

Denver DrupalCon

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Drupal is the most powerful growing web publishing platform that we are using for needs of the Buswell Memorial Library. That is why I was interesting to attend the Denver DrupalCon at March 19 – 23, 2012. In the present day, I can say that it has been the most beneficial conference that I ever attended.

First of all, the conference took place at the Convention Center, which is located in the downtown of Denver; in the walking distance to the most hotels, and close to the transportation. This fact saves much time for all 3,100 attendees from all over the world. It is important to highlight the great atmosphere of openness and learning that stayed throughout the conference. It seems for me that all people enjoyed the great mood, which allowed them to have their individual informal conversations with each other. I personally was able to build a network with other people who are working within the same field.

Secondly, I enjoyed the variety of training that help me to keep up with the next version of Drupal's core. Also, the knowledge which I gain will assist me to be more productive an employee. During the conference, everyone was able to chose and visit more than one hundred unique sessions. All of those sessions had been filtered in ten distinctive areas. Throughout three days, I chose and visited all sessions that can be beneficial personally for the needs' of the library, and extended the horizon of my knowledge. I particularly think that all security training had been important and well organized part of the Denver DrupalCon. In today's reality, it is important to understand how to build and maintain secure web sites.

Finally, I enjoyed the variety of great speakers among whom are Dries Buytaers the original creator and project lead for the Drupal open source web publishing platform, Mitchell Baker the leader of the Mozilla Project, Luke Wroblewski the Chief Design Architect (VP) at Yahoo, as well as many other. It was my great pleasure to talk personally with some of them, and discussed the future role of the open source products. In addition for that, the entire training had been posted online that allowing me to watch a specific session anytime.