

Coffee Without Java

Making an espresso machine which runs on Tcl



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Why do this?

Why make an espresso
machine?

Why have a tablet?

Making Good Espresso is very difficult

- Lack of feedback
and
- Lack of control

Lack of feedback

- Traditional machines tell you temperature and pressure
- And both are lies

Pressure

“Pump pressure”, not coffee pressure, so always ~9 bar

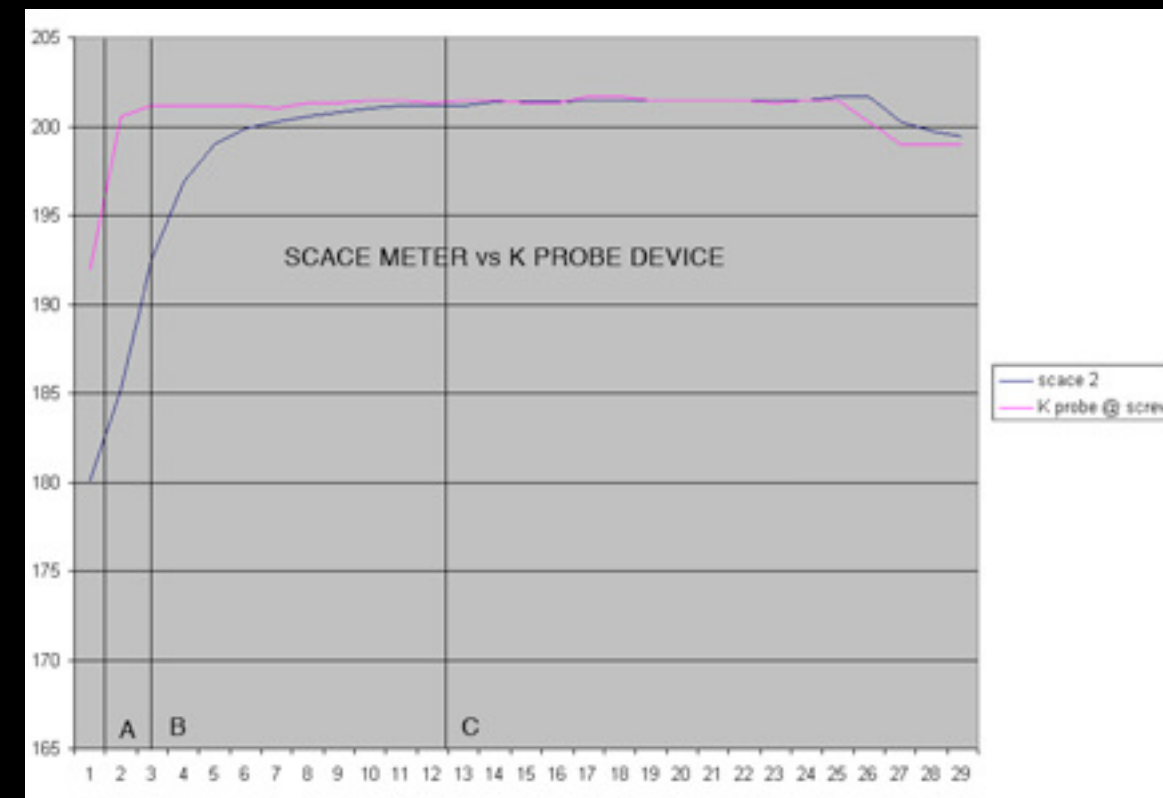
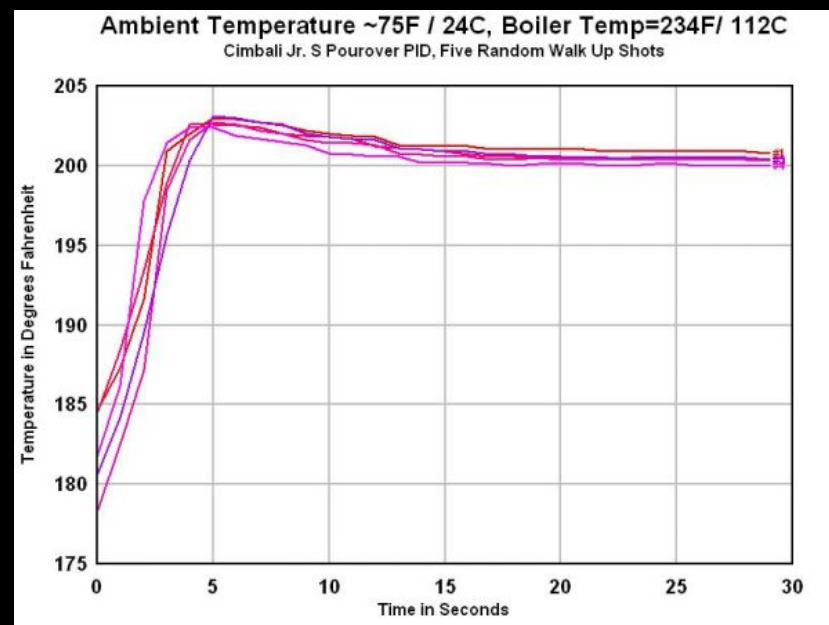


Temperature

Boiler temperature is stated

Interaction effects are ignored

Latency is high



Before “semi-automatic”



There were “Lever” machines



with manual
control over *flow*
and pressure and
reporting the
real pressure on
the coffee puck

