

Gauging Your Risk Remaining on Drupal 7

How to Assess Your Organization's Level of Risk



What are your risks remaining on Drupal 7 post-end-of-life?

As the end-of-life for D7 approaches, it becomes crucial for product and business owners to assess the risks that may persist in their D7 environments. While there are various factors to consider in determining these risks, this checklist serves as a jumping off point to evaluate the potential impact to your organization. By considering the following questions, you can gain insight into the risks you may face maintaining your D7 setup.

If you have multiple D7 properties, you should do this assessment for each property.

- **Is it an e-commerce site or store content that is important to your users?** *Add 3.*
- **Is your site used for marketing your products and/or services?** *Add 1.*
- **Does your D7 site store or transfer personally identifying information (PII)?** This could include customer or employee data that would be attractive to hackers and potentially expose sensitive information. *Add 3.*
- **Does your site receive a large amount of traffic?** *Add 1.*
- **Do you utilize API keys and integrations with 3rd party products?** This includes, but not limited to integrations with platforms like Salesforce, HubSpot, MailChimp, and/or Stripe. *Add 2.*
- **Does your D7 site store proprietary data?** While perhaps your D7 site does not store user information, is there important business data kept that could be compromised? *Add 3.*
- **Is your site used on a private network and only available within the organization?** *Subtract 1.* If the site is critical to internal communications and planning, *Add 1.*
- **Is your site the canonical source for your content?** This can include any content that doesn't exist elsewhere that would have a negative consequence if stolen or lost. *Add 2.*
- **What would happen if your site went down for 2 weeks?** Would it cost you revenue? Leads? Your audience? Or even your job? *Add 3.*

Assessing Your Risk Level

After completing the previous section, it's time to consolidate your responses. Refer to the legend below to gauge the level of risk associated with your D7 site. However, it's important to remember that your personal risk tolerance should also be considered during this evaluation process.

0–1 Score

Low Risk

This would include a site that is either a small personal site with low traffic or an abandoned project.

2–4 Score

Medium Risk

This covers sites with basic content—no user accounts or e-commerce and the information might be important, but not necessarily business critical.

I.e. Marketing or brochure sites.

5+ Score

High Risk

Sites that would be highly attractive to hackers—high traffic and/or sites that handle personal information of users or customers.

I.e. E-commerce, non-profits, publications, university or government sites.

Printable Scorecard

Feel free to use this score card to help keep track of your answers.

| | Site #1 | Site #2 | Site #3 | Site #4 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Are your site(s) e-commerce or store important information? | | | | |
| Are your site(s) used for marketing? | | | | |
| Do your site(s) store or transfer PII? | | | | |
| Do your site(s) store proprietary information? | | | | |
| Do your site(s) get a lot of traffic? | | | | |
| Do you use API Keys or integrations with third-party services? | | | | |
| Are your site(s) publicly available? | | | | |
| Do your site(s) store canonical data that is not available elsewhere? | | | | |
| Are your site(s) business critical? | | | | |
| Totals: | | | | |



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