



# Contentpool

Centrally editing distributed content!



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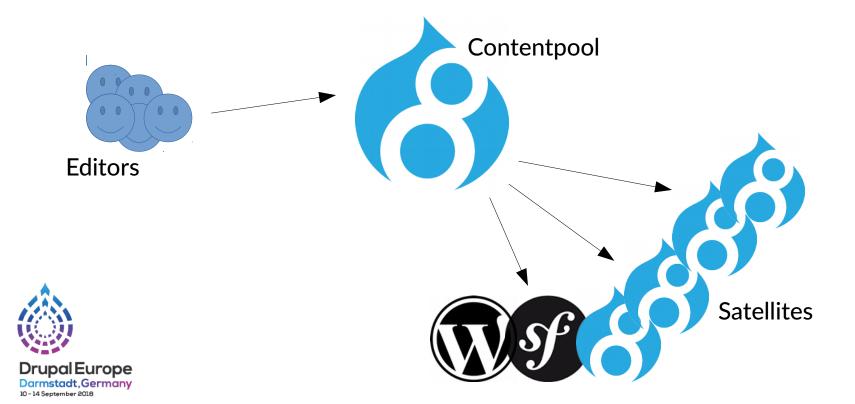
An introduction

#### What is it?

- Central Contentpool platform distributes content to several websites and provides the editorial backend
- Easy reuse of content (articles, media, ...)
   on multiple websites



# System overview



#### What is it?

- Central contentpool instance distributes content
- Web sites can communicate via API with the central instance and receive new content and content-updates
- Each website can share content with others



# Why?

- Cost reduction via content reuse
- Simpler content workflow through centrally controlled content updates
- Time to market faster creation of new websites through the use of existing content
- Display content on all digital end-devices





# **Case Study**

Wirtschaftsverlag

#### About

- Österreichischer Wirtschaftsverlag is Austria's biggest B2B publisher
- The Company is represented with 25 special interest magazines and several service portals (e.g. cloud-solutions for the automotive industry)





#### **Digital Strategy**

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- Company-wide content pool
- Increase coverage
- Create space for industry-related monetization
- Easy maintenance by editorial staff
- Use of all content-types on all publishing platforms
- Enriching content with metadata through semantic analysis

#### **Digital Strategy**

#### **Content Management System**

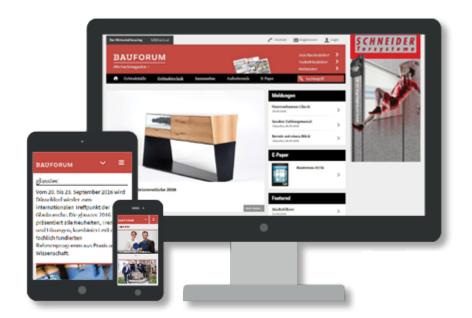
- Mobile Optimization
- Login area (Paywall)
- People Tracking
- Content tagging
- Dynamic, theme-based content compilation

#### **Content-Pool**

- Semantic analysis
- Enrichment of existing content
- Delivery of related content
- Automatically personalized content



#### Contentpool





#### CMS Evaluation: Short profile

#### **Ireds**

- Content hierarchical
- Closed Source, 1 Supplier
- Content very customizable

#### Wordpress

- Content hierarchical
- Open source
- Content is strongly standardized

#### **Drupal**

- Content hierarchically & theme based
- Open Source about 2000 developers
- Content categories are very individual.

#### Typo3

- Content hierarchical
- Open source
- Content pages-based





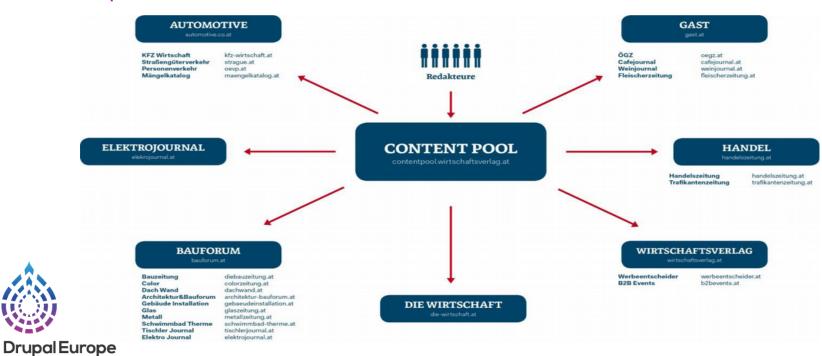
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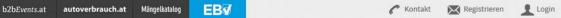
- The Austrian Wirtschaftsverlag decided to work with the Open Source CMS Drupal 6 in 2011
- Oliver Berndt and Wolfgang Ziegler elaborated the concept for Contentpool 7 (Drupal 7) in 2013
- Contenpool 7 online since 2014
- The conceptual work for Contentpool 8 (Drupal 8/Thunder) started in 2016



