

What is open source?

Well that's simple,

you don't need to be a technology expert to understand open source. Put simply, open source delivers innovative web solutions, faster and cheaper. Many have likened open source to baking a cake from a



Drupal powers nearly 10% of UK Charities generating more than £1 million in income.

recipe. It owes a lot to the person or people who created the original 'recipe', but you are given the ingredients to create an end result to suit your needs and tastes.

Third sector

Every day, third sector organisations large and small are turning to open source technologies to support their business goals and deliver better experiences.

Shared Values

The Open Source platform Drupal operates on the core values of community, transparency and accountability. These values stem from the fact that Drupal is built, used and supported by an active community of nearly a million users and developers. Unlike closed or proprietary systems, the community can collaborate on the very best website solutions.

What is Drupal?

Drupal is an open source development platform which powers some of the busiest sites on the web.

Drupal is easy to use, flexible and extensible, allowing you to quickly create, update and manage a website or web application. As a Drupal website grows, it's easy to add custom features from the thousands of modules available to download.

It's like the best cake you've ever had...



It ticks all the right boxes

- ✓ More than 10 years of development
- ✓ 630,000 active users and developers
- ✓ Millions of downloads
- ✓ Over one million drupal.org members
- ✓ Hundreds of thousands of sites
- ✓ Over 5,000 contributed modules



Who are I>XIS?

The Drupal open source specialists



Ixis are a technical agency specialising in Drupal development, hosting and support. Established in 2004, we have obtained one of the strongest and most diverse Drupal specific portfolios in the UK.

Dealing exclusively with the Drupal open source framework ensures a platform focused approach, which is complimented by additional tailored Drupal services.

Ixis are passionate about delivering services to a high standard, developing trust and transparency for all clients.

We'll help you migrate to Drupal

Projects rarely start from scratch and you may have an existing site on a proprietary system or another open source framework. Or perhaps you just have flat

HTML pages that make up your site or web application.

Either way, migrating content to a Drupal Framework can be simple.

There is no need to worry about losing content, as data from most systems can be migrated quickly and easily using the Drupal migration module.

What makes us so special?

Development

Hosting

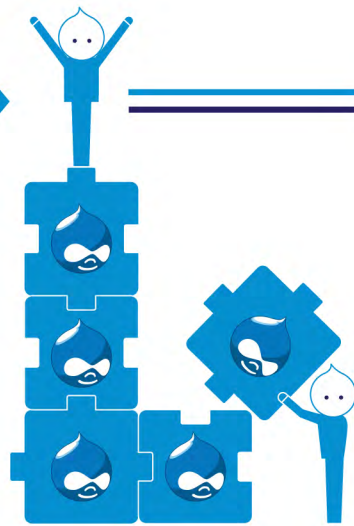
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Drupal development

The Drupal framework provides a very flexible extension system which allows new modules and custom features to be added in order to enhance specific site needs.

Combine and configure

Ixis build upon their years of Drupal configuration experience to ensure we know what existing modules can be combined and configured to produce exactly what you need.



Drupal hosting

Effective Drupal managed hosting will ensure high performance and full support coverage of your solution stack.

Stack - Noun [stak]

A software 'stack' comprises of open source software including the operating system, web server, database server and programming language.

Your checklist for recruiting the right hosting supplier

- Do they manage Drupal security updates?
- Do they provide a single point of contact for a Drupal migration or launch?
- Do they provide version control systems and a repeatable deployment process?
- Do they have Drupal specific experience to ensure the site scales under large amounts of concurrent users?

The simple guide to Drupal open source

for the Third Sector



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Drupal support

Businesses without dedicated technical support staff often worry about the amount of time and money they need to invest in external support for open source software.

However, your site or application can either be hosted with a Drupal managed provider, or supported by specialists on your existing infrastructure.

Good support will give you peace of mind that your site is secure and performing well. With module updates being released continuously, a support provider will ensure the site is at its optimum and won't let your users down.

Health check

Generally, Drupal support providers should undertake an initial health check of your site and server(s) to ensure it's running smoothly.

Ixis support

- › Trouble shooting bugs
- › Security updates
- › Configuring modules
- › Monitoring performance
- › Updating modules
- › General consultation

Drupal in the third sector

Web projects in the third sector require robustness, scalability and value for

Drupal, with its building block modules, means that budgets can be allocated against tangible benefits such as functionality and features rather than licensing costs.

Drupal Powers

A wide range of third sector websites are powered by Drupal including Samaritans and Comic Relief, as well as Oxfam and Greenpeace internationally.

Here's one of our happy clients

The Epilepsy Action web team

chose to use Drupal delivered by Ixis to integrate their corporate and community websites to provide a better experience for their members and visitors.

“ We were so impressed with their work we asked them to develop our main epilepsy website (the most visited epilepsy website in Europe). ”

“ They built bespoke Drupal modules for our needs. They provide stable and cost effective hosting for our site and their ongoing support is always reliable and speedy. ”

Mark Morton, Digital Manager at Epilepsy Action

So what's next?

Contact Ixis to find out how we can help you with your open source requirements.



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it's that simple.



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