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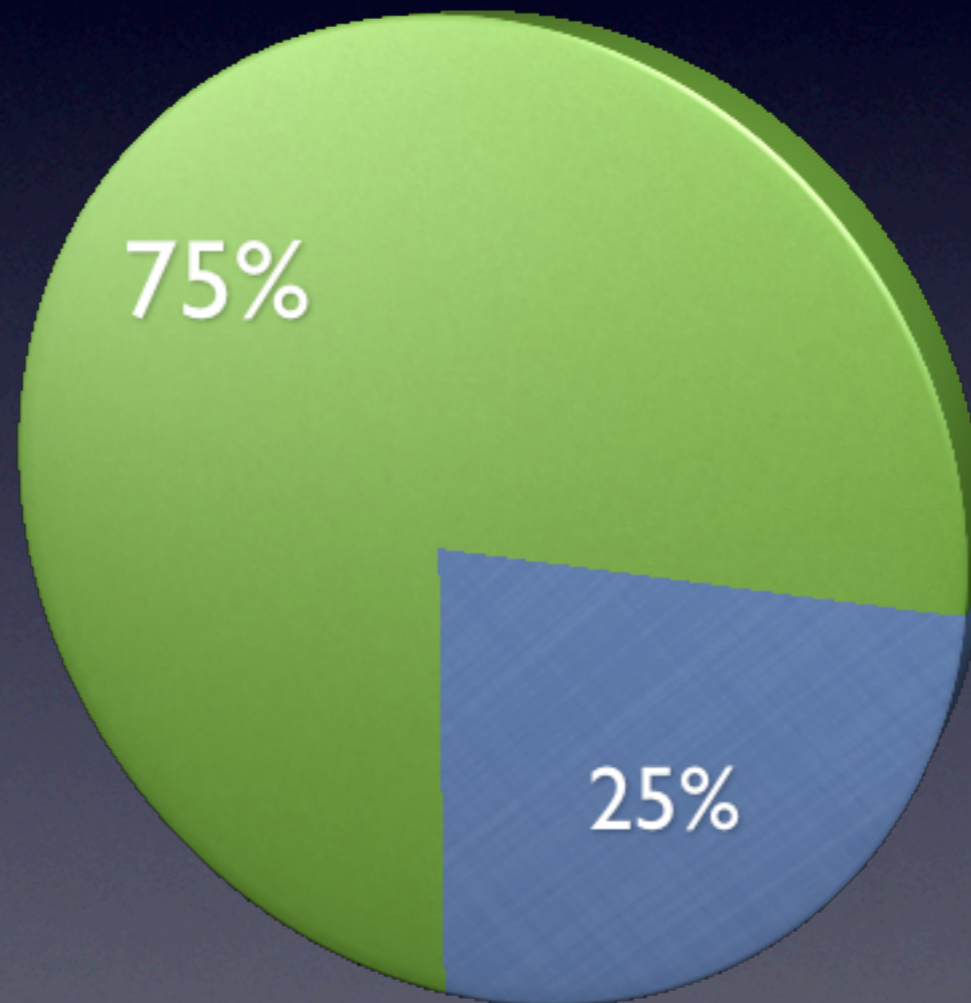
