

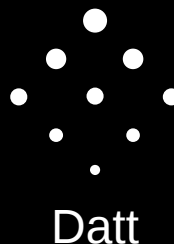
# Datt

## Decentralized Content Sharing App with Integrated Bitcoin Payments

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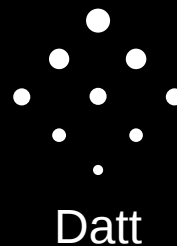
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# Outline

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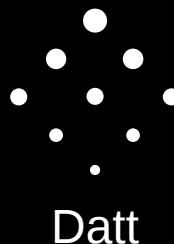
# reddit

- Sep. 2014 – Jan. 2015
- World's first official “cryptocurrency engineer”
- Hired by then-CEO Yishan; Yishan quit after 1.5 months; New leadership not interested in cryptocurrency
- Full story in Let's Talk Bitcoin:

<https://letstalkbitcoin.com/blog/post/lets-talk-bitcoin-189-the-story-of-reddit-notes>



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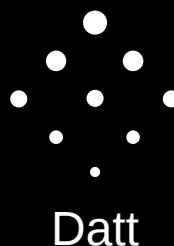
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# reddit Drama Summer 2015

- reddit had much drama for about a year from ~summer 2014 - ~summer 2015
- Turning point when they laid off Victoria – community liaison
- Community outrage - /r/iama shutdown, many other subreddits shutdown
- Ultimately lead to CEO Ellen Pao resigning, replaced by co-founder Steve Huffman



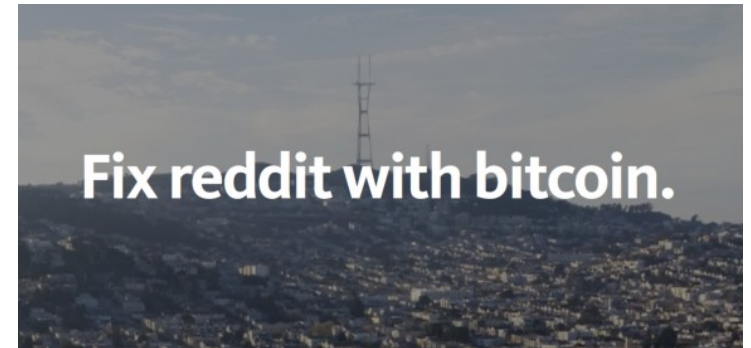
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# “Fix reddit with bitcoin.”

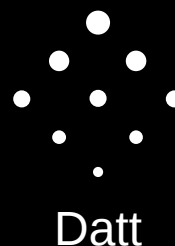
- I wrote an article about making reddit decentralized and adding bitcoin payments
- Help fix incentives problems between company and users:
  - Company doesn't “own” the user's data – the users do
  - Users get paid for their work
- Revealed for first time that even reddit wanted to be decentralized



<https://medium.com/@ryanxcharles/fix-reddit-with-bitcoin-7da3f85fb9ba>



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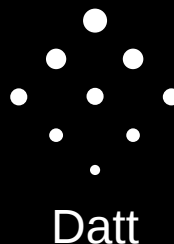
- My article was written about in Wired, Business Insider, re/code, and others. ~80 people emailed wanting to help.
- Popular response was validation that people want this to exist.
- Decided to work on it full-time.
- Then went to India for Blockchain University – long story. Then came back, and...

