



Let's Talk About "Control by Users"

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Welcome!

Deme (which rhymes with "team") is a **free/open source content management framework** for the **social Web**, licensed under the [GNU Affero General Public License, version 3](#) and written in Django/Python and PostgreSQL.

The Django version of Deme supersedes earlier versions that were written in PHP (versions 0.0.1 through 0.6, 2003-2006) and Ruby on Rails (versions 0.7-0.8, 2006-2008). For information on the different versions, see [Deme History Links](#).

Visit our GitHub page for the latest source code: <http://github.com/mikemintz/deme>.

This site is running a working copy of Deme v0.9 [commit da2a7df37cdae09c7a4b4cc01fae98e2fb6a987](#) from **2011-09-06**.

Publications and presentations about Deme in Django:

- Presentation about public deliberation and the Deme project in CMU-Silicon Valley's TOCS series, June 2011, at <http://www.stanford.edu/~davies/tdavies-presentations.html> (scroll down).
- Presentation about the Control by Users paradigm in the Symbolic Systems Research Seminar, April 2011, at <http://www.stanford.edu/~davies/tdavies-presentations.html> (scroll down).
- Paper from CTS 2010 on the Deme permissions system, at <http://www.stanford.edu/~davies/CTS2010-Davies-Mintz-IEEE.pdf>
- Paper on Deme's architecture for IWOST 2009 at <http://www.stanford.edu/~davies/IWOST09-Davies-Mintz-websiteversion.pdf>
- Presentation at Silicon Valley Code Camp 2008 at <http://www.stanford.edu/~davies/tdavies-presentations.html> (scroll down).

For Developers: [A collection of helpful links for developers](#)

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Examples of user desires

- User wants to know how data are being collected and used.
- User does not want data stored by third parties.
- User wants to control the privacy of their data.
- User wants to control whether data are publicly searchable.
- User wants freedom to move data to a different host or platform.
- User wants to control who can read or edit their data.
- User wants to be able to edit or delete the data they have created.
- User wants to know how a platform works.
- User wants to be able to install, use, and modify the software underlying a platform.
- User wants the design of the platform to reflect their need

Control by users

- privacy control,
- data portability,
- creative control,
- networked free software, and
- participatory design.

A stronger version would include a sixth principle:

- user governance.

For more info see:

<http://bit.ly/qIEm67>

