



Looked cute, might delete later:

Revisions in a Drupalized format

Hello.



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Agenda



01. How revisions work

- Science and onion layers

02. Paragraphs, languages, and content moderation

- How these things use revisions

03. Common modules and what they do

- Some core, some contrib

How revisions work

01



**Revisions are
confusing**

Revisions mental model

What your brain **wants** to think:

```
git log
```

What it **actually** is:

```
page_final_latest-USEME.docx
```

Anatomy of a revision

- **Published or unpublished state**
- **ID and entity relationship (node)**
- **Latest or Current (not all have)**
- **Content moderation state (if enabled)**



Revisions in the wild

(using content moderation
and workflows)

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Revision

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Felt cute, might delete later.

Current revision

[07/02/2020 - 14:55](#) by [ccasals](#)

Now I'm making more edits. This was pretty good... but it could be BETTER. Saving this as a draft.

Revert

[07/02/2020 - 14:54](#) by [ccasals](#)

OK! It's looking snazzy, I am publishing this.

Revert

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My very first revision! Let's stay in 'draft' for now.

Revert

Content moderation is ON

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This is the "live" version
for anonymous users.

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This is the "latest" version for editors.



Two special types of revisions

Current Revision

- The authoritative revision for the node* view route
- *Typically* latest published
- What field data will be returned by default in queries
- Is sometimes called the “default” revision

*or other revisionable entity

Latest Revision

- The most recent revision
- Can *also* be the Current revision
- Is the field data displayed on node/edit
- Often a “draft” in content moderation terms

Content Moderation makes the most of revisions

Without content moderation enabled, you just have published and unpublished and **the latest revision is always the current revision.**

Content moderation lets you define revision capability.

Example: “Draft”

The Draft content moderation state:

- Is always “unpublished”
- Can never be the current/default revision

Example: “Archive”

The Archive content moderation state:

- Is always “unpublished”
- Is the current/default revision when it is the latest eligible revision

Common revision operations

01. Forward draft (latest vs default/current)
02. “Revert” revision
03. Archiving content
04. Workflow & revision “type”

Let's do science.

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What happens if we
publish from a draft*?

**Requires content moderation*

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Revision	Operations
07/13/2020 - 16:58 by ccasals Some final edits here. I think this is the last stuff that needs changing. Making the changes live.	(new) <i>Current revision</i>
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07/02/2020 - 14:54 by ccasals OK! It's looking snazzy, I am publishing this.	Revert ▾

What happens if we
revert an old published
revision?

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07/13/2020 - 17:01 by ccasals Copy of the revision from <i>Thu, 07/02/2020 - 18:26</i> .	Current revision
07/13/2020 - 16:58 by ccasals Some final edits here. I think this is the last stuff that needs changing. Making the changes live.	Revert ▾
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(new)



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What happens if we
make a new draft*?

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07/13/2020 - 17:18 by ccasals Some new changes are brewing in this draft...	(new) Set as current revision ▼
07/13/2020 - 17:17 by ccasals Copy of the revision from <i>Thu, 07/02/2020 - 18:26</i> .	<i>Current revision</i>
07/13/2020 - 16:58 by ccasals Some final edits here. I think this is the last stuff that needs changing. Making the changes live.	Revert ▼
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07/02/2020 - 18:26 by ccasals Felt cute, might delete later.	Revert <input type="button" value="v"/>
07/02/2020 - 14:55 by ccasals Now I'm making more edits. This was pretty good... but it could be BETTER. Saving this as a draft.	Revert <input type="button" value="v"/>

What happens if instead
we **Archive*** this page?

**Requires content moderation*

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Revision	Operations
07/13/2020 - 17:05 by ccasals Goodbye lovely page. It's time for you to be archived now.	(new) Current revision
07/13/2020 - 17:01 by ccasals Copy of the revision from <i>Thu, 07/02/2020 - 18:26</i> .	Revert ▾
07/13/2020 - 16:58 by ccasals Some final edits here. I think this is the last stuff that needs changing. Making the changes live.	Revert ▾
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So what did we learn about revisions?

- They are **always** additive
- You can **never** truly go **backwards** (only clone old versions)
- Published / Unpublished + Current revision controls **visibility** and **access**

Common workflows with languages, revisable entities, and Content Moderation

02



Languages and Revisions

Content Translation workflow

Reminder: Content translation happens at the field level

- *Enable translation* from Language Settings

Translate content

- Translate tab
- Pestaña Traducir

Each new language creates a **new subset of revisions**

- Each field revision contains `langcode`

Translations of *Test Page* ☆

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LANGUAGE	TRANSLATION	STATUS	OPERATIONS
English (Original language)	Test Page	Not published	Edit
Spanish	Página de prueba	Not published	Edit ▼

English revisions for *Test Page* ☆

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REVISION	OPERATIONS
07/15/2020 - 16:22 by admin No content changes, just published	<i>Current revision</i>
07/15/2020 - 16:22 by admin Minor changes to English content	Revert ▼
07/15/2020 - 16:08 by admin Initial revision, in English	Revert ▼