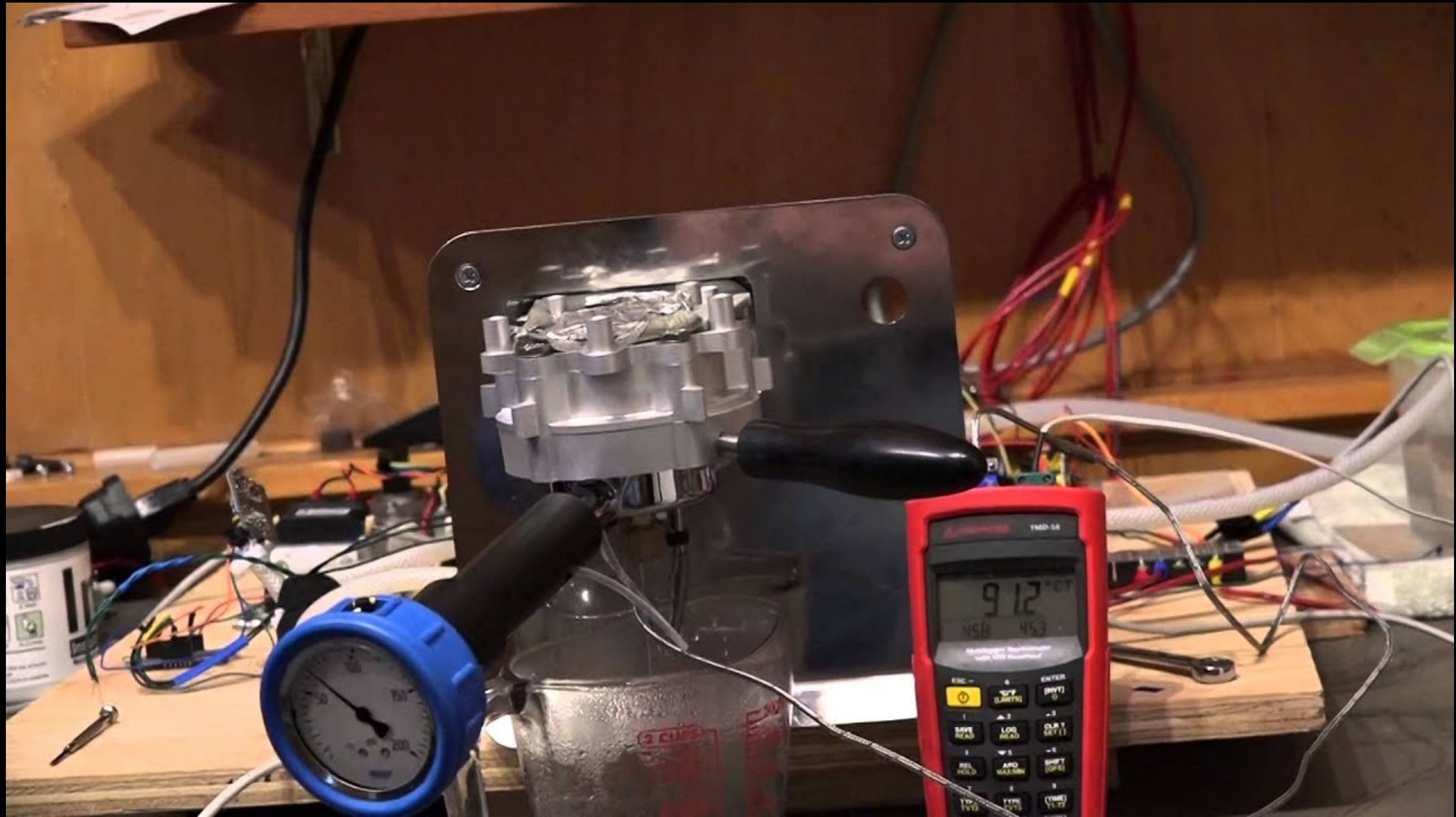
Lever machines aren't dead



they can make
extraordinarily
good coffee

but they do
require skill to
use

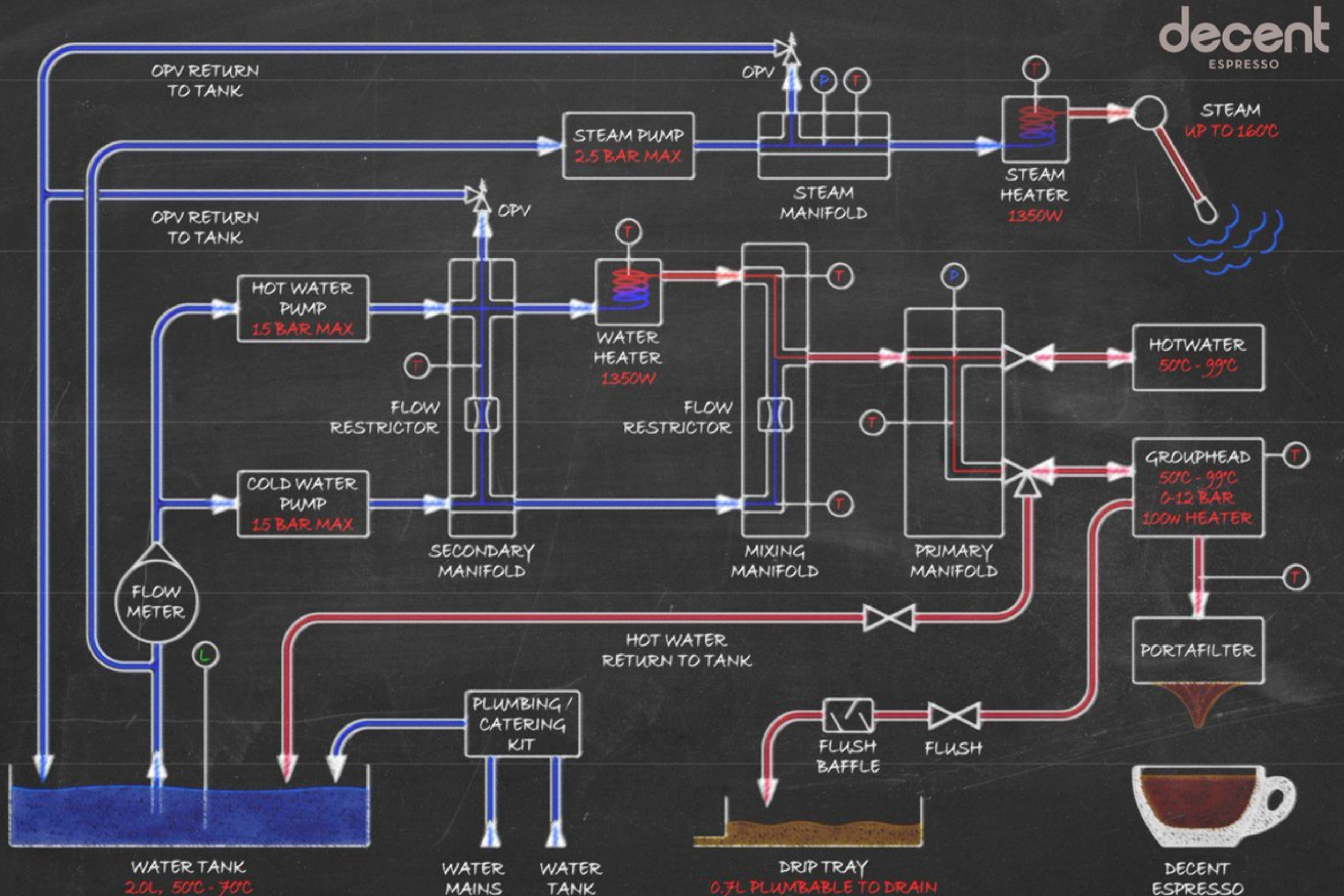
So we made this



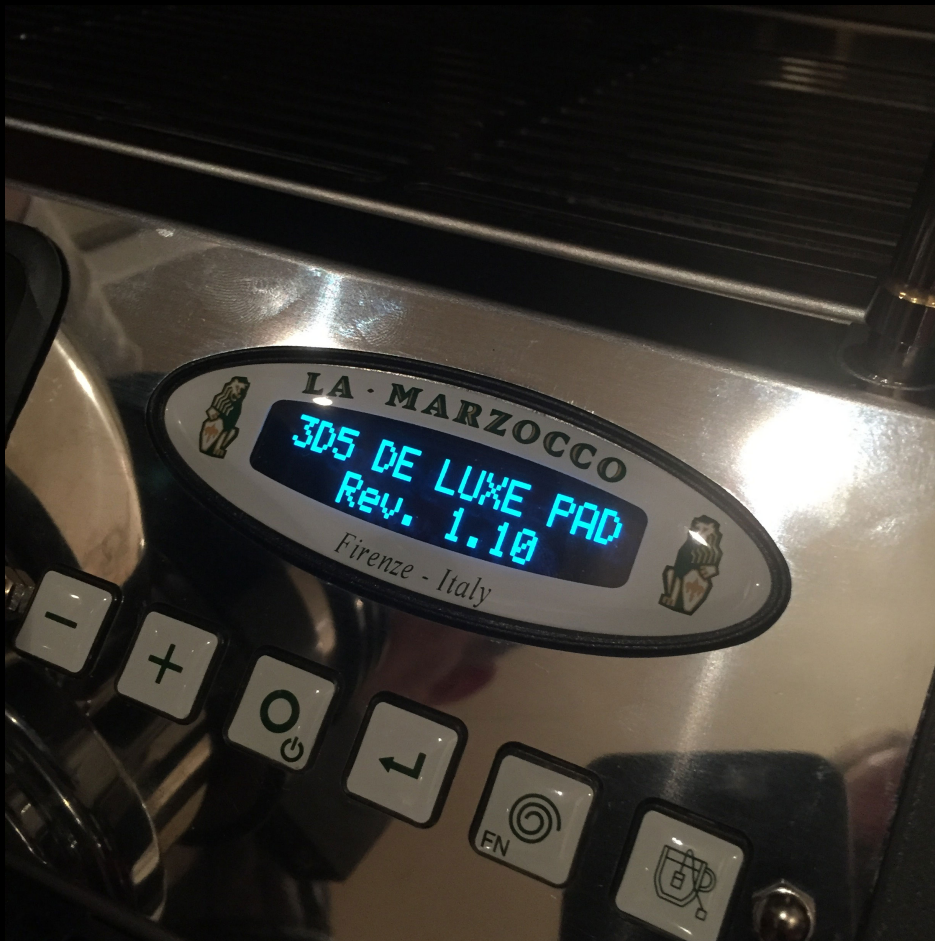
And discovered...

that dynamic control over
water temperature,
pressure and
flow would be very nice.

Which led to this



Embedded or IoT?

