



Drupal 7 — 10 Feature Comparison

Feature	Drupal 7	Drupal 8	Drupal 9	Drupal 10
Security Updates	No (EOL January 5, 2025)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mobile-First Development	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTful API Integration	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multilingual Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Content Staging	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Workflow Management	Yes (limited)	Yes	Yes	Yes
E-commerce Capabilities	Yes (contrib modules)	Yes (core + contrib)	Yes (core + contrib)	Yes (core + contrib)

Advanced User Roles & Permissions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Built-in Caching	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Automatic Security Updates	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Large Community & Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extensive Module Library	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Easy Customization	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scalability for Large Websites	Yes (limited)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Twig Templating Engine	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Responsive Design by Default	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Modern Frontend Libraries	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support for IE6-8	Yes	No	No	No
Semantic HTML5 Markup	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Modern Administration Theme (Claro)	No	No	No	Yes
Modern Default Theme (Olivero)	No	No	No	Yes
Improved CKEditor 5 Integration	No	No	No	Yes
JavaScript Components for UI Enhancements	No	No	No	Yes

Theme Starterkit Tools for Bespoke Themes	No	No	No	Yes
Symfony 6 Under the Hood (Improved Performance)	No	No	No	Yes
PHP 8.1 Requirement (Enhanced Security)	No	No	No	Yes
Decoupled Menus for Flexible Website Structures	No	No	No	Yes
Removed Deprecated Code for Streamlined Architecture	No	No	No	Yes
Removed Core Modules & Increased Contrib Reliance	No	No	No	Yes

Glossary

Security Updates

Regular patches issued by Drupal to fix vulnerabilities and protect websites from cyberattacks. (Not available in Drupal 7 after January 2025.)

Mobile-First Development

Designing websites to prioritize optimal user experience on all screen sizes, especially mobile devices.

RESTful API Integration

A standardized method for connecting your website with other platforms and services to exchange data and functionality.

Multilingual Support

The ability to create and display content in multiple languages, catering to a broader audience.

Content Staging

A separate environment for testing and refining content before publishing it to the live website.

Workflow Management

A set of tools and processes for optimizing how content is created, reviewed, and approved.

Advanced User Roles & Permissions

Granular control over user access rights, restricting specific functionalities based on user roles.

Built-in Caching

Caching optimizes website performance by storing frequently accessed data, intelligently purging only relevant portions during CMS updates. This enhances speed and leverages CDN capabilities for high-traffic sites.

Automatic Security Updates

Security patches applied automatically without manual intervention, keeping your website constantly protected.

Large Community & Support

A vast network of developers, modules, and resources offering assistance and guidance for using Drupal.

Extensive Module Library

A collection of thousands of add-on modules that extend the functionality of Drupal websites in various ways.

Easy Customization

Tools and themes that allow tailoring the website's appearance and behavior to suit specific needs and branding.

Scalability for Large Websites

The ability to handle high traffic volumes and complex content efficiently without performance issues.

Twig Templating Engine

A secure and efficient system for building website themes with reusable code components.

Responsive Design by Default

Websites automatically adapt their layout to different screen sizes without requiring additional configuration.

Modern Frontend Libraries

Utilize the latest web technologies for building advanced user interface features and interactive elements.

Semantic HTML5 Markup

Code structure that improves website accessibility and search engine optimization (SEO).

Modern Administration Theme (Claro)

A user-friendly interface for managing your website with improved clarity and organization.

Modern Default Theme (Olivero)

A sleek and customizable starting point for designing your website's front-end appearance.

Improved CKEditor 5 Integration

A powerful and user-friendly text editor enhancing the content creation experience.

JavaScript Components for UI Enhancements

Build custom and reusable code components to create dynamic and interactive user interfaces.

Theme Starterkit Tools

Pre-built tools and templates that simplify theme development, saving time and effort.

Symfony 6 Under the Hood

A powerful backend framework that improves Drupal's performance and stability.

PHP 8.1 Requirement

Utilizes the latest PHP version for enhanced security and performance, improving the overall website experience.

Decoupled Menus

Create flexible and adaptable menu structures without limitations, catering to complex website configurations.

Removed Deprecated Code

Streamlined architecture by removing outdated code, improving maintainability and efficiency.

Removed Core Modules & Increased Contrib Reliance

Focuses on the core functionalities while relying on the extensive contributed module library for specialized features.