# Introduction to PeerTube



# Agenda

Overview – social media landscape of today
ActivityPub protocol and Fediverse
PeerTube project
Demo
Closing remarks (the future)
Feedback form

# Who am I?

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# Social media is not a public utility

Moderation

Data collection

Business model

Addicting / Engagement driven User hostile



World

### Myanmar army hunts 7 protest supporters over social media comments

'Catch me if you can,' coup protester responds on her Facebook page

Thomson Reuters · Posted: Feb 14, 2021 2:17 PM ET | Last Updated: February 14



### A demonstrator prepares a placard during a protest against the military coup in Yangon, Myanmar, on Saturday. (Reuters)

Myanmar's army is hunting for seven well-known supporters of protests against this month's coup, and they face charges over comments on social media that threaten national stability, the army said on Saturday.

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Maria Ressa was honoured as one of Times Magazine's People of the Year 2018 for her work as a 'guardian' of the truth. (Sylvia Thomson/CBC)

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### Twitter given three weeks to comply with Indian content code

Appears to have taken first step by appointing grievance officer

Simon Sharwood, APAC Editor

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Twitter has been given three weeks to comply with India's Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021 – which came into effect last week.

Twitter has protested the new rules on grounds that they inhibit free speech. India's government has labelled Twitter's reaction as anti-democratic meddling in the nation's affairs.

The ruling compelling Twitter to get its house in order came yesterday in the form of an order from the Delhi High Court, which heard a petition from an Indian citizen who complained that the micro-blogging service had not complied with the Code's requirement to appoint a grievance officer in India.

During the hearing, Twitter revealed it has made an appointment to that role. The company has since **posted contact details** for that officer, naming contacts in the USA and India – and a single email address – as the point of contact for individual Indians and government agencies that wish to raise problems with content on Twitter.

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### YouTube Hacking Video Ban Sparks Outrage



Kate O'Flaherty Senior Contributor ① Cybersecurity I am a cybersecurity journalist.



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YouTube has sparked outrage after wrongly removing legitimate educational cybersecurity videos as a result of a new written policy.

According to tech site The Register, the written policy first appeared in the Internet Wayback Machine's archive in an April 5, 2019 snapshot. Q



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### Australia's standoff with Facebook has lessons for Canada, publisher says

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Eric Szeto, Katie Pedersen, Asha Tomlinson · CBC News · Posted: Mar 30, 2021 7:30 AM ET | Last Updated: March 30



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Many small, connected social networks

Federated, works like email

Move your account, keep your followers

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### PeerTube Project

Framasoft.org French non-profit (35 members) Funded by grants and donations Single developer (Chocobozzz)

# PeerTube Application

YouTube-like interface Host videos and live-streams Browser interface Moderation tools (federation, local) Plugin and Themes



### "The year of the Linux desktop"



# Advantages to PeerTube

Ideology and ethics (liberté, egalité, fraternité)

Different rules for different instances (human scale moderation)

Peer-to-peer lowers cost of viral videos

Federated instances cache videos (acts as a pseudo CDN / Seedbox) P2P especially well suited to live streams

# Problems with PeerTube

Derivative IPv4 and NAT Limited browser storage Mobile sucks No monetization Discoverability / Lack of content Technical barrier to entry Scaling (no load balancing) Unsavory early adopters

# Demo

- EZ mode: Hosting an instance
  - Linux / FreeBSD
  - Linode
  - Cloudron
  - Yunohost
- PeerTube interface (user)
  - Local vs Subscription
  - About page (owner, funding, hardware, stats, followers)
  - Stats for nerds (HLS vs webtorrent)
  - Beat up the server (mass watch to stress peer download)
- PeerTube interface (admin)
  - Transcoding settings
  - Upload video
  - Jobs (transcode in progress)
  - Plugins (SSO auth)
- Federation features
  - Federate instance 2 with instance 1 (check about)
  - Enable redundancy
  - View video from another pt instance
  - Comment on video from another pt instance
  - Comment on video, comment shows up on mastodon
- Visit some notable instances

# Closing remarks (the future / Twitter Bluesky / C-10)



# Feedback

