

Upgrading Between Major Versions of Drupal

To migrate or not to migrate.

That is the question...

Two Options

1. Upgrade in place (use update.php)
2. Create new site and migrate content



Upgrade in Place

- Described in UPGRADE.txt
- Update to new Drupal core, contrib code
- Run update.php script
- Run update.php script again
- Run update.php script a few more times
- Will need some additional modules (e.g. Content Migrate in CCK)
- Problems with Features

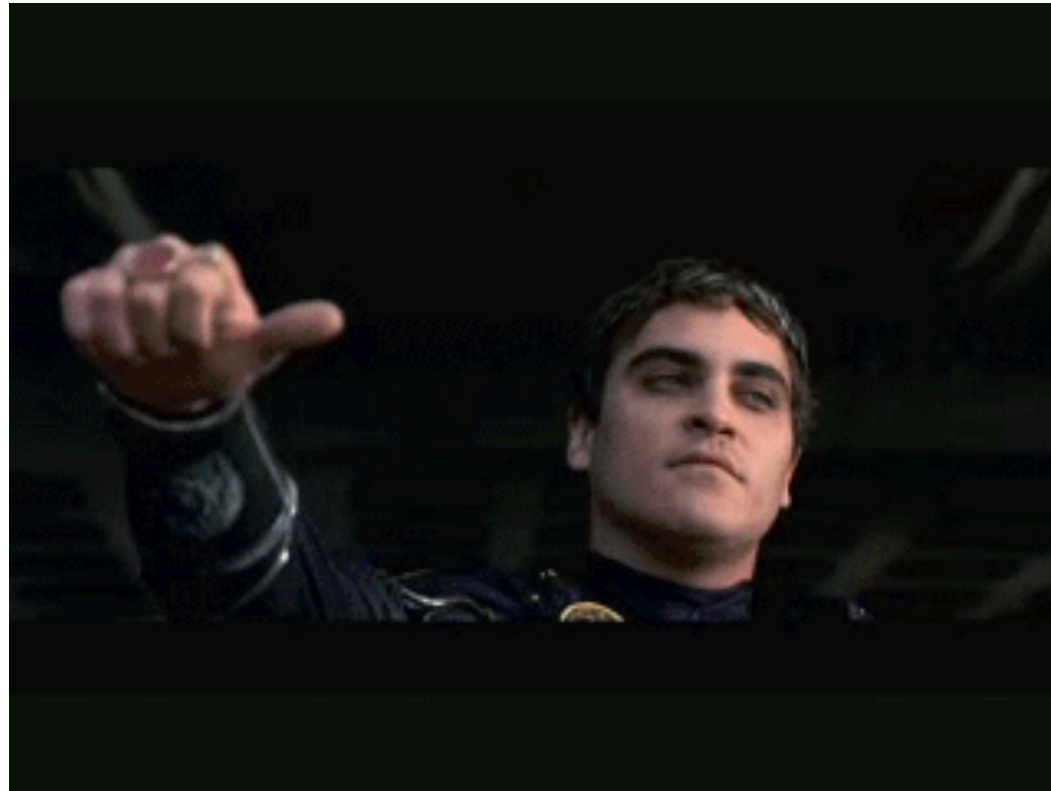
Build New Site and Migrate

- Build new site from scratch with content types views, etc.
- Use Migrate and Migrate D2D modules to move content over
- May need additional migrate modules for fields like entity references

My opinion...



Upgrade in place?



Build a New Site and Migrate?



Top 4 Reasons to Build a New Site and Migrate Content

4. Cleaner
3. Can get rid of unused modules and code
2. Much easier to deal with (features, dependencies, etc.)

And the #1 reason to Build a New Site and Migrate Content is...

1. It's the Future!!!!

- Migrate will be part of Drupal core in D8



Migrate Modules

- Migrate module - Will want version 2.6 or above so you can use...
- Drupal-to-Drupal data migration (migrate_d2d) - Will want version 2.1 or above to use the migrate_d2d_ui module

2 Ways to Migrate

- Code – write classes
- Pointy-clicky with a UI

The Future...

- 3 months after D8, D6 will be unsupported
- Many D6 and D7 sites will be upgrading