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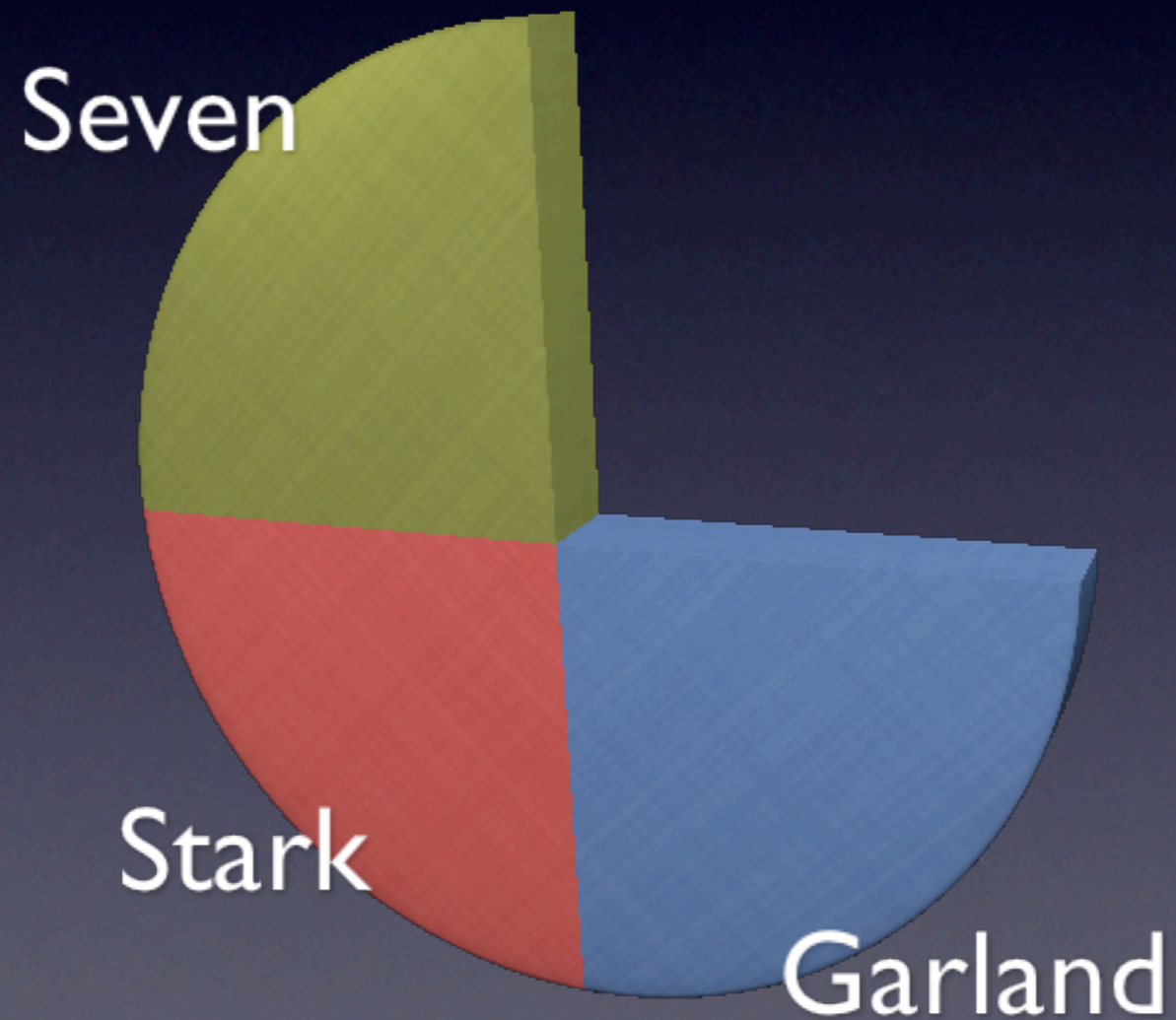
Drupal 6 Core Themes

