Why Drupal, Why Now?

Real Impact: 7 (-ish) Case Studies of Drupal in Government

First, Why Open Source?

- No vendor lock-in (own your data)
- Extensibility: a voice in future development
- Benefit from the Community, contribute to the Community

Drupal is GROWING

house of representatives

restorethegulf.net

department of veteran affairs

fcc.gov

mdc.mo.gov

state governments

commerce.gov

science.house.gov

of education

kenya.usaid.gov

ready.gov

international development

foreign governments

we the people

relief efforts

GO.USA.GOV

data.gov/communities

library.lbl.gov

commissions

municipalities

energy.gov

senate.ca.gov

mbda.gov

whitehouse.gov

smartgrid.gov

fatherhood.gov

data.ed.gov

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policy.house.gov

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arts.illinois.gov

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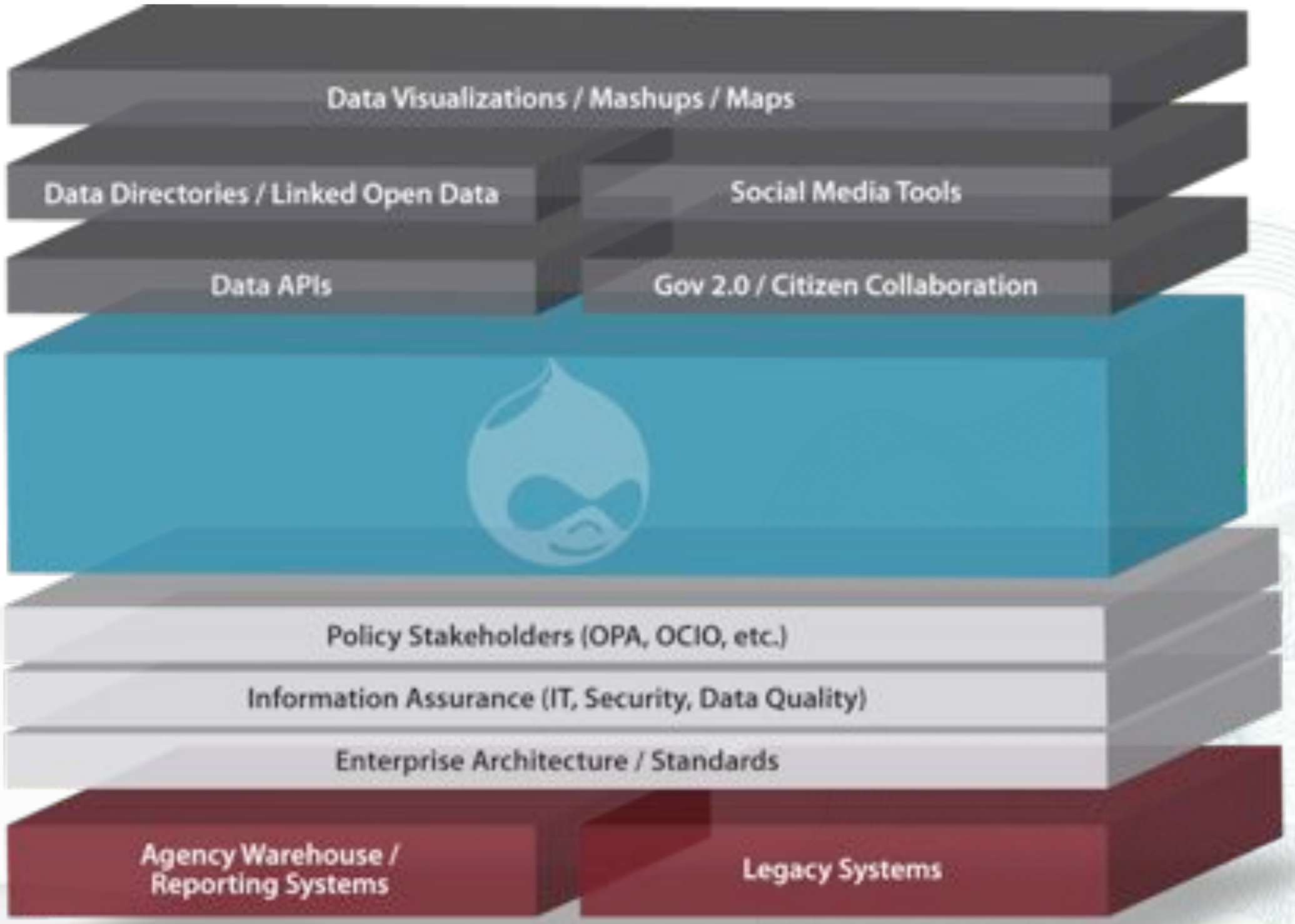
federal agencies

Modern GovTech Stack



CHANGING WASHINGTON
OPEN GOV
A NEW FOUNDATION
HEALTH CARE REFORM
THE BLOG
FEATURED LEGISLATION

OpenGovernment

- Use of "modern technology"
- Best practices for citizen engagement
- Open data sets
- Published Open Government and FOIA Plan
- Downloadable/machine readable copies of virtually everything
- Mechanisms for public feedback and input

What's Changing?

