Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is September 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 program about the digital world, and a special topic on digital empowerment.

"We" means a coalition of organizations like the ISOC Switzerland Chapter, the pEp foundation, NetHood, Digitale Gesellschaft, CCC-CH, open network infrastructure, the L200 space, and more.

To the increasing daily disasters that Internet corporations cause to privacy and democracy, even to public health, we want to add positive stories of tangible alternatives, about what all of us could do to create a more healthy and sustainable Internet ecosystem.

This month we have a very special edition, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Chaos Computer Club, known also as the CCC.

But let's take a look first at what happened the last month in the digital world.

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There were not notable data privacy disasters this month, but the fact that the tech companies spend 100m EUROS per year for lobbying is not very reassuring!

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Especially since they keep expanding their huge data centers all over the world like this one by Amazon

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And at the same time experimenting on how they can manipulate our behaviour, regarding privacy as twitter started doing last month, but not only.

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The good news is that resistance in multiple fronts like this of legislation is becoming more effective like for the case zero rating, the policy of companies to offer free Internet access but only to certain web platforms like Facebook.

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A wide variety of campaigns are also oingoing like the People's declaration, which you can sign.

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In Germany real street demonstrations took place in the context of the "reclaim your face" campaign. Some nice stickers are also distributed.

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In the streets of Zurich one could even see a poster on a call for "collectivizing" Facebook, next to posters of high

profile cultural events. Who would have thought. But perhaps instead of collectivizing Facebook and just take a share of its profits, perhaps better to get rid of it completely.

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For this it is important to provide viable free and open source alternatives, like the Collabora suite. It announced recently a new version and is integrated with NextCloud. No need for a google drive anymore!

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There are many different events gatherings for all tastes. A few days ago the hackmeeting in Bologna brings together since 1998 hackers and activists for updates, programming, hacker pedagogy, book presentations, and more.

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For those that join Ars Electronica starting on September 8, they can participate in the discussions around a New Digital Deal.

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And a little later, on September 18-19 the CCC organizes in Dresden a very interesting event on data privacy, Datenspuren, data footprints, the less the better.

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The CCC is a good example of an organization and a community that fights for our Internet rights for 40 years, and in addition to its famous annual Congress, it publishes magazines, and many more.

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This year it is its 40th anniversary and we have dedicated the September 7at7 event to celebrate by learning more about its first moments, 40 years ago.

Sva will guide us through this exciting story ….