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Empathy for Internal Users

Build and Train for Real Content Admins

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WHY ARE WE *HERE?*

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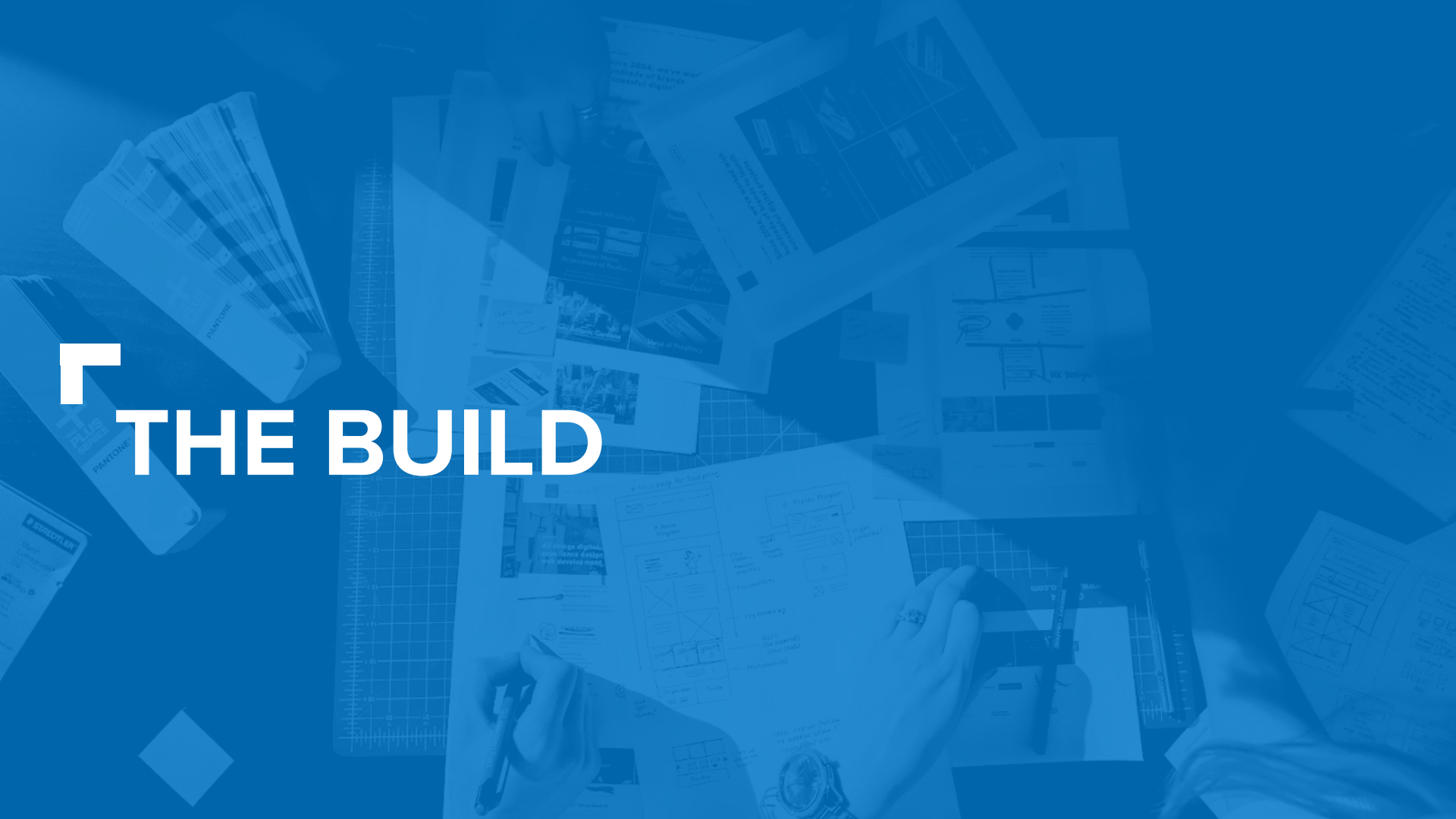
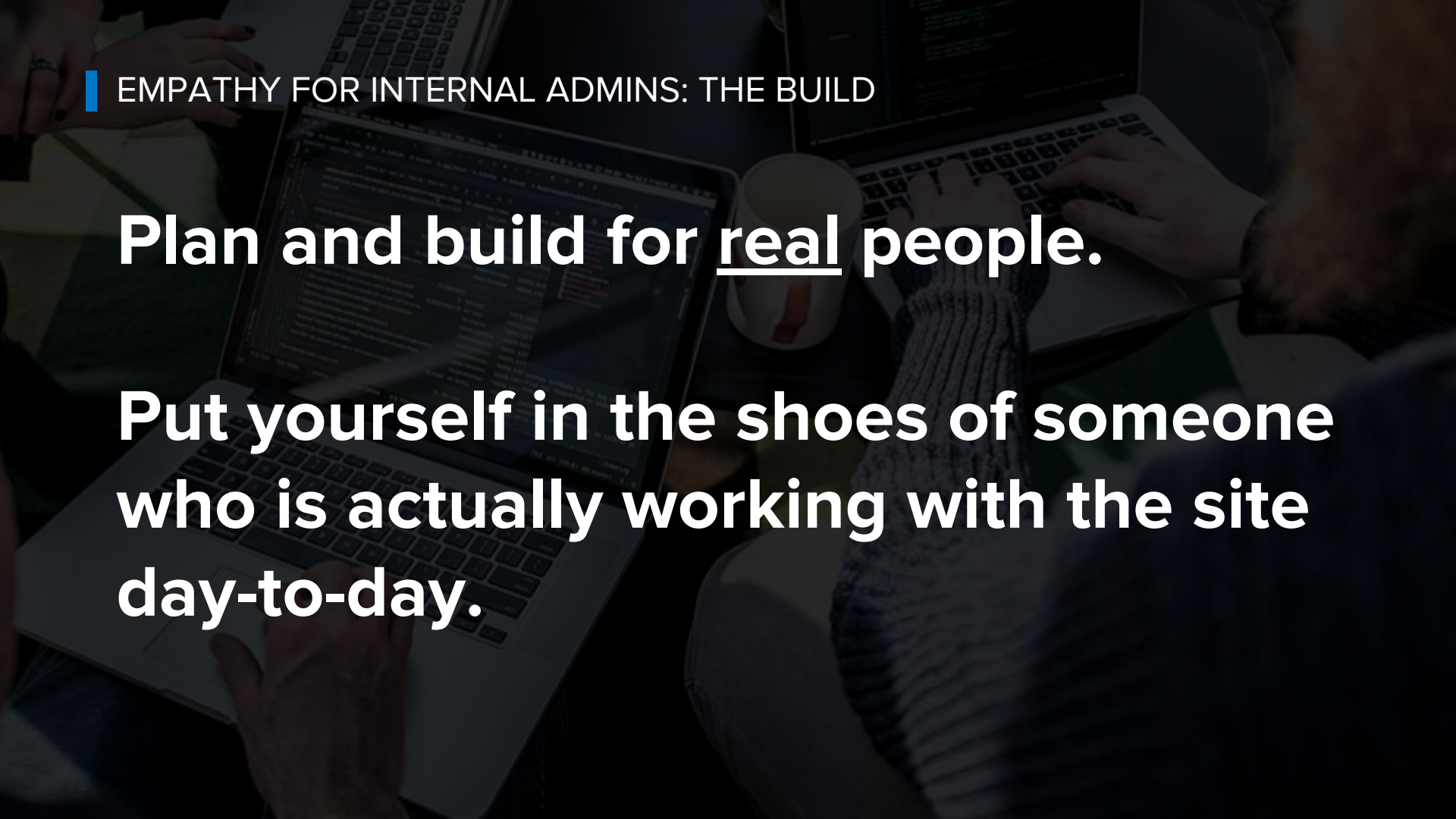
When you're building a complex digital platform, a well-architected admin experience and practical, empathetic training are both necessary to set site owners up for success.



