the **Themes** page.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

1. Build a simple online shopping cart selling multiple products using Ubercart.
2. Configure the payment processing functionality using PayPal.
3. Define and implement the basic shipping method and cost parameters for the shopping cart.

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Drupelburg Accommodations—Building a Directory Site

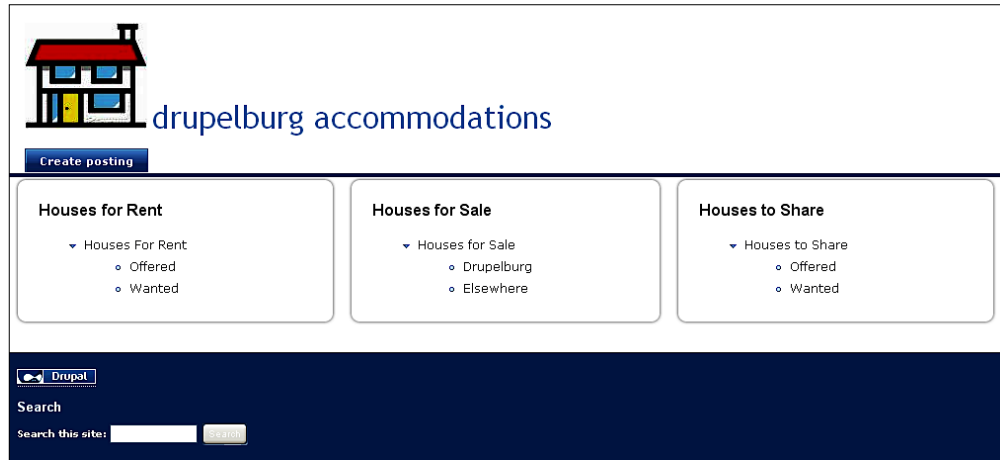
Wally Fishbourne had the idea to create an online directory where people can freely post details of accommodation available for rent, share, and sale all over Drupelburg. He is looking for a simple directory, with listing and display features, rather than the style used in **Gumtree** and **Craigslist**. Users will be permitted to post without being registered.

The basic features of the Drupelburg Accommodations web site are:

- A front page view showing simple links to the following main sections:
 - Houses for rent (Offered and Wanted)
 - Houses to share (Offered and Wanted)
 - Houses for sale (In Drupelburg and Elsewhere)
- A simple listing form with taxonomy terms corresponding to the title sections.
- Sitewide search facilities.

Theme

The theme chosen is "Zen Classic", which is a contributed theme with a simple and elegant look.



Build Drupelburg Accommodations

Drupelburg Accommodations is another example of an easy-to-build web site, which can be completed within a couple of hours. The primary aim is to be able to access nodes that have been created, by means of their taxonomy, and also by means of sitewide search facilities. The major tasks involved in creating the Drupelburg Accommodations site will be:

- Creating new Content types for Accommodations
- Defining taxonomy terms relating to the listing categories and terms (Offered or Wanted)
- Creating menu blocks to view content based on listing categories and other taxonomy terms

Modules

From the tasks that we are presented with by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used. For this exercise, we will be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

The **Core** modules that will be used for this site are as follows:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content

Contributed modules

The contributed modules that will be used for this site are as follows:

- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically.
- **IMCE** – gives the client ability to upload and manage some files through the Admin interface.
- **Panels** – needed to create multiple-column layouts in pages.
- **Taxonomy Menu** – permits the easy creation of menus from taxonomy vocabularies.
- **Poormanscron** – runs the Drupal cron operations without needing the cron application.

Basic content

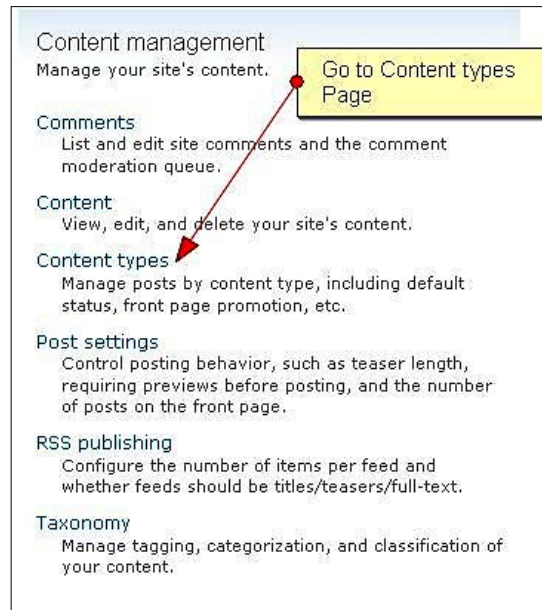
For the purpose of easy classification, we shall be creating three new Content types called **Accommodations for Rent**, **Accommodations to Share**, and **Accommodations for Sale**. This should make it easier for users to post their items onto the site, as well as make it a lot more straightforward to create a system for retrieving these items for display.

Images

In order to permit images to be added to the content, get the **IMCE** and **Image** modules, and install and enable them. Finally, you must also enable the **Upload** module, otherwise users will not be able to attach images and other files to their posts.

Create new Content type

By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section (shown in the following screenshot), we will find the **Content types** link.



If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed. Here, we will create our own new Content type for **Accommodations for Rent**.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

In order to do this, we will use the following procedure:

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top, and you will be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type descriptions and the general rules for the adding of content and the display of content for this new Content type in the places where they need to be in the form. Here are some guides:
 - a. In the **Identification** fields, enter the **Name** and the **Description** of the Content type, as shown in the following screenshot:

Content types List [Add content type](#)

To create a new content type, enter the human-readable name, the machine-readable name, and all other relevant fields that are on this page. Once created, users of your site will be able to create posts that are instances of this content type.

Identification

Name: *
Accommodations for Rent
The human-readable name of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the *create content* page. It is recommended that this name begin with a capital letter and contain only letters, numbers, and **spaces**. This name must be unique.

Type: *
accommodations_for_rent
The machine-readable name of this content type. This text will be used for constructing the URL of the *create content* page for this content type. This name must contain only lowercase letters, numbers, and underscores. Underscores will be converted into hyphens when constructing the URL of the *create content* page. This name must be unique.

Description:
accommodations for rent
A brief description of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the *create content* page.

Make a listing page for this content type

- b. In the **Submission form settings** pane, choose the title that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), as well as fields specifying the minimum length that an article must be before it can be accepted for submission. You will also find another place where you can describe submission guidelines for this Content type. Leave this at the system default setting.
- c. In the **Workflow setting** pane, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the listing to be published and available on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want to promote the listing to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the listing to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
- d. In the **Comments settings** panel, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to articles from this Content type or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.
- e. At the bottom of the page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings** (shown in the upcoming screenshot). Enable **Attach images**, and now your **Accommodations for Rent** Content type will be ready to incorporate images. In order to confirm this, go to the **Create content** link for the Content type. Near the bottom of the page, you will find the **Attached images** panel, where you can upload images for your posts and decide how images will appear in the teasers and in the full node view, in terms of size and position.

Workflow settings

Default options:

- Published
- Promoted to front page
- Sticky at top of lists
- Create new revision

Users with the *administer nodes* permission will be able to override these options.

Comment settings

Image Attach settings

Attach images:

Disabled
 Enabled

Should this node allow users to upload an image?

Teaser image size:

Thumbnail

This determines the size of the image that appears when the node is displayed as a teaser. 'Hidden' will not show the image.

Teaser image weight:

0

This value determines the order of the image when displayed in the teaser.

Full node image size:

Thumbnail

This determines the size of the image that appears when the full node is displayed. 'Hidden' will not show the image.

Full node image weight:

0

This value determines the order of the image when displayed in the body.

Accommodations to Share and **Accommodations for Sale** can be created using a similar procedure.

Create new categories

Our accommodations will need to be organized into categories in order to group them together along with other houses, according to the listing type.

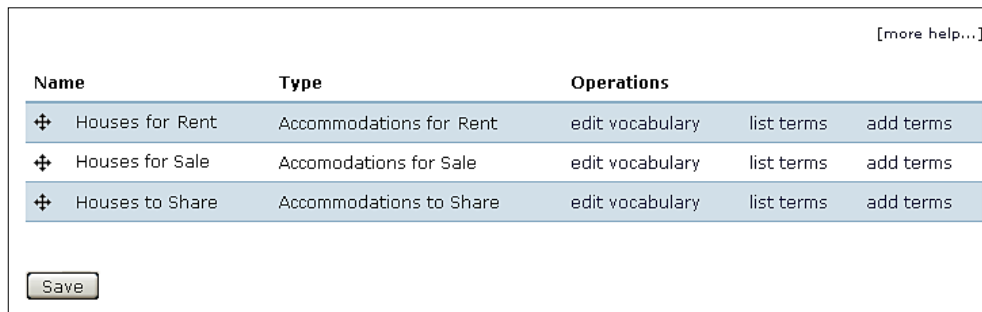
Go to the **Taxonomy** link under the **Content management** section on the **Administer** page, and navigate to the **Taxonomy** page. If you have started a new site, then you will see a notice that there is no vocabulary available for your new categories at the foot of this page. The **vocabulary** is a term by which a collection of categories (or terms) can be collectively described. In this case, let us create three vocabularies – **Houses for Rent**, **Houses to Share**, and **Houses for Sale**. we will do this by clicking on the **Add vocabulary** tab at the top of the page.

List categories

This is what we will be filling into the form for this new vocabulary:

1. In the **Identification** panel, let us enter the **Name** of the vocabulary, a **Description**, as well as any **Help text** that comes to mind, to guide the users when they come across this vocabulary. For houses to rent, we have used **Houses for Rent** as the **Vocabulary name**; for the **Description**, we have entered **houses for rent**, and for the **Help text**, we will be instructing the user to **select from list**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a Content type. We select the **Accommodations for Rent** checkbox.
3. For the settings, we declare that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required**, and that the user who posts the content must choose a term from the supplied list.

We will follow the same procedure for the **Houses for Sale** and **Houses to Share** categories.



Name	Type	Operations
+ Houses for Rent	Accommodations for Rent	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
+ Houses for Sale	Accommodations for Sale	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
+ Houses to Share	Accommodations to Share	edit vocabulary list terms add terms

[more help...]

Save

Add terms

Going back to the **Taxonomy** page, we see that the new vocabulary that we have just created is listed. Now we need to add the terms for the **Houses for Rent** vocabulary, as well as for the other vocabularies. We do this by clicking on the add term link and completing the form that we are presented with, as shown in the following screenshot:

Ignore the **Advanced options** link at the bottom of the page at this stage, as we only have a single level of terms.

If you click on the **list terms** link on the vocabulary, then you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created (seen in the upcoming screenshot), in the order that they will be presented to the user. If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.


Name	Operations
⊕ Offered	edit
⊕ Wanted	edit

Test the Houses for Rent submission form

Now let us test our submission form, and see how it works. In order to do this, we click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side of the page, and select the **Houses for Rent** link. You will see a form that will have to be duly filled in, as shown in the following screenshot:

Create Accommodations for Rent

Title: *

Houses for Rent: *
 
terms of business


—▷ Menu settings

Body:

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis. Quisque vitae ipsum eget elit sodales tristique. Integer id lacus dapibus tortor accumsan tincidunt. Donec tincidunt erat non ante! Curabitur dignissim. Proin tincidunt dui quis tortor sodales venenatis. Cras ac sem a dolor suscipit dignissim! Nunc porta neque id nunc. Maecenas a eros ut nisl eleifend luctus? Aliquam urna. Duis interdum sapien vel ante pharetra consectetur. Sed ultricies, mauris ut hendrerit adipiscing; ligula dui tempor tortor, ac venenatis lacus orci ac purus. Aenean nec purus in tortor malesuada ultricies. Quisque est.

—▷ Input format

▽ Attached images

Existing image:
 
Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

-or-

Upload image:

Image title:

The title the image will be shown with.

—▷ Revision information

—▷ Comment settings

—▷ Authoring information

—▷ Publishing options


Now add some posts to all the Content types that you have created, to ensure that you have done it all correctly.

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Offered

Create postings

A single tab is available to create posts into the Drupelburg Accommodations site. The **Create posting** tab is obtained by renaming the **Create content** item in the **Navigation** menu and then moving this item to under the **Primary links** menu. In order to do this, access the **Menus** link on the **Administer** page, click on the **Navigation** link, and **edit** the **Create content** link to change the **Parent item** to **<Primary links>**. Save your new settings.

When the **Create posting** tab is clicked on, it will open a page listing all of the Content types that the user has been given permission to post into. The permissions are set, as usual, at the **Permission** page.

Display content

The problem we now face is to be able to have a simple view of all of the houses listed on this site. Therefore, we will be creating a menu system that is more intuitive. We primarily need to create menu blocks for the front page. The blocks will be for:

- Houses for Rent (Offered and Wanted)
- Houses to Share (Offered and Wanted)
- Houses for Sale (In Drupelburg and Elsewhere)

Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

Let us start off by enabling the **Taxonomy Menu** module and creating a simple menu tree. What the **Taxonomy Menu** module does is it permits you to view the content on your site just by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term. We will now set it to generate a menu for all of our taxonomy vocabularies and terms.

In order to do this, we navigate to the **Taxonomy Menu settings** link on the **Administer** page. This displays the page shown in the following screenshot:

Taxonomy Menu settings

Houses for Rent

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Views

Views available:

comments_recent

Houses for Sale

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Views

Views available:

comments_recent

Houses to Share

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Views

Views available:

comments_recent

Set menu to show in normal views

Module page:

category

How should be the first item on the menu? Example: categories/1/2/3, technology/1/2/3

Display number of nodes per terms
If checked, number of node per term will be displayed in the menu.

Hide Empty Terms
If checked, only taxonomy terms with members will be shown in the menu.

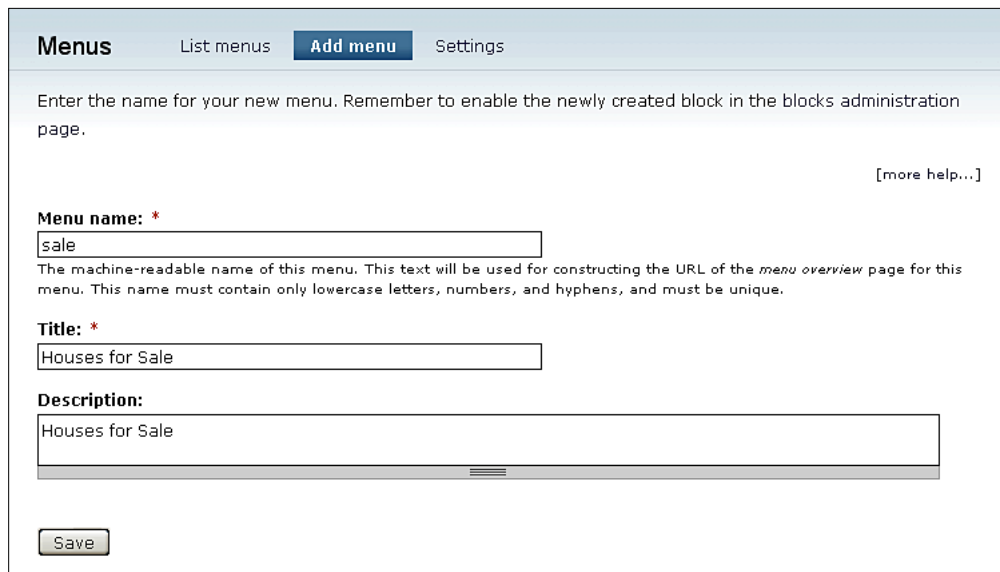
Display descendants
If checked, then when a term is selected all nodes belonging to subterms are also displayed.

Save configuration

Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. In our example, we have selected all of them.

It is now time to go to the **Menus** page on the **Administer** page, where we will be doing a few special things. You will now see the **Taxonomy Menu** links to the items related to each vocabulary, in the **Navigation** link on this page, but we don't want it arranged this way.

What we are going to do is create three new menus for **Houses for Rent**, **Houses to Share**, and **Houses for Sale**. In order to do this, we will click on the **Add menu** tab at the top of the main **Menus** page.



Menus List menus **Add menu** Settings

Enter the name for your new menu. Remember to enable the newly created block in the blocks administration page. [\[more help...\]](#)

Menu name: *

The machine-readable name of this menu. This text will be used for constructing the URL of the *menu overview* page for this menu. This name must contain only lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens, and must be unique.

Title: *

Description:

Now we will move all of the menu items that are currently under **Houses for Rent** in the **Navigation** menu, and place them under the new **Houses for Rent** menu. In order to do this, click on the **edit** link in front of **Houses for Rent**. In the resulting page, change the **Parent item** to **<Houses for Rent>**, and select the **Expanded** checkbox to expand the menu to make all child items visible.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit menu item' form with the following fields and annotations:

- Menu settings** section:
- Path:** Houses For Rent
- Menu link title: *** Houses for Rent (with a text box containing 'Houses for Rent'). A note below reads: 'The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.'
- Description:** (with a text box). A note below reads: 'The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.'
- Enabled:** Enabled. A note below reads: 'Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.' A yellow callout box labeled 'Select Expanded' has a red arrow pointing to the 'Expanded' checkbox.
- Expanded:** Expanded. A note below reads: 'If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.' A yellow callout box labeled 'Change parent item to Houses for Rent' has a red arrow pointing to the 'Parent item' dropdown.
- Parent item:** <Houses for Rent> (with a dropdown arrow). A note below reads: 'The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.'
- Weight:** 0 (with a dropdown arrow). A note below reads: 'Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.'
- A **Save** button is located at the bottom left.

