

# FOI release

## Subject

Open Source software

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## Request

For information about what Open Source software is cleared for usage at the Department's premises at Eland House.

## Response

The new gov.uk website (created by cabinet office) which DCLG uses is built on open source software. The single domain is built using "Ruby on rails" - ([www.rubyonrails.org/](http://www.rubyonrails.org/)) and the micro sites that sit beneath the main platform are based on Wordpress content management. ([www.wordpress.org](http://www.wordpress.org)).

Further information can be found at the following link:-

<http://digital.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/2012/10/12/coding-in-the-open/>

We do make use of some free software products, such as Adobe Reader and WinZip. We also have several free system administer tools installed on our public Wifi service called Spice works and Wall watcher.

DCLG is committed to supporting the Government's ICT plans and looks to adopt the relevant key components of the common ICT infrastructure that includes the greater use of open source, as laid out in the following April 2012 policy document.

[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/All\\_About\\_Open\\_Source\\_v2\\_0.pdf](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/All_About_Open_Source_v2_0.pdf)

In line with this we are taking forward our Applications Roadmap and where appropriate we will recommend the use Open Source products to replace our existing applications.