

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is March 7th 2021, and this is the 7at7 series broadcasting from L200, here, and BigBlueButton, also here.

Every 7th of the month at 7pm we offer an alternative news programme about the digital space, and a special topic on digital empowerment.

Internet mon amour, this is your news! (and of course, English is the Internet's language)

SLIDE On February 7th our special topic was an exciting debate on the Swiss E-ID, and today is the closing of the referendum!

They inform me from the pressroom that the Swiss citizens have decided not to trust private companies to manage their very sensitive private data.

Good news for the digital self-defense advocates!

SLIDE Last week, perhaps some of you had the chance to participate in digitale Gesellschaft's wintercongress, one of the main venues in Switzerland for discussing digital self-defense, digital sustainability and more. Stay tuned for the summaries of the workshops and next steps.

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SLIDE Digital self-defense passes through self-hosting and NextCloud, the free, libre and open source software champion of cloud services, announced a brand new app, the NextCloud Forms for online questionnaires and surveys. Now we all have one less reason to use google services!

Because the bigger the servers, the bigger the disaster when things fail, and they do!

SLIDE Only this month, 1.9 million unique email addresses were stolen from a Dutch e-Ticketing platform and the GabLeak included the revelation of 70,000 messages, including "private" ones.

SLIDE And earlier in 2019, 220 million records of Brazilian tax payers were stolen. **And** an open database leaked 179GB in customer, US government, and military records. **And** another database leaked data on most of Ecuador's citizens, including 6.7 million children.

SLIDE Thinking of such regular data breach disasters, imagine the threat of biometric mass surveillance practices that we all face.

Actually, another data breach this month was the leakage of a biometric database with 27.8 million entries. Ah these databases, they keep leaking their data!

Perhaps we should sign the petition reclaimyourface? Swiss citizens unfortunately cannot vote but they can tell their friends! And we can all do the same anyway.

But how to explain to people that have not technical expertise in simple language of what is at stake? And how to defend themselves and explore alternatives to corporate platforms for example?

SLIDE The last news for today is a good news. The long awaited English translation of the book “Internet, mon amour” by CIRCE is published. You can buy it at L200 and other places but also read it online, since it is published with the tool FLOSHARE-vulgo.

And we are extremely lucky to have CIRCE with us today to explain what is this is all about and more!