Layout vs. Theme

The Backdrop CMS Layout System

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Intro

About me
Olaf Grabienski

- Since 2009 web development with Drupal

- For individuals, small business, non-profits, education + research institutions

- Since 2016 interested in Backdrop CMS

- Today most sites running on Backdrop

- Backdrop PMC member

About Backdrop
The Drupal Fork

- Forked from D7, actually early D8

- Simple, lightweight and easy to use CMS

- For professional and comprehensive websites

- Less backward-looking than many would expect

- Many user interface improvements

- Configuration management, Views, CKEditor, Pathauto, Token, Rabbit Hole, Scheduler, Project Browser, Self Updates …

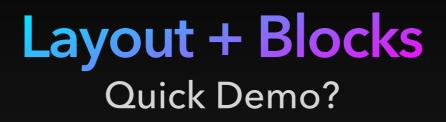# Layouts

Drupal Layouts
D7 and D8-10

- Panels / Panelizer

- Context

- View modes, Display Suite

- Paragraphs

- Theme, Regions + Blocks, Grid systems

- Template files

- D8-10: Layout Builder, Layout Paragraphs

Backdrop Layout

- Backdrop core system

- Layout template + Blocks

- Whole page, incl. header and footer

- For site architects (not editors)

Layout + Blocks
Quick Demo?

- Add a Layout, choose a context

- Choose a layout template, or build one

- Place and configure your blocks

    - Title

    - Style: classes, markup

    - Visibility

    - Admin info

    - More, dependent of context

Use cases
for different Layouts

- Home vs. Default

- Default Admin + Dashboard

- Node content vs. Taxonomy vs. User accounts

- Content types

- Landing pages

- Login page

Useful Modules

(There are more.)

- Layout Wildcard

- Copy Blocks

- Mini Layouts

Layout Conclusion
And challenges.

- Accept the Layout system, don't work against it. (You'll love it.)

- Use different Layouts, but not too many.

- Find your own Layout approach.

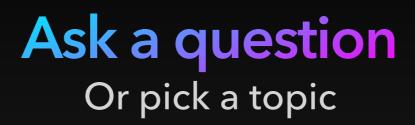# Themes

Backdrop Themes
in contrast to Drupal

- **No** blocks

- **No** layout

- **Just** CSS
  (plus Theme settings + Template overrides)

Comparison
Drupal vs. Backdrop

	Drupal	**Backdrop**
Layout is	Optional	Required
Layout affects	Main content area	Page
Regions + Blocks	Theme	Layout
Styling	Theme	Theme

Questions

Ask a question
Or pick a topic

- backdropcms.org/demo

- Admin bar > This page

- Template code, e.g. Moscone flipped

- Flexible Layout builder

- Content types > Fields

- Existing / hidden path content, e.g. Card

- Login page (e.g. gew)

- 404 (upcoming)

- Switch themes

That's it!

Thanks for your patience.

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