## Get involved with the Project Browser Strategic Initiative



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### What is the Project Browser Strategic Initiative?

Announced by Dries at DrupalCon North America 2021
 "The Project Browser makes it easy for site builders to find and install modules." - Dries

- Driesnote DrupalCon Portland 2022
  - "want to be able to discover great modules from within Drupal,, without having to go to <u>Drupal.org</u> and install those modules with a click of a button " - Dries





### How do we help site builders find modules?

#### https://www.drupal.org/project/project module

49,741 modules match your search
Maintenance status - Any -   Development status - Any -   V
Module categories – Any –
Works with - Any - >
Status Full projects
Stability All projects ~
Security advisory coverage All projects
Search modules
Sort by Relevancy
Search







### **Project Browser Strategic Initiative**

https://www.drupal.org/about/core/strategic-initiatives/project-browser

#### Strategic Initiative: Project Browser

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#### The Problem

Drupal is relatively hard to use, especially for newer users. One of the very first things nearly all new users attempt to do, is find and install contributed modules.



Today, finding and installing modules requires too many steps. Some steps require you to leave your Drupal site and navigate to Drupal.org. Other steps require technical skill such as using Composer on the command line.

Our goal is to make it easier to find and install modules for people that are (1) new to Drupal and that are (2) site builders\*.

#### Who are we building this for?

Our primary persona is people that are new to Drupal that have little to no developer experience.

Our primary persona may not be comfortable using the command line or Git, and may not be comfortable interpreting things like "open bug count" or "test coverage" in order to evaluate modules. We'd like experienced site builders to also use the Project Browser, but they are a secondary audience.





### What problem are we trying to solve?

- Creating a Drupal site is relatively easy (Try Drupal on <u>Drupal.org</u>). Then what?
- One of the very first things nearly all new users attempt to do is find and install contributed modules to add functionality to their website
- Modules page on Drupal.org reports there are 49,741 modules today







### Goals: Initial MVP - where we started

- Ability to browse modules compatible with the website's Drupal version
- Provide instructions for downloading and installing modules
- Filtering by category
- Advanced filtering with additional choices
- Contrib module





### **Project Browser Contrib Module**

#### https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser



#### **Project Browser**

View

Version control Automated testing

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#### Want to try it now?

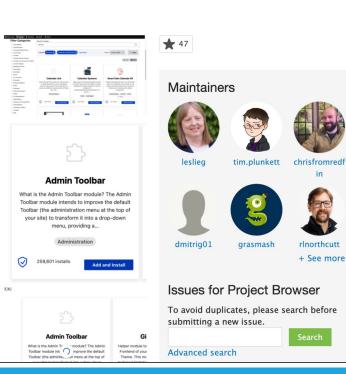
Spin up a demo on Gitpod =>

Try it now

When using Gitpod for the first time, you'll need to log in with an accepted OAuth provider (GitHub, GitLab, etc).

#### Strategic Initiative

This module is part of a Drupal Core Strategic Initiative created by Drupal founder Dries Buytaert. See the initiative page for more details. If you would like to get involved



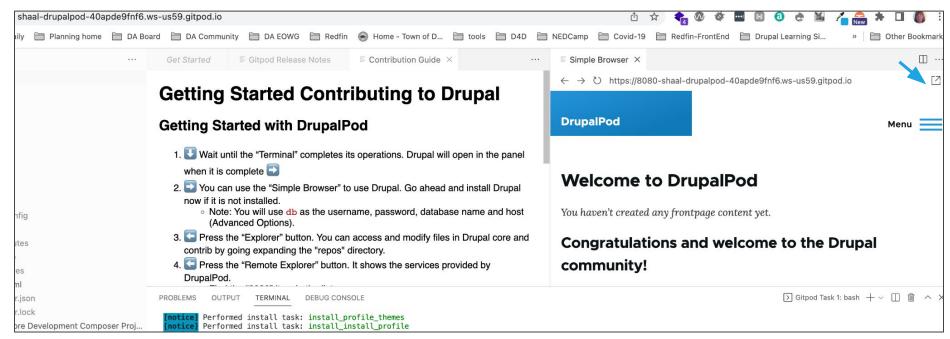
# Project information Module categories: Utility 251 sites report using this module By grasmash on 30 April 2011, updated 1 February 2023 Stable releases for this project are covered by the security advisory policy There are currently no supported stable releases. Releases 1.0.0-beta4 released 14 February 2023 Works with Drupal: ^10 Install: composer require 'drupa1/project\_browser:^1.0@beta' Development version: 1.0.x-dev updated 16 Feb 2023 at 15:58 UTC

