

D11 Information Session

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Plans for Drupal 12?	<p>That is dependent on Drupal's lifecycle. Based on their current major release schedule, this will be approximately June 2026. See Drupal 10 will be supported until the release of Drupal 12 in mid-late 2026 for more information.</p> <p>GovCMS will review the progress of Drupal 12 and consider GovCMS upgrades closer to those dates.</p>
How significant are the CKEditor changes? 4 to 5 wasn't much fun.	<p>CKEditor 4 to 5 was the big one. GovCMS is not expecting any further major upgrades to CKEditor. There should only be the usual minor module updates to CKEditor that should not have any major impact for website owners and content editors.</p>
How significant are the system changes... in particular PHP?	<p>In October 2024, we completed the PHP 8.3 upgrade required for the D11 project. The next major PHP update will be after the D11 upgrades.</p>
Do you have any publicly available change records for GovCMS from Drupal 10 to 11?	<p>Keep an eye out on the Drupal 11 section of the website, it has a high level summary of which modules are being added and removed from the distribution.</p> <p>You can also follow along with D11 build in GitHub > Comparing 3.x-develop...4.x-develop · govCMS/GovCMS</p> <p>And you can follow along official Core change records on Drupal.org > Drupal 11.0.0</p>

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Since Drupal 10 is LTS, can we continue using GovCMS D10?	<p>As a SaaS customer, GovCMS manages the distribution for you, your websites will be updated in early 2026. This reduces overhead for GovCMS to manage multiple codebases and reduce risk from a security perspective. This also ensures all websites are up to date.</p> <p>For those using GovCMS PaaS, you can determine when to update your GovCMS websites to Drupal 11. GovCMS will chase you if there are concerns that you may not upgrade before Drupal 10 is end of life.</p>
Why do you already want to upgrade to D11? It feels like the D10 upgrade was yesterday	<p>Our release schedule is based on Drupal's release schedule > Drupal 10 will be supported until the release of Drupal 12 in mid-late 2026</p> <p>With Drupal's longer support lifecycle, we have been able to delay Drupal 11 upgrades until early 2026.</p> <p>As Drupal's approach has become more mature over D8, 9, 10 and onwards upgrades, we are expecting these upgrades to be less of an impact going forward. This should reduce overhead and effort for everyone.</p>
What's the contingency plan for contrib modules that aren't 11 ready and minimally maintained - for instance Context (which is still just a Release Candidate and one of the modules in the distro that's not a stable release).	<p>Most modules used in the current distribution are Drupal 11 ready.</p> <p>We are actively monitoring those modules that do not yet have a release and are engaging with module maintainers for more information on progress. Where possible, we are also assisting to get those modules upgraded.</p>

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<p>Is there ways that the community can contribute to assisting this upgrade? Testing, contributing etc</p>	<p>Test locally using the 4.x branch on GitHub along with the 11.x-edge Docker image. If you encounter any issues, please raise them in the issue queue on GitHub.</p> <p>Contribute patches or improvements to contributed modules that are not yet Drupal 11 compatible.</p> <p>Provide feedback on deprecated modules or areas that may require attention or discussion.</p> <p>Participate in conversations around upgrade blockers, enhancements, or decisions affecting the upgrade path.</p>
<p>What is the API project?</p>	<p>Content as an API (CA3)</p>
<p>Will D11 have the starshots included?</p>	<p>GovCMS is currently monitoring Drupal CMS and Starshot activities. At present, it is unlikely that at the launch of the GovCMS D11 distribution Starshot will be included.</p>
<p>If we start building a new GovCMS site in September 2025, should we use GovCMS D10 or D11?</p>	<p>No, you can't use the D11 distribution until it has been launched - which will be January 2026 / just prior to the upgrades commence in February 2026.</p>
<p>To what degree will the focus on the D11 upgrade impact other BAU work (e.g. rollout of requested contrib modules to the GovCMS distribution, etc.)? Is there a plan to balance the effort on these different streams of work?</p>	<p>Where possible, we can introduce new modules requests in the D10 project directly into the D11 build.</p> <p>Keep an eye out on the Drupal 11 section of the website.</p>

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<p>There are many modules suggested to be added the distribution in the GitHub issue queue. Are some going to added, it seems like a good opportunity, otherwise it seems to be on the back burner for a long time with the team being busy with updates happening alot.</p>	<p>Where possible, we can introduce new modules requests in the D10 project directly into the D11 build.</p> <p>Keep an eye out on the Drupal 11 section of the website.</p>
<p>Will any extra contribution modules be considered to be added during this GovCMS update, the ones in the GitHub issue queue?</p>	