

WORDPRESS MULTISITE

Enterprise-level WordPress for The British Council



ABOUT ME

- Freelancing since 2009
- Hacking and deploying
- Contracting since 2012



BRITISH COUNCIL

- Promote English around the World.
- Promote the UK as a place to visit/study
- 200 offices in 100 countries



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- My second contract
- Four engagements lasting around 18 months
- A baptism of fire!



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LANDSCAPE

- Decision to move to Drupal
- Slow progress
- Renegade WordPress sites began appearing

LANDSCAPE

- 10 WordPress sites through a third party
- Big fees...even small content changes
- £10,000s for the 'intellectual property'

MY ENTRY

- Interim project to launch sites quickly
- Take the pressure of Drupal team
- Goal was always to have all sites on Drupal

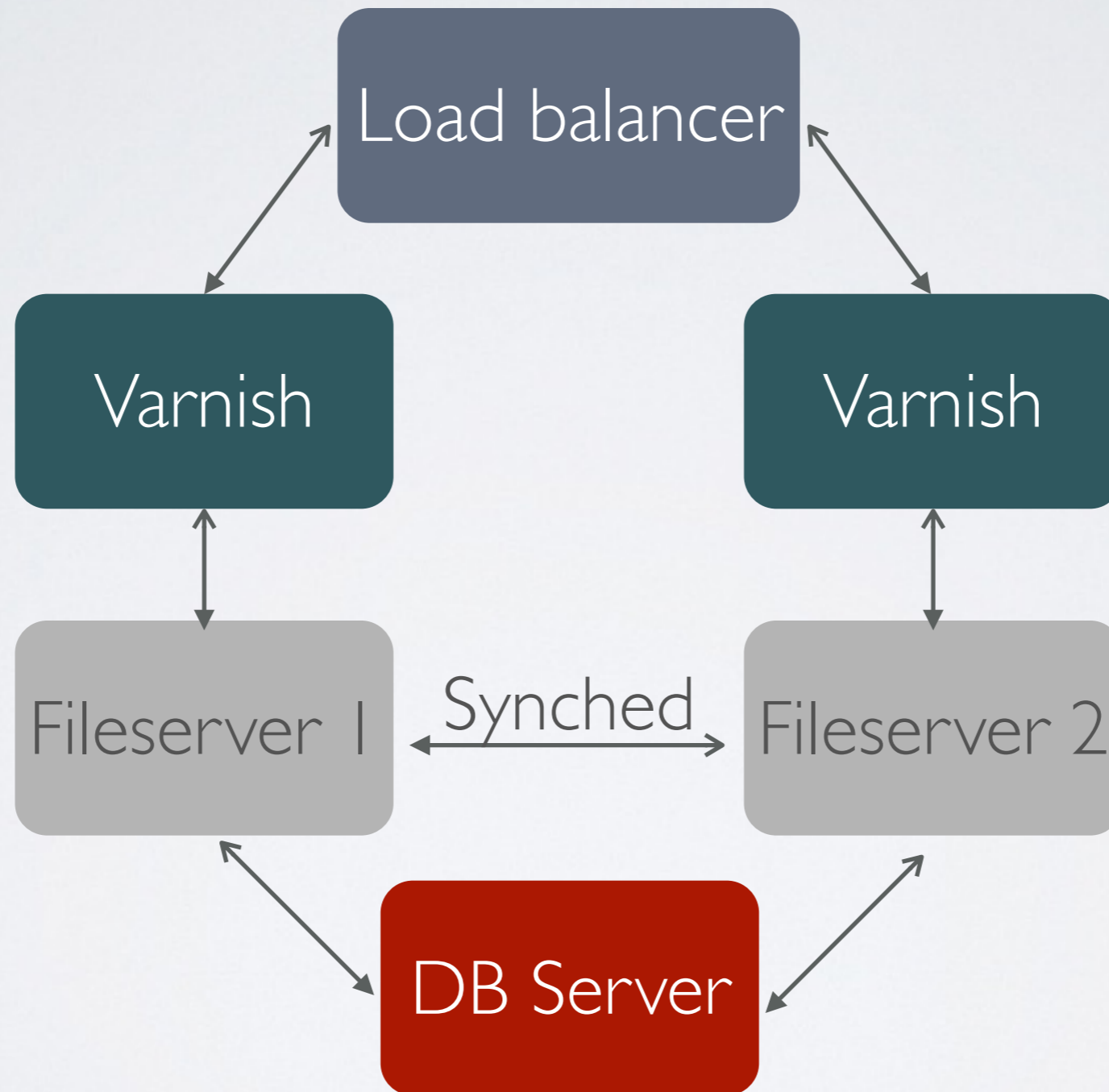
PROJECT PHASE I

- Faster is better...right?
- Quickly cloned the existing setup
- Spent a long time laying the groundwork

