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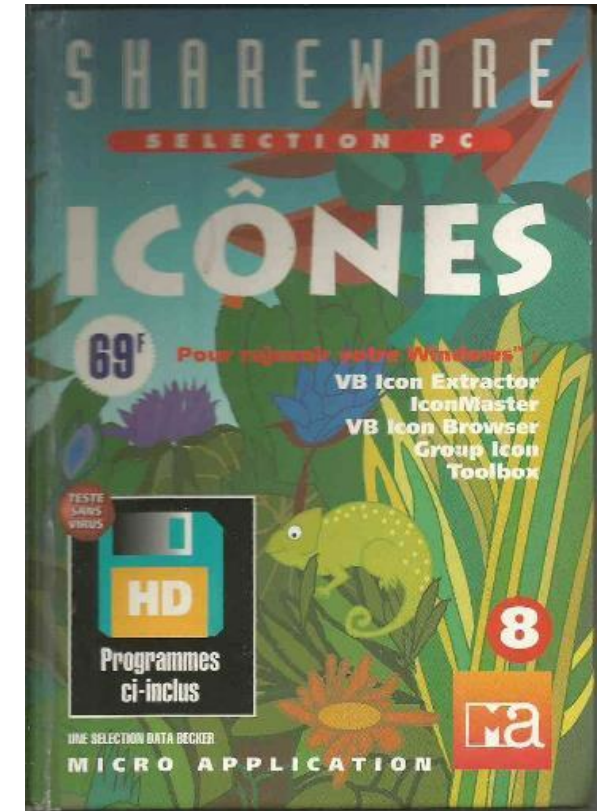
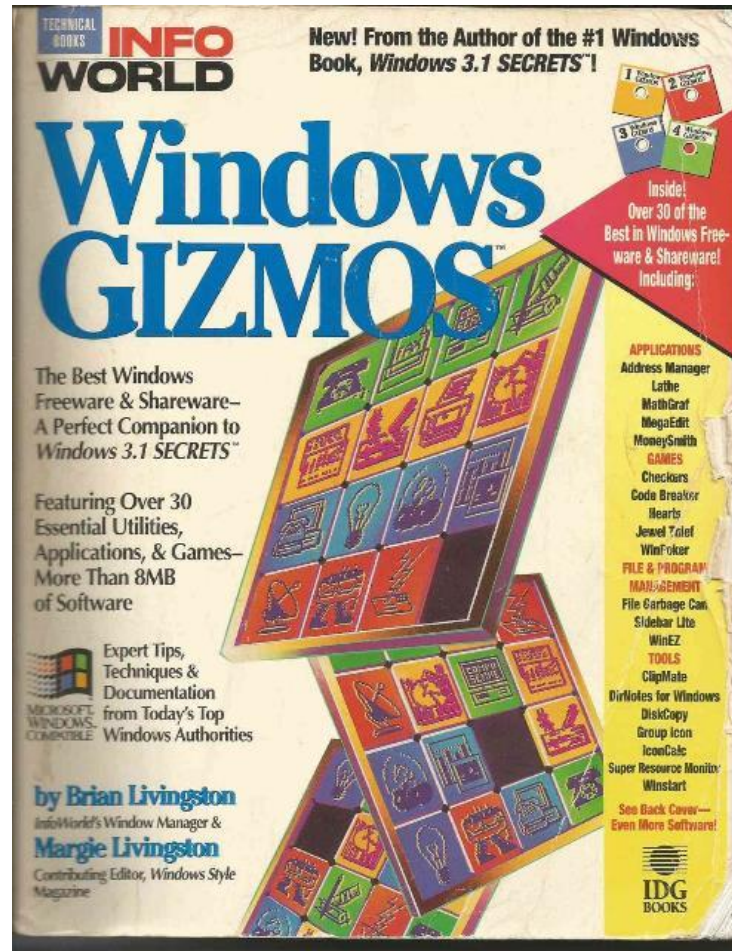
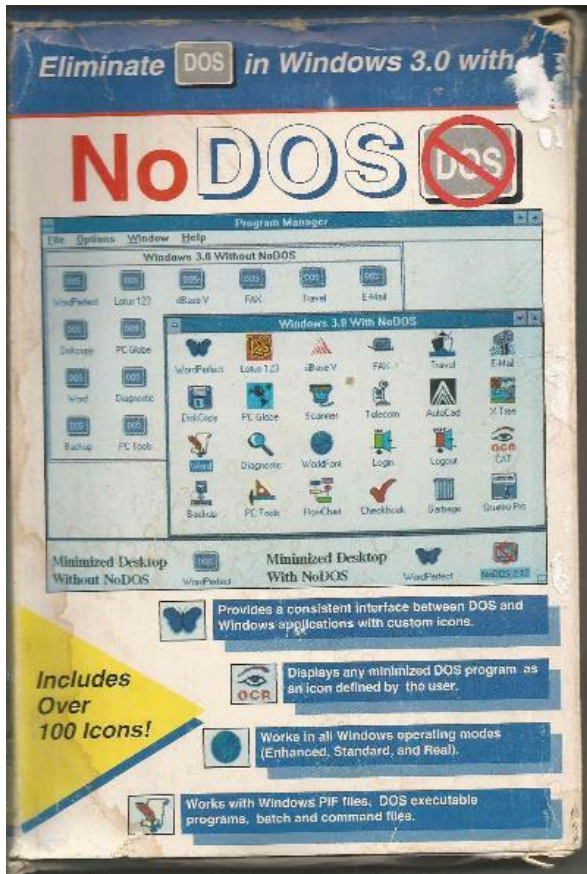
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