

Any info or experiences you would like to share with the Sandpile Community?

Would be happy to share where I am at, the issues I am working through, lack of response to "solution" emails sent to clients, etc... Aaron @ A3 Creative Solutions

Right now I feel like I'm lost in a maze. I've spent so much time trying to learn new platforms, research functionality/capabilities, etc. that I really haven't gotten much accomplished. I really want to contribute more to the community and provide any resource that I can, but unfortunately I just don't have much to share at this point. If there is anything I can help with, contribute to, etc. I'd love for anyone to reach out and let me know!

I'm looking to pursue larger clients, Platform-OS appears to be able to handle that. After regaining my composure after the EOL, I am extremely excited for what's to come. Also, the community coming together has been wonderful, I've been enjoying the sandpile and our new Town Hall.

Opening up our options to include a Website Builder in addition to the CMS and Ecommerce platforms we already did was "enlightening". Duda will allow us to build brochure sites much faster than other alternatives.

Hostgator's Cloud Sites plan allows the build of subdomains while sites are built...then they can be migrated to client sites when they are ready to go live.

Unless PlatformOS is a reality, I see little hope of a BC-like platform that can offer an integrated solution with CRM, CMS (data-driven), email marketing, ability to use template frameworks like bootstrap AND allow server side code. For all its problems, BC remains a very powerful platform and will be hard to replace. As BC becomes a dead platform, the pressure is going to increase for partners to migrate sites - those of us that used all features of BC might be out of luck.

Customer support has been excellent with Duda and Weebly Cloud so far.

Be cautious of being locked in again to propriety platforms. Your customers and reputation rely on your decisions. Leave a project to someone else if it requires a platform specific outcome. There is plenty of other projects out there. The responsibility as we have found is not worth the risks.

If you choose a propriety platform do due diligence on ownership and their history (do they develop grow sell) because that is a warning single that it will fail to live on.

I'm torn between several options, especially Weebly Cloud and Duda for the lower end sites. I'm trying out both to see how they compare. I have some complicated sites that I need a platform like BC, because I've customized everything based on what BC could do. I need BC functionality for at least two sites.

Umbraco Cloud is not as daunting as you might perceive and has a lot of things you wished was available in BC.

Simvoly is very good for DIY, NPO and non-complex app sites. Big Commerce and Shopify are expensive (but have lots of plugins and support). Platform-OS and Synergy8 both have tremendous future possibilities for those who can wait. In short, BC has left a HUGE hole in this market. Primarily I do business development/marketing/design/strategy and having a single extensible platform made it possible for me to do much more. Now, having to learn potentially several platforms to satisfy customers variable application requirements and financial limitations; I find myself being stretched thin and squeezed into more limiting niches to remain in this market. Platform-OS could be a savior if the price is right and functionality is timely. I know they're doing the best they can...

Although I've fought against it for years, I've decided on WordPress, at least for now, but I'm going the premium route, with good quality hosting, paid for plug-ins, build my own themes/templates, etc. to attempt to replicate the premium brand I believe BC afforded. I also want to replicate how I used to build out sites on BC, so that I'm not changing everything, even if it means going against the WordPress 'way'. I'll use this for new sites and see how it goes. For the 40 sites I have on BC, I'm not going to rush into anything, rather wait before migrating any sites and I'll keep an eye on Treepl, Platform OS, seosamba.

It has been a good way to completely review what I am doing - my biz model will change significantly.

I have been working on getting a template in to Weebly Cloud all week. Learned a lot but not quite there yet. They seem to have good help available for BC partners, but there is a huge time difference for me as they are in the USA and I am in Australia.

I'm impressed with Squarespace even though it isn't discussed in group settings. I've used support twice and was extremely impressed.

Certain customers will really like the built in image editor and beautiful font library. This seems to be a great solution for a few of my customers.

I'm glad (actually relieved) your here to help - having Adobe give the news of killing BC struck fear and concern in many of us and this sandpile is providing the only real direct communication to find solutions. Grateful and thankful.

BackupBC announced a new data extractor for BC

We are taking our time ... we do not feel it's a good strategy to rush into a new solution.

Umbraco.tv has been very helpful

I'm just soooo confused. Webflow look FAB but limited in what it can achieve. Wordpress can do EVERYTHING with plugins ... but not exactly designer friendlyPlatform OS is probably going to be out of my reach... as I don't have 50 sites to migrate over...

Light CMS (Oracle) offers a developer portal for small sites. In my case it lacks multi lingual support (CMS content). Same with web flow and weebly. If you're a developer then the headless CMS Kentico Cloud is a good alternative.

Sandpile and facebook have been fabulous - special thanks to barbara. I am a single operator and its been a blessing to have everyone sharing their research.

resist making a rushed decision!

We don't have many sites but we do have 4 which are heavily customised with web apps and liquid with one displaying ecommerce site with 3 levels of pricing structure.

Nothing really standout yet - thanks for your efforts

Webflow has the best CMS we've found, but all other services (ecommerce, mass mailing, etc.) would need to be third-party integrations.

I'm not sure if I'll be back in time to attend tonight, but I'll watch the recording. Sandpile is still very much needed. Thank you.

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