



Drupal 8 Kickstart

An overview of D8 for developers



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- [Drush](#) helps execute Drupal admin tasks
3 - 10x faster than using the admin pages
- Drush is a command line shell for Drupal providing uncountable shortcut commands
- Drush runs update.php and clears cache, login, change passwords, disable/enable modules, execute sql queries, manage features...
- Install drush with [Composer](#)

Drupal and Drush



```
drush cc all
```

```
drush updb
```

```
drush sqlq 'SELECT schema_version FROM system WHERE name="views"'
```

```
drush sqlq "UPDATE system SET schema_version = 12 WHERE name='views'"
```

```
drush en devel -y
```

```
drush uli
```

```
drush upwd --password="newsecurepassword" "admin"
```

```
drush pmi views
```

```
drush status
```



- **Drupal 8:** A service returning a response of format-agnostic data structures
- Whether the request comes from a desktop browser, mobile phone, or another website the response ***data*** will be returned consistently
- How the response data gets formatted is, as much as possible, a distinct and separate set of actions



- Leverage existing industry-standard technologies so that **D8** can interface with and be programmed like other globally-recognized PHP frameworks using PHP OOP concepts
- To achieve the missions **D8** is built on top of the Symfony framework components

Drupal 8: Headless Drupal



- Drupal is a service first, not an HTML output provider
- Drupal provides format-agnostic data for a request
- A website's browsing visitor may not even interact with Drupal's themed output
- For example, pages can be created by JS frameworks such as Angular or Backbone and Drupal is the data/content store

Drupal 8 Essential Reading

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D8 API reference and concepts page:
<http://api.drupal.org/api/drupal/8>

O'Reilly **Drupal 7 / 8** book:
[Programmer's Guide to Drupal](#)
[2nd Edition](#)





- Check the documentation creation date to judge the timeliness and accuracy of online **D8** documentation
- Other than on Drupal.org, **D8** online documentation older than October 2014 is unlikely to be fully accurate

D8 / Symfony: Special Note

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Drupal 8 will upgrade to Symfony 3.0 in a minor release and drop Symfony 2.x backwards compatibility

Posted by [catch](#) on *January 7, 2015*

While **Drupal 8.0.0** will likely ship using Symfony 2.7, in a subsequent minor release we will upgrade Symfony to use the 3.x branch. This will allow us to continue to get bug fixes and security releases more actively and for a longer time period.

Core, contrib and custom modules should not rely on any deprecated Symfony APIs, since these may be removed in any **Drupal 8** minor release...

D8 and Code Comments



Comments and special comments called annotations are more important than ever in **D8**



- **Trait** - A collection of php functions in one file that supply a useful set of related functions
- **Interface** - A class with empty default methods that all other classes based on it must offer
[class TrackingInject implements TrackingInjectInterface]
- **Abstract Class** - A class with default abstract methods that classes based on it must offer
[class TrackingInject extends WebTracking]



- **Class** - A collection of functions and properties that offer a service
[class TrackinInject extends WebTracking implements TrackingInjectInterface, CacheInterface]
- **Controllers, Routers, Forms** - Major types of classes in **D8**



- **Dependency Injection** - Initiating a class, but telling the class what you want it to use to work

[What is Dependency Injection?](#)

by Fabien Potencier



- **Services** - Something your class offers, such as “find this node’s location on a map by address, returns a latitude and longitude”
- **Plugins** - In **D8** plugins are used, for example, to make Blocks, in that your Block and what describes it, builds it, and controls access to the Block is found in a special kind of class called a plugin



Interface:

Every single Method declared in an Interface will have to be implemented in the subclass. A class can implement multiple Interfaces

```
[class TrackingInject implements TrackingInjectInterface]
```




Abstract Class:

Only Abstract methods have to be implemented by the subclass. An Abstract class can have normal methods with implementations. Abstract class can also have class variables. A class can only implement one abstract class at a time.

[class TrackingInject extends WebTracking]

[class TrackinInject extends WebTracking implements TrackingInjectInterface, CacheInterface]

[More details interface and abstract class...](#)

[Differences interface and abstract class...](#)



jQuery, PHP, and D8 feature method chaining

Allows us to run a series of methods, one after the other (or in a chain), because each method in the chain after it executes returns a full object with the the changes on it that have just been performed

Chaining (or Method Chaining)



jQuery examples:

```
$("#edit-button").changeColor('blue').move('left', 21px).save();
```

```
$("#p1").css("color", "red").slideUp(2000).slideDown(2000);
```

Chaining written multiline if that aids clarity:

```
$("#p1").css("color", "red")  
    .slideUp(2000)  
    .slideDown(2000);
```

Chaining (or Method Chaining)



D8 Example (multiline) using the Database Abstraction Layer. `db_update` returns an `UpdateQuery` object

```
db_update('example')  
    ->condition('id', $id)  
    ->fields(array('field2' => 10))  
    ->execute();
```

