

Mambo lead developer quits due to conscience

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Troubled times appear to lay ahead for the Mambo Open Source content management system, with the second fracturing of the award-winning Mambo CMS development team in nine months.

Mambo lead developer Martin Brampton today announced he was severing all ties with the Open Source project. His departure ? which is eerily similar to the departure of an entire development team last year ? comes in the wake of him finding himself unable to continue due to matters of conscience, a statement said today.

In December 2005, Miro International Pty Ltd, announced that it had transferred the intellectual property it held in Mambo to the Mambo Foundation. On 4th April 2006, Ansearch Ltd, an Australian search engine and online media company, announced to the Australian Stock Exchange that it had entered into an agreement to buy Mambo Communities Pty Ltd. Mambo Communities is owned by Mr Peter Lamont, the owner of Miro International Pty Ltd, which is being voluntarily deregistered, and current President of the Mambo Foundation.

"This set of events started to set alarm bells ringing," Mr Brampton said, "particularly when members of the Mambo community began asking questions on the Mambo Communities forum and being banned for their trouble."

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