

# How to keep Drupal relevant in the Git-based and API-driven CMS era

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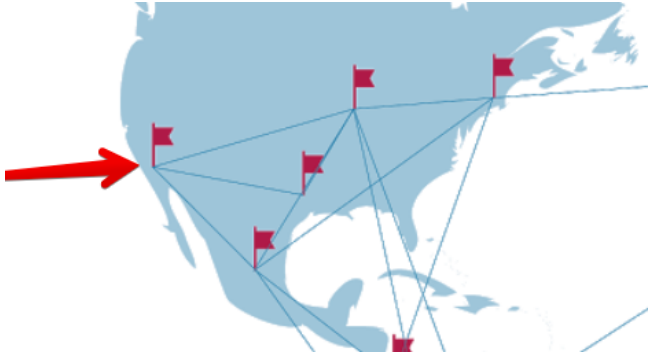
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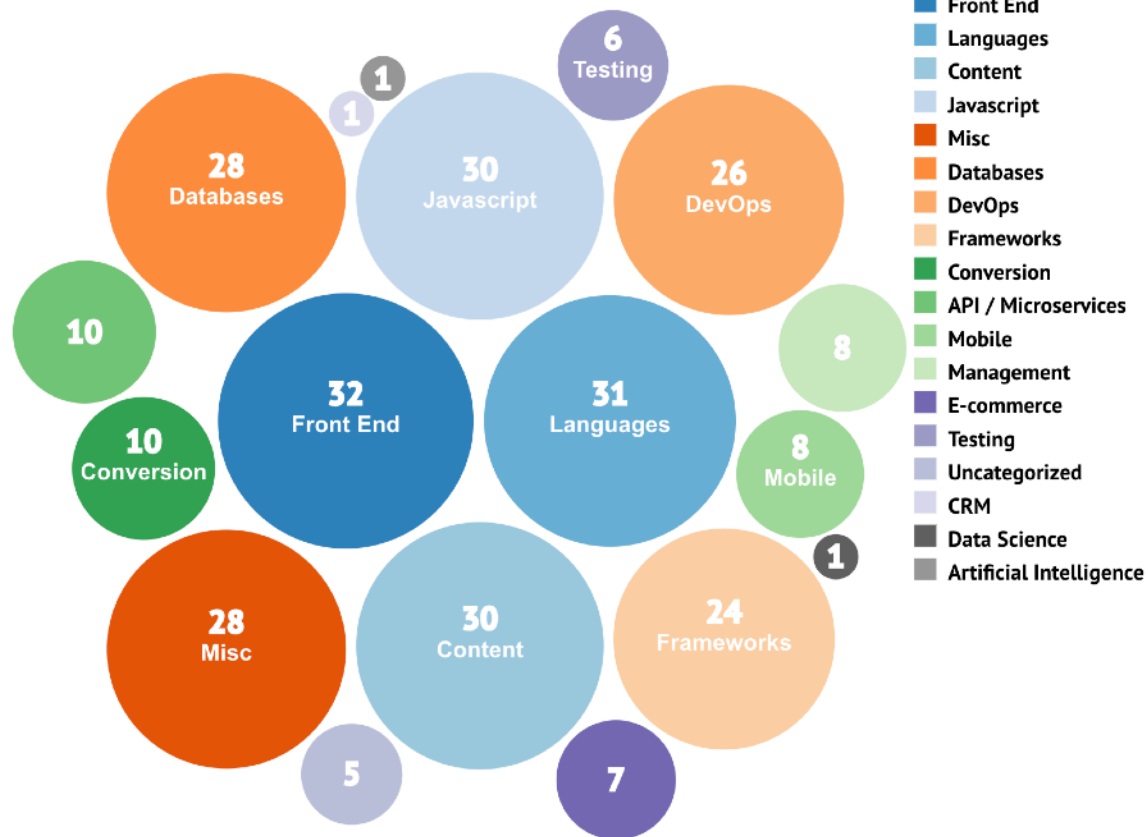
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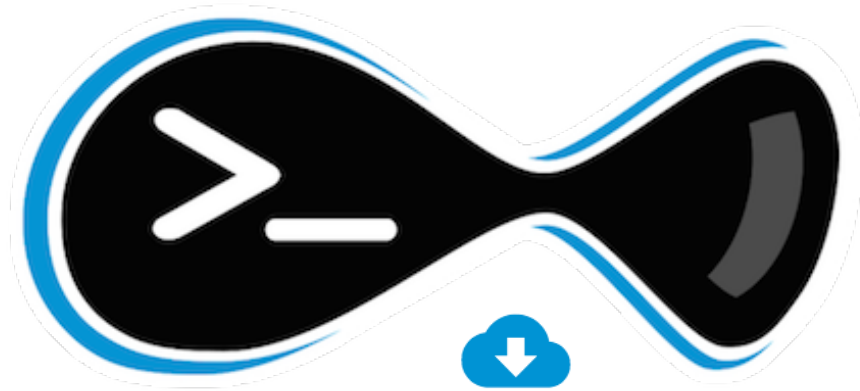


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Drupal ... Drupal ... Drupal

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When all you have is a  
hammer, everything looks  
like a nail.

