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Publishing Open Government resources on open.canada.ca

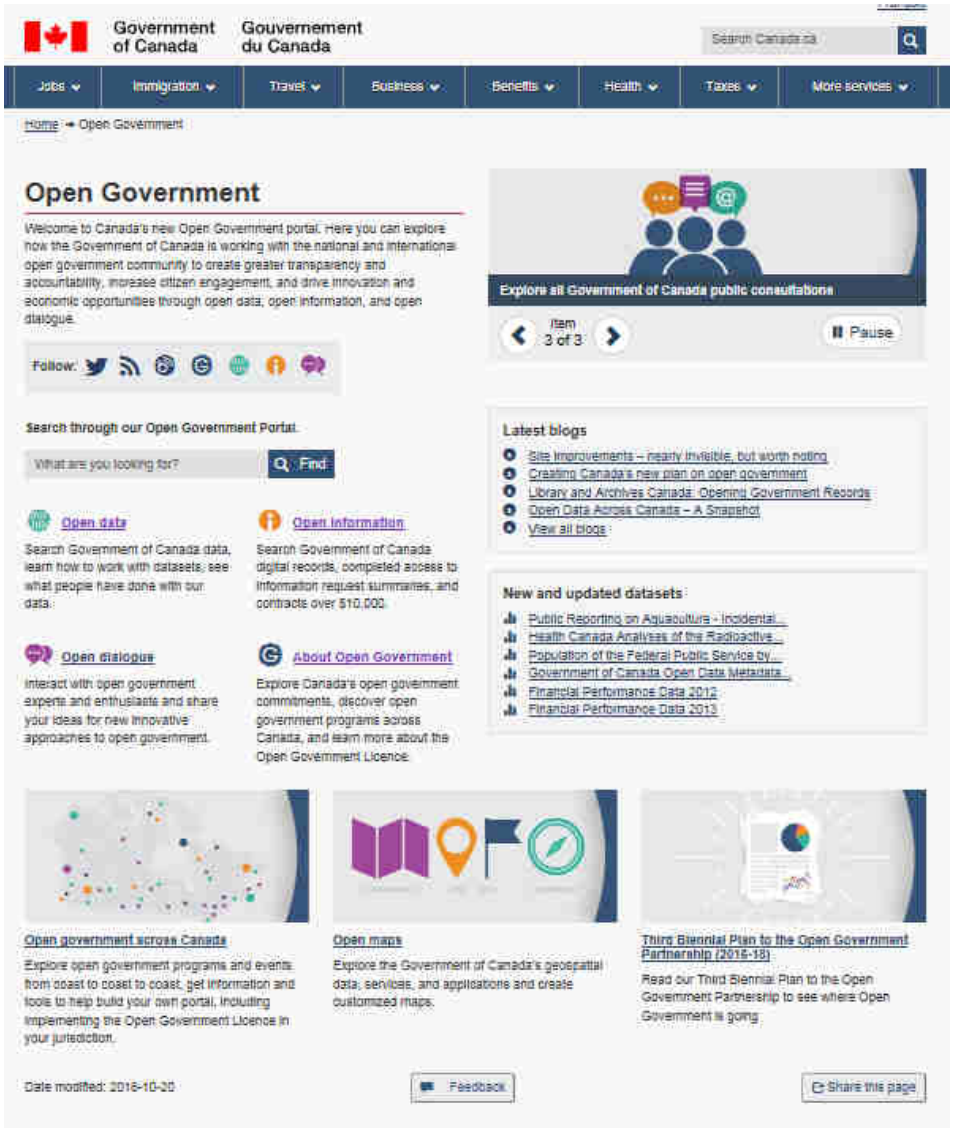
Open Government Secretariat, TBS

Canada

History

- March 2011 launch of pilot data.gc.ca
- June 2013 re-launch of data.gc.ca, to move from pilot to operational phase
- September 2014, data.gc.ca received the Government of Canada Public Service Award of Excellence for Excellence in Citizen-Focused Service Delivery,
- October 2014, data.gc.ca received the GTEC Distinction Award for Excellence in Public Service Delivery-EXTERNAL
- November 2014, re-launched open.canada.ca to meet Canada.ca Look and Feel
- October 2016, published updated open.canada.ca with a consolidated search for open data, open information and open maps to provide a single entry point for all Open Government resources