Testing result: PHP 8.1 & MySQL 5.7, D10.1 71 pass all results





### **Try Project Browser using Gitpod**







### **Your Gitpod site**

**DrupalPod** 





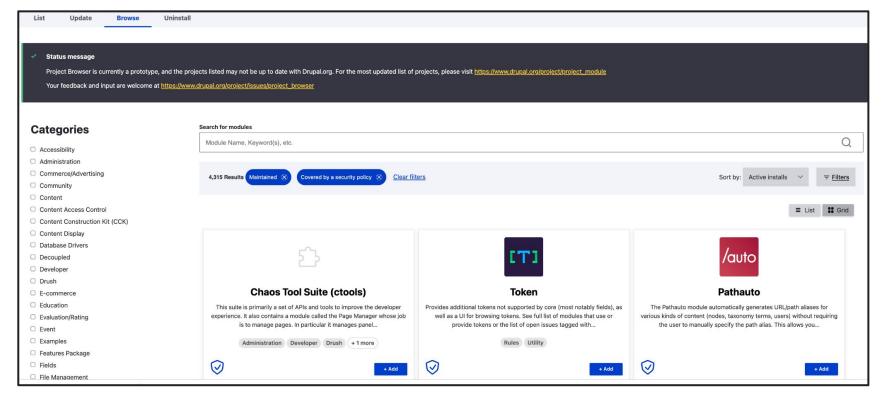


is made up of people from around the world with a shared set of values, collaborating

together in a respectful manner. As we like to say:



### First look at the Project Browser







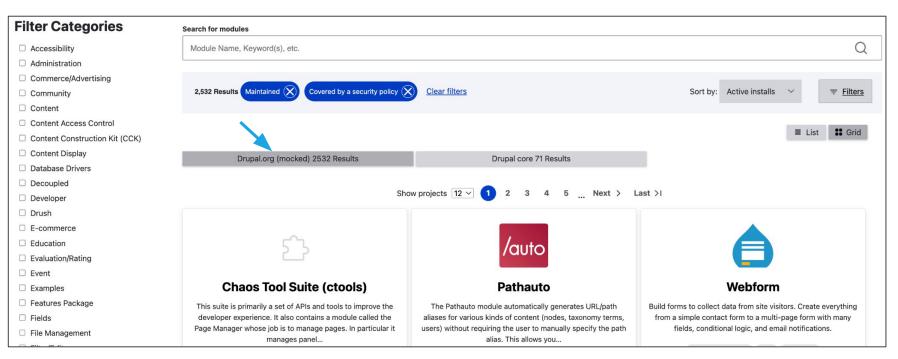
### What have we accomplished

- initial listening sessions with our target audience
- decided on default criteria
- using Svelte JS for the project browser functionality
- allow multiple "sources" of data (drupal.org, core modules, private lists)
- replaced install instructions with actual Composer commands
- integrated package manager from automatic updates
- released several beta versions of the contrib module (at beta4)
- accessibility and ux testing and updates
- started process of updating project data on drupal.org





### **Project Browser Sources**







### **Configuration to Select Sources**

✓ Project Browser	∧ A project browser embedded in the Drupal UI.
	Machine name: project_browser Required by: Project Browser Devel (disabled), Project Browser Source Example (disabled)  Help

Project Browser ☆		
Allow installing via UI (experimental) When enabled, modules can be downloaded and enabled via the Project Browser UI.		<ul> <li>Show row weights</li> </ul>
Source	Status	
Enabled		
Drupal.org (mocked)	Enabled	~
♣ Drupal core	Enabled	~
Disabled		





