Drupal LMS Planning Guide: Assess Your Project Maturity

This checklist helps you see whether the key decisions for building a Drupal LMS are already clear. Each checked item signals alignment and planning clarity. Unchecked items simply highlight areas where more discussion or information may help before moving forward.

Discovery & Scope

☐ We can clearly define the primary problem this LMS is meant to solve

☐ Features for the first release are identified and separated from later phases

☐ Primary user groups and usage patterns are understood

☐ Reporting and analytics expectations are documented

☐ Access model (open, restricted, monetized) is defined

Planning signal: Unchecked items suggest an opportunity to clarify scope and priorities through focused discovery conversations.

Learning Architecture

☐ Learning content structure is defined or mapped

☐ User roles and permissions are understood

☐ Learner progression logic is described

☐ Relationships between courses, modules, or content are clear

☐ Governance or approval ownership is identified

Planning signal: Gaps here indicate value in architecture planning to prevent structural rework later.

Experience Design

- ☐ The learner journey from entry to completion is described
- ☐ Administrative oversight and management needs are defined
- ☐ Dashboard and reporting visibility expectations are clear
- ☐ Review or approval checkpoints are identified
- ☐ Navigation and user flow expectations are understood

Planning signal: Unchecked areas may benefit from UX or workflow mapping sessions before implementation.

Technical Integration

- ☐ External systems requiring connection are identified
- ☐ Expected data flows between systems are understood
- ☐ Authentication and access control approach is defined
- ☐ Reporting or analytics integration needs are clear
- ☐ System boundaries and responsibilities are documented

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Content Migration & Operations

☐ Existing courses or learning materials are inventoried

☐ Content ownership and maintenance responsibilities are defined

☐ Review and approval processes for content are established

☐ Migration scope and timeline expectations are realistic

☐ Content quality standards are documented

Planning signal: Unchecked items suggest additional operational planning to support smooth launch and ongoing reliability.

Launch & Growth

☐ Success metrics and KPIs are defined

☐ Post-launch enhancement priorities are identified

☐ Feedback collection methods are planned

☐ A high-level platform evolution roadmap exists

☐ Ongoing maintenance responsibilities are assigned

Planning signal: Gaps here indicate value in roadmap conversations to guide sustainable growth.

Resources & Team Alignment

☐ Budget expectations are identified or estimated

☐ Internal stakeholders are engaged

☐ Decision-making authority is clear

☐ Drupal development expertise is available (in-house or partner)

☐ Timeline expectations are realistic

Planning signal: Unchecked items suggest a need for internal alignment before committing to development.

Planning Maturity Scoring

Add up your checked items to understand your current planning maturity level.

30–35 items checked — High planning maturity

Strong alignment exists across scope, architecture, and operations. Development conversations can focus primarily on execution.

Suggested focus: validate assumptions and refine priorities.

20–29 items checked — Developing planning maturity

Core direction is forming, but some areas would benefit from structured planning.

Suggested focus: discovery alignment, architecture mapping, or integration workshops.

Under 20 items checked — Early planning stage

Many foundational decisions are still emerging.

Suggested focus: stakeholder workshops, scope clarification, and operational modeling.

Use your unchecked items as the foundation for a discovery conversation.

We'll help you clarify requirements, define scope, and create a realistic implementation roadmap.

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