Migrating A Real Estate Website To Drupal 9: A Compelling Case Study

With the ever-increasing importance of migrating from Drupal 6/7/8 to Drupal 9, discussions around this topic are getting more and more critical. With Drupal version 10 looming ever closer, it's time to start thinking about upgrading. Now is the time to upgrade your website to Drupal 9 and get it ready for future rollouts

Doing so, you'll ensure that your website stays ahead of the curve and avoid any potential issues with functionality or security down the road. Uncover why and get an inside look at a case study of our team's migration project, transitioning a real estate website to Drupal 9.

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About The Client

Our client is a real estate website serving clients in the southeast regions of the country. Their website was running on Drupal 7 and needed an upgrade to be compatible with the new version of Drupal. As their website runs heavily on custom modules, this upgrade was considered a challenging task for our team.

The client was highly eager to make sure the website remained on-trend, maximizing efficiency and drawing in more people while enticing a variety of new inquiries.

A quick forward to the present, today they are running on Drupal 9, a much more secure and user-friendly platform. Our team's goal was to make sure the migration was smooth and successful with minimal disruption or downtime.

Why Migrate from D7 to D9?

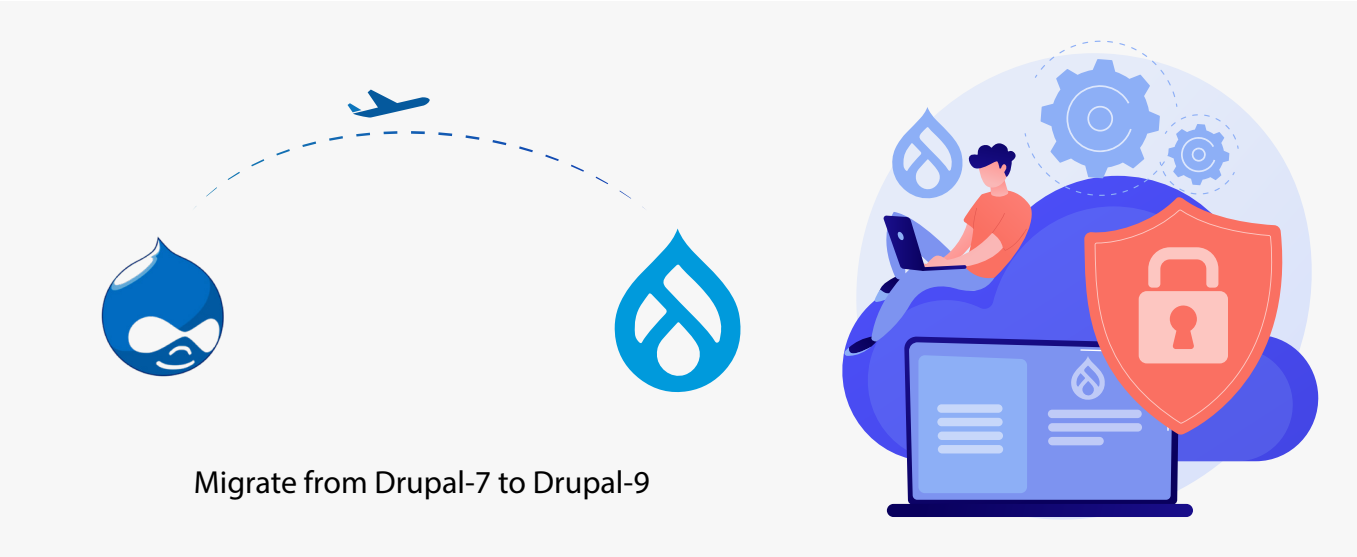
Undoubtedly, D7 is a wonderful release of Drupal and over the period of time, it has proved itself to be an efficient and productive platform for websites. However, over the years many security vulnerabilities have been discovered on D7 which is increasingly becoming a threat to your website's security.