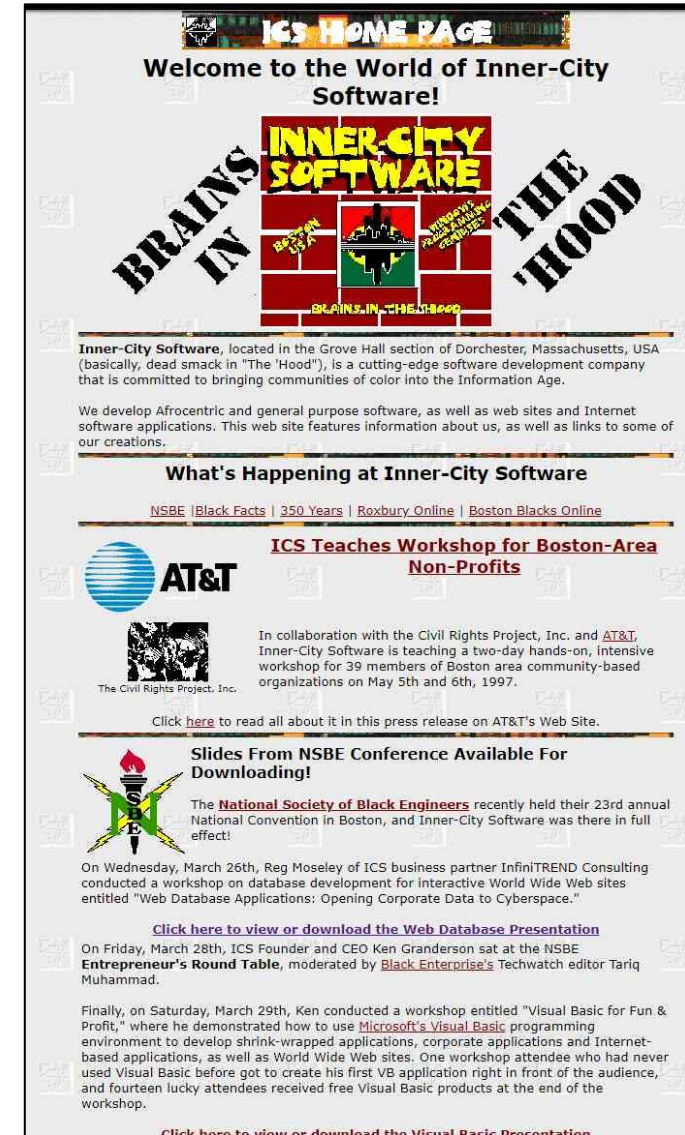
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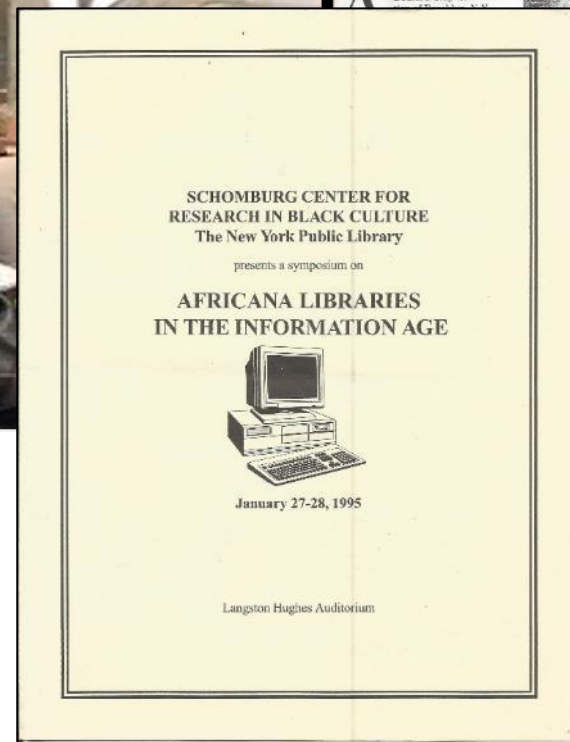
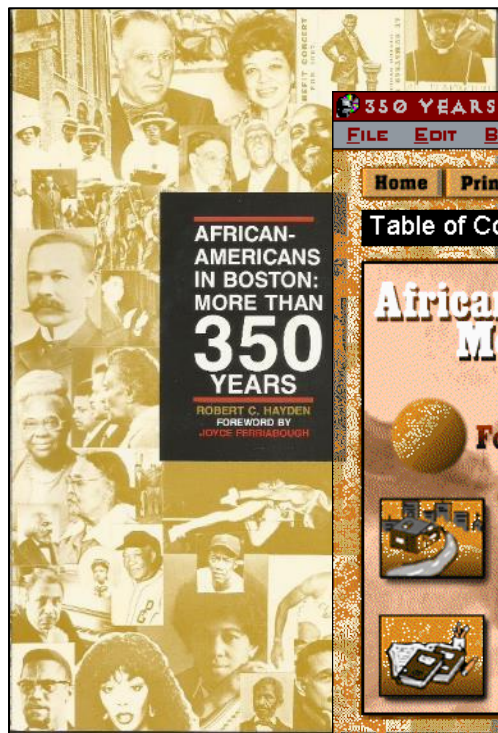
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2002