D8 Top-level Directory Structure

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- **/core** Core modules and files provided by **D8**
- **/libraries** Common 3rd party libraries, eg. a wysiwyg editor
- **/modules** Contrib and custom modules using sub-dirs **contrib** and **custom**
- **/profile** Contrib and custom profiles
- **/themes** Contrib and custom (sub)themes
- **/sites/[domain OR default]/{modules, themes, files}**

Site specific modules, themes and files. Including files uploaded by users, such as images. Also includes the Configuration files, **active** as well as **staged** config files. Configuration files are read and written by **D8**, and should have the minimal amount of privileges required for the webserver, and the only the webserver, to read and modify them

D8 Core Directory Structure



Inside /core directory:

- **/core/assets** Various external libraries used by Core. jQuery, underscore, modernizer etc
- **/core/config** Configuration files
- **/core/includes** Functionality that is too low level to be modular. Such as the module system itself
- **/core/lib** Drupal Core classes
- **/core/misc** Frontend libraries that Drupal Core depends on. (jQuery, modernizer, etc)
- **/core/modules** Drupal Core modules
- **/core/profiles** Drupal Core profiles. Empty at the time of writing
- **/core/scripts** Various CLI scripts, mostly used by developers
- **/core/tests** Drupal Core tests
- **/core/themes** Drupal Core themes
- **/core/vendor** Backend libraries that Drupal Core depends on. (Symfony, Twig, etc) <http://drupal.stackexchange.com/questions/84811/what-are-all-the-directories-for-in-the-new-drupal-8-structure>

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Drupal 8 Module Structure



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
→ tracking_inject git:(8.x-1.x) tree -C -L 23
.
├── config
│   └── install
│       └── tracking_inject.settings.yml
├── README.txt
├── src
│   ├── EventSubscriber
│   │   └── TrackingInjectEventSubscriber.php
│   ├── Form
│   │   ├── TrackingInjectAdd.php
│   │   ├── TrackingInjectAdmin.php
│   │   ├── TrackingInjectDelete.php
│   │   ├── TrackingInjectEdit.php
│   │   └── TrackingInjectSettings.php
│   ├── TrackingInjectInterface.php
│   ├── TrackingInjectManagerInterface.php
│   ├── TrackingInjectManager.php
│   └── TrackingInject.php
├── tracking_inject.info.yml
├── tracking_inject.install
├── tracking_inject.links.action.yml
├── tracking_inject.links.menu.yml
├── tracking_inject.module
├── tracking_inject.permissions.yml
├── tracking_inject.routing.yml
└── tracking_inject.services.yml

5 directories, 20 files
→ tracking_inject git:(8.x-1.x) █
```



1. Bootstrap configuration:

- Read the settings.php file, generate some other settings dynamically, and store them both in global variables and the Drupal\Component\Utility\Settings singleton object
- Start the **class loader**, takes care of loading classes
- Set the Drupal error handle.
- Detect if Drupal is actually installed. If it is not, redirect to the installer script



2. Create the Drupal kernel
3. Initialize the service container
(either from cache or from rebuild)
4. Add the container to the Drupal static class
5. Attempt to serve page from static page cache
6. Load all variables (`variable_get`)
7. Load other necessary (procedural) include files



7. Register stream wrappers
(public://, private://, temp:// and custom wrappers)
8. Create the HTTP Request object
(using the Symfony HttpFoundation component)
9. Let the DrupalKernel handle it and return response
10. Send response
11. Terminate request
(modules can act upon this event)

D8 Yaml (*.yml) Files



Replaces .info files and used for Configuration, Routes, Menu Links, and Services

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<code><module_name>.info.yml</code>	<code><--></code>	<code><module_name>.info</code> file
<code><module_name>.routing.yml</code>	<code><--></code>	hook_menu for page paths
<code><module_name>.links.menu.yml</code>	<code><--></code>	hook_menu for entries on admin menu
<code><module_name>.permissions.yml</code>	<code><--></code>	hook_permissions
<code><module_name>.services.yml</code>	<code><--></code>	Describes a class: machine name, class path, mandatory arguments

Services .yml File



services:

tracking_inject.manager:

class: Drupal\tracking_inject\TrackingInjectManager

arguments: ['@database']

tags:

- { name: backend_overridable }

tracking_inject.response_event:

class: Drupal\tracking_inject\EventSubscriber\TrackingInjectEventSubscriber

tags:

- { name: event_subscriber }

tracking_inject.injections:

class: Drupal\tracking_inject\TrackingInject

arguments: ['@config.factory']

D8 Hooks to Events

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Drupal 8 Hooks

Request Event Example



D8 uses Symfony kernel and events. Kernel events available in **D8** are as follows:

- **KernelEvents::CONTROLLER**
CONTROLLER event occurs once a controller was found for handling a request
- **KernelEvents::EXCEPTION**
EXCEPTION event occurs when an uncaught exception appears
- **KernelEvents::FINISH_REQUEST**
FINISH_REQUEST event occurs when a response was generated for a request



- **KernelEvents::REQUEST**
REQUEST event occurs at the very beginning of request dispatching
- **KernelEvents::RESPONSE**
RESPONSE event occurs once a response was created for replying to a request
- **KernelEvents::TERMINATE**
TERMINATE event occurs once a response was sent
- **KernelEvents::VIEW**
VIEW event occurs when the return value of a controller is not a Response instance

Services in Drupal 8



All core services in **D8** are declared in: `/core/core.services.yml`

Services can be used throughout **D8** via the global Drupal namespace, e.g.:

```
\Drupal::moduleHandler()->moduleExists('content_translation');  
\Drupal::entityManager()->getTranslationFromContext($node) !== $node->getUntranslated()  
$account = \Drupal::currentUser();  
  
$config = \Drupal::config('tracking_inject.settings');  
$id = $config->get('domain');  
  
$request = \Drupal::request();  
$exception = $request->attributes->get('exception');  
$status = $exception->getStatusCode();
```


D8 variable_get, variable_set



Replaced by using a **Drupal 8** core service...

Getting a variable:

```
\Drupal::config('module_name.settings')->get('var_name');
```

Setting a variable:

```
\Drupal::config('module_name.settings')  
->set('var_name', 'some_value')  
->save;
```

D8 variable_get, variable_set



For example, getting the Home Page:

```
\Drupal::config('system.site') ->get('page.front');
```

Unsetting a variable value:

```
$config = \Drupal::config('system.performance');
```

```
$config->clear('cache.page.max_age')->save();
```



Routing System in Drupal 8

A route is a path which is defined for Drupal to return some sort of content on. For example, the default front page, '/node' is a route. When Drupal receives a request, it tries to match the requested path to a route it knows about. If the route is found, then the route's definition is used to return content. Otherwise, Drupal returns a 404.

Drupal's routing system works with the Symfony HTTP Kernel.

The routing system is responsible for matching paths to controllers, and you define those relations in routes. You can pass on additional information to your controllers in the route. Access checking is integrated as well.

D8 Routes and Controllers



example.routing.yml

example.content:

path: '/example'

defaults:

_controller: '\Drupal\example\Controller\ExampleController::content'

_title: 'Example Route Response '

requirements:

_permission: 'access content'



- **Configuration Management Initiative**

Saving Drupal global and module settings into and reading settings from .yml files and also special **D8** cmi tables in the database

[Configuration Management Initiative](#)

[Principles of Configuration Management - Pt 1](#)

[Principles of Configuration Management - Pt 2](#)

[D8 CMI critical analysis](#)

Drupal 8 Blocks Plugin

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[Block plugin creation overview.](#)



- Composer helps you declare, manage and install dependencies of PHP projects, ensuring you have the right stack everywhere
- Composer uses .json files to keep track of the versions of php libraries and other software that you might employ in your website. Then when you need with a single composer command one can download new or update all the software

D8 and Composer



- An enterprise **D8** website with a large resources directory like shown right can download and keep current all that software with two commands:
composer -install
composer -update

```
resources git:(ppo-1020-ps) x tree -C -L 1
├── alexandresalome
├── autoload.php
├── behat
├── bin
├── composer
├── drupal
├── drush
├── fabpot
├── guzzle
├── instaclick
├── pdepend
├── phploc
├── phpmid
├── sebastian
├── squizlabs
├── symfony
└── theseer

16 directories, 1 file
resources git:(ppo-1020-ps) x
```




- **Drupal Console**

An app that you can use to quickly make the shell structure of a **Drupal 8** module and a **Drupal 8** service within that module.

[Drupal Console on Github](#)

[Install Drupal Console](#)

[Drupal Console Docs](#)

[Available Commands](#)



Partial list of D8 Console commands:

generate

generate:command	Generate commands for the console.
generate:controller	Generate & Register a controller
generate:entity:config	Generate a new "EntityConfig"
generate:entity:content	Generate a new "EntityContent"
generate:form:config	Generate a new "ConfigFormBase"
generate:module	Generate a module.
generate:plugin:block	Generate plugin block.
generate:plugin:imageeffect	Generate image effect plugin.
generate:plugin:rest:resource	Generate plugin rest resource
generate:service	Generate service

[See all commands](#)



- **Module Upgrader**

A **D8** module that can analyze your Drupal 7 module for needed changes and/or attempt the actual upgrade

[About Module Upgrader](#)

[Download D8 'Module Upgrader' Module](#)

Drupal 8 Training/Resources



- Drupal knowledge training resources:
[Drupalize.me](https://drupalize.me), [Buildamodule.com](https://buildamodule.com)
[Safaribooksonline.com](https://safaribooksonline.com) youtube.com/user/DrupalAssociation