### **Automatic Updates Initiative**

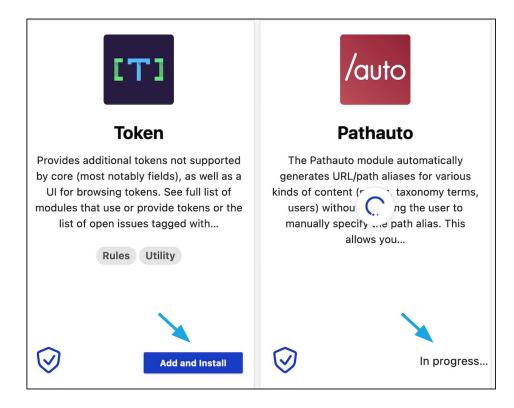


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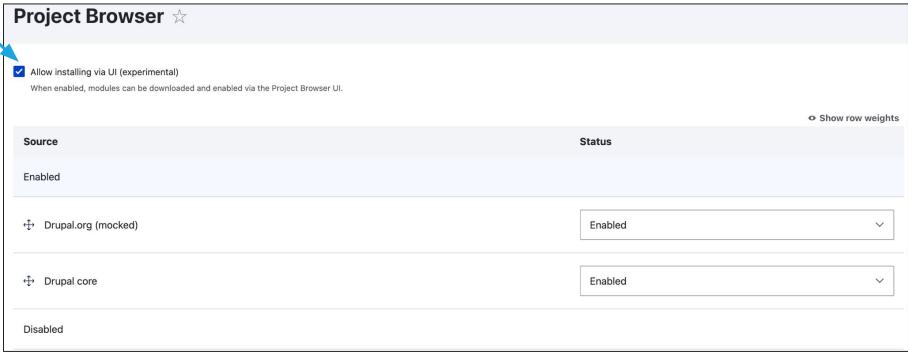








### **Package Manager configuration**

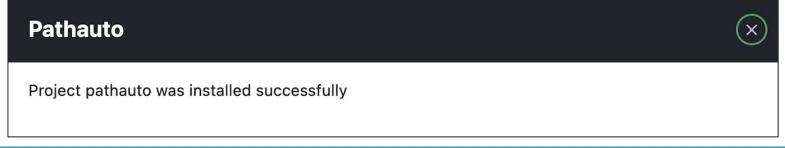






### Package Manager Issue with Symlinks









### Package Manager installs dependencies



#### **Token**

Provides additional tokens not supported by core (most notably fields), as well as a UI for browsing tokens. See full list of modules that use or provide tokens or the list of open issues tagged with...

**Rules Utility** 







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✓ Installed





### What are we currently working on

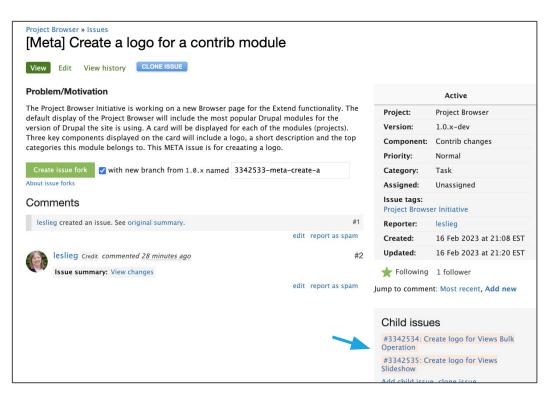
- updating content on Drupal.org project pages for display in Project Browser
  - started with Top 100 modules logo, proposed short description, categories
- defining project detail pages so far just have proof on concept in place
- creating a base template to make the body field more consistent
- reviewing proposed categories
- migrating from the drupal.org Mock API to the real Drupal 9 site for Drupal.org
- converting from Drupal CI to GitLab CI
- making the Svelte side of the frontend more themable
- \*\*\* getting module maintainers involved \*\*\*





### Meta issue for adding logos

https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3342533

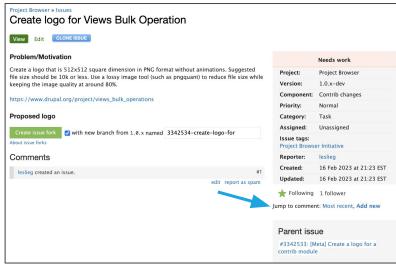




Build forms to collect data from site visitors.