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Black officials weigh in on MWBE program

State Rep. Marie St. Fleur is leading negotiations with the Menino administration over its MWBE program.

by Yvonne Miller

Feb 27, 2003 - After two weeks of talks, black and Latino elected officials say they are in agreement with Mayor Thomas Menino's plans to re-vamp the city's 25-year-old Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.

Menino last week agreed to consider the

“I think everyone is optimistic. Sometimes with change comes opportunity. This is a chance to make our

LIFESTYLE

Roxbury realizes a virtual dream

'The whole community has to be plugged in to know what's going on.'

GAIL SNOWDEN, FLEET VICE PRESIDENT

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW

Boston's digital divide might have narrowed a notch yesterday with the official launch of a Web site created by and for the Roxbury community.

At www.Roxbury.com, residents will be able to find — and post — information on local news, events and businesses as well as participate in online discussions.

“This is the realization of a dream that started in 1996,” said Ken Granderson, founder and president of Inner-City Software, which developed Roxbury.com.

The development of Roxbury.com is underwritten by Fleet's Community Investments Group as part of the bank's CommunityLink initiative, which seeks to provide technology to low-income communities.

But the site will be “built, managed and maintained by the people right here,” Granderson told an audience at the Freedom House in Dorchester, which hosted the launch party.

The digital divide, noted Gail Snowden, executive vice president of Fleet's Community Investment Group, is apparent in three areas: access to technology, knowledge of technology and the creation of culturally relevant material online. Roxbury.com addresses that third aspect, she said.

“As Sept. 11 showed, the whole community has to be plugged in to know what's going on,” she said.

Already, Roxbury.com has local news stories, features on health, religion and spirituality, and real estate information. The site also will provide news in partnership with the Bay State Banner. Users will, for example, be able to e-mail events listings to friends and family.

“We have a lot of technology features that will make it absolutely simple for organizations to post news and events,” Granderson said.

Eventually the site will have ads, but local businesses can now get a free listing. Already, a number of restaurants are listed in a searchable database.

Granderson also hopes the site will host lively discussions on current events. “We have a lot of ideas that are waiting in the wings,” he said.

But, Granderson emphasized, because Roxbury.com is community-driven (unlike official city/town Web sites set up by local governments), users will tell Web designers what they want to see.

Granderson — a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate who founded Inner-City Software in 1994 — first attempted to create community sites for Roxbury, Dorchester and others back in 1996. But, he admitted, such sites floundered as they “were a little early on the curve.”

Now, however, Fleet is providing corporate support, eventually Granderson hopes to see a non-profit organization set up to run Roxbury.com.

In the meantime, Inner-City Software is working on some design upgrades and hoping to generate word-of-mouth interest. “Now we have to see how many hits we get on the site,” Snowden said.

GRAND DAY: Ken Granderson of Inner-City Software speaks yesterday during Roxbury.com's unveiling at the Freedom House in Dorchester. The new community-driven Web site will allow local businesses to network and residents to access news stories and other relevant information.

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Politics
Religion/Spirituality

LEAD STORY

Black pastor is 1st in over 100 years

Nov 1, 2001 - The subdued hymns sung in the average Roman Catholic church would sound out of place at St. John/St. Hugh's in Grove Hall. Within the granite walls of the church, “Alleluia” reverberates with a syncopated beat and is punctuated with liberal hand claps.

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FEATURED EVENTS

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Dec 1, 2001

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Nov 28, 2001

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Nov 12, 2001

Gospel Concert
Nov 10, 2001

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Christine

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Roxbury.com Launches

Inner-City Software collaborates with FleetBoston to build a community information website for the community of Roxbury.

By Thulani DeMarsay

Feb 12, 2002 - Roxbury.com will be the community's "online town hall" where residents will be able to find out the who, what, where and when about what is going on in our community, as well as make their own voices heard on issues and concerns impacting them.