THE BUILD



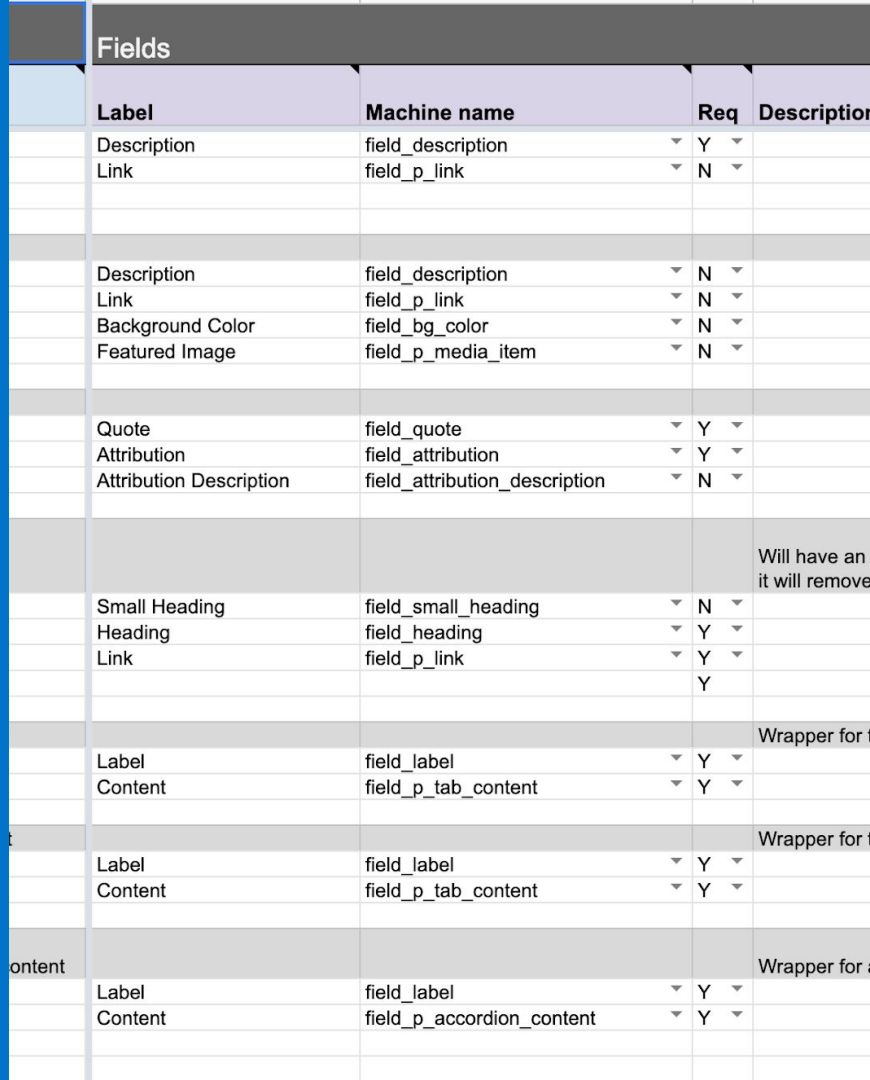
EMPATHY FOR INTERNAL ADMINS: THE BUILD

Plan and build for real people.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who is actually working with the site day-to-day.

THE BUILD \\ PLAN

Don’t start in Drupal. Use a document that is easy to change to flesh out architecture early.



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Label	field_label	Y	
Content	field_p_tab_content	Y	
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The Build \\ Three Focus Areas

