Markup in Zen

‣ Zen is a "base" or "parent" theme for Drupal
‣ Features lean, semantic HTML5 markup
‣ Provides a "starterkit" for custom theme development
‣ Create a subtheme for Zen using Drush
‣ Identify HTML5 markup in Zen's template files
‣ Used in demo site for Markup in Drupal tutorials

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Why Use a Base Theme?

‣ To learn theme development, use an existing example

‣ Modifying or hacking an existing theme makes it difficult for others to help you

‣ By using a parent theme, others can readily understand your starting point

‣ Keeping custom development in a subtheme makes it easier to isolate and differentiate issues from the base theme

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Parent or Base Themes

‣ A parent or base theme provides template files, php functions in template.php, and other supporting files that a subtheme inherits

Subthemes and Starterkits

‣ A subtheme inherits all of the parent/base theme's HTML markup (in template files), CSS, and PHP code (template.php)

‣ A parent theme may provide a "starterkit," designed to be good starting point for developing a custom theme

‣ A starter theme is a subtheme that has utilized a "starterkit" and is ready for custom development

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Recap

‣ Installed Zen

‣ Learned how to create a Zen subtheme

‣ Identified HTML5 markup in several template files

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