Legislative Web Platform Using Drupal

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Seventh Year Using Drupal: Looking Back

- Legislative Web Platform using Drupal
- Roadmap and Growth over Seven Years
- Achievements and Challenges
- Next Steps : Looking Ahead

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- Why Drupal?
- Drupal Architecture at Legislative Data Center

Why Drupal?

The main reason, it's the quality of the software and the community behind it: hundreds of thousands of people around the world work on developing and maintaining the Drupal platform and ecosystem every second of every day.

This makes for an incredibly powerful, cutting-edge content management system (CMS).

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Who uses Drupal?

...and more than a million other organizations

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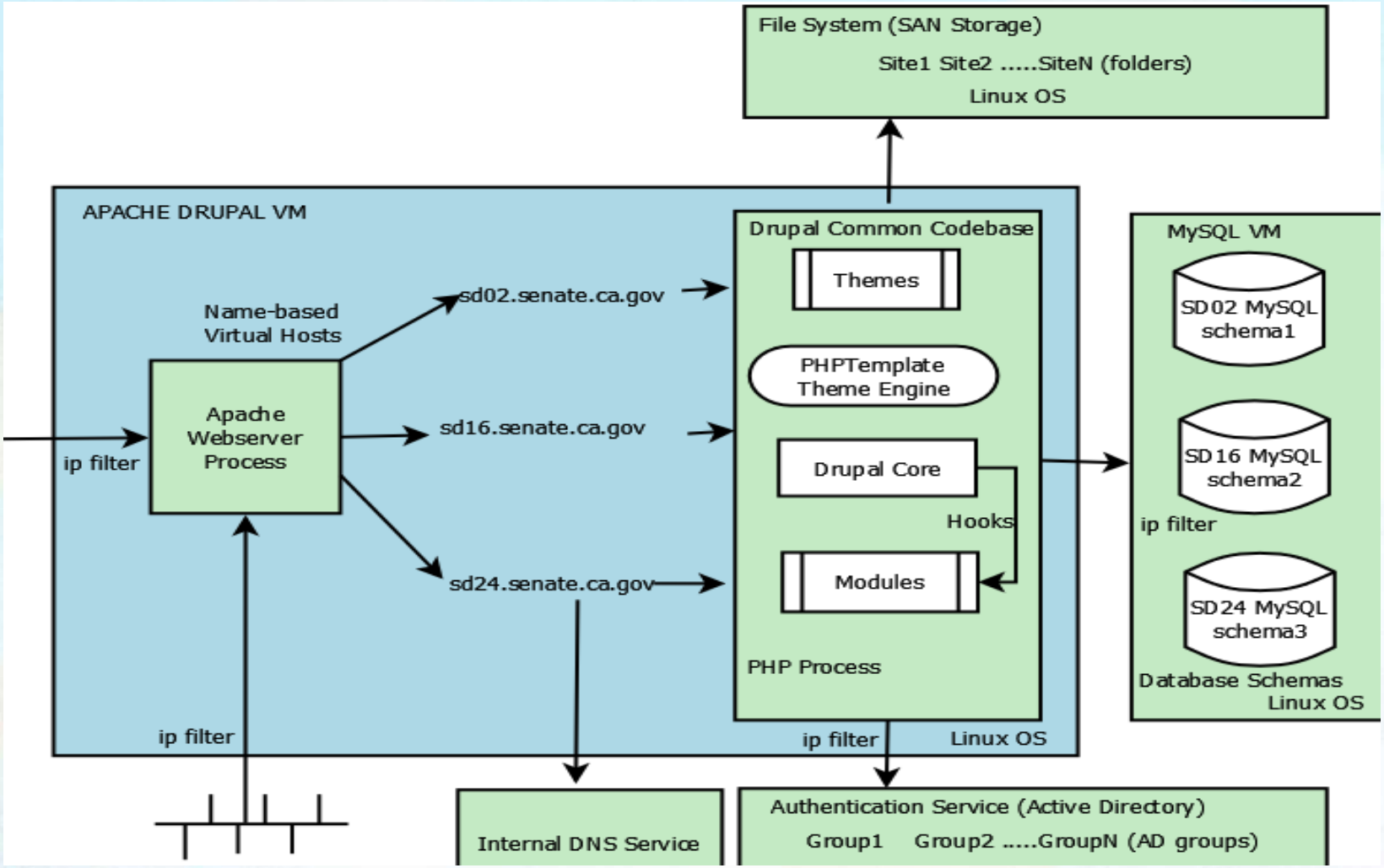
Drupal Architecture