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# Traditional Monolithic CMS



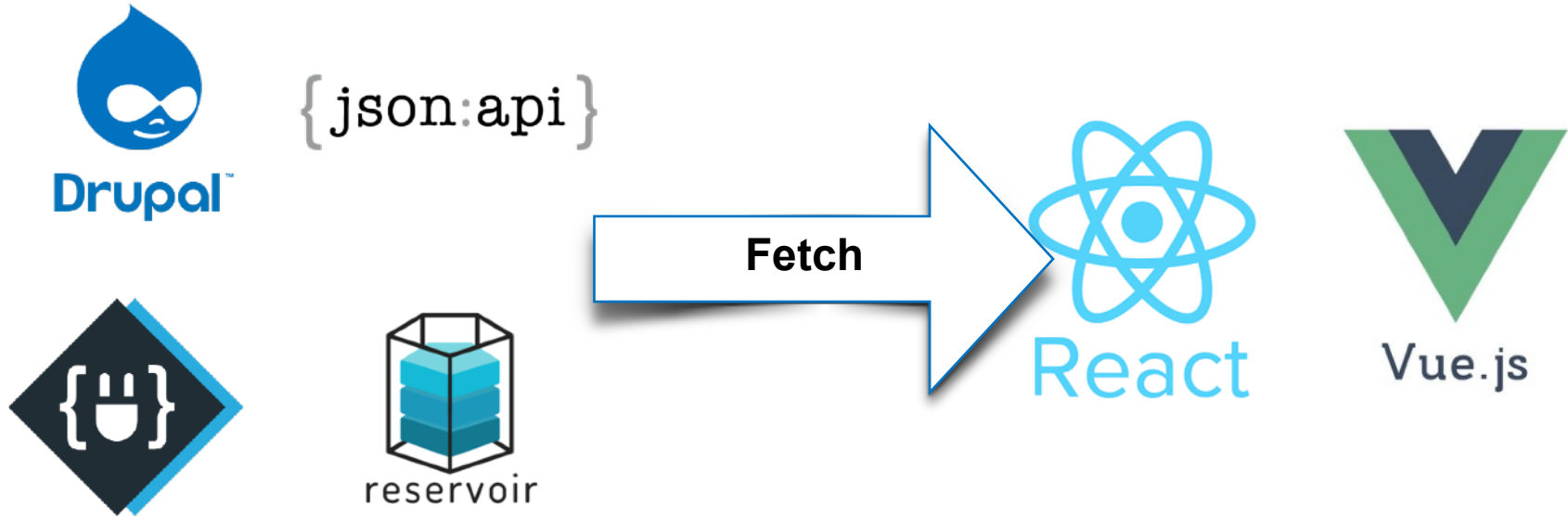
# Decoupling the frontend

# Traditional Monolithic CMS + Particle (Design System)

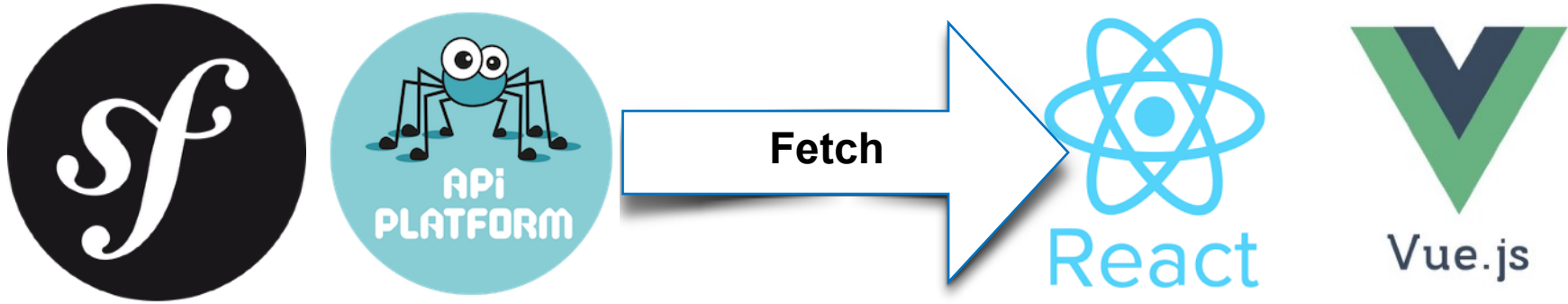


# The Traditional Headless

# Drupal Headless API + Front-end library



# Symfony API + Front-end library



# Challenges

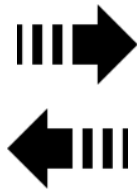
## Challenges

- > Performance
- > Reliability
- > Security
- > Hosting

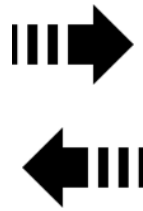
## Performance



**Visitor**



**Server**



**CMS**



**Database**

# Reliability - The Traditional Stack



MariaDB



# Reliability - The Traditional Stack



# Reliability - The Headless Stack



# Reliability - A more advanced Stack



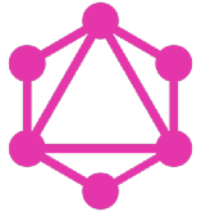
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# Security



