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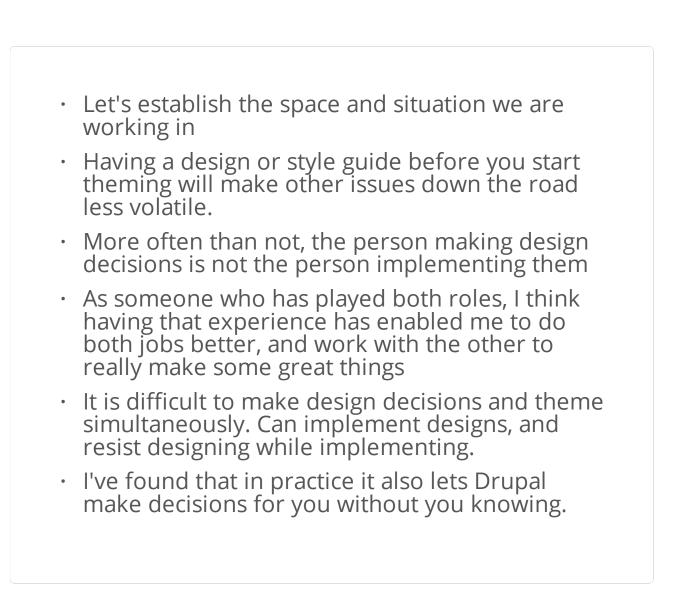
Hi-fi and Lo-fi Theming

Quality Design Implementation

Meghan Palagyi Designer, Zivtech • How can some of this happen?

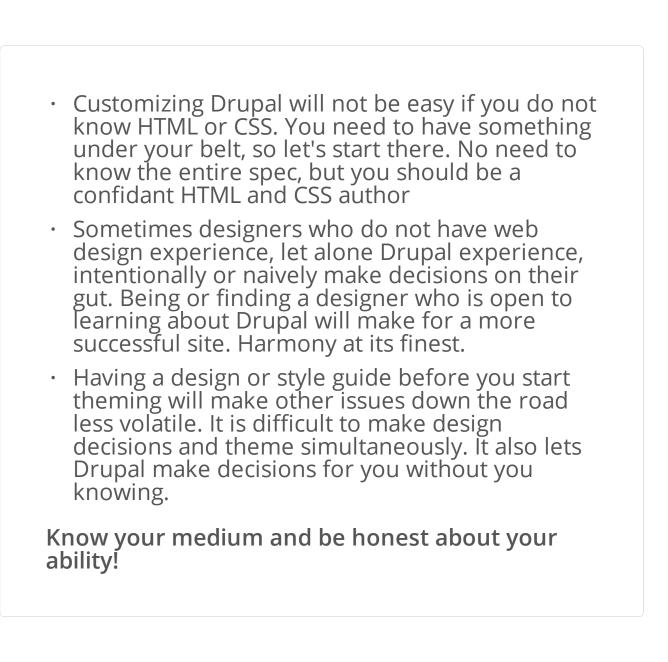
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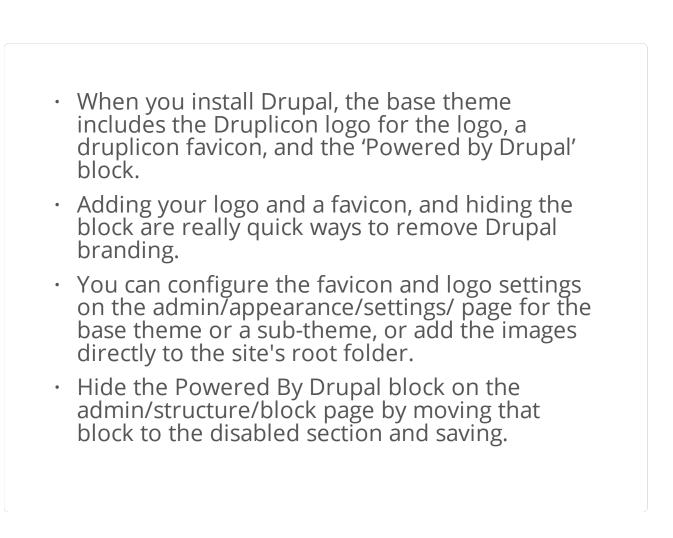
- Inexperience
- Insufficient planning
- Scope or functionality change without more discovery
- Budget and deadline crunch
- Hard stuff left to the end, or gets cut in the interest of time or money



• Overriding, removing or customizing defaults that work against a site design but are relatively easy to accomplish.