Create everything from a simple contact form to a multi-page form with many fields, conditional logic, and email notifications.

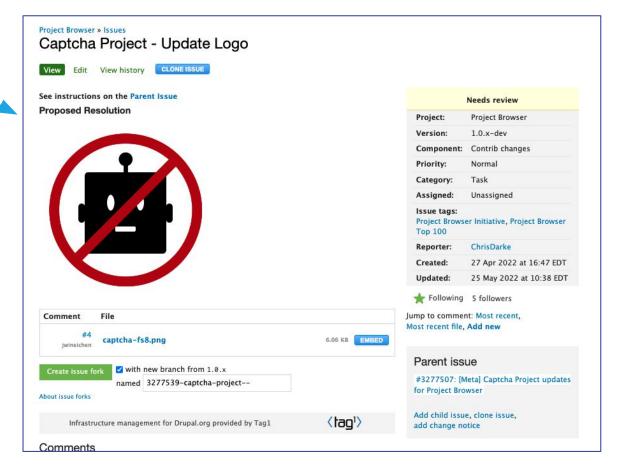
Evaluation/Rating Mail Statistics







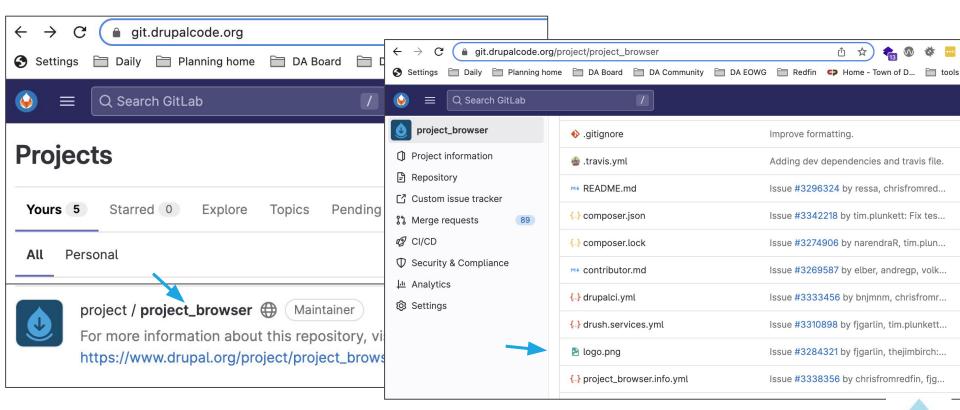
### Add a Proposed Logo







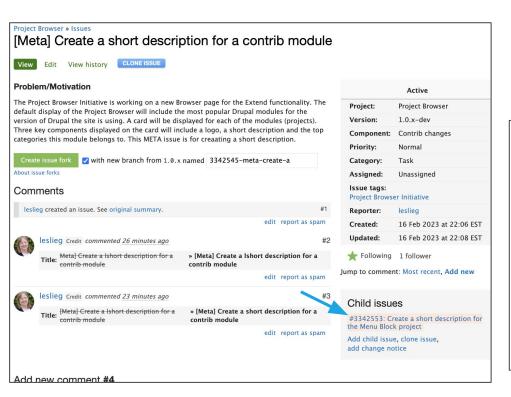
### **Add Logo to Gitlab Codebase**

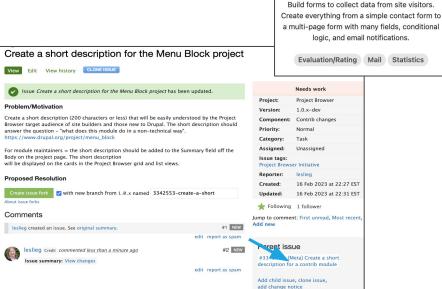




### Meta issue for short non-technical description

https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3342553



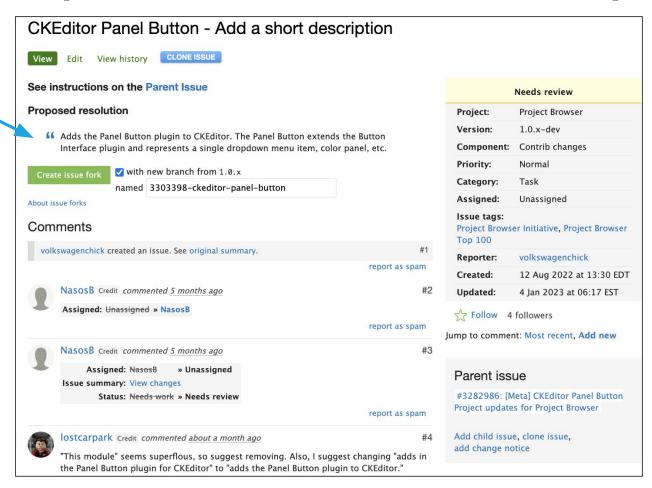




Webform



### Propose a short non-technical description







### Add Summary Field to the project page







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Leave blank to use trimmed value of full text as the summary.

#### Description



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### Where do you begin?

Needs Work - Propose description or logo

Needs Review - review what someone has proposed to see if it meets the requirements defined in the meta issue

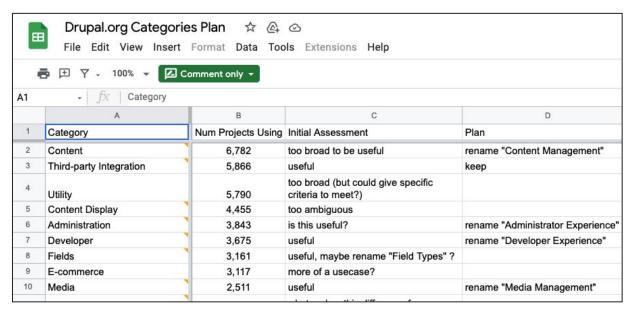
Reviewed and Tested by the Community - Someone has done the review and decided the proposed resolution meets the requirements. The issue will be given to the module maintainer to implement

Active - The Meta issues are listed there, work on the child issues





### **Revisiting Categories**



New Categories for Project Browser - Maintainer Feedback

Access Control Accessibility Administrator Experience Automation Content Display Content Editor Experience Developer Experience F-Commerce Import and Export Integrations Media Assets Multilingual Performance Privacy Search Search Engine Optimization Security Site Structure User Engagement

New Categories for Project Browser - Target User Feedback