HOSTING

- Multiple, load-balanced servers
- Separate database server
- Enterprise level setup from Logica
- Managed by Bashton Ltd

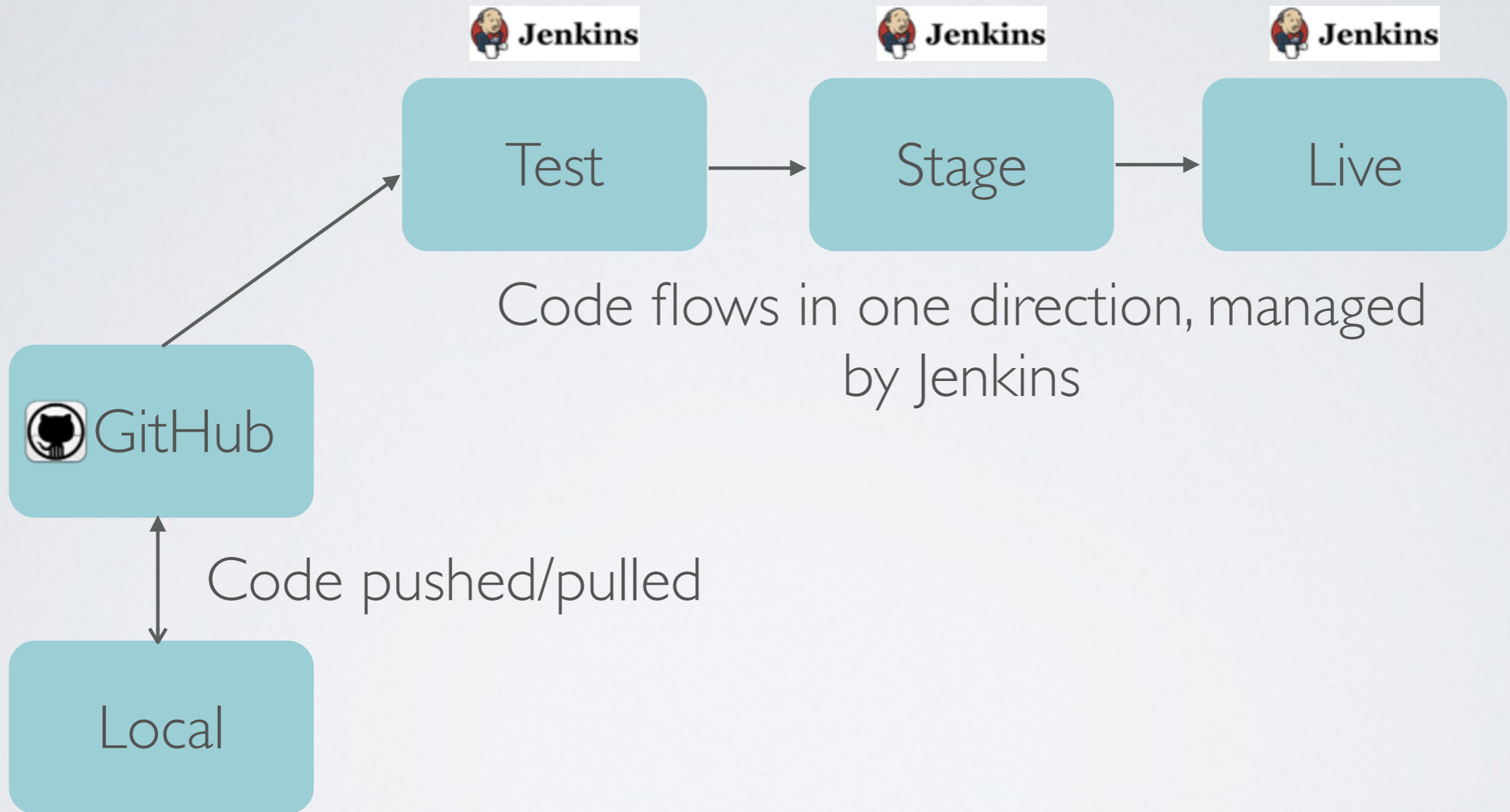
HOSTING



DEPLOYMENT

- Test, stage and live environments
- Code built locally, pushed to GitHub
- Pulled automatically into test
- Versions built and deployed using Jenkins