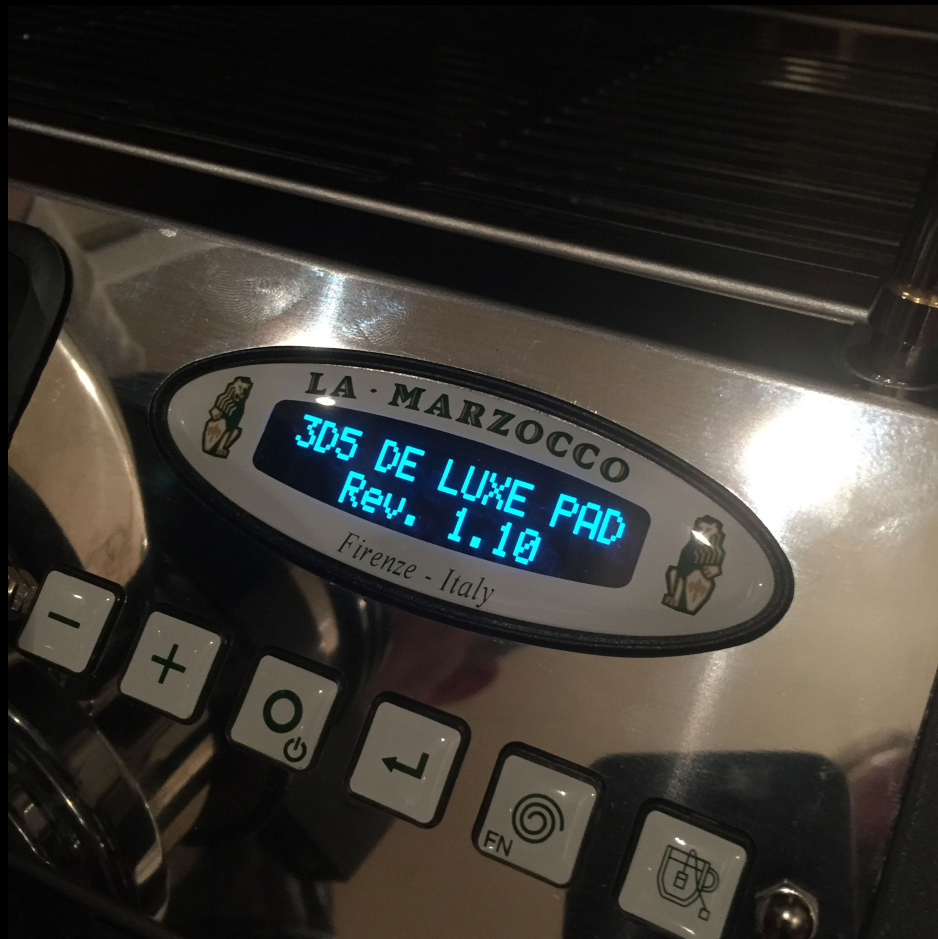


Limited functionality



limited reliability

Embedded



Depreciates
with time

IoT



An Investment: in time
may become more
valuable or zero-value

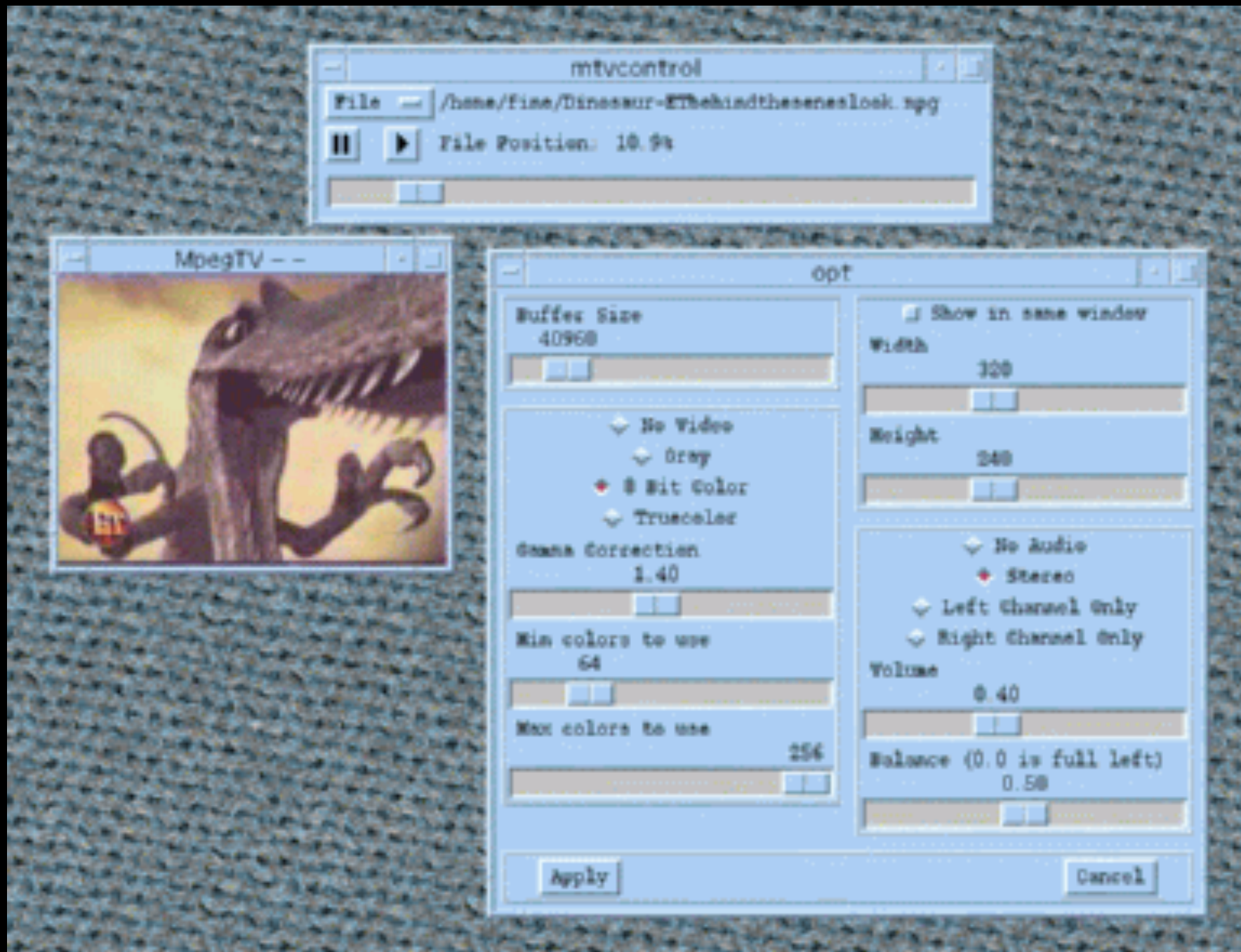
and include a pre-configured tablet for best of both worlds



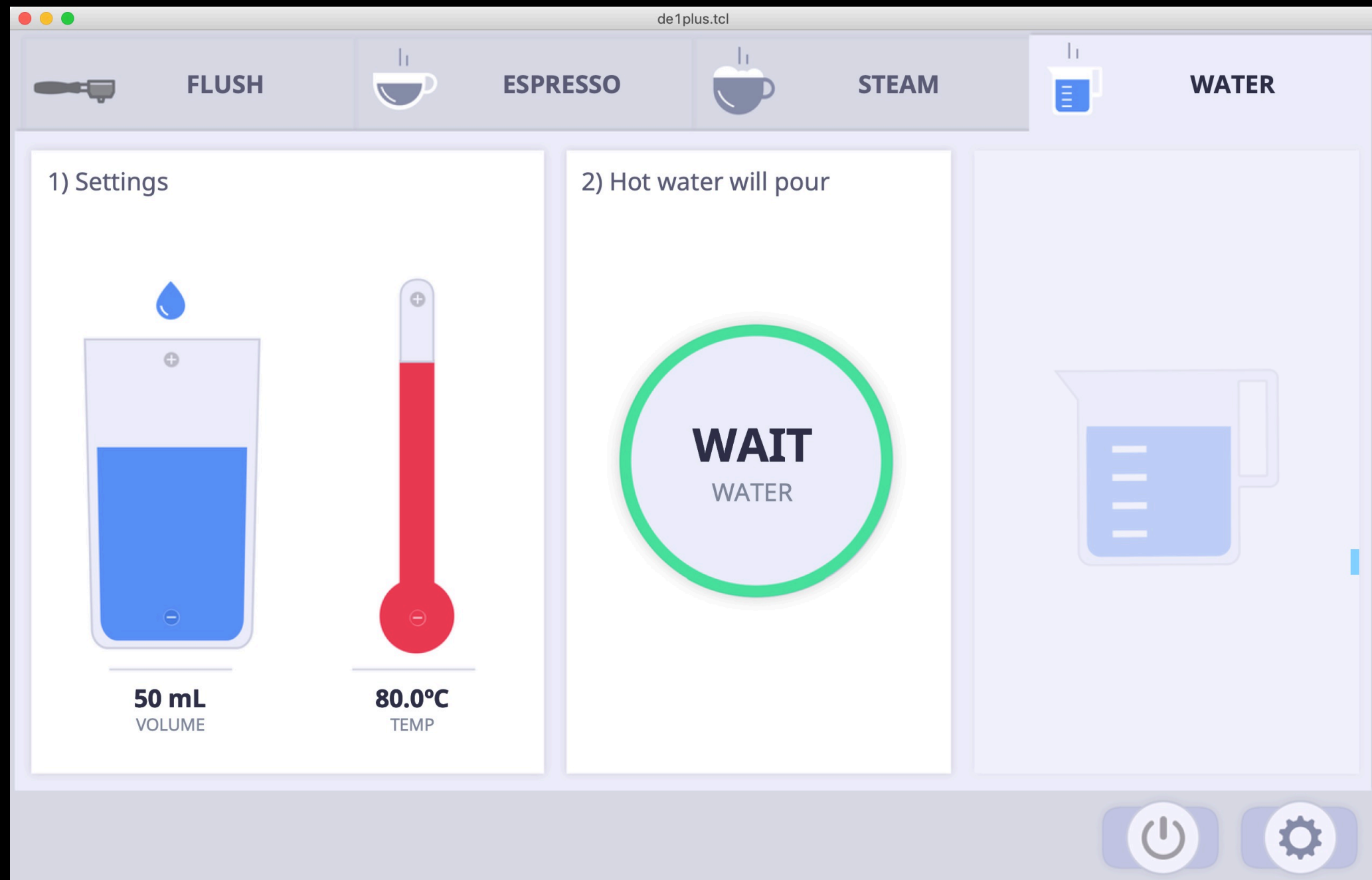
Non-integrated tablet for upgradeability