### **Providing Feedback on Categories**

Category Term	Scope Note: A project in this category will	Fit	Your expectation instead
Access Control	Grant or restrict access to content or assets, or enhance or change the login procedure to the site.		
Accessibility	Support best practices in web accessibility or help audit for accessibility guideline compliance.		
Administrator Experience	Empower site builders with no-code tools that assist with running, configuring, or maintaining the site.		
Automation	Enable the site to initiate automated actions from conditions, events, or defined schedules.		Access Contro Notes:
Content Display	Define how content and data is arranged and shown to the users on the site.		Module
Content Editor Experience	Improve the processes and workflows around creating, editing or removing content.		
Developer Experience	Empower developers with tools that assist with developing and debugging the frontend or backend of the site.		

Module	Why was it a fit here?		





### **Project Detail pages**

- No consistency on Drupal.org
- What is the most important information for site builders to make an informed decision?
- Often more than one similar module

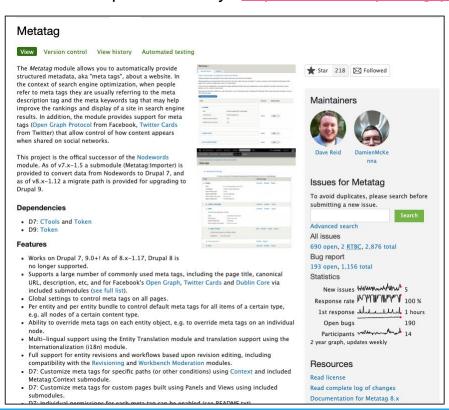






### **Project Detail page on Drupal.org**

#### Template for Body - <a href="https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3230734">https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3230734</a>



#### Development Source code Commit log

GitLab activity Issues needing review [119 issues]

Report a security vulnerability

View change records

- . Full documentation is available: Metatag for Drupal 7, Metatag for Drupal 9 Video tutorial explaining improvements in v1.5 and providing a suggested setup process.
- · Drupal core release blockers for Metatag [3 issues]
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#### Alternatives and similar modules