DEPLOYMENT



THEME

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PLUGINS

- Nothing fancy
- Sites were actually quite simple
- Events, contact form, social media integration

MULTIPLE URLS

- Admin, SSL, direct to server
- Public-facing, non-SSL, served through Akamai
- No login at public URL

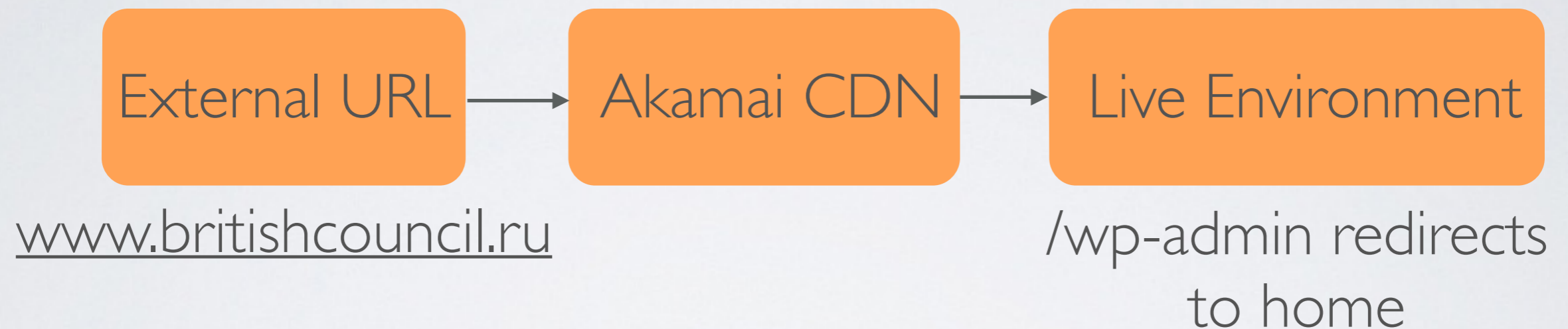
ADMIN ACCESS



Each country
on unique subdomain

Login permitted

PUBLIC ACCESS



PHASE 2

- Multiple sites launched
- Platform gained credibility
- Management began looking at permanent WPMS setup

THEME REDESIGN

- Theme overhauled to look like Drupal sites
- Extensive UX involvement and accessibility work
- New child theme of Genesis

THEME REDESIGN

The screenshot displays the homepage of the British Council Nigeria website. At the top right, there are links for "British Council Global" and "Contact us" next to a search icon. The main header features the "BRITISH COUNCIL" logo and the word "Nigeria". Below this is a navigation menu with icons and text for "Home", "Take an exam", "Study in the UK", "Learn English", "Teach English", "Our work", and "Blog".

The main content area is dominated by a large hero image of a young man and woman looking at books together. To the right of the image is a green sidebar with the text "Study in the UK" and "The UK has world-leading educational qualifications that can make a real difference to your career." Below the image is a "Continue reading" button. A "Welcome to the British Council in Nigeria" section follows, with a sub-headline and a paragraph of text.

Below the welcome section is a "Featured" section with two cards: "Creative Industries Development" featuring a man pointing at a poster that says "ADD SPARK TO YOUR CREATIVITY", and "Leaders for Tomorrow" featuring a smiling man. To the right of the featured section is a "Follow us on Facebook" section showing two Facebook posts from "British Council Nigeria".

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How well do you speak English? Complete the given sentence using an appropriate conjunction or preposition.

MULTI-LANGUAGE

- WPML used to run multiple languages
- 3 languages in the case of Kazakhstan
- Not compatible with The Events Calendar

THE END OF THE ROAD

- Contracting for 9 months
- HR decided contractors had to go
- Drupal platform gathering speed

FINAL TWEAKS

- Brought back in to run accessibility and UX tweaks to the theme.
- Occasionally do some work, basic updates to the site.
- Re-wrote the theme using SCSS

FINAL THEME

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CONCLUSION

- Simple WPMS installation
- Basic customisations
- Enterprise-level hosting/deployment
- Exposure to version control and deployment.

APPLICATION

- WPMS - easily maintain multiple sites
- Test everything before it goes live
- Use version control

QUESTIONS?