Moreover, Drupal 9 brings with it a plethora of new and improved features, such as:

- More efficient content management system (CMS)
- Improved user experience
- Enhanced security
- Faster loading times
- Support for the latest technologies

These new features were essential to our client's goal of modernizing their website.

Additionally, the impending sunset of Drupal 7 and Drupal 9 in November 2023 made migrating to a more modern version essential. With that being said, switching over to Drupal 9 seemed like an obvious choice due to its ideal and promising features. The transition would be smoother than going all the way up to Drupal 10.



Our Approach:

The process of transitioning the client's website from Drupal 7 to Drupal 9 was a complex matter. To ensure that everything went smoothly, our team began with assessing the current modules and themes used on the website. We then mapped out the features that needed to be improved or removed in order for the site to be compatible with the new Drupal version.

We then laid out a migration plan that included testing both the development and production environments to ensure there would be no disruption to the website once we started the upgrade process. We also implemented various security protocols to make sure the client's data was safe and secure throughout the entire transition process.

Steps Taken to Migrate:

For the real estate website, all the classic steps were adhered to:

- Functionality Migration
- Configuration Migration
- Content Migration

We started by assessing the website's architecture and mapping out all of its functionalities, while also considering any potential obstacles. After ensuring that the website was compatible with Drupal 9, we began the migration process.

The first stage of the project involved extracting all of the existing content and data from their current version and importing it into the new platform. As our team is experienced in migrations, this part went smoothly and without any problems.

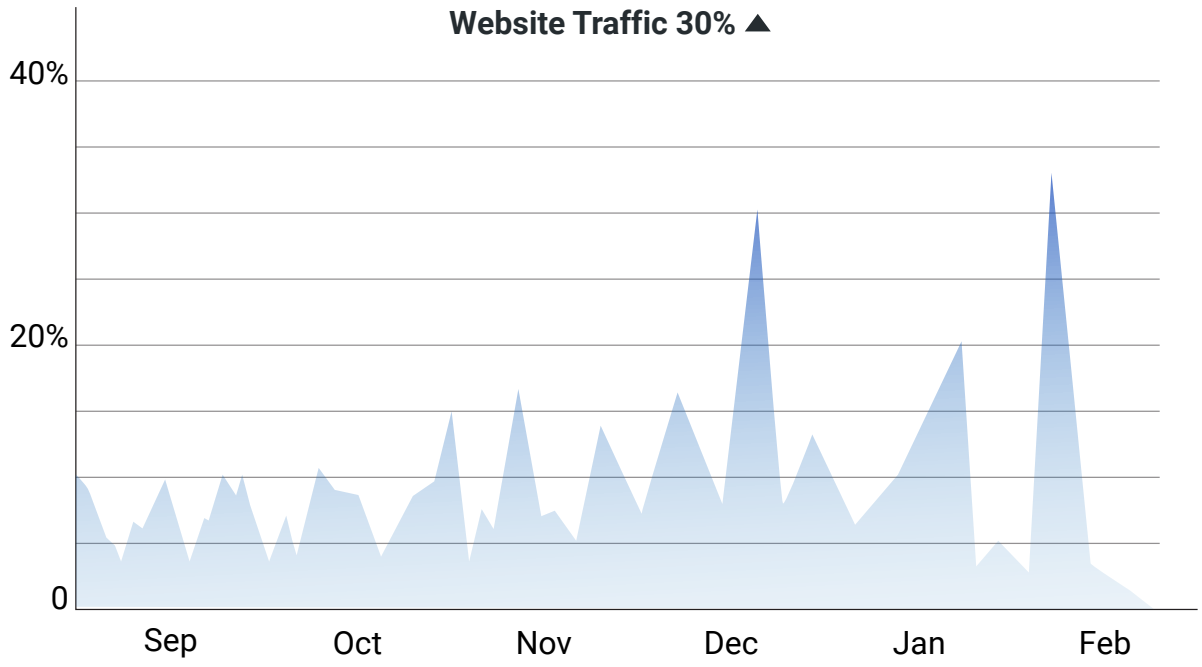
The second stage required us to update the modules and plugins for Drupal 9. We tested each one extensively, verifying that it was compatible with the new version of the platform. This process took some time as our team worked diligently to make sure no errors were present in the final product.

