

Acquia Architecture Workshop

Align Your Drupal Architecture and Business Goals

An incredibly powerful and flexible platform, Drupal can present a variety of different options for meeting your site requirements. What options and architecture are best suited for your project? Our architecture workshop insures that your team is starting off with best practice approaches to Drupal site architecture, site development, and deployment methodologies. Your team will collaborate with an experienced Drupal architect to develop a better informed plans, grounded in best practice design and architectural decisions.

Who is the Architecture Workshop For?

- New or experienced Drupal development teams looking to ensure success by partnering with a Senior Drupal Architect.
- Organizations with defined requirements for their project, but have not yet started detailed development / system design.
- Web developers, site builders, content creators, and business analysts.
- Internal teams or consultants/third-party developers

How Long Will it Take?

Acquia Architecture workshops are typically done over 1-2 weeks, based on customer needs, and architectural and business requirements.

What is Included?

Acquia executes the Architecture Workshop in partnership with the site's owners and development team. Acquia works with your team to engage in specific activities, including:

- **Requirements Review.** Review the high-level requirements for the system including capabilities and external integrations.
- **Drupal Component Architecture.** Identify the major components of the new system and how they can be enabled through Drupal modules.
- **Drupal Content Architecture.** Develop the content architecture, including defining content types and views, taxonomies, and workflows for publishing content types.
- **Deployment Architecture.** Acquia works with your team to define a physical architecture for the deployed system that is able to meet your performance requirements.

Architecture and Design Document

The Architecture Workshop concludes with an Architecture & Design Document for your project, which recommends an architecture and high-level design aspects for the new site.

Why Do I Need an Architecture Workshop?

Whether you are completely new to Drupal or an experienced team embarking on a new project, Acquia's architects can help ensure your success.

- **Accelerate Architecture and Development Processes.** Reduce the time required to define the architecture and plan the implementation of your new Drupal site. These well-defined plans can enable an accelerated, yet stable, development schedule.
- **Build with Best Practices.** Leverage Acquia's expertise and knowledge regarding Drupal site "best practices"; ensuring that you are starting development efforts from a firm foundation and focusing resources on the best path forward.
- **Prevent Unnecessary Costs.** By define an optimal architecture prior to development grounded in your specific performance and scalability requirements, so as to reduce the potential for development "re-work" activities. Simplify maintenance and upgrades, while enhancing your ability to introduce more features.