

# Site Maintenance and Downtime

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The site was down in the early part of this morning due to maintenance/system software upgrades. It will go down again tonight at approximately the same time and for about the same length of time as I attempt to upgrade the cms.

The system software upgrades required the complete removal of mysql and all databases and then reimporting them, so I was left with no choice but to put tuxmachines offline. Being run on gentoo, this upgrade took some time to compile and install. So naturally, also due to being run on gentoo, required the rebuilding of many apps that depend on mysql. Sorry for the downtime.

The upgrade of mysql went well except now I can't seem to leave "cache" on. Cache was a drupal option that allowed the pages to be saved into and rendered from a cache that allowed for faster rendering of the site. Now if it is enabled, it seems my front page appears complete blank. I'm not sure if an upgrade of the cms will cure that.

With the release of drupal 4.7, I feel that the site cms should be brought more up to date. I've tried several times in the past to upgrade drupal from one major version to the next, but it always fails. I don't really hold out too much hope for success tonight.

I had a friend who liked the look and functionality of my site and asked if he should move his site to drupal. I told him, who might be considered still a bit of a newcomer, that I couldn't recommend it mainly for the disastrous upgrading process. It's a nightmare.

All in all, if I had it to do over again, I'm not sure I'd pick drupal or even gentoo on which to run a production server.

Anyway, wish me luck and if I'm down when you visit later, please check back.

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