

Drupal Dries Buytaert's top three tips for startups

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I met with a special guest?Dries Buytaert, Belgian creator of the open source platform Drupal and general all-round entrepreneur, to get his views on open source, web publishing, web startups, and entrepreneurship.

Drupal, the open source platform he developed 13 years ago, has grown immensely, now underpinning around 1 in 50 websites and a huge community of developers. Sites running on Drupal range from the White House and NBC, to the EU's Digital Agenda site?and indeed my own site.

He believes that the technological waves of social media, mobile devices, and cloud computing are promoting a big change towards a fully digital economy. Increasingly many organisations are moving their business model to the web: a case in point is the White House's own We the People site, modernising and digitising Americans' constitutional right to petition the federal government (and, by the way, running on Drupal).

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