Tk oriented toward windowing UI

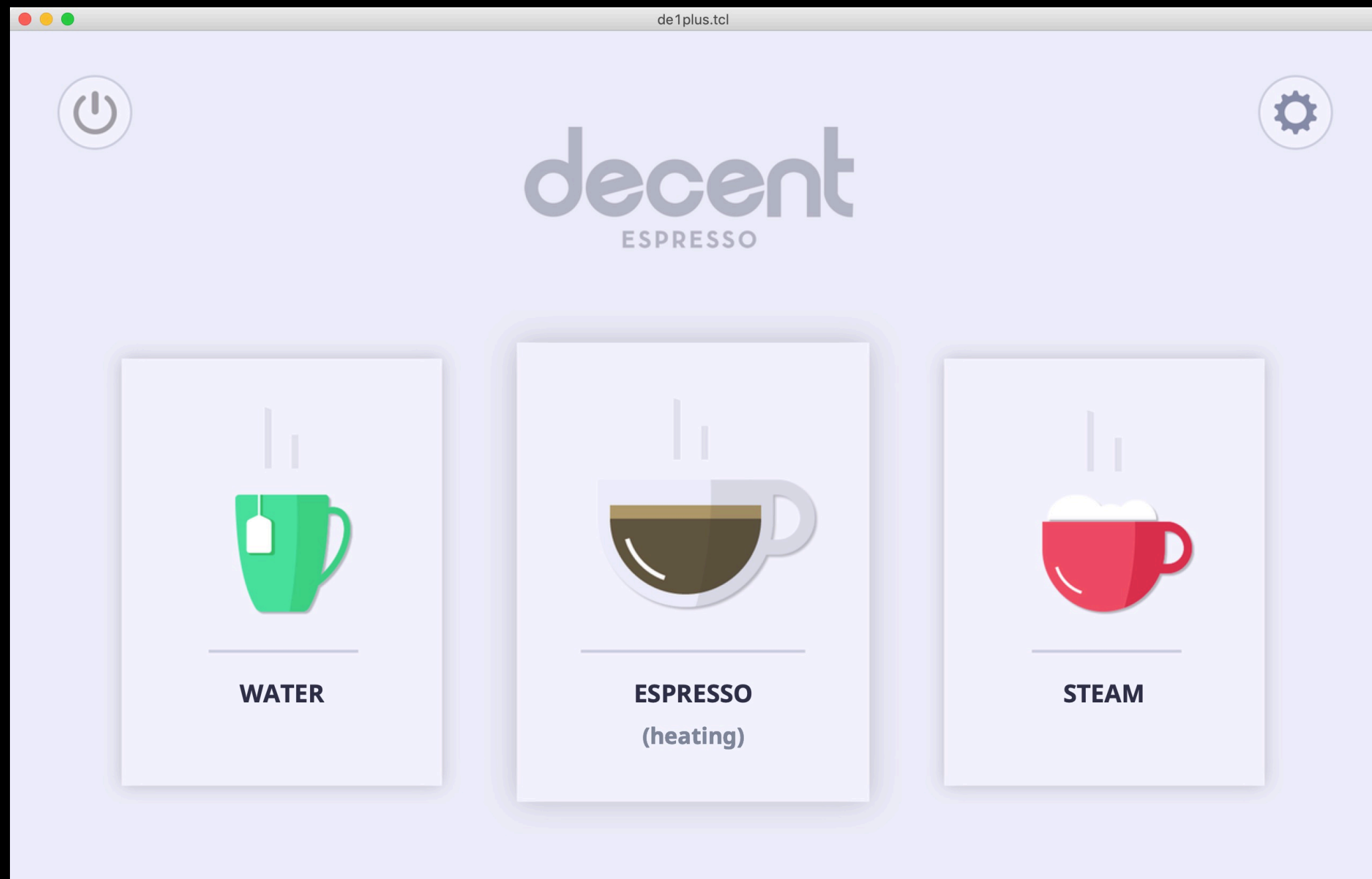


I made my own full-screen UI manager

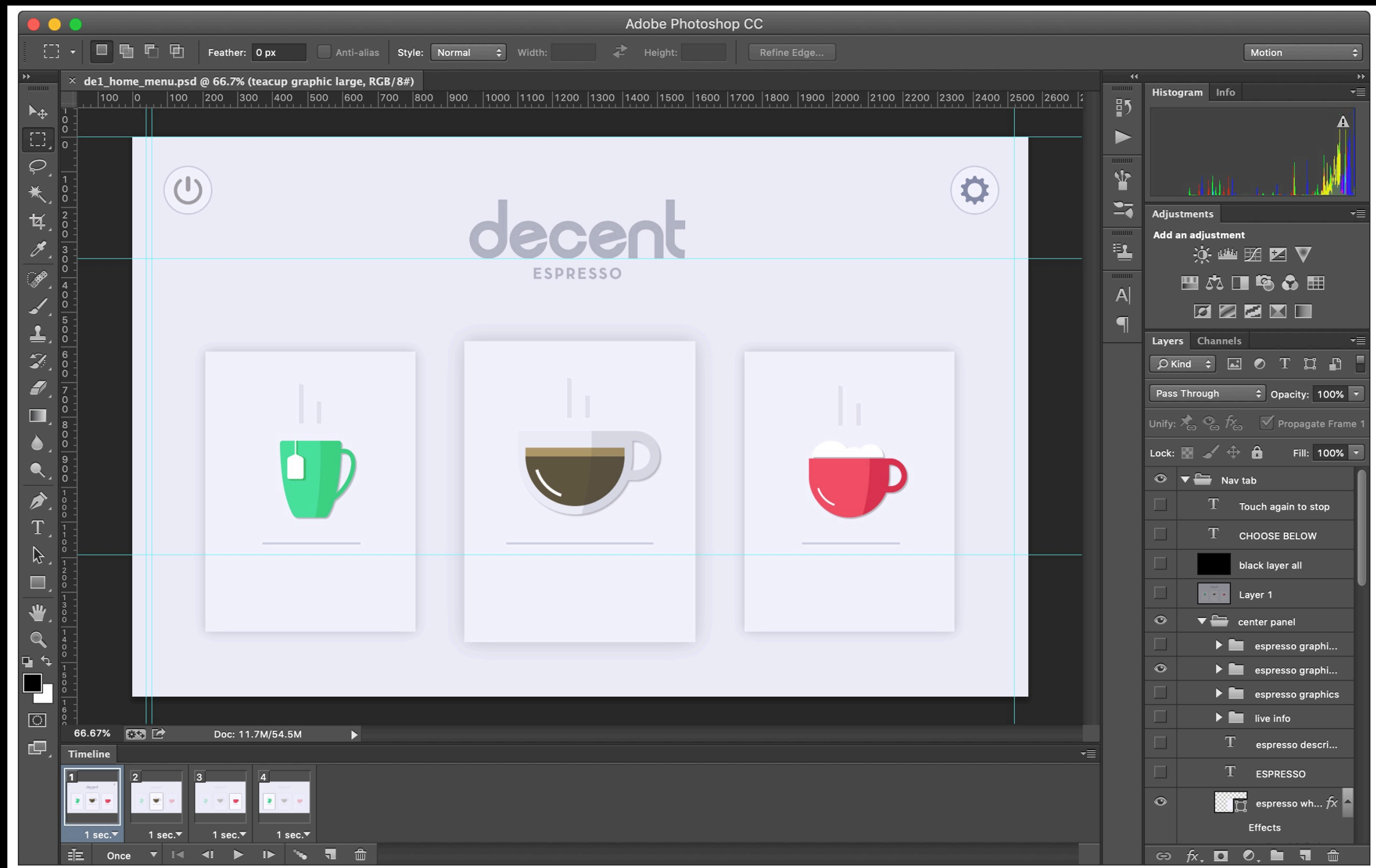


*To manage the complexity of what to show/hide
and to use image caching for speed.*

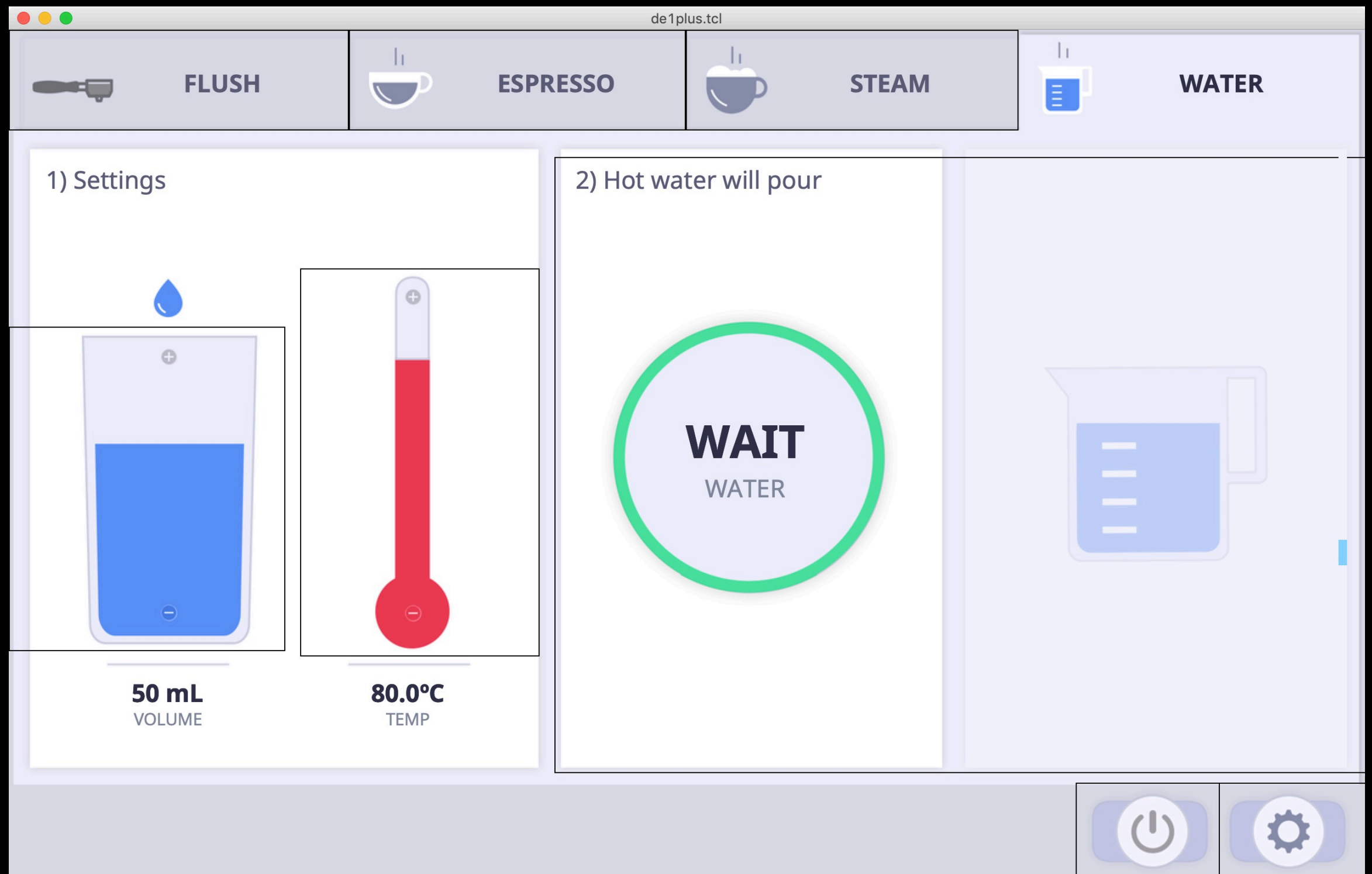
Skins are just PNGs



Created as movies in Photoshop



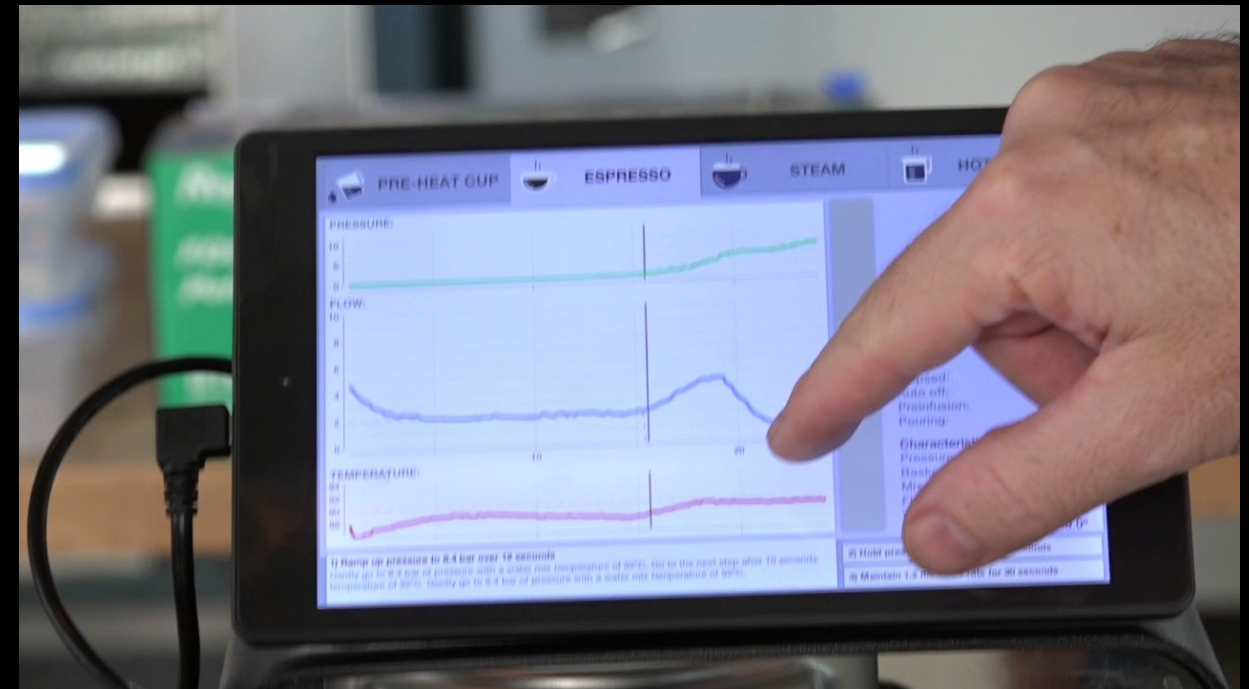
Using “tap zones” and some homemade graphical widgets



