

SW(OT) analysis – net7 – Gautier Ben Aïm

	Helpful	Harmful
Internal origin	Spontaneous Outgoing Ambitious Quick-learner Open-minded	Impatient Lack of creativity

My Civic Engagement was also an opportunity to be more self-aware and to reflect about my strengths and weaknesses. Furthermore, since net7 is not far from being a tech-related company – it's a tech-related association – working there gave me very precise insight of my qualities and limits in this domain.

First of all, I'm spontaneous and outgoing, and what I did at net7 asserts this trait. As a volunteer first, and as the president now, I had no trouble talking to someone I've just met. It's always great fun to hear all the anecdotes tech people have to tell! Being spontaneous has helped me to provide my first training, entitled "Windows for Power Users", and making sure everyone was keeping up with me.

As you've heard in the video, net7 maintains a chat for people waiting for TVn7 newscast to begin, as well as a game. I single-handedly rebuilt the chat system, now named Boochat, with modern technologies and standards, in two months of hard work. My friends say this project was ambitious, and so am I. This project also proved I'm a quick-learner, it was the first time I used most of the languages and tools, and it was very pleasant to discover new concepts and new ways to build things. For instance, it was the first time I used client-side rendering, and it's kind of mind-blowing how powerful it is.

Moreover, I try to be as open-minded as possible. It's not always easy to receive harsh but relevant criticism, especially about works I was passionate about, but I always take them into consideration. For instance, some of the code I wrote quite some time ago requires to be reworked, and I'll try to invest some bits of time here and there to improve my old codebase.

However, my engagement at net7 also showed some of my limits and my flaws. At first, I'm not patient enough, and I panic if anything is late. For example, I've been stressed out a lot because of connection problems to launch a live broadcast at the Toulouse Hacking Convention. Furthermore, I might be lacking creativity since I'm usually dependent on others for ideas or improvements on projects, even my own.

Finally, working at net7 helped reflect on my own strengths and weaknesses, and discovering new ones, and by knowing them I'll be able to work more on myself.