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Current Research Initiative: OpenG.

OpenG (aka OpenGov) is an open source eDemocracy software platform designed as a scalable and free avenue for open and participatory government and bottom-up decision making in other organizations.

- **Excerpt from recent reference to OpenG in the [Harvard Law Review](#), by [Professor Michael Froomkin](#) (Vol. 116, No. 3, January 2003):** "Other ambitious projects are already on the drawing board. At the MIT School of Architecture and Planning, Dean William J. Mitchel and Professor (sic) Daniel Greenwood are developing an 'Open Governance Environment' . . . The aim is to meld the most useful features of Community Filtering - collaborative filtering of contributed ideas and proposals - with a more structured and formal process by which ideas that receive the most support in the first phase are subjected to structured, sometimes time-limited, debate culminating in a decisional moment, usually a vote (Governance Filtering)."
- [First Graduate Seminar on OpenG](#)
- [Second Graduate Seminar on OpenG](#)
- [Jim Youll \(Software Architect\) Site on OpenG](#)
- [Jim and Dan's brief, informal video demo](#)
- [MIT Prototype Site for OpenG](#) and the [Design Notes](#)
 - **NOTE:** The OpenG Platform is still in prototype testing. As soon as the code has been tested and runs in a stable manner, it will be made available under an open source free software license. If you are interested in joining one of our upcoming tests, or would like more information about this initiative, please contact [Daniel Greenwood](#) at dang@mit.edu

Recent Events:

We gave a demo of the platform at the National Conference on [Digital Government Research](#) on May 20. Here is a brief video clip of [Daniel Greenwood describing part of the demo to some other researchers](#), and here is a clip of a researcher using a phone as then interface tool to cast the [first mobile vote](#) on the OpenG system.