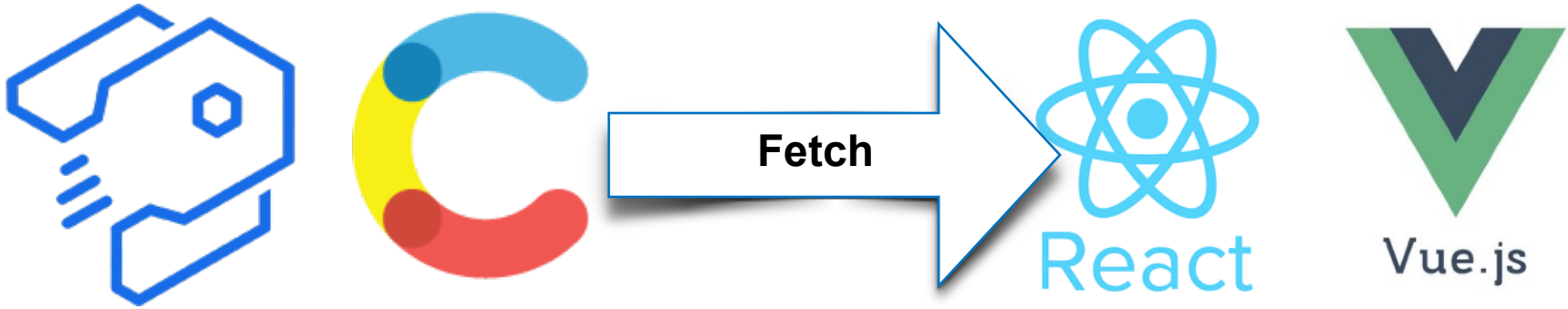
- > System dependencies
- > Stack dependencies
- > Platform dependencies core
- > Custom modules dependencies hosted
- > Third party libraries hosted

## Hosting

- > Managing a complicated stack is not easy.
- > Requires knowledge of managing servers, databases, cache, DNS, backups, automation, and much more.
- > The more complex your stack is to support your production site, the more expensive it becomes.

# PaaS Headless CMS

# Strapi, Contentful (PaaS) + Front-end library



# Back to the flat-files



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Everything old  
is new again

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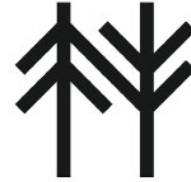
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Improving the UX providing a GUI  
when using a Git-based CMS.