1

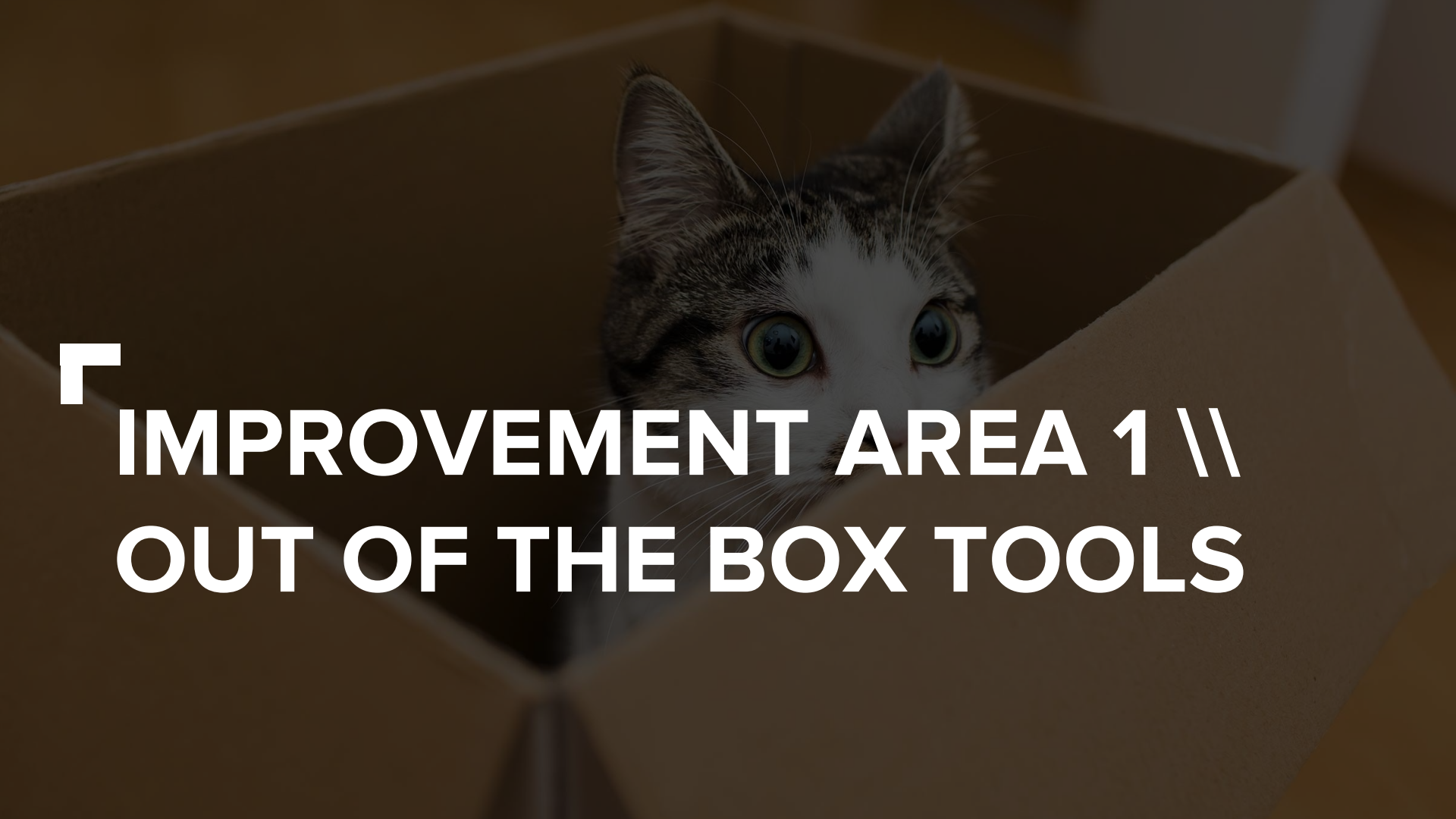
Out of the box tools

2

The contrib ecosystem

3

Custom and site-specific improvements

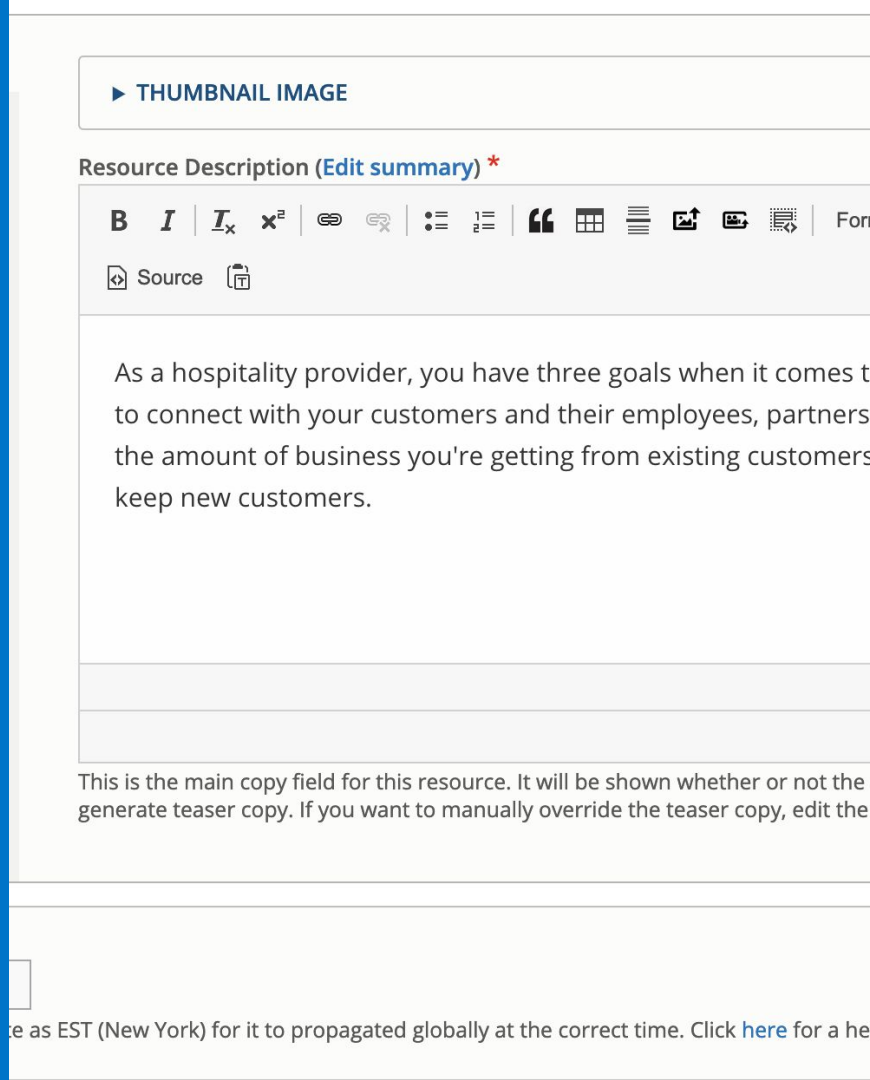


IMPROVEMENT AREA 1 \\ OUT OF THE BOX TOOLS

OUT OF THE BOX \\ FIELDS

Simple, clear, focused

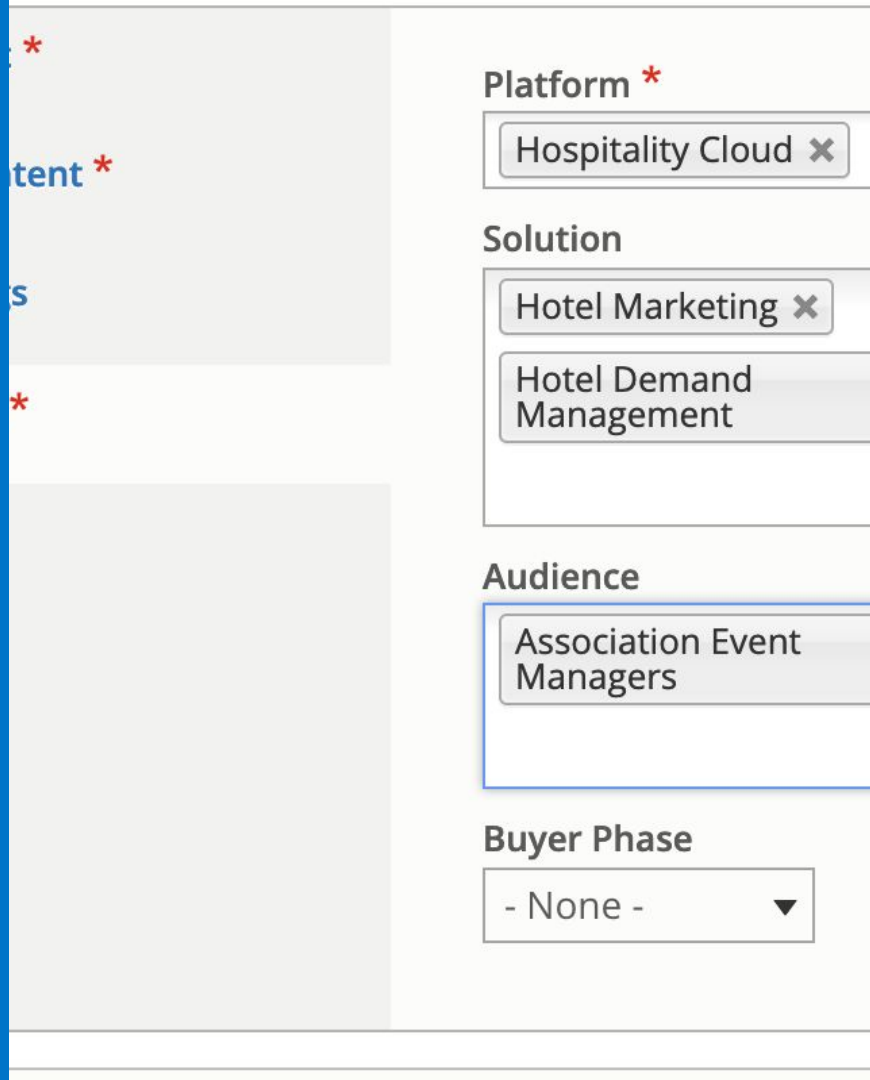
- Field names for real people.
- Help text that is actually helpful.
- Don’t be shy about requiring fields.
- Character limits and field sizes should make sense in the editor’s context.



