The future of Falcon

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UIS's web services: defining our terms

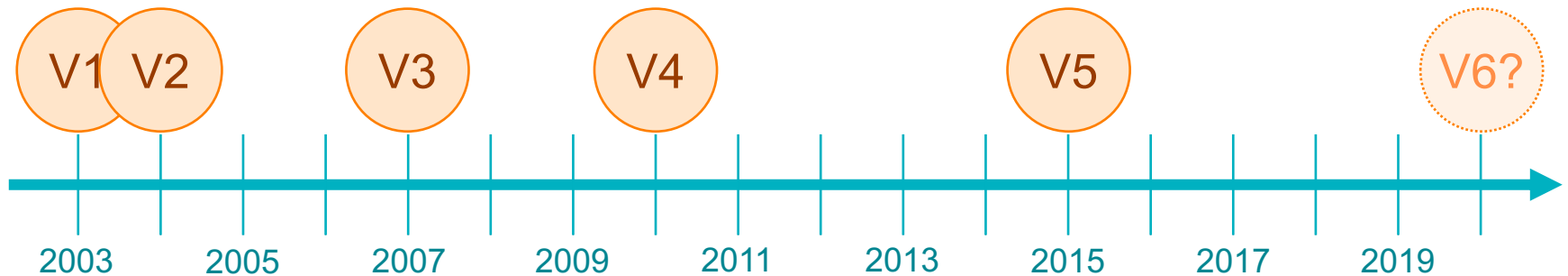UIS currently offers two hosted content management systems:

Falcon, which is based on Plone. In this presentation, we'll refer to this as '**Falcon-on-Plone**'.

Drupal. We're developing a new version of the Falcon service based on Drupal. We'll refer to this as '**Falcon-on-Drupal**'.

Falcon-on-Plone is approaching end-of-life

V1 V2   V3   V4   V5   V6?

2003   2005   2007   2009   2011   2013   2015   2017   2019

- Falcon is based on the content management system ⊙ Plone.

- We are running version 4, which could stop getting official patches in as little as 18 months.

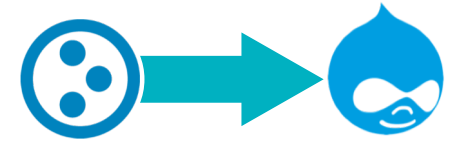- Migrating to version 5 is a *breaking change*, not a simple upgrade.

Weighing the options

	Migrate to Plone 5	Migrate to an entirely new CMS	Migrate to Drupal
Will we need to migrate all Falcon sites?	✔	✔	✔
Consolidated onto a single content management system?	✘	✘	✔
Do we have in-house UIS developers to support migration?	✘	✘	✔
Do we have in-house UIS developers to support ongoing development of new features?	✘	✘	✔

Will require external contractors

What we're doing now

- **Developing an automated migration tool**

  - Performing test migrations

  - Identifying and fixing any issues

- **Working on features for Falcon-on-Drupal**

  - A comparison with notes on our progress is available at **www.uis.cam.ac.uk/falconfeatures**

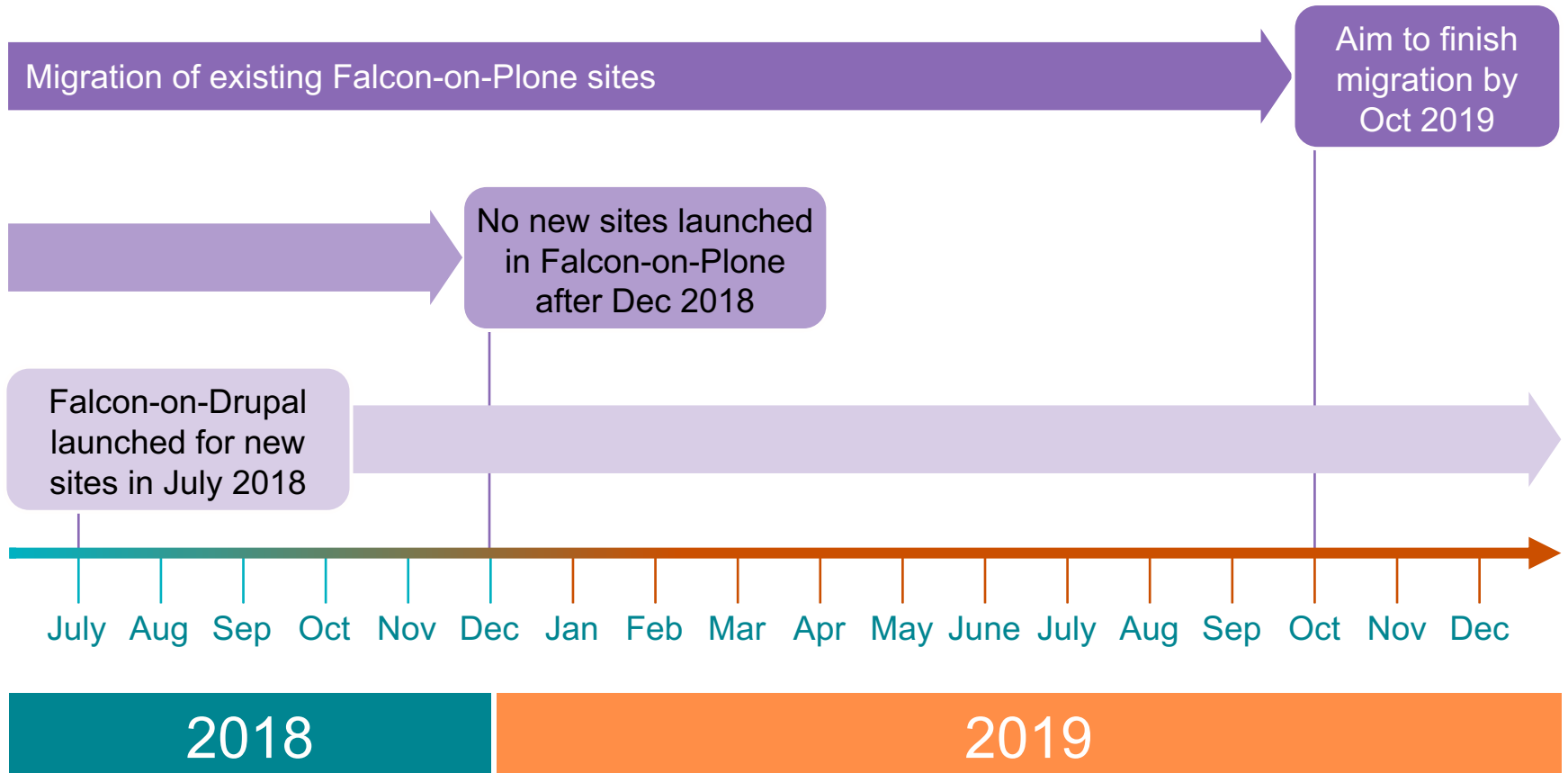 - Talking with you to find out about features you need – for example, Lookup integration and access control

