Friendica

Hidden in plain sight since 2025

31. January 2026 · FOSDEM, Brussels

Tobias Diekershoff · Friendica Project
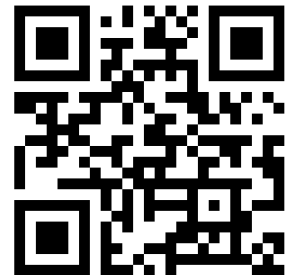
/me

FLOSS enthusiast from Berlin
In the Fediverse since 13th August 2008
Stray Laconicat 😹
Friendica Core Team since 2010
Berlin Fediday Orga Team
Daytime job @ **Free Software Foundation Europe**

fsfe.org/donate

What is Friendica

Friendica is a platform for **decentralised social communication** linking to other independent social and corporate services.

Friendica is part of the Fediverse and the Federation. Est. 2010

- Homepage: friendi.ca
- Repository: github.com/friendica – git.friendi.ca
- Software Stack: PHP (7.4 – 8.5), MariaDB
- License: AGPLv3+ (core)

friendi.ca
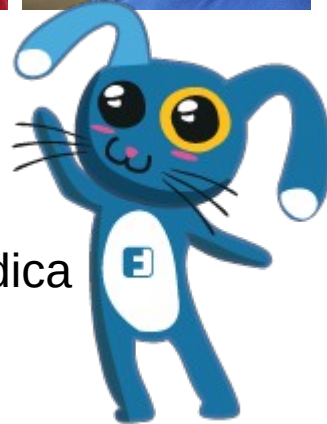
@ FOSDEM25

Flaxy O'Hare
by @lostinlight

Who is Friendica

- Founded by Mike Macgirvin 2010
- Small core team developing Friendica

Friendica Development Group (Forum)

Discussions about the development of Friendica
https://forum.friendi.ca/~developers

The History of Friendica

2010 – Initial commit by Mike Macgirvin

2011 – Federation with StatusNet and Diaspora*
      Facebook, IMAP, tumblr & Twitter connector

2012 – Red Matrix / Hubzilla was forked off
      Google+ connector

(2017 – Facebook, google+ connector removed)

2019 – Federation via ActivityPub, Discourse connector

2023 – Bluesky connector

(2024 – Ostatus support removed)

2025 – no release?
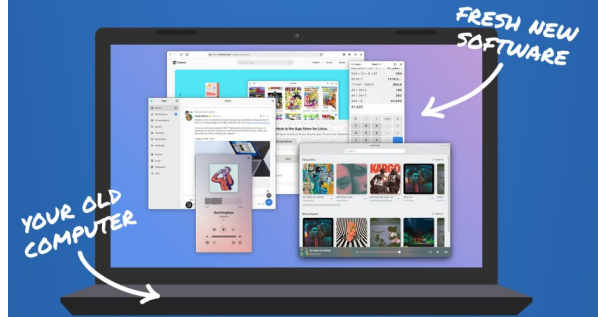
Why???

Why???

Why???

END OF 10

Places   Events   Press

Extended support for Windows 10 ends on October 13, 2026.

Microsoft wants you to buy a new computer.

But what if you could make your current one fast and secure again?

