

Angela Byron on Drupal 7

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Angela Byron is the co-maintainer of the Drupal open source content management system and framework. She talked to us a bit about her role with the Drupal project, and Drupal 7, the recently released, latest version of Drupal.

KD: What got you interested in open source software in the first place? Did you jump in and become an active contributor right away?

AB: I've been interested in free software ever since I first heard the term back in 1995, back when I completed my first successful Linux installation?this was back when Debian fit on 7 floppy disks. 😊 I was both intrigued and excited by the profound humanitarian implications of the free software movement. Better-than-commercial-quality software, available to be tinkered with and expanded upon by anyone with an interest and drive to learn, given away at no cost to everyone, including non-profits and educational institutions. I became a fierce advocate of open source alternatives among my family and friends, and I was totally "that person" in school who would demand that in addition to teaching us ASP and Oracle, we needed to also learn PHP and MySQL.

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