Open.canada.ca

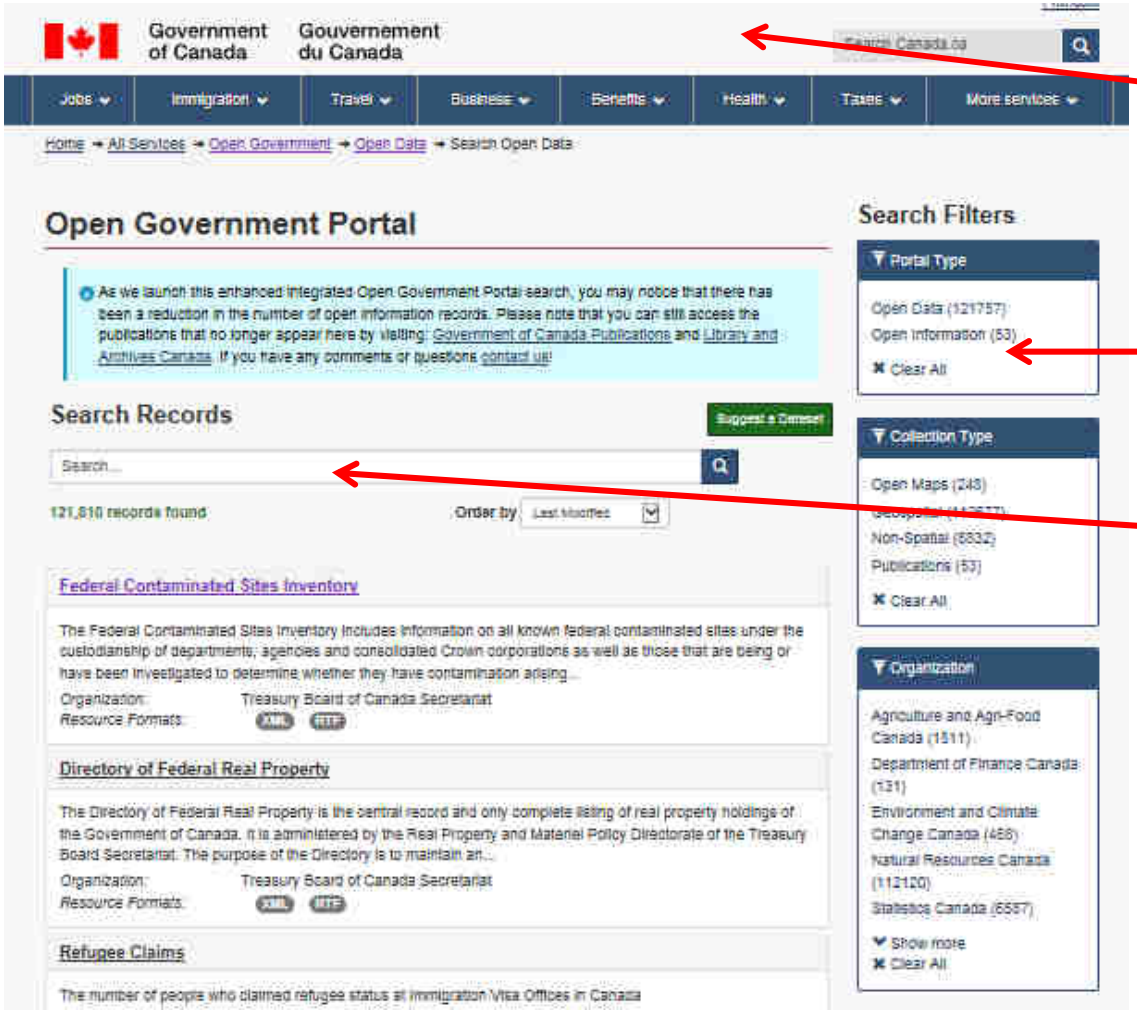


Open.canada.ca provides a one-stop access to the Government of Canada's searchable open data and open information to support reuse and transparency goals.