We shall do the same for the new **Houses to Share** and the **Houses for Sale** menus.

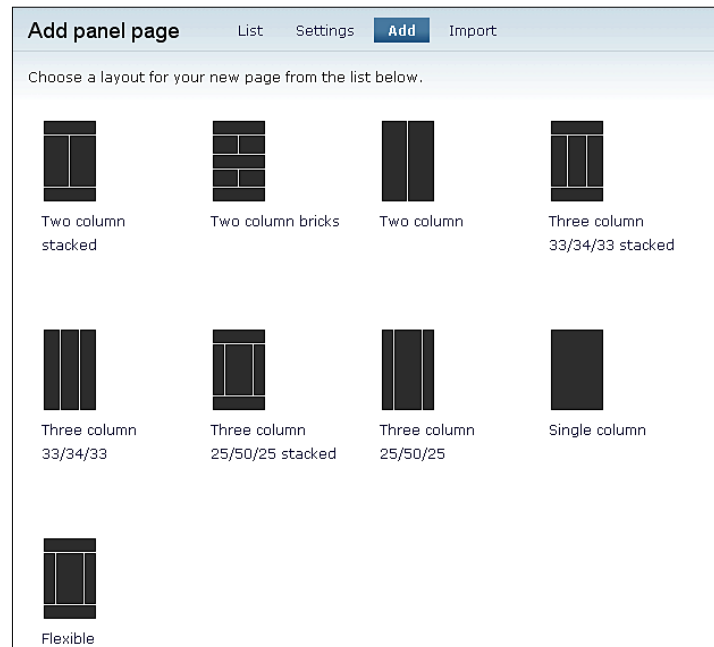
Blocks

If we now visit the **Blocks** page on the **Administer** page, we should see that the blocks for **Houses for Rent**, **Houses for Sale**, and **Houses to Share** have been created. We want to move these to the front page – but not just yet.

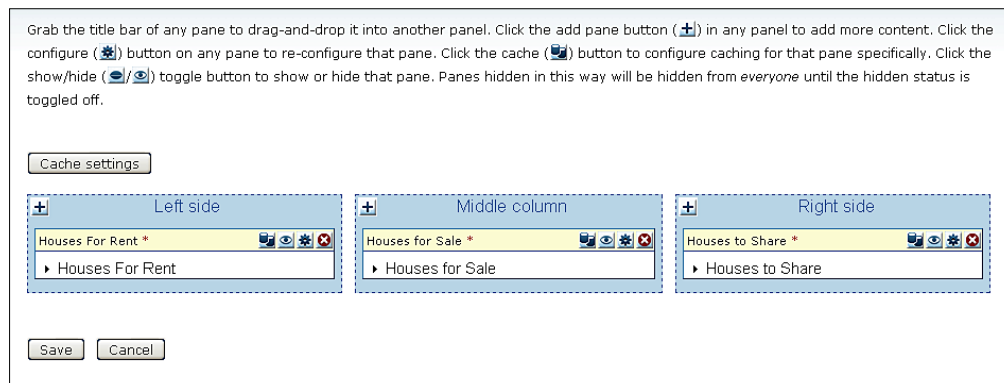
Front Panels

The front page will be created with the aid of the **Panels** module. This is one of the least – stressful methods of achieving the required layout. Install the **Panels** module, and enable it on the modules page. Now go to the **Panels** link on the **Administer** page, and access the main **Panels** configuration page.

Click on the **Panel pages** link, and you will be presented with a blank page that shows that no panel has been created yet. Click on the **Add** tab at the top of the page to add one. This leads to a page showing the various arrangements available to you, as shown in the following screenshot:



From this page, we see that the arrangement that most closely resembles what we want is the **Three column** display. Click on this layout option. On the page that is displayed next, add **front** in both the **Panel name** and **Path** fields, and then save your changes. Ignore all of the other settings, and go to the **Content** settings. This is where you assign the blocks to the panel.



Assign the **Houses for Rent**, **Houses for Sale**, and **Houses to Share** blocks to their respective panels. We can also set the **Pane style** to **Rounded corners**. Then click on the **Save** button.

Now we shall quickly go to the **Site information** section on the **Administer** page, and change the default front page to **front**, which is the path field of our panel, and then save our changes.

Search

Before setting up the search functionality, you need to enable the **Poormanscron** and **Search** modules.

After doing this, go to the **Administer | Site building | Blocks** page, and drag the **Search** block to the footer, where we want it. We can also navigate to the **Administer** page, and configure **Poormanscron** to carry out cron runs.

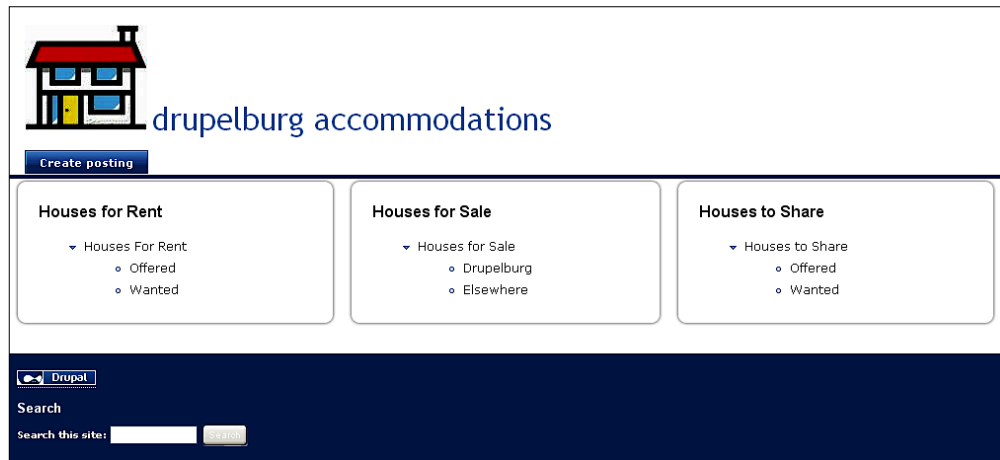
Permissions

For the site to run the way that you want, user permissions will need to be set. You will need to set privileges such as posting and search. Because users are not required to register before making posts, it is a wise idea to moderate all of the posts by preventing automatic publishing of posts. This will assure that your site does not quickly become crippled by spam.

The **User login** block will not be used, so we will hide by assigning the **Region** to **<none>** on the **Administer | Site building | Blocks** page.

Finishing up

We can now enable our new theme, **Zen Classic**, on the **Themes** page, to finish up our project.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic directory site
- Demonstrate how to Create multiple column page layouts using the **Panel** module

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Nosh'r—Building a Photo Sharing Site

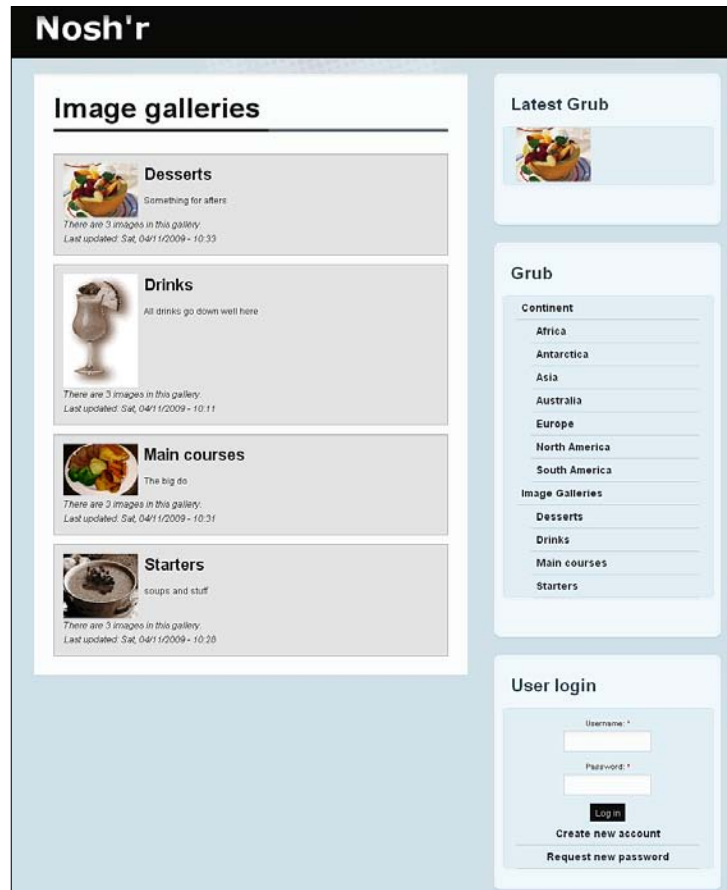
William and Elizabeth Bunter are organizing an online food appreciation community. They intend to enroll members from all over the world to share their food photos on their new web site—Nosh'r. At Nosh'r, the users will submit photos of their food for all of the other members to admire and rate by means of stars. Photos will be classified into several categories: starters, main courses, desserts, and drinks.

The Nosh'r web site will have the following features:

- Photo galleries for several food categories (starters, main courses, desserts, drinks)
- A simple photo uploading form, which will also permit detailed descriptions of uploaded items
- A star rating system and comment form for each added contribution

Theme

The theme chosen and for no particular reason other than it fits the project is "Magazeen", which is a contributed theme.



Build Nosh'r

Billy and Bessie, as they are fondly known by their many friends from all over the world, will do anything for the promotion of gastronomic delights, and Nosh'r is a child of their zeal. On this web site, registered users will be permitted to blog pictures of the exciting foods and drinks that they have just consumed (taken before the food and drink are consumed), or that they have just discovered in an exotic eating place somewhere in the world. These photos will typically be accompanied by a description or a recipe and will be displayed in an image gallery on the web site with facilities for other members to judge the contribution by means of a five-star rating system.

Looking at this project more closely, we will see that it bears a lot of similarity to the blogging site, albeit with a different set of modules. For this web site to become a reality, we need to do the following:

- Create an image gallery
- Enable primary tagging of food images by continent of origin and class of food (starters, main courses, desserts, and drinks)
- Enable the free-tagging of images by country and other user-defined terms
- Enable the rating of and commenting on submitted food images

Modules

From the defined tasks for this project, we should immediately see that there are some modules that are quite necessary. As usual, there are often several ways of getting the same result, each method undoubtedly with its own merits. However, for the purpose of this example, we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

We will be using the following **Core** modules enabled via the **Modules** page:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – permit users to comment on pictures

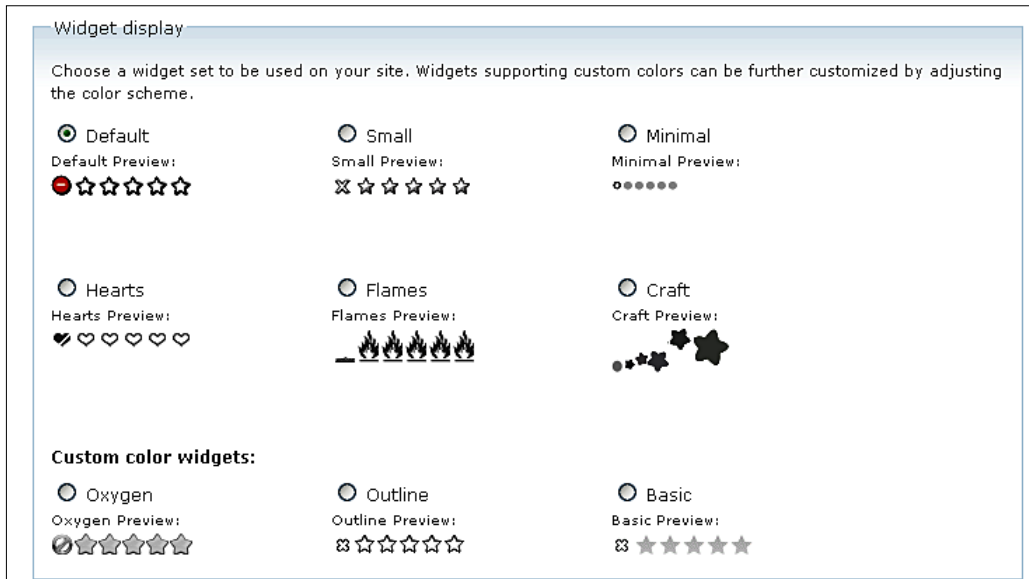
Contributed modules

We will also be using the following contributed modules, which will be uploaded and then enabled via the **Modules** page:

- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically.
- **Taxonomy Menu** – transform taxonomy vocabularies into menus easily.
- **Fivestar** – enable the rating of content using stars or similar icons.

Configure the Fivestar module

The **Fivestar** module makes it easy for site users to vote on a node—in this case an image. It also includes a comments form for the optional addition of comments. We can access the **Fivestar settings** page from **Administer | Site Configuration | Fivestar**. The basic setting is to select the type of widgets that we want to use, from the **Widget display** menu, as shown in the following screenshot:



We have chosen to use the **Default** star widget for use on this site.

Basic content

The site is built around the **Image** module, and the main challenge of this project will be to configure the image gallery to make the content quickly accessible.

Create Images and galleries

Download, install, and enable the **Image** module. The **Image Gallery** functionality should also be enabled.

Configure the Image Content type

The **Image** Content type is automatically created when the **Image** module is enabled. This Content type will permit users to post images into the site.

Webform
Webforms are forms and questionnaires. To add one, select Create content -> Webform. [more help...]

Available components

These are the available field types for your installation of Webform. You may disable any of these components by unchecking its corresponding box. Only checked components will be available in existing or new webforms.

Name	Description	Enabled
date	Presents month, day, and year fields.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
email	A textfield that automatically fills in a logged-in user's e-mail.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
fieldset	Fieldsets allow you to organize multiple fields into groups.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
file	Allow users to submit files of the configured types.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
grid	Allows creation of grid questions, denoted by radio buttons.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
hidden	A field which is not visible to the user, but is recorded with the submission.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
markup	Displays text as HTML in the form; does not render a field.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pagebreak	Break up a multi-page form.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
select	Allows creation of checkboxes, radio buttons, or select menus.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
textarea	A large text area that allows for multiple lines of input.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
textfield	Basic textfield type.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
time	Presents the user with hour and minute fields. Optional am/pm fields.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Default e-mail values

From address:

The default sender address for emailed webform results; often the e-mail address of the maintainer of your forms.

From name:

The default sender name which is used along with the default from address.

Default subject:

The default subject line of any e-mailed results.

Annotations:

- Change default address to which form result will be mailed (points to From address field)
- Change default subject that will appear on mail for , otherwise it will read "Form submission from Your Site Name" (points to Default subject field)

By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link. If we access this page, then we will see the various Content types listed there. We will not be creating a new Content type, as the **Image** Content type (shown in the following screenshot) is already present.

Image

Identification

Name: *

The human-readable name of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the create content page. It is recommended that this name begin with a capital letter and contain only letters, numbers, and spaces. This name must be unique.

Type:
image
The machine-readable name of this content type. This field cannot be modified for system-defined content types.

Description:

A brief description of this content type. This text will be displayed as part of the list on the create content page.

—▷ Submission form settings

—▷ Comment settings

▷ Fivestar ratings

—▷ Workflow settings

To configure the **Image** Content type:

1. Click on the **edit** link at the top of the **Image** Content type; you will then be presented with a form.
2. In the **Workflow setting** pane, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the image to be published and made available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want to promote the image to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the image to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox. For this example, we will not select this option.
3. In the **Fivestar ratings** pane, there are several configurable options from the primary need to enable Fivestar ratings, to other factors such as the number of stars to display, whether the widget will be placed below or above the node content, and also whether the rating of comments is permitted.
4. In the **Comments settings** pane, indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on images or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.

Create the Image galleries

Our images will need to be organized into galleries in order to group them together with other similar images according to the type of food.

Browse to the **Image galleries** link under the **Content management** section on the **Administer** page, and navigate to the **Image galleries** page. If you have started a new site, then you will see at the foot of this page a notice that there are no galleries available yet. We are going to create new galleries for starters, main courses, desserts, and drinks. We will do this by clicking on the **Add gallery** at the top of the page. This is what we will be entering into the form for this new gallery:

1. In the **Identification** panel, enter the **Gallery name**, a **Description**, and also any **Help text**. For drinks, we have used **Drinks** as the gallery name. For the **Description**, we have entered **All drinks go down well here**.
2. We need to establish a relationship between this gallery and the rest of the galleries. However, as it stands on its own, we define it as a **<root>** gallery.

Image galleries
List [Add gallery](#)

Gallery name: *

The name is used to identify the gallery.

Description:

The description can be used to provide more information about the image gallery.

Parent: *

Image galleries may be nested below other galleries.

Weight:

When listing galleries, those with with light (small) weights get listed before containers with heavier (larger) weights. Galleries with equal weights are sorted alphabetically.

When all of the galleries have been added, click on the **List** tab at the top of the page. We will arrive at a page listing all of the galleries available, as shown in the following screenshot:

Image galleries
List [Add gallery](#)

Name	Operations
Desserts	edit gallery
Drinks	edit gallery
Main courses	edit gallery
Starters	edit gallery

Image Taxonomies

We are now able to organize our images into separate galleries and group them together with other similar images according to the type of food. However, we additionally need to be able to group the images according to the continent of origin as well as other terms that may be defined by the site users.