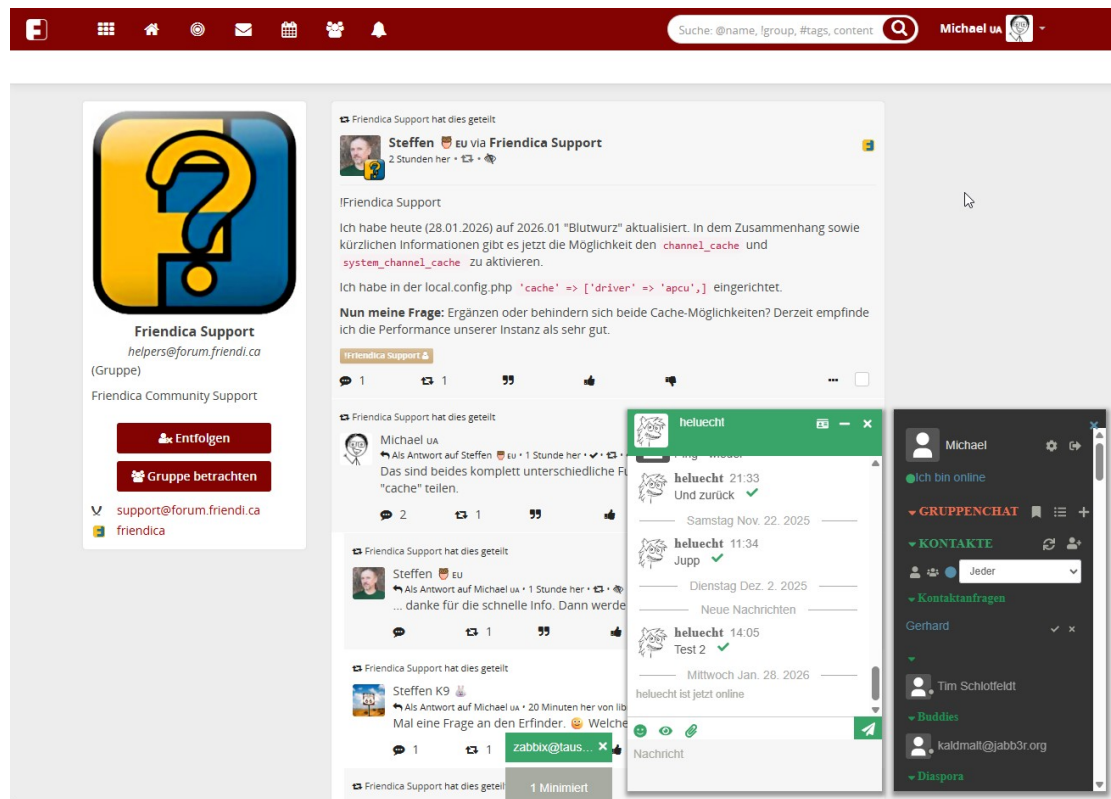FRESH NEW SOFTWARE

YOUR OLD COMPUTER

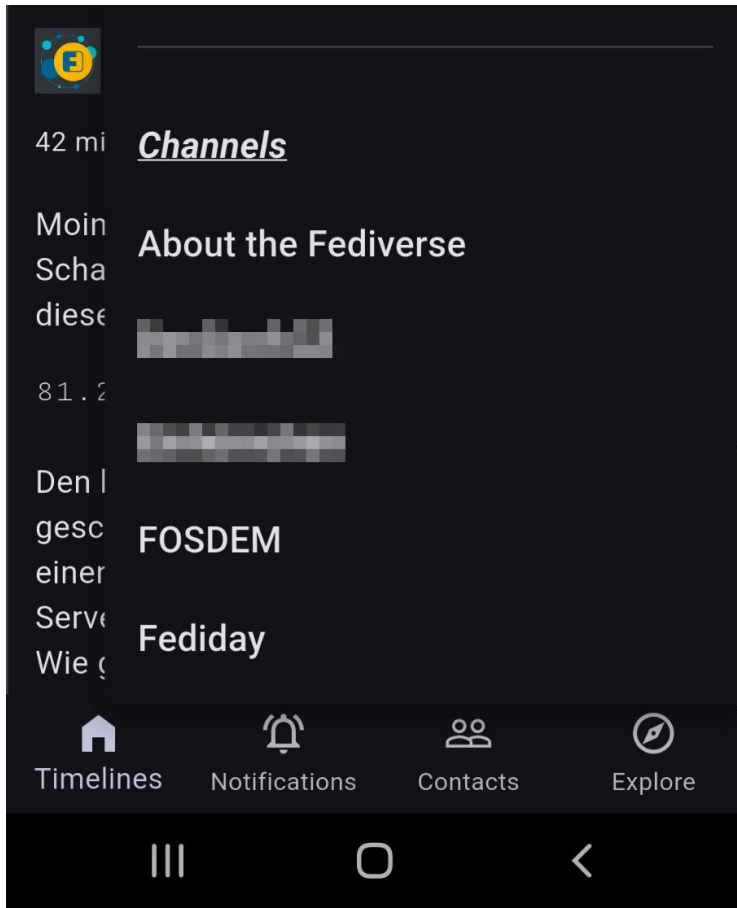# Why???

