

# Building Community

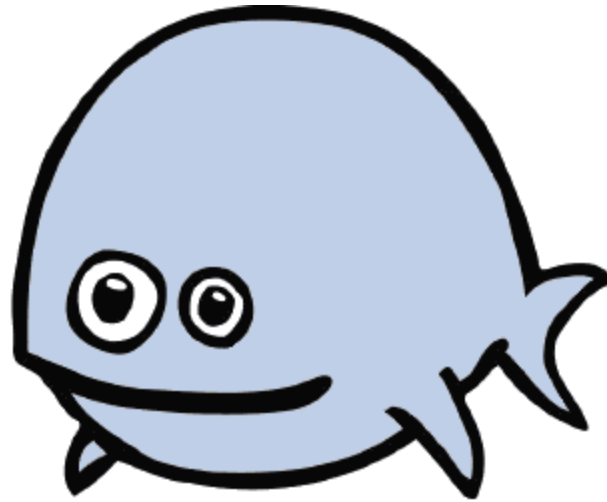
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# Background



WWW.FREEDOS.ORG

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# What you need

- Web site
- Wiki
- Mailing list
- CVS/SVN

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# Roles

- Web
- Usability
- Documentation/wiki
- Coding

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# Gotchas

- Poisonous personalities
- Conflict happens
- Bottom-up, not top-down
- Balance (dictator vs democracy)

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# Leadership

- Giving up control
- Leading / managing / doing
- New directions
- Taking a pulse

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# Engagement

- Frequent releases
- Version numbers (1.1 vs 1.10)
- Source code
- Test builds

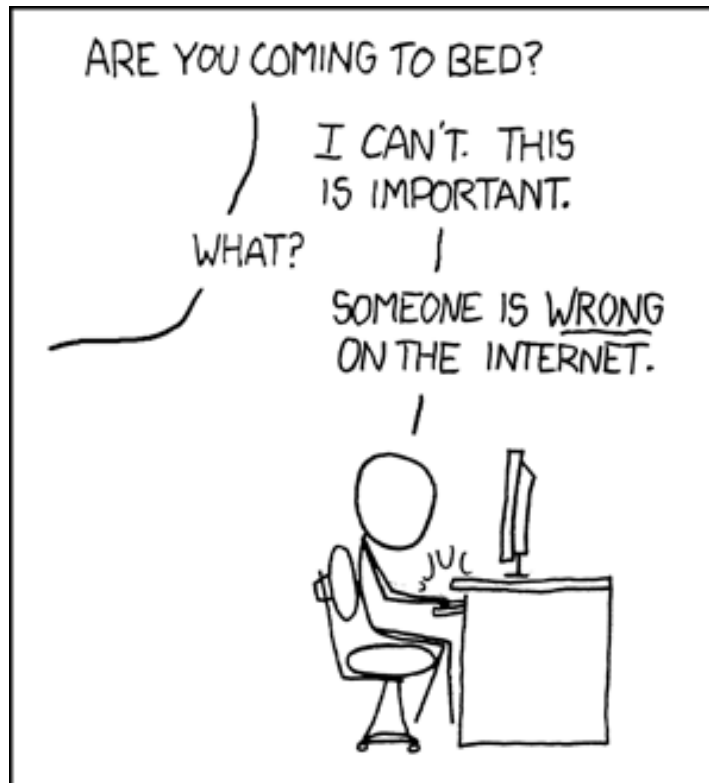
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# Flame wars

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# Flame wars

- Everything is public
- Archives
- Not real time
- Cultural/language differences

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# Balance

- Work
- Life
- Project

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# Questions?

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