- Engagement
- Transparency
- Open Data
- Scalability
- Accessibility and Usability
- Flexibility and Speed

Engagement

Invite every U.S. citizen to create, sign and vote on petitions for any issue they want - online.

Engagement

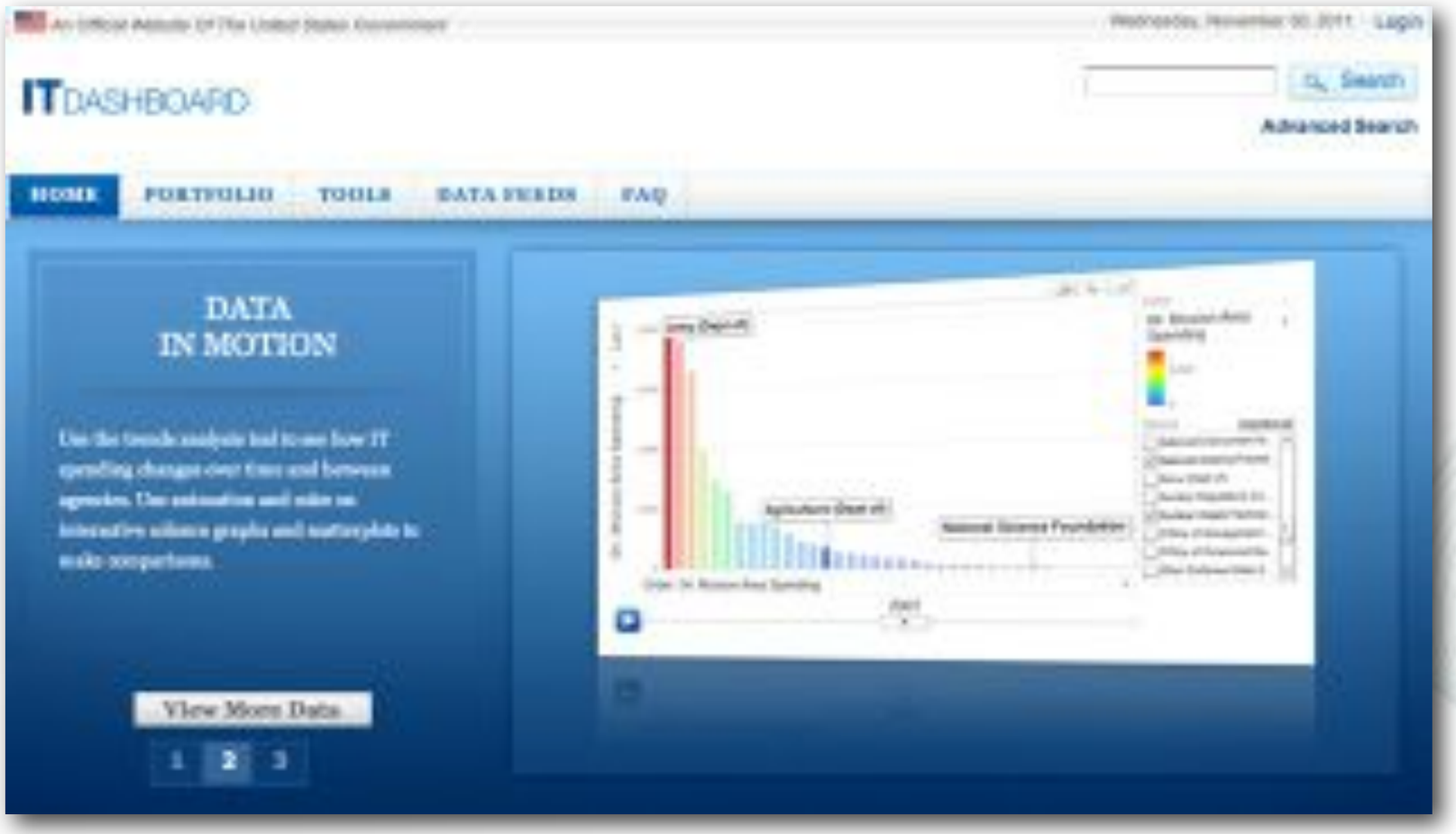
Dedicated Funding for The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
1,079 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
campaign donors (2)abolish 501c4 secrecy (3)repeal Corporate Personhood
1,485 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
Recent Petitions
Support protestors. Address the problems that brought them there. Stop trying to distract The People with side issues.
965 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
Amend the Constitution, making the Internet an unalienable right.
9,024 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
Recent Responses
History of Petitions
Helpful Hints
CREATE A PETITION
Ask FAA for reversal to change for government approach data downloads and not allowing individuals to access them.
3,235 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
Enable NHTSA to accept crash testing by foreign nations that is equal to or better than US Standards.
1,163 Signatures
FIND OUT MORE
Protect Funding for Our Nation's Most Vulnerable Students!
Yemen, to: U.S. President Mr. Barack Obama.

