

Drupal in Canada and in farmOS

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Many government branches rely on proprietary software to power their websites and digital services. Using licensed technology can leave users locked in to costly and outdated platforms that are not easily updated, says Chris Smith, the CEO of Ottawa digital agency OPIN Software.

Several government organizations have teamed up with OPIN over the past year to make the switch to Drupal, providing a more streamlined and functional experience for Canadians and giving government IT managers more flexibility.

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Chang, who started farming eight years ago and works full-time in information technology off-farm, searched for a different solution for his 14-acre organic vegetable and cut flower farm in northeastern Connecticut, finding software aimed at CSAs, which he doesn't run, or marketing and sales, which he didn't need. Then he discovered farmOS, a free, open source record-keeping software built on the web platform Drupal.

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Robert Chang's fellow small-scale farmers turn to each other when they need low-cost tech to stay organized as they plant dozens of varieties of vegetables each season and seek to consistently fill their community-supported agriculture (CSA) boxes each week.

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In the case of farmOS, on the other hand, Chang says, "Nobody is mining it or monetizing it in any way. It's yours. You can export it in whatever way you want." And it is infinitely customizable, if you're tech savvy. "Since it's open source, you can change the code, if you want to do your own customizations."

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