

# WCMS 3 project update

March 2022

# Summary update

- Core development is going well, continues to progress close to what was outlined in November 2021
- Visibility of project information is improving
- On track for FDSU parity around mid-May
  - Note there is still some risk of +/- a few weeks but we are tracking well and there is high confidence that faculty and other large sites can migrate in Spring term
- Coops are hired to scale-up QA and migrations in Spring
- Regular meetings with faculty and non-faculty leads to plan an appropriate and comfortable migration approach for complex sites/portfolios
- D7 EOL postponed through 2023, commercial support will always be available, so we have options

## **What does this mean for me?**

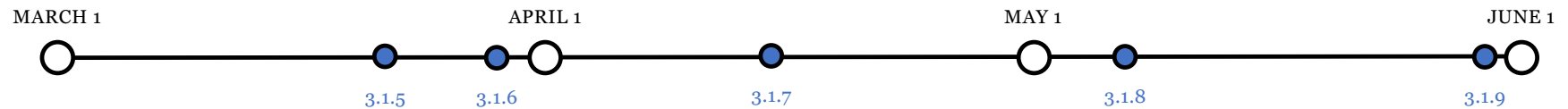
- We are in a good place to migrate more complex sites this summer
  - It took until early March to establish this confidence but required some time to deliver against the updated plan from Dec 2021
- Some faculties cannot ramp up for Spring term for their main site but have others they can start working on
- Some faculties can only migrate in the summer, and some will choose to wait until 2023

# FDSU parity projection

<b>Item</b>	<b>Dev status</b>	<b>Dev completion target</b>	<b>Migration script status</b>	<b>Migration script completion target</b>
Project	Done	Done	Started	Current sprint
BibCite	In progress	Current sprint	To do	Next sprint
Expand/collapse	In progress	Current sprint	To do	Next sprint
Org chart	To do	Next sprint	To do	Sprint after next
Mailchimp	In progress	Current sprint	To do	Sprint after next
Authenticated sites	In progress	Next sprint	To do	Sprint after next
Scheduled publish	In progress	Current sprint	To do	Sprint after next

*As of March 21*

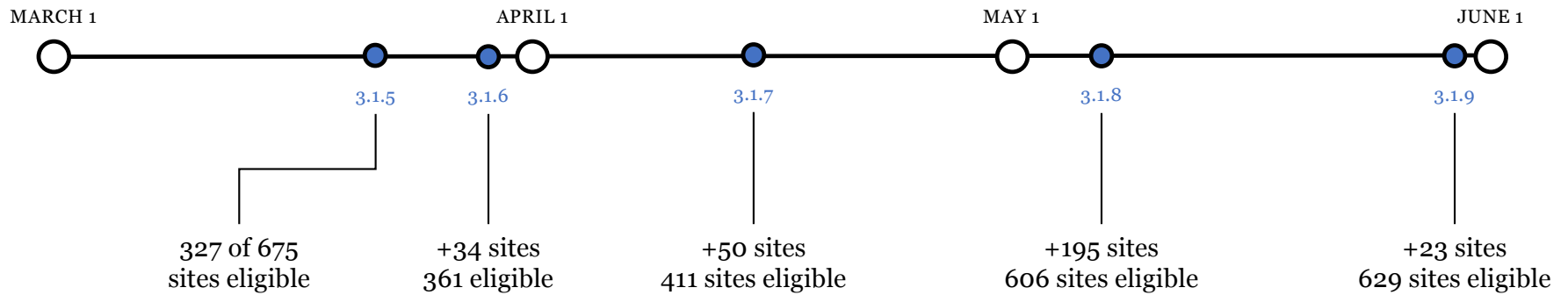
# FDSU parity projection (cont'd)