Common Codebase Architecture



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Senate External and Internal Stacks

3 Virtual Machines*
65 Websites*

Assembly External and Internal Stacks

2 Virtual Machines*
63 Websites*

OLC External and Internal Stacks

3 Virtual Machines*
12 Websites*

Bi-cameral External and Internal Stacks

2 Virtual Machines*
30 Websites*

Senate Democratic Caucus External and Internal Stacks

2 Virtual Machines*
30 Websites*

Assembly Democratic Caucus External and Internal Stacks

2 Virtual Machines*
85 Websites*

Other Internal Dedicated Stacks

5 Virtual Machines*
5 Websites*

Assembly Republican Caucus External and Internal Dedicated Stacks

3 Virtual Machines*

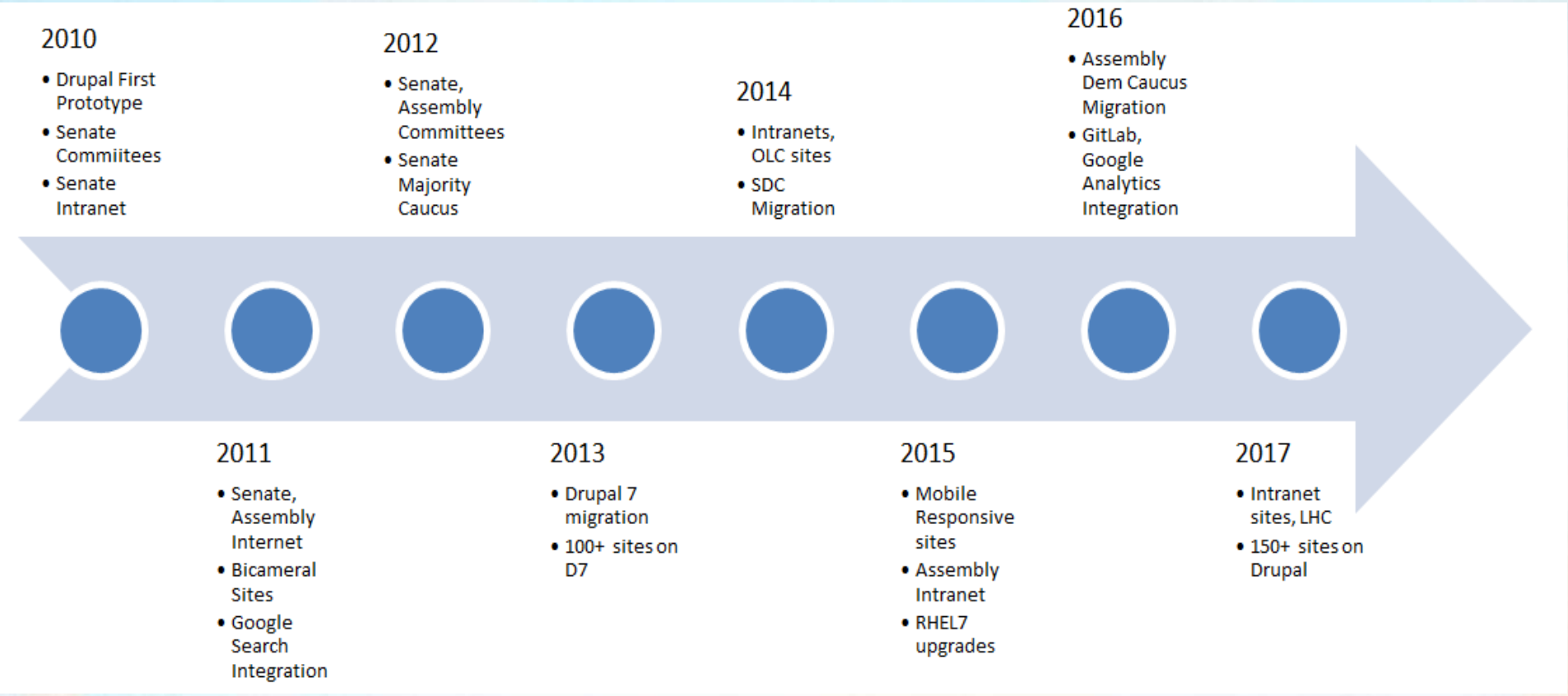
*production environment

Drupal Sites Building Workflow

- Site Request from Senate and Assembly Rules
- Design (Theme, Branding, Accessibility)
- Development (Modules)
- Hosting Environment
- Deployment
- Testing, Security, Performance
- Release Site in Production Environment
- Manage Content in Production
- Customer Support
- Maintenance – Patching, Upgrade, Bug Fixes

Roadmap and Growth over Seven Years

Roadmap


2010
• Drupal First Prototype
• Senate Commiitees
• Senate Intranet
