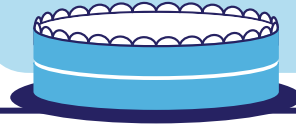


What is open source?

Well that's simple,

you don't need to be a technology expert to understand open source. Put simply, open source delivers innovative web solutions, faster and cheaper. Many have likened open source to baking a cake from a



A recent report claims **61%** of the world's top 10,000 websites are now served by open source technology.

recipe. It owes a lot to the person or people who created the original 'recipe', but you are given the ingredients to create an end result to suit your needs and tastes.

Public sector

Every day, public sector organisations large and small are turning to open source technologies to support their business goals and deliver better customer experiences.

The UK Government plan to reduce ICT spending dramatically stating that by December 2015, **50%** of central departments' new ICT spending must be on public cloud computing services.

The **G-Cloud** framework is a key component of the **Government's ICT strategy**, created to provide a fundamental change in the way the public sector procures and operates ICT.

G-Cloud will drive down computing costs in this sector by encouraging more competition among suppliers and the delivery of such services in more cost-efficient ways.

A number of materials including case studies and reference guides are available on the **G-Cloud** blog which potential buyers can download and use.

For more information visit <http://gcloud.civilservice.gov.uk/>

What is Drupal?

Drupal is an open source development platform which powers some of the busiest sites on the web.

Drupal is easy to use, flexible and extensible, allowing you to quickly create, update and manage a website or web application. As a Drupal website grows, it's easy to add custom features from the thousands of modules available to download.

It's like the best cake you've ever had...



It ticks all the right boxes

- ✔ More than 10 years of development
- ✔ Over one million drupal.org members
- ✔ 630,000 active users and developers
- ✔ Hundreds of thousands of sites
- ✔ Millions of downloads
- ✔ Over 5,000 contributed modules



Who are IXXIS?

The Drupal open source specialists



Ixis are a technical agency specialising in Drupal development, hosting and support. Established in 2004, we have obtained one of the strongest and most diverse Drupal specific portfolios in the UK.

Dealing exclusively with the Drupal open source framework ensures a platform focused approach, which is complimented by additional tailored Drupal services.

Ixis are passionate about delivering services to a high standard, developing trust and transparency for all clients.

We'll help you migrate to Drupal

Projects rarely start from scratch and you may have an existing site on a proprietary system or another open source framework. Or perhaps you just have flat

HTML pages that make up your site or web application.

Either way, migrating content to a Drupal Framework can be simple.

There is no need to worry about losing content, as data from most systems can be migrated quickly and easily using the Drupal migration module.

What makes us so special?

Development

Hosting

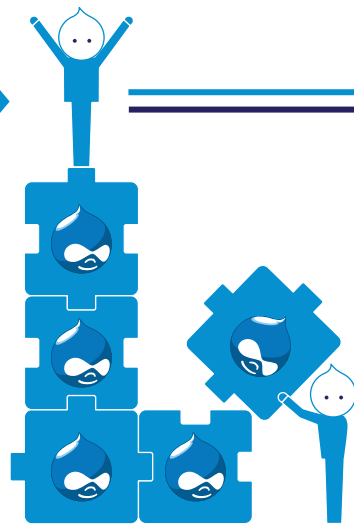
Support...this way

Drupal development

The Drupal framework provides a very flexible extension system which allows new modules and custom features to be added in order to enhance specific site needs.

Combine and configure

Ixis build upon their years of Drupal configuration experience to ensure we know what existing modules can be combined and configured to produce exactly what you need.



Drupal hosting

Effective Drupal managed hosting will ensure high performance and full support coverage of your solution stack.

Stack - Noun [stak]

A software 'stack' comprises of open source software including the operating system, web server, database server and programming language.

Your checklist for recruiting the right hosting supplier

- Do they manage Drupal security updates?
- Do they provide a single point of contact for a Drupal migration or launch?
- Do they provide version control systems and a repeatable deployment process?
- Do they have Drupal specific experience to ensure the site scales under large amounts of concurrent users?

The simple guide to Drupal open source

for the Public Sector



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Drupal support

Businesses without dedicated technical support staff often worry about the amount of time and money they need to invest in external support for open source software.

However, your site or application can either be hosted with a Drupal managed provider, or supported by specialists on your existing infrastructure.

Good support will give you peace of mind that your site is secure and performing well. With module updates being released continuously, a support provider will ensure the site is at its optimum and won't let your users down.

Health check

Generally, Drupal support providers should undertake an initial health check of your site and server(s) to ensure it's running smoothly.

Ixis support

- › Trouble shooting bugs
- › Security updates
- › Configuring modules
- › Monitoring performance
- › Updating modules
- › General consultation

Drupal in the public sector

Web projects in the public sector require robustness, scalability and value for money.

Drupal, with its building block modules, means that budgets can be allocated against tangible benefits such as functionality and features rather than licensing costs.

Drupal Powers

A wide range of public sector websites are powered by Drupal including [data.gov](#) and [London.gov](#), as well as [The Whitehouse](#) and [NASA](#) on an international scale.

Here's one of our happy clients

The British Council web team

chose to use Drupal delivered by Ixis to run its multi-million pound web project due to the flexible and extensible nature of the platform.

“We required a multi-layered CMS as the British Council site has many complexities and functional elements. The flexibility an open source platform like Drupal provides is ideal for using different elements of the technology to design the right journey.”

“Not only have we seen **100%** uptime from the new platform but it's four times faster than our previous platform.”

Peter Edwards, Digital Technology Manager at British Council

So what's next?

Contact Ixis to find out how we can help you with your open source requirements.



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