There's never been an espresso
UI, so I try many ideas



There were no models to follow, and people could not express what they wanted



A “skin” definition language based on Tcl

```
add_del_page "espresso" "espresso_2.png"
```

```
add_del_page `espresso_zoomed  
    espresso_zoomed_temperature`  
    "espresso_2_zoomed.png"
```

The above code defines new pages, and
what background image is auto-displayed

Text and Variables

```
# settings for preheating a cup

add_del_variable "preheat_1" 1390 775 -text [translate
"START"] -font $green_button_font -fill "#2d3046" -anchor
"center" -textvariable {[start_text_if_espresso_ready]}

add_del_text "preheat_1 preheat_2 preheat_3 preheat_4" 1390
865 -text [translate "FLUSH"] -font Helv_10 -fill "#7f879a" -
anchor "center"

add_del_variable "preheat_2" 1390 775 -text [translate "STOP"]
-font $green_button_font -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center" -
textvariable {[stop_text_if_espresso_stoppable]}

add_del_variable "preheat_3 preheat_4" 1390 775 -text
[translate "RESTART"] -font $green_button_font -fill "#2d3046"
-anchor "center" -textvariable
{[restart_text_if_espresso_ready]}
```

Buttons are “tap zones” auto-enabled in certain contexts

```
add_del_button "preheat_1 preheat_3  
preheat_4" {say [translate {pre-heat cup}]  
$::settings(sound_button_in);  
set ::settings(preheat_temperature) 90;  
set_next_page hotwaterrinse preheat_2;  
start_hot_water_rinse} 0 240 2560 1400
```

```
add_del_button "preheat_2" {say [translate  
{stop}] $::settings(sound_button_in);  
set_next_page off preheat_4; start_idle} 0  
240 2560 1600
```


Years ago, I'd made a simple rule language for my anti-spam.

It used a (simple for me to parse) subset of Perl.

The simple rule language was the most popular feature.



ABOUT

With MailShield, your mail server can reject spam, prevent unauthorized mail relaying and halt email bombs!

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Everything MailShield does is documented, configureable, changeable. Don't trust your mail to those other mail filters which decide for you what you should accept. MailShield doesn't lay down the law, *you* do.

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MailShield is now available for Windows NT, Windows 95/98, Linux, Sun Solaris/Sparc, and Sun Solaris/Intel.

Kept as simple as possible

```
skin.tcl x
package require de1 1.0

#####
# DECENT ESPRESSO DEFAULT SKIN
#####

# use the standard graphic filenames and standard settings pages
source "[homedir]/skins/default/standard_includes.tcl"

#####
# text and buttons to display when the DE1 is idle

add_de1_text "splash" 510 1240 -text [translate "START"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"

# these 3 text labels are for the three main DE1 functions, and they X,Y coordinates need to be adjusted for your skin graphics
add_de1_text "off" 510 1240 -text [translate "WATER"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"
add_de1_text "off" 1280 1240 -text [translate "ESPRESSO"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"
add_de1_text "off" 2048 1240 -text [translate "STEAM"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"

add_de1_text "water" 510 1240 -text [translate "WATER"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"
add_de1_text "steam" 2048 1240 -text [translate "STEAM"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"
add_de1_text "espresso" 1280 1240 -text [translate "ESPRESSO"] -font Helv_10_bold -fill "#2d3046" -anchor "center"

# these 3 buttons are rectangular areas, where tapping the rectangle causes a major DE1 action (steam/espresso/water)
add_de1_button "off" "say [translate {water}] $::settings(sound_button_in);start_water" 210 612 808 1416
add_de1_button "off" "say [translate {steam}] $::settings(sound_button_in);start_steam" 1748 616 2346 1414
add_de1_button "off" "say [translate {espresso}] $::settings(sound_button_in);start_espresso" 948 584 1606 1444

# these 2 buttons are rectangular areas for putting the machine to sleep or starting settings. Traditionally, tapping one of the corners of the screen puts it to sleep.
add_de1_button "off" "say [translate {sleep}] $::settings(sound_button_in);start_sleep" 0 0 400 400
add_de1_button "off" { say [translate {settings}] $::settings(sound_button_in); show_settings } 2000 0 2560 500
add_de1_variable "off" 1280 1320 -justify right -anchor "center" -text "" -font Helv_9_bold -fill "#7f879a" -width 520 -textvariable {[group_head_heating_text]}

# during espresso we show the current state of things (heating, waiting, flushing, etc)
add_de1_variable "espresso" 1280 1320 -text "" -font Helv_9_bold -fill "#7f879a" -anchor "center" -textvariable {[translate [de1_substate_text]]}

# show whether the espresso machine is ready to make an espresso, or heating, or the tablet is disconnected
add_de1_variable "off" 20 1520 -justify left -anchor "nw" -text "" -font Helv_10 -fill "#666666" -width 1520 -textvariable {[de1_connected_state 5]}

#####
# text and buttons to display when the DE1 is doing steam, hot water or espresso

# the standard behavior when the DE1 is doing something is for tapping anywhere on the screen to stop that. This "source" command does that.
source "[homedir]/skins/default/standard_stop_buttons.tcl"
```


Charts use “blt” for speed



Charting code gets fairly complicated

```
# ... equal sized charts
add_de1_widget "off espresso espresso_1 espresso_2 espresso_3" graph 20 267 {
  bind $widget [platform_button_press] {
    say [translate {zoom}] $::settings(sound_button_in);
    set_next_page off off_zoomed;
    set_next_page espresso espresso_zoomed;
    set_next_page espresso_3 espresso_3_zoomed;
    page_show $::de1(current_context);
  }
  $widget element create line_espresso_pressure_goal -xdata espresso_elapsed -ydata espresso_pressure_goal -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create line_espresso_pressure -xdata espresso_elapsed -ydata espresso_pressure -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create god_line_espresso_pressure -xdata espresso_elapsed -ydata god_espresso_pressure -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create line_espresso_state_change_1 -xdata espresso_elapsed -ydata espresso_state_change -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 6] -color #008c4c

  # show the explanation
  $widget element create line_espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure -xdata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_elapsed -ydata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create line_espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part1 -xdata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_elapsed_1 -ydata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part1 -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create line_espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part2 -xdata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_elapsed_2 -ydata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part2 -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  $widget element create line_espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part3 -xdata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_elapsed_3 -ydata espresso_de1_explanation_chart_pressure_part3 -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c

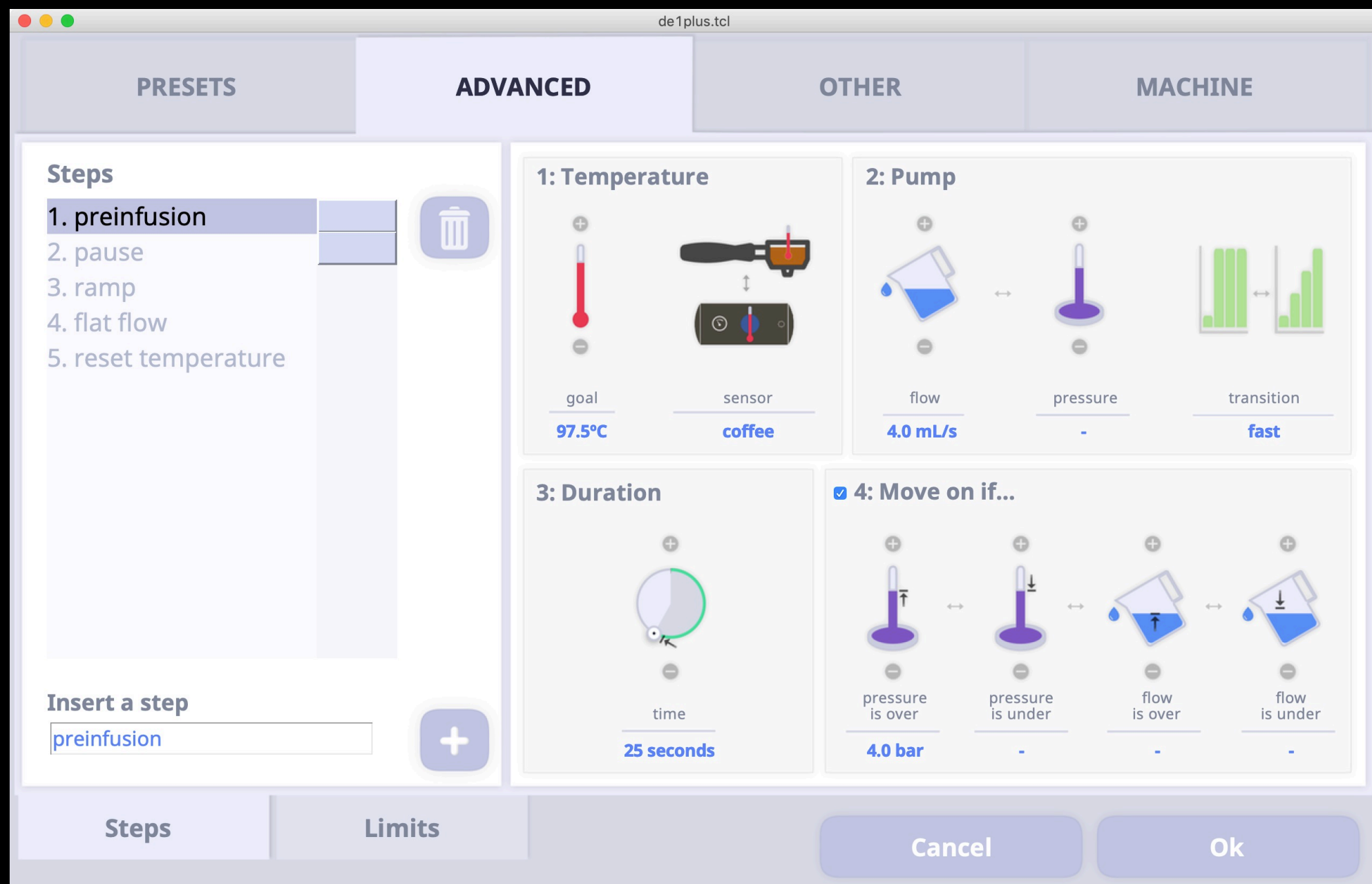
  if {$::settings(display_pressure_delta_line) == 1} {
    $widget element create line_espresso_pressure_delta2 -xdata espresso_elapsed -ydata espresso_pressure_delta -symbol none -label "" -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 10] -color #008c4c
  }

  $widget axis configure x -color #008c4c -tickfont Helv_6 -linewidth [rescale_x_skin 2]
  $widget axis configure y -color #008c4c -tickfont Helv_6 -min 0.0 -max [expr {$::de1(max_pressure) + 0.01}] -subdivisions 5 -majorticks {1 3 5 7 9 11}
} -plotbackground #FFFFFF -width [rescale_x_skin $charts_width] -height [rescale_y_skin 406] -borderwidth 1 -background #FFFFFF -plotrelief flat
```