# git-based + UI using a PaaS

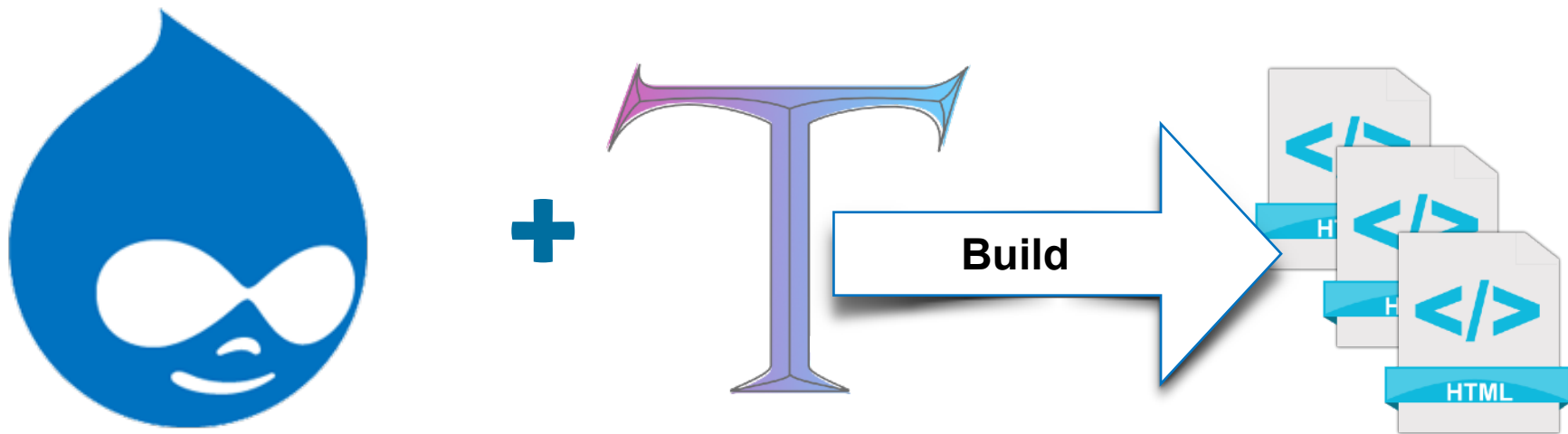


# GravCMS Flat Files + Particle (Design System)

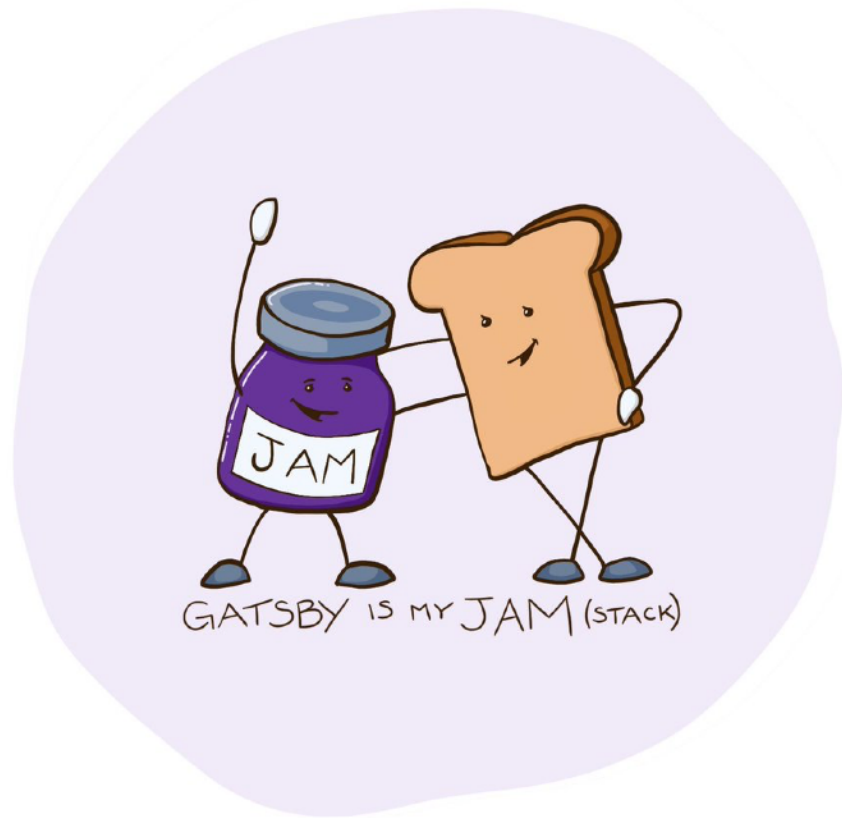


Using Drupal to provide a GUI and content for a Git-based/API-driven CMS.

