



# Complete concrete5 Upgrade Guide

IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT UPDATING YOUR CONCRETE5 WEBSITE...

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## KATALYSIS CONCRETE5 UPGRADE GUIDE

Starting out in 2003 as an in-house project concrete5 was released as an open source content management system in 2008. Since then the product has been refined by original developer Portland Labs and by a strong global community of developers.

Like lots of website designers and developers we've used concrete5 for many years to provide easily managed websites for our clients.

Until the last 5.6 series version the appearance and underlying architecture of concrete5 changed little. With the launch of 5.7 in late 2014 concrete5 leapt forward with an updated editing interface and significant modernisation of the underlying code. The latest concrete5 version 8 takes another step forward refining the editing environment and adding important new features.

The pace of change can make it confusing for site owners to decide on an appropriate upgrade strategy. In this document we try to make the options clear...

## CHECKING YOUR WEBSITE'S CONCRETE5 VERSION

It's easy to find out which version of concrete5 powers your website...

Simply login as an administrator and visit:

<https://www.yourwebsite.com/index.php/dashboard/system/environment/info>

*(Replace with your own website URL)*

The concrete5 version will be shown at the top of the Environment information panel.

### **5.0.0 - 5.6.3.5 = concrete5 LEGACY VERSION 6**

Your website uses concrete5 LEGACY VERSION 6 which was effectively superseded with the launch of 5.7 in late 2014. There have been some updates since then including minor enhancements and bug/security fixes. However, the main development focus for concrete5 has moved to the newer versions.

**IMPORTANT:** The concrete5 developers have stated that they will give at least 12 months notice before ceasing to support 5.6. This has not been announced yet but they have recently indicated that support for legacy concrete5 is likely to cease 'before too long'.

### **5.7.0 - 5.7.5.13 = concrete5 LEGACY VERSION 7**

Your website uses the 5.7 version of concrete5. 5.7 continues to be supported and offers a straightforward upgrade path to the newer version 8.

### **8.0 - 8.3.2 = concrete5 VERSION 8**

Your website uses the most up-to-date concrete5 version 8.

*[Now check page 3 for your update options...](#)*

## YOUR UPDATE OPTIONS

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5.0.0 - 5.6.3.5

**Outdated LEGACY VERSION 6**

To benefit from performance improvements, bug and security fixes you should have your concrete5 installation updated to 5.6.3.5 as soon as possible. [SEE UPDATE 1](#)

You should also consider longer term plans for your website when legacy version 6 support ends. [SEE UPDATE 2](#)

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5.6.3.5

**Latest LEGACY VERSION 6**

Your website has the latest feature updates, bug and security fixes for LEGACY VERSION 6.

However, support will end soon and you should be planning your migration to VERSION 8. [SEE UPDATE 2](#)

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5.7.0 - 5.7.5.12

**Outdated LEGACY VERSION 7**

To benefit from performance improvements and bug/ security fixes you should update to 5.7.5.13 now and consider updating to VERSION 8. [SEE UPDATE 3](#)

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5.7.5.13

**Latest LEGACY VERSION 7**

Your website has the latest feature updates, bug and security fixes for concrete5 legacy version 5.7.

While 5.7 will continue to be supported for some time you should consider updating to VERSION 8 for the very latest features. [SEE UPDATE 3](#)

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8.0 - 8.3.1

**Outdated VERSION 8**

To benefit from performance improvements, bug and security fixes you should have your concrete5 installation updated to 8.3 now. [SEE UPDATE 4](#)

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8.3.2

**Latest VERSION 8**

**Congratulations, you're using the very latest concrete5!**

[Find out more about the different update processes...](#)

## WHAT'S INVOLVED IN MY UPDATE/MIGRATION?

### Updating to the most recent LEGACY VERSION 6

**If you are currently running any version of concrete5 between 5.0 and 5.6.3.4 you should update to 5.6.3.5 urgently to benefit from important bug/security fixes and performance improvements.**

The update process needs to step through each main subversion and it will be necessary to update any AddOns or custom components on your website to ensure that they are compatible with the concrete5 updates.

To be sure this process runs smoothly Katalysis will usually make a copy of your website on a development server, apply all necessary updates and resolve any issues that may arise before making your updated website live.

Now that your website is secure you should consider longer term plans for your website when legacy version 6 support ends. [SEE UPDATE 2](#)

*We'd be happy to review your website and quote for the work required to update your concrete5 LEGACY VERSION 6 site.*

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## WHAT'S INVOLVED IN MY UPDATE/MIGRATION?

### Migrating LEGACY VERSION 6 to the latest concrete5

The latest concrete5 5.7/8 versions take a leap forward, providing a flexible, modern framework and giving you the reassurance that your website is built on a firm foundation for future growth.

The significant changes made in 5.7/8 mean it's not as straightforward to update your website as with previous versions. A migration from Legacy to the latest concrete5 needs careful planning and could be dealt with as part of a planned redesign or content restructure.

The migration process:

- Your website theme will need to be updated/rebuilt
- Any legacy concrete5 Marketplace Packages you use will need to be updated or replaced with alternatives
- Any custom components you may have had developed will need to be updated for compatibility
- The pages and content from your current site can then be migrated to the new site

Once your website is migrated to the new concrete5 architecture ongoing updates can be applied with minimal effort as previously.

*Every website migration will differ depending on complexity and the extent of content. We're happy to review your site and quote for the work required.*

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## WHAT'S INVOLVED IN MY UPDATE/MIGRATION?

### Updating LEGACY VERSION 5.7 websites

There is a direct upgrade path from 5.7 through to concrete5 version 8. However some of the improvements to version 8 may mean that your them and any custom components in your 5.7 website need to be updated for compatibility.

It's also worth noting that you must update to 5.7.5.11 before updating to 8.0. If you are using a version of 5.7 below 5.7.3, you must update to 5.7.3 before updating to 5.7.4 or greater.

*We are happy to review your website and offer a quotation for the work required to update your concrete5 LEGACY VERSION 7 website.*

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## WHAT'S INVOLVED IN MY UPDATE/MIGRATION?

### Updating VERSION 8

As with all software it's important to keep up-to-date to benefit from the latest features and bug/security fixes.

Look out for notifications about updates in your concrete5 dashboard.

*If you are looking for ongoing development, hosting and support for your concrete5 VERSION 8 website we'd be happy to help.*

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## CONCRETE5 EXPERIENCE TO COUNT ON

Katalysis is a concrete5 Agency Partner and was the UK's first concrete5 Services and Hosting Partner back in 2008. We have been designing, developing, hosting and supporting concrete5 websites ever since.

We design, build and maintain concrete5 websites for a wide variety of clients and develop custom concrete5 Packages and Blocks to meet specific requirements.

Carefully considered, beautifully designed websites...

We bring many years experience in design, marketing and website development to every project.

- We'll consider your needs carefully and help you clarify your requirements.
- We'll design and build a great looking website to meet your objectives.
- We'll provide hosting, ongoing development and support so that your website continues to meet your needs.

## UK concrete5 hosting & support

We build long-term relationships with clients and provide ongoing UK based concrete5 hosting and support for your website.

Our managed concrete5 hosting service ensures your website is always available and performing at the highest level. We will work with you to ensure your site continues to perform well for your organisation.

