

How the Power of the Crowd could change Urbanism

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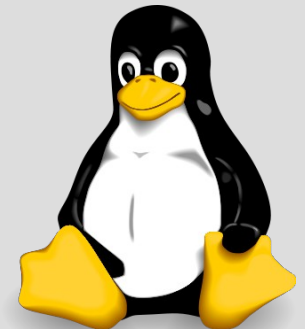
Introduction

- What I'm gonna talk about?
- Definitions
 - Information Age, Information
 - Digital vs. Analog, Internet
 - Culture, Digital Culture
 - Democracy: Representative vs. Participative



Working together: Free Software Movement

- Linux, GNU, GNU General Public License
- Freedom
 - The freedom to run the program, for any purpose.
 - The freedom to study how the program works, and adapt it to your needs.
 - The freedom to redistribute copies.
 - The freedom to improve the program, and release your improvements.
- First uses:
 - UNIX-Community (1960-1970)
 - GNU (Richard Stallman, 1983)
 - Linux (Linus Torvalds, 1991)



Working Together: Free Software Distribution



Software

Distributions



Economic Models

- Firm economy: Tourist agency
- Market economy: “Fiaker” in Vienna
- Gift economy: Ask for the way
- Commons based Peer Production: “CouchSurfing”



Society, Culture: CouchSurfing

- CouchSurfing.com
 - Don't go to a hotel – stay at someone who lives there!
 - Cultural exchange by traveling
 - >1,1 Mio registered users
 - Trust



CouchSurfing Sign Up Login Language: English

Login Surf / Host Community Messages Share About

CouchSearch Latest Search Recent Searches

Please note: only registered CS users can see detailed information.
Search Parameters: Has Couch: Yes or Definitely Location: Bulgaria, Sofia, Sofia

Pages: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 1 to 25 of 240 found NEXT

1. Dessi&Philip (profile...)

Location: Bulgaria, Sofia

Basics: Several people, 34, University lecturers, Has Couch

Mission: Discover the world

Last Login: 12 hrs ago

Languages: BulgarianTM, English (United Kingdom)TM, Spanish (Spain)TM, German (Germany)TM, RussianTM

62 Friends
48 References
20 Photos
Replied: 97%

About: Description: "Dessi is an open-minded and inquisitive person willing to communicate with different kinds of people. Exchanging ideas and discovering fellow soul..."

Notes:

2. Svetoslav Stoykov (profile...)

Location: Bulgaria, Sofia

Basics: Male, 25, Skating on the thin ice of modern life, Definitely Has Couch

Mission: to find my inner self

Last Login: 2 hrs ago

Languages: BulgarianTM, English (United Kingdom)TM, German (Germany)TM, RussianTM

44 Friends
17 References
64 Photos
Replied: 87%

About: Description: "Free man"

Philosophy: "My home is not a place, it is people. A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he w..."

Notes:

3. Aygun (profile...)

Location: Bulgaria, Sofia

Basics: Male, 27, Has Couch

Last Login: 2 hrs ago

Languages: TurkishTM, English (United States)TM, BulgarianTM, Russian (Russia)TM, GermanTM

58 Friends
10 References
2 Photos
Replied: 100%

About: Philosophy: "know yourself"

Interests: "cultures, books, internet, psychology"

People I Enjoy: "who smiles"

Notes:

CS CouchSurfing Donate [logout] Language: English

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Stephan Plepelits

Current Mission: "There's too much to experience, to live a normal life" [change mission](#)

Personal Designations

Bulgaria
Sofia
Lat: 42.68333, Lon: 23.31667
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General Information [See Friends](#) [See Contact List](#) [++ Make Note](#) [Print](#)

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Stephan Plepelits has been vouched for

Couch available Yes

CouchSurf requests 95%
[replied to](#)

Stephan Plepelits is online right now!

last login 54 mins ago
Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria ...

member since 27. May 2007

profile views 1931

age 31

birthday August 13th
Only friends can see this.