# Drupal CMS + Tome to export as Flat Files



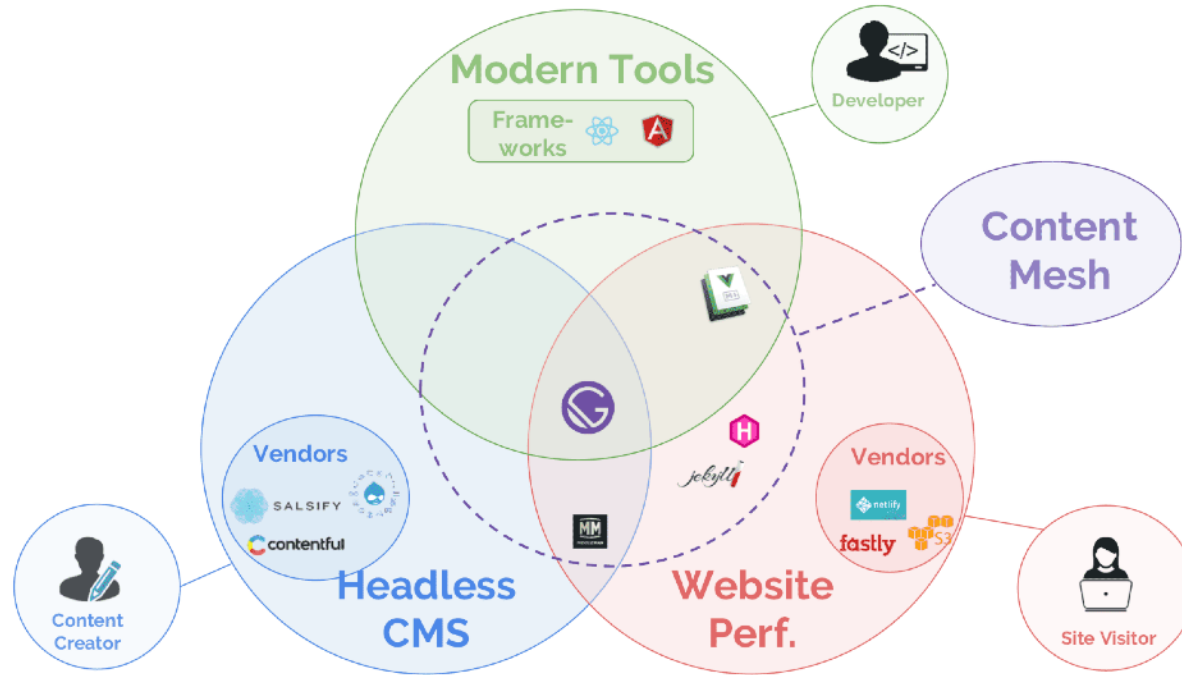
Decoupling the  
"Content Management GUI"  
from the  
"Production Environment".