There is nothing wrong with a Drupal site being itself! But we can change it

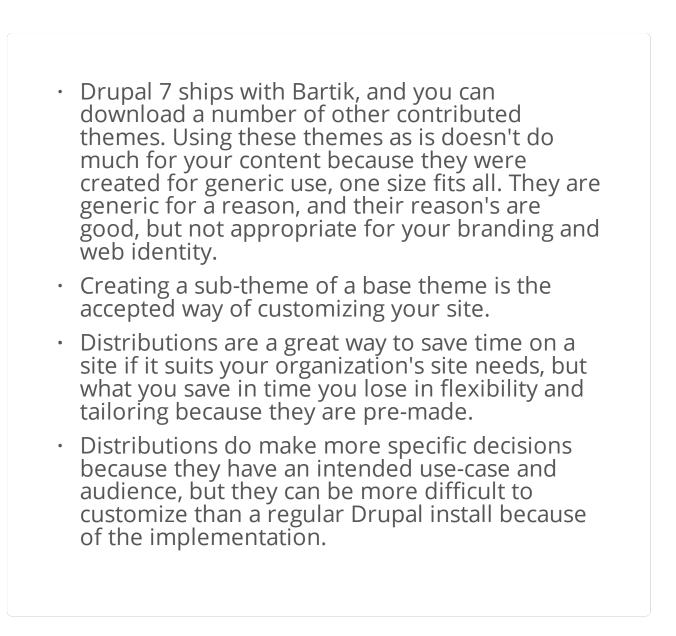




All the Drupal

- Druplicon favicon
- Druplicon logo
- "Powered by Drupal" block

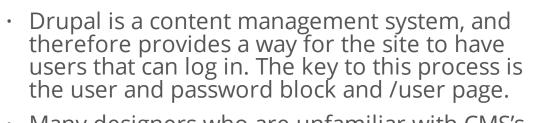
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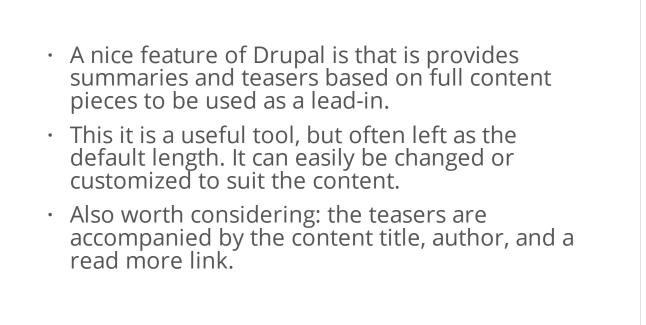
Dead Giveaways

Using a Core theme or Distribution

- Bartik
- Garland
- · COD
- Commons

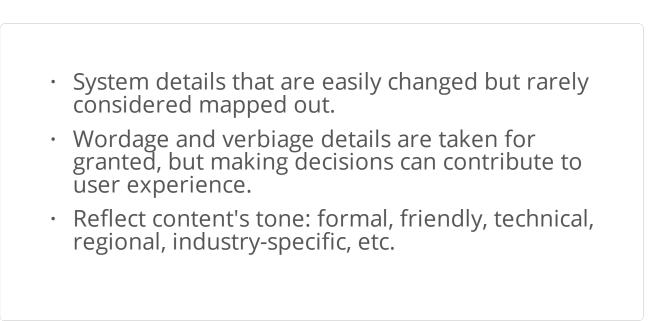


- Many designers who are unfamiliar with CMS's would not necessarily know or think to create a design or custom treatment for this page. The result is usually the form as is picking up the theme styles that apply.
- Make decisions about the states, steps, and confirmation emails.