OUT OF THE BOX \\ REFERENCES

Great power, great responsibility

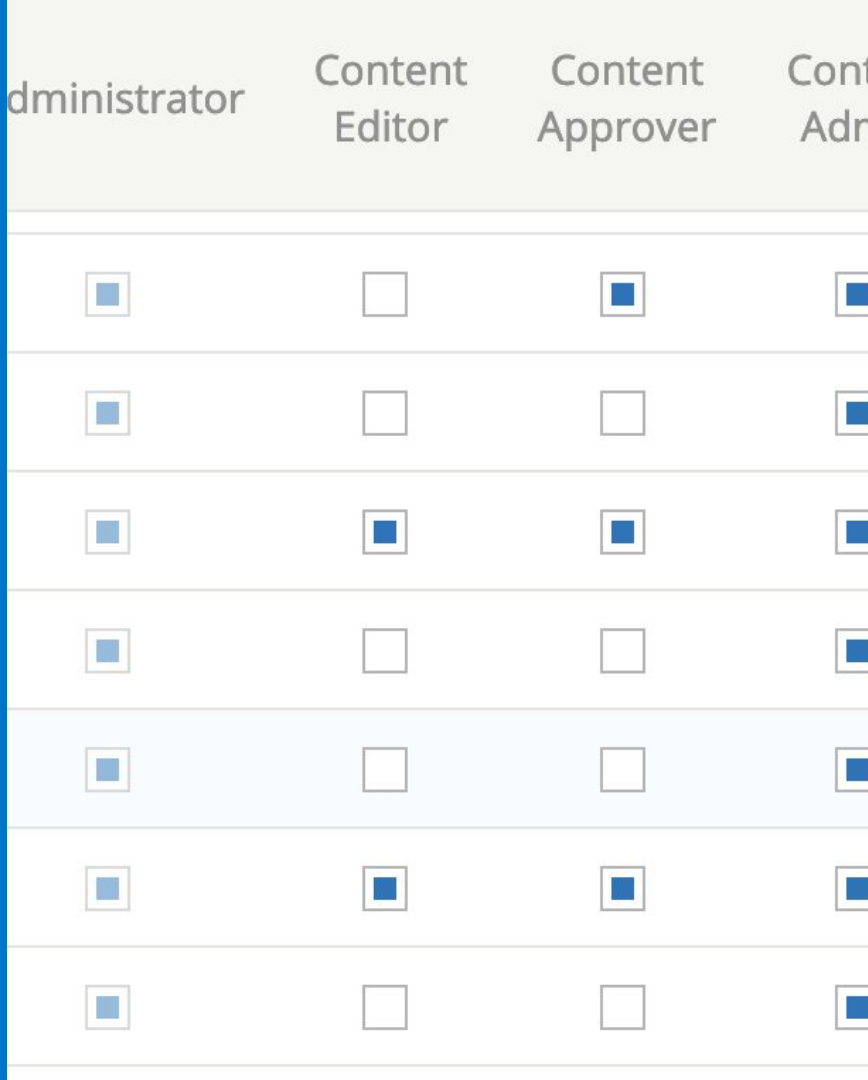
- Thoughtful limits.
- The right widget for the job.
- Views to provide focused lists of options.



OUT OF THE BOX \\ PERMISSIONS

Focus & security

- Provide a focused editing experience.
- Principle of least privilege for UX and security.



IMPROVEMENT AREA 2 \\ THE CONTRIB ECOSYSTEM

Title *

Fintech apps of the future

Content *

Gated Settings

Media and Docs

Author Info

Resource Type *

News & Insights

Choose what type of resource this content is.

Type of News, Insights, Viewpoints

Blog Posts & Articles

Body (Edit summary)

Format

Source

Styles

When it comes to bringing innovation to the world of banking and finance, what sort of ap
might we see in years to come, and what areas are potentially ripe for development? Wha
driving the development of new types of apps, and how will gadgets and voice-activated
assistants such as Facebook Portal, Alexa and Google Home play their part?

xt wave of Fintech apps

While 2007 to 2013 was the era of business to consumer (B2C) financial services apps, t
next wave of apps is likely to be more suitable for B2B processes and will harness the po

Field Group

Add media

Publishing status | Provider | Media name | Language

- Any - | - Any - | | - Any -

Apply

Thumbnail	Media name	Provider
	EventBanner_Seattle	Image
	EventBanner_Seattle ABM	Image
	DrupalCon Banner 2019	Image

Media

Select Video

View Videos | Add Video | Manage all Videos

Title | Video Type | Tags

– Any –

Choose some options

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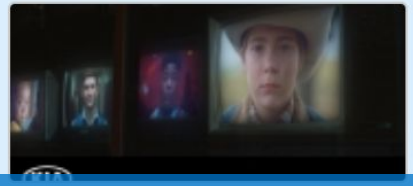

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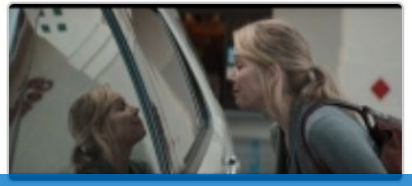
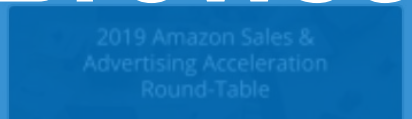


M&M Commercial

Burger King Commercial

Bumble Commercial



Entity Browser

Image *

Preview

Alternative text *

Volunteer with DCCO

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Focal Point Preview

Home » Administration

Click an image to see a larger preview. You may need to scroll horizontally for more image

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Structure Appearance Extend Configuration People Reports Help

Browse

Filter

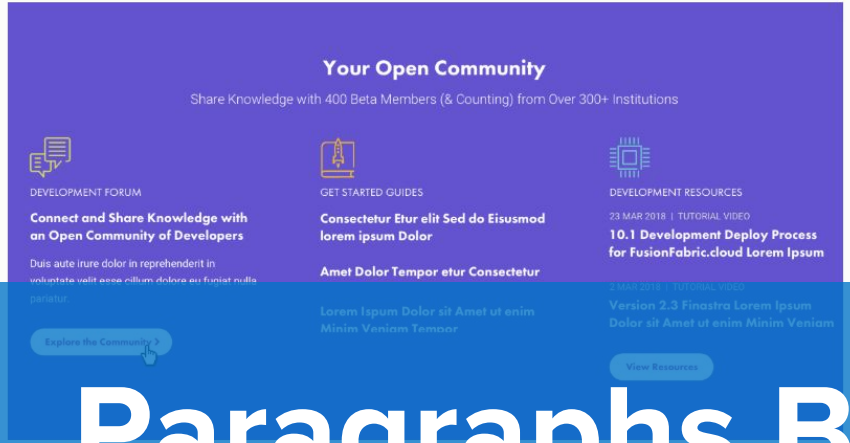
Layout

Search

simple paragraph ...

