

getting Started with
concrete5



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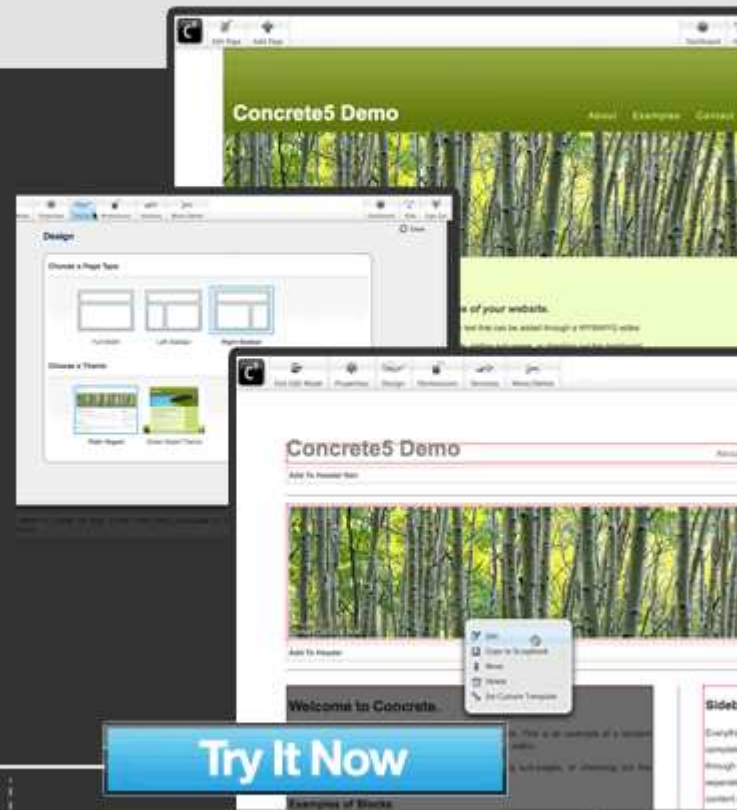
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What is c5?

concrete5 is a building material for the web. Working with a web designer or pre-existing theme, a site owner can create and easily change the content and structure of a website.



"...out of the countless systems I've developed, worked on or worked with, the quality of concrete5 sits on the top tier."

What is concrete5?

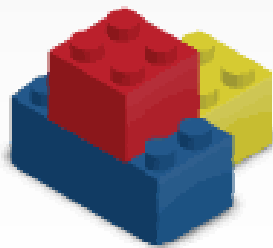
- c5 is an open source CMS or Content Management System
- Makes it really easy to design, launch, extend and manage your own website
- Built on top of PHP 5 and MySQL
- Developed by Franz Maruna and Andrew Embler of Concrete Studios



Geek cred

- Really stable, has been around for 5 years, used to be proprietary
- Permissive open source license—MIT License
- Really clean code, consistent API for common functions
- ADODB framework allowing for data portability
- Extensible MVC (ala Cake or Code Igniter) framework
- AJAX effects using jQuery

Why use concrete5?



- **concrete5 is easy**
 - In-Context, WYSIWYG Editing
 - A slick, speedy, easy to use interface
- **concrete5 is powerful**
 - Granular Access Control
 - Users & Groups. Community on your site is built right in.
 - Reporting & Statistics.
- **concrete5 is flexible**
 - Customizable Metadata for both Pages and Users.
 - Extensible features such as galleries, blocks, login pages, forms, etc.

Terminology and structure

- **MVC**

- **Models**

- /models

- **Controllers**

- dispatcher.php
 - /controllers
 - /libraries
 - /helpers

- **Views**

- /templates → Collections or Pages
 - /single_pages → Single/one-off pages
 - /blocks → Blocks



Getting started



Moving around c5

- Dashboard
- Page Types
- Pages
- In-context editing
- Blocks
- Layout
- Enabling SEF URLs

Create your own template

- File name must be default.php
- Each file represents a view to a “collection” or page
- View must be the same name as the page: ie “home.php” for home
- Single pages use view.php
- Add description.txt and thumbnail image

Add template path

- `<?php echo $this->getThemePath()?>/`

Add header to template pages

```
<?php  
defined('C5_EXECUTE') or die(_("Access  
Denied."));  
Loader::element('header_required'); ?>
```

Add editable blocks: Nav and Sidebar

```
<?php  
$a = new Area('Header Nav');  
$a->display($c);  
?>
```

```
<?php  
$as = new Area('Sidebar');  
$as->display($c);  
?>
```

Add editable blocks: Header and Image

```
<?php  
$ahh = new Area('Header');  
$ahh->display($c);  
?>
```

```
<?php  
$a = new Area('Main');  
$a->display($c);  
?>
```

Customize views of blocks

- Customize header Nav view
- Add and customize other blocks

That's it! Good luck!

- By the way, we are looking for good people to join our team (as software engineers or trainers):
 - PHP and Javascript Gurus (who know CakePHP / Code Igniter, jQuery)
 - MySQL Mavens (has SQL as their third language in their resume besides English and Filipino)



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