Navigate to the **Taxonomy** link under the **Content management** section on the **Administer** page, and click on it to navigate to the **Taxonomy** page. Here we see that a vocabulary titled **Image Galleries** has been created, with terms such as **Drinks**, **Desserts**, **Main courses**, and **Starters**.

The **vocabulary** is the name by which a collection of categories (or terms) can collectively be described.

In this case, let us create two vocabularies – **Continent** and **Other Tags**. We will do this by clicking on the **Add Vocabulary** tab at the top of the page. The fields in the form for the **Continent** vocabulary will be filled in as follows:

1. In the **Identification** panel, enter the **Vocabulary name**, a **Description** and also any **Help text** that comes to mind, to guide the users when they come across this vocabulary. For continent, we have used **Continent** as the **Vocabulary name**. For the **Description**, we have entered **The continent that you are posting from**, and for the **Help text**, we will be instructing the user to **Enter the continent which you are posting from**.
2. We need to associate this vocabulary with a Content type. We have created it specifically for Images, so we naturally select the **Image** checkbox in the **Content types** pane.
3. For the **Settings**, we declare that the selection of a term from this vocabulary is **Required**, and the user who posts the content must choose a term from the supplied list.

Whereas the vocabulary **Continent** will have terms included for selection, the **Other Tags** vocabulary is free-tagging, which means the person making the submission will fill these in by himself or herself.

The following screenshot shows the values entered in the fields for the **Continent** vocabulary:

Taxonomy [List](#) [Add vocabulary](#)

Define how your vocabulary will be presented to administrators and users, and which content types to categorize with it. Tags allows users to create terms when submitting posts by typing a comma separated list. Otherwise terms are chosen from a select list and can only be created by users with the "administer taxonomy" permission.

[\[more help...\]](#)

▽ Identification

Vocabulary name: *

The name for this vocabulary, e.g., "Tags".

Description:

Description of the vocabulary; can be used by modules.

Help text:

Instructions to present to the user when selecting terms, e.g., "Enter a comma separated list of words".

▽ Content types

Content types:

Image
 Page
 Story

Select content types to categorize using this vocabulary.

▽ Settings

Tags
Terms are created by users when submitting posts by typing a comma separated list.

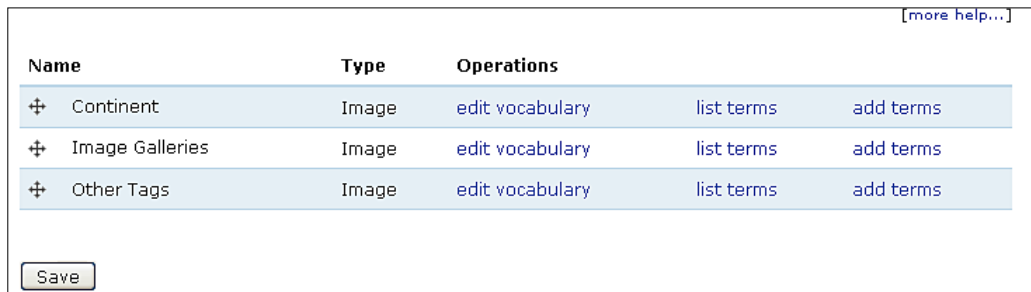
Multiple select
Allows posts to have more than one term from this vocabulary (always true for tags).

Required
At least one term in this vocabulary must be selected when submitting a post.

Weight:

Vocabularies are displayed in ascending order by weight.

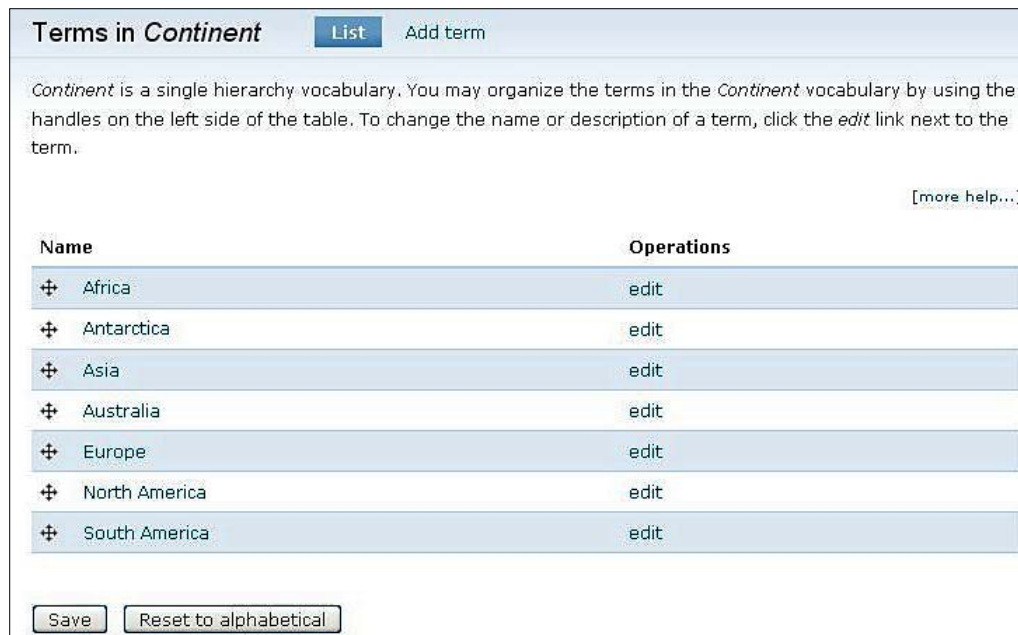
Going back to the **Taxonomy** page, we see the new vocabulary that we have just created listed. Now we need to add the terms for the **Continent** vocabulary. We do this by clicking on the **add terms** link and completing the form that we are presented with. Ignore the **Advanced options** link at the bottom of the page at this stage, because we only have a single level of terms.



[more help...]

Name	Type	Operations
+ Continent	Image	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
+ Image Galleries	Image	edit vocabulary list terms add terms
+ Other Tags	Image	edit vocabulary list terms add terms

If you click on the **list terms** link of the vocabulary, you will be presented with a list of the terms that you have created (in the order that they will be presented to the user). If you don't like this order, then just drag the ones you want to change to the location that you want.



Terms in *Continent* [Add term](#)

Continent is a single hierarchy vocabulary. You may organize the terms in the *Continent* vocabulary by using the handles on the left side of the table. To change the name or description of a term, click the *edit* link next to the term.

[more help...]

Name	Operations
+ Africa	edit
+ Antarctica	edit
+ Asia	edit
+ Australia	edit
+ Europe	edit
+ North America	edit
+ South America	edit

Test the Image submission form

Now let us test our Image submission form, and see how it works. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link in the Navigation menu and select **Image**. You will see a form, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot, which can be duly filled in:

Title: *

Image:

Click "Browse..." to select an image to upload.

▽ Vocabularies

Image Galleries:
 ▾

Continent:
 ▾

Other Tags:
 ○
A comma-separated list of terms describing this content. Example: funny, bungee jumping, "Company, Inc."

—▷ Menu settings

Rebuild derivative images.
Check this to rebuild the derivative images for this node.

Body:

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

Now add some images to ensure that you have done everything correctly.



Tips and traps

Remember to change the permissions to create Image and upload files in the **Permissions** link on the **Administer** page.

Display content

We have learnt how to post Images into the gallery. Now let us classify our Images by the **Image Galleries** food type, and then by **Continent**.

Create quick menus with the Taxonomy Menu module

As before, there are several ways to provide quick access to images via their vocabulary. One quick method is to use a module known as **Taxonomy Menu**. What this essentially does is permits you to view your Images simply by clicking on a menu link that corresponds to the title of a vocabulary term.

Download the **Taxonomy Menu** module and install it. After this, go to the **Administer** page and then onto the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page. Select the vocabularies that you want to include in your menu, and save the configuration. For our example, the **Taxonomy Menu settings** page should be configured as shown in the following screenshot:

Taxonomy Menu settings

Continent

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Image Galleries

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Other Tags

Show this category in menu:

No

Normal

Module page:

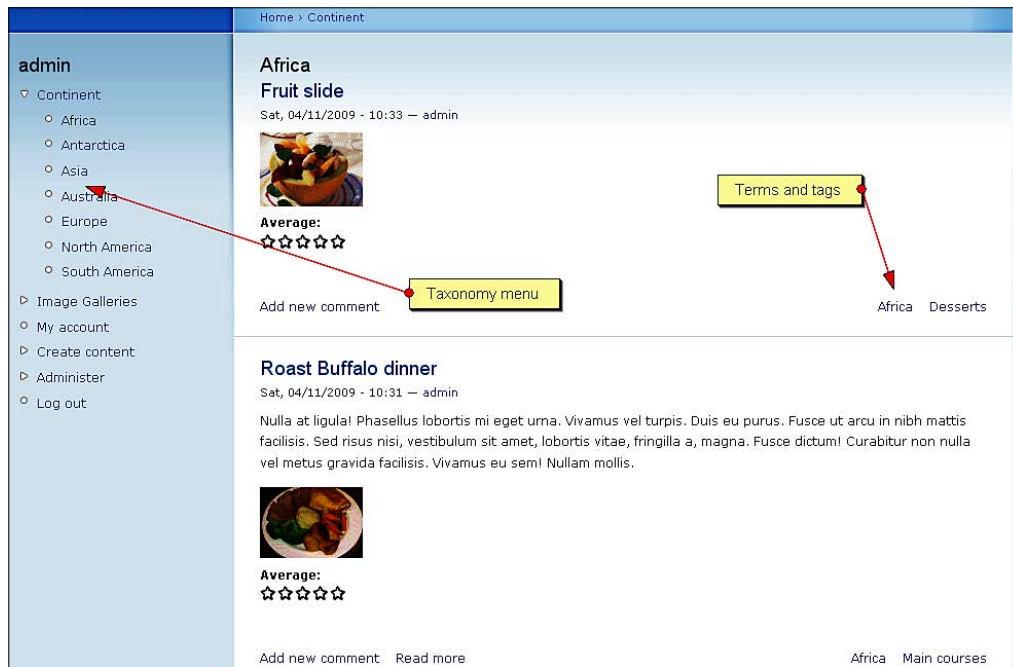
How should be the first item on the menu? Example: categories/1/2/3, technology/1/2/3

Display number of nodes per terms
If checked, number of node per term will be displayed in the menu.

Hide Empty Terms
If checked, only taxonomy terms with members will be shown in the menu.

Display descendants
If checked, then when a term is selected all nodes belonging to subterms are also displayed.

You will now see the links to the items related to each vocabulary under the Navigation menu in the sidebar. If you have posted items into the categories already, then you will see that your posts appear on the page when you click on the corresponding menu. If you click on the **Continent | Africa** link, for example, then you will see a page containing Images that have been posted to the site from Africa.



Latest Image block

In the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page, we will find that blocks have been automatically created for latest image submitted. We will now assign the **Latest image** block to the **Right sidebar**, as we had planned.

Site navigation

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. We will:

- Put our entire **Continent** menu under a newly-created **Grub** menu
- Assign the gallery to the front page

Create the Menu for Continent and Galleries page views

In order to do this:

1. Navigate to the **Menus** link on the **Administer** page.
2. Click on the **Add menu** tab to access the page to create the menu.
3. Add a new menu called **Grub**.
4. Click on the **Navigation** link at the top of the **Menus** page to access the page that lists all of the navigation links.
5. Click on the **edit** link in front of the vocabulary **Continent**.
6. On the resulting page, change the **Parent item** to **<Grub>**, and also select the **Expanded** checkbox, as shown in the following screenshot:

Path:
Continent

Menu link title: *

The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.

Description:

The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:

The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:

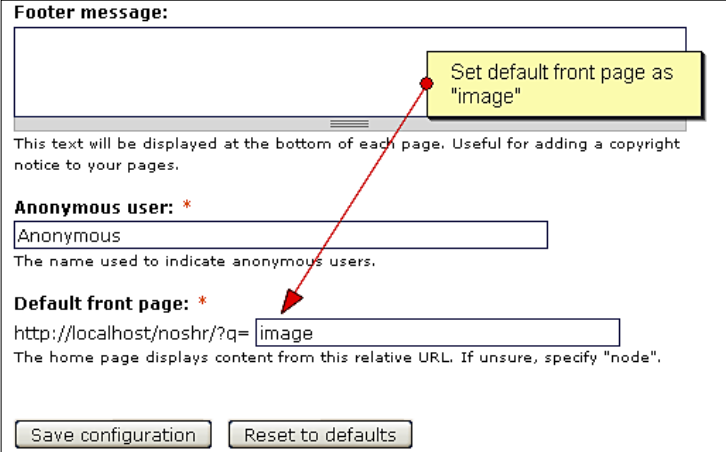
Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

After saving, you are taken to another page, which shows that all of the menu items for the terms have been moved to under **Grub**. Do the same for the **Image Galleries** link.

Now visit the **Blocks** page, grab the **Grub** block, and drag it to the **Right sidebar** section of the regions list. On saving the settings, you will see that your new **Grub** links for **Continent** and for **Image Galleries** have been neatly placed where they can be accessed easily.

Assign the Gallery to the front page

In order to assign the Gallery to the front page, go to the **Site information** link on the **Administer** page. At the foot of the page, we will find the field to set the **Default front page**. The view page for the **Image gallery** is `image`, so we can change the setting to `image`, as shown in the screenshot below:



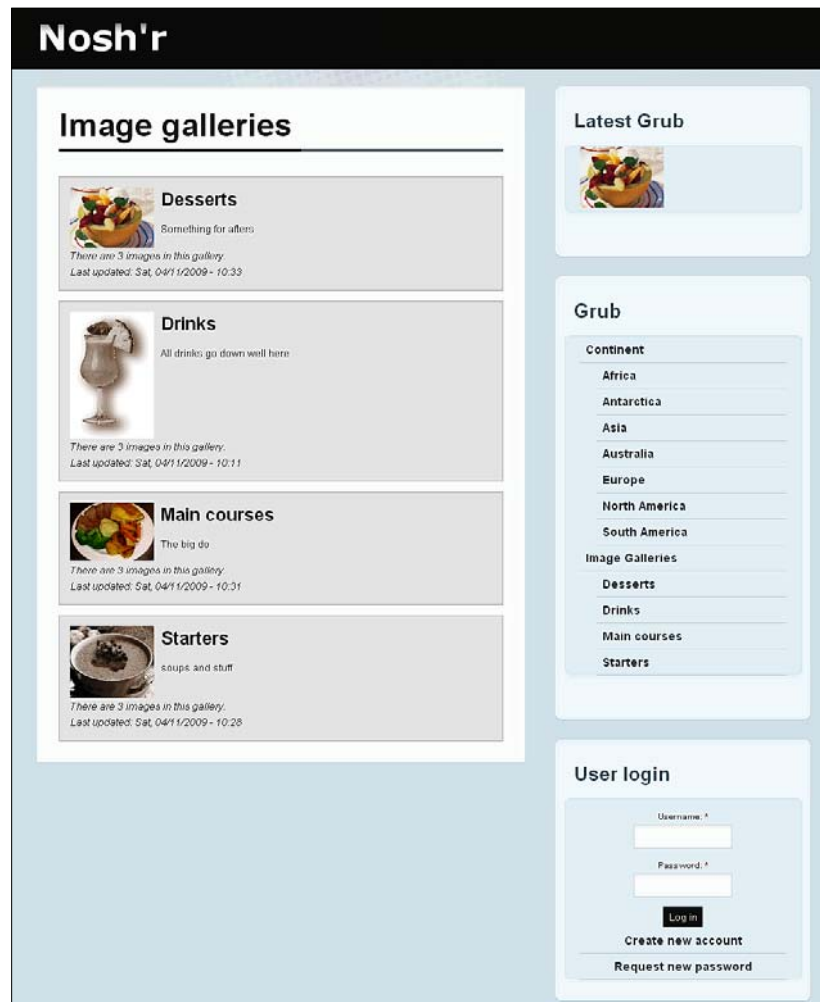
The screenshot shows a configuration page with the following elements:

- Footer message:** A text area for footer content.
- Anonymous user: *** A text field containing "Anonymous".
- Default front page: *** A text field containing "http://localhost/noshr/?q= image". A red arrow points from a yellow callout box to this field.
- Buttons:** "Save configuration" and "Reset to defaults".

A yellow callout box with the text "Set default front page as 'image'" has a red arrow pointing to the "Default front page" field.

Finishing up

We can now enable our **Magazeen** theme on the **Themes** page.