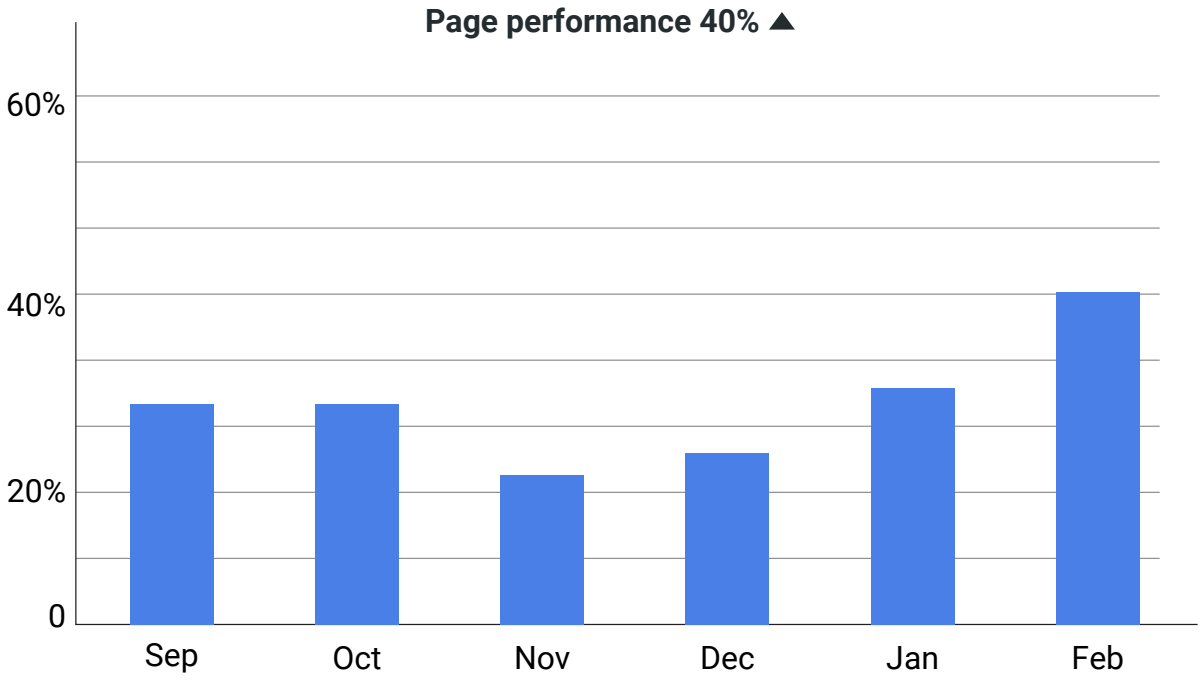
The third step involved setting up a backup system on their server, just in case something went wrong during the migration process. We also installed and tested a few security features to make sure their website was protected from any future threats.

Lastly, we monitored the transition with analytics tools to ensure that all of their content was transferred successfully and without any errors or downtime.

The Results:

We are proud to say that the migration was a complete success. Our client's website is now running smoothly on Drupal 9 and they've already seen an increase in site performance and better user experience. All of their content, modules, and plugins were successfully transferred over with no downtime or errors.





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Concluding Thoughts:

Migrating a website from an older version of Drupal to Drupal 9 is a challenging task, but with the right team and resources, it doesn't have to be. Our team was able to successfully migrate this real estate website while ensuring that all of its content and modules were properly transferred over. It was a great success and our client is already reaping the benefits of their upgraded website!

Our team at DrupalPartners is proud to have been part of this successful migration project. Our approach and dedication to our clients are what sets us apart from other teams in the market. We strived hard to make sure that the migration process was smooth and successful, while also providing a few improvements along the way.

Other Useful Resources

- Case studies
- Whitepaper
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- Infographics

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