gender Male

membername PLEPE

occupation studying Urbanism abroad in Sofia, Bulgaria; traveling; activism (free software, urbanism)

education School in Graz; studied informatics in Vienna; now studying urbanism in Vienna and Sofia

grew up in Graz, Austria (although I was born in Munich, Germany)

[My Website](#)
[Direct Profile URL](#)

Languages

German (Austria)Expert
EnglishExpert
BulgarianBeginner
FrenchBeginner

Groups I Belong To

Bulgaria 1754:1268
Why: I'm coming to Bulgaria Sept. 2008 - June 2009 for studies; I want to get to know the country!

kazva... 43:131
Why: I need practice!

Active in 8 more groups.
[Show them all](#)
[view group posts](#)

Couch Information

Couch Available: Yes
Preferred Gender: Any
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

Currently hosting nobody

2009 Surfing
Trip to Romania in January/February 2009

Me in front of the Millennium Tower in Belgrade, Serbia
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Personal Description [edit](#)

I'm from Graz and Vienna, Austria, but currently I'm staying in Bulgaria as foreign student (studying Urbanism). I hope to meet lot's of interesting people here :)

I think I'm quite a relaxed person, who likes to listen to people. I also like to tell stories about all kinds of stuff - I got a lot of interests. Please stop me, if it gets too weird, I don't mind :)

I like going for a beer in the evening, especially in summer when you can sit in nature. Chilling on some lawn and listen to some live-music is one of the finest things I can imagine. Or on the beach and listening to the sea ... Time for summer again (as of this writing it's cold January ... brrr).

I'm also quite a political person. I worked several years for the student union where I did a lot of things (organizing things, discussing the world, learned about group dynamics, being political) which changed a lot of my views of the world. That's a reason why I study spatial (urban and regional) planning now.

Best build your own view of me, surfing my place - or hosting me :)

Check also my Blog: <http://plepe.at>

CouchSurfing Experience [edit](#)

Commons-based Peer Production

- Characteristics
 - See intellectual property as common good
 - no/few hierarchies
 - “peers” decide where and what to work
 - forking
- Creative Commons Licence
 - Attribution
 - Commercial use
 - Modifications





ThruYOU – Kutiman mixes YouTube
Unfortunately not Creative commons :(

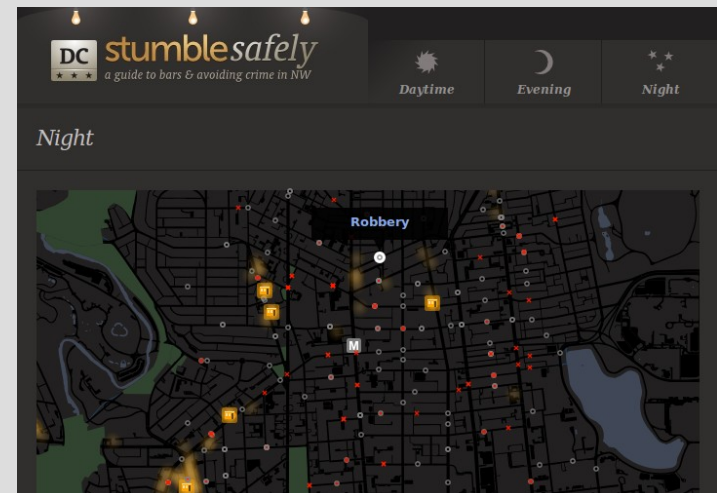
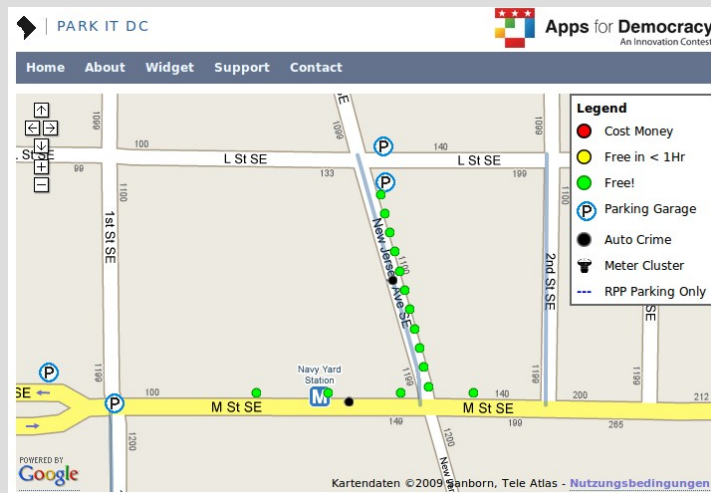
Urbanism