Layout

LAYOUT - RESOURCE COLUMNS



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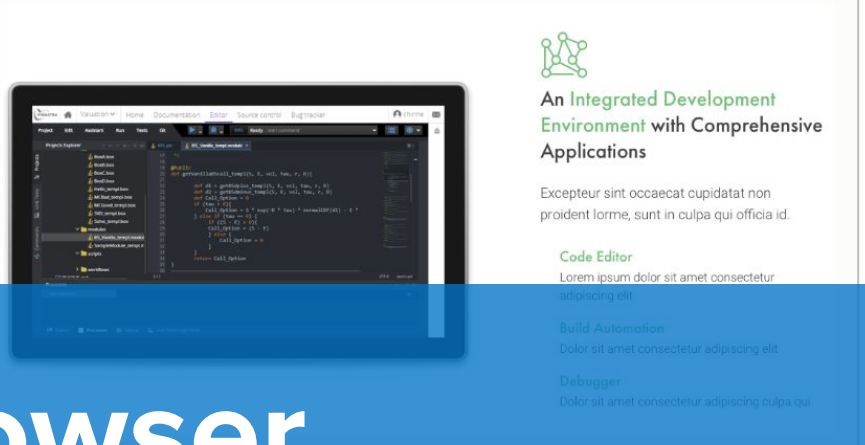
LAYOUT - TWO COLUMN



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Paragraphs Browser

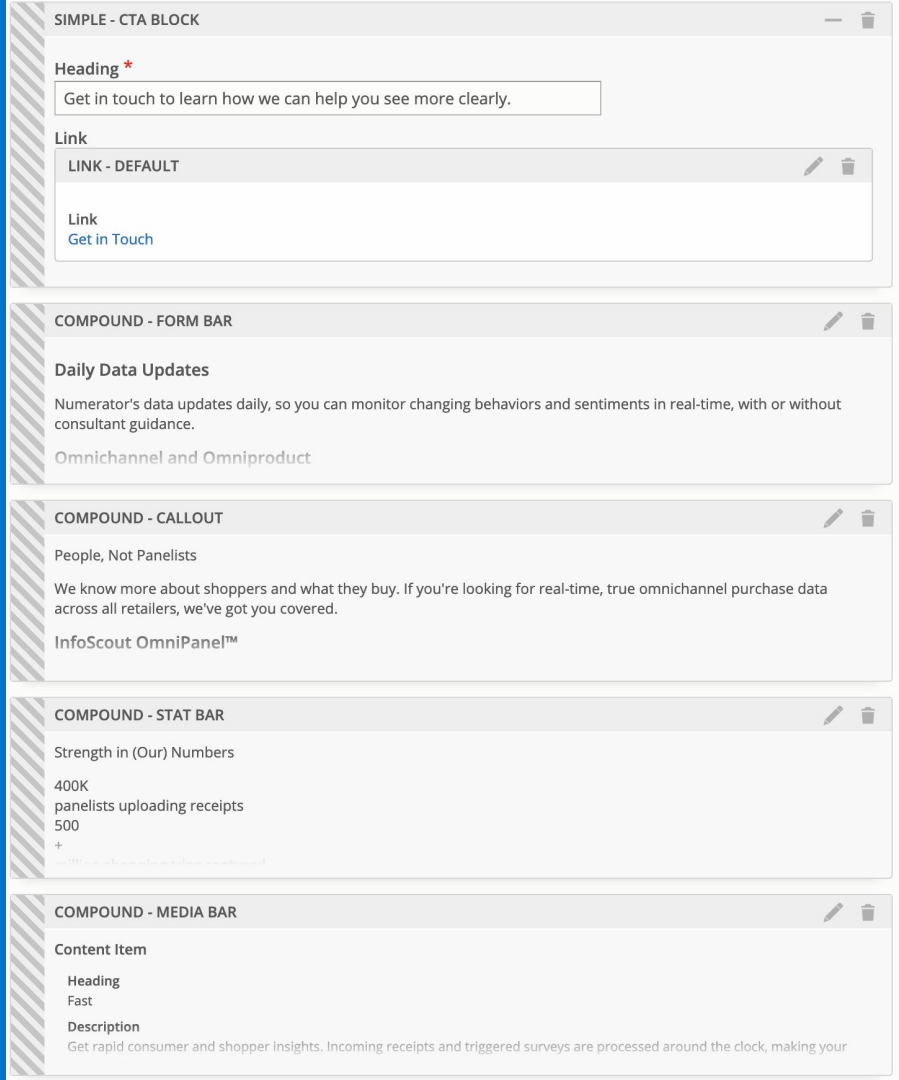
The Contrib Ecosystem: Honorable Mentions

1. Chosen
2. Linkit
3. Entity Embed
4. Metatag
5. Acquia Purge

IMPROVEMENT AREA 3 \\ CUSTOM AND SITE-SPECIFIC

CUSTOM IMPROVEMENTS \\ THEME

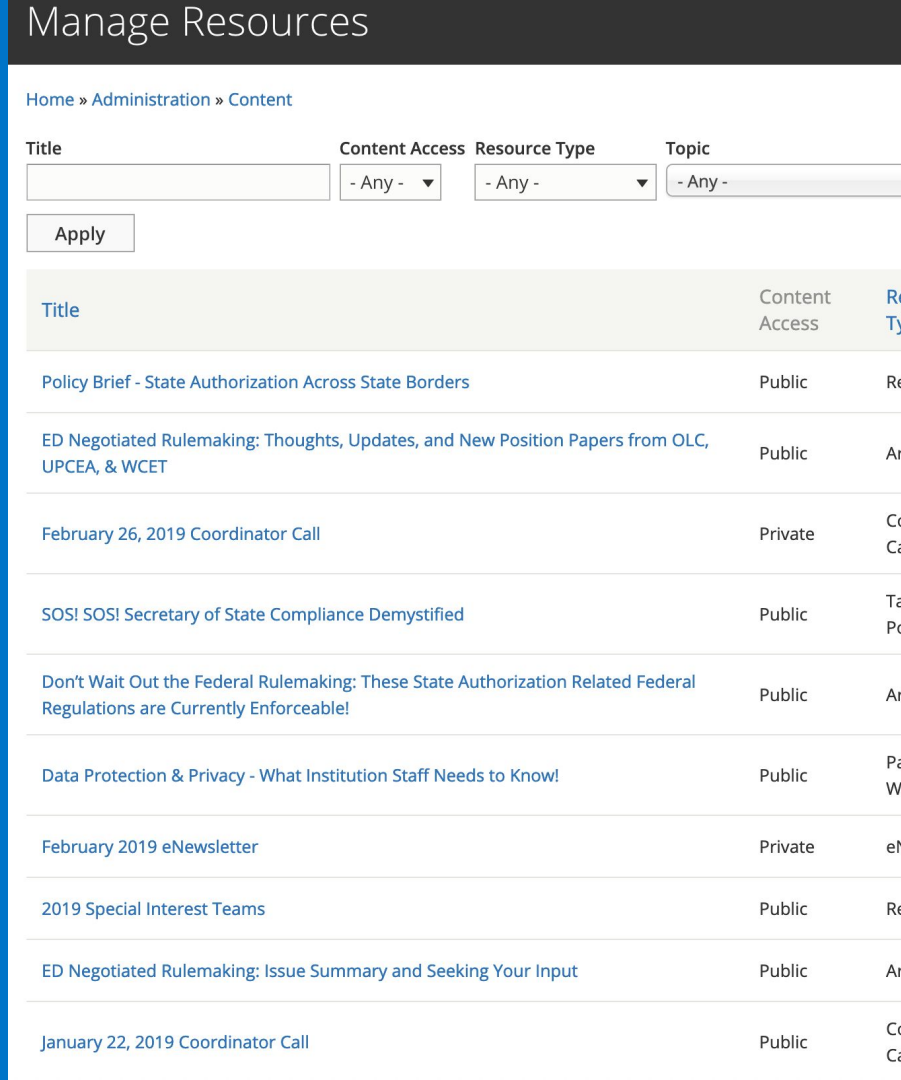
Focus your custom dev time on what provides the most value for site admins - and make it reusable.