Engagement

Takeaways

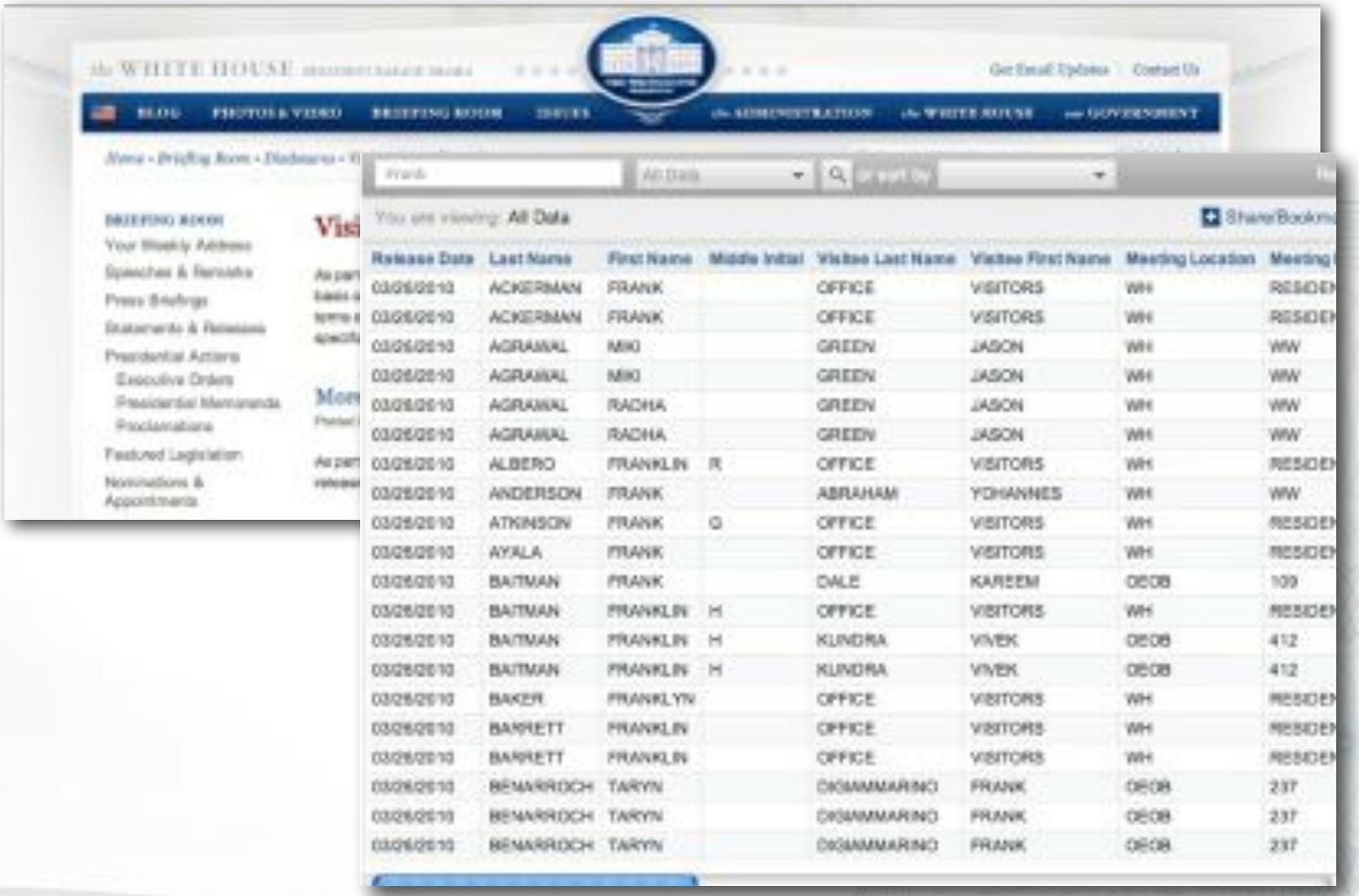
High-traffic engagement tools with security, accessibility and scalability are possible.