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| <p><b>3.1.5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drupal core security patches</li><li>• Bug fixes</li></ul> | <p><b>3.1.6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facts and figures parity</li><li>• Migration support for project and image gallery</li></ul> | <p><b>3.1.7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expand/collapse</li><li>• BibCite</li><li>• Mailchimp</li><li>• Scheduled publishing</li></ul> | <p><b>3.1.8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authenticated sites</li><li>• Org chart</li><li>• Migration support for Project and BibCite</li></ul> | <p><b>3.1.9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Migration support for expand/collapse, Org chart, Mailchimp, Auth sites, Scheduled publish</li><li>• Bug fixes</li></ul> |
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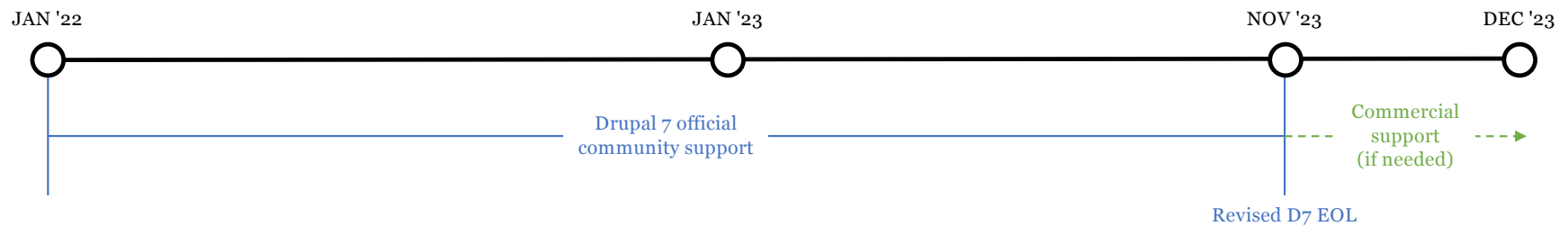
*Projections +/- one release, unplanned circumstances may result in adjustments to schedule*

# Migration progress



- 675 sites comprised original "wave 1" eligibility
- Wave 1 consists of FDSU sites with no customizations
- Difference between 629/675 are sites initially identified as non-custom FDSU but since have been identified having unique circumstances, will manage on a case-by-case basis

# Support model and duration



- Drupal.org announced [postponement of D7 EOL](#) to at least November 1, 2023
- Key messaging: “...the scheduled Drupal 7 End-of-Life date will be **re-evaluated annually.**”
- If needed, we will be in a position to secure commercial support with the vendor we reached an initial agreement with in November 2021

# Support model and duration (cont'd)

## **What does this mean for me?**

- No impact to our current plans/projections for the remaining work
  - Single-page, publications, conference, custom work proceed as planned
  - WCMS 2 versions continue to be available as needed
  - Unlocks some time for team to circle back on internal process improvement, QA, sooner rather than later
- Hopeful release of time constraints around capacity to migrate sites due to previous EOL dates
  - “Hard deadline” no longer exists, we want to support building migration momentum in a framework that site owners are comfortable in
  - We don't want migration to “linger on” longer than it has to, will balance this motivation with campus needs

# Complete transparency

- Progress on WCMS development is updated after each sprint but easier visibility is necessary
- Data exists to support understanding but was not well connected
  - Feature Release Sprint Dates + Features Needed For A Site
- We are working to make information more readily available
  - Updates after each release  
<https://uwaterloo.ca/web-resources/news>
  - Core project reporting at Web Steering and Advisory
  - Site migration [readiness dashboard](#)
    - Will make it very easy to see status of site readiness for migration
  - Migration to Jira Software in the cloud
    - Facilitates realtime public roadmap, more efficient than updating WCMS 3 website



# Preparing for the spring

- Dedicated QA coops to ease the effort on developers
- Collaborative planning with Faculties and Future Student site owners
- We need to build the overall plan which is informed by:
  - Core WCMS development and readiness
  - Faculty plans
  - This allows for one plan/roadmap across development and migration
- Review of operational processes and tools

# Preparing for the spring (cont'd)

- Migration pause period from April 19 – May 9
  - One week to offboard current coops
  - One week coop break between terms
  - One week to onboard new coops
  - Migration request form will be closed during this time
- New sites can continue to be requested/provisioned
  - Form for new site requests only will be published for this period
- Collaborate with other groups that happen to also be hiring new coops for the spring on their training needs

# Summary

- Within the next several weeks remaining major features will be available in the WCMS
- Software development is unpredictable so there might be delays but they will be measured in weeks not months
- Focus needs to shift to migration planning for ALL sites
- Goal is to understand the WHOLE plan so we can plan effectively
- D7 EOL has been postponed until November 1, 2023, and will be re-evaluated annually by Drupal.org
  - Between a further extension, and commercial extended support, we have good options