The site is split into 4 sections :

1. Open Data
2. Open Information
3. Open Dialogue
4. About Open Government

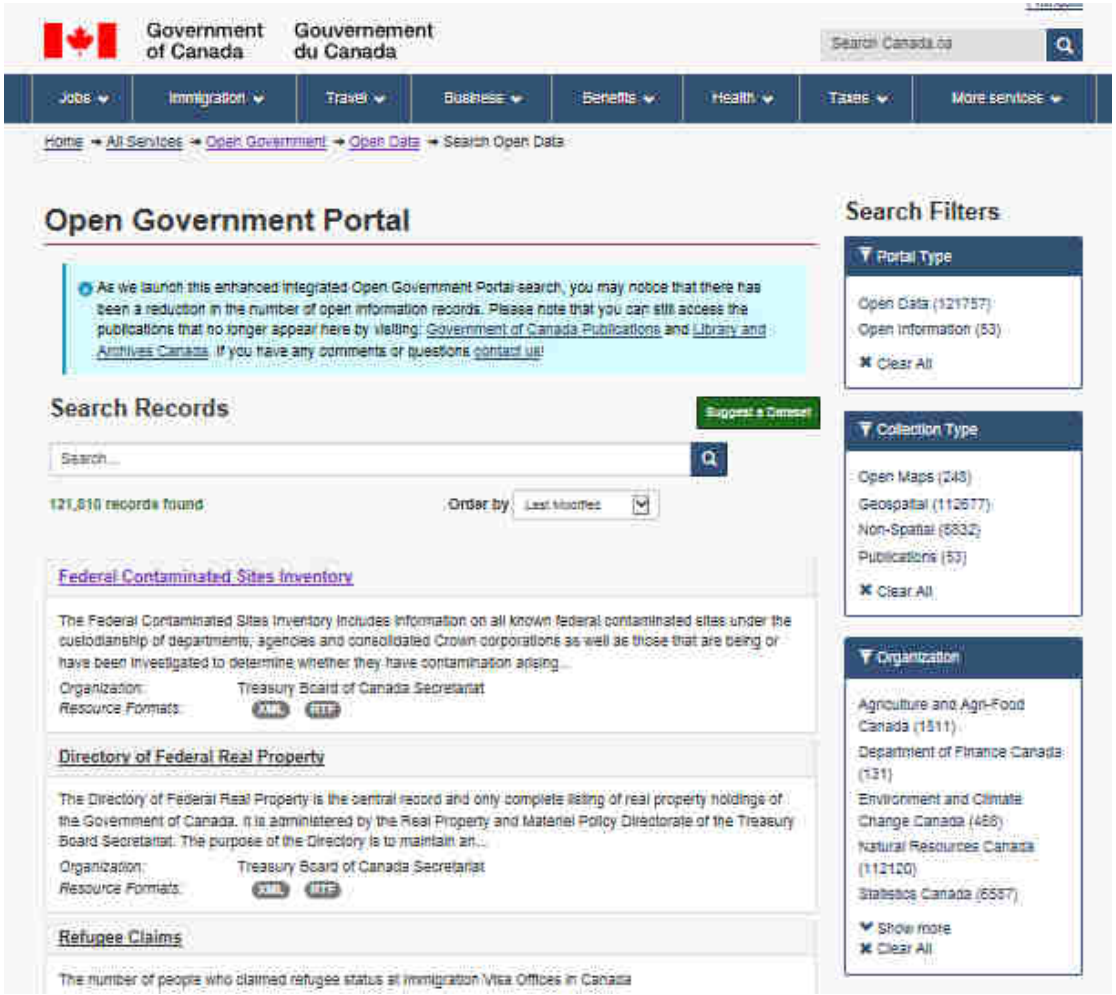
Infrastructure



- **Drupal** – a free and open-source content-management platform, used for website
- **CKAN** – open-source data (and information) management system and catalogue, used for back end registry
- **Solr** – open source search platform, used for the search

- All source code for open.canada.ca is shared on github for re-use : https://github.com/open-data

