

# What Immigration did with just \$1m and open source software

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The Department of Immigration has showed what a cash-strapped government agency can do with just \$1 million, some open source software, and a bit of free thinking.

Speaking at the Technology in Government forum in Canberra yesterday, the Department's chief risk officer Gavin McCairns explained how his team rolled an application based on the 'R' language into production to filter through millions of incoming visitors to Australia every year.

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