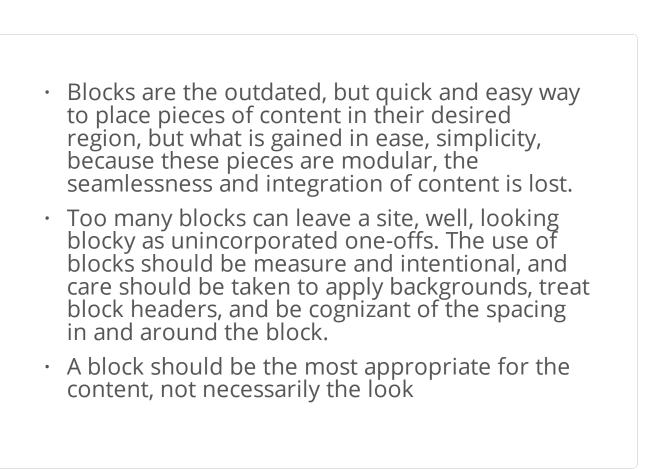


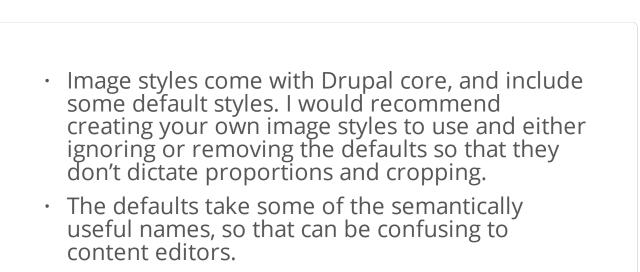
• Common page elements that Drupal has defaults for that get overlooked.

 Stylistic customizations helps the theme look more cohesive. Drupal has styles for many common elements, and when they are not restyled they can stick out in your theme. Drupal-specific elements that get overlooked, especially regarding changing the indicator images that accompany these where applicable, like arrows, close x's, and the search button image.

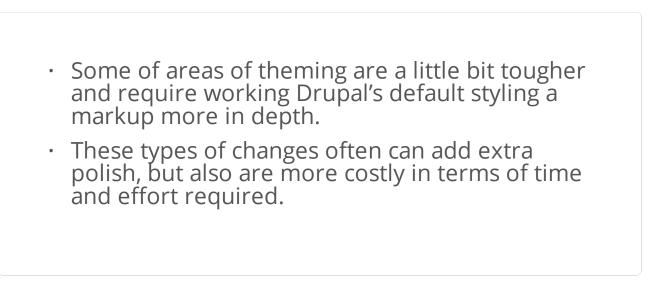


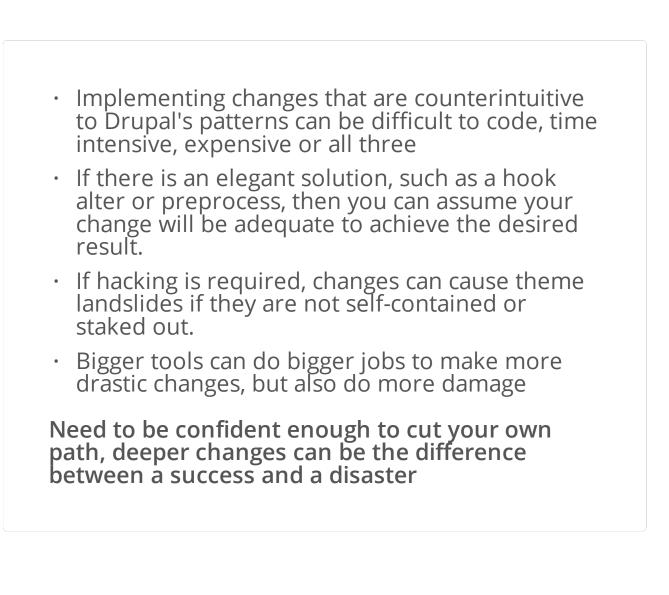
- Field label text is displayed above the field content by default, but in the content type field display you can change it to be inline or hidden. The actual labels are the names of the fields themselves, so field creation is an opportunity to convey the site's overall tone.
- By default Drupal uses its naming conventions for content paths, (/node, /user) You can customize these paths to better fit your information architecture or menu system. At the very least, change /node and /content. Customize the path of your content with pathauto rules.
- Consider language and styling for the following: Error Message, Status Message, Warning Message, Help Message, access denied you are not authorized to access this page 403, page not found 404
- Drupal provides this information to its users, and customizing the look and actual text both allows you another level of control, while removing more Drupal defaults.





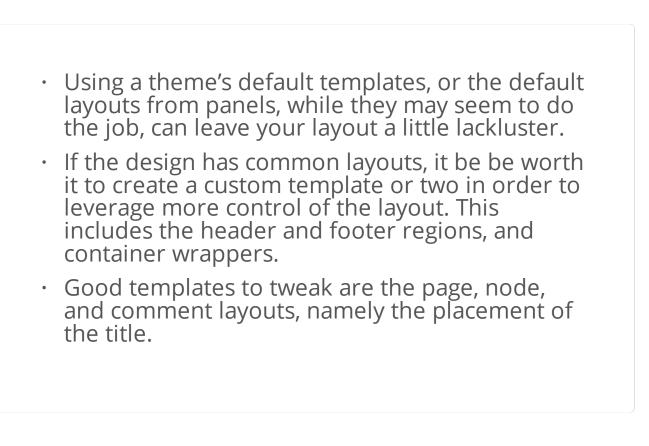
- These changes and customizations are close to or on the surface of Drupal. Default styles can be overridden with CSS and when applied evenly, minimizing the occurrence of missed areas to get burned on.
- Also customizing and taking the time to configure the text, blocks, images, and paths leaves your site much cleaner without hum and buzz.

