

official development release is listed, but no stable release as of 1.0.0. Currently, it is not compatible with Drupal 6. It is relatively easy to setup, as the hardest part is to create the installation profile that it will use. The use of installation profiles allows it to be extremely flexible with the creation of sites, called *Druplets*. Using these installation profiles, it creates a new site by putting a new directory in the .sites directory. The author of Druplet does recommend that it not be used in a production environment, as it may allow users to read the settings.php file from another site. This is a **HUGE** security risk, and anyone using this should definitely not use it in a production environment. However, the root cause of the security hole can be safely disabled with the Paranoia Module, thus closing that hole. Druplet has two options- Single Ser and Multiple Ser. Single Ser mode works by creating directories and files in the sites directory. Multiple Ser mode also adds users. Druplet seems pretty stable, and according to Matt Songlin (Maintainer) will see a development release soon. For more information on Druplet, see <http://drupal.org/project/druplet>.

Hostmaster2

Hostmaster is yet another Drupal Multisite Manager. It is somewhat more

stored. People who are used to 5: ; may still find problems navigating the repository to find the correct modules. Documentation on the \$installation %rocess and usage also seems to be lacking, but understandable for a project still in early development. Many different things related to " ostmaster# are still under heavy development, and the modules do not always work correctly. " owever, " ostmaster# is a great Multisite Manager after all of the initial installation issues have been dealt with. <ike Druplet, it uses \$installation %rofiles to precustomi(e a site as part of the site creation process. 7or more information on " ostmaster#, see <http://groups.drupal.org/hm#> and <https://svn.bryght.com/hostmaster>.

Multisite Manager Module

The Multisite Manager module is also similar to Druplet, but without the security problems⁵. The current stable release is not compatible with Drupal 6⁴. Using the Multisite Manager module is extremely easy, as it uses the standard Drupal content creation mechanism, in this case, *Create content > Site*. \$installation %rofiles allow it to do further customi(ation to the site while it is being created. The Multisite Manager module is an easy way to manage multiple sites, but it is not as powerful as Druplet and " ostmaster#, as it lacks the ability to create 57! % users and other such features. The Multisite Manager module is available at <http://drupal.org/project/multisite?manager>.



Drupal's Multisite capabilities can help make the running of many different sites easier using tools such as Druplet, " ostmaster#, and the Multisite Manager module. @hen these tools work correctly, they can simplify the administration process substantially. The use of installation profiles allows these managers to further customi(e the output site. The Multisite Manager tool is easily the best

⁵ In the default configuration! here is an option that will cause the Multisite Manager module to have the same problems as Druplet for the same reasons.

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choice when managing multiple Drupal-powered websites, for reasons of stability and usability.

	Multisite Manager Module	Druplet	Hostmaster2
Ease of Installation	Beautiful	C8, after the 1: 5 checkout	D tremely Difficult
Ease of Use	+fter \$nstallation profile creation, very easyery		