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Boston Blacks Online

Conversation: Pat's prediction revised

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Welcome to Roxbury.com's Business/Finance Community

By

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Other News

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1. February 12, 2002 - Business Roundup Opportunities to Help Your Business Grow

2. February 12, 2002 - Center for Women & Enterprise and Hutchins, Wheeler, Dittmar Spring Legal Clinic

3. February 12, 2002 - Roxbury.com Launches

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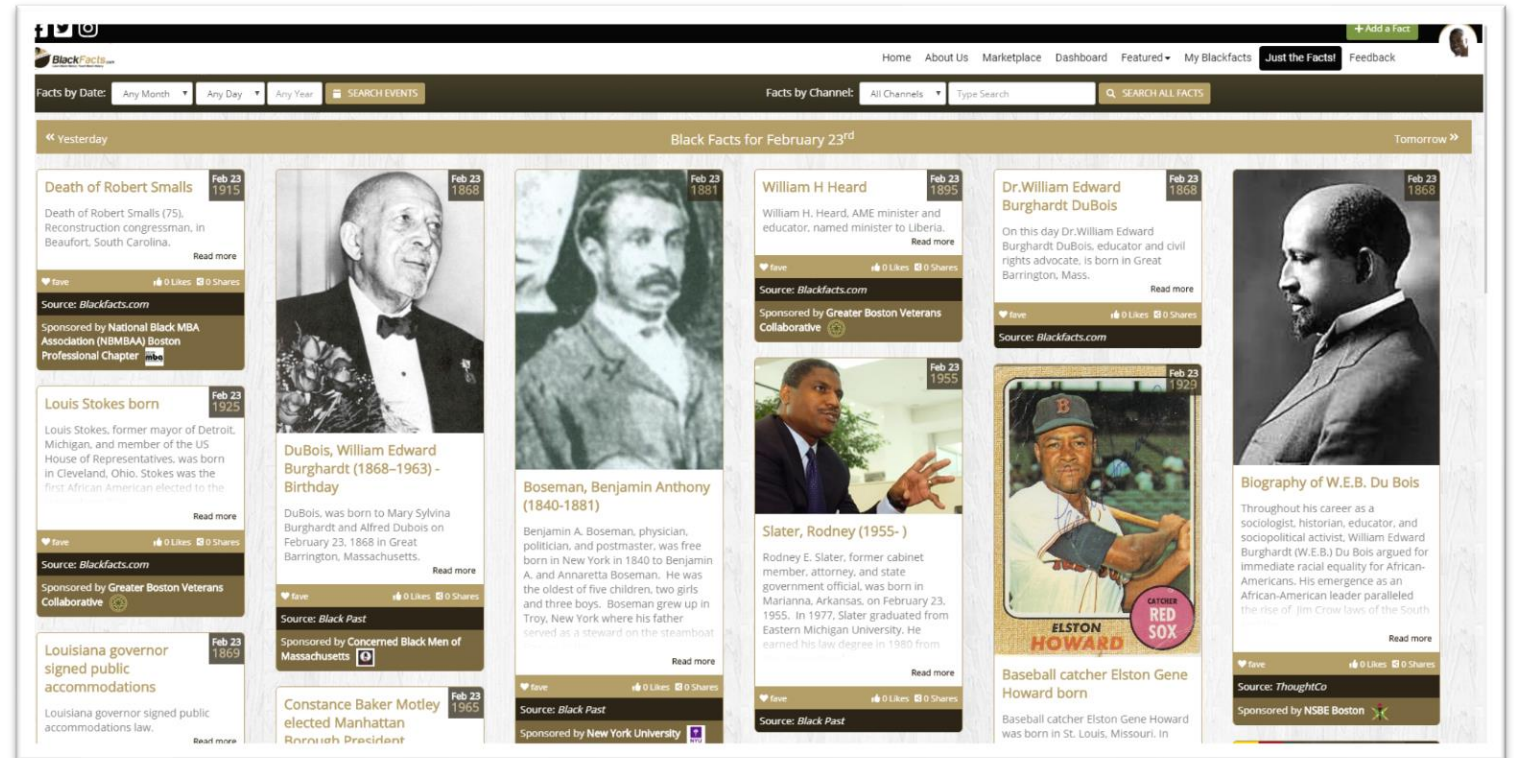
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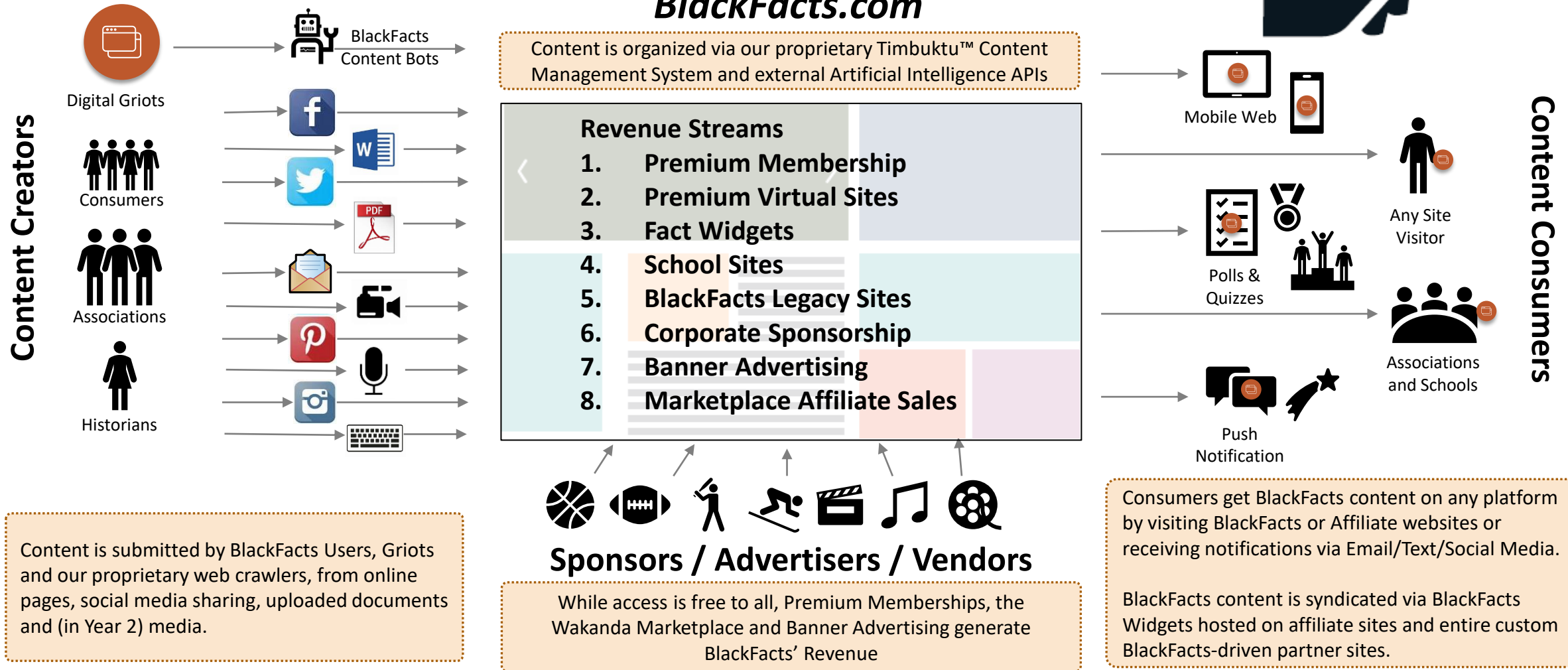
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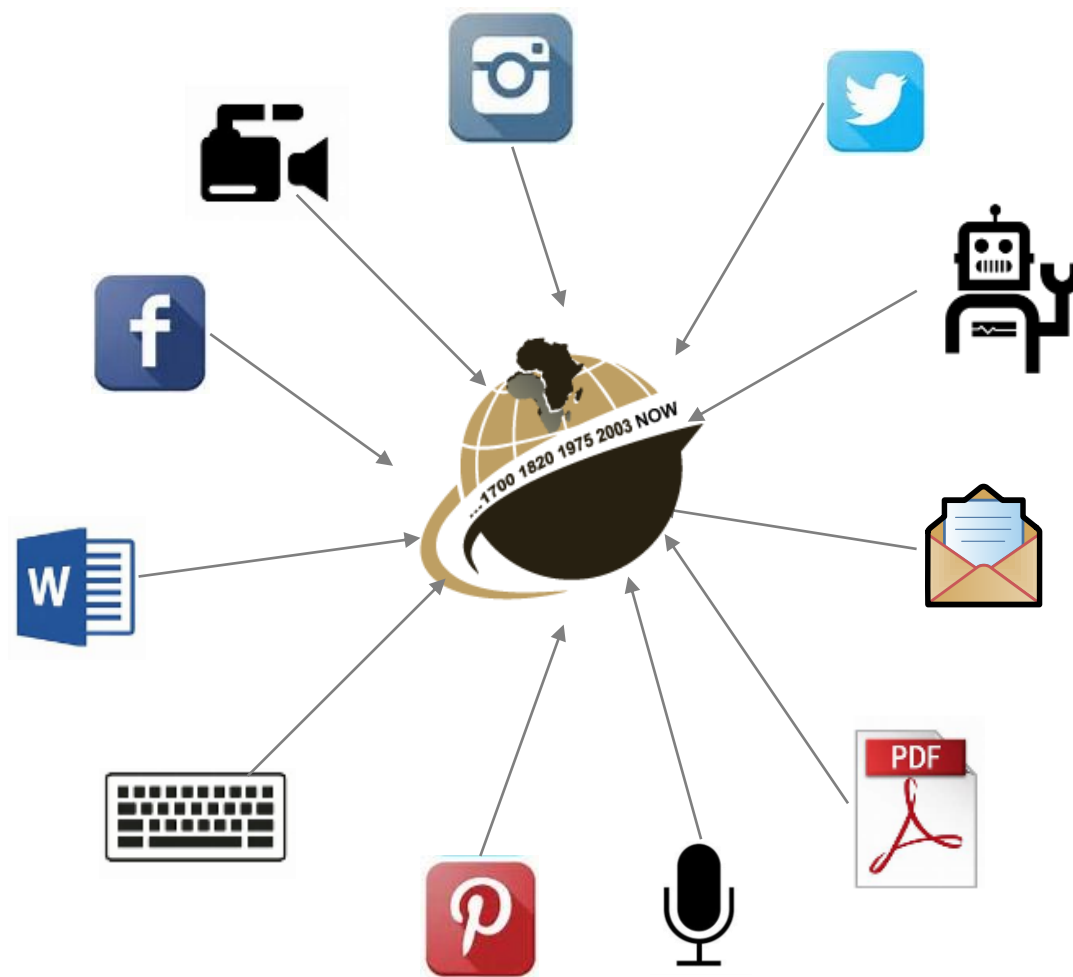




