

Drupal Cheat Sheet for Beginner



Minimum requirements to install Drupal

Apache 1.3 or Apache 2.x, MySQL 4.1 or MySQL 5.0, PHP 5.2.x

Some important addresses

These are the folders where you save the configuration and some files to read.

[sites/default/settings.php](#)

File where connection database information is stored, without it nothing works.

[sites/default/files](#)

When installing Drupal you have to create this folder. here will generally keep images and other files.

[INSTALL.txt](#)

Looks obvious but the instructions to install Drupal is in this file, also read [UPGRADE.txt](#).

Where to put modules

You must create the modules folder

sites > all > modules

Where to put themes

Very easy, put them in the folder **themes**

Remember
to click in `cron.php`
Sometimes

Some extra modules

You must install:

CCK

Allows you to create custom fields with content. For example you can add a field to add an email address or a field to add images.

<http://drupal.org/project/cck>

Views

This module allows you to create all kinds of lists for example the last five items in a category. The results can be displayed as a block or a page.

<http://drupal.org/project/views>

WYSIWYG

This module lets you add a wysiwyg editor that allows you writing and add images. The module by itself does not install a editor, but it opens the door to install a lot of tested editors.

<http://drupal.org/project/wysiwyg>

Some important files in theme



[themenname.info](#)

In this file is stored the theme name, the same name of folder. In this file you can find information about css, regions and javascript.



[page.tpl.php](#)

Here you can find the basic structure of theme is a mix of html and php, here is the other parte of information about css, regions and javascript calls.



[style.css](#)

In this file is the style of the theme. Not all the themes use this name, but the css termination is always the same. Some themes separate the css in several files.



[template.php](#)

if you want or need to override the way the theme work you will need to use this file with php code.

[block.tpl.php](#), [node.tpl.php](#), [comment.tpl.php](#)

In this files you can change design or code of blocks node and comments.