CUSTOM IMPROVEMENTS \\ VIEWS

Views isn't just for the frontend!

- More focused content overview pages.
- Content moderation dashboards.
- Custom reports and data exports.



TRAINING

BACKSTORY

I did a lot of other things before I started doing this

- **Maker of sandwiches**
- **Research assistant**
- **Professional baker (mostly pie)**
- **Photographer of graduating college students**
- **Door-to-door organizer (both knocking doors and managing canvass offices)**
- **Leader of traveling sustainability nonprofit**
- **Marketer and fundraiser for a French nonprofit**

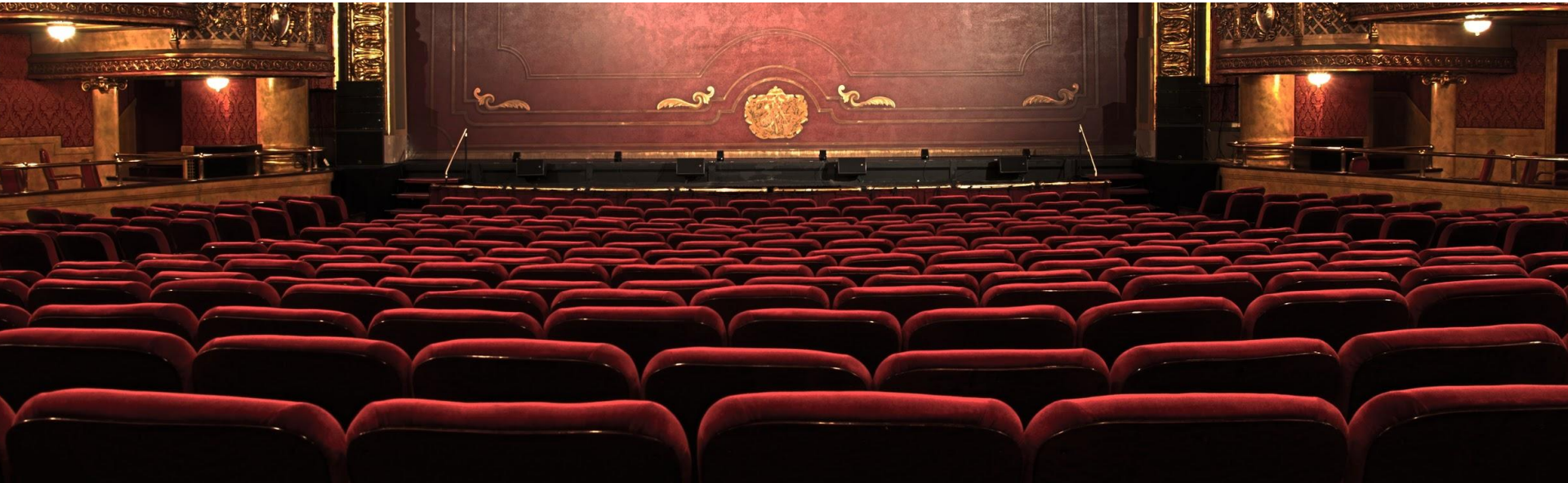
Before the training

BEFORE THE TRAINING

Strategically choose who will lead the training

BEFORE THE TRAINING

Clearly define client roles for QA and content entry



BEFORE THE TRAINING

Intentionally create a training outline (with ‘whys’!)

Here's what a training outline might look like

Basic Page

- Drupal 101
  - Content type
  - Field
- What is a basic page and when would you use it?
- View basic page
- Edit sample basic page (learn things that will apply sitewide)
  - How to use a WYSIWYG
    - Go through formatting options side-by-side with page
    - Image imbed - value of tagging content
    - Dropdown under "normal"
    - Source for pasting content
  - Relationships
    - Department - determines who can edit (locked down for most users)
    - Topic - helps admins find these pages
  - Options at the bottom
    - Url path settings
- Create simple basic page (to reference later in training, teach internal linking)

Structured Content

What is structured content and why would I choose to use it?

News (Basic page+)

- What is a news page and why would you use it
- Edit sample news page
- Placing news content - manually added to everywhere it appears (referencing news item you created)

