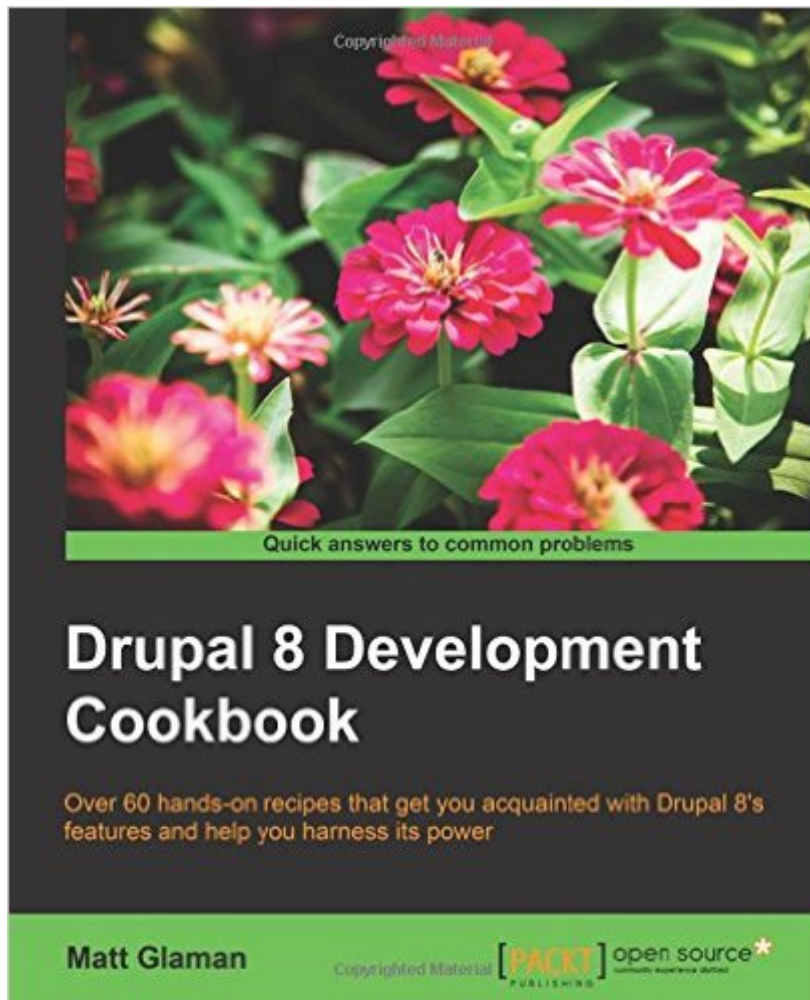


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# Drupal 8 Development Cookbook



## Synopsis

Key Features Discover the enhanced content authoring experience that comes with Drupal 8 and how to customize it Take advantage of the broadened multilingual and tools of the new version to provide an internationalized website This step-by-step guide will show you how to deploy from development, staging, and production of a website with Drupal 8's brand new configuration management system

Book Description Began as a message board, Drupal today is open source software maintained and developed by a community of over 1,000,000 users and developers. Drupal is used by numerous local businesses to global corporations and diverse organizations all across the globe. With Drupal 8's recent release and the exciting features it brings, this book will be your go-to guide to experimenting with all of these features through helpful recipes. We'll start by showing you how to customize and configure the Drupal environment as per your requirements, as well as how to install third-party libraries and then use them in the Drupal environment. Then we will move on to creating blocks and custom modules with the help of libraries. We will show you to use the latest mobile-first feature of Drupal 8, which will help you make your apps responsive across all the major platforms. This book will also show you how to incorporate multilingual facilities in your sites, use web services and third-party plugins with your applications from inside Drupal 8, and test and deploy your apps

What you will learn

- Extend Drupal through contributed or custom modules and themes
- Develop an internationalized website with Drupal's multilingual tools
- Integrate third-party front-end and back-end libraries with Drupal
- Turn Drupal into a web services provider using REST
- Create a mobile-first responsive Drupal application
- Run SimpleTest and PHPUnit to test Drupal
- Understand the plugin system that powers many of Drupal 8's new APIs to extend its functionality
- Get to grips with the mechanics of the configuration management system and the ability to import and export site configuration

About the Author Matt Glaman is a developer at Commerce Guys. He is an open source developer who has been working with Drupal since 2013. He has also been developing web apps for many years prior to this. Since then, he has contributed to over 60 community projects, including being a co-maintainer of Drupal Commerce. While mostly focusing on Drupal and PHP development, he created <https://contribkanban.com>, an AngularJS application, to provide Kanban boards for the Drupal community to collaborate with.

