High Impact eAdvocacy

Introduction to Online Tools for Organizations

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Coming Up

- Review common types of organizational tech tools
- Look at how to connect them to your work
- Understand their place in the larger ecosystem

Web Sites

Events

Email Blasting

Advocacy

Contacts

Multi-Function Tools

Project Management
Social Media



Data > Tools

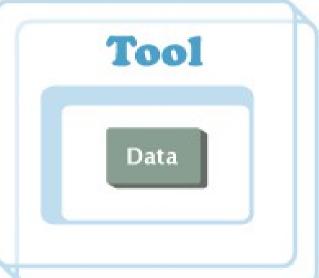
- Think of tools as impermanent
 - Tools fall away, data (hopefully) stay
- Data is the most important organizational asset
 - Content
 - Contacts
 - Process
- Plan for tech divorce when you choose a tool





Data > Tools

- Open Source Tools
 - Anyone can view the underlying software code
 - Little or no licensing cost, upgrade costs
- Community Supported
 - Mission-driven, not profit-driven
- Open source tools leave you in a leveraged position with your data
 - You're not tied to a specific person or company





Web Sites

- Manage, organize and create web site content
 - Content Management System (CMS)
 - Manage a web site with a visual interface (buttons, WYSIWYG) rather than digging into raw code (HTML, CSS, PHP)
 - Hard-coded (no CMS)
- Common Examples:
 - Wordpress
 - Drupal
 - Joomla







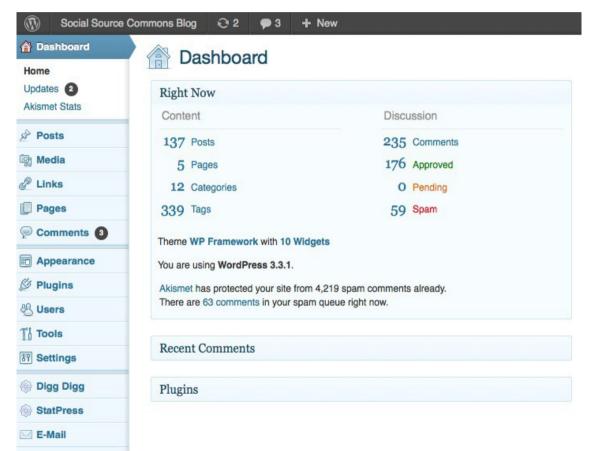


Web Sites





Collapse menu



Administration Dashboard View and customize your dashboard.

- Find and manage content.
- Structure

 Administer blocks, content types, menus, etc.
- Appearance
 Select and configure your themes.
- People

 Manage user accounts, roles, and permissions.
- Modules

 Extend site functionality.
- Configuration

 Administer settings.
- Reports
 View reports, updates, and errors.
- Reference for usage, configuration, and modules.



Events

- Create online event registration forms and manage participants
 - Event Management Tools
 - Create, embed events
 - Accept registrations and payment
 - Manage registrants
 - Form builders
 - Create forms that visitors can fill out on your web site
- Common examples:
 - Eventbrite
 - Evite
 - Facebook Events
 - Wufoo