Using a mix of Tk Widgets and “fake” widgets



High density tablet UI design is very challenging



Users make their own skins

Projects by Damian Brakel

things that help

HOME DSV2 DE1 PROFILES 3D PRINT PROJECTS

Decent Espresso Machine Skin

December 13, 2018 07:00 By DAMIAN

The DSV2 project is a skin for DE1 espresso machines, the goal behind this project is to allow people to customise the look of there app, offer further functionality and convenience

Love a Decent Coffee

Water Level 537 ml

Pressure profile Jayson Philbeck's Slayer Style Profile

ready

Tap graphs for full screen

Top to profile settings

Skin settings

START ESPRESSO

Tap to connect + Tap to Tare

Turn scale display off/on

Weight Disconnected 0.0g

Category Uncategorized

Shout Damian A Coffee

Donate with PayPal

M4 BEANS TO COFFEE PAGE ON FACEBOOK

DOWNLOADS

Downloads

DSV2

Version 4.20 added calibration to hot water page

Date added: June 11, 2019 3:18 pm File size: 5 MB Downloads: 82

DSV2_4_12

Version 4.12 adds limits to the font sizing and changed workings of extraction ratio function

Date added: June 7, 2019 9:46 pm File size: 5 MB Downloads: 84

DSV2_4_10

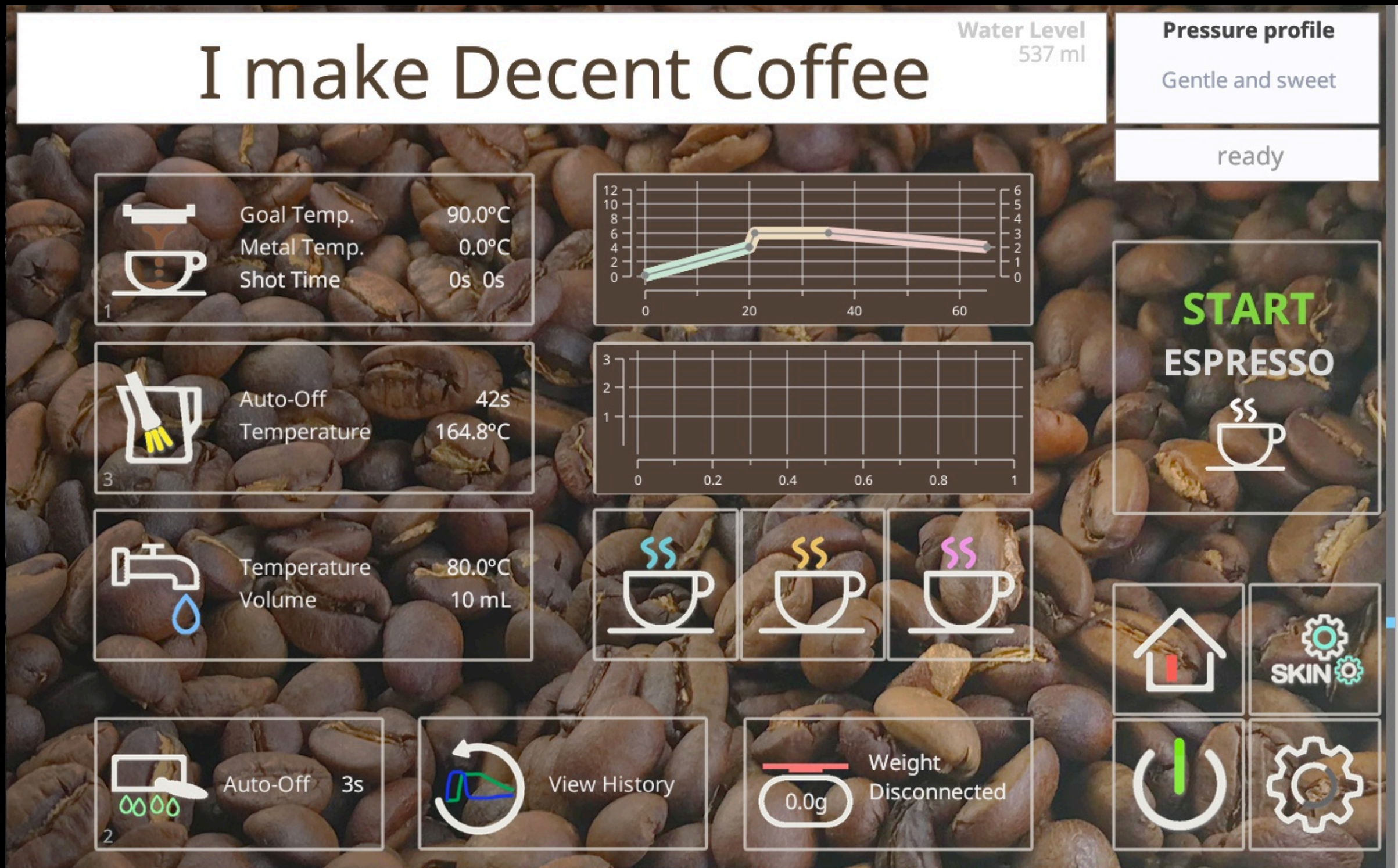
version 4.10 fixed stop at weight clicker: fixed skin preview images: change history combined graph icon

Date added: May 29, 2019 3:42 pm File size: 5 MB Downloads: 189

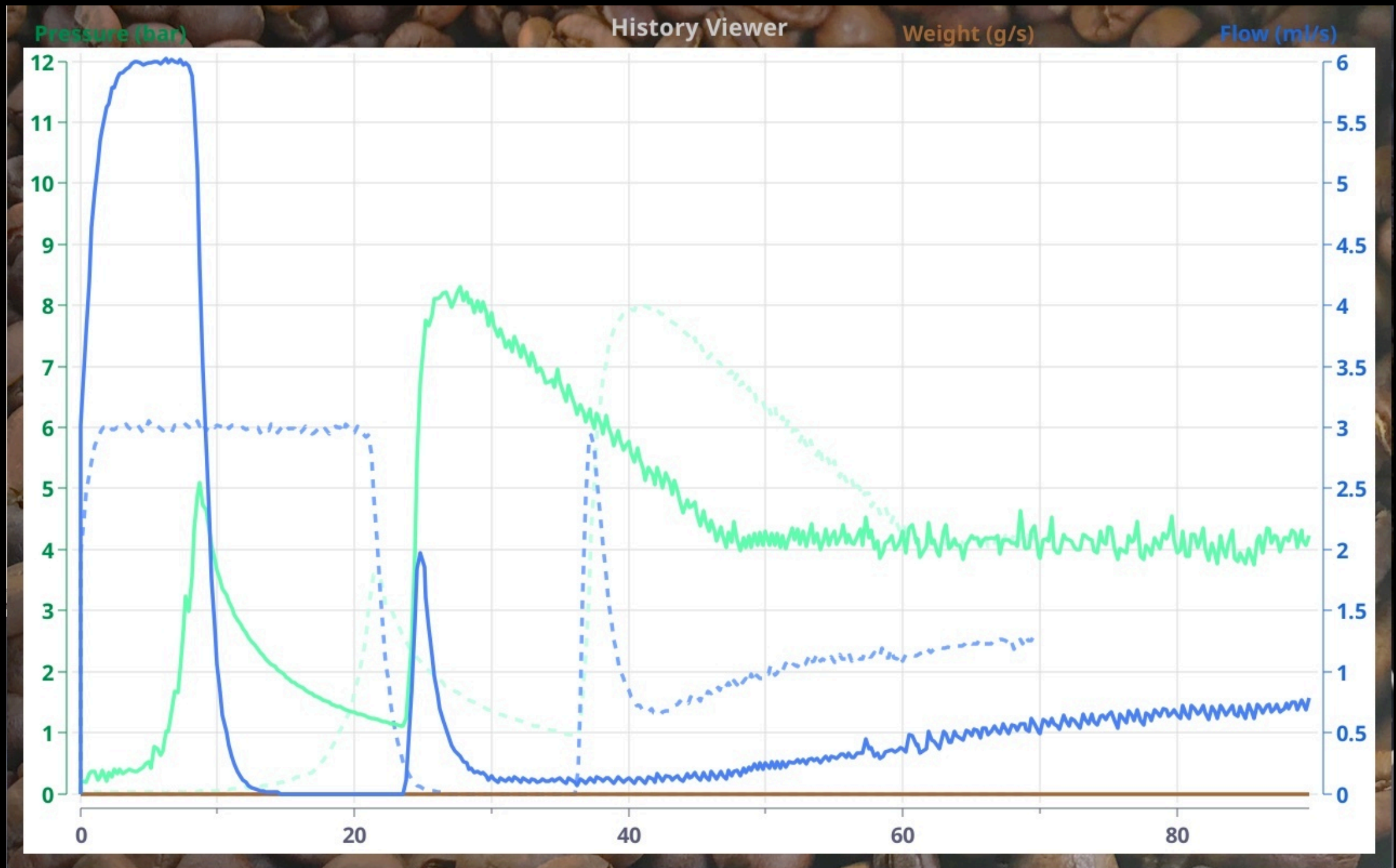
DSV2_4_01

version 4.01 preset font starting variable to

With different UI approaches (this one is single-screen)