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for publishing images uploaded by various users
- Use defined terms and free-tagging to classify content

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Drupelburg Conference Venues—Building a Conference Facilities Booking Site

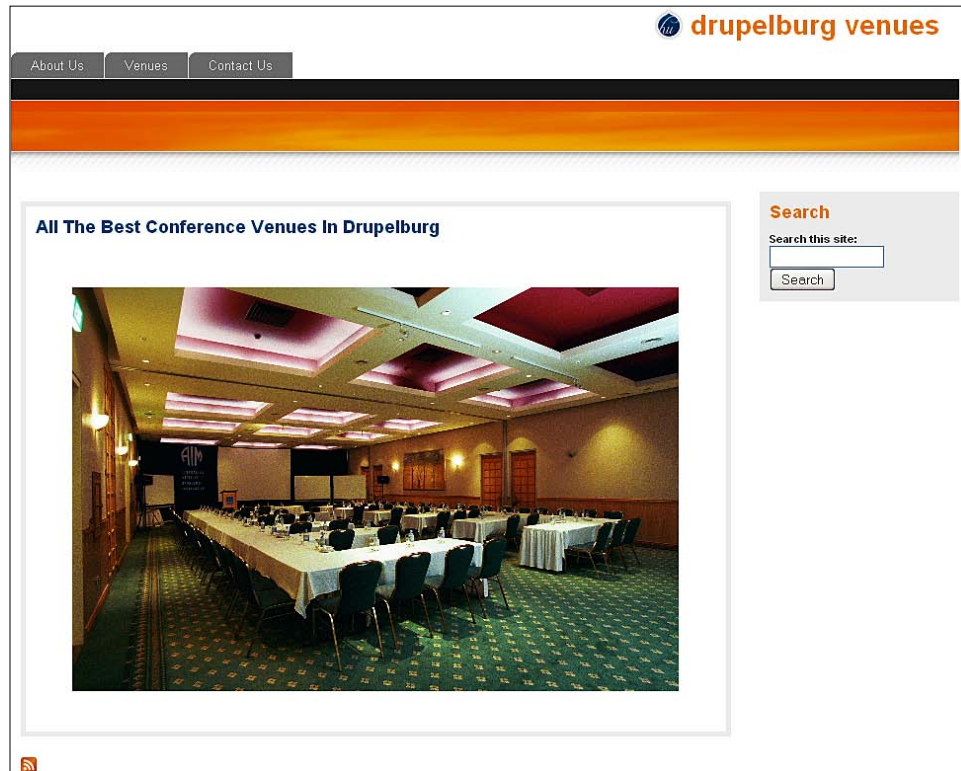
Drupelburg Conference Venues (DCV) has been organizing conferences and events for many years. They have realized that much of their operation may be eased and much of their overheads reduced if they had a web presence. DCV is contemplating creating a web site where facilities can be listed and booked in real time. The site will be built in a way that makes it easy for the staff of DCV to list and update the venues.

The main features of the DCV web site will be as follows:

- Permitted users (the employees of DCV) will be able to list venues and add photographs
- A review system for the facilities to guide general site users

Theme

The theme chosen is "Four Seasons", which is a contributed theme.



Build Drupelburg Conference Venues

The DCV web site is (when we look very closely) a basic Drupal site with the nodes (articles) defining an object – a conference venue. The prominent additions are a means of defining the availability of the venue and also a means to comment on it and award star ratings.

Thus, the major tasks involved in the creation of this web site will be:

- Creating a new Content type titled "Venue"
- Adding availability features
- Adding the five-star rating system
- Adding a link to contact the facility owner
- Adding a comments form

Modules

From the tasks that are presented to us by this project, we are able to build a list of contributed modules that will be used. There are often several ways of getting the same result, with each method undoubtedly requiring different combinations of contributed and core modules. However, for the purpose of this example, we shall be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

We will be using the following **Core** modules , which can be enabled via the **Modules** page:

- **Taxonomy** – enables us to classify our content
- **Comment** – permits users to comment on venues

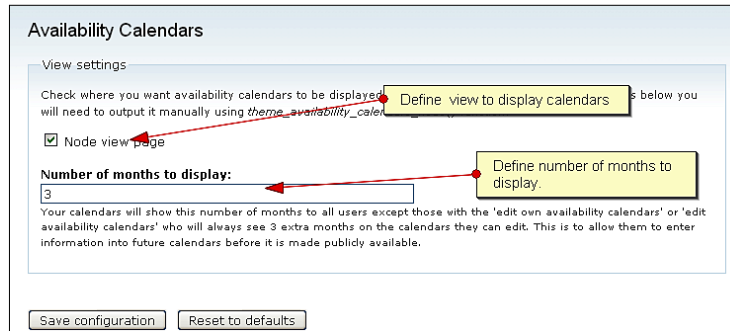
Contributed modules

We will also be using the following contributed modules from `Drupal.org`. Install, and enable them via the **Modules** page:

- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes of images are created automatically.
- **Availability** – allows availability information to be displayed for specified Content types by using calendars.
- **Fivestar** – a simple five-star voting widget for nodes.
- **SimpleViews** – an easy-to-use tool for building content listing pages.
- **Views** – allows the creation of customized lists and queries from the database.
- **Poormanscron** – automates the cron function.

Configure the Availability Calendars module

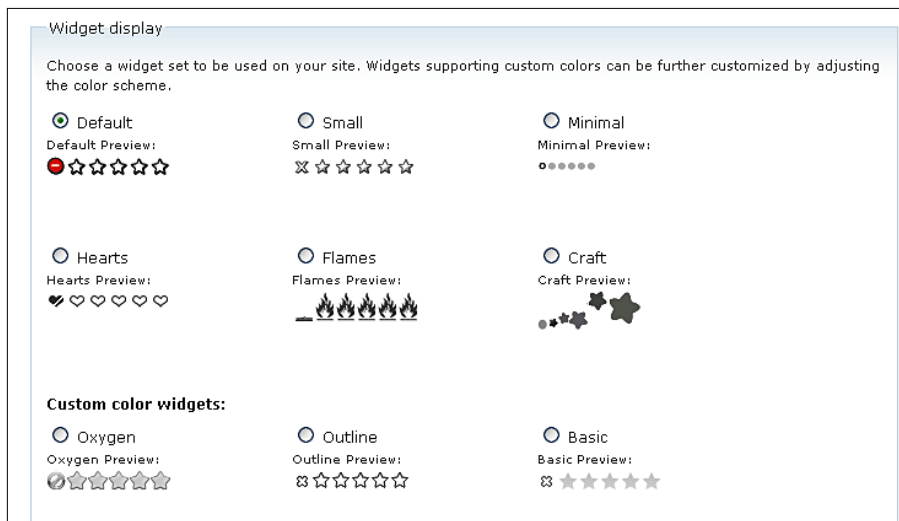
The **Availability Calendars** module allows nodes to be turned into bookable items, and indicates the availability of the item at any particular time. Visit the **Availability Calendars** link on the **Administer** page to access the configuration page (shown in the following screenshot) for this module.



On this page, we want the calendars to show up in the **Node view page** and also want it to show for **3 months** at a time.

Configure the Fivestar module

The **Fivestar** module will make it easy for the site users to vote on a node—in this case a listed facility. It also includes a comments form for the optional addition of an opinion on the facility. The basic setting here is to select the type of widgets that we want to use from the **Widget display** page, shown in the following screenshot:



We have chosen to use the **Default** star widgets for this web site.

Basic content

For ease of classification, we shall be creating a new **Venue** Content type. This will leave the core Content types free for any other use, such as a description of the activities of the company, or the features of the site.

Create a new Content type

By navigating to the **Administer** page of the site and then into the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link. Click on this link.



On the **Content types** page, we will see the various Content types that available for this site. We will need to create our own new Content type for **Venue**.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit delete

We need to add new Content type

In order to create the **Venue** Content type:

1. Click on the **Add content type** link at the top of the page, and you will then be presented with a form.
2. Add the Content type descriptions and the general rules for adding content and the display of content for this new Content type (in the places where they need to be in the form). Here are some guides:
 - a. In the **Identification** fields, add the **Name** and **Description** of the Content type.
 - b. In the **Submission form settings**, you need to decide on the title that you want to give the fields. By default, you are presented with **Title** (for the title of the submission), **Body** (for the main story), as well as fields specifying the minimum length that an article must be before it can be accepted for submission. We are also provided with a place to describe the submission guidelines for this Content type. Leave this set to the system default setting.
 - c. In the **Fivestar ratings** panel, there are several configurable options – from the primary need to enable Fivestar ratings, to other factors such as the number of stars to display, whether the widget will be placed below or above the node content, and also whether the rating of comments is permitted.

The following screenshot shows the **Fivestar ratings** pane with the settings configured:

▼ Fivestar ratings

To rate this content, enable Fivestar rating below. These settings will be used for both comments (if available) and direct rating.

Enable Fivestar rating

Number of stars:

▼ Star Labels

These star labels appear as the link title when javascript is enabled as well as the select list options when javascript is disabled.

Display labels on mouse over
When enabled, the star labels will dynamically appear underneath the stars as the user hovers over each star to provide a more descriptive qualitative meaning for each star value.

Cancel label:

Star 1 label:

Star 2 label:

Star 3 label:

Star 4 label:

Star 5 label:

Direct rating widget

These settings allow you to display a rating widget to your users while they are viewing content of this type. Rating will immediately register a vote for that piece of content.

Star display style:

Text display style:

Show widget title

Allow users to undo their votes

Enable feedback during vote saving and deletion

Teaser display:

Full node display:

Direct rating widget preview:

★★★★☆
 Your rating: 4 Average: 2.5 (20 votes)

Comment widget

Enabling Fivestar for comments will display a rating widget when a user posts a comment. The rating of the comment will affect its parent content.

Fivestar comment settings: **Comment widget preview:**

Disabled

Optional rating

Required rating

- d. In the **Workflow setting** panel, we need to determine the following default options:
 - Do you want the venue to be published and made available for use on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want to promote the venue to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the venue to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
 - Do you want the Content type to have Availability Calendar support? In that case, we select the **Enabled** checkbox.
 - Do you want the nodes of this type to show the contact the author link at the bottom? If so, select the **Enabled** checkbox.
- e. In the **Comments settings** tab, you can indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made on articles of this Content type or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.



Tips and traps

When a new Content type is created, you need to access the page for this Content type and disable the **Promoted to front page** option in the **Workflow settings**, or else any new content created will be promoted to the front page, which could cause you a lot of embarrassment when this occurs with inappropriate content.

If you think that your submission form needs more fields than the basic **Title** and **Body**, then you must install the **CCK** module, which will allow you to create them.

Images

If you attempt to add content to the newly-created **Venue** Content type, then you will find that the form has no place to incorporate images. In order to permit images to be added to the content, the **Image** module needs to be enabled.

Having done this, return to **Administer | Content management | Content types**, and check the **Venue** Content type page again. At the bottom of the page, you will see a new panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach images**, and now your **Venue** Content type will be ready to incorporate images. In order to confirm this, go to the **Create content** link again for the **Venue** Content type, and you will find the **Attached images** panel, near the bottom end of the page, where you can upload images for your Venues.

Attached images

Existing image:
 None ▾
 Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

-or-

Upload image:
 Browse...

Image title:

 The title the image will be shown with.

Test the Venue submission form

Now let us test our Venue submission form and see how it works. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link on the leftmost side of the screen, and select **Venue**. You will see a form similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

Create Venue

Title: *

—▷ Menu settings

Body: Split summary at cursor

—▷ Input format

Availability calendar settings

First day of week: Sunday ▾ Note Availability Calendar First day of week setting

—▷ Revision information

—▷ Comment settings

—▷ Authoring information

▽ Publishing options

Published

Promoted to front page

Sticky at top of lists

Now add some posts to ensure that the **Venue** Content type has been configured properly.

Test Venue
Wed, 04/08/2009 - 20:39 — admin

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

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April 2009 [edit](#) **May 2009** [edit](#) **June 2009** [edit](#)

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27	28	29	30								

☆☆☆☆☆
Your rating: None

Fivestar Rating Widget

Availability Calendars

Edit the Availability Calendar

If you look at the top of each month of the calendar, then you will see an **edit** link. This link will enable you to set the availability of the Venue for each day of the month. When you click on the link, you will arrive at following page, which lists all of the weeks and days of the month that we are addressing. The selectable options available are: **Fully booked** and **Provisionally booked**, and you must have one of these for every day. The result of the editing is shown in the following screenshot:

tortor, ac venenatis lacus orci ac purus. Aenean nec purus in tortor malesuada ultricies. Quisque est.

April 2009 **May 2009** **June 2009**

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27	28	29	30								

☆☆☆☆☆
Your rating: None



Tips and traps

Remember to change the permissions to **create venue content**, **create images**, and **upload files** in the **Permissions** link on the **Administer** page.

Display content

We are looking to create a simple view of all of the venues listed on this site, and this is why we have chosen the **SimpleViews** module. In order to configure this module, we access the **SimpleViews** page from the **Administer** page, and from there select the relevant options, as seen in the following screenshot, to generate a simple list view for the **Venue** Content type:

Simple views		List	Add view
Title:	<input type="text" value="Venues"/>		
Path:	<input type="text" value="venues"/>		
Display:	<input type="text" value="Venue posts"/>		
Sorted:	<input type="text" value="By title"/>		
As a:	<input type="text" value="List of titles"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Let visitors filter the page	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add an RSS feed	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create a sidebar widget	

Quick searching

The **Search** module provides a form through which the entire site can be searched based on a keyword that the user provides. Enable this module. Go to the **Blocks** page, and put it in the region that suits you. In this case, we have placed it at the top of the **Right sidebar**.

Do make sure that the **Poormanscron** module has also been enabled, or else the search facility will not function as it should.

Other pages

The other pages needed on this web site are:

- The **About us** page, which describes the activities of DCV
- The **Contact us** page, which lists all of the key contact addresses for DCV

Both of these pages can quickly be created from the **Page** Content type. We will add menu links to both pages and the **Primary link** menu as the nodes are created.

Menus

We will now create a menu system that is more intuitive. For simplicity, we will also put our newly-created page view for **venues** under the **Primary link** menu.

In order to do this, go to the **Menus** link on the **Administer** page.

1. Click on **Primary links** to list all of the links in that menu.
2. On the resulting page, click on the **Add item** tab at the top.
3. Add the newly-created view page for **venues** to the **Primary links**, as shown in the following screenshot:

Edit menu item

Menu settings

Path: *

venues

The path this menu item links to. This can be an internal Drupal path such as *node/add* or an external URL such as *http://drupal.org*. Enter *<front>* to link to the front page.

Menu link title: *

Venues

The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.

Description:

conference venues

The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:

<Primary links>

The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

Weight:

1

Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

Save Delete

Search

Search this site:

Search

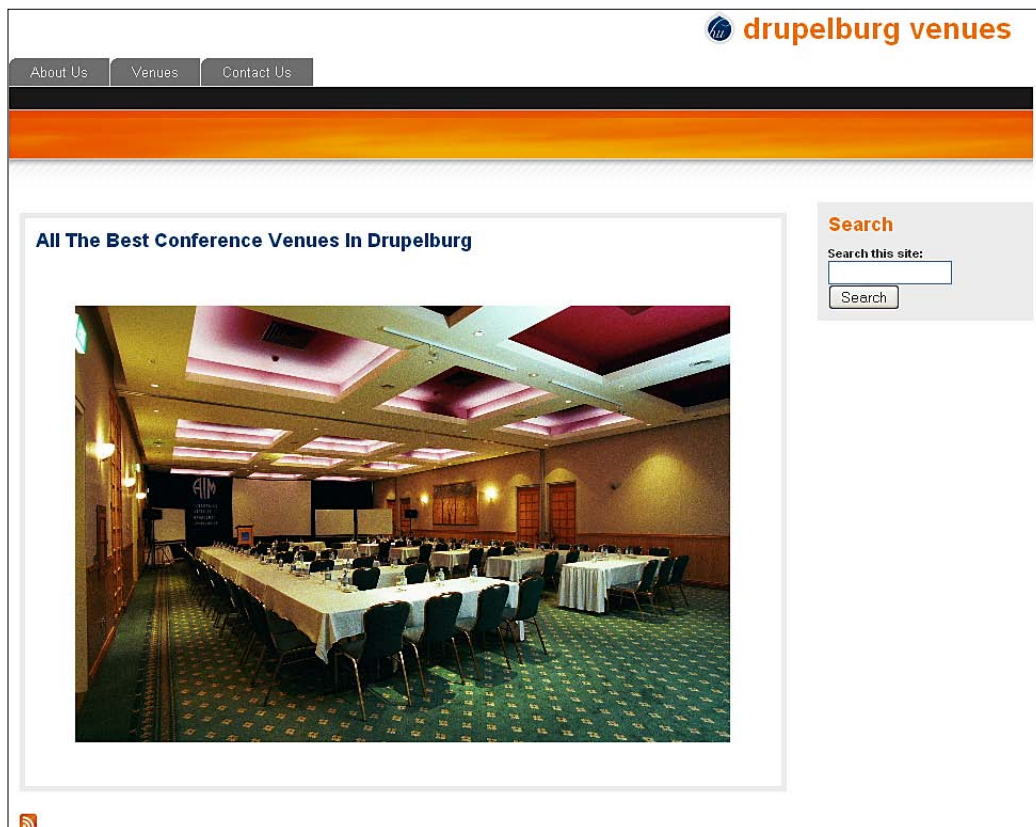
After saving, you are taken to an updated page for all of the menu items under the **Primary links** menu.

Login and Navigation blocks

Because the only users who are permitted to enter content into this web site are the employees of DCV, the Login and Navigation blocks have been hidden. This is done by visiting the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page and setting the **Region** to **<none>**.

Finishing up

We can now enable our new theme, **Four Seasons**, on the **Themes** page to finish up our project.