Themes
That Suck



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Drupal 7 Core Themes



Designers vs. Developers

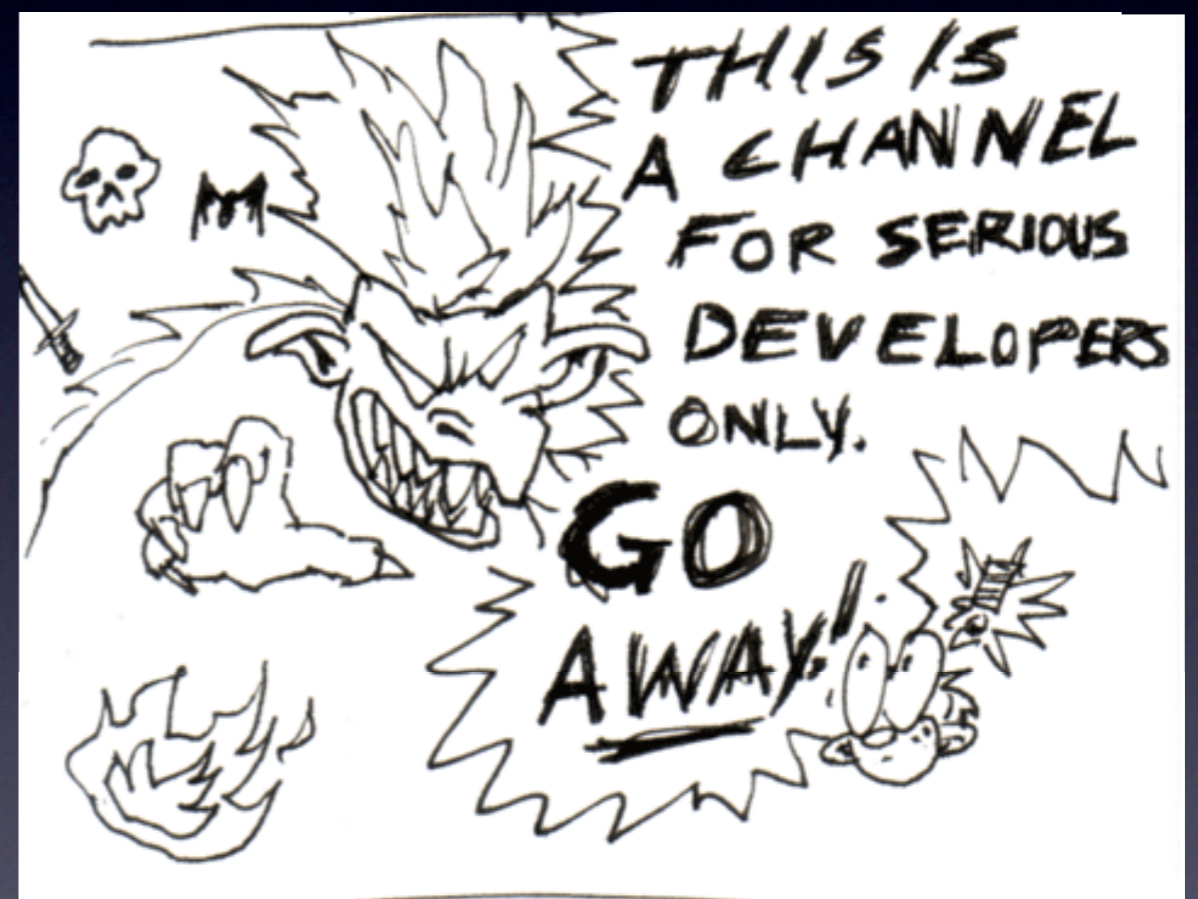
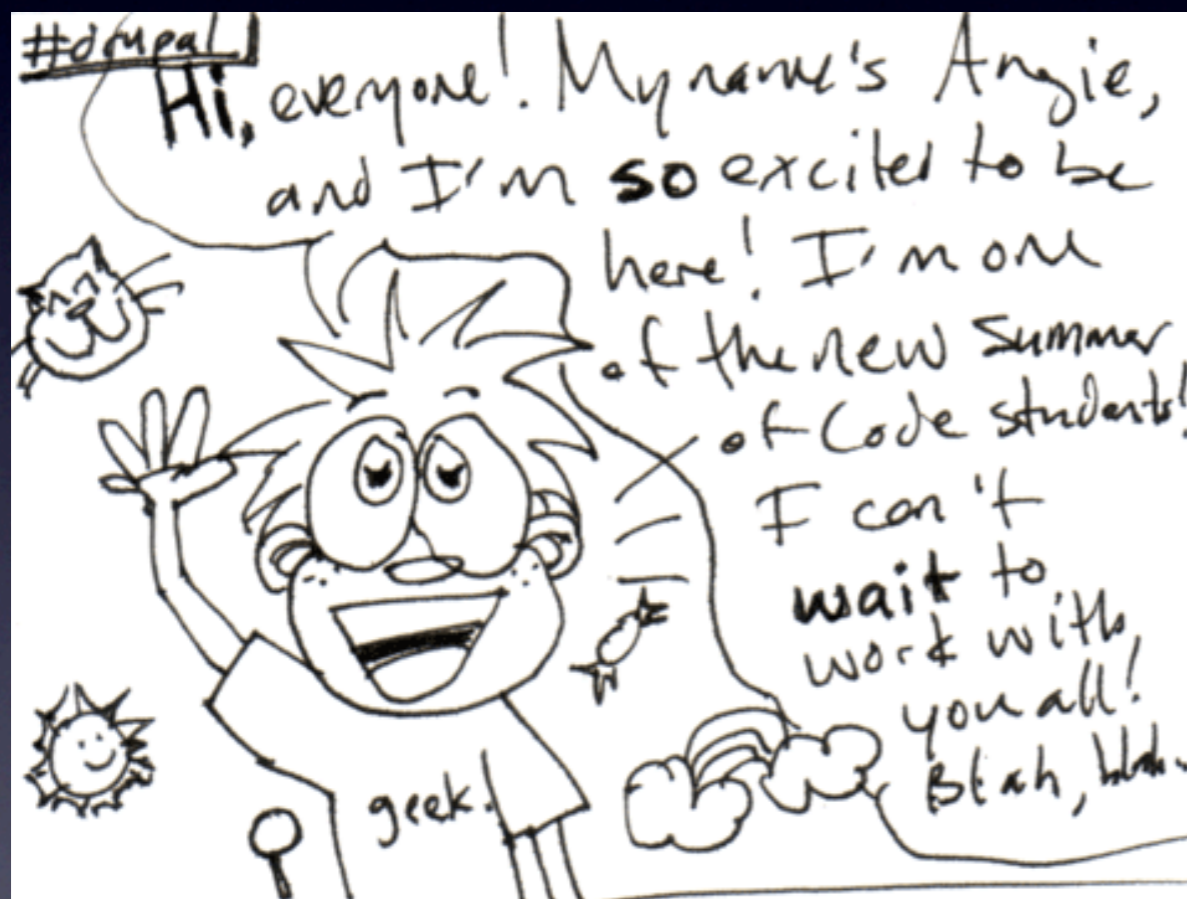


