

I have an idea for Drupal core!

Cool new things are all happening here. Whole new subsystems/modules can be added/removed.

Drupal 8

Backports, API additions are possible.

Drupal 7

Drupal 6

In maintenance. Bug fixes and performance fixes only.

Consider the issue(s) your base. Summarize all feedback there. IRC discussions and email will get lost. Be clear, use proper priorities, pick a good title and tags.

I want to make sure to implement it **right**

If you need to communicate a more over-arching plan, start with a groups.drupal.org or a blog post.

I need to have it implemented **now**

Start an issue

Start a discussion

Custom patches

Override hooks

Manage it through a review process

Track all your changes carefully. Branching from the core git repository or using drush make are good tools to know your exact changes. Cycle back your changes to core if possible or you will be all on your own.

Your primary tools of trade are hook_form_alter(), hook_menu_alter(), and hook_module_implements_alter(). Make sure to keep up with core changes in your overrides, especially if internal APIs change in new releases.

Nobody cares about it

Everybody cares about it

Yay, my patch is RTBC

Contributed module

There are 9500+ open issues, so don't be surprised. See if your work maps to any initiatives. Join their meetings, discuss your topic there. Join and post in related groups on groups.drupal.org. Look into the Git history of affected files, see who worked on them before. Discuss on IRC. Bring your topic to core office hours. Work on other (related) issues. Tweet.

Consider all feedback, but don't necessarily try to cater to everybody at once. Have an overall plan with followups. Keep your issue summary up to date and ensure your aim is clear. Be constructive and be present. If needed, use extra organization tools (sandbox, meta issues) to break up work and communicate your plan.

Does not guarantee it is in. Make sure it still applies and passes tests. RTBC patches are usually processed oldest first, so it takes some time for a patch to get committed. It might bounce back to any earlier state.

If your overrides make sense for the larger community, group those that would work together and release in a module. Cycle back to core patches if possible.

PARTY!

Find people at:
<http://groups.drupal.org/drupal-initiatives>
<http://drupal.org/community-initiatives/drupal-core>
<http://drupal.org/core-office-hours>
<http://drupal.org/irc>

Issue submission guidelines:
<http://drupal.org/node/73179>
 Most common issue tags:
<http://drupal.org/node/1207020>

Drupal core announcements:
<http://groups.drupal.org/core>

Drupal Code of Conduct:
<http://drupal.org/dcoc>