Summary

In this chapter, you learned how to:

- Build a basic site for listing bookable items by using the **Availability Calendar** module
- Add the Fivestar rating widgets to nodes
- Use the **SimpleViews** and **Views** modules to quickly create useful content views

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Alienspotting—Building a Google Map Site

When Winston Groovy returned home to his wife Rita in Kingston, Jamaica, after being missing for two days, Rita was not amused. This was the third weekend in a row that Winston had claimed to have been abducted by aliens. But Winston really did seem quite sincere and sober ("Yeah man! dem mash me up", he claimed), and Rita was, as usual, very forgiving and quite happy to have her Winston back home. However, to save other people from the heartache of having their loved ones permanently lost to extra-terrestrial kidnapers, Rita Groovy has decided to create a web site called Alienspotting to aggregate occurrences of alien sightings all over the world. The web site will consist of:

- A description of encounters with aliens, including photos, if available
- A means for the site users to comment on stories, with recent comments being shown in a side bar
- A front page world map, with each documented encounter appearing on this map as a marker

Theme

Alienspotting will use the "Fervens" theme, which is a contribution to the Drupal project.



Build Alienspotting

In order to create this web site, we need to do the following:

- Configure the **GMap** module to display nodes on a map
- Configure the node type to be used with **GMap**
- Permit nodes to be commented on
- Put the most recent comments in a sidebar block

Modules

Alienspotting is built around the **GMap** module, and can be surprisingly easy to build. For this web site, we will be using the following modules:

Optional Core modules

We will be enabling and using the following **Core** modules:

- **Comment** – permits users to comment on stories
- **Upload** – allows the upload of files and images into content

Contributed modules

We will also upload and enable the following contributed modules:

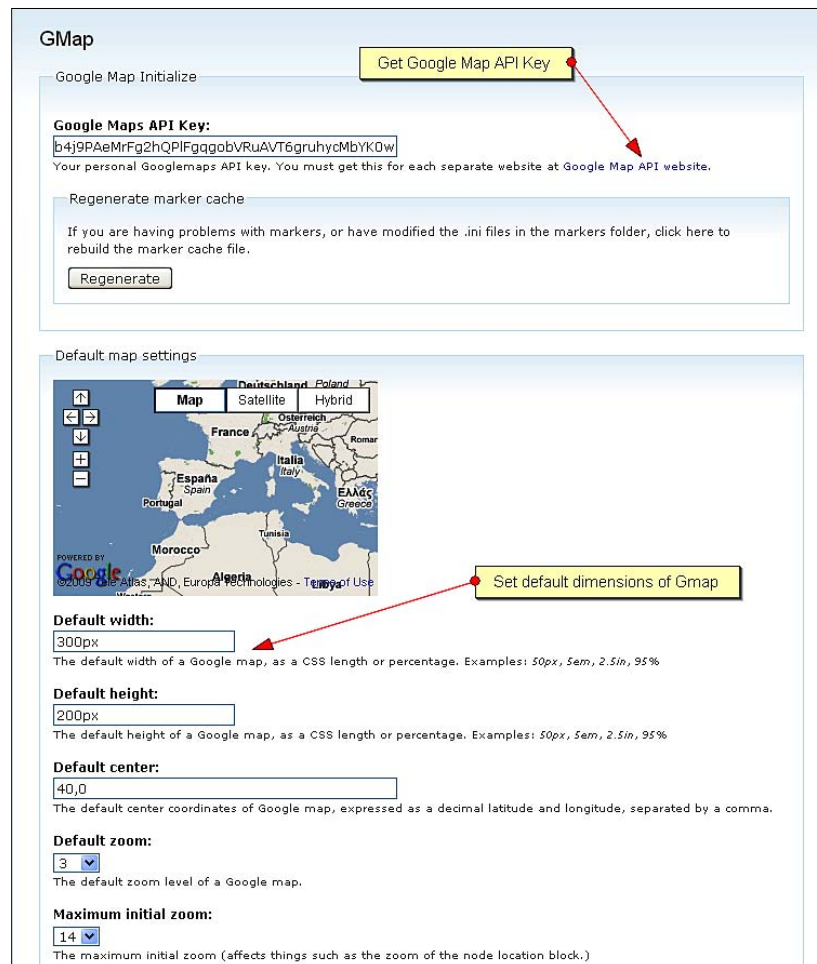
- **GMap** – allows the insertion of a Google map into a node.
- **Location** – allows you to associate a geographic location with content and users.
- **CCK** – allows the easy creation of new content fields. This module is necessary for the **Location** module.
- **Image** – allows users with the correct permissions to upload images. Thumbnails and additional sizes are created automatically.

Enable modules

First visit the **Modules** page, and enable all of the modules that are required. You may not need all of the modules under **GMap**, but select them all anyway, if you are unsure of how much modification you intend to make to this, our basic design. Under **Location**, select **Location** and **Node Locations**. Under **CCK**, you must select **Content** and **Location CCK**.

Configure GMap

We need to configure the **GMap** module before it can function. For this, visit the link for the **GMap** module on the **Administer** page, and there we will see a page similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:



The most important task on this page is to obtain the **Google Map API Key**. The module will not function without it. The API key is site-specific and can be obtained from the Google API site. The API key may also have Terms and Conditions notices and usage limits. A link to the site is provided on this GMap configuration page. Follow this link, and observe all of the instructions that the Google Maps site gives you, in order to acquire an API key. After this, return to the configuration page, and paste the API key into the box where it is required.

If you want to change the display dimension(s) of the Google map, for example if it will be used in a node view, then you can also change it on this page. Otherwise, just leave all of the other settings with their default values, and then save the page.

GMap Location

In the **GMap Location** link on the **Administer** page, we will be able to configure two views: the user map and the node map. The user map should show a map with all of the registered site users who have supplied their location details, while the node map will enable a map showing the location of all of the nodes on the site. We will only concern ourselves with the node map at this time, because all that Rita Groovy wants to be shown on the map are the locations of reported alien sightings.

Go to the **GMap Location** settings page. In the **Node Map** setting section, near the bottom end of the page, alter the settings for **Page header**, and also define the actions to be performed when the marker is clicked on, along with the appearance of the markers. In this case, we have changed the **Page header** to **World Location of Alien Encounters**. We have also set markers to show the associated node when it is clicked on, and we have determined that all of our markers will be of a **Small Red** type.

Node settings

Node Map (map/node)

Macro:

 The gmap macro where the node information will be displayed on.

Page header:

 Text at the top of the node map.

Page footer:

 Text at the bottom of the node map.

Marker action:
 Do nothing
 Open info window
 Open link
 Perform this action when a marker is clicked.

Markers per content type
 Choose a marker to represent each type of content on the node map.

Marker for Image:

 This content type is not currently Location enabled.

Marker for Page:

 This content type is not currently Location enabled.

Marker for Story:

Configure Location

The **Location** module may also need to be configured, even though it will work with the default settings. Access the configuration page for **Location** on the **Administer** page, and this will show the following view for the **Main settings**:

Location Main settings Map links Geocoding options

Default country selection:
United Kingdom
This will be the country that is automatically selected when a location form is served for a new location.

Toggle location display:

- Disable the display of locations.
- Enable the display of locations.

If you are interested in turning off locations and having a custom theme control their display, you may want to disable the display of locations so your theme can take that function.

Use a Google Map to set latitude and longitude
If the gmap.module is installed and **enabled**, and this setting is also turned on, users that are allowed to manually enter latitude/longitude coordinates will be able to do so with an interactive Google Map. You should also make sure you have entered a [Google Maps API key](#) into your [gmap module settings](#).

Location chooser macro:
[gmap]
If you would like to change the macro used to generate the location chooser map, you can do so here. Note: Behaviors *lospick* and *collapsehack* are forced to be enabled and cannot be changed.

Enable JIT geocoding
If you are going to be importing locations in bulk directly into the database, you may wish to enable JIT geocoding and load the locations with source set to 4 (LOCATION_LATLON_JIT_GEOCODING). The system will automatically geocode locations as they are loaded.

Save configuration Reset to defaults

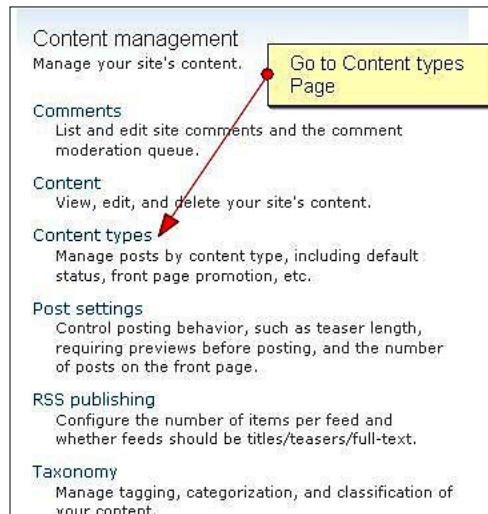
The other settings located in the **Map links** and **Geocoding options** windows are optional for this exercise, so we shall be leaving them with their default values.

Basic content

The primary content for this web site will be reports of Alien sightings, which are submitted by users from all over the world. This part will be handled by the **Story** Content type. An extra section is to be made available in the submission form for this Content type, to allow users to add their location. It is from this location that a marker will be placed on the GMap to identify the node with the location.

Configure the Story Content type

By going to the **Administer** page of the site and then to the **Content management** section, we will find the **Content types** link.



If we access this link, then we will see the various Content types listed. We will not be creating any new Content types.

Content types [List](#) [Add content type](#) [Fields](#)

Below is a list of all the content types on your site. All posts that exist on your site are instances of one of these content types.

Name	Type	Description	Operations
Image	image	An image (with thumbnail). This is ideal for publishing photographs or screenshots.	edit manage fields
Page	page	A <i>page</i> , similar in form to a <i>story</i> , is a simple method for creating and displaying information that rarely changes, such as an "About us" section of a website. By default, a <i>page</i> entry does not allow visitor comments and is not featured on the site's initial home page.	edit manage fields delete
Story	story	A <i>story</i> , similar in form to a <i>page</i> , is ideal for creating and displaying content that informs or engages website visitors. Press releases, site announcements, and informal blog-like entries may all be created with a <i>story</i> entry. By default, a <i>story</i> entry is automatically featured on the site's initial home page, and provides the ability to post comments.	edit manage fields delete

[» Add a new content type](#)

However, we will be configuring the **Story** Content type for our purposes:

1. Click on the **edit** link of the **Story** Content type; you will be presented with a form.
2. In the **Workflow settings**, we need to determine the default options:
 - Do you want the story to be published and made available on the site immediately after submission? If so, select the **Published** checkbox.
 - Do you want the story promoted to the front page? If so, select the **Promoted to front page** checkbox.
 - Do you want the story to remain at the top of the list of contents on the site? If so, select the **Sticky at top of list** checkbox.
3. In the **Comments settings**, indicate whether you want to allow comments to be made for the nodes or not, and if you do, then how these comments will be handled.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for a 'Story' content type in Drupal. At the top, there are tabs for 'Edit', 'Manage fields', and 'Display fields'. The main form is divided into several sections:

- Identification:** Contains 'Name' (set to 'Story') and 'Type' (set to 'story').
- Description:** A text area containing a detailed description of the content type.
- Submission form settings:** A collapsed section.
- Workflow settings:** An expanded section with a yellow box containing 'Workflow settings'. A red arrow points from this box to the 'Workflow settings' section in the main form.
- Locative information:** An expanded section with a yellow box containing 'Locative information'. A red arrow points from this box to the 'Locative information' section in the main form.
- Collection settings:** A collapsed section.
- RSS Settings:** A collapsed section.
- Display Settings:** A collapsed section.
- Comment settings:** An expanded section with a yellow box containing 'Comments settings'. A red arrow points from this box to the 'Comment settings' section in the main form.
- Image attach settings:** An expanded section with a yellow box containing 'Image attach settings'. A red arrow points from this box to the 'Image attach settings' section in the main form.

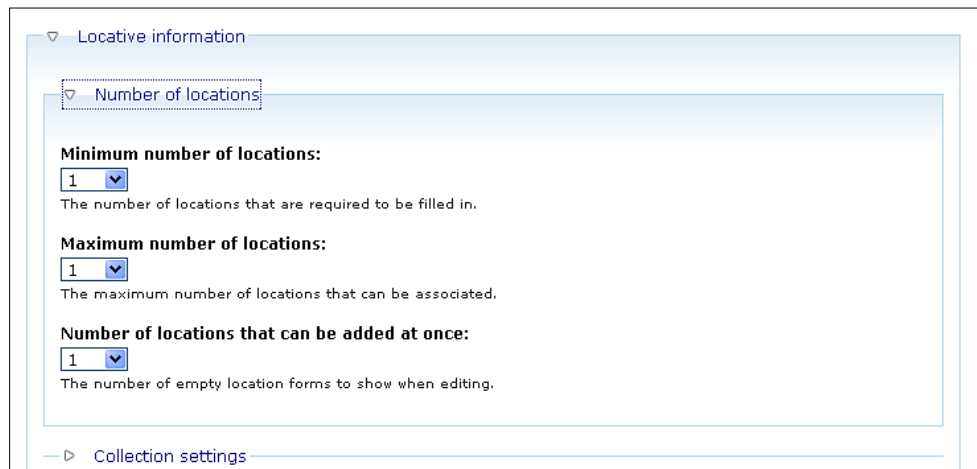
At the bottom of the form are 'Save content type' and 'Delete content type' buttons.

Perhaps the most important settings are the individual nodes' **Locative information** (for the number of locations), collection settings, and the display settings.

Number of locations

For the settings in the **Number of locations**, we have given the following values:

- **Minimum number of locations** = 1; because the node must have a location
- **Maximum number of locations** = 1; because the node must have no more than one location
- **Number of locations that can be added at once** = 1; because only one location is allowed



▼ Locative information

▼ Number of locations

Minimum number of locations:
1 ▼
The number of locations that are required to be filled in.

Maximum number of locations:
1 ▼
The maximum number of locations that can be associated.

Number of locations that can be added at once:
1 ▼
The number of empty location forms to show when editing.

—▷ Collection settings

Collection settings

In the **Collection settings**, we define how the location information will be entered, what the form will look like, and what fields will be used, as shown in the following screenshot:

Location form weight: 0

Weight of the location box in the add / edit form. Lower values will be displayed higher in the form.

Collapsible
Make the location box collapsible.

Collapsed
Display the location box collapsed.

Name	Collect	Default	Weight
+ Location name	Allow	<input type="text"/> e.g. a place of business, venue, meeting point	2
+ Street location	Require	<input type="text"/>	4
+ Additional	Allow	<input type="text"/>	6
+ City	Do not collect	<input type="text"/>	8
+ State/Province	Do not collect	<input type="text"/>	10
+ Postal code	Require	<input type="text"/>	12
+ Country	Require	United Kingdom	14
+ Coordinate Chooser	Allow		20

We have deselected the **Collapsible** and **Collapsed** checkboxes to ensure that the location form always remains visible and is not collapsed.

We have also decided which fields should be presented in the form. In this context, the form fields can be interpreted as follows:

- **Allow** – the field value is allowed to be submitted
- **Require** – the field value **MUST** be submitted
- **Do not collect** – the field will be omitted

Display settings

Finally, the **Display Settings** specify where the location will be shown, and what fields will be shown. The selectable values are self-descriptive, as shown in the following screenshot:

The screenshot shows a configuration form with the following sections:

- Locative information** (expanded):
 - Number of locations:
 - Collection settings:
 - RSS Settings:
- Display Settings** (expanded):
 - Display location in teaser view
 - Display location in full view
 - Display Weight:**
 - Hide fields from display:**
 - Location name
 - Street location
 - Additional
 - City
 - State/Province
 - Postal code
 - Country
 - Coordinate Chooser
 - Province name
 - Country name
 - Map link
 - Coordinates

Images

At the bottom of the form for this Content type, you will see a panel for **Image Attach settings**. Enable **Attach image**, and now the Alienspotting users will be able to post pictures of UFOs and spacemen. In order to confirm this, go to the **Create content** link for the **Story** Content type. Near the bottom end of the page, you will find the **Attached images** panel, where the users can upload images of their alien sightings.

The screenshot shows the 'Attached images' section of a configuration form:

- Existing image:**
Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.
- or-
- Upload image:**
- Image title:**
The title the image will be shown with.

Test the Story submission form

Now let us test our **Story** submission form, and see how it works. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side of your page, and select **Story**. You will see a form, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

Create Story

Title: *

—▷ Menu settings Split summary at cursor

Body:

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

—▷ Input format

Location

Location name: e.g. a place of business, venue, meeting point

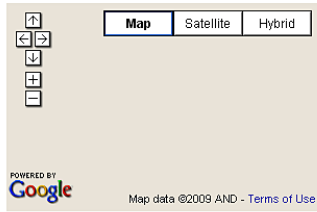
Street: *

Additional:

Postal code: *

Country: *

Map Satellite Hybrid



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Latitude:

Longitude:

If you wish to supply your own latitude and longitude, you may enter them above. If you leave these fields blank, the system will attempt to determine a latitude and longitude for you from the entered address. To have the system recalculate your location from the address, for example if you change the address, delete the values for these fields.

You may set the location by clicking on the map, or dragging the location marker. To clear the location and cause it to be recalculated, click on the marker.

▽ Attached images

Existing image:

Choose an image already existing on the server if you do not upload a new one.

-or-

Upload image:

Image title:

The title the image will be shown with.