Designers *and* Developers



(This fighting is just a phase.)

New Community Member Experiences



<http://webchick.net/node/9>

Bad Assumptions

“In most discussions, developers assume that design proposals are ill-informed ... about the complications for the user.”

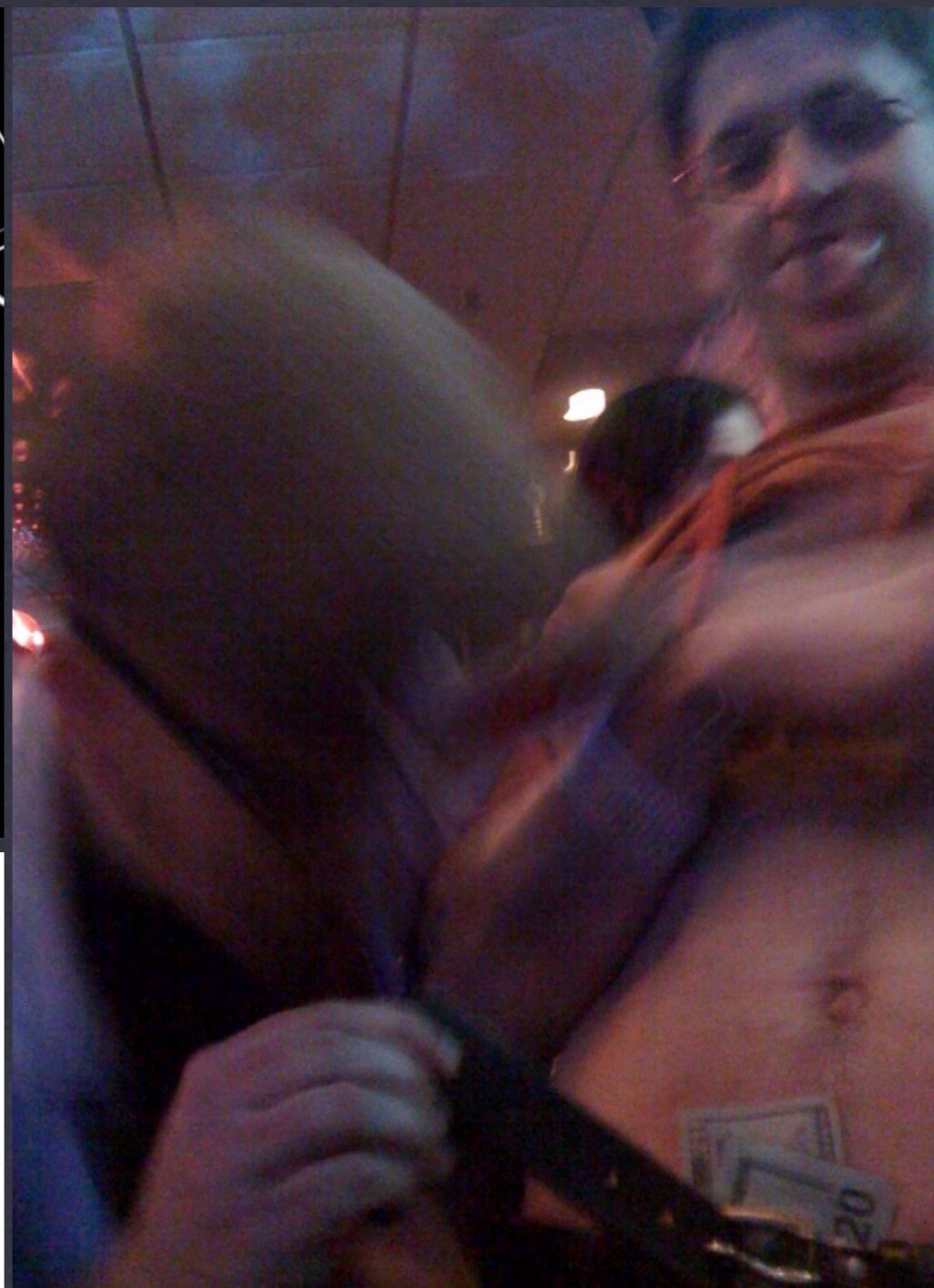
— Bojhan Somers

“And designers, in most discussions, assume that developers are visually illiterate and uneducated about UX matters. It’s a double-edged sword.”

— Jeff Eaton

Solutions

- There is no “Us and Them”.
- Instead of thinking that something is the product of ill-informed decisions, ASK what those decisions were.
- Be patient.
- Be welcoming.
- Improve the usability of the issue queue:
<http://groups.drupal.org/node/26016>



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Collaboration Techniques

For making core-worthy themes

- Understand what Designers want
- Find a partner
- Communicating your desires
- The back and forth of the design review tango
- Dealing with missed cues and mis-steps
- After the dance

Understanding Desire

- Designers want to work on interesting design problems
 - Content shapes
- Developers want to work on interesting technical problems

Finding a Partner

- groups.drupal.org/d4d

The Design Review Tango

- Communicate!
- Email is okay. Skype is better! Desktop sharing works best!

Dealing with Missed Cues and Mis-steps

- Apologize!

After the Dance

- Proposing it for inclusion in D7
 - Write-up the motivation and create a new issue
 - Add a link to it from here:
“New default theme for D7”
<http://drupal.org/node/293540>
- If it doesn't go into core,
Make it a kick-ass contrib theme!
- And remember... groups.drupal.org/d4d