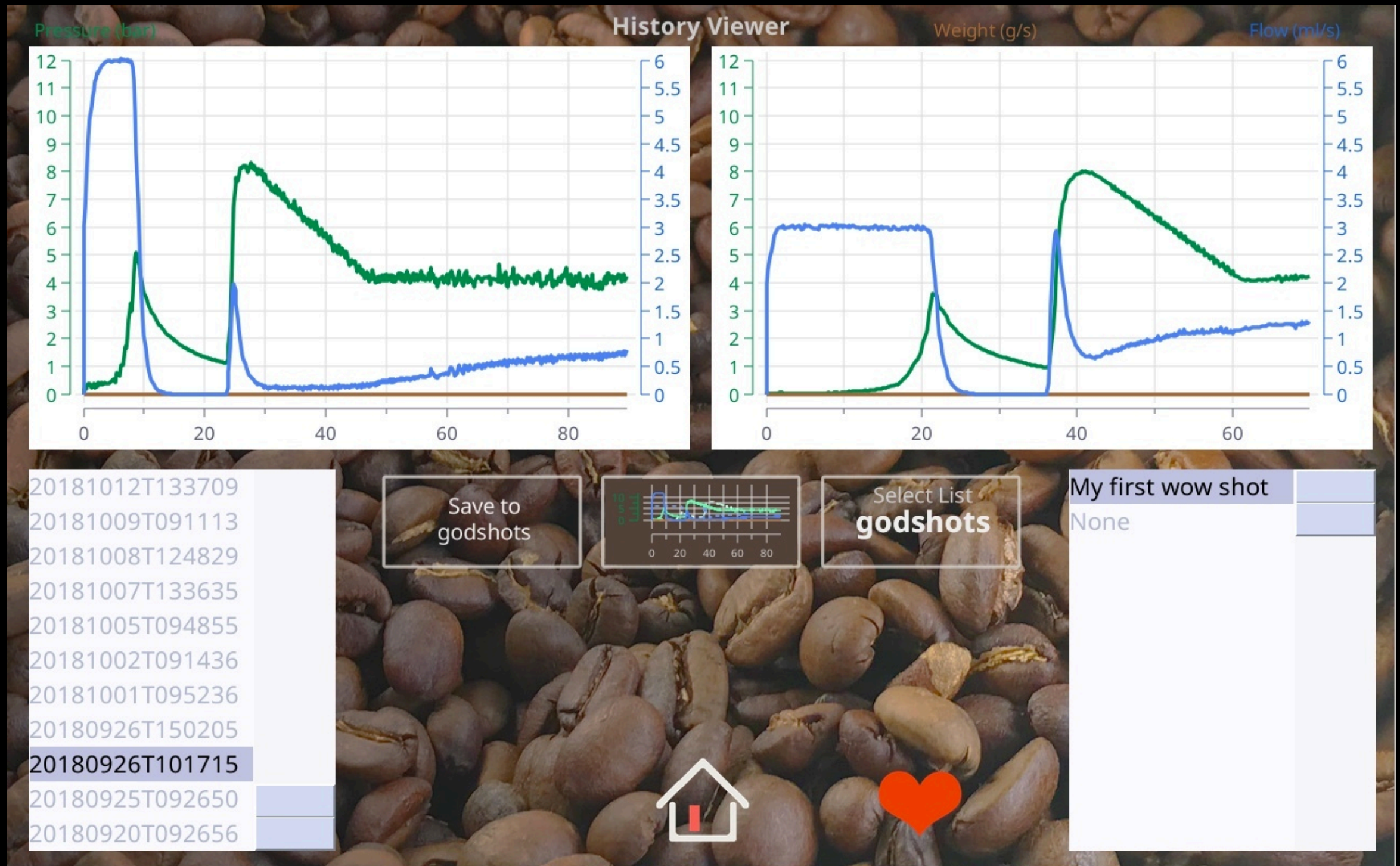


Trying to get different insights

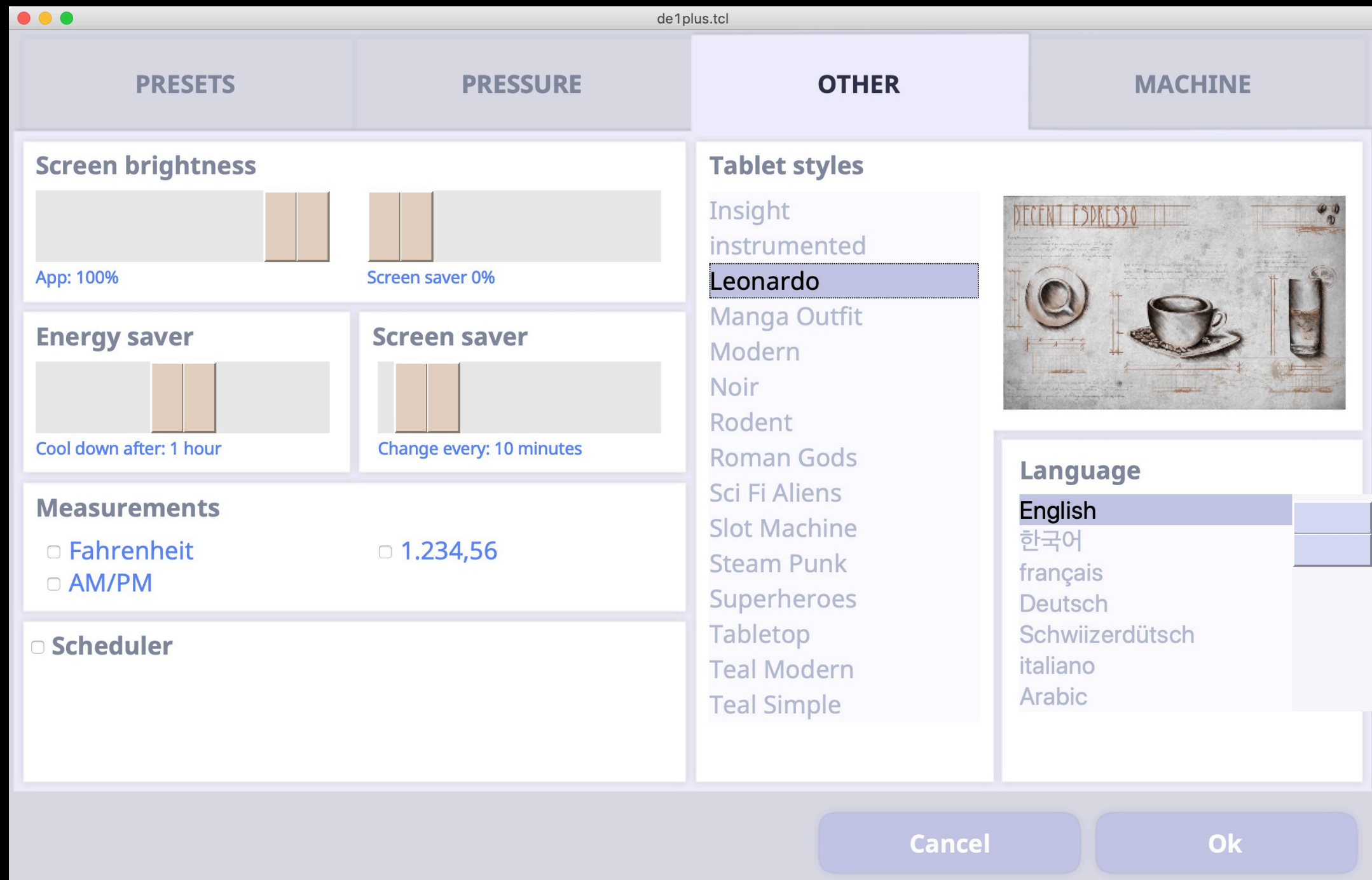


Solving different problems

(here: comparing historical espressos)



Leading to many UI choices



And many translations

VORIISCHTELLIGÄ

DRUCK

ANDERI

MASCHINÄ

Ä Vorischtellig ladä

Ds beshti Druckprofil

Blooming Espresso

Klassischä italiänischä Espresso

Standard

Klassischä E61 bi 9 Bar

Klassischä E61 mit süüferligem Durckaast

E61 mit rasantem Hochschnällä vum Druc

E61 mit schnäller Vorinfusion bis 9 Bar

Dunkli Röschtig im Stil vu Espresso Forge

Helli Röschtig im Stil vu Espresso Forge

Durchflussprofil für Milchkafigetränk

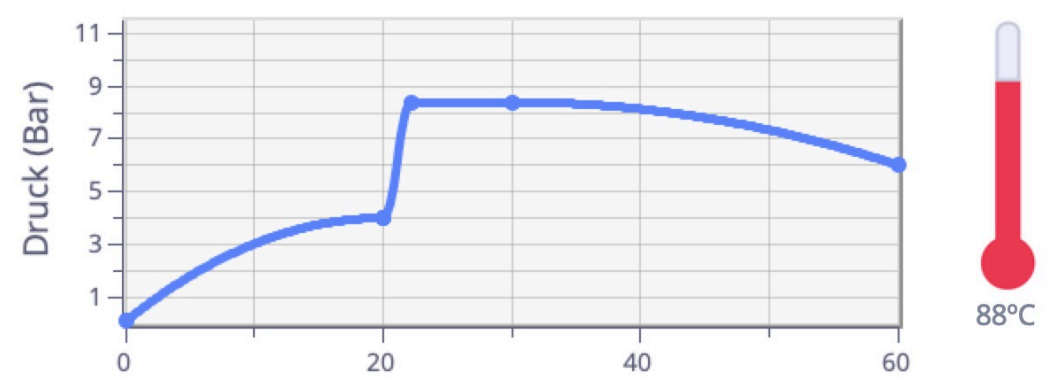
Durchflussprofil für regulärä Espresso

Mild und süässlich

Liächtä Durchfluss bi 2,5 ml/Sek

Durchflussprofil mit süüferliger Vorinfusio

Vorschau



Time (s)	Pressure (Bar)
0	0
20	4
21	8
30	8
40	7.5
50	7
60	6

Beschriibig

Mir empfähd das Druckprofil, wells unter verschiedenschtä Bedin
gigä am ehestä guätä Espresso macht. Ds Verringerä vum Druck hi
lft, der Sürighalt ds reduziärä.