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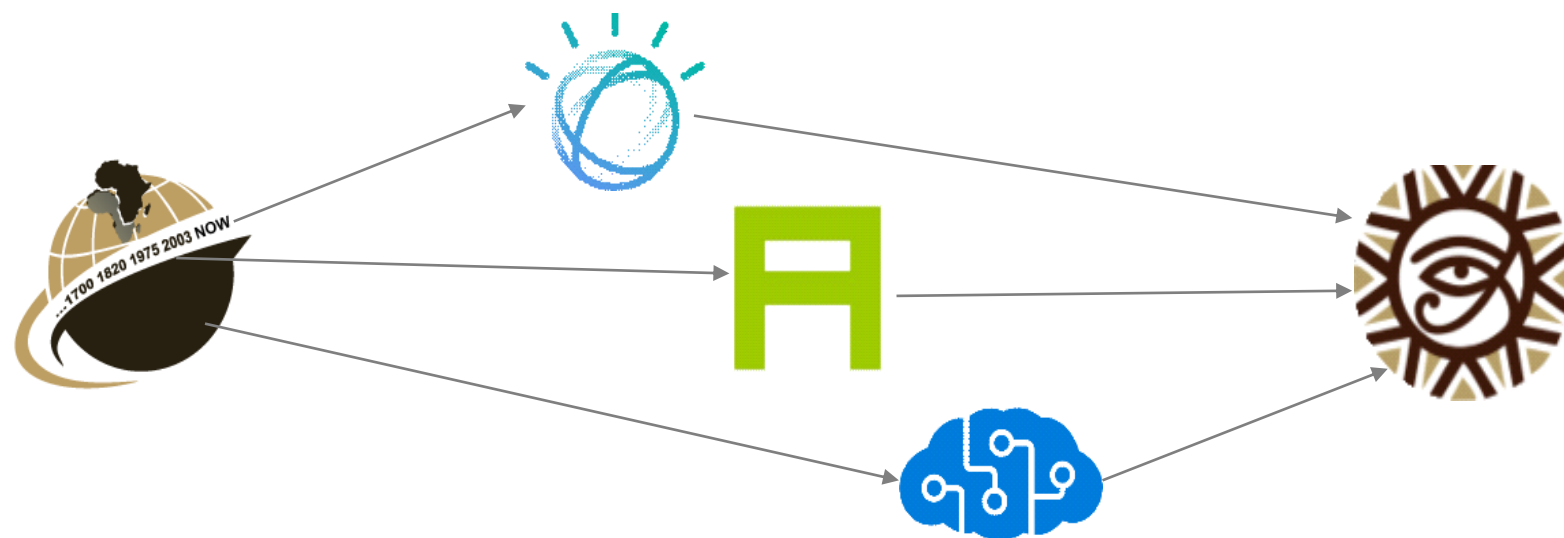