Post some stories to make sure that your site has been set up correctly. You should end up with a typical page, similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:

Ugly Aliens stole my pizza at Upton Park

[View](#)
[Edit](#)

Sat, 04/18/2009 - 15:46 — admin

Location
Upton park, London
 7 stukeley road london
 E7 9QQ
 United Kingdom
 51° 32' 20.1696" N, 0° 1' 46.0992" E
 See map: [Google Maps](#)

Nulla at ligula! Phasellus lobortis mi eget urna. Vivamus vel turpis. Duis eu purus. Fusce ut arcu in nibh mattis facilisis. Sed risus nisi, vestibulum sit amet, lobortis vitae, fringilla a, magna. Fusce dictum! Curabitur non nulla vel metus gravida facilisis. Vivamus eu sem! Nullam mollis.

Quisque vitae ipsum eget elit sodales tristique. Integer id lacus dapibus tortor accumsan tincidunt. Donec tincidunt erat non ante! Curabitur dignissim. Proin tincidunt dui quis tortor sodales venenatis. Cras ac sem a dolor suscipit dignissim! Nunc porta neque id nunc. Maecenas a eros ut nisl eleifend luctus? Aliquam urna. Duis interdum sapien vel ante pharetra consectetur. Sed ultricies, mauris ut hendrerit adipiscing; ligula dui metus tortor, ac venenatis lacus orci ac purus. Aenean nec purus in tortor malesuada ultricies. Quisque est.

[Add new comment](#)

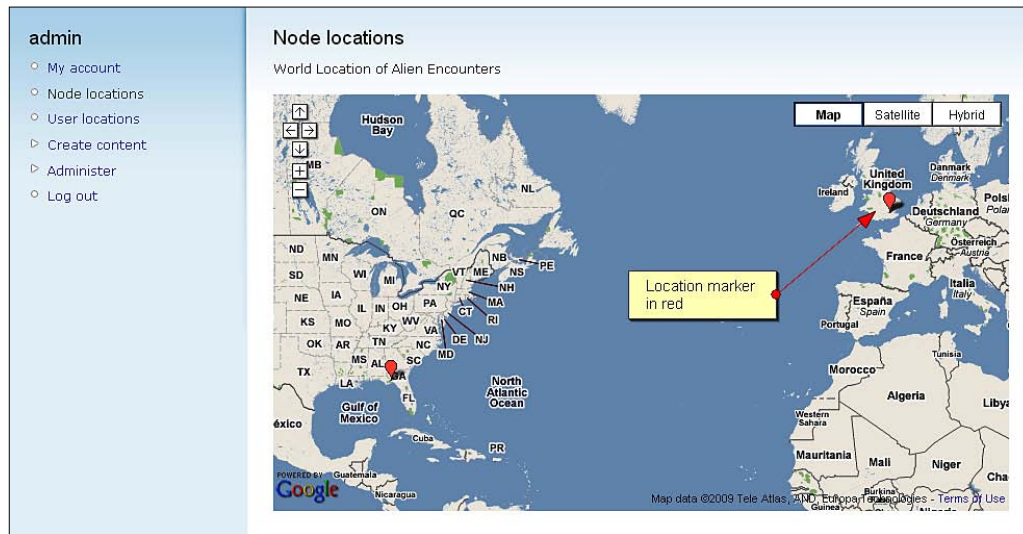
location

Display content

Now, what this site is specifically set up to do is to display all of the alien encounters as node locations on a Google map.

Node locations

Under the **admin** menu on the side bar, we will find a link for **Node locations**. If we click on this, then we will be presented with a page containing a map that shows all of the nodes as markers (like in the following screenshot). If we click on any single marker, then we will be shown the content of the node represented by the marker.



However, what we actually want is to have this map displayed on the front page. Therefore, we will go the **Site information** link on the **Administer** page, and at the bottom of the page, set the **Default front page** to **map/node**, which is the URL of the node location map.

Recent comments

When configuring our **Story** Content type for use, we would have selected that comments are permitted for this Content type. In order to decide which user roles will be permitted to post comments, we can access the **Access control** link on the **Administer** page.

Again, we go to the **Blocks** page, and there we will find the **Recent comments** block, which we will move to the **Right sidebar**, which is where we want it.

Finishing up

We can now enable our new theme, **Fervens**, on the **Themes** page, and we have given Rita Groovy some hints about the places to go looking if Winston permanently disappears.

The screenshot shows a Drupal website with the title "alienspotting". The main content area features a section titled "Node locations" with the subtitle "World Location of Alien Encounters". Below this is a Google Map of North America and Europe, with several red location pins. The map includes navigation controls and a legend. To the right of the map is a sidebar with two sections: "admin" and "recent comments". The "admin" section contains links for "My account", "Node locations", "User locations", "Create content", "Administer", and "Log out". The "recent comments" section shows two entries with timestamps.

admin

- [My account](#)
- [Node locations](#)
- [User locations](#)
- [Create content](#)
- [Administer](#)
- [Log out](#)

recent comments

- [We just ten dozen rats of](#)
1 min 1 sec ago
- [I see them take some bodies](#)
3 min 47 sec ago

Fervens Drupal theme by Leow Kah Thong. Designed by Design Disease and brought to you by Smashing Magazine.

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Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site based on the **GMap** module
- Use the **GMap** module to create a typical Google map mashup

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Weird Hap'nins—Building a News Aggregating Site

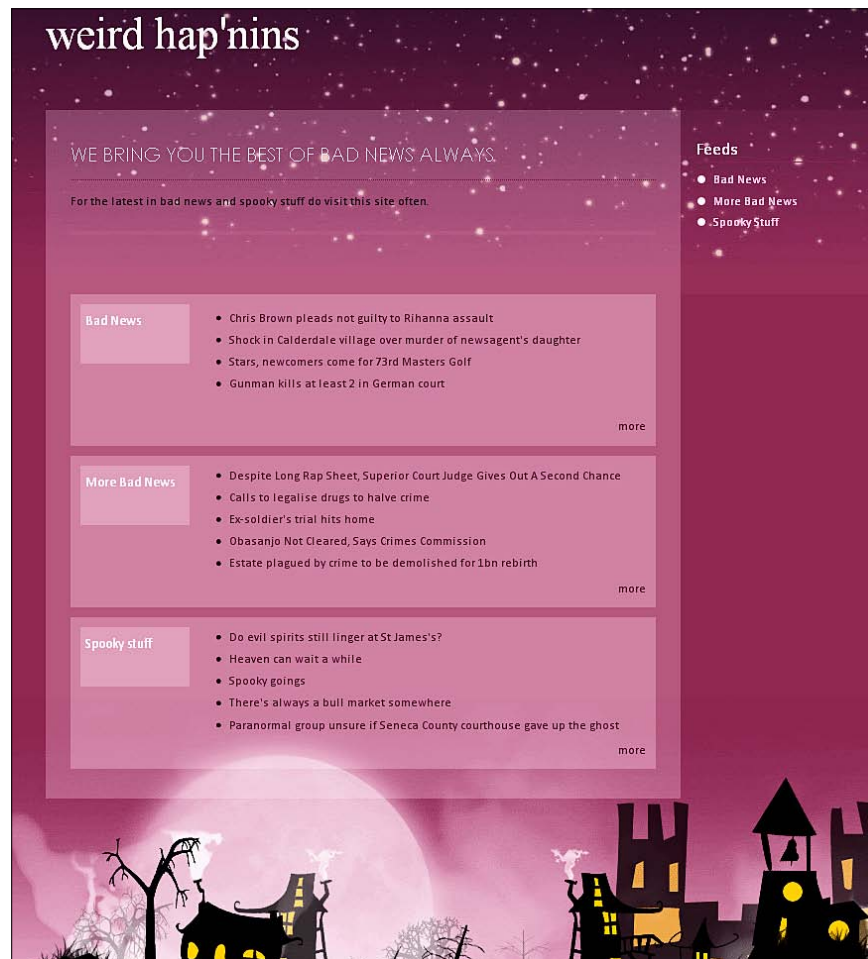
Bad news is always good news for the press. This is why Vaughan Pyre has decided to take advantage of this fact and create a web site that will aggregate bad news and weird happenings from all over the world. The content of the site will be entirely derived from **Really Simple Syndication (RSS)** feeds from several sources (each feed being automatically fetched and its items displayed on the web site).

Weird Hap'nins requirements will be the need to:

- Get external feed sources and allocate them to menu links on the web site
- Create the means to automatically fetch and display article items located in the feeds
- Display blocks of latest content from each feed source on the front page

Theme

The theme chosen is "Strange Little Town", which is a contributed theme that fits the description of this unique web site.



Build Weird Hap'nins

Vaughan Pyre is a very ambitious webpreneur. What he really hopes for is a web site that is completely self-maintaining, and on which he can place some **Google AdSense** blocks. Clicks from the visitors to his site will ensure that he makes lots of money. For this, he needs a site where the content updates regularly with fresh content so that visitors will keep coming back to click on some more Google ads. Vaughan's ultimate objective is to create several of these web sites.

Modules

This is, surprisingly, a very simple site to build, and much of the requirements can be achieved by using the Core **Aggregator** module. Indeed, were it not for the fact that Vaughan needs the content to automatically update, we needn't use any module other than the **Aggregator** module.

Optional Core modules

We will be using the following **Core** modules, which can be enabled via the **Modules** page:

- **Aggregator** – for aggregating syndicated content (RSS, RDF, and Atom feeds)

Contributed modules

We will also be using the following contributed modules from `Drupal.org`. Install, and enable them via the **Modules** page:

- **Poormanscron** – internal scheduler for users without a cron application

Configure the Poormanscron module

First we need to enable the **Poormanscron** module, so that the incoming feeds will be able to self-refresh. From the **Administer** page, we will access the **Poormanscron** configuration page, mainly to set the time interval between runs of cron to update feed items, as shown in the following screenshot:

In this case, we have left the **Time intervals** at the default value of **60** minutes.

Configure the Aggregator module

The **Aggregator** module should be configured to define the feed sources, how often they will be polled, and how they're categorized. For this, if we select the **Feed aggregator** link on the **Administer** page, then we should arrive at the following page:

Feed aggregator [List](#) [Add category](#) [Add feed](#) [Settings](#)

Thousands of sites (particularly news sites and blogs) publish their latest headlines and posts in feeds, using a number of standardized XML-based formats. Formats supported by the aggregator include [RSS](#), [RDF](#), and [Atom](#).

Current feeds are listed below, and [new feeds may be added](#). For each feed or feed category, the *latest items* block may be enabled at the [blocks administration page](#). [\[more help...\]](#)

Feed overview

Title	Items	Last update	Next update	Operations
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Category overview

Title	Items	Operations
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On the **Settings** page, we will define some more requirements, as follows:

1. **Allowed HTML tags** – which are the tags that are embedded in the incoming feed that we want Drupal to accept. The allowed tags do not include image tags. So if any images are coming with the feed, then they will be excluded. However, we don't want this to happen, so we have added the image tag `` to the list.
2. **Items shown in sources and categories pages** – we have defined this to be **20 items**, but you may select another figure.
3. **Discard items older than** – we want the feed items to be completely refreshed every week so we have set this at **1 week**.
4. **Category selection type** – we are not categorizing the feeds, so we will leave this setting as it is.

Feed aggregator

[List](#)
[Add category](#)
[Add feed](#)
[Settings](#)

Allowed HTML tags:

 <dd> <dl> <dt> <i> <p> <u>

A space-separated list of HTML tags allowed in the content of feed items. (Tags in this list are not removed by Drupal.)

Items shown in sources and categories pages:

20 items

Number of feed items displayed in feed and category summary pages.

Discard items older than:

1 week

The length of time to retain feed items before discarding. (Requires a correctly configured cron maintenance task.)

Category selection type:

checkboxes

multiple selector

The type of category selection widget displayed on categorization pages. (For a small number of categories, checkboxes are easier to use, while a multiple selector work well with large numbers of categories.)

Save configuration
Reset to defaults

Basic content

The site is built around the **Aggregator** module, and no other Content type will need to be created. Vaughan has decided to initially use three feeds obtained from `www.newsfeedmaker.com`, as follows:

- **Bad News**—<http://www.newsfeedmaker.com/feed.php?code=ddb874f7>
- **Crime**—<http://www.newsfeedmaker.com/feed.php?code=33a5a46a>
- **Paranormal**—<http://www.newsfeedmaker.com/feed.php?code=936f006a>

It is from these feeds that we will create the necessary content.

Tips and traps

An excellent source for "mashup" feeds on any topic is pipes.yahoo.com.

Add feeds

On the **Add feeds** page, which is under the **Feed aggregator** configuration page, we finally get to define our feeds, and how often we want them to be polled.

Feed aggregator List Add category **Add feed** Settings

Add a feed in RSS, RDF or Atom format. A feed may only have one entry. [\[more help...\]](#)

Title: *
Bad News
The name of the feed (or the name of the website providing the feed).

URL: *
http://www.newsfeedmaker.com/feed.php?code=ddb874f7
The fully-qualified URL of the feed.

Update interval:
1 hour
The length of time between feed updates. (Requires a correctly configured cron maintenance task.)

Save

We want our **Bad News** feed to be polled every hour, so we have configured it this way. The same procedure is followed to create the feeds for **Crime** and **Paranormal**.

Display the feeds

It is necessary to first start the feeds so that you can be sure that they work. Therefore, if we go to the **List** tab on the **Feed aggregator** page and click on the **update items** link on the righthand side of each listed feed, then we will see that the site polls items from the feeds that we have configured.

Feed aggregator List Add category Add feed Settings

There is new syndicated content from *Crime* .

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Current feeds are listed below, and [new feeds may be added](#). For each feed or feed category, the *latest items* block may be enabled at the [blocks administration](#) page. [\[more help...\]](#)

Feed overview

Title	Items	Last update	Next update	Operations
Bad News	20 items	55 sec ago	59 min 5 sec left	edit remove items update items
Crime	20 items	0 sec ago	1 hour left	edit remove items update items
Paranormal	0 items	never	never	edit remove items update items

Category overview

Title	Items	Operations
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Clicking on the **Title** of the feed on this page will show a page view of the resulting feed. For example, the **Bad News** page gives us the following view:

Bad News
View Categorize Configure

Powered by Newsfeed Maker, a free service for creating customized RSS, JS, IFrame, HTML newsfeeds for your website or blog.

URL: <http://www.inboxrobot.com/news/bad-news?nfcode=ddb874f7>
Updated: 1 day 2 hours ago

Chris Brown pleads not guilty to Rihanna assault
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

... commit a crime "which would result in death and great bodily injury", the 19-year-old murmured ... her into a headlock. "I'm going to kill you," he allegedly told her. Brown later ...

Shock in Calderdale village over murder of newsagent's daughter
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

... of a popular newsagent in Ripponden. A murder inquiry is underway after 20-year-old Sabira Alam ... underway after 20-year-old Sabira Alam was discovered dead on Sunday at Buckstones Edge near Scammonden. ... suspicion of murder in connection with Sabira's death. She had been reported missing on Friday ...

Stars, newcomers come for 73rd Masters Golf
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

... only green jacket in his first Masters appearance. Zoeller, who took the first Masters sudden-death playoff over Tom Watson and Ed Sneed, will have his daughter Gretchen serving as ...

Gunman kills at least 2 in German court
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

... A gunman opened fire in a courthouse in Bavaria Tuesday, killing a woman and injuring several other people, German police said. The gunman then apparently ...

East Central's Dickerson sparks first-round sweep
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

... Saturday and moved to Meridian after Theodore Dickerson, 70, collapsed in the stands and died of cardiac arrest a short time later at Providence Hospital in Mobile. "I never ...

Lorry crashes through level crossing
Tue, 04/07/2009 - 11:31

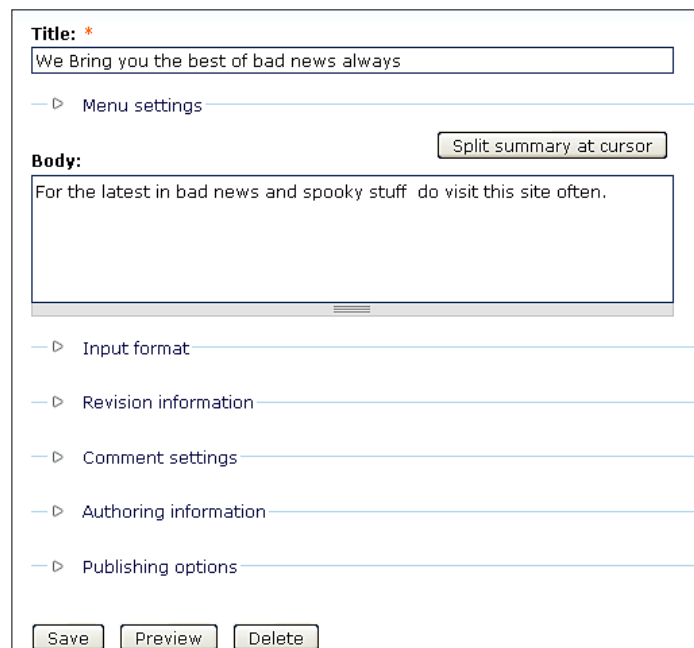
Tuesday, 10.30a, - MOTORISTS had to be diverted on Monday after a lorry went through the level crossing barriers on Wyberton's Chain Bridge Road. ...

Newsfeed blocks

Vaughan wants to have blocks containing the latest items from the incoming feeds placed on the front page to encourage visitors to read more and to visit more often. If we visit the **Blocks** page, then we will see that blocks for **Bad News feed latest items**, **Crime feed latest items**, and **Paranormal feed latest items** have been conveniently created by the **Aggregator** module. We may now assign these blocks to the **Bottom Content** region, and configure the blocks to only show on the front page.

