

# AUDITING A DRUPAL 7 WEB SITE - OUR METHODOLOGY



## THE COMPANY



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YOGARIK is a web engineering firm dedicated to DRUPAL technology.  
We build mostly B2B web sites exclusively with DRUPAL CMS.

Our case studies : Intranet, extranet, dedicated portals and any web site that needs to be connected to our customer's IT system

Our business partners : SAGE, CREDIT AGRICOLE, KEA Partners, Swissquote...



## KEY INDICATORS FOR THE AUDIT





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Some key indicators highlight the requirement of a technical audit.

Poor performances

Strong regressions

Site in disarray

Difficulties and cost of evolutions

Multiple service providers

Data loss

Loss of trust

Site administration problems

Security issues



## CASE STUDIES



## AUDITS CARRIED OUT FOR OUR CUSTOMERS





## OUR METHODOLOGY IN 9 STEPS





## OUR METHODOLOGY

This is our **OWN** methodology

It does not cover servers and production stage audit.

It is based on tools developed by the Drupal community and our own **field expertise**



## OUR METHODOLOGY IN 9 STEPS

### We propose to :

- ❖ Understand both customer and project contexts
- ❖ Set-up your local Drupal environment and the audit tools
- ❖ Go through the back-office & front-office
- ❖ Understand the data model
- ❖ Control the Drupal development standards
- ❖ Analyse the community modules installed
- ❖ Study custom code developed (modules & themes)
- ❖ Uncover the deployment, the versioning of source code
- ❖ Write the audit report



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 1

### To understand both customer and project contexts

- ❖ Relationships with the former service provider
- ❖ Project history
- ❖ Perspectives, strategic vision for the project
- ❖ Analyse what works and what doesn't
- ❖ Present our methodology, our assets, our differences
- ❖ Get project documentation (Specifications, CMD, DATD)





## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 2

### To Set-up your local Drupal environment and the audit tools

- ❖ Recover the latest production source code
- ❖ Recover the production database
- ❖ Recover static content (files, images, documents)
- ❖ Set-up major tools : drush, hacked, devel, link checker, xhprof, blackfire, code sniffer, coder, firebug, syslog, watchdog, log...
- ❖ Ideally get an audit environment identical to the live one





## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 3

### To go through the back-office & front-office

- ❖ Read the customer documentation
- ❖ Anonymous / authenticated pages, user experience
- ❖ Administration screens according to roles and access rights
- ❖ Functionalities
- ❖ Configuration errors



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 4

### To understand the data model

- ❖ Content types and their application
- ❖ Taxonomies
- ❖ Additional entities
- ❖ Menus, tree
- ❖ Blocks
- ❖ Users, roles, access rights



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 5

### To control the Drupal development standards

- ❖ With **Drupal guidelines, code sniffer & hacked** tools and our **CMS expertise**
- ❖ The alteration of Drupal Core and community modules
- ❖ Missing and applied patches
- ❖ In case of specific code, respect of best practices, tree and structure
- ❖ Respect of functional packaging via features & co
- ❖ Errors, warnings in site logs



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 6

### To analyse the contributing / community modules installed

- ❖ With **drush**
- ❖ Activated modules but irrelevant or unused
- ❖ Available updates
- ❖ Alternatives to existing modules
- ❖ Missing modules that could improve the site
- ❖ Installation of external Javascript libraries
- ❖ Dashboard of Drupal errors reports, performances





## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 7

### To study custom code developed (modules & themes)

- ❖ Respect of development standards
- ❖ Functional perimeter covered by each module
- ❖ The modules centralization, packaging with features
- ❖ Performances
- ❖ Analyse logs



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 8

**To uncover the deployment, the versioning of source code**

- ❖ Deliverables / Deployment between stages
- ❖ History and evolutions of source code
- ❖ Proposed improvements



## OUR METHODOLOGY - STEP 9

### To write the audit report

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Context : customer / project
- ❖ Synthesis of identified anomalies
- ❖ Details of anomalies
- ❖ Detailed analyses of the data model
- ❖ In annex : development standards and our methodology



## CONCLUSION





QUESTIONS ?



THANKS