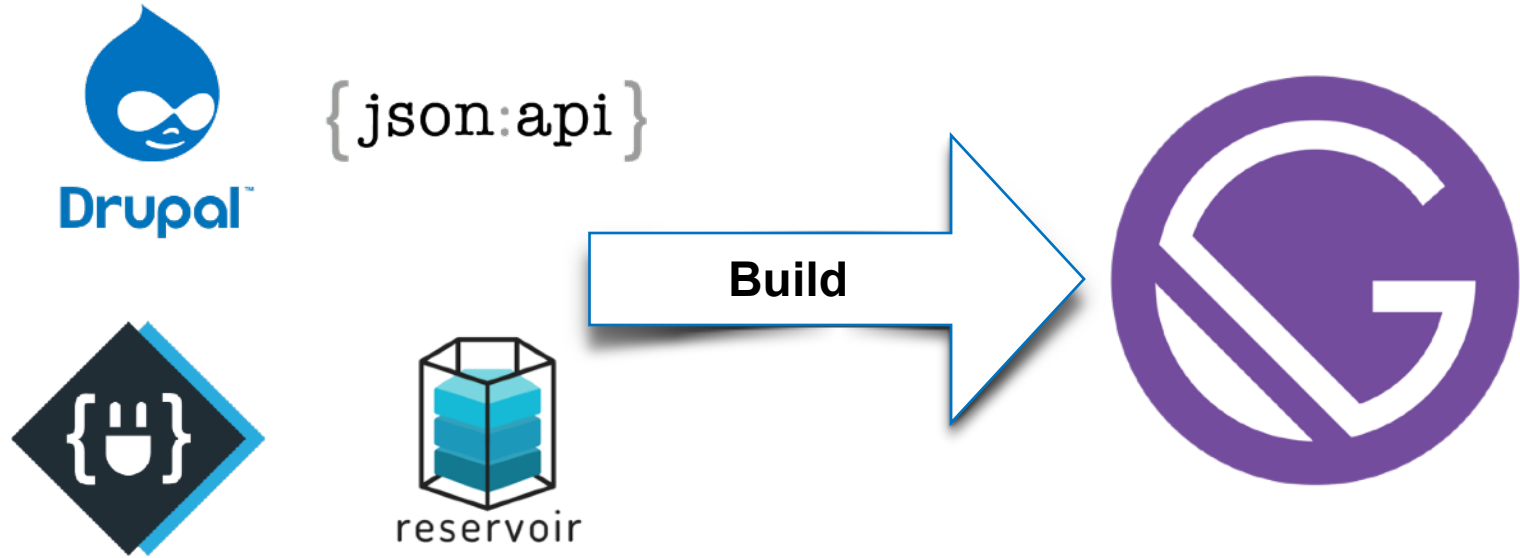
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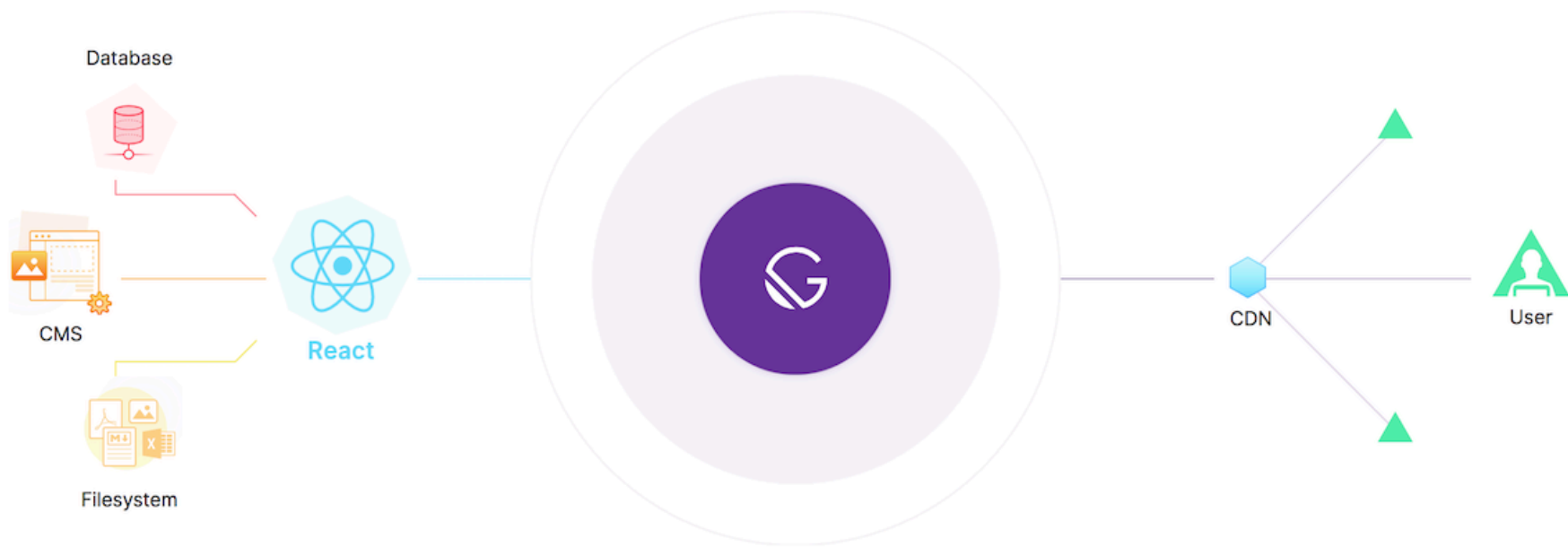
# The Content Mesh