Create the front page post

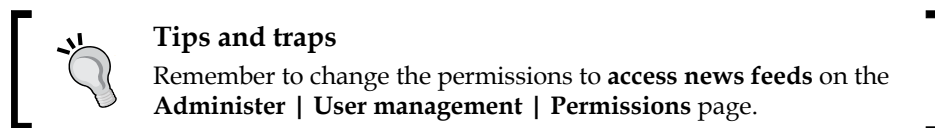
Vaughan needs only one post on the front page, and wants this to be placed at the top of the page, to describe the web site. This post will be created from the **Page** Content type. In order to do this, click on the **Create content** link on the lefthand side of the screen, and select the **Page** link. You will see a form similar to the one shown in the following screenshot:



The screenshot shows a content creation form with the following elements:

- Title:** * (required field) with the text "We Bring you the best of bad news always" entered.
- A "Menu settings" section with a dropdown arrow.
- A "Body:" section with a text area containing "For the latest in bad news and spooky stuff do visit this site often." and a "Split summary at cursor" button.
- An "Input format" section with a dropdown arrow.
- A "Revision information" section with a dropdown arrow.
- A "Comment settings" section with a dropdown arrow.
- An "Authoring information" section with a dropdown arrow.
- A "Publishing options" section with a dropdown arrow.
- Buttons for "Save", "Preview", and "Delete" at the bottom.

In this form, we enter the introductory text for the site. At the bottom of the page, in the **Publishing option** panel, we will promote it to the front page and make it **Sticky at top of list**. This is necessary just in case Vaughan decides to add new items to the front page, which may effectively displace the site description post that he always wants to be at the top.



Menus

Now let's tidy up our site by creating a menu system that is more intuitive. For simplicity, we will be putting all of our feeds page views menu under a new **Feeds** menu, to separate it from our user's menu.

In order to do this, go to the **Menu** link on the **Administer** page.

1. Click on the **Add menu** tab at the top of this page to access the page that will permit you to add the new menu (in our example the **Feeds** menu), as shown in the following screenshot:

Menus List menus **Add menu** Settings

Enter the name for your new menu. Remember to enable the newly created block in the blocks administration page.

Menu name: *

feeds

The machine-readable name of this menu. This text will be used for constructing the URL of the *menu overview* page for this menu. This name must contain only lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens, and must be unique.

Title: *

Feeds

Description:

menu for feeds

Save

2. After this, we need to create the menu items that link to each of the feeds pages. The URLs for the feeds that we have created are:
 - **Bad News**— aggregator/sources/1
 - **Crime**— aggregator/sources/2

- **Paranormal** – aggregator/sources/3

These URLs may be obtained from the display in the browser without the preceding string (`http://.../?q=`).

Return to the **Menu** link on the **Administer** page and select **Feeds**. At the top of the page that comes up, select the **Add item** tab. This will take us to a page (shown in the following screenshot) where we can define the items in our menu.

Feeds List items **Add item** Edit menu

Menu settings

Path: *
aggregator/sources/1
The path this menu item links to. This can be an internal Drupal path such as `node/add` or an external URL such as `http://drupal.org`. Enter `<front>` to link to the front page.

Menu link title: *
Bad News
The link text corresponding to this item that should appear in the menu.

Description:
bad news
The description displayed when hovering over a menu item.

Enabled
Menu items that are not enabled will not be listed in any menu.

Expanded
If selected and this menu item has children, the menu will always appear expanded.

Parent item:
<Feeds>
The maximum depth for an item and all its children is fixed at 9. Some menu items may not be available as parents if selecting them would exceed this limit.

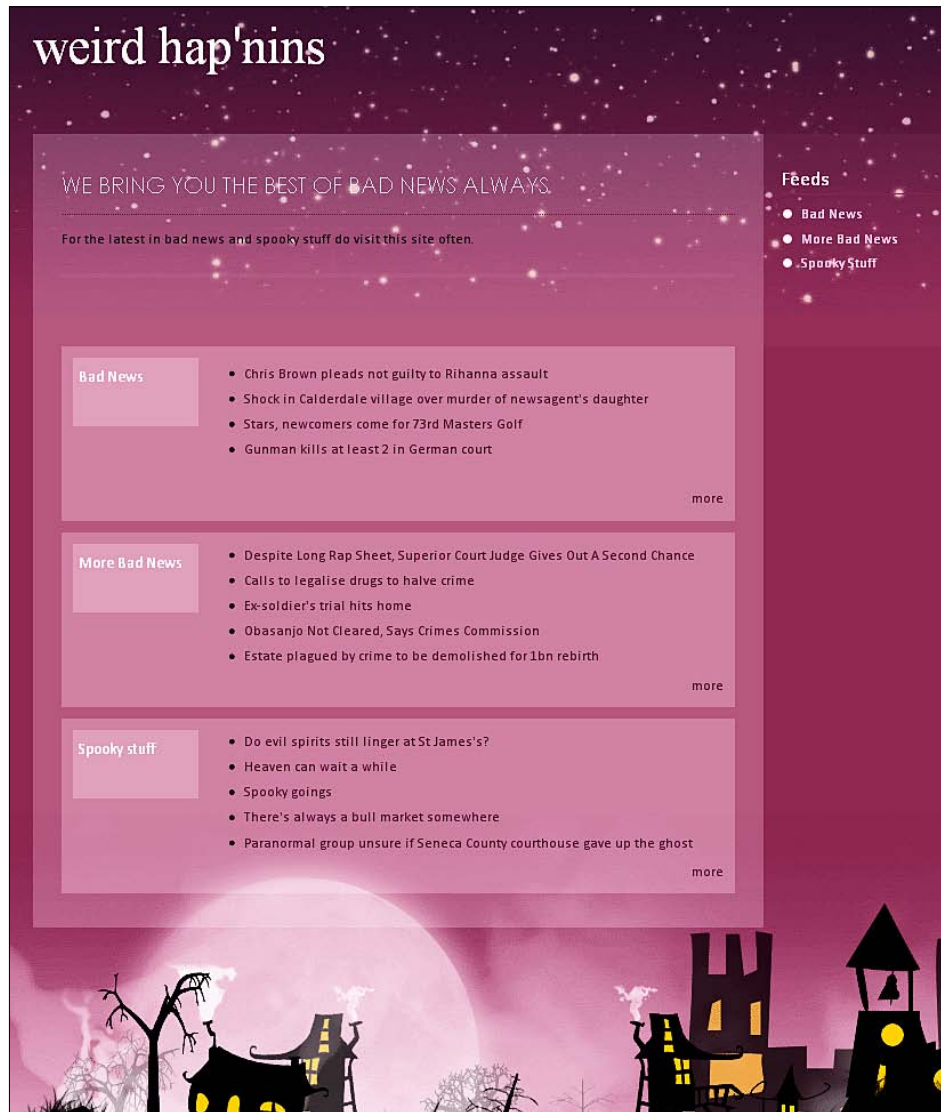
Weight:
0
Optional. In the menu, the heavier items will sink and the lighter items will be positioned nearer the top.

Save

We will also see from the **Blocks** link on the **Administer** page that a new block has been created for **Feeds**, and we will assign this to the **Right sidebar**, which is where we want it.

Finishing up

We can now enable our new theme, **Strange Little Town**, on the **Themes** page, which will give us a new front page, as shown in the following screenshot:



Summary

In this chapter, you have learned how to:

- Build a basic site for publishing news feeds, using the **Aggregator** module
- Use the **Poormanscron** module to run regular site tasks



Installation and Configuration

Like every other endeavor in life, there are two ways of installing Drupal – the easy way and the difficult way. In order to do it the difficult way, you will need to set up your server by yourself before you proceed with the installation. You have the choice of environment to use for your new install: you may install directly to a live server, or you can set up a test environment on your local computer.

Install on a local computer

There are a number of ways to set up a test environment on your own local computer. Most time-pressed developers will install and configure directly onto a live server, but there are good reasons for running your application first on a local development server:

- Developing locally allows you to work when you are not online.
- Getting your local server running, even if it is with a simple installation like **WampServer** for a machine running Windows or **MAMP** for a Mac, it will help you to start thinking in terms of server processes and databases. As you get deeper into Drupal, this knowledge will pay off.
- Everything that you put on the web is searched, archived, and hangs around for quite a bit of time. We certainly don't want our inevitable learning mistakes to be displayed for the world to see via Google.

Installation on Wampserver

WampServer2 enables us to run Apache, MySQL, and PHP on Windows and is available for free. You can download it from <http://www.wampserver.com>.

The screenshot shows the WampServer website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: HOME PAGE, PRESENTATION, DOWNLOADS, ADDONS, FORUM, FAQ, CREDITS, DONATIONS, ANASKA, and BLOG. The main content area features a central graphic of a Windows Start menu with 'WAMP SERVER 2.0' highlighted, listing items like Localhost, phpMyAdmin, SQLiteManager, www directory, Apache, PHP, and MySQL. Below this is a 'Quick Admin' section with buttons for 'Start All Services', 'Stop All Services', 'Restart All Services', and 'Put Online'. To the right, there is a 'LATEST RELEASE' section for 'WampServer 2.0f [12/16/08]' which includes Apache 2.2.11, MySQL 5.1.30, and PHP 5.2.8. Below that is a 'NEWSLETTER' sign-up form and a 'DONATION' section with a PayPal logo. At the bottom, there are three numbered steps: 1. Download the latest release of Wampserver 2; 2. Optionally add as much Apache, PHP and MySQL releases as you want; 3. Work with a development environment that reproduces exactly your production server. A footer note states: 'WampServer 2 is the new version of WAMP5. You can find old releases of WAMP5 on the SourceForge website.'

The WampServer2 package comes with the following components already configured to work together:

- Apache 2.2.11
- MySQL 5.1.30
- PHP 5.2.8

There are similar packages that already include Drupal (such as DeveloperSide and WDE). However, note that these may not always have the latest secure version of Drupal. Therefore, it is better to use WampServer2, and load it with the Drupal version of your choice. Acquia also has a bundled application that may be obtained from the web site <http://acquia.com>.

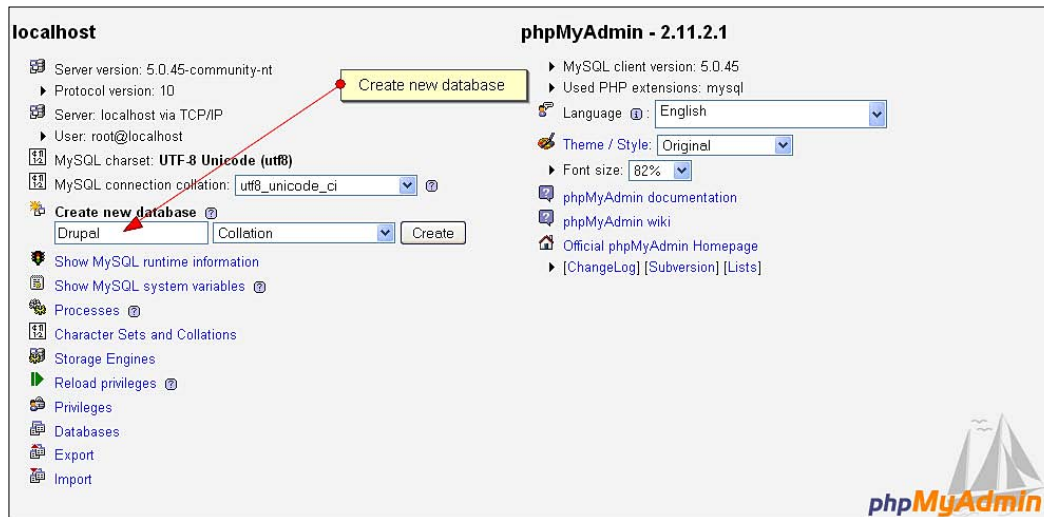
WampServer2 is self-installing. Just double-click on the icon after you've unpacked your zipped download, and follow the installation instructions. This gets your development environment ready in just a few minutes. Now let the fun begin!

Install Drupal 6 on localhost

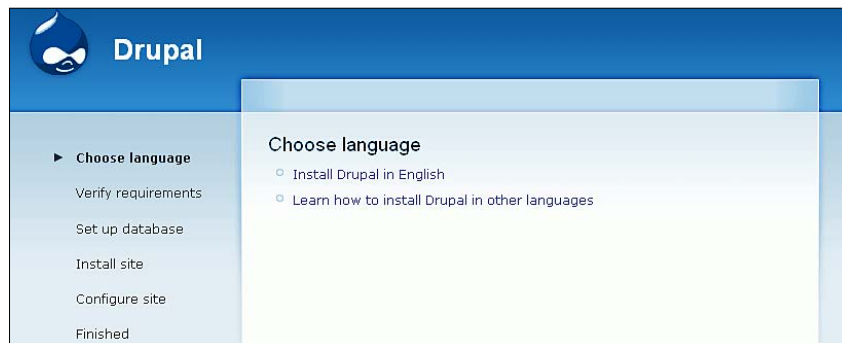
Installing Drupal on localhost can be remarkably straightforward:

1. Download the latest stable release of Drupal, and unzip it until it gives you a discernible `Drupal x.x` folder. You will need to use a tool like Winzip for Windows (<http://www.winzip.com>) to do this.
2. Locate the directory in which WampServer2 is installed on your computer. This will usually be the root of your computer's main directory (usually `C:\`) and in a folder named `wamp`. Open it; find the `www` folder and copy your `Drupal x.x` folder into it. Name the Drupal folder as per your preference. In the unlikely scenario that you will be installing only one Drupal test site on your local machine, you may – just for the sake of having a longer life – name it `Drupal`.
3. Go to your computer desktop taskbar tray, click on the WampServer icon, and select the **Start all services** option (if this has not yet been selected).
4. Now open your browser, and navigate to `http://localhost`. This will bring up the main WampServer2 interface, and you will see your project, Drupal, under **Your Projects**.

5. However, because Drupal needs a database to run, we must create the database for our project. Click on the **phpMyAdmin** link. This will bring up another interface, this time for phpMyAdmin. Enter the name of your new database in the **Create new database** Field. For the simple reason that we shouldn't live a complicated life, we have given this database the same name (**Drupal**) as our project and as our install folder. We are now ready to install Drupal.



6. Locate the file `default.settings.php` in the **Drupal | sites | default** folder, and rename this file to `settings.php`. Make sure that the write permission for this file has been enabled.
7. Drupal has an automated installation script that automatically populates database tables and sets the correct settings in the `settings.php` file. The install script will set the base URL, connect Drupal to the database, and create tables in the database. Navigate to `http://localhost/Drupal`, and start your installation.



8. You will be presented with a step-by-step guide to the installation. After correcting any host-specific errors, you will be taken to the **Database configuration** page.

The screenshot shows the 'Database configuration' page in the Drupal installation process. The left sidebar shows the progress: 'Choose language' and 'Verify requirements' are marked with green checkmarks, 'Set up database' is highlighted with a right-pointing triangle, and 'Install site', 'Configure site', and 'Finished' are listed below. The main content area is titled 'Database configuration' and is divided into two sections: 'Basic options' and 'Advanced options'.
Basic options: A heading 'Basic options' is followed by the instruction 'To set up your Drupal database, enter the following information.' Below this are three input fields: 'Database name: *' (with a note: 'The name of the *mysql* database your Drupal data will be stored in. It must exist on your server before Drupal can be installed.'), 'Database username: *', and 'Database password:'.
Advanced options: A heading 'Advanced options' is followed by the instruction 'These options are only necessary for some sites. If you're not sure what you should enter here, leave the default settings or check with your hosting provider.' Below this are three input fields: 'Database host: *' (with a note: 'If your database is located on a different server, change this.' and the value 'localhost' entered), 'Database port:' (with a note: 'If your database server is listening to a non-standard port, enter its number.'), and 'Table prefix:' (with a note: 'If more than one application will be sharing this database, enter a table prefix such as *drupal_* for your Drupal site here.').
At the bottom of the form is a 'Save and continue' button.

9. Add the following required parameters on the page:
 - **Database name: Experience** (or whatever you have called yours).
 - **Database User name: root** (unless you have changed it).
 - **Database Password:** Leave blank (unless you have added one when you set up your database).
 - **Database host: localhost.**
 - **Database port:** Ignore this.
 - **Table prefix:** If you are installing more than one instance of Drupal in a single database, then give one of them a prefix (such as **DR2_**), or else the second instance will not install. Otherwise, you may safely ignore this.

Next, click on **Save and continue**. In a few seconds or so, your installation success screen will be displayed, along with a title **Configure site**. Congratulations, you are now on your way to becoming a Drupal Guru!

Install Drupal on a remote server

The steps for performing this installation are essentially the same as for installing Drupal on a local machine. Some other hosting packages will come with one-click installation tools such as **Fantastico** – a commercial script library that automates the installation of web applications to a web site. Fantastico scripts are executed from the administration area of a website's control panel, such as CPanel. The scripts typically create tables in a database, install the software, adjust permissions, and modify the web server's configuration files.

Although they may look like a god send, hosting providers offering Fantastico do have several minuses:

- The installation scripts, although easy to use, are frequently not maintained by the hosting companies, and thus older releases of products with known security problems are in current use.
- The default configuration for many applications may not be secure. So, although the systems are easy to set up, it also provides opportunities, for example, for spammers to write automated scripts, which post spam messages on web sites.