2011
• Senate, Assembly Internet
• Bicameral Sites
• Google Search Integration
2012
• Senate, Assembly Committees
• Senate Majority Caucus
2013
• Drupal 7 migration
• 100+ sites on D7
2014
• Intranets, OLC sites
• SDC Migration
2015
• Mobile Responsive sites
• Assembly Intranet
• RHEL7 upgrades
2016
• Assembly Dem Caucus Migration
• GitLab, Google Analytics Integration
2017
• Intranet sites, LHC
• 150+ sites on Drupal

Growth in Numbers

- 36 Production RHEL7 VMs using vmware
- 120+ Senate, Assembly all Internet and Intranet sites are on Drupal
- 100+ Both Houses Caucuses sites are on Drupal
- Migrated 50+ ADC sites from external vendor
- Senate Internet Page views 1M over one year
- ROI – hardware, licensing, staff, support costs
  - Before 2010 – Approx. 1 M
  - Seventh Year – Approx. 250 K

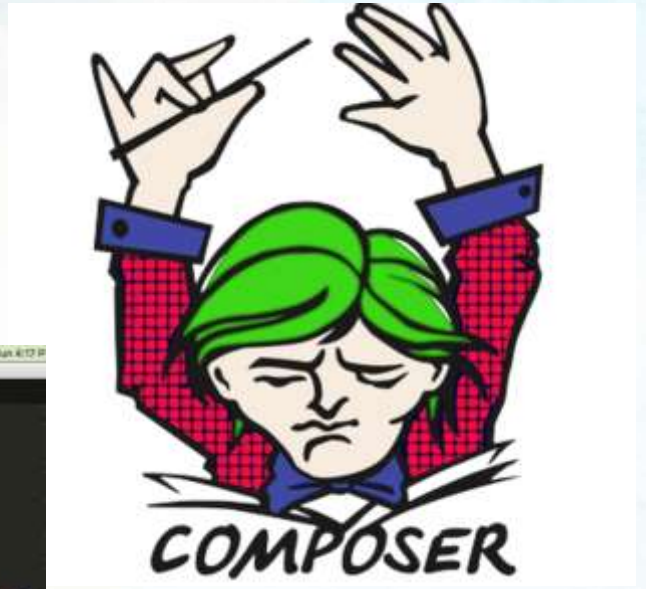
Achievements and Challenges

Achievements

- Rapid Delivery of Websites
  - Template-based Virtual Machines Environments
  - Repetitive Process & Automation
- Successfully Self-hosted Drupal Environment
  - Best practices and Team with Good Technical Skillset
- Growth in Customer-base
- Continuous Improvements to Tools & Processes
  - e.g. Development Environment Improvement

