

Look Ma, No Hands ... Deployment

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Why Hands-off Deploy? - CAT

- **Consistent steps increase reliability.**
[avoid 'oops I forgot to ____']
- **Automated - Off peak deployers want a life too!**



- **Testable - (Travis, Jenkins...)**



Please Mam, Your code MUST take care of itself. I do need to get these tests running.

Evolution of Deployment



Good?



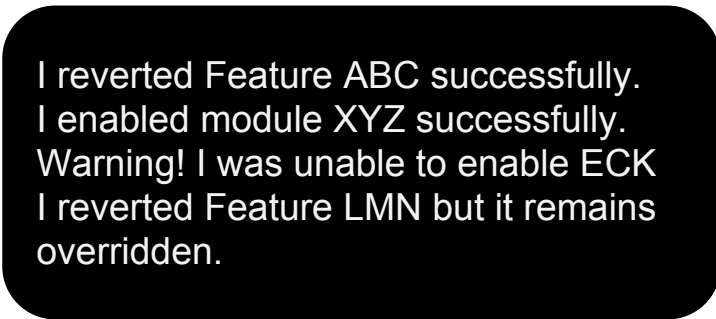
Better



Better Yet



AWESOME



Anatomy of a hook_update_N()

Runs once upon 'drush updb' or update.php

```
/**  
 * Enable module Google Analytics.  
 */  
MY_MODULE_update_7001(&$sandbox) {  
  $modules = array('google_analytics');  
  module_enable($modules);  
}
```

This gets presented to person running the update.
Special case: Do not follow code style requirements.



my_module.info



my_module.install



my_module.module

Anatomy of a hook_update_N()

In action...

```
/**  
 * Enable module Google Analytics.  
 * /  
MY_MODULE_update_7001(&$sandbox) {  
  $modules = array('google_analytics');  
  module_enable($modules);  
}
```

Sneaks around and whispers
with a forked tongue.



```
> drush updb  
My_module 7001 Enable Google Analytics  
Do you wish to run all pending updates? (y/n): y  
Performed update MY_MODULE_update_7001  
>
```

Anatomy of a BETTER hook_update_N()

```
/**
 * Enable module Google Analytics.
 * /
MY_MODULE_update_7001(&$$sandbox) {
  $modules = array('google_analytics');
  module_enable($modules);

  return "Google analytics was probably enabled.";
}
```

*Just telling you what
you want to hear.*



```
> drush updb
My_module 7001 Enable Google Analytics
Do you wish to run all pending updates? (y/n): y
Google Analytics was probably enabled.
Performed update MY_MODULE_update_7001
>
```

Anatomy of an EVEN BETTER hook_update_N()

```
/**
 * Enable module Google Analytics.
 * /
MY_MODULE_update_7001(&$sandbox) {
  $modules = array('google_analytics');
  $success = module_enable($modules);
  if ($success) {
    $msg = "Google analytics was enabled.";
  }
  else {
    // This module is not enabled, throw an exception.
    throw new DrupalUpdateException("The module 'google_analytics was
      supposed to be enabled by this update, but was not. Please investigate
      the problem and re-run update.");
  }

  // Let's set the variable too.
  variable_set('googleanalytics_account', 'UA-1-1');

  return $msg;
}
```

1) Do something.

2) Verify it was done.

3) Return accurate feedback.

Anatomy of an AWESOME hook_update_N()

Use module Hook Update Deploy Tools

```
/**
 * Enable module Google Analytics.
 * /
MY_MODULE_update_7001(&$sandbox) {
  $message = HookUpdateDeployTools\Features::revert('google_analytics');
  $message .= HookUpdateDeployTools\Settings::set('googleanalytics_account', 'UA-1-1');

  return $message;
}
```

All the tenets of a good update hook are baked in:

1. Does something.
2. Verifies it was done.
3. Gives accurate feedback and logs it.
4. Fails the update if the operation was not successful.

A Deploy Module

A simple custom module that does nothing but manage deploying your site changes.



site_deploy.info



site_delpoy.install



site_deploy.module

Benefits:

1. One place to conduct the major releases of your site (module enables, disables, vocabulary creation, data wrangling...)
2. The install file becomes the site historian / release notes for your site.

* **bonus:** Using `hook_update_deploy_tools` run ``drush side-deploy-init`` and it will build the `site_deploy` module for you.

A Deploy Module | Best Practices

- **Don't use fake dependencies to enable modules. (You'll only ensure that site_deploy updates run last. So the module can only sweep-up, not conduct.)**

site_deploy.info

```
; Modules
dependencies[ ] = book
dependencies[ ] = search_api
dependencies[ ] = views
```

```
; Features
dependencies[ ] = cool_feature
dependencies[ ] = the_shiz
```



site_deploy.info

```
; Modules
dependencies[ ] =
hook_update_deploy_tools
```



Features that manage themselves

- Add a `MY_FEATURE.install` file to your Features.
- When a Feature needs to be reverted, call the feature `revert` from a `hook_update_N()`.

```
/**
 * Revert: Add new fields to blog.
 * /
cool_feature_update_7001(&$sandbox) {
  $features = array('cool_feature');
  features_revert($features);
}
```



Advantages

- Your `.install` file now reads like Feature release notes.
- Avoids feature `revert all`, which can be intensive.
- Avoids Git conflicts with editing `site_deploy.install`.

Features that manage themselves with hook_update_deploy_tools

- To get validation and feedback, use:

```
/**  
 * Revert: Add new fields to blog.  
 * /  
cool_feature_update_7001(&$sandbox) {  
  $features = array('cool_feature');  
  return HookUpdateDeployTools\Features::revert($features);  
}
```

Reverted cool_feature successfully.

- or -

Revert request for cool_feature was skipped because it is not currently overridden.



- or -

cool_feature remains overridden after being reverted. Check for issues.

hook update_n best practices

- **Tell what you are going to do (meaningful docblocks)**
- **Validate what you did**
- **Tell what you validated (meaningful return messages)**

Keep in mind

- **Be aware of the order (or lack of). Dependencies run first. When orchestration is needed, use one `hook_update_N()` to conduct.**
- **Avoid re-numbering. Drupal tracks the last N run.**
- **Git collisions happen since you are always working on the last lines of the file.**
- **Use project/[hook_update_deploy_tools](#)**

Open Discussion



Thank you.

Resources:

- dcycleproject.org/blog/44/what-site-deployment-module
- api.drupal.org/api/drupal/modules%21system%21system.api.php/function/hook_update_N/7
- www.drupal.org/project/hook_update_deploy_tools
- web-dev.wirt.us/modules/hook-update-deploy-tools
- <http://nerdstein.net/blog/site-updates-drupal>



What can `hook_update_deploy_tools` help you do?

- **Generate a custom `site_deploy` module**
- **Enable, Disable, Uninstall Modules**
- **Revert Features**
- **Delete Fields**
- **Update node properties and simple field values**
- **Update node aliases**
- **Set Drupal variables {alter site config}**
- **Create / update Menus from menu import file**
- **Create / update rules from a rule import file**
- **Export rules with Drush**
- **Messages and logging**