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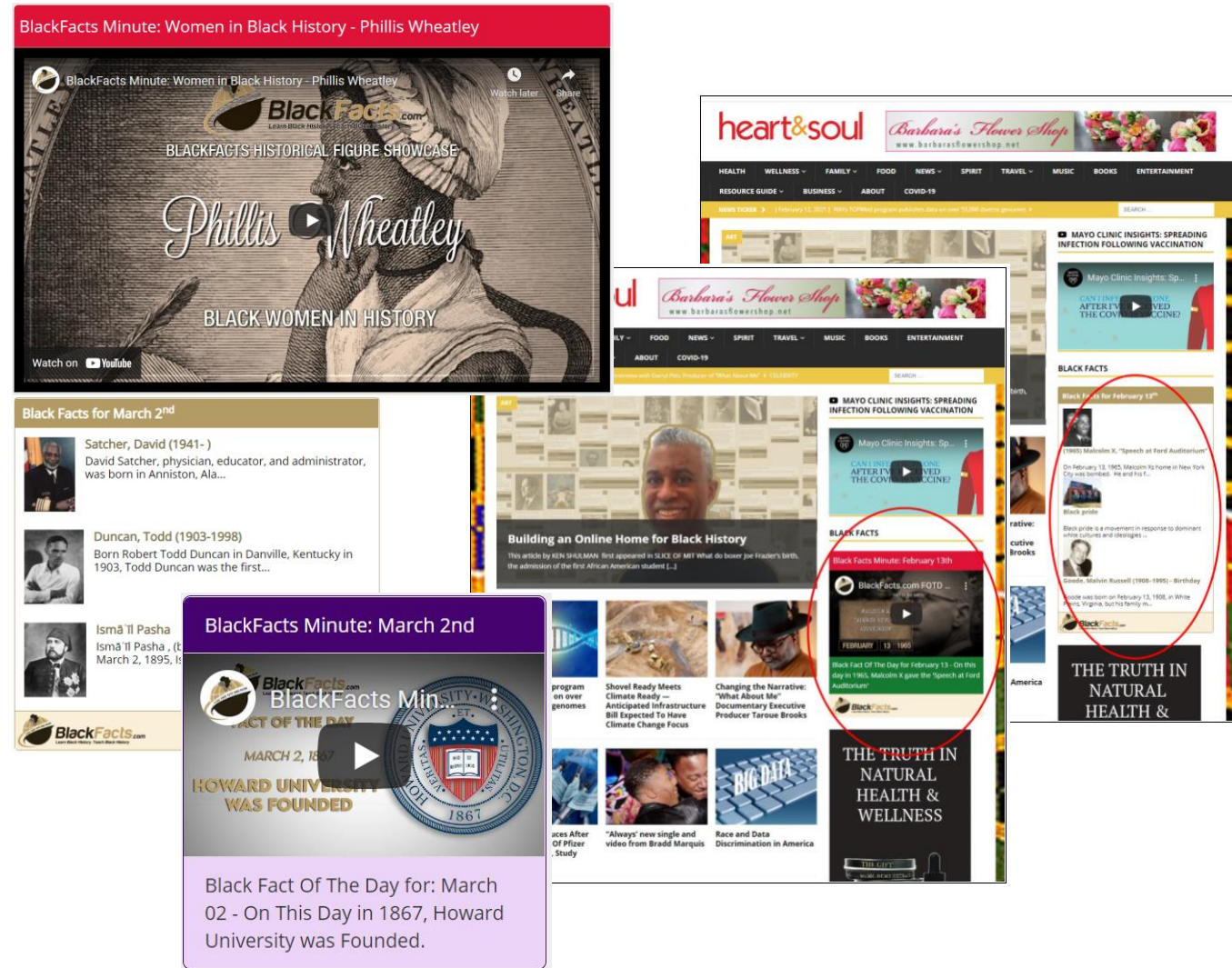
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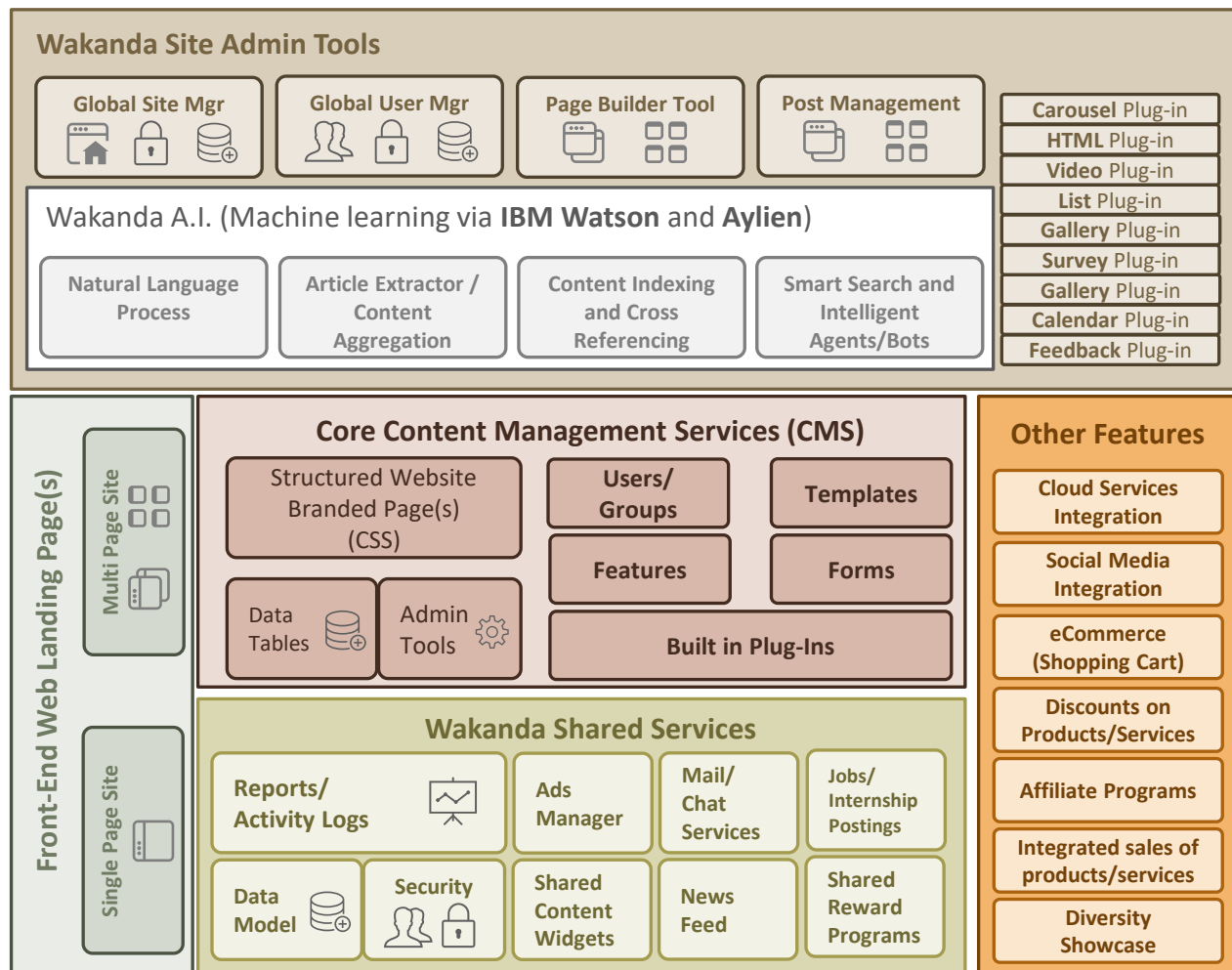
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