Example: Current Development Environment

GitLab



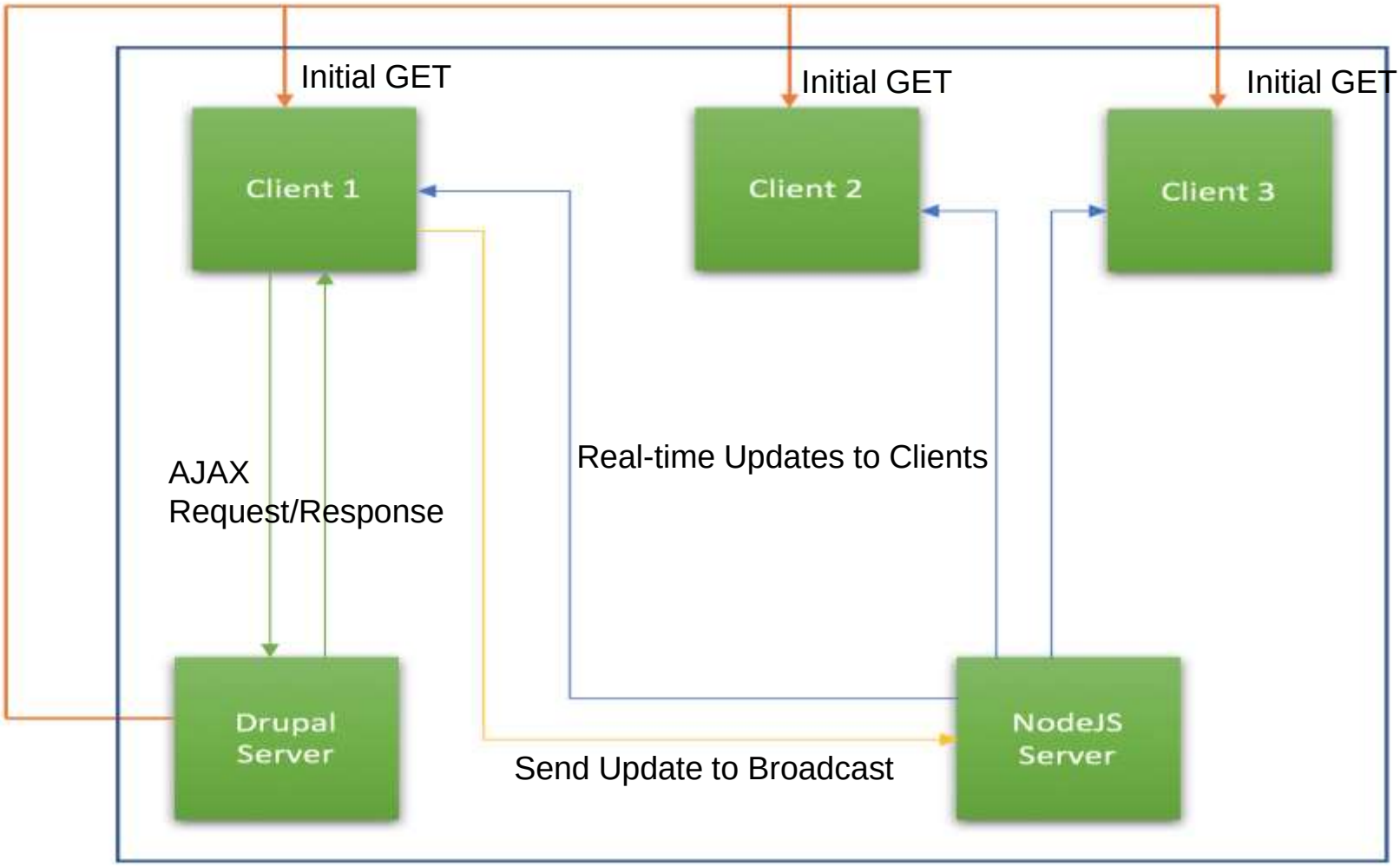
Challenges

- VM with multiple versions of software support
- SSO support for non-Kerberos devices
- Custom modules upgrade and maintenance
- Major version upgrades, D6 out of support
- GSA out of support