**THIS MAN SAYS HE CAN SAVE  
REDDIT WITH THE SPIRIT OF  
BITCOIN**

“The Spirit of Bitcoin” - an airplane  
to cross the Atlantic in 2016



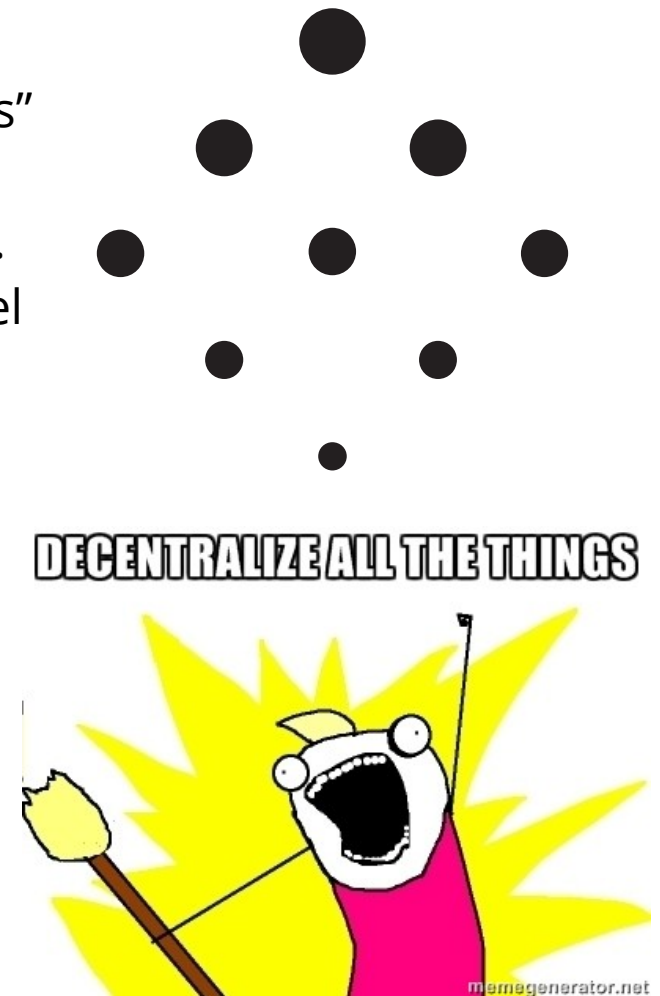
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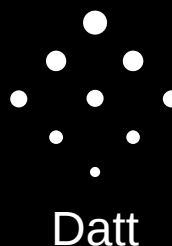
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# DATT

- Brainstormed name: “DATT = Decentralize All The Things” (though it looks better as the word Datt)
- Put together international hackathon on weekend of Jul. 31 – Aug. 2. ~15 people in SF, ~100 total on Slack channel
- Set up GitHub page:
  - <https://github.com/dattnetwork>
- Contributors created logo and landing page:
  - <http://datt.co>
- Blog to track progress:
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- Twitter to track progress:
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- Became Entrepreneur in Residence at IDEO Futures