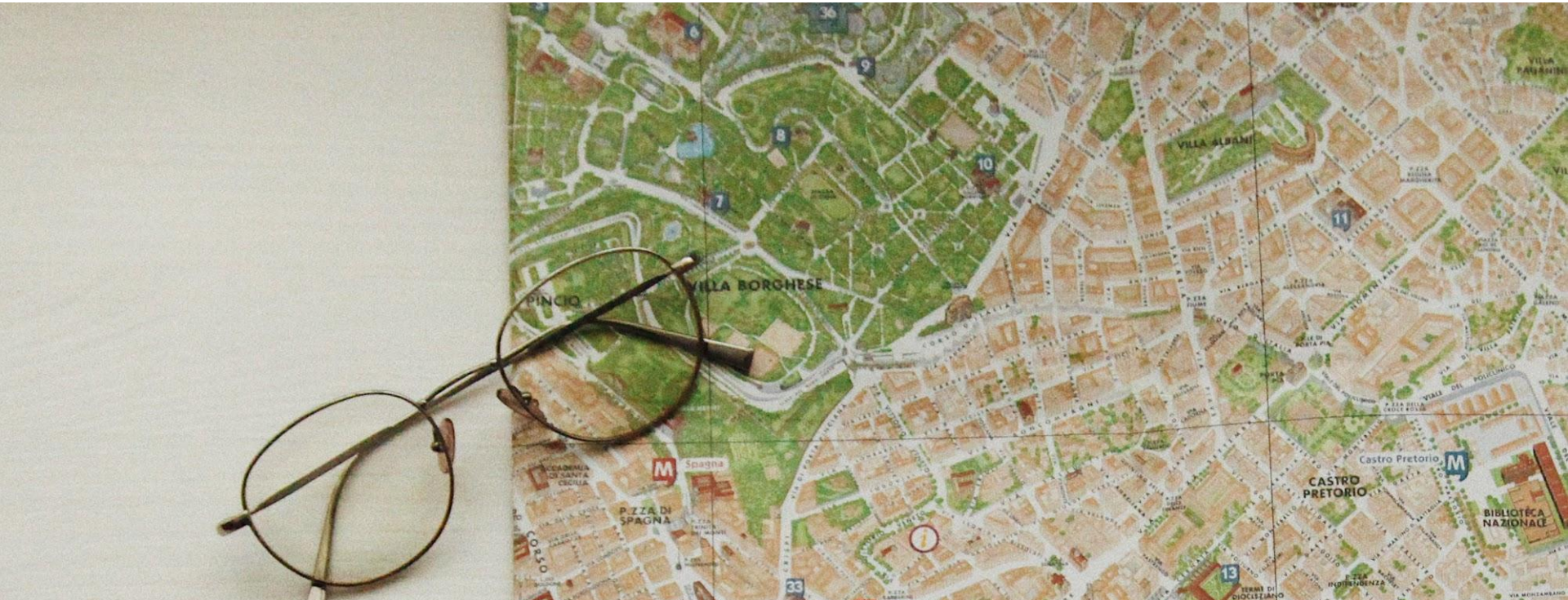
At the training

AT THE TRAINING

Know your audience

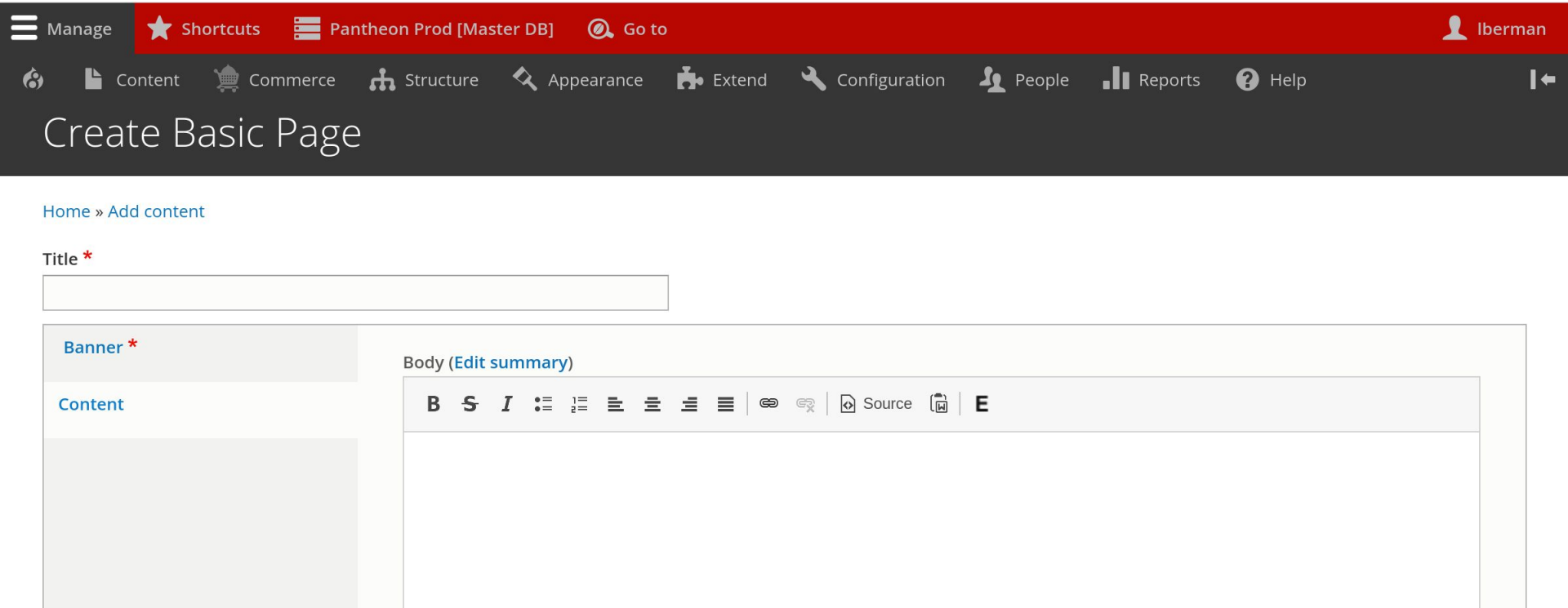
AT THE TRAINING

Roadmap and signpost



AT THE TRAINING

Start simple



AT THE TRAINING

Show complex content side by side

Shortcuts | Pantheon Prod [Master DB] | Go to | lberman | Edit | od [Master DB] | Go to

Content | Commerce | Structure | Appearance | Extend | Configuration | People | Reports | ucture | Appearance | Extend | Configuration | People | Reports | Help

Volunteer With Us

Contribute your knowledge and skills to DrupalCamp Colorado

Become a Volunteer

Why Attend

Learn

Summits, trainings, sessions and sprints provide opportunities to engage with thought leaders from the Drupal community and beyond.

Mountains 02
Image Type
Background

Remove
Replace

Callout Content *

Simple - Call Out

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Subheading
Volunteer With Us

Add Content

▸ SETTINGS *

Simple - Reason

Sub-heading
Why Attend
Set the small text above the large text

Heading
Learn
Set the large text

Description

Source

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AT THE TRAINING

Check your jargon at the door

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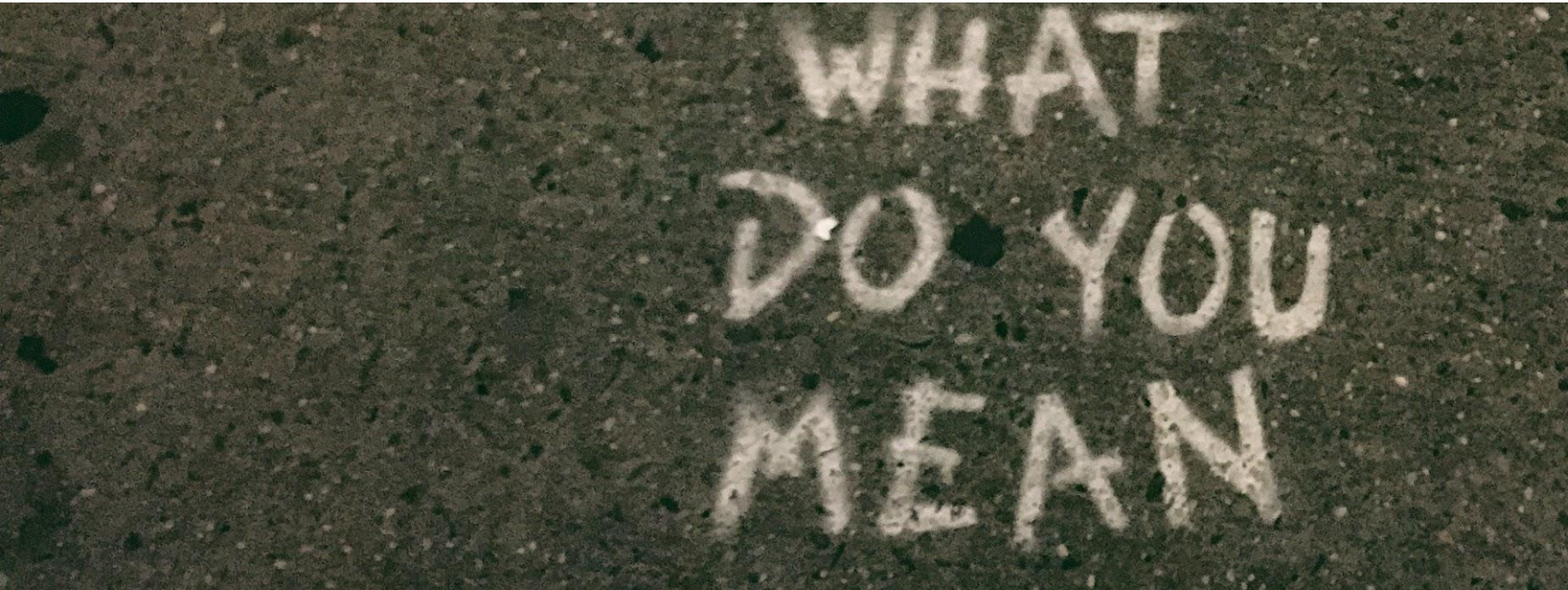
Ask the right questions