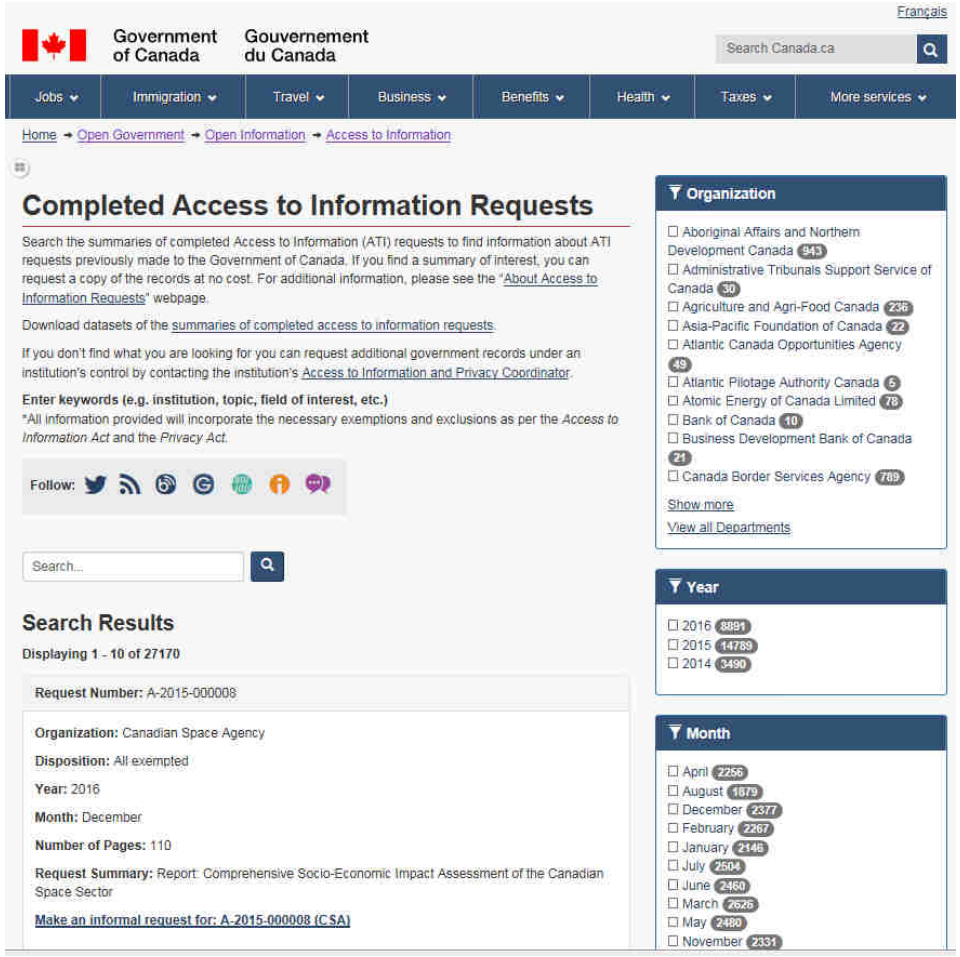
Open Government Search



Currently includes:

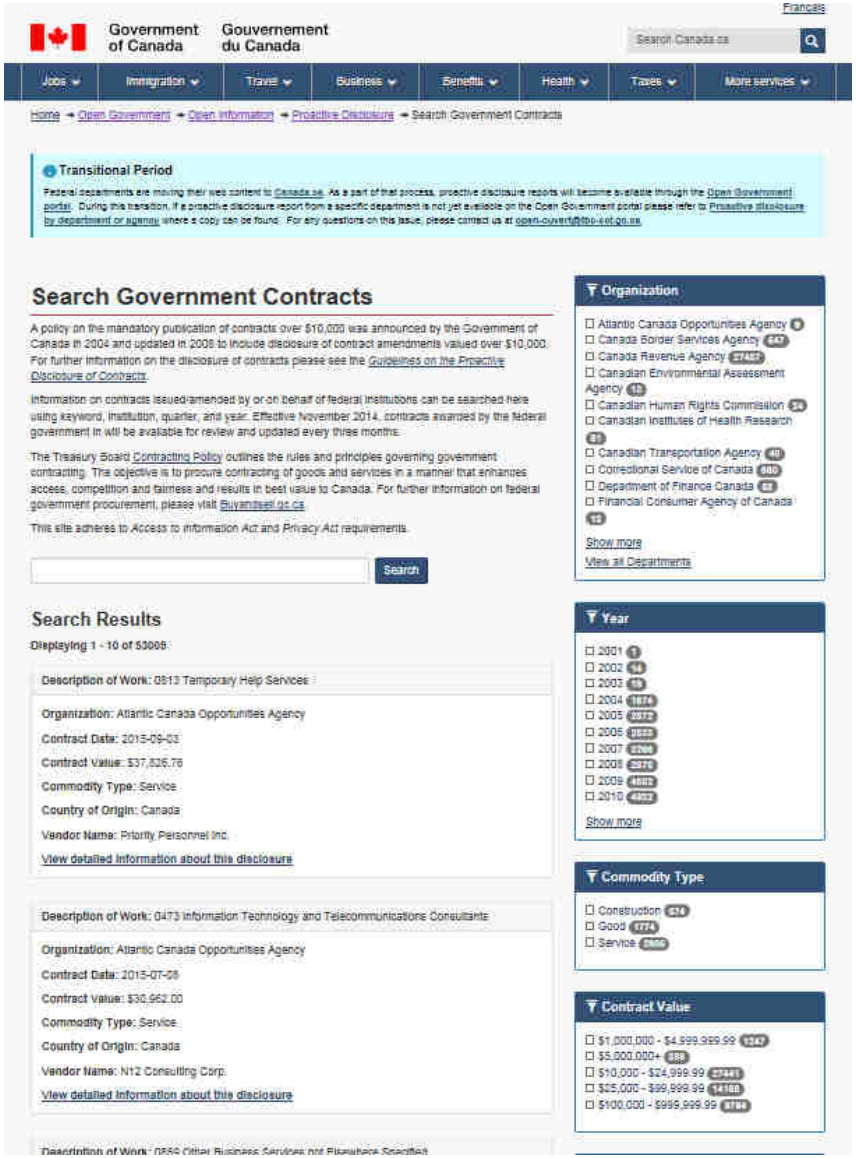
- Consolidated search for open data, open information, and open maps collections
- 55 Contributing departments
- Improved metadata standards, and
- Improved navigation, clean-up and consolidation of records

Open Information – ATI requests



- Consolidated, centralized search for completed access to information requests,
- The centralization of disclosures began in November 2014, and now houses reports from 122 departments

Open Information – Proactive Disclosure



- Single search for standardized and consolidated reports for:
  - Contracts
  - Grants & Contributions
  - Travel & Hospitality
  - Position Reclassifications
  - Acts of Founded Wrongdoing
- The publishing system launched in May 2016
- To date over 25 departments have begun publishing their proactive disclosures on the open.canada portal, with that number growing as Web Renewal Initiative continues to onboard organizations until December 2017

Publication Process

1. Record is created in the Open Government Registry registry.open.canada

The registry is the publication system that houses and manages the open data and open information metadata records, as well as the ATI and PD reports