Ä Namä gii und spiicherä

Ds beshti Druckprofil

Abbrächä

Ok

Using Google Sheets to coordinate translations

de1 gui translation

File

Edit

View

Insert

Format

Data

Tools

Add-ons

Help

Last edit was made on May 27 by Decent Espresso Korea디센트 에스프레소 코리아

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Though challenges remain

de1plus.tcl

PRÉRÉGLAGES

PRESSION

DIVERS

MACHINE

Fonctions optionnelles

☐ Mode monotouche


☐ Répéter la dernière commande

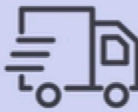
Niveau d'eau

Remplir à: 1594 mL (54mm)


Actuellement: 537 mL (20mm)


Utilitaires

Calibrage

Transport

Maintenance

Nettoyer

Détartre

Information

VersionBLE v., API v, SHA=

Compteur

0Circuit café

0Circuit vapeur

0Eau chaude

Mise à jour du micrologiciel disponible


Se connecter


Machine à espresso

Balance

Rechercher

App

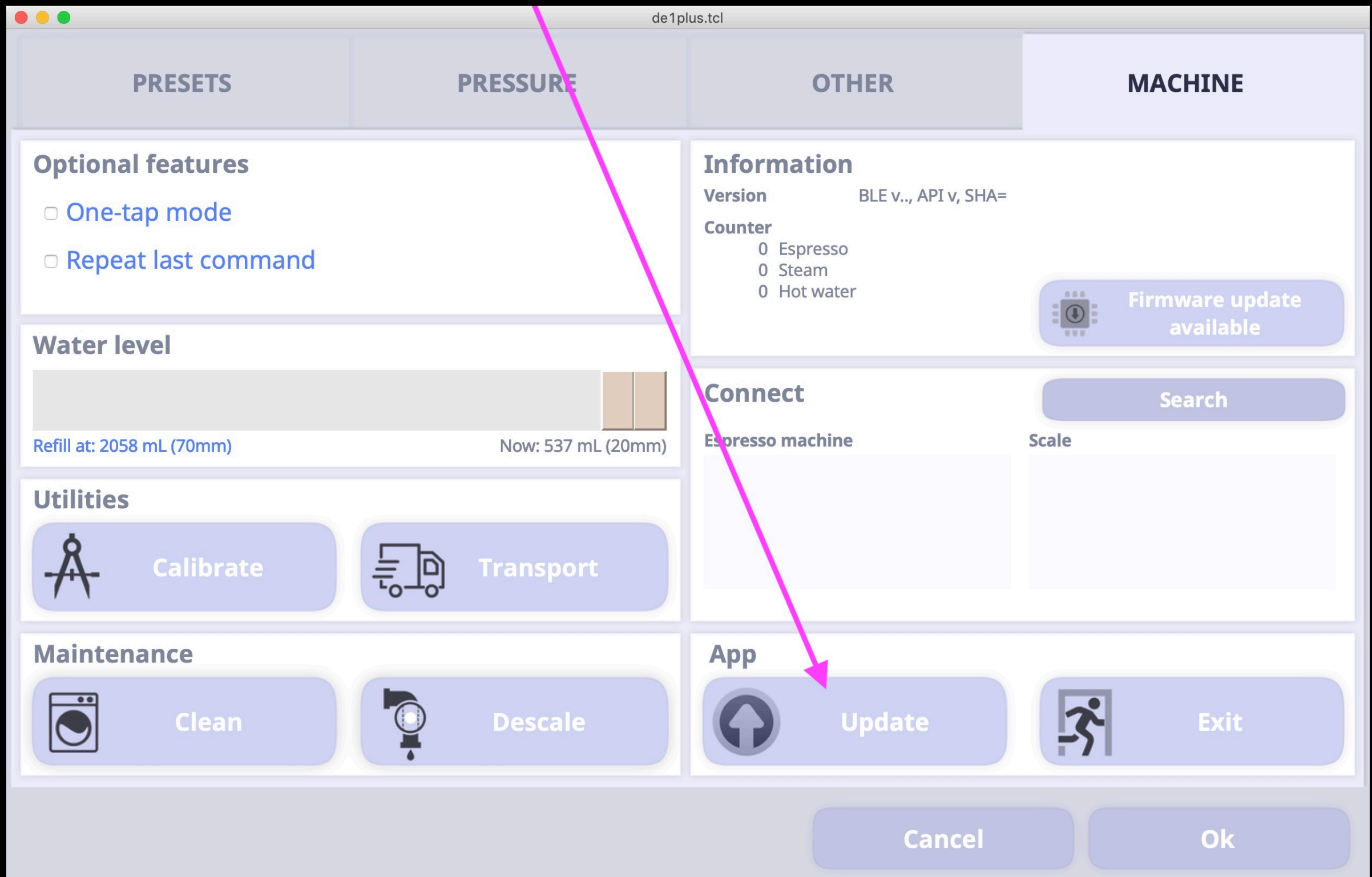
Mise à jour

Sortir

Annuler

OK

Incremental updates via https and a SHA256 file manifest



Ready-to-run cross-platform thanks to “undroidwish”

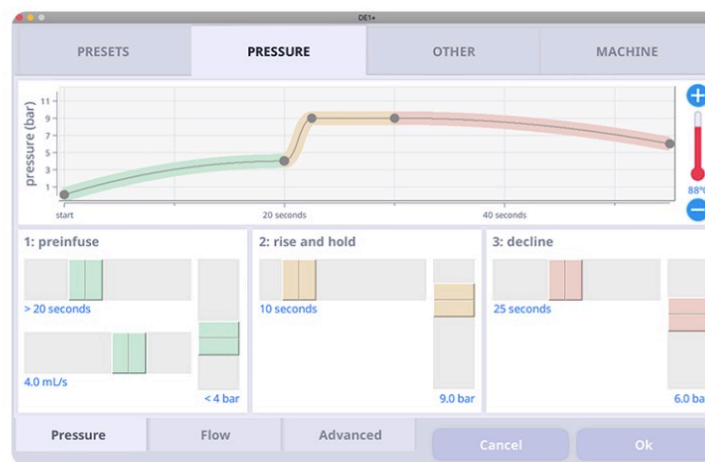
Espresso Making Software

You can try out our espresso making software on your computer.

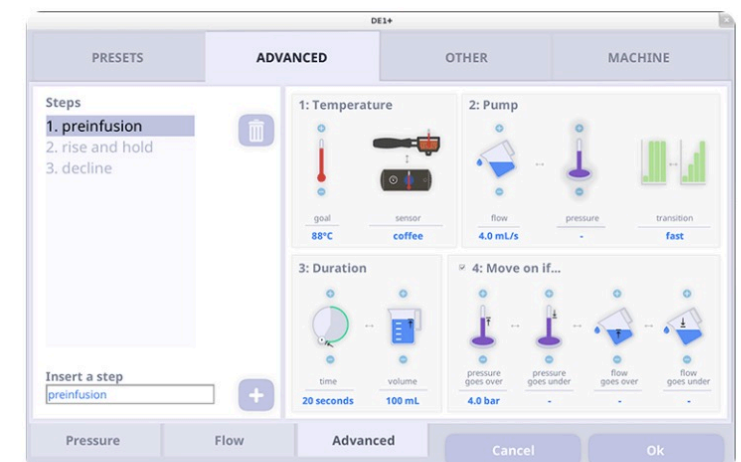
This will help you experience what it would be like to own our espresso machine. These programs also make it easier for people to develop their own extensions, skins and translations.



For Windows



For MacOS



For Linux




For Android

Binary and source downloads

<https://decentespesso.com/downloads>


Downloads



For Windows

Instructions:

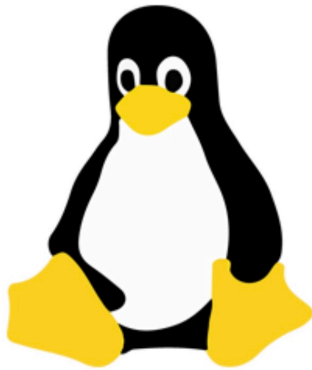
1. Unzip to its own directory
2. Double-click on DE1PLUS.bat



For MacOS

Instructions:


1. Move the DE1+ icon to your Desktop
2. Double-click on the DE1+ icon



For Linux

Instructions:


1. Unzip to its own directory
2. Run the de1plus.sh script for your Linux version
3. For Linux/32bit, Linux/64bit, and Linux/64bit/Wayland



For Android

Instructions:

1. [Download the DE1+ software](#) to your computer
2. Unzip to its own directory
3. Use [Android File Transfer](#) to copy the



Open Source

Instructions:

1. Run ./de1plus.tcl
2. You will need a working copy of Tcl/Tk, Androwish, Undroidwish, or ActiveTcl.

but ...

Security and sandboxing is causing real problems on all platforms (except Linux).

and Bluetooth support is Android only, for now

Current Issues

How to distribute 3rd party skins that are quickly evolving, to less technical people?

What kind of generalized extension mechanism should I do? (beyond skins, such as Amazon, Twitter, REST)

How to contain bugs and solve them when people can have highly customized installs?

How to handle varying-quality patches

Strengths of this approach

Easy Tcl on-boarding

(especially with undroidwish “batteries included”)

Avoids feature bloat in the main app

Source is on the tablet:

small changes have immediate effect

Desktop development environment

(more productive and less frustrating than debugging on a tablet)

Big next steps

An API proxy, enabling

Javascript in Browser->

Cloud-based App server->

Android app->

Bluetooth

Big next steps

Cloud based espresso data storage

Data mining

Academic use

Progress in the coffee field

Sharing of profiles

Data privacy

Big next steps

App store

- All apps free or not?
- Easy sharing of espresso profiles
- Distributed responsibility for skins
- Possibility of bad actors

Big next steps

SNMP support

So cafes can manage
espresso machines as
if they were servers

Big next steps

iOS support

To avoid the
religion wars
about platforms

Big next steps


Linux BLE support

Because Android's
future on Tablets is
not looking promising

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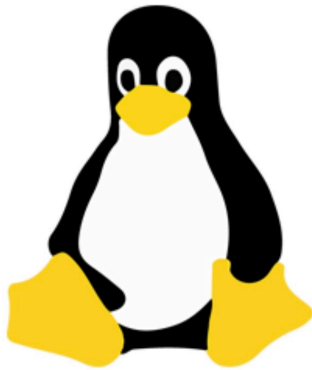
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