#### Contentpool 7

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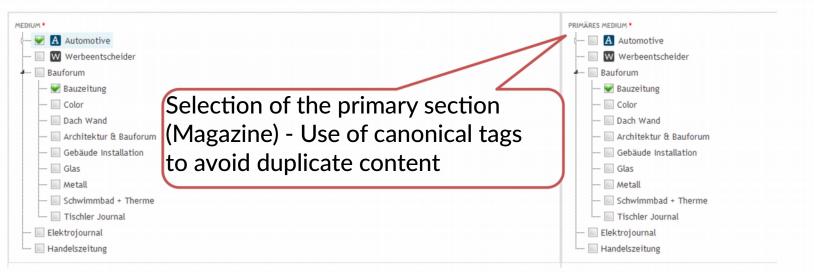


#### Contentpool 7





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#### Contentpool advantages

- Central publishing and delivery based upon sections
- Easy deployment of new features on all sites
- Updates are instant on all sites and invalidate caches (including varnish)
- Easy to move articles or mediums across sites (e.g. Werbeentscheider)





#### Team

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Aladin Chaibi Content Management Wirtschaftsverlag





# **Contentpool 8**

The new Drupal 8 Distribution

# Requirements & Goals (1)

- Contentpool is the central source of content
- Editors directly edit content on the contentpool
- Sites can fetch content based upon pre-defined filters (e.g. by channel, topic)
- Changes show up instantly after editing
- Full support for Thunder (Paragraphs, Media)

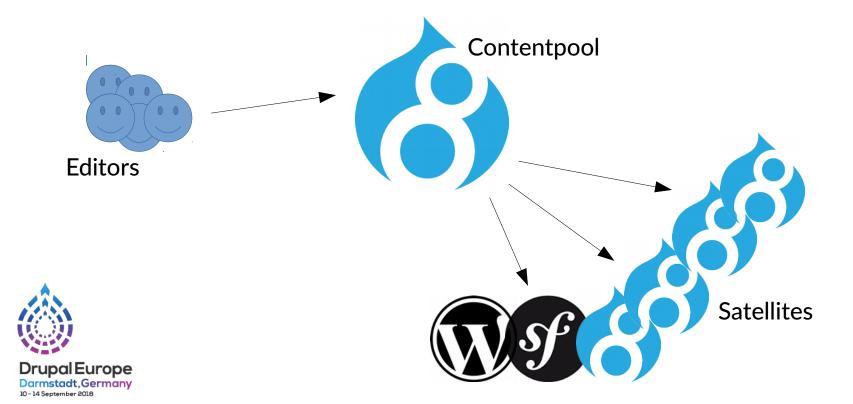


# Requirements & Goals (2)

- Support for custom data structures
  - Cover custom fields and paragraphs
  - Cover other entities/data besides articles
- Content can be re-used by non-Drupal sites
- Provide an API for 3rd-parties



# System overview



# Lessons learned from Drupal 7

- Drupal 7 contentpool using remote entities & central Solr
- Avoid a run-time dependency on the contentpool
  - Satellites must keep working when the contentpool is down;
     e.g. for a maintenance update
- Avoid strong coupling between contentpool & satellites
  - Avoid changes that require orchestrated updates
  - Ease development of satellites



## **Content replication**

- Store content again on satellite sites
- Replicate / synchronize changes to satellites
- Avoid conflicts by preventing changes on satellites!
- UX: When trying to edit content on satellites redirect editors to the contentpool
- ✓ No run-time dependency!



# Implementing replication

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- Don't it's done!
- Robust replication powered by the Replication module
- Implements CouchDB replication protocol
  - via RelaxedWS
- Module suite around the Deploy module and the Workflow initiative
- http://www.drupaldeploy.org/

# Replication module

#### Pros:

- Robust and tested replication based upon entity revisions
- Don't re-invent the wheel, join forces
- Extensible thanks to existing integrations with Content moderation & Workspace

#### Cons:

Difficult to setup → taken care of by the distribution!