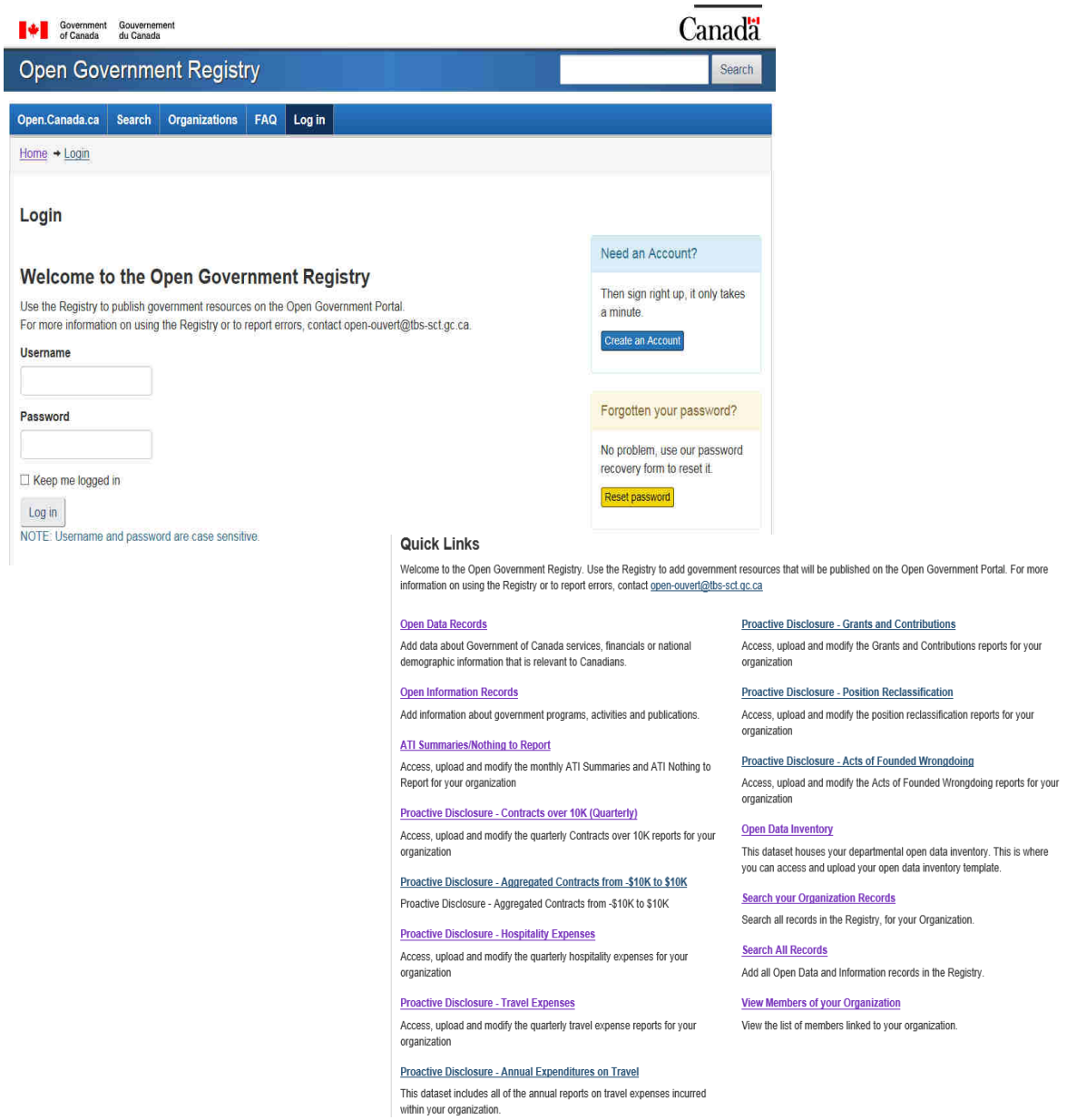
2. Information Management Senior Office (IMSO) Approval

All OG Resources must obtain approval before they are published on the portal. The OG group does not collect these, as the responsibility lies within each department to ensure proper approvals are collected. See Annex B for sample IMSO Approval Checklist