Events

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Email Blasting

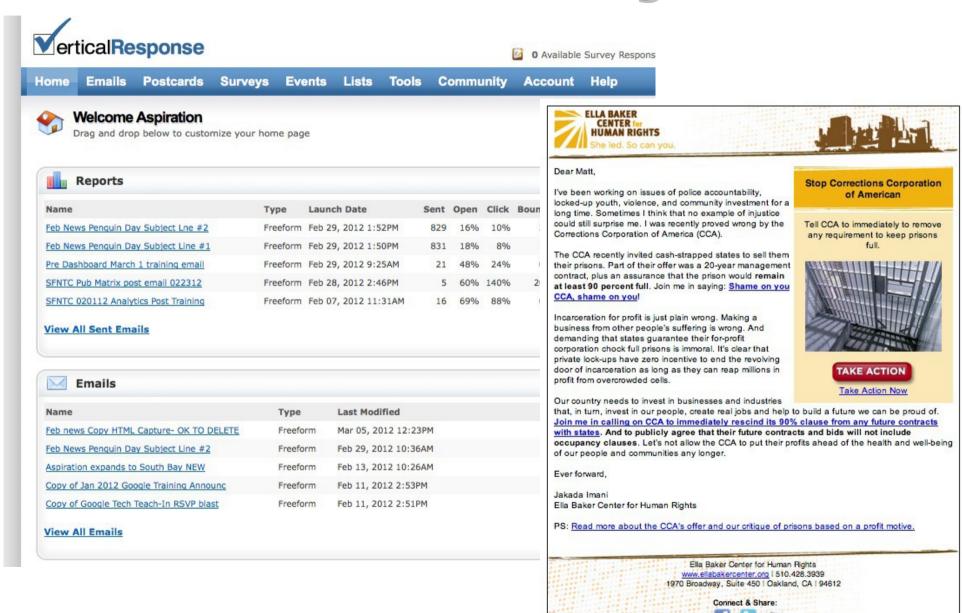
- Send organizational emails to large lists of constituents
 - Email Blaster or "Broadcast" Email Tools
 - Largely protects you from being blacklisted for spam
 - Gives you analytics based on sends, lists
 - Allows you to put together professional-looking emails (relatively) easily
- Common examples:
 - Vertical Response
 - Constant Contact
 - MailChimp

Tip:

Outlook is your evil master



Email Blasting



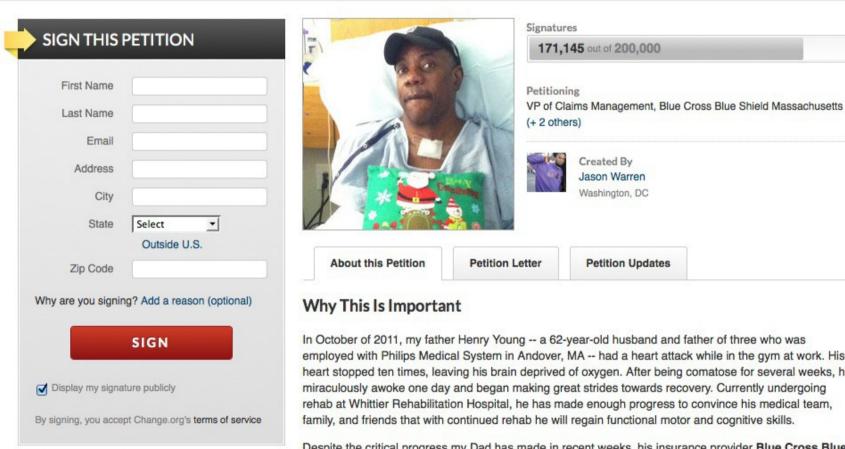
Advocacy

- Create action online among your constituents
 - Petition Builders
 - Allows you to create petitions then either embed, send out a link or email it to constituents
 - "Contact Your Legislator" Tools
 - Matches constituents with their proper legislator automatically
- Common Examples:
 - SignOn
 - Votizen
 - Change.org



Advocacy

Blue Cross Blue Shield: Henry Young Needs Rehab to Live



Help / Feedback . Press Inquiries

In October of 2011, my father Henry Young -- a 62-year-old husband and father of three who was employed with Philips Medical System in Andover, MA -- had a heart attack while in the gym at work. His heart stopped ten times, leaving his brain deprived of oxygen. After being comatose for several weeks, he miraculously awoke one day and began making great strides towards recovery. Currently undergoing rehab at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, he has made enough progress to convince his medical team, family, and friends that with continued rehab he will regain functional motor and cognitive skills.

Despite the critical progress my Dad has made in recent weeks, his insurance provider Blue Cross Blue Shield will cease coverage of my father's rehab this coming Monday, March 5, 2012. If this happens,



