

CMS Made Simple Scaled with Akamai

Nonprofit scaled its open source CMS with Akamai cloud computing services, gaining reliable performance and predictable costs



Simplified
cloud hosting



Enabled
global scaling



Reduced
support overhead

A foundation built for developers, by developers

CMS Made Simple (CMSMS) is a free, open source content management system empowering developers to create highly customizable websites without extensive technical overhead. Supported and maintained by the [CMS Made Simple Foundation](#) — and designed for flexibility — it offers full control through HTML, CSS, and a Smarty-based templating engine and integrates easily with third-party PHP applications. As the platform grew and began supporting a global community, the CMSMS Foundation needed reliable, scalable cloud infrastructure to host core services. By moving to Akamai cloud computing services, it gained the performance, support, and cost predictability needed to scale confidently.

Choosing Akamai for growth, reliability, and simplicity

In its early days, the CMSMS Foundation had relied on small ISPs. As the organization's platform matured, the need for reliable infrastructure became clear, and Akamai fit the bill perfectly.

Implementing Akamai's cloud computing services was smooth, largely due to Akamai's intuitive platform and responsive support. As a globally distributed volunteer team — typically 15 active members with 3–4 dedicated to infrastructure — the CMSMS Foundation needed to make every minute count. Its server team was experienced, but the organization didn't want the team to waste time wrestling with infrastructure.

Akamai's intuitive platform and quality support allowed the organization to focus on advancing its CMS platform rather than troubleshooting its technology stack.

The foundation also gained ongoing peace of mind, which goes a long way in a small organization. The server team was happy and focused on extending and optimizing its CMS.



Location

Sooke, British Columbia,
Canada

cmsmadesimple.org

Industry

Software and SaaS

Solution

Cloud Computing



Empowering a global developer community

Akamai-powered infrastructure does more than host the CMSMS websites — it supports the organization's entire ecosystem. From forums and documentation to module downloads and theme previews, Akamai cloud computing services powered every touchpoint for CMSMS developers and users worldwide.

Scalable, predictable, and built to last

Predictable costs are one of the biggest benefits of Akamai's cloud computing services. The nonprofit didn't mind spending money for value, but it also didn't like surprises. Since partnering with Akamai, the organization's budget has been stable. From a technical perspective, Akamai's scale gave the CMSMS team confidence. In fact, trust became foundational to the organization's operations. With Akamai's infrastructure behind the platform, they could expand confidently, knowing performance and reliability would follow. As CMSMS is a volunteer-driven project, this predictability was essential.

Evolving with confidence

CMSMS continues to evolve without chasing fads or bloating the platform. It's building in a way that allows external AI tools to integrate through forms and APIs. That flexibility makes its platform powerful.

As it continues growing, the organization is confident that Akamai will remain a key part of its technology stack. CMSMS says Akamai is a reliable and trusted partner that it would recommend to any organization managing complex, multisite systems and needing everything to work without friction.



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