3. Publish

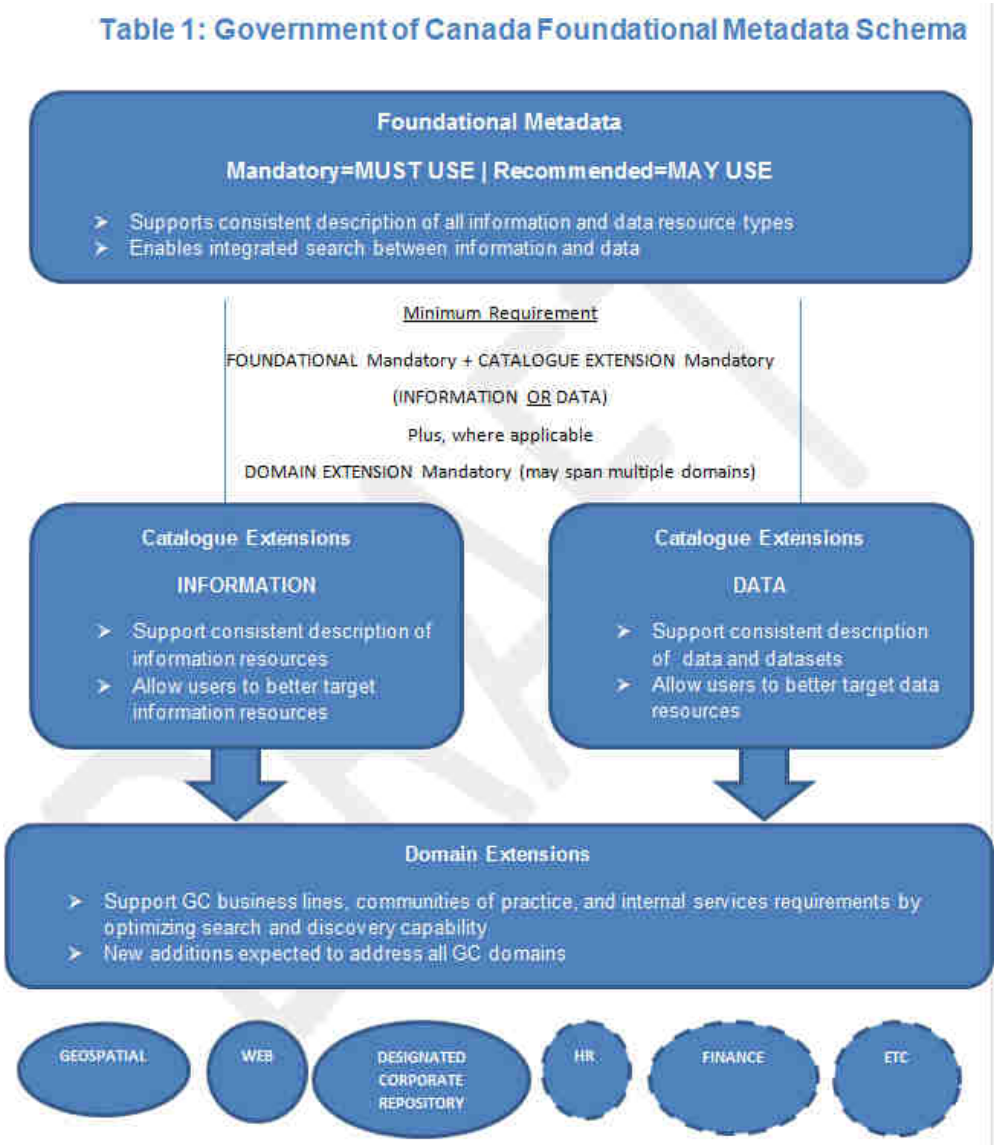
All OG Resources added in the registry are published directly on open.canada.ca OG resources are published within 15 minutes of being pushed by the system admin (TBS). ATI and PD reports are published nightly.

Open Government Registry



- Re-launched in October 2016
- Used to create and maintain metadata records for open data and open information, as well ATI, PD reports and open data inventory
- Powered by CKAN
- Source-code available here : https://github.com/open-data

Open Government Metadata



Release Criteria

Criteria	Description
Access to Information	The data or information resource is not subject to any exemptions or exclusions under the Access to Information Act.
Authority to Release	The institution has the mandate, legislative authority or permission from a third party provider to publish the data or information resource under the Open Government Licence – Canada.
Formats	The data or information resource is in an open and accessible format. (as specified in the GC's Standard on Web Accessibility
Privacy	The data or information resource is not subject to any exemptions or exclusions under the Privacy Act.
Official Languages	The data or information resource is available in both official languages and conforms to the requirements of the Official Languages Act.
Security	The data or information resource does not increase security risks to the institution, to other institutions, or to the government as a whole and conforms to the requirements of the Policy on Government Security and its related instruments.
Other - Legal / Regulatory / Policy / Contractual	The release of data or other information resource complies with all other relevant legal, regulatory, contractual, and policy requirements (e.g., it is confirmed that there are no relevant legal, contractual, or third party, policy restrictions or limitations).

Questions

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