Contacts

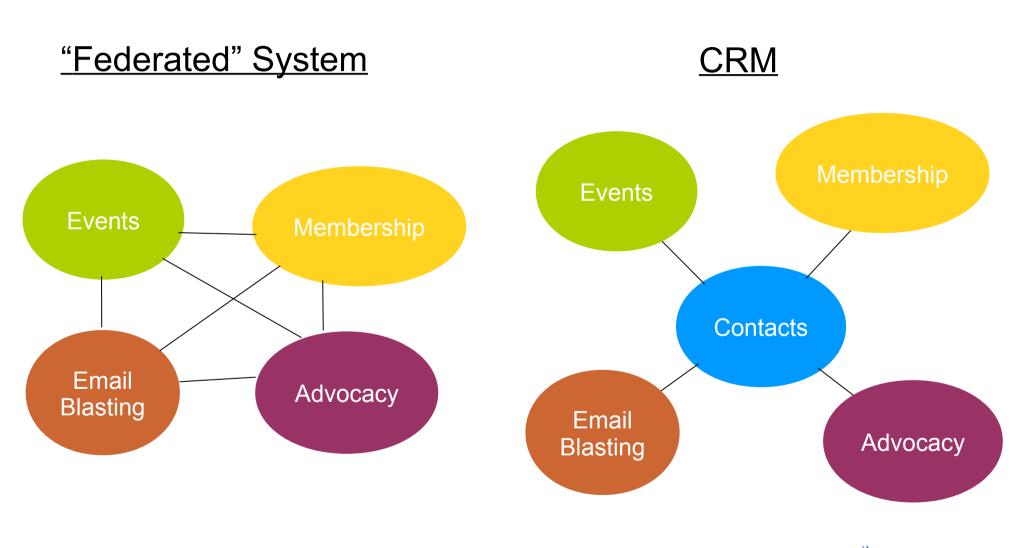
- Organize and manage organizational contacts
 - Constituent Relationship Manager (CRM)
 - Centralized Contact Database
 - Can attach information to contacts (e.g. event attendance, money donated, emails opened, etc.)
- Common examples:
 - Salesforce
 - CiviCRM
 - Convio





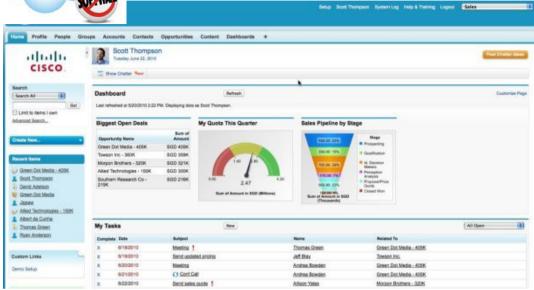


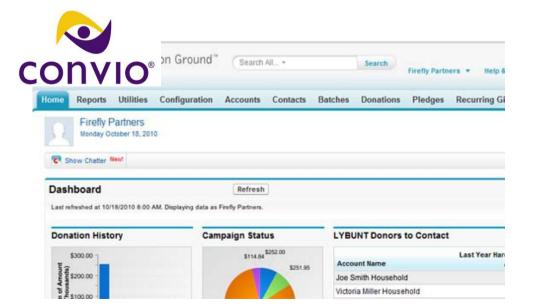
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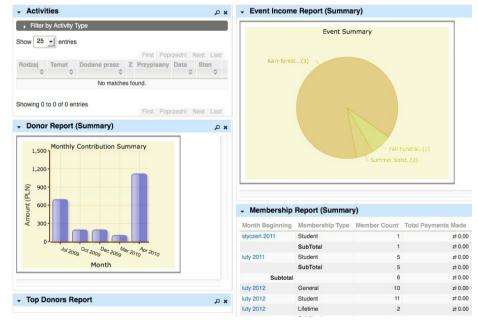






