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7AT7 IS YOUR MONTHLY APPOINTMENT FOR LEARNING WHAT IS NEW IN THE DIGITAL WORLD, PRESENTED BY ORGANISATIONS THAT WORK FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC, PRIVACY RESPECTFUL, AND SUSTAINABLE INTERNET.

WE ARE AIMING TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC PLATFORM WHERE CITIZENS CAN GET RELIABLE AND SIMPLIFIED INFORMATION ON WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE INTERNET.

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THIS BOOKLET SUMMARIZES THE FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIAL TOPICS COVERED IN 2021

* Most recordings of the 2021 news programme and the featured organization or special topic of the month are available online at 7at7.digital
We are forming a coalition of organizations in Switzerland working on important values of Internet Technologies to establish a public platform where citizens can get access to important information, and create opportunities for collective learning and action.

We start by setting a regular monthly appointment, every 7th of the month at 7pm.

The main organizers of the 7at7 series, ISOC-CH, pEp foundation and NetHood met with a few regular participants to discuss the evolution of the series to a structured programme divided in two parts (news and special topic).

7at7.ch the 2020 7at7 site, with summaries of the first events
7at7.digital the 2021 7at7 site, with the new concept (news + special issue)
ISOC Switzerland Chapter invites experts representing different positions in the ongoing debate around the E-ID referendum. Simply put, the opponents of the corresponding law claim that “The digital passport does not belong in the hands of private companies”.

Panel
Peter Grütter, Präsident asut (Schweizerischer Verband der Telekommunikation); Hernâni Marques (pEp foundation); Markus Kummer (ISOC-CH) (Moderator)
The CIRCE group joined the L200 hybrid studio with readings from their recent book „Internet, mon amour“, with Francesca Da Rimini and Diane Ludin, music, glimpses of their hacker pedagogy methods, and an introduction to the Vulgo FLOShare publishing tool.

circex.org the home page of the CIRCE group
alekos.net ethical hosting provider strongly connected to CIRCE
ima.circex.org/en the Internet, mon amour book online version
FairSocialNet is a small non-profit organization based in the French-speaking part of Switzerland which provides a wide variety of self-hosted platform services like Maastodon, Diaspora, and PeerTube. Together with their partners Swiss Neutral Net, we discussed important challenges like funding, human resources, and communication with a wider audience.

fairsocialnet.ch the home page of FairSocialNet
peertube.ch The peertube instance used by the 7at7 series
At the core of the efforts to build a more democratic and privacy respectful Internet, lie organizations that develop and promote alternatives to centralized and abusive digital platforms. The pEp foundation, is such an organization, very active in promoting and implementing privacy and encryption tools. Through an in depth interview with Volker by sva, we learn who is behind the pEp foundation, which are its main activities, and how it is organized.

pep.foundation the home page of the pEp foundation
In the context of the EU project Cultures 4 Resilience, a server named Lennon has been deployed at the L200 space, hosting a wide variety of small web sites in the neighbourhood. We took the opportunity to interview Lennon, and learn more about the server’s perspective toward a more organic Internet, where servers are not lost somewhere in the cloud but grow from the ground.

langstrasse200.ch/pub/digital/ the digital project at the L200 space
c4r.info the main entry point to the Cultures 4 Resilience platform
ISOC-CH, primarily a technologically oriented body, is dedicated at promoting, researching and developing the evolution of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Switzerland, is open to multi-stakeholder membership and is abiding by open, democratic and consensus based principles. It represents its members’ interest on public policy issues and provides technically-grounded advice on the impact of policy on the Internet generally.

isoc.ch the home page of ISOC Switcheerland Chapter
isoc.org the home page of global ISOC
The Swiss Mechatronic Art Society promote creatives in electronic technology, mechanics, IT and other related areas. We understand this to be a creative expression of the human mind, which is not primarily utilitarian, but distinguishes itself through a holistic embrace of the unique. In this, we place research, events, networking, exchange and elevation, and the preservation of quality in mechatronic art, to be central.

mechatronicart.ch the SGMK`s home page
mechatronicart.ch/homemade-summercamp-2021-in-petit-vivy/
More about the summercamp 2021 featured in the 7at7 event
The 40th birthday of the Chaos Computer Club inspired us to travel back in time with sva and with Klaus „Twiddlebit“ Schleisiek to remember how the world looked in 1980/81 and how it came to be that a few “Computer freaks” decided to stop „scurrying about in an uncoordinated way“ and sat at the table of commune 1 in the TAZ.
The Covid-Certificates are necessary measures to safeguard public health in times of a pandemic, but they also pose serious threats to privacy. Can be designed in a way that serves their main goal while respecting privacy?

Panel
Martin Gertsch; Kurz (Metarena); Sven Fassbender (Fassbender Information Security); Hernâni Marques (CCC-CH, pEp foundation); Pascal-Fouquet (Campaignleader @uploadfilter)
The simple guide on digital sustainability and sustainable digitalization published by the WOZ has been the outcome of a wide collaboration of actors from the academia and activist circles.

Panayotis Antoniadis discusses with Rahel Estermann and Nana Karl-stetter about the key challenges and contradictions involved in this context and how this guide can help to address them.

digitale-gesellschaft.ch/nachhaltigkeit/ the brochure online
NetHood is a nonprofit organization based in Zurich, working on interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, education, and action projects; and the development of Do-It-Yourself tools and methodologies for empowering local actors to build networked localities that can support each other without suppressing their differences. The vision of NetHood is to plant seeds of collective awareness, critical listening, long-term thinking, social learning and reflective action toward sustainable social life.

nethood.org home page of NetHood
CONTRIBUTORS

The 7at7 series relies on a variety of contributions from a number of key organizations in Switzerland active in developing tools and knowledge around issues of digital empowerment.

The ISOC-CH is the main organizer and financial supporter of the 7at7 series through ISOC’s Beyond the Net Grant.

pEp foundation plays a central role in the development of privacy and security tools, and is one of the main co-organizers of 7at7.

NetHood is a transdisciplinary research organization that promotes the concept of the organic Internet through a variety of research and action projects like the C4R Creative Europe project and the L200 space.

Digitale Gessellschaft is a key advocate for digital self-defense in Switzerland. It organizes related 7at7 events and offers digital infrastructure (BigBlueButton server).

CCC-CH is the Swiss branch of Chaos Computer Club whose annual congress is one of the most influential hacking events in the world.

The Swiss Mechatronic Art Society has been showcased twice in the 7at7 series and provides significant technical support for the hybrid setup of the 7at7 series.

Open Network Infrastructure is an association that developed and maintained the Swiss Things Network and organizes the annual Make Zurich conference. It has been featured in the 2020 7at7 series and participates regularly in 7at7 events.

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