Transparency



How does Drupal promote transparency for everyday citizens?

Transparency



Transparency

Takeaways

Choosing a platform can mean choosing the way the public can access your information.

Open Data

By telling a story, visualization helps make data a useful resource for the public.

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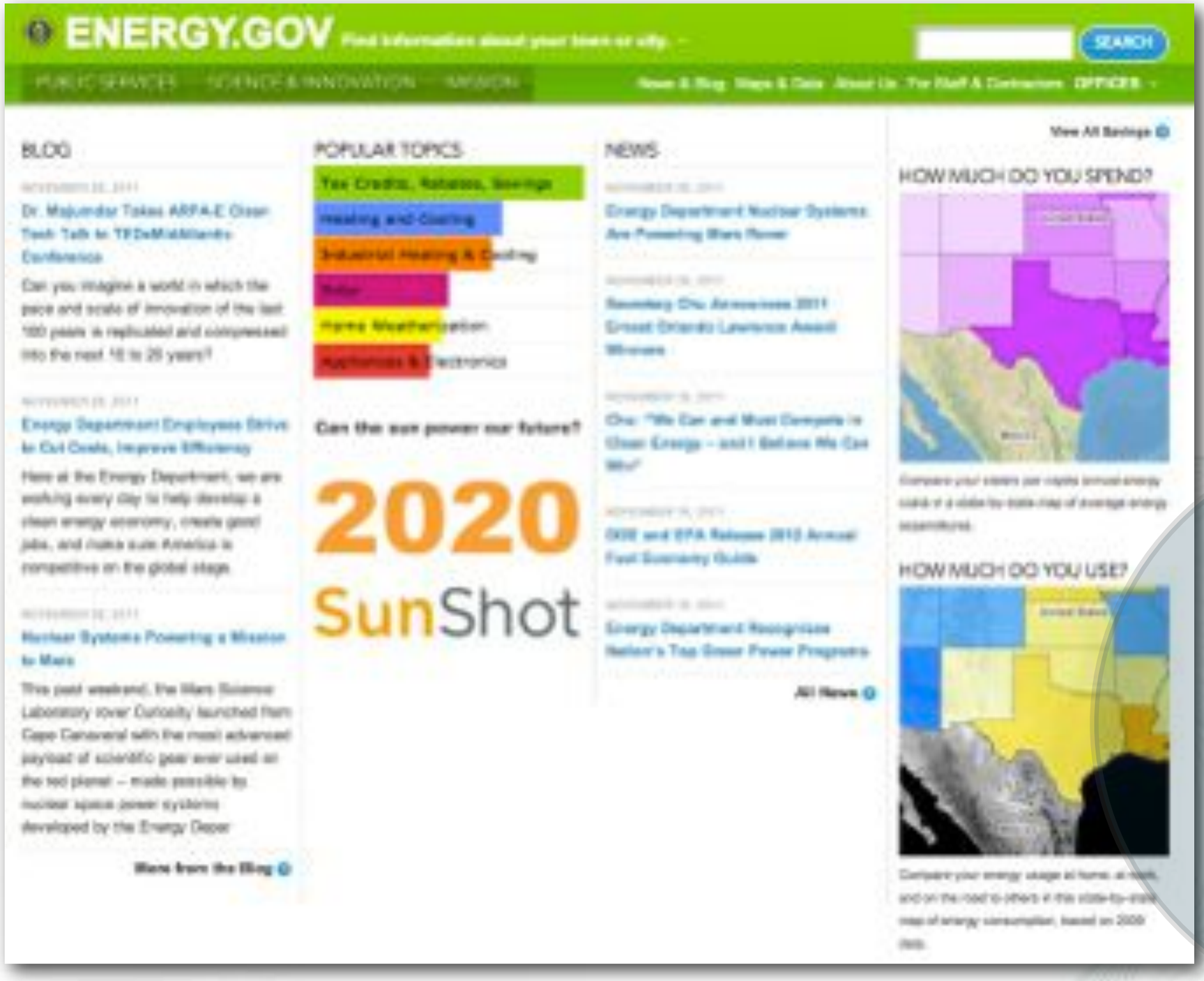

Takeaways

Educate
Tell a Story
Make Data Useful
Be a Resource

Scalability

The previous process for the House of Representatives encouraged wasteful spending with no simple process for platform building.

