

Drupal Q & A

Inserting images and working with the Media Library

Media size presets

Q: Can we still manipulate the length/width instead of ONLY using a couple of pre-sets? I really am used to tweaking the details to fit the text and context

A: I didn't think of this during the webinar, but it would be an option to set this in the HTML source, even in combination with a preset display size, to achieve custom sizing. It would be less convenient than the original way of sizing but still possible to achieve.

Comment: I never use the presets because at the moment they are square(?), and I always have to readjust.

Rose: These presets will preserve aspect ratio... although resize-and-crop options might be possible too if people want those.

Q: When you talked about resizing files, were you saying that each library will have the ability to set up what image sizes (default, medium, large, thumbnail) will be per site? Or will you be gathering feedback from all of our libraries to come up with just four sizes?

A: I hope per site. I would prefer to gather a broad swath of options and have them all available to everyone for documentation, but it can be per-site if a library needs something truly unique.

Media Library file organization

Q: Does it still have folders like our current file organization system in Drupal?

A: No, but there are a variety of ways to find files.

Comment: I have documents filed by topic. Date alone will be confusing. I have staff who save EVERYTHING so we have hundreds of images with the same names.

Rose: I'll have to check up on this. Cleaning it up beforehand will be tedious but would avoid the situation of duplicate images with different names. I also want to tweak the Media tab/Media Library to allow filtering by who uploaded files, since that isn't there by default, but is possible to add. Are there other filter options that would be useful?

Q: Because the folders add to the file name of an image or PDF, when the conversion happens, will we need to re-insert all the links on the website?

A: The files will be migrated using their original locations, so old file paths will be preserved, and the references won't break. New files will be stored under paths like /files/YYYY-MM/yourfilename.pdf.

Q: So what will happen to the images that are set to unique sizes? Will they stay or be changed in the migration?

A: Images with sizes set in D7 image properties will have the sizes preserved after migration. They'll display at the default (possibly huge) size while editing, which might be unwieldy, but they will display at the originally intended size.

Look and feel

Q: Any chance we will be able to use different fonts?

A: We won't be offering fonts as a separate toolbar option, but we can set the site up to use custom fonts (such as Google or Typekit fonts). We're not limited to just the "web safe" options anymore.

Old content

Q: In deleting files that are no longer being used, how do you tell if an image or file is no longer being used in Drupal 7?

A: This is a project for your most detail-oriented staff member. Find the filename of your image/file. You can find this in the file browser (like yourimage.jpg or yourfile.pdf). Visit Content > Search and Replace Scanner tab, and run a search for "yourimage.jpg" or "yourfile.pdf" to search your content for that EXACT string in the HTML. Be careful, if your filename has spaces or special characters -- search for a portion that doesn't contain those. Example, with a file like "Board Agenda & Minutes Dec 2013.pdf, I'd look for that exact filename, but then also run a backup search for "2013.pdf" to avoid false negatives due to possible encoding differences with spaces and special characters in HTML. No results means it's not referenced in your content. Do a visual check of the header/sidebar/footer blocks on the site to rule out image/file references that Scanner won't catch.

Q: How do we ARCHIVE non-migrating content? It is our library's history. i.e. our event calendar, old eNews links, etc. Our director wants to keep content available as history, even if it is not on the Drupal 9 site.

A: It is OK to keep that content in place if continuing to offer it to the public is a priority. We don't want you to have to set up a separate system for making it available. It can remain part of the website and we can just migrate it. We can also capture a static version of the site and your site's file directory for you to keep (stored as a file directory or compressed as a .tar or .zip file).