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## Customer Reviews

The Drupal 8 Development Cookbook is great for a number of different types of readers, including a:

- \* New D8 site builder who just wants to get something done that can't be done through the GUI
- \* D7 developer and want to learn how to accomplish things in D8
- \* D8 developer who wants to round out their understanding with practical solutions
- \* Newbie to D8!

The strength of this book is the code recipes that provide complete code solutions to common (and not so common) tasks that can be quickly implemented and easily modified to meet your needs. If you're comfortable with object oriented PHP, Drupal 8, and the new concepts and frameworks that support it, you can easily find the recipes you need, understand how they work, and get productive quickly. If you're not so comfortable, this book has also got you covered: Chapter 1, [UP AND RUNNING WITH DRUPAL 8](#) will get you started preparing your environment, installing and running D8, and understanding of common admin tasks you'll need. Then, as you follow along the code examples you'll come to understand how it all comes together. Don't expect deep dives into concepts or theories or hand holding, rather you'll be getting concise real-world solutions. With Drupal 8, the Drupal community moved from a [not invented here](#) thinking, eschewing 3rd party technology, to a [proudly found elsewhere](#) attitude, choosing best of breed technologies with which to build and enhance Drupal 8. This is not only great for Drupal 8 but also easier for new Drupal developers to jump into D8 as it uses many of the same technologies they're used to, and great for existing Drupal developers to introduce them to these technologies which will make them better developers. Glaman covers Composer, PSR-4,

Twig, YAML, and of course Symfony. Besides covering all the common coding tasks like working with pages, fields, blocks, content types, entities, etc., this book tackles the trickier aspects of Drupal 8 such as configuration management, plugins, and web services, and makes note of some of the gotchas, and explains where these are likely to be headed as D8 matures. Finally, the two CLI tools for Drupal, Drush and Drupal Console, are covered. Besides the helpful Drupal management commands, Glaman covers scaffolding code via Console. Given the boilerplate code, directory structure, and other mundane tasks OO, PSR-4 and Symfony require, this is a feature you're going to want to embrace. Too new to be included in the book, try the `--learning` flag on generate command to generate a verbose code output which means you'll get the scaffold code with plenty of descriptive comments. I was the technical reviewer for this book as it was being written, and Glaman showed not only a strong proficiency for coding in Drupal 8, but also the *why*, as he's been following the continued development of Drupal 8 closely.

I've been working with Drupal full time since 2008 but hadn't done anything much with Drupal 8 until I picked up this book. It takes you from Drupal 8 beginner to site builder to themer to expert developer quite well. I read it start to finish over the course of a couple weeks as I started my first D8 project and I feel VERY prepared to tackle it head on now. AWESOME book whether you're new to Drupal or you're a Drupal 7 developer trying to learn Drupal 8. Highly recommended!

One of the first comprehensive books out there on Drupal 8 for developers. There are other books with site builders in mind, but this book digs into the code (ie the hard stuff). Thanks Matt for writing this book it's a very valuable resource for the Drupal community.

One of the best, if not The best, Drupal developer's book I've read. Each time a new version of Drupal comes out I read a book or two about the next version before using it on a production site. It has been a good way for me to know what to expect before blindly building a site for a client, or fumbling around learning through trial and error. I can tell that the Drupal 8 Development Cookbook is going to be a resource on my desk for many years, because it covers Exactly what I wanted to know about Drupal 8, and many topics I hadn't considered. Here are some things I currently custom develop all the time in D7 that this book has prepared me for with D8\* Forms: new and altering\* Blocks\* Routing\* Permissions\* Field formatters\* Configuration management\* Themes And here are D8 specific topics I consider a massive bonus in this book:\* Drupal & OOP\* Plugin system\* RESTful

integration\* Drupal Console---The book also covers some introductory topics around content authoring and Views creation for developments completely new to Drupal, but this is not a book for beginners or site builders who want to avoid code. This book is for developers who want to build custom modules for Drupal 8.

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