Complex interfaces for simple problems





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Building websites with Drupal since 2006



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Building community around Drupal since 2007





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Building modules for Drupal since 2008

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2	-
3	/**_
4	* @file-
5	* This module enables an administrative dashboa
6	*/_
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8	<pre>include_once('includes/total_control.inc'); -</pre>
9	include_once('includes/total_control.views_defau
10	-
11	<pre>define('TOTAL_CONTROL_REQUIRED_PANELS_API', '3')</pre>
12	<pre>define('TOTAL_CONTROL_REQUIRED_VIEWS_API', '2');</pre>
13	// This is the name of the dashboard as the page
14	define('TOTAL_CONTROL_DASHBOARD_PANEL_NAME', 'da
15	<pre>define('TOTAL_CONTROL_MINIMUM_VERSION', 2);-</pre>
16	<pre>define('TOTAL_CONTROL_VERSION', 2);-</pre>
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Jen Lampton Building training on Drupal since 2010



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Improving user experiences with Drupal since 2011



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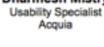
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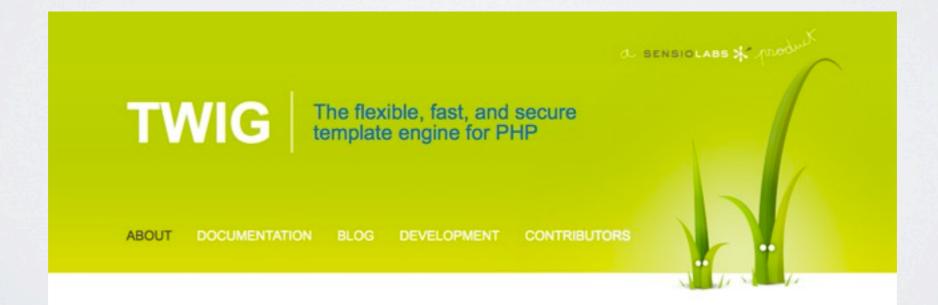
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Improving the theme layer for Drupal since 2012



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I <3 Drupal. I <3 Panels.



who are you?

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Building websites with Drupal for less than I year?

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Building websites with Drupal for less than I year? Building websites with Drupal for more than I year? Building websites with Drupal 7? Built websites with Drupal 6? Have tried panels before? Use panels all the time?

Once upon a time...

Once upon a time...

every page on your site used the same layout

	Home + Administer + Site building	
Left sidebar	Content	Right sidebar

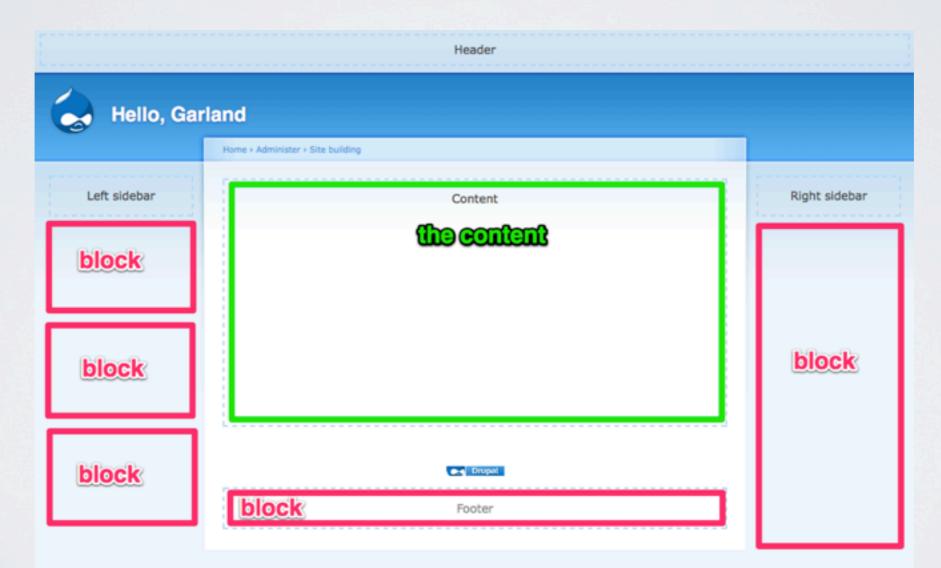
Once upon a time...

where "the content" was often in the middle

	Header	
Hello, Gar	rland Home > Administer > Site building	
Left sidebar	Content Cire content	Right sidebar
	Footer	

Once upon a time...

and a bunch of other "stuff" was placed around the content



Once upon a time... :)

for a while, this was fine

Once upon a time... :(

one-layout-fits-all approach doesn't always cut it

Solutions!

Visibility: telling blocks when/where they should appear & ...