After the training

AFTER THE TRAINING

Send training documentation

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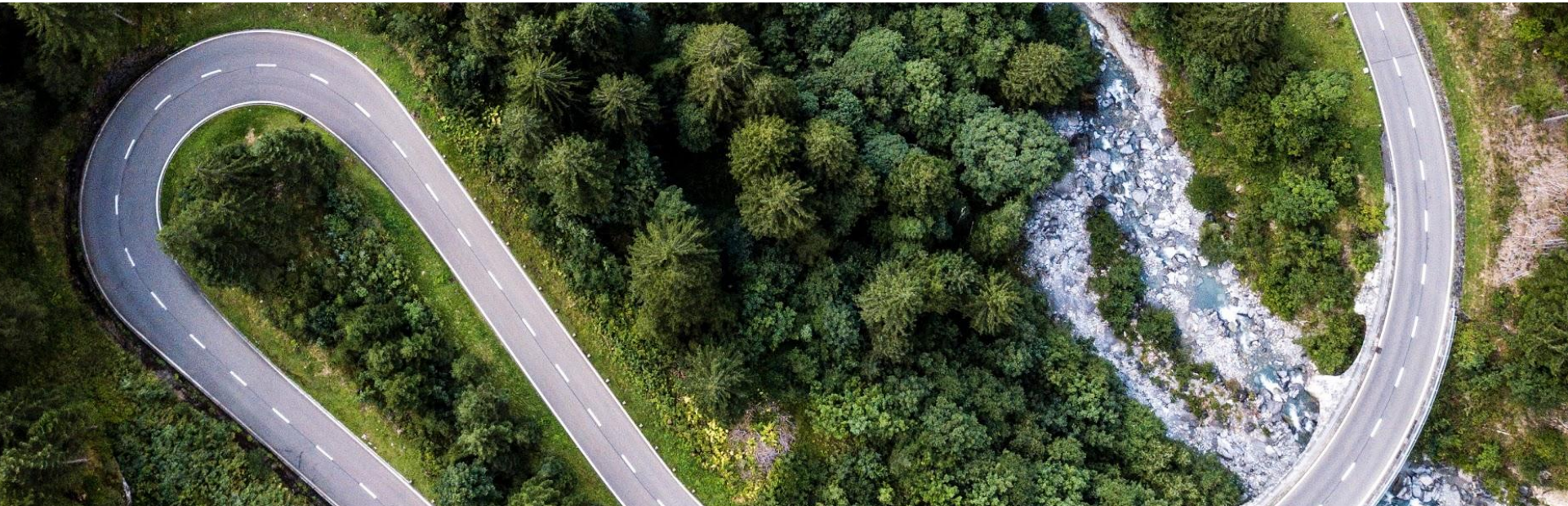
Build touch points for questions into your scope and timeline



Please provide your feedback!

Empathy for Internal Users Session Node

The top-rated sessions will be captioned,
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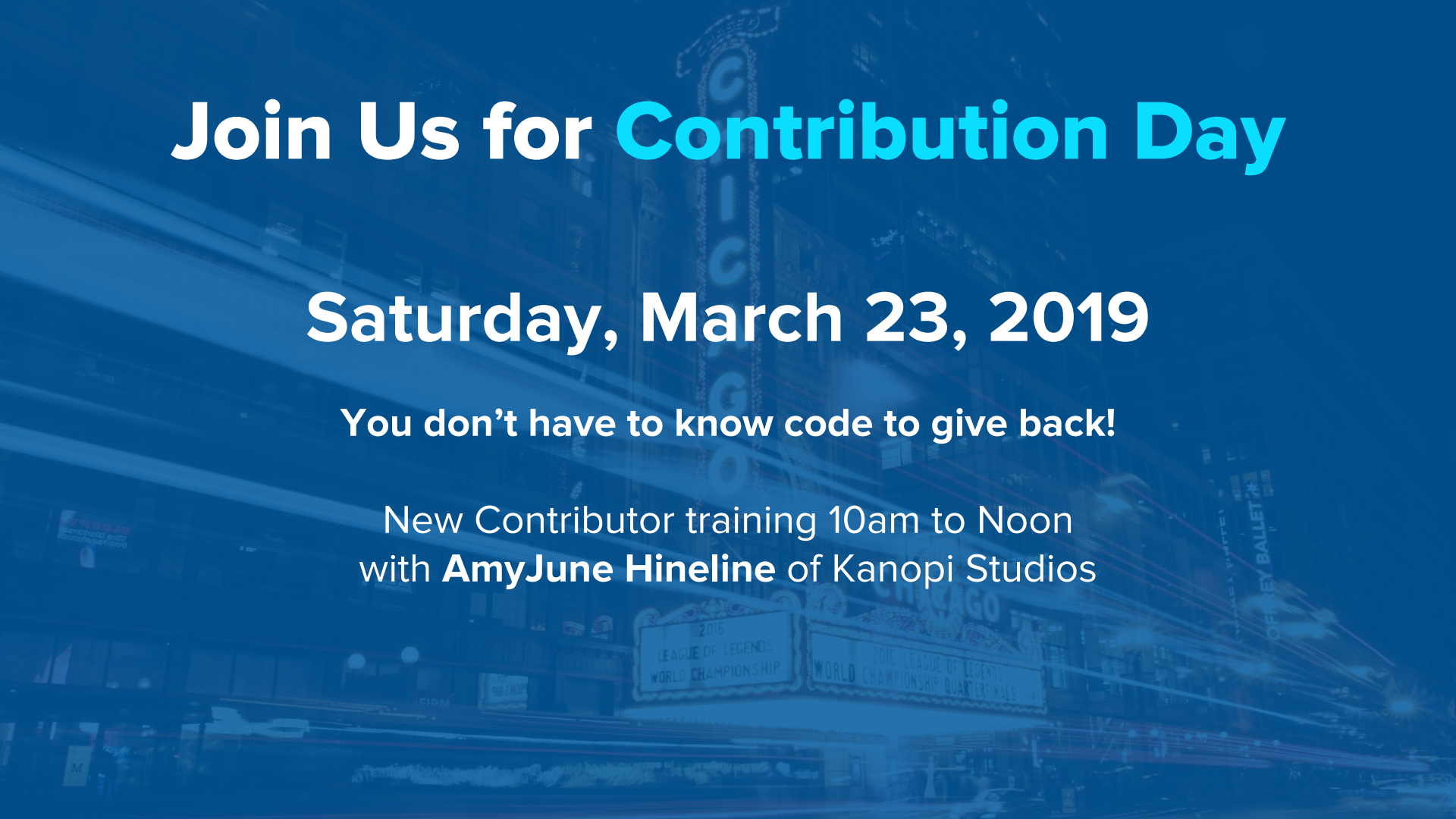

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Saturday, March 23, 2019

You don't have to know code to give back!

New Contributor training 10am to Noon
with **AmyJune Hineline** of Kanopi Studios

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