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2. Drupal - $3,000
3. Plone - $2,000

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Well coded and has an available granular permissions system and a strong eye for security
Configuration was a breeze

Lightweight installation
Plethora of modules and themes
Exceptional documentation and has an active and friendly community
The node concept is very good

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Admin user interface is intuitive and powerful
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Plone

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Great user interface
Very clean default installation
Lots of addon modules
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