## Contentpool – The distribution!

- Builds upon the Thunder distribution
  - Working out-of-the box functionality
  - Functionality needed by publishing sites is pre-configured (Media, Paragraphs, Better Admin Theme)
  - Provides sensible defaults that can be altered as needed
- Extended it with a pre-configured Replication module suite
  - ... and some code to adjust it to the use case!



## Contentpool – Replication features

- Replicates articles and taxonomies (channels) to satellites
- Extends the replication to include necessary referenced entities (Media entities, Tags, ...)
- Allows filtering replicated articles by channel
  - Feature works with all term-relationships of articles
  - UI for configuring filters



# Replication filter selection

- UI powered by vue-treeselect.js.org
  - Works well for high amount of terms
- Fetches from the contentpool via API
- Support for hierarchical filters
  - Subscribe to the parent term to get articles of all children
- Filter by any term reference field of articles
  - OR matching  $\rightarrow$  Subscribe to channel and topics.



### Replication filter \( \triangle \)

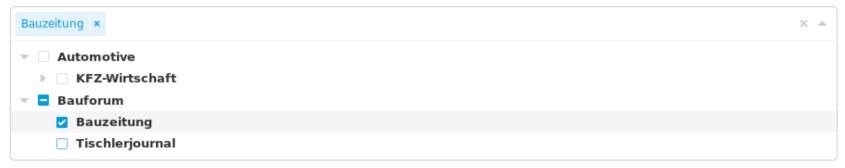
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Replication filter

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#### Channel

Replicate content if it is associated with any of the selected terms.



Replicate content if it is associated with any of the selected terms.

Select...

#### Themen

Replicate content if it is associated with any of the selected terms.

Select...

### **Contentpool Client module**

- Adds in everything that's necessary for a satellite
  - Replication module suite
  - Data model as needed for the replication
  - Provides replication filter form
- Makes it easy to connect to a contentpool:

drush cps https://replicator:PASS@example.com/relaxed



### Distribution development status

- Working alpha version
  - Replication

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- Automated test-coverage
- TODO: API for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties (JSON API)
- Current release: 1.0.0-alpha2
- Under development stable release until end of 2018!
- Next: Replication edge-cases & initial sync performance

### **LIVE DEMO**



### Replication: There are many details...

- Data structure must match! (mostly)
  - Fields must match or be excluded!
  - Extend contentpool\_data\_model as needed
- Files get replicated and stored on satellites
- URL patterns are not replicated satellites are in control!
- Canonical URL Meta-Tag needed for SEO [wip]



## Loose coupling?

### • Problem:

 Every change on the data structure needs to be deployed to all the satellites

#### Solution:

Simplify the required data structure and avoid changes



## Loose coupling: Avoid data structure changes

#### Observation:

After setting up article data structure (with metadata)
 most changes concern paragraphs & article rendering

#### Conclusion:

- Do not replicate paragraphs as Drupal entities
- Provide pre-rendered default markup for paragraphs
- Provide a JSON structure for paragraphs for custom rendering



### Pre-rendering paragraphs: Custom elements

- New module: drupal.org/project/custom\_elements
- Provide custom markup

```
<pg-image data-img-src="/path/to/image"
data-field-copyright="(c)drunomics GmbH"
data-field-caption="Beautiful image!"
>
```

- Render custom markup with JavaScript (Vue.js, ReactJS, ...)
- Provide JavaScript assets for simple default rendering
  - includes (un-branded) default styling
  - Avoid re-implementation of article rendering across systems!



# Coming: Custom elements for sharing with 3<sup>rd</sup> party sites

- API for fetching latest X teasers of channel Y
  - Skip replication for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, but cache responses.
- Results contain pre-rendered teasers
  - as custom elements
  - ready-to-go Javascript for rendering
  - can be loaded server-side or fully client-side



## Single Sign-on across sites?

- Centralized access and authorization control
- Automated session pickup makes switching sites convenient
- Solution for Drupal 7 exists, but...

missing piece of the puzzle for Drupal 8!



### **Our Vision: Contentpool extensions**

- Kick-start satellite sites!
  - Ready-to-go package
  - Customizable theme for small and medium-sized publishers
  - With content analysis and ad-server integration
- Co-operations with Industry Partners:
  - Fast an easy creation of new magazine websites in the cloud
  - Integration of an innovative web-to-print solutions for standardized magazine productions



# Thank you!

- Questions?
- Feedback? Do you have different use-cases?