- . Metatags Quick Uses the Field API to store its meta tag data. Metatag on D7 does not use the Field API for reasons of flexibility and usability. On D9 Metatag does use Field API so the Metatags Quick maintainers will hopefully be helping on Metatag's D9 port.
- · Page title Functionality was merged into Metatag.
- . Open Graph meta tags Functionality was merged into Metatag.
- · Refresh Functionality was merged into Metatag.
- . EasyMeta Very limited functionality compared to Metatag.
- . Metatag iTunes Functionality was merged into Metatag.

Resources

- · Custom Meta Update
- Auto Meta Tags

#### Code Mirrors

The code has been made available on two other repository services for people who have specific technical needs:

- · Github: https://github.com/DamienMcKenna/metatag
- Bitbucket: https://bitbucket.org/DamienMcKenna/metatag

These repositories are considered write-only, pull requests to those repositories will be recreated on d.o. and pushed back out once the changes are reviewed & approved.

Maintained since 2012 by Damien McKenna; initial development (2010-2012) by Dave Reid.

#### Supporting organizations:

Mediacurrent Sponsorship of ongoing development.

Lullabot Initial development

Palantir.net Initial development

Acquia Initial development

#### **Project information**

Module categories: SEO

383,037 sites report using this module

Created by apaderno on 23 November 2009, updated 15 April 2022





### **Project Detail page in the Project Browser**



Download

#### **Details**

- Compatible with your Drupal installation
- 559,357 sites report using this module
- Stable releases for this project are covered by the security advisory policy

#### **Pathauto**

By Dave Reid

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#### **Drupal 8 Requirements**

- Token
- CTools

#### **Drupal 7 Requirements**

Token

#### **Known issues**

 D7: Multilingual URL alias support is still a little unstable and should path\_set\_alias() doesn't account for same alias in different language. There is also a list of issues related to i18n in Pathauto which needs

#### **Recommended modules**

- <u>Redirect (D7, D8)</u> when installed Pathauto will provide a new "Updat action and is considered the best practice for SEO and usability.
- Global Redirect (D7) ensures that your content is only visiable at the for-node-2"). This is part of Redirect in D8.

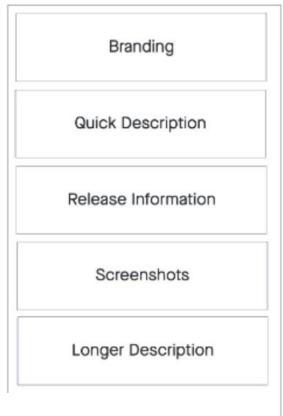
- Skeleton only at this point working on the plumbing - how to make the connections
- View using Gitpod

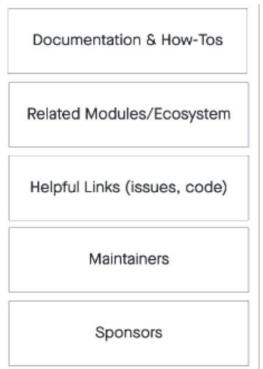




### **Project Detail proposed information architecture**

https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3322594





- Need community input
- What's most important to help make decision on a module
- How to best display the information
- Need a wireframe or mock-up
- Zoom call on the next few
   Tuesdays at 4pm ET





### **Project Detail example**



#### Metatag

The Metatag module allows you to automatically provide structured metadata, aka "meta tags", about a website. In the context of search engine optimization, when people refer to meta tags...

#### Releases (placeholder)

Release	Date	Compatibility	Composer
6.2.0-beta2	6 months ago	^9.2	[click to copy]
6.1.3	4 months ago	^8.8    ^9	[click to copy]
7.x-4.24	1.5 years ago	7.x	[click to copy]

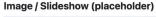
#### **Project Information**

SEO



369,105 sites report using this module







#### Resources (placeholder)

- Read license
- Official Documentation · Video playlist on YouTube

#### Helpful Links

**Project** Code Ecosystem

#### Maintainers











#### Supporting **Organizations**











Cummings,

The Metatag module allows you to automatically provide structured metadata, aka "meta tags", about a website. In the context of search engine optimization, when people refer to meta tags they are usually referring to the meta description tag and the meta keywords tag that may help improve the rankings and display of a site in search engine results. In addition, the module provides support for meta tags (Open Graph Protocol from Facebook, Twitter Cards from Twitter) that allow control of how content appears when shared on social networks.