Scalability

Takeaways

Efficiency
Standardization
Scalability
Extensibility

Accessibility

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Flexibility and Speed

Experienced team built with Drupal distro in two weeks.

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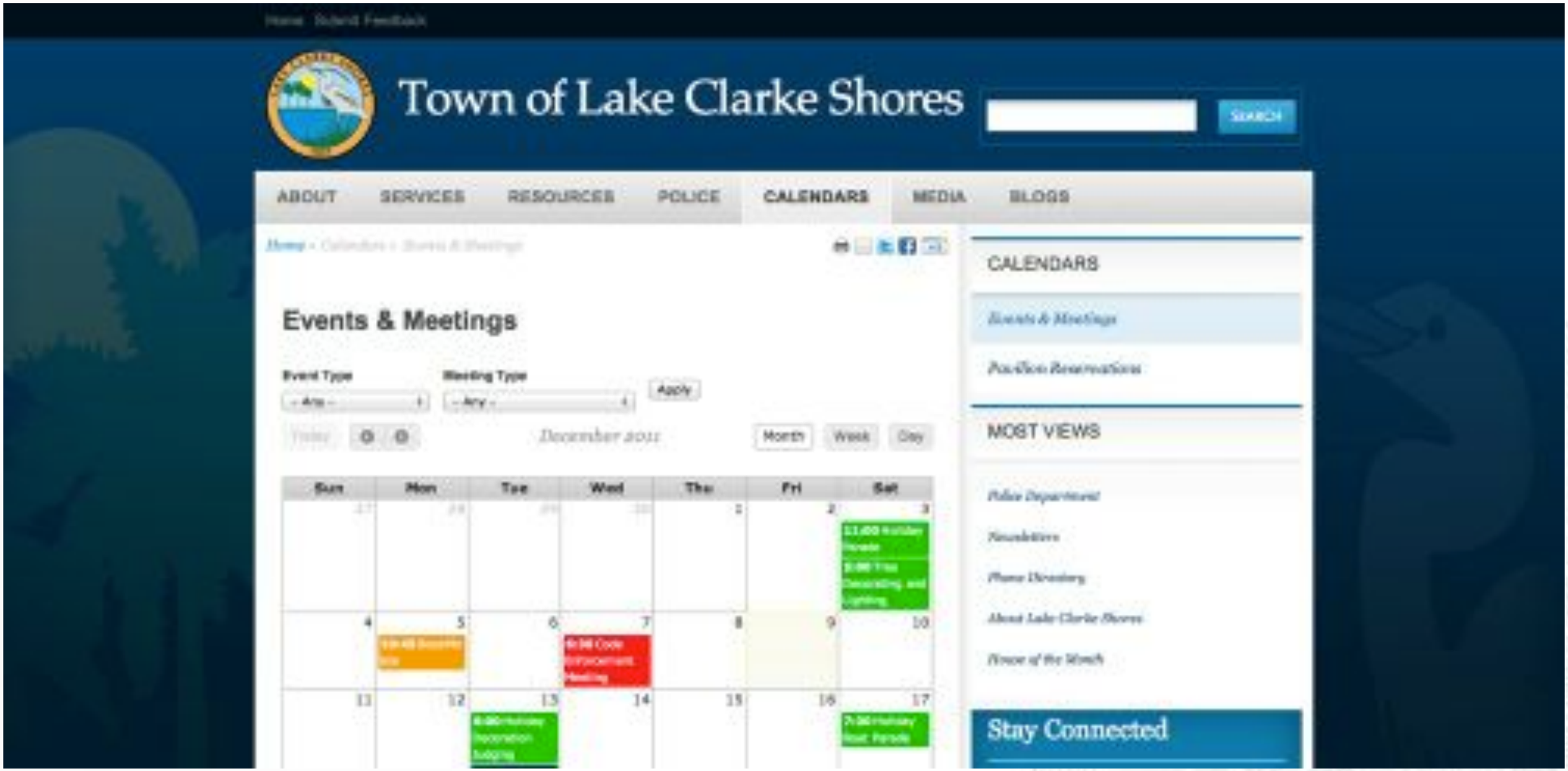

Flexibility and Speed: Re-Use

Takeaways

Contribute Back
Growing Momentum
Shared Best Practices

So... Why Drupal, Why Now?

- Be pro-active in publishing information to the web
- Distribute and share open data
- Be more open with information, data and policy decision making
- Enabling the public to have a two way conversation with the government
- Collect needs and ideas from citizens

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