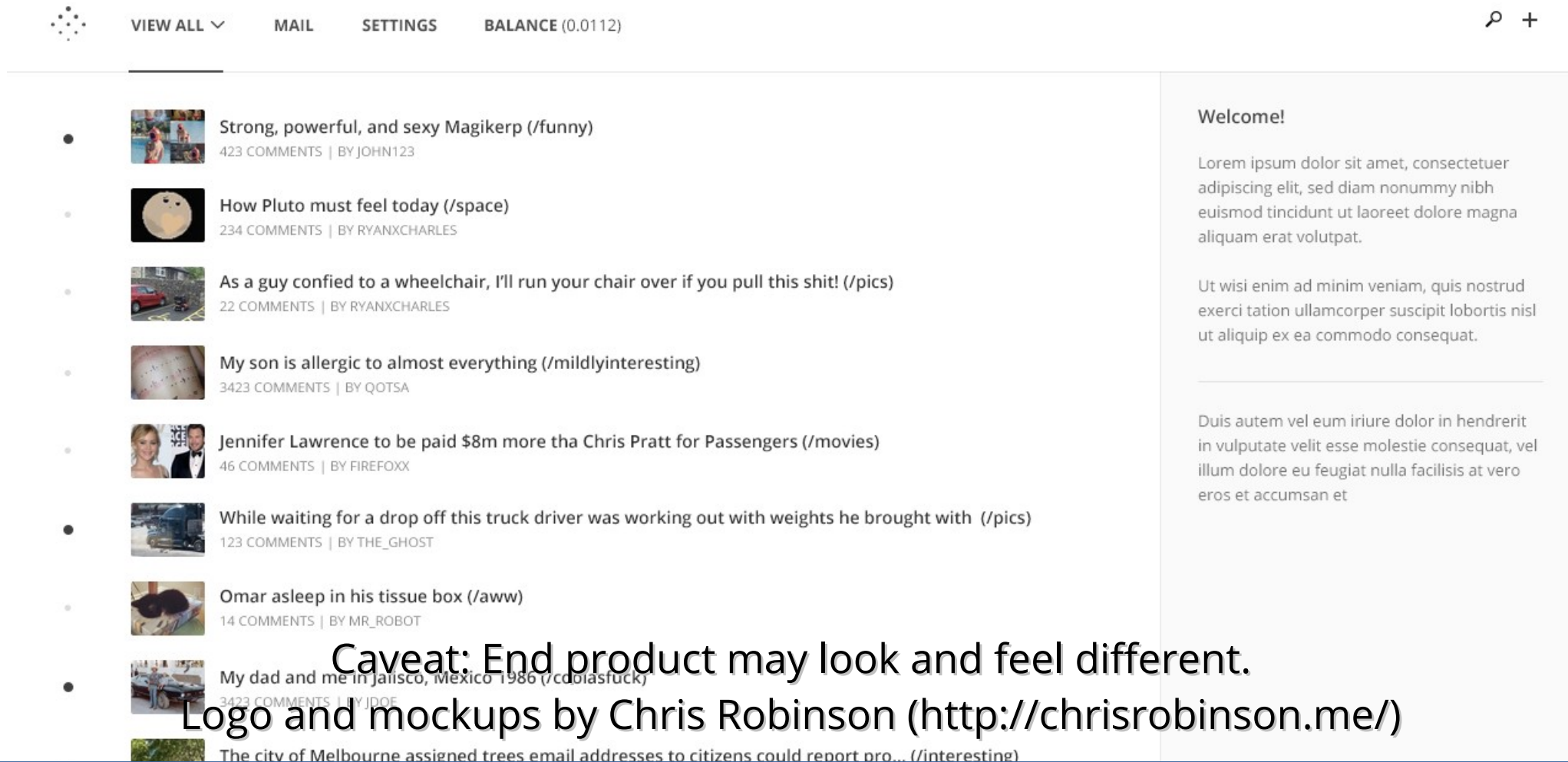
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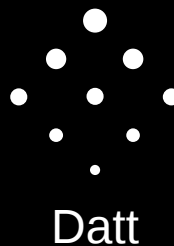
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- **Strong, powerful, and sexy Magikerp**

423 COMMENTS | JOHN123 | [REPLY](#)

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SORT: **NEWEST** ▾

▢ • **BILL\_N\_TED** | [REPLY](#)

Ma quande lingues coalesce, li grammatica del resultant lingue es plu simplic e regulari quam ti del coalescent lingues. Li nov lingua franca va esser plu simplic e regulari quam li existent European lingues. It va esser tam simplic quam Occidental: in fact, it va esser

▢ • **RANDOM123** | [REPLY](#)

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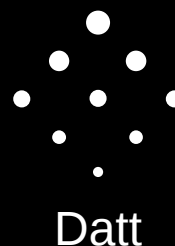
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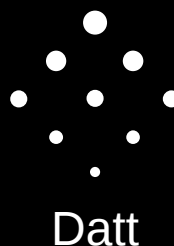
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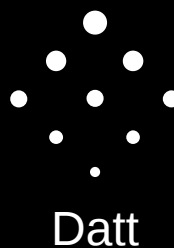
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Current Balance:

0.0112 BTC



DATE ▾	DESCRIPTION	USER	AMOUNT
10/10/2015	Received Tip for "My First Post"	RYANXCHARLES	