



NOW'S THE TIME TO UPGRADE FROM DRUPAL 8 9.0 TO DRUPAL 9

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With Drupal 8 end-of-life is around the corner, it's time to start thinking about your migration to Drupal 9.

Drupal 8 brought new innovation to both content and configuration management, but Drupal 9 is out and paving the road for the future. Drupal 8 end of life is scheduled for November 2nd, 2021. With this end of life being just a few short months away, now is the time to [migrate to Drupal 9](#) to ensure you have supported software and up and coming innovative Drupal features.

An upgrade to Drupal 9 is typically as easy as a minor release of Drupal 8. An upgrade from Drupal 8 to 9 simply requires removing any deprecated code. Drupal 8 users should leverage the [Upgrade Status module](#) to audit remediation efforts. Users should identify deprecated API uses that should be fixed. Then, the update from Drupal 8 to 9 can be performed with an update of core. Since this is more of an upgrade, and less like a migration, follow these 5 simple steps to upgrade your Drupal 8 application to Drupal 9 today.

1. **Make sure your environment is compatible with the requirements for Drupal 9.**
2. **Update core to the latest Drupal 8 version (upgrades from 8.8 and 8.9 are supported).**
3. **Check that contributed projects are Drupal 9 compatible.**
4. **Remove deprecated code in your custom modules and themes.**
5. **Update Drupal core to Drupal 9. *DONE!***

WE ARE THE DRUPAL EXPERTS

- The Founder of Drupal, Dries Buytaert, is the CTO and visionary for Acquia's Drupal Cloud
- Acquia is the top contributor to Drupal over the past 13+ years. Our aggregate contribution is far and above any other organization
- Acquia's Drupal Cloud is designed to enhance the core capabilities within Drupal
- Acquia's Drupal Cloud helps at each phase of a Drupal application from migrating to enhancing the application.
- Only Drupal based platform ranked by top analysts
- Over 13+ year investment in building solutions that enhance Drupal
- Received highest security certification by US Government FEDRAMP

KEY DRUPAL 9 FEATURES

Richer Media Management: Drupal has long supported images and generic files, but 9 expands on this functionality with a generic Media field supporting local audio, video, images and additional files.

Content Workflow: The Workflows module allows users to define multiple workflows, show their states and the transitions allowed between them. The Content Moderation module allows users to create content revisions that are not live yet, but have received updates since the last version.

Layout Builder: The Layout Builder core module provides layout capabilities for content. Layout Builder is unique in offering a single, powerful visual design tool for the following three use cases: Layouts for templated content, Customization for templated layouts, Custom pages

BigPipe: Another feature that users will appreciate is BigPipe, a module that increases page view performance by sending the main "content" area of a page while sidebars and other auxiliary content are still being generated.

Multilingual Capabilities: Drupal comes with no fewer than four modules for language support, each performing a different role. These modules have enabled the following capabilities: The ability to install Drupal in 100 foreign languages from the get-go, Translation for content items, such as nodes, taxonomy terms, menu items and user profiles, Configuration translation, providing an interface to translate website configuration to multiple languages

Other Key Capabilities Include:

Mobile Experience, Building and managing your site, Views in Core, Organizing Pages with Blocks, Structured Content, View Modes and Form Modes, Migration, Configuration Management System, Headless Support, Front-End Developer Experience, Back-End Developer Experience.

To Learn more about Drupal 9 Download the [Ultimate Guide to Drupal 9 here.](#)

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- Unmatched flexibility and extensibility by harnessing the power of the Drupal Community and 45,000 active modules
- The ease of use of a templated site builder COMBINED with the enterprise feature library, security and scalability of a traditional CMS
- World-class governance, security and support backed by a 99.95% SLA
- The option to configure your CMS in a traditional or decoupled manner. Giving organizations the ability to deploy content on any digital channel — web, mobile, conversational interface and more.



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MAKE YOUR DRUPAL 8 UPGRADE A SUCCESS

In addition to value-add technology, Acquia offers professional services, as needed, to help companies migrate to Drupal

While many organizations have an experienced partner who understands Acquia and Drupal, there are others who need some help devising a short and long term plan to be successful. **Acquia's Professional Services** has the best Acquia Product and Drupal implementation experts in the world to help you meet your project goals and ambitions. We can work in a flexible fashion, offering a range of training, expert help and advice, and implementation engagements to help your organization meet deadlines and ambitious technical goals. Sample offerings we provide include:

- **Drupal 9 developer training and certification.**
- **Future State Planning** to provide recommendations on how Acquia solutions can get you to the next level of technical and/or business objectives.
- **Drupal 9 Readiness** to evaluate your Drupal 8 application's readiness to update to Drupal 9.
- **Architecture Planning** to create a technical blueprint for implementation that meets your DXP requirements.
- **Launch Readiness** to ensure your application follows security best practices and meets your performance goals.
- **Custom Consulting** with a Professional Services expert to guide your team through your digital transformation on the Acquia Platform.
- **Acquia Site Studio Readiness** to provide hands-on training and guidance to implement Site Studio.

Next steps:

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