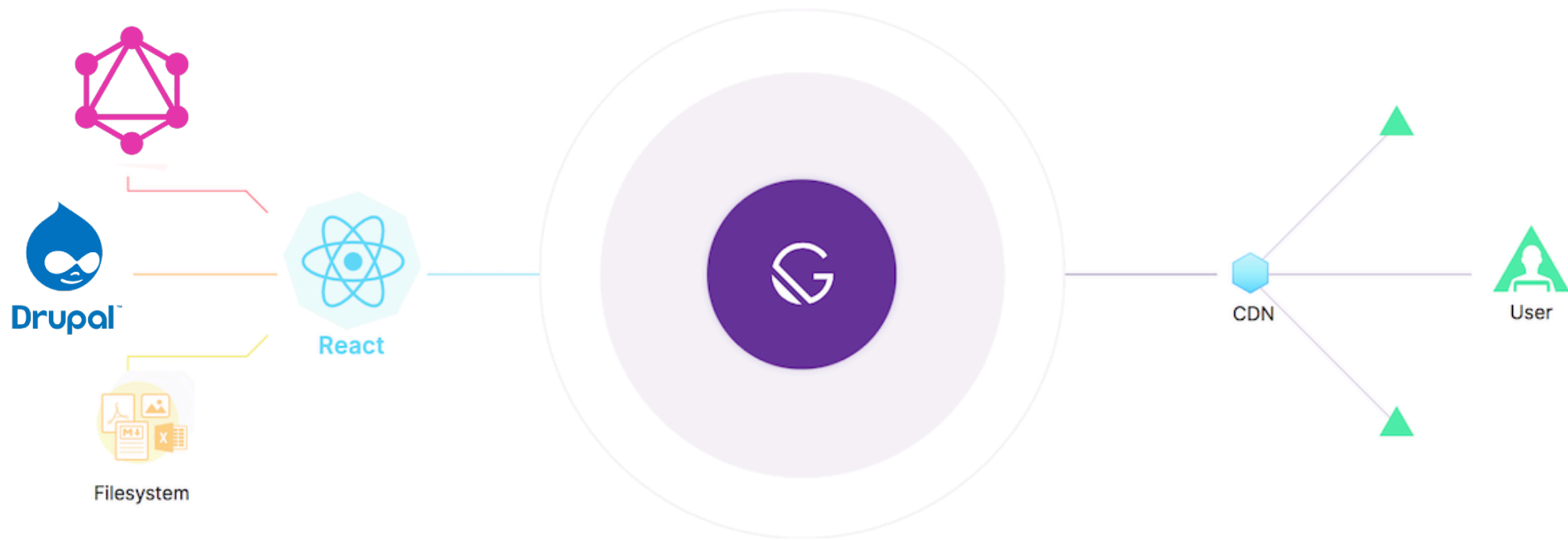


<https://www.gatsbyjs.org/blog/2018-10-18-creating-compelling-content-experiences/>

# Drupal API + GatsbyJS







# Getting Started

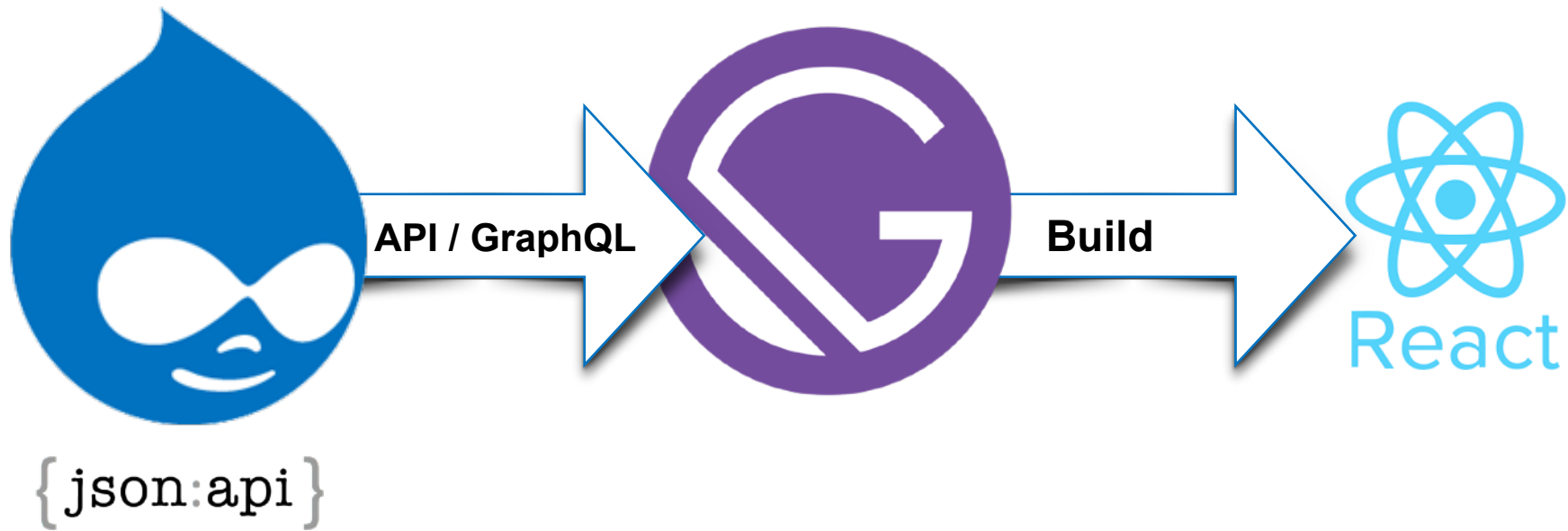


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npm install --global gatsby-cli
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```
gatsby new gatsby-site \  
  https://github.com/gatsbyjs/gatsby-starter-default
```

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cd gatsby-site
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```
gatsby develop
```



