

Drupal and WordPress News

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Acquia has announced an agreement to receive a majority investment from Vista Equity Partners, which essentially translates into the investment company purchasing Acquia for a colossal \$1 billion. The investment will enable the open-source digital experience company to continue growing its presence in the digital experience platform space. "Vista shares our belief that the DXP market is ripe for disruption and we are excited to partner with them to accelerate our plans," said Michael Sullivan, Acquia CEO.

Acquia's press release noted that Acquia will "continue to operate independently".

This announcement came shortly after being named to the 2019 Forbes Cloud 100 for the fourth consecutive year and acquiring the first enterprise-grade, low-code Drupal website builder.

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In an age where the internet's attention is hyper focused on the most recent tweet, only to be distracted the next minute, WordPress' decade-long staying power can be attributed to its diverse and dedicated open-source community.

WordPress values and strives to grow its community, and one of the ways it does that is through WordCamps. Philadelphia is home to one of the oldest WordCamps in the United States, and the annual daylong event is returning this weekend, Oct. 5 and 6, at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.



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Alice Orru was born in Sardinia, an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. As a child, she dreamt of becoming a flight attendant, traveling the world, and speaking many foreign languages.

Unable to meet the height requirements of her chosen profession, Orru ended up choosing a different path in life, following the Italian mantra: "You have to study something that will guarantee a stable and secure job for life."

The unemployment rate in Sardinia is very high, a challenge shared throughout the surrounding islands. In addition to that, Alice wasn't that keen on having the same job all her life, as her parents had.

When Orru was 22 she moved to Siena, Tuscany, to finish her studies. That is when she created her first personal blog. The website was built on an Italian platform named Tiscali, which she later migrated to WordPress.com.

After 2 years in Tuscany Orru moved to Strasbourg, France. She studied French and worked several jobs while living there. Her first serious job was in Milan - working 40 hours/week in the marketing department of a large, international company. She found herself surrounded by ambitious colleagues and a boss who constantly requested extra "unpaid" working hours per day.

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