- **Developing training**

  - Arranging training with users as part of their site migration

The roadmap

Migration of existing Falcon-on-Plone sites

Aim to finish migration by Oct 2019

No new sites launched in Falcon-on-Plone after Dec 2018

Falcon-on-Drupal launched for new sites in July 2018

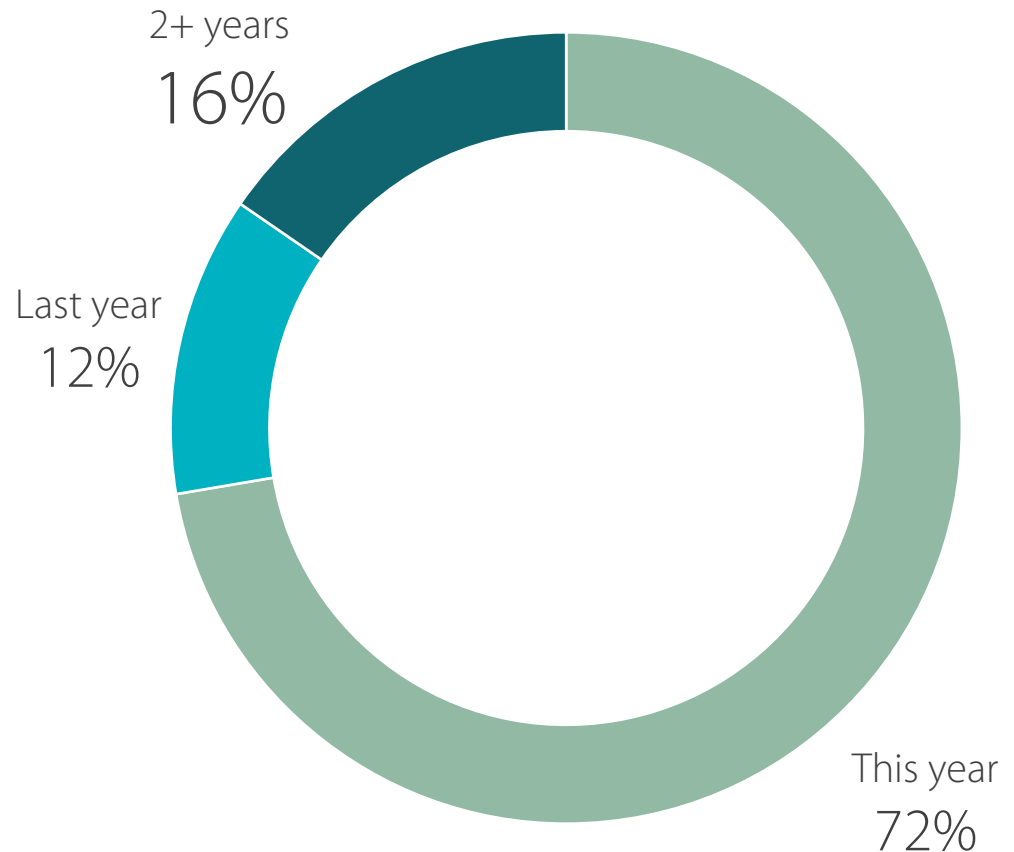| July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |

2018 **2019**

Help us to reduce the number of sites

- The fewer sites we have to migrate, the easier and faster the migration will be.

- 16% of Falcon-on-Plone sites haven't been updated in 2 or more years.

- Talk to us about archiving your site if you don't need to edit it any more.

2+ years
16%

Last year
12%

This year
72%

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