10 Steps
Not To Forget After Installing Drupal

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Introduction

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Drupal Out of the Box
1. Make your life easier

- Administrative Theme
  - Seven (default)
  - Rubik (requires Tao)
  - Cube (requires Tao)
  - Stanley
  - Shiny
  - Ember
  - Adminimal

- module_filter
IF YOU GOTTA EAT SHIT
DON'T NIBBLE!
1. Make your life easier

- Admin menu vs Toolbar
  - Install admin menu, enable Admin Menu Toolbar style, Enable shortcuts in Admin Menu, disable Toolbar
- To overlay or not to overlay?
  - Takes up too much real estate and gets annoying
- Php.ini (extra credit) – Soon you will have to adjust memory_limit and upload_max_filesize settings
2. Site Information

- Site email (dev vs live)
- Front page ← node/1
- 403 Error (Access denied)*
- 404 Error (Page not found)*

*Chance to be creative and user friendly
3. User settings

- Account settings
  - Default picture
  - Emails
  - Profile Fields vs Profile2

- Login/Logout destination (Rules, LoginToboggan, login_destination)

- Create Roles

- Configure permissions
4. Content Authoring*

- Text formats (Served up by role and by the order they are in)
  - Plain text (For anonymous e.g. comments)
  - Filter HTML (For regular users)
  - Full HTML (For power user)
4.1 Content Authoring

- CKEditor (Install ckeditor js library)
- Many settings but be sure to visit
  - Editor appearance (What buttons)
  - CSS (define you own syles e.g. floatR, floatL)
  - File browser (They will want to add images and files)
  - Advanced (They will paste form frackin' Word)
- Users will try to do stuff, prepare and be happy
5. Nodes

- Content Type
  - Submission Form
  - Display settings (Doh! default is display author and date)
- Comments (With power comes great responsibility)
  - Doh! Default is comments enabled
  - Spam controls (mollum, captcha)
- Plan for maintenance
5.1 Url Aliases

- Install and enable Pathauto
- Setup default aliases
  - The default is content/[node:title] (Nice try but...)
  - Usability and SEO (Make it friendly for human beings, the robots will understand it better)
6. View settings

- Not in core but **YOU WILL** install views (requires ctools)
- Enable views and views_ui
- Pre configured views
- Do you know there are settings? Like...
  - Show SQL query
  - Show performance stats
  - Always show advanced settings
6.1 View settings

- And once you build your views
  - Sort (Default is by creation date)
  - No results settings
  - Exposed form style (Install betterExposedFilters)
    - Submit, Reset, Autosubmit (the later is tempting but can be confusing to users)
  - Use Ajax
  - Caching
  - Theme information
7. Image settings

- File System (public/private) – It will matter
- Image styles (we take auto scaling for granted)
  - Configure display sizes here and use them in displays everywhere (nodes, views, etc.)
- While you're at it configure Date and Time formats
8. Mail

Where are the configurations!

- SMTP module
- Messaging & notifications modules or Subscriptions & Mail Editor
- Rules
- RerouteMail Module to manage dev/test environments
9. Performance

- Performance
  - Cache for anonymous
  - Aggregate js and css
  - Caching on server (e.g. Varnish)

- Pre-launch Tasks
  - Disable devel modules
  - Logging and errors
10. Security

- User permissions (Revisit roles and permissions after installing modules)
- File permissions
- SSL? + Secure Pages
- Restricting content
  - Security by obscurity does not work with Google
  - This includes files
- Solutions
  - Access control module (Avoid conflicts by limiting the number of access modules e.g. OG + Access Control + Taxonomy Access)
  - Private files
10 Steps - Summary

1. Make your life easier
2. System Information
3. User settings
4. Content authoring
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6. Views
7. Images
8. Mail
9. Performance
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Starter Tools

- Bear
- Custom Installation profile
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