

Drupal glossary

Alias

See: Path alias

Administrator

A user role with all permissions granted. See also: Role

Authenticated

Logged-in users are referred to as Authenticated. The Authenticated role automatically applies to users that are logged-in to the site. See also: Role

Anonymous

Non-logged-in users are referred to as Anonymous. The Anonymous role automatically applies to users that are not logged-in to the site. See also: Role

Block

A piece of content that exists in a region of the site's theme such as the sidebar or the footer. See also: Region, Theme

Book

A hierarchical arrangement and ordering of nodes to create a chapter-like navigational flow.

Content type

A distinct type of node with unique fields and settings. See also: Field, Node

Contrib

A nickname for Contributed modules. These modules are maintained by the community of Drupal developers and are available for download on Drupal.org. See also: Core

Core

Used to refer to the basic package of modules that you download when you download the base installation of Drupal. See also: Contrib

Drupal.org

The official website of the Drupal community. Only download modules, themes, and patches from Drupal.org.

Field

Separate data inputs for nodes to hold data. Fields can contain many different types of data like text, numbers, images, etc. Separate content types have separate groups of fields. See also: Content type, Node

IMCE

An accessory to TinyMCE to allow uploading of images. See also: TinyMCE

Input format

A filter that will exclude certain HTML tags when rendering node content.

Menu

A reorderable list of links that can link to nodes, views, or external links. Menus can be placed in blocks. See also: block

Module

A package that when enabled offers new functionality or capability for the website. Modules are either part of the Drupal core installation or contributed from the developer community and available for download from drupal.org. See also: Theme

Node

A piece of content on the website. Nodes have at minimum a ID and title.

Path

The URL indicator that identifies a particular node, view, form, or other Drupal page. Paths can be either a System URL (example: node/25) or a Path alias, which is an arbitrary user-defined string of characters.

Patuauto

A module that creates preset rules that will automatically create paths based on content information. See also: Path

Permission

The ability for users to execute or access a particular function or feature. Modules offer permissions that can be granted to roles. See also: Role

Promoted

A true/false indicator for a node to determine whether it should be shown on the default Drupal home page (also called the River of News). Not often used. See also: Sticky

Region

An area of the design in which blocks may be placed. See also: Theme

Revision

An historical version of a saved node to keep track of changes. Nodes may be reverted to a

previous version. See also: Node

River of News

A nickname for the Default Drupal home page which shows the 10 most recent posts that are promoted in reverse chronological order. See also: Promoted

Role

A category of user with specific associated permissions. Multiple roles may be granted to users. Permissions available via the roles can only be granted, that is, intersecting roles' permissions are unioned. See also: Permission, User

Sticky

A true/false indicator for a node to determine whether it should “stick” to the top of a chronological list. Not often used. See also: Promoted

System url

See: path

Taxonomy

A system of categorization. Groups of terms form vocabularies that may be applied to nodes via Term reference fields. See also: Field

Theme

A package that when enabled offers new style and layout capabilities for the website. Some basic themes are available with Drupal core but are more often built custom from scratch. The components of a theme are templates (.tpl.php), style (.css), scripts (.js), and custom overrides (template.php). See also: Module

TinyMCE

A third-party WYSIWYG formatting tool.

User

A visitor to the site. Authenticated users will have login credentials consisting of a username and password.

Views

A module that allows the creation of custom lists of content based on filtering criteria, sorting criteria, displayed fields and many other options.

Webform

A module and corresponding content type that allows user-submitted form entries that can be downloaded in bulk. Excellent tool for surveys and contact forms.