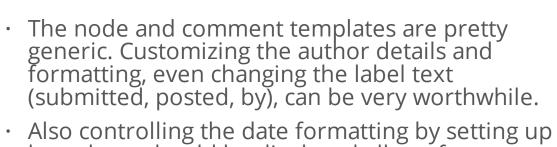




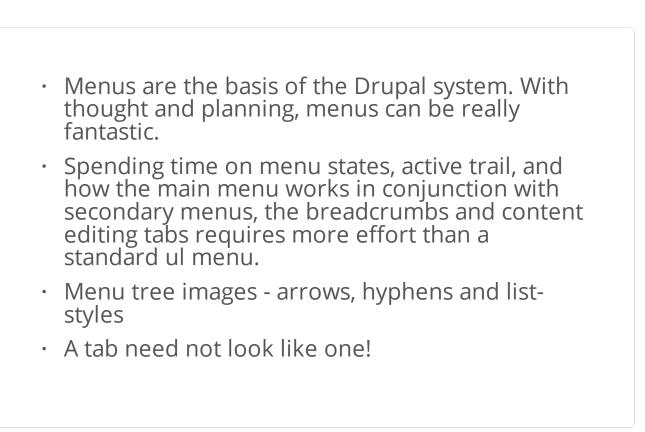
Theme landslides!

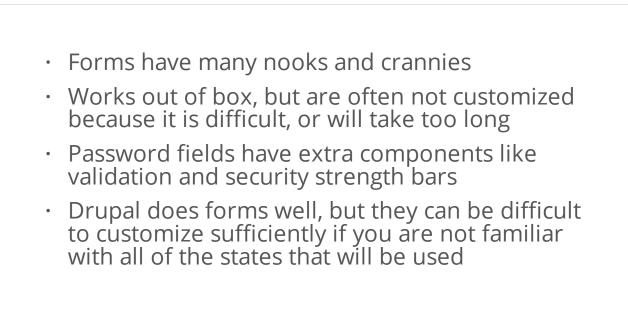
Khait landslide: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khait_landslide





- Also controlling the date formatting by setting up how dates should be displayed allows for more design control.
- Being conscientious of these elements in different contexts, like in a sidebar, as a list, as a teaser or the full content display.





Forms and fields

Form states

- Form progress
 - Initial (blank)
 - Partially filled
 - Finished
 - Confirmation
- Required field indicators
- Input error indicators
- Multi-step forms

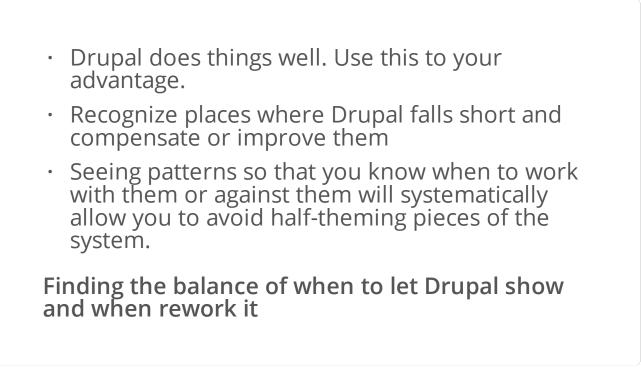
Forms and fields

Search and filter forms

- Search field with button or auto-submit
- Exposed views filters
- Facet check boxes
- Ajax loading ajax throbber

Equalization

Balancing the Hi's and Lo's



Questions?

Credits and Resources

- Does my site look Drupally https://www.acquia.com/blog/does-my-site-look-drupally
- Drupalism http://www.nicklewis.org/node/979
- Do's and Don'ts http://www.advomatic.com/blogs/amanda-luker/designing-drupal-dos-and-donts
- Common elements from Chapter 3 http://chapterthree.com/blog/nica_lorber/design_drupal_template_approach
- Theming firehose http://rarepattern.com/nodes/2011/theming-firehose-nb-designers-front-end-developers-new-drupal
- Zivtech style guide http://www.zivtech.com/zivtech-style-guide
- Theming a system http://www.slideshare.net/fourkitchens/dont-design-websites-design-web-systems-badcamp-2011

Thanks!

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