- Some hosting companies, in their eagerness to improve the user experience and heighten security, like to share an update as soon as a new release is available. However, Drupal add-ons tend to not be backward compatible across versions. Advanced Drupal users know that it may be wise to wait until a new release supports the functionality, that their web site requires, before adopting it for use.

Fantastico cPanel Hosting for \$5.95
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Fantastico De Luxe

Fantastico De Luxe is an amazing cPanel/PHP based Web application. It integrates with cPanel and gives you and your clients the ability to automatically install below listed popular Open Source Applications. With Fantastico the installation procedure of all of the following scripts takes only seconds and can be performed by novices without the need of setting up MySQL databases, importing structure, chmodding files and without the need of other tasks usually associated with installations.

Discussion Boards:
phpBB2 (visit site) - very popular "forums" or "message board" solution
SMF (visit site) - another popular choice for a full featured "forums" or "bulletin board"

Portals/CMS:
PHP-Nuke (visit site) - a powerful portal solution with many modules, blocks and addons available
Post-Nuke (visit site) - another powerful CMS portal site also with many modules, blocks and addons available
phpWCMS (visit site) - a CMS system
phpWebSite (visit site) - a CMS portal site with many modules and addons available
Mambo (visit site) - a dynamic web content management system (CMS), capable of building sites from several pages to several thousand
Siteframe (visit site)
Typo3 (visit site) - a Web content management framework
Xoops (visit site) - a CMS portal site with many modules and addons available
Drupal (visit site)
Joomla! (visit site) - a Content Management System (CMS) created by the same team that brought the Mambo CMS to its current state of stardom
Geeklog (visit site)

eCommerce:
NOTE: In addition, our cPanel Pro plans also come with "Interchange" and "Agora" shopping carts.
CubeCart (visit site) - a popular shopping cart system
osCommerce (visit site) - a powerful highly configurable eCommerce shopping cart solution
ZenCart (visit site) - another user-friendly open source shopping cart system

Customer Support Systems:
PHP Support Tickets (visit site) - powerful Support Ticketing System to help you help your visitors
Support-Logic Helpdesk (visit site)
Support Services Manager (visit site) - a powerful system for providing your visitors and clients with support services
oSTicket (visit site)
Crafty Syntax Live Help (CSLH) (visit site)
Help Center Live (visit site)

F.A.Q.:
FAQMasterFlex (visit site) - a database-driven application for creating and maintaining Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Blogs:
b2evolution (visit site)
Nucleus (visit site)
WordPress (visit site)

Image Galleries:
4images Gallery (visit site) - your own online photo gallery
Gallery (visit site) - probably the most popular image gallery script
Coppermine Photo Gallery (visit site) - a feature-rich photo gallery script with MySQL database, user management, private galleries, automatic thumbnail creation, film strip, and a template system for customization

Live Demo:
Fantastico DEMO
Click on "Fantastico" tab after having logged in.
NOTE: Because of security concerns we have deactivated actual functionality in this DEMO.
(In cPanel you can access the XController skin via the Fantastico icon link from the "x" skin or any "RVskin" hosting interface.)

Other installation possibilities

Installing Drupal on a remote server without Fantastico is quite similar to the localhost procedure. The method of creating a database varies greatly across hosting companies, and you are advised to contact the hosting company if there is any confusion as to how to go about doing this.

In order to install Drupal on a non-Windows localhost, and for troubleshooting the installation, adequate documentation exists on the project website <http://drupal.org>, where an active forum exists with answers to every problem that may be encountered during installation.

Configuration and backend administration

Once the install script has successfully completed, you will be directed to the **Configure site** page. This page outlines, in brief, the basic steps required to set up and configure your Drupal site. Take a moment to review them.

On completion of the installation, you will generally be presented with two errors – one indicating that cron is not configured, and the other regarding the file system. Configuring cron will be done later. For now, click on the **run cron manually** link to clear the error.

The `files` directory is where all of the uploaded content is stored. If you use CSS aggregation, then it stores those files there as well. You can follow one of two procedures:

- Create it yourself at the root directory of your site
- Click on the link in the **File system** settings page, and Drupal will attempt to create the `files` directory automatically

In most configurations, automatic creation will be fine.

Site information

From the **Site information** link, you are able to do some basic personalization of your site and change some basic information. For example, you may want to change the name of the site from **Drupal** to a name of your choice, as well as change other basic parameters and information.

Site information

Name: *

The name of this website.

E-mail address: *

The *From* address in automated e-mails sent during registration and new password requests, and other notifications. (Use an address ending in your site's domain to help prevent this e-mail being flagged as spam.)

Slogan:

Your site's motto, tag line, or catchphrase (often displayed alongside the title of the site).

Mission:

Your site's mission or focus statement (often prominently displayed on the front page).

Footer message:

This text will be displayed at the bottom of each page. Useful for adding a copyright notice to your pages.

Anonymous user: *

The name used to indicate anonymous users.

Default front page: *
http://localhost/alien/?q=
The home page displays content from this relative URL. If unsure, specify "node".

Here is a list of things that you may easily do here:

- Set the **Name** of your site.
- Set the **E-mail address** for your site (for outgoing only **noreply@sample.com** works).
- Set a **Slogan** for your site, if you want.
- The **Mission** statement is optional. The mission statement is available to some themes and only displays on the front page when this feature is enabled.
- Define a **Footer** message can be displayed if you need one.
- Define a default name for an **Anonymous user**, if you allow anonymous user posting.
- **Default front page**—by default, this is set to **node**. When set to **node**, this displays, in order, all of the posts with **Promote to front page** selected. You can set it to a specific node for a static front page (such as **node/4**).

Theme settings

You may also change your default theme by visiting the **Themes** link on the **Administer** page.

In a new install, **Garland** is enabled as the default theme. Select another theme from the list if you don't feel comfortable with the default theme, or if you have uploaded your own theme into the `themes` folder.

You may also want to change how the content is displayed by the theme. Click on the **Global settings** link for the themes, and take a look at the other options available here. You may also upload your own custom 'favicon' to replace the smiling Drupalicon.

New themes, and help on using and configuring them, can be found on the project web site at <http://drupal.org>.

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Optimizing your Site

When a user performs a task on your Drupal site, a query is sent to the database. If it is for a page request, then all of the raw data needed to display this page is retrieved from the database. The browser then attempts to put the data together with all of the other elements of the page such as the CSS code, JavaScript, images, Flash, and other objects. The speed with which your requested page loads will be constrained by server efficiency, Internet connection, and also the size of the individual components of the page that are being assembled. Heavy files, such as Flash, video, and large images, could take quite a bit of time to load, especially over a slow connection.

Thankfully, there are some native Drupal settings and optimization techniques that can improve the browsing experience of your site user. Consider the following scenarios:

- Your site has more than just a few modules installed. Many of these modules will typically have their own CSS and JavaScript files, and so the browser is given the unenviable task of first fetching these individual files from wherever they may be and then properly interpreting them before serving the page to the user.
- Your site has heavy traffic and each user is making requests of the database at the same time as the others. The database is, however, not limitless; it is like a machine, and what happens to a machine that is put under too much stress is that it eventually breaks down.

Drupal is able to reduce the load on database and to store cached pages that have been previously requested by other users. When these pages are requested again, they are simply passed on to the user from the cache, without the need for making multiple requests from the database. However, the caching feature is disabled by default, primarily because it could affect other configuration. In order to access this feature and the other core functionalities that may be used to improve the performance of the Drupal site, we will need to find the **Performance** link on the **Administer** page, which will take us to the page shown in the following screenshot:

Performance

Page cache

Enabling the page cache will offer a significant performance boost. Drupal can store and send compressed cached pages requested by *anonymous* users. By caching a web page, Drupal does not have to construct the page each time it is viewed.

Caching mode:

- Disabled
- Normal (recommended for production sites, no side effects)
- Aggressive (experts only, possible side effects)

The normal cache mode is suitable for most sites and does not cause any side effects. The aggressive cache mode causes Drupal to skip the loading (boot) and unloading (exit) of enabled modules when serving a cached page. This results in an additional performance boost but can cause unwanted side effects.

The following enabled modules are incompatible with aggressive mode caching and will not function properly: *»c_cart*, *»c_store*.

Minimum cache lifetime:

On high-traffic sites, it may be necessary to enforce a minimum cache lifetime. The minimum cache lifetime is the minimum amount of time that will elapse before the cache is emptied and recreated, and is applied to both page and block caches. A larger minimum cache lifetime offers better performance, but users will not see new content for a longer period of time.

Page compression:

- Disabled
- Enabled

By default, Drupal compresses the pages it caches in order to save bandwidth and improve download times. This option should be disabled when using a webserver that performs compression.

Block cache

Enabling the block cache can offer a performance increase for all users by preventing blocks from being reconstructed on each page load. If the page cache is also enabled, performance increases from enabling the block cache will mainly benefit authenticated users.

Block cache:

- Disabled
- Enabled (recommended)

Note that block caching is inactive when modules defining content access restrictions are enabled.

Bandwidth optimizations

Drupal can automatically optimize external resources like CSS and JavaScript, which can reduce both the size and number of requests made to your website. CSS files can be aggregated and compressed into a single file, while JavaScript files are aggregated (but not compressed). These optional optimizations may reduce server load, bandwidth requirements, and page loading times.

These options are disabled if you have not set up your files directory, or if your download method is set to private.

Optimize CSS files:

- Disabled
- Enabled

This option can interfere with theme development and should only be enabled in a production environment.

Optimize JavaScript files:

- Disabled
- Enabled

This option can interfere with module development and should only be enabled in a production environment.

Clear cached data

Caching data improves performance, but may cause problems while troubleshooting new modules, themes, or translations, if outdated information has been cached. To refresh all cached data on your site, click the button below.
Warning: high-traffic sites will experience performance slowdowns while cached data is rebuilt.

Here is what you may do on this page.

Page cache

Enabling the page cache will offer a significant performance boost. Drupal can store and send compressed cached pages requested by anonymous users. By caching a web page, Drupal does not have to construct the page each time it is viewed.

The **Normal** cache mode is suitable for most sites and does not cause any side effects. The **Aggressive** cache mode causes Drupal to skip the loading (boot) and unloading (exit) of enabled modules when serving a cached page. This results in an additional performance boost but can cause unwanted side effects and may actually be incompatible with some modules.

Minimum cache lifetime

On high-traffic sites, it may be necessary to enforce a **Minimum cache lifetime**. The **Minimum cache lifetime** is the minimum amount of time that will elapse before the cache is emptied and recreated, and is applied to both page and block caches. A larger **Minimum cache lifetime** offers better performance, but users will not see new content for a longer period of time.

Page compression

By default, Drupal compresses the pages that it caches in order to save bandwidth and improve download times. This option should be disabled when using a web server that performs compression.

Block cache

Enabling the **Block cache** can offer a performance increase for all of the users by preventing blocks from being reconstructed on each page load. If the page cache is also enabled, then the performance increase from enabling the block cache will mainly benefit authenticated users. Note that block caching is inactive when modules that define content access restrictions are enabled.

Bandwidth optimizations

Drupal can automatically optimize external resources, such as CSS and JavaScript, which can reduce both the size and the number of requests made to your web site. CSS files can be aggregated and compressed into a single file, while JavaScript files are aggregated (but not compressed). These optional optimizations may reduce server load, bandwidth requirements, and page loading times.

These options are disabled if you have not set up your files directory, or if your download method is set to private.

Optimize CSS files

This option can interfere with theme development and should only be enabled in a production environment. If you are making changes to the CSS of your theme and these changes don't seem to be having any effect, then turn this option off.

Optimize JavaScript files

This option can interfere with module development and should only be enabled in a production environment. It also breaks some libraries, like TinyMCE, which cannot be compressed.

Clear cached data

Caching data improves performance, but it may also cause problems while troubleshooting new modules, themes, or translations, if outdated information has been cached.

Other optimization techniques

There are a few other optimization techniques possible, but for the normal Drupal site with low to average traffic, the foregoing techniques should suffice to improve performance. However, when traffic begins to get a bit out of hand, you can engage some other modules. The **Throttle**, **Boost**, and **Advanced cache** modules have proved to be very popular for a normal site residing on a shared server.

Throttle

The core distribution of Drupal includes a module called **Throttle**. In order to reduce server load, modules with their **Throttle** checkbox selected are temporarily disabled when the site becomes extremely busy. The **Throttle** checkbox is only available if the **Throttle** module is enabled. What the **Throttle** module does is it measures the site load by sampling the number of current users and by turning off functionality, if the sampling indicates that the threshold set by the administrator has been reached. It may be wise to turn this module on when the site is being configured.

Boost

What Drupal's built-in caching does is cut down on the code that needs to run on each page request, while reducing the database access to a single query that retrieves the cached page to display. This in itself provides a marked speed-up, sure enough, but still necessitates invoking PHP on each page request, and what's worse opens a connection to the backend database. These connections become a scarce resource once the going gets tough. In contrast, the **Boost** module exports Drupal pages into static HTML files. When a page request can be satisfied from the static cache, PHP is bypassed in its entirety, and the web server serves the cached file directly from the disk at the top speed that it is capable of.

Advanced cache

The **Advanced caching** module is mostly a set of patches and a supporting module that brings caching to the Drupal core in places where it is needed, yet is currently unavailable. These include caching nodes, comments, taxonomy, path aliases, and search results.

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Themes and Modules

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THEME		
AD The Morning After	6.x-1.5	http://drupal.org/project/ad_the-morning-after
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image

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Beginning	6.x-1.4	http://drupal.org/project/beginning
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Webform	6.x-2.7	http://drupal.org/project/webform
Views	6.x-2.6	http://drupal.org/project/views
SimpleViews	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/simpleviews
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
TinyMCE	6.x-1.1	http://drupal.org/project/tinymce

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Pushbutton	core	
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
TinyMCE	6.x-1.1	http://drupal.org/project/tinymce

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Terrafirma	6.x-2.1	http://drupal.org/project/terrafirma_theme
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Event	6.x-2.x	http://drupal.org/project/event
Notify	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/notify
Signup	6.x-1.0-rc3	http://drupal.org/project/signup
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
TinyMCE	6.x-1.1	http://drupal.org/project/tinymce

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Multiflex-3	6.x-1.5	http://drupal.org/project/multiflex3
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
OG	6.x-1.3	http://drupal.org/project/og
Tribune	6.x-1.10	http://drupal.org/project/tribune
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce

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Analytic	6.x-1.3	http://drupal.org/project/analytic
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Panels	6.x-2.0	http://drupal.org/project/panels
Views	6.x-2.6	http://drupal.org/project/views
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
TinyMCE	6.x-1.1	http://drupal.org/project/tinymce

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Superclean	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/superclean
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Ubercart	6.x-2.0-Beta5	http://ubercart.org
Token	6.x-1.11	http://drupal.org/project/token
CCK	6.x-2.4	http://drupal.org/project/cck
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
Imagefield	6.x-3.1	http://drupal.org/project/imagefield
Imagecache	6.x-2.0	http://drupal.org/project/imagecache
Thickbox	6.x-1.4	http://drupal.org/project/thickbox

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CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
IMCE	6.x-1.2	http://drupal.org/project/imce
Panels	6.x-2.0	http://drupal.org/project/panels
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_ menu

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Magazeen	6.x-1.3	http://drupal.org/project/magazeen
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
Taxonomy Menu	6.x-1.02	http://drupal.org/project/taxonomy_menu
Fivestar	6.x-1.14	http://drupal.org/project/fivestar

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Four Seasons	6.x-2.x	http://drupal.org/project/fourseasons
CONTRIBUTED MODULES		
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image
Availability	6.x-1.x-dev	http://drupal.org/project/availability
Fivestar	6.x-1.14	http://drupal.org/project/fivestar
SimpleViews	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/simpleviews
Views	6.x-2.6	http://drupal.org/project/views
Poormanscron	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/poormanscron

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Fervens	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/fervens
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GMap	6.x-1.1-rc1	http://drupal.org/project/gmap
Location	6.x-3.0	http://drupal.org/project/location
CCK	6.x-2.4	http://drupal.org/project/cck
Image	6.x-1.0	http://drupal.org/project/image

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Strange Little Town	6.x-1-0	http://drupal.org/project/strange_little_town
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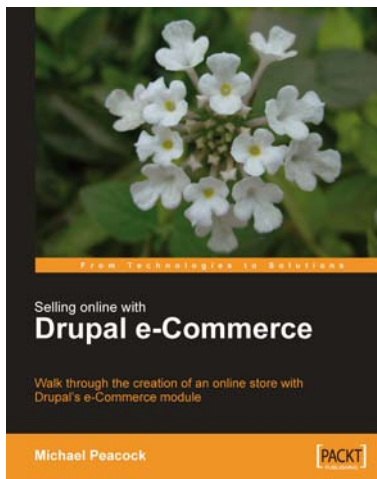
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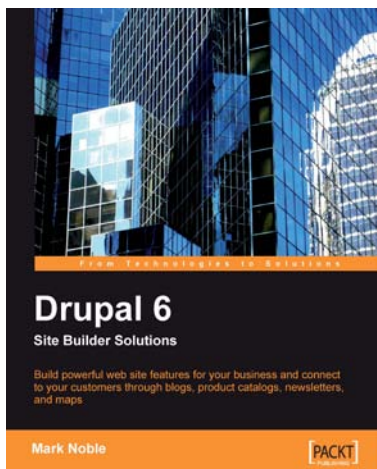


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