CRMs







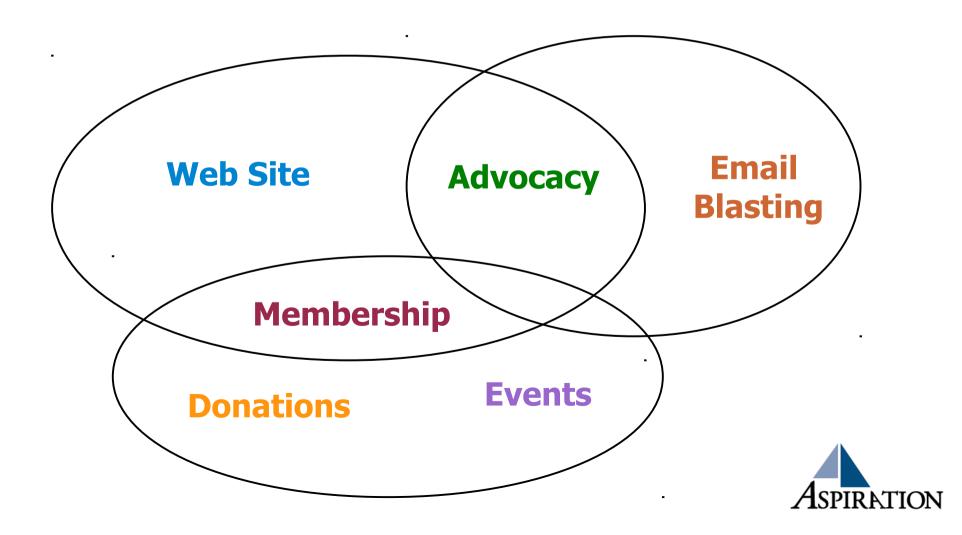
Multi-Function Tools

- Combine functionalities from the previous tools
 - Multi-Function tools
 - Have a wide variety of function combinations (e.g. email blasting, advocacy, web site management, events, etc.)
- Many times their focus is around your contacts
 - Many integrated tools act as CRMs
- Common Examples:
 - Salsa from Democracy in Action
 - Nation Builder
 - eTapestry
 - Wild Apricot



Multi-Function Tools

- Different tools combine different functions
 - What are you trying to get done?



Project Management

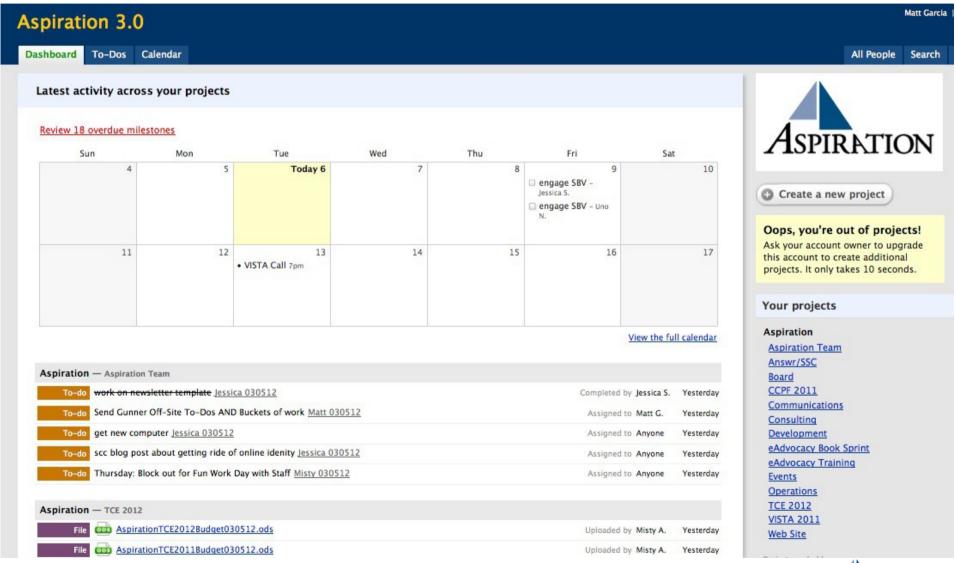
- Share and manage project (or organizational) assets
 - Project Management Tools
 - Share docs, calendars, tasks and files
 - Have multiple online users
 - Shared server
 - Share docs, files on a local network
- Common Examples:
 - Basecamp
 - Red Mine
 - Shared server

Tip:

This is the place to share org processes and documents (e.g. Publishing Matrix, Traffic Doc)



Project Management





Social Media

- Converse with your community
 - Blogs
 - Longer-form writing allowing conversation through comments
 - Now blog features are integrated into most CMSs
 - Social Networks
 - Shorter-form content sharing
 - Various network-specific functions for interaction
- Common Examples:
 - Wordpress
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - Google Plus

Tip:

Only bite off as much as you can chew.



Social Media





In Summary

- Remember that tech should support your work as an organization
- Tools should support your tech strategy goals
- Think about the minimum to be successful and then iterate up
- Tools come and go, succeed and fail. Focus on your data rather than the tool



Next Steps

- Define your organizational goals
- Think about what tools will help you achieve your goals
- Start tracking your measurable comms goals



End Of Section

- ► Questions?
- ► Comments?

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