Page specific visibility settings

Show block on specific pages:

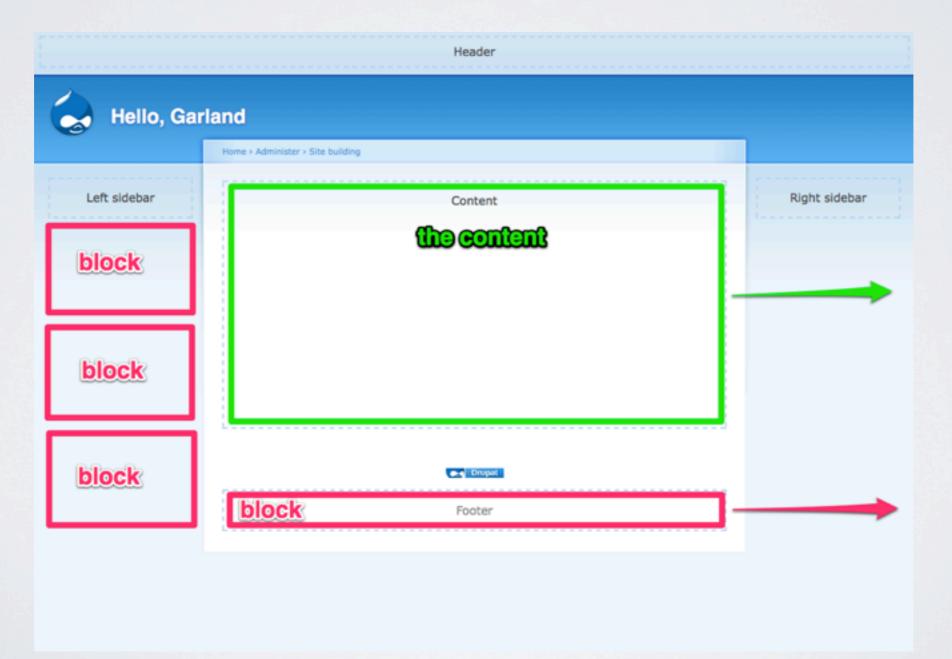
- Show on every page except the listed pages.
- Show on only the listed pages.
- Show if the following PHP code returns TRUE (PHP-mode, experts only).

Pages:

Enter one page per line as Drupal paths. The '*' character is a wildcard. Example paths are blc front page. If the PHP-mode is chosen, enter PHP code between <?php ?>. Note that executing

Solutions!

Magic layouts: regions that disappear when no content within



Imperfect Solutions :/

Every single block needs to be configured appropriately

configure
configure

Solutions!

In code: prevent regions from being printed on certain pages.

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Drupal still does all the work, resulting in performance waste

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Also, not good enough.

What if you want a completely different layout?

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Left sidebar	Content	Right sidebar	Left sidebar	Content Right sidebar
	Footer			Footer

you have this

you want this

Then it was time for Drupal 7

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What do we do?

Solutions!

We include an even crazier default layout.

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whoopsie, we may have over done it.

REGION SETTINGS

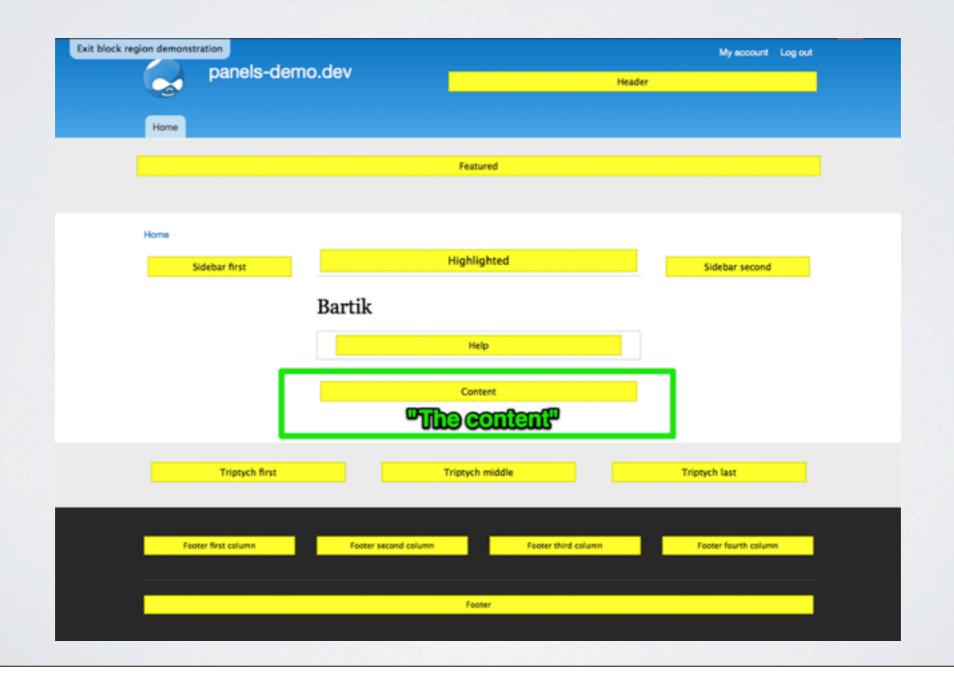
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Footer fourth column	
Footer	
Content types	

Imperfect Solutions :/

Our "content" is still stuck in the middle



Also, still not good enough.