Spanish revisions for *Página de prueba* ☆

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REVISION	OPERATIONS
07/15/2020 - 16:23 by admin Translation has been approved. No content changes, just published	<i>Current revision</i>
07/15/2020 - 16:23 by admin Minor translation edit	Revert ▾
07/15/2020 - 16:10 by admin Initial translation into Spanish	Revert ▾



Content Moderation and States

Moderation States (recap)

Default states

- Published (1)
- Unpublished (0)

Content Moderation consists of:

- States
- Transitions
- Workflows

Moderation states

- Draft
- **Published**
- Archived
- Custom states

Edit Editorial workflow ☆

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Label *

Machine name: editorial

▼ STATES

[Show row weights](#)

STATE	OPERATIONS
+ Draft	Edit
+ Published	Edit
+ Archived	Edit ▼

[Add a new state](#)

▼ TRANSITIONS

[Show row weights](#)

LABEL	FROM	TO	OPERATIONS
+ Create New Draft	Draft, Published	Draft	Edit ▼
+ Publish	Draft, Published	Published	Edit ▼
+ Archive	Published	Archived	Edit ▼
+ Restore to Draft	Archived	Draft	Edit ▼
+ Restore	Archived	Published	Edit ▼

[Add a new transition](#)

▼ THIS WORKFLOW APPLIES TO:

ITEMS

Custom block types
none

OPERATIONS

Select

Content types
Basic page

Select

▼ WORKFLOW SETTINGS

Default moderation state *

Draft ▼

Select the state that new content will be assigned. This state will appear as the default in content forms and the available target states will be based on the transitions available from this state.

Save

Delete

Revisions for *Workflow Example* ☆

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REVISION	OPERATIONS
07/15/2020 - 17:10 by admin Looks good! Published	<i>Current revision</i>
07/15/2020 - 17:09 by admin Incorporated feedback, ready for publication	Revert ▾
07/15/2020 - 17:09 by admin First draft is complete, ready for feedback.	Revert ▾
07/15/2020 - 17:08 by admin First draft, incomplete	Revert ▾

Editing published content as a draft

What if you make a change to published content?

Roles:

- Copywriters
- Publishers

Scenario:

- Copywriters can only save as draft
- Makes updated change from the published node
- Creates a new revision, in **draft** state
- Publisher can publish the updated draft

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Workflow Example

View

Edit

Latest version

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This is a rough draft. Now my draft is complete. Thanks for the feedback, this is even better than the first draft!



Workflow Example

View

Edit

Latest version

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Moderation state

Draft

Change to

Published

Log message

Thanks for the fix! Published.

Apply

This is a rough draft. Now my draft is complete. Thanks for the feedback, this is even better than the first draft! Typo fixed.

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Transitions and Revisions

Content Moderation uses Transitions to move from one state to another

Creates a new revision of the node

- Happens with state change
- Even if content hasn't changed

Content changes *with* a state change happen with a **single revision**



Revisionable Entities*

*Looking at you, Paragraphs!



Node



- Paragraph field 1
- Paragraph field 2
- Paragraph field 3



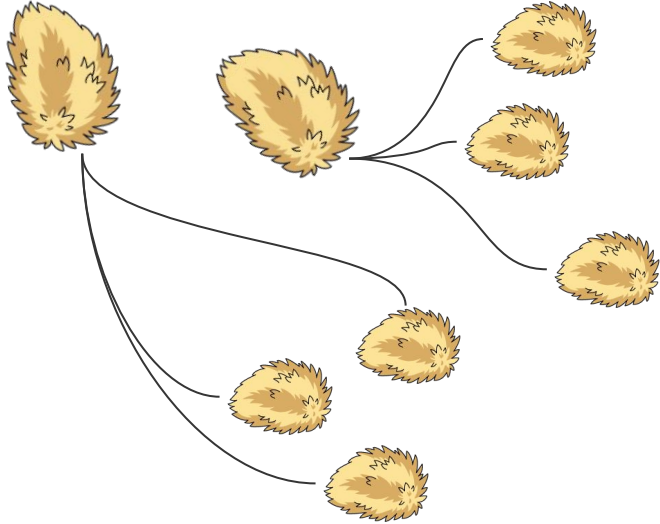
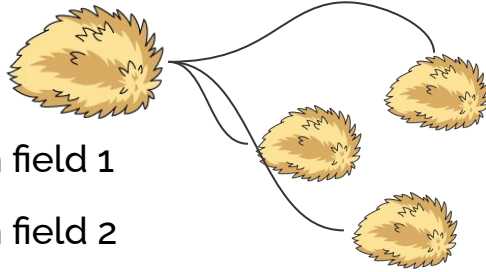
More science

What happens when one revision, references another revision, and then a *new* revision is made?

Both get a new revision!