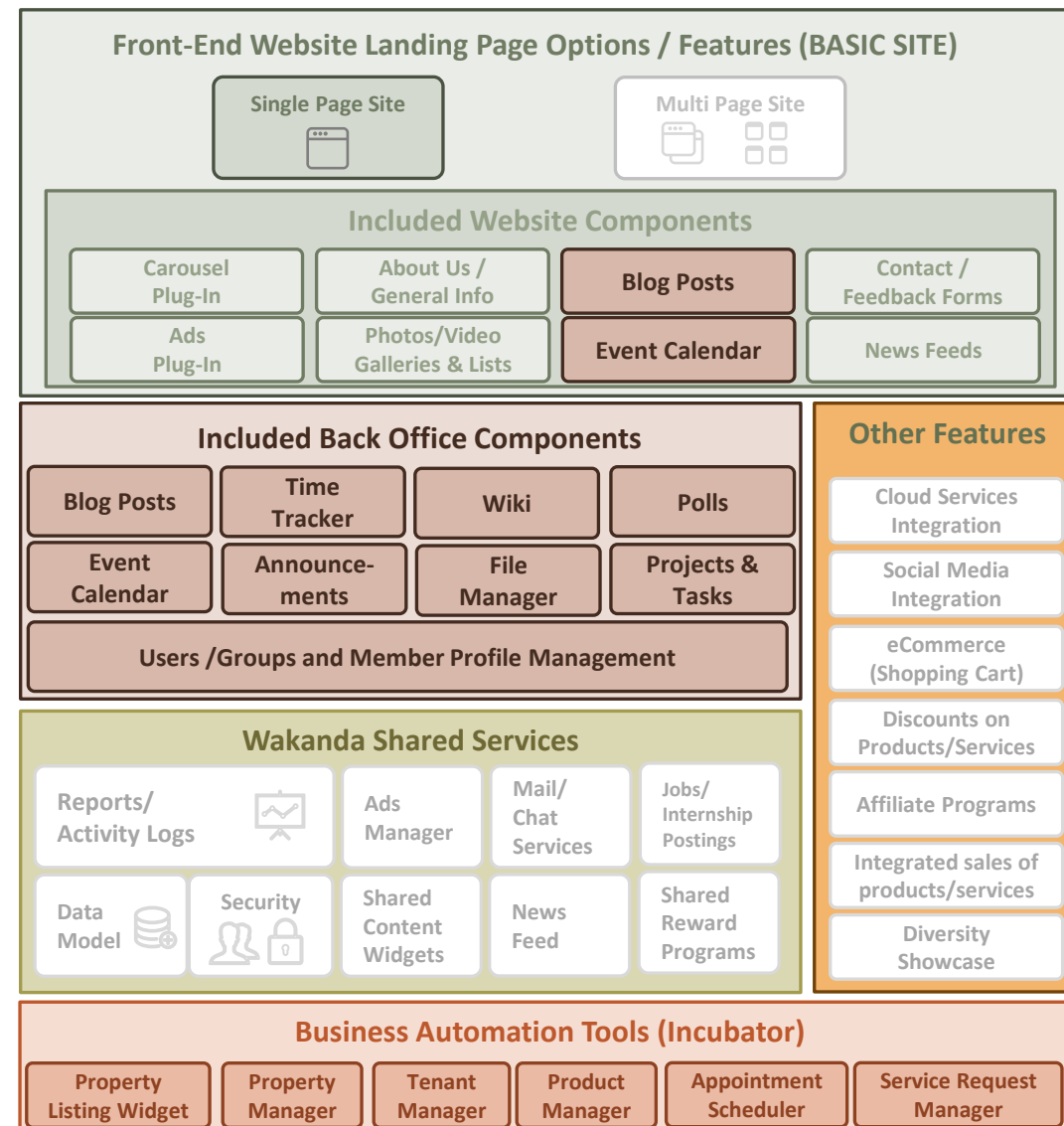




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Wakanda Business Incubator (Startup In a Box)





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