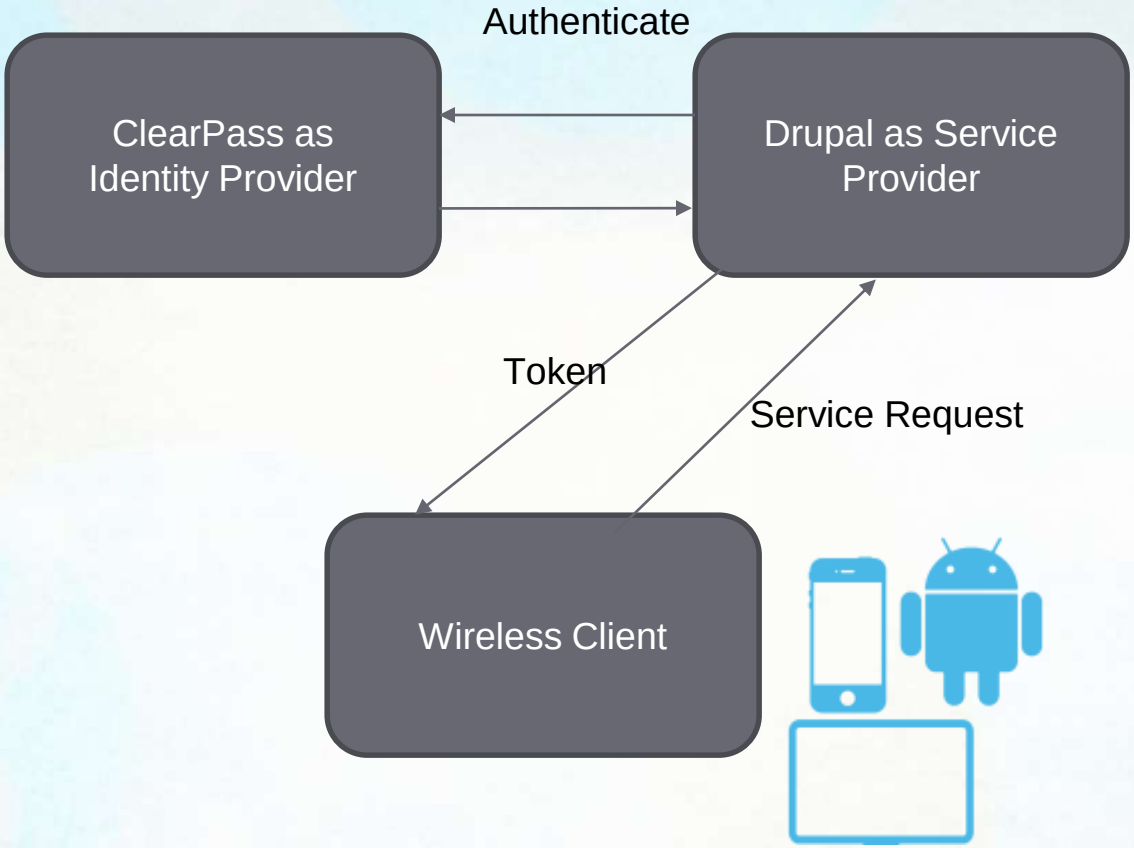
Next Steps: Looking Ahead

- Decoupled Drupal Architecture
- SAML based Security
- Container based VM
- Migration to Drupal 8
- Search Integration

Example: Decoupled Drupal Architecture



Example: SAML based Security



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