It's still hard to make a completely different layout.



you have this now

you still want this

so what is the perfect solution?

PANELS

Panels allows you to control the layout of your site.

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Panels allows you to control the layout of your **site** by controlling the layout of your **content**

two-column **content** layout

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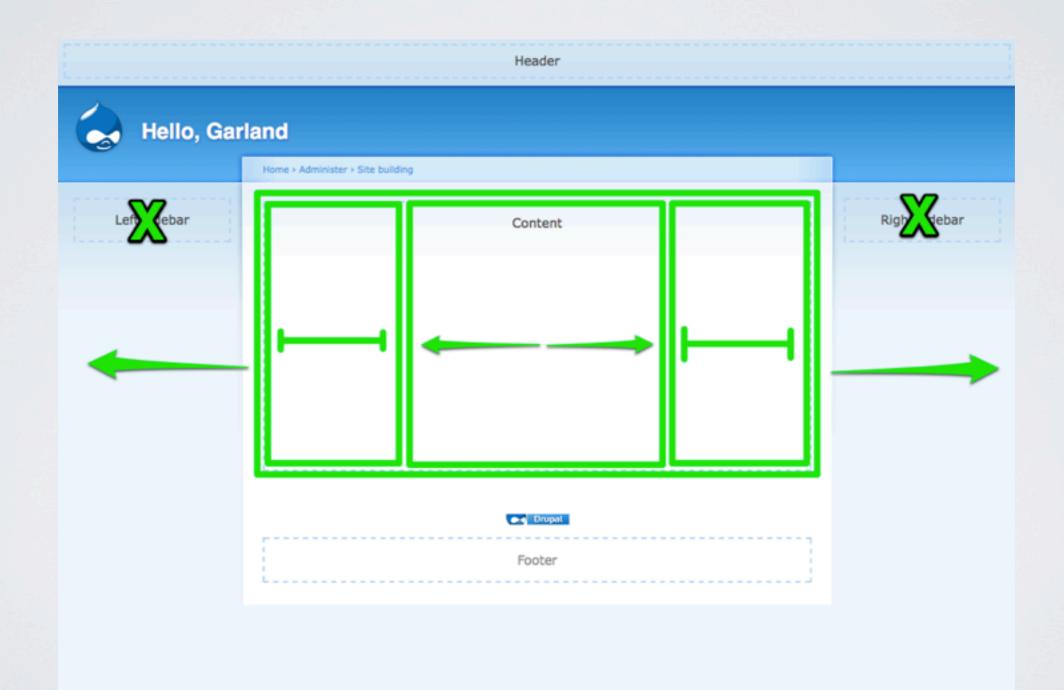
two-column **site** layout

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three-column site layout

Hello, Garland	ite building	
Left sidebar	Content	Right sidebar
	Footer	

three-column site layout







I) You don't need very many regions in your theme.



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	Home + Administer > Site building			uster - Site building	
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2) You won't be doing very much with Blocks



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what does this mean?

3) Everything is content.



3) Everything is content.

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Things Drupal doesn't do very well:

I) home pages
 2) content pages
 3) user profile pages
 4) taxonomy term listing pages
 5) custom landing pages

(rebuild it with panels)

Home page

A Web Page				
Fancy rotator thingy				
Left hand side article	Right hand side			
	10			

(rebuild it with panels)

Blog post (node page)

A Web Page	
Blog post	Blogger Profile
	11

(rebuild it with panels)

User profile

A Web Page				
User Hi	story awesome ad			
	14			

(rebuild it with panels)

Category page (taxonomy term listing page)

A Web I	Page
An ad for this category	Events in this category
Articles in this category	
	4

(rebuild it with panels)

Landing page (custom page)

<□ 	A Web	Page		\supset
Fancy rotator thingy				
Left thing	middle thing		Right thing	
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WHERE'S THE CODE?

Everything is pluggable

I) panels layouts
2) content types (panels panes)
3) pane styles
4) access rules
5) contexts

OUT OF TIME ALREADY?

More panels info:

video series: Panels by yours truly on drupalize.me

Book: Drupal's Building Blocks by Earl & Lynette Miles

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