# Feel free to turn off your Drupal after build

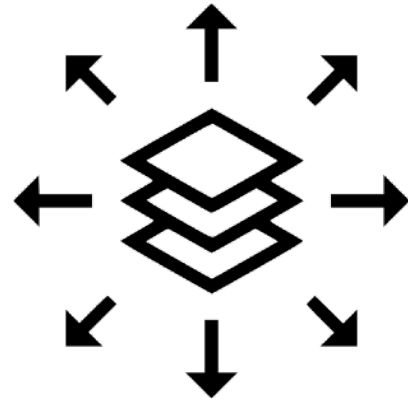


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## Performance

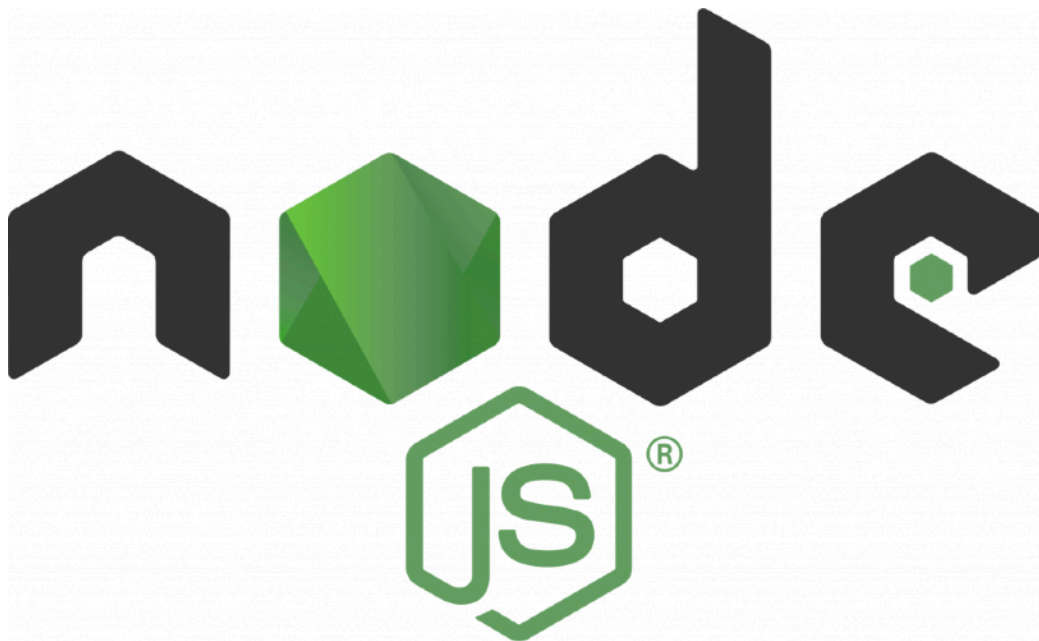


Visitor



CDN

# The API Driven CMS Stack



# Challenges



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Are you using [@gatsbyjs](#) with [#Drupal8](#) as API?, Which challenges you have found?

- Take advantage of gatsby-transformer-remark for Gatsby's native image, external Link and other processing
- No live preview
- Restart to see changes

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# Challenges



**Joe Shindelar**

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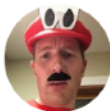


Replying to [@jmolivas](#) [@gatsbyjs](#) and 2 others

It would be cool if the gatsby-source-drupal plugin allowed you to do some kind of field type mapping in your gatsby-config.js. So you could tell Gatsby "this text field from Drupal is actually markdown".

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# Challenges



**Brian Perry**  
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Yes, all of those things :) In general I found image handling to take more effort than I expected (I talked more about this at Decoupled Days [2018.decoupleddays.com/session/dealin...](https://2018.decoupleddays.com/session/dealin...)) Pagination was also challenging, but I don't think that was really Drupal specific.

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# Challenges

- Use a markdown editor with Drupal. (we wrote a module for that)
- Preprocess inline-images on markdown. (we wrote a fix for that)
- Deploy site from Drupal. (we wrote a module for that)
- Learn Javascript
- Learn ReactJS
- Learn GraphQL

## What is Gone

- Twig
- Render array
- Theme layer
- Theme preprocessing
- \*Views (use GraphQL instead)

## What to keep using

- Data modeling.
- Content editor capabilities, revisions, moderation and scheduling.
- Pathauto
- Site Settings

## Must have plugins

- gatsby-source-drupal
- gatsby-transformer-remark
- gatsby-remark-images
- gatsby-remark-external-links
- gatsby-plugin-sharp
- gatsby-transformer-sharp
- gatsby-plugin-react-helmet



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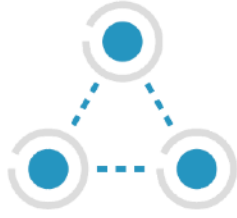
Choose the right tool for  
the job

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# Design System - Atomic Design



1. Atoms



2. Molecules



3. Organisms



4. Templates



5. Pages

# UI Development Environment



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# Thank you ... Questions?



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