- How can we use “Peer Production”
- Politics
 - Participative democracy
 - Bottom-up instead of top-down
- Open Data
 - Municipalities should make data easily accessible
 - Communities will build applications themselves



District of Columbia: Apps for Democracy

- “Citywide Data Warehouse”, live feeds
 - building permits
 - crime incidents
 - purchase orders
- In 2008: Contest for best use of data → 47 apps
 - e.g. Park IT DC, stumble safely, Historical Tours, Crimes



U.K. MySociety

- “Democracy”-Services for population (U.K.)
 - TheyWorkForYou, No10 Petitions Website, FixMyStreet
- Free Software – adaptable for other communities

Open petitions			
Closed petitions			
Rejected petitions			
Sort by: Start date Deadline Signatures			
First Previous Petitions 1 - 50 of 4880 Next Last			
We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to...	Submitted by	Deadline to sign by	Signatures
Include ALL transgendered people in the Equality Bill.	Natacha Kennedy	17 May 2009	75
act on the recommendations of the PASC report "Taming the Prerogative", abolish the Crown Prerogative and put Government powers on a statutory footing	Mark McCabe	17 May 2009	8
register a miscarriage as a life as a baby!	Iliza leeson	17 May 2009	328

TheyWorkForYou.com mySociety

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David Cameron MP

- Conservative MP for Witney
- Leader of the Opposition (since 6 Dec 2005)
- Entered Parliament on 7 June 2001 – General election
- Majority: 14,156 votes. — 167th out of 631 MPs.
- Send a message to your MP (via WriteToThem.com)
- Sign up to HearFromYourMP to get messages from your MP
- Email me whenever David Cameron speaks (no more than once per day)
- Help us add video by matching a speech by David Cameron
- Voting record
- Committees and topics of interest
- Recent appearances
- Humorology
- Register of Members' Interests
- Expenses
- Early Day Motions signed by this MP (From edm.ais.co.uk)

Voting record (from PublicWhip)

How David Cameron voted on key issues since 2001:

- Voted for a transparent Parliament. [votes](#), [speeches](#)
- Voted moderately against introducing a smoking ban. [votes](#), [speeches](#)
- Voted strongly against introducing ID cards. [votes](#), [speeches](#)

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Leaking pipe damaged footpath

Reported in the Pavements/footpaths category by Duncan Macniven at 21:02, Saturday 16 May 2009
Sent to South Lanarkshire Council 3 minutes later

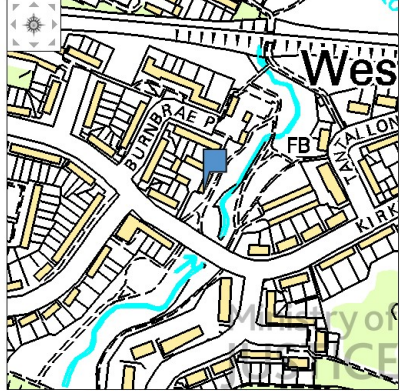
This problem has been here for at least 4 years. There is quite obviously a leaking pipe here quite apart from the appalling condition of the footpath and the verges around it.



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OpenStreetMap

- “Free” map of the world – like Wikipedia
- Raw data can be used for maps, GIS, navigation, routing, ...
- Projects: Cyclemap, Hiking, Public Transport, Seamap, ...





The End

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