Node

- Paragraph field 1
- Paragraph field 2
- Paragraph field 3

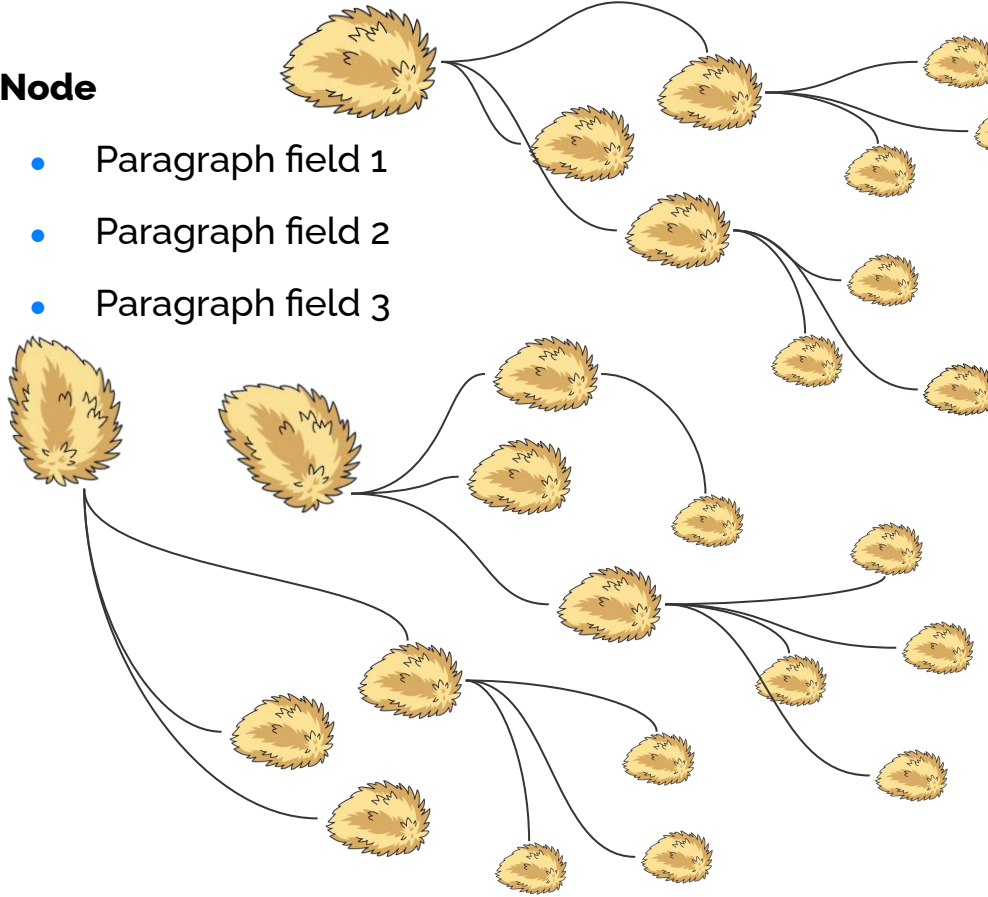


And then what happens if some of those paragraphs also reference other things... like nested paragraphs?

MORE revisions!

Node

- Paragraph field 1
- Paragraph field 2
- Paragraph field 3



**NESTED
FUZZY
DOOM**

By the numbers...

1 content type

1 title field

1 body field

3 revisions are created every time a node is saved

- Node_revision
- node_revision__title
- node_revision__body

By the numbers...

Paragraphs

1 content type

1 title field

1 body field

1 Paragraph field (max 10 instances)

- Image field
- Caption field
- URL field

Up to 44 revisions are created every time a node is saved

- node_revision
- node_revision__title
- node_revision__body
- node_revision__field_gallery
 - paragraph_revision__field_image
 - paragraph_revision__field_caption
 - paragraph_revision__field_url
 - TIMES 10!
 - EACH!!

By the numbers... Nested Paragraphs

1 content type

1 title field

1 body field

1 3-Column Paragraph container field

- 1 Paragraph field (max 10 instances)
 - 3 fields
- 1 Blockquote field (max 1 instance)
 - 2 fields
- 1 Teaser carousel field (max 3 instances)
 - 1 Entity reference fields

As many as

51

Revision fields **EACH** time the node is saved!

By the numbers...

5,000 nodes

10 fields each

5 Paragraphs each

- Up to 6 fields each Paragraph

230,000

Revision fields in the database



2.3 Million



REVISIONNNNNNNNS!

made on imgur

Common modules*

*and what they do

03

Common Modules

**Content
Moderation
(Core)**

**Workflow
(Core)**

**Workbench
(Contrib)**

**Diff
(Contrib)**

Common Modules

**Content
Moderation**

Custom states

Visibility rules

**Workflow
(Core)**

**Workbench
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**Diff
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organization**

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with views**

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Dashboard built
with views

Diff

Compare
between revisions

Revision screen
improvements



Recap



We learned...

- Core state is simple; only Published or Unpublished
- Revisions make simple copies of the previous version
- Content Moderation adds power to the list of revisions
- Workflow adds additional states and transitions
- Multilingual revisions happen per-language
- Workbench adds visibility into content states

Thank you.