Friendica 2025

Important Things in 2026.01
Released 27.1.2026

- Improvements to Frio
- Improved screen reader compatibility
- Improved Mastodon API compatibility
- Improved interaction with AT protocol
- Overhaul of the embedding
- Overhaul of the Addon integration
- FEPs 044f, b2b8
- New XMPP webchat

Thanks to all the new contributors!

Friendica 2025

No Algorithm, No Ads, and No Tracking

Unlike major social media, the Fediverse doesn't rely on targeted ads or invasive tracking. Yohronological feed is populated with accounts and hashtags you've followed, instead of being filled by the whims of a profit-driven black-box algorithm.

https://slingshotcollective.org

User defined algorithms 💪

- Based on system feeds, network stream or contact circle
- New in 2023; 2025 improved performance

Friendica 2026

- Import of server block lists by IFTAS
- Dip into AT AppView
- More accessibility improvements
- Review tool chain used for devels
- Regular releases again 😇

But *the sky is the limit*... 🛸

Contribute to Friendica

- Good beginner tasks
  - → **Junior Jobs** tag for issues
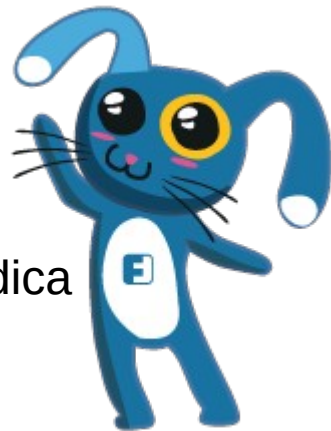
Howto become a **hero**
- Frontend developers
  - → UI / UX tags for issues
- Accessibility Experts
  - → Tracker ticket: Improve accessibility #14731
- Improve moderation tools

- **Translations**
  - → explore.transifex.com/Friendica/
- **Support** Group
  - → forum.friendi.ca/~helpers
- Community **Chat**
  - → Matrix: #friendi.ca:matrix.org
  - → XMPP: support@forum.friendi.ca
  - → IRC: #friendica @ libera.chat

Friendica Development Group (Forum)

Discussions about the development of Friendica
https://forum.friendi.ca/~developers

Safe the dates
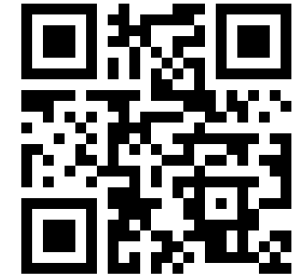
Fries and Friendica: 1. February 2026
   Friendica Community Meetup during FOSDEM

   Sunday, 14h – Gathering between building K and E
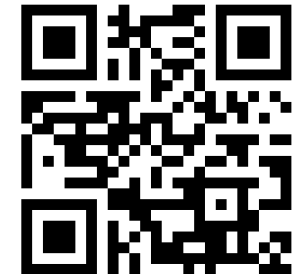   then down to Flagey for the fries

Fedi am See: 19. – 23. August 2026
   fediamsee.de

3. Berlin Fediday: 11. – 13. September 2026
   berlinfedi.day
   Call for Participation end of February / early March

about:Graphics

- Ad Astra Per Aspera Star Trek Poster & UFP Diplomatic Corps logo
  … the internets …

- Faro Plague
  Source: Eric Felten, ArtStation / Guerrilla Games
  https://horizon.fandom.com/wiki/Machine

- Screenshots by the speakers

Slides available at https://git.fsfe.org/tobiasd/talks

License of the slides