Modern Drupal Development with Composer

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The Old Ways

- Download an archive from Drupal.org
- Use Drush commands (drush dl)
- Use Drush Make

Composer

- Drupal Packagist (deprecated)
- Composer endpoints on Drupal.org (beta)
- Manage core and contrib as dependencies
- Both Drupal 7 and 8

Why?

- "Getting off the island"
- Better versioning support
- Automatic dependency management

Add a new repository

```
$ composer config \
repositories.drupal composer \
https://packages.drupal.org/8
```

composer.json

```
{
    "repositories": {
        "drupal": {
            "type": "composer",
            "url": "https://packages.drupal.org/8"
        }
}
```

Custom directories

```
"extra": {
    "installer-paths": {
        "modules/contrib/{$name}": ["type:drupal-module"],
        "profiles/contrib/{$name}": ["type:drupal-profile"],
        "themes/contrib/{$name}": ["type:drupal-theme"]
    }
}
```

Adding Modules

```
$ composer require drupal/pathauto:^1.0
...
- Installing drupal/token (1.0.0-beta2)
    Downloading: 100%
- Installing drupal/ctools (3.0.0-alpha27)
    Downloading: 100%
- Installing drupal/pathauto (1.0.0-beta1)
    Downloading: 100%
```

Adding Modules with Dependencies

```
$ composer require drupal/address:^1.0
...
    - Installing commerceguys/addressing (v1.0.0-beta1)
        Downloading: 100%
...
    - Installing drupal/address (1.0.0-rc3)
        Downloading: 100%
```

Composer project for Drupal projects

- Downloads core into web/
- Uses Composer's autoload.php
- Custom directories for modules, themes, profiles
- Manages directories and file permissions
- Includes Drush and Drupal Console

Composer project for Drupal projects

```
$ composer create-project \
drupal-composer/drupal-project:8.x-dev \
some-dir --stability dev \
--no-interaction
```

Demo



Resources

- Using Composer to manage Drupal site dependencies https://www.drupal.org/node/2718229
- Composer template for Drupal projects https://github.com/drupal-composer/drupalproject

Questions?