This project is the offical successor of the Nodewords module. As of v7.x-1.5 a submodule (Metatag:Importer) is provided to convert data from Nodewords to Drupal 7, and as of v8.x-1.12 a migrate path is provided for upgrading to Drupal 9.

#### **Dependencies**

- . D7: CTools and Token
- D9: Token

#### **Features**

- Works on Drupal 7, 9.0+! As of 8.x-1.17, Drupal 8 is no longer supported.
- Supports a large number of commonly used meta tags, including the page title, canonical URL, description, etc. and for Facebook's Open Graph, Twitter Cards and Dublin Core via included submodules (see full list).
- · Global settings to control meta tags on all pages.

#### Resources

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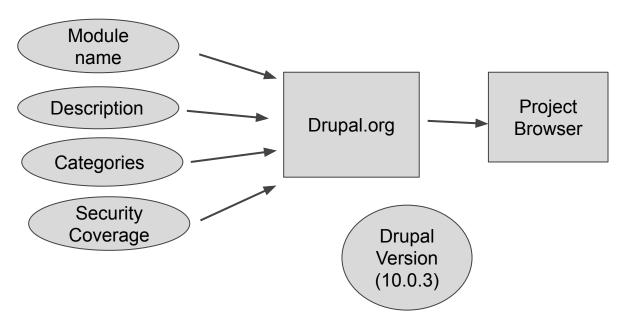
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### Real Drupal.org API



Default fetch from d.o. currently mocked

Contributors and DA working on real D9 endpoint

Currently grabbing data periodically

Moving D.O to D9 piecemeal

Fields on d.o will stay the same

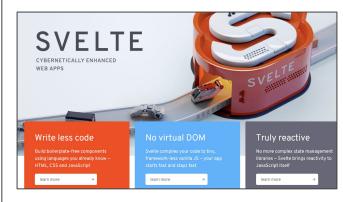




### **Front End**

- Everything between header and footer presented by Svelte
- Gets a modern frontend framework into core
- Compiled code don't need specific version
- Check designs against Drupal design system
- Proposal to make Svelte side of the front end more themeable
- Accessibility review
- Meta issue for UX improvements

#### https://svelte.dev







### **Dev Ops**

- converting from Drupal CI to Gitlab CI
  - https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser/issues/3268636
- session on from BADCamp by Irina Zaks
  - From Drupal CI to Gitlab CI what, when and how







### **Goals: Looking forward**

- getting Project Browser in "Core"
  - Drupal 10.x?
- adding an "Ecosystem" filter
- expanding to include Recipes "Recipe/Distributions" initiative
- expanding to include Themes
- displaying configuration info in a modal window once installation is complete (installed - now what?)



### **Ecosystem**

#### **Ecosystem modules for Commerce Core**

The following projects have been marked by their maintainers as being related t

**Access Conditions Commerce** 

Affected by promotion

Barclaycard ePDQ

BaseLinker

Belgrade

Best selling products

Bokbasen checkout

Centarro Insights

Centarro Toolbox

CoinGate Payment Gateway Module

Commerce 2C2P

Commerce 7 Razorpay

Commerce Add To Cart Link

Commerce Add To Cart Pop-Up Form

Commerce Addtoany Field

Commerce Admin Checkout

Commerce Affirm

Commerce Afterpay

Commerce Ajax cart message

Commerce Ajaxify Add to Cart

Commerce Alipay

Commerce Alma

Commerce Amazon Pay

Commerce Amazon Payment Services (PayFort)

Commerce API

#### Ecosystem



Use this field to indicate that this project's primary purpose is to provide enhancement for one or more other projects, and thus forms part of an ecosystem around it. For example, if your project provides plugins for Views, or adds functionality to Organic Groups, and so on. Projects that are referred to here will gain a list of 'ecosystem modules' on their project page, allowing users to easily find modules to extend their functionality.

Add another item





### **Recipe/Distributions Initiative**

#### Strategic Initiatives: Distributions and Recipes

#### What are we working on?

Drupal is a highly flexible framework, but is also not very opinionated, meaning that getting started with building out the functionality you need in your web application can be difficult. If site builders had the option to choose from predefined 'recipes' that assembled Drupal functionality for specific needs (e.g. blog site, news site, e-commerce site, etc) that would be a significant improvement view getting started with Drupal. Historically this functionality has been served by install profiles and distributions, but both of those iterations of the problem have some flaws:



- · They cannot be added after starting your project
- They can't be removed easily
- They can't be mix and matched with other sets of functionality.

The new recipes functionality seeks to solve these problems, as well as build on the project browser and auto-updates functionality to make them easy to manage.

#### Who is the target Audience?

Site-builders, maintainers of many similar sites (such as educational users), and the existing distribution maintainers are all key audiences.

### What is and is not in scope for this initiative?

#### In Scope

- Improvements to how recipes/distributions are packaged and delivered on Drupal.org
- Improvements to Composer workflows for recipes/distributions

#### Group maintainers



















### **Contribution Event**

- Sunday 2/19 from 1-4pm ET
  - Test the latest version and give feedback
  - Feedback on the proposed new list of categories both maintainers and target audience
  - Feedback on improving the project detail pages what is most important for you to see
     when selecting modules
  - Add logos and short descriptions to modules
  - Testing the automatic updates integration. Are messages understandable?
- Everyone is welcome designers, ux, accessibility, testing, documentation, site builders, beginner feedback, back end and front end coders
- Current maintainers welcome





### Why should you contribute to Project Browser?

- help improve one of the first experiences for new users after installing Drupal
- current Drupal.org module page is overwhelming and not easy to use
- opportunity to add consistency across project pages
- chance for site builders and those new to Drupal to contribute
- work with new tools like Svelte and GitLab CI

**Contribution Opportunities** bit.ly/pbcontributions



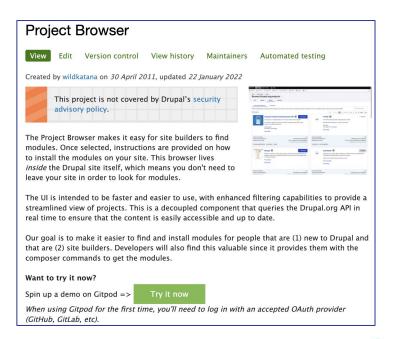




### How can you join the initiative

- Join #project-browser on <u>Drupal slack</u>
- Join the Site Builder Subcommittee Meeting
  - Tuesdays 4pm ET
- Join the General Meeting
  - Wednesdays 10am ET
- Work on Issues noted on previous slides
- Check the <u>issue queue</u>

Thanks to all who have contributed







### Reach out to the initiative leads with questions

Join the #project-browser channel on Drupal Slack - drupal.slack.com



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### Resources

- Driesnote DrupalCon North America 2021 Announcing the Project Browser Initiative
  - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlxbaT-jmNc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlxbaT-jmNc</a> Start around 50 minutes
- Driesnote DrupalCon Portland 2022 Drupal 11 Project Browser
   <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg676RzJbLo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg676RzJbLo</a>
   The Project Browser section starts around 44 minutes
- Strategic Initiative page <a href="https://www.drupal.org/about/core/strategic-initiatives/project-browser">https://www.drupal.org/about/core/strategic-initiatives/project-browser</a>
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  - <a href="https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser">https://www.drupal.org/project/project\_browser</a> Includes link to GitPod to try Project Browser
- Project Browser Issue Queue <a href="https://www.drupal.org/project/issues/project\_browser?categories=All">https://www.drupal.org/project/issues/project\_browser?categories=All</a>
- PB Handbook -documentation on Project Browser Beta 2+ Setup on DDEV, Maintainers how to update projects for PB <a href="https://www.drupal.org/docs/contributed-modules/project-browser">https://www.drupal.org/docs/contributed-modules/project-browser</a>
- Contribution Opportunities <a href="https://bit.ly/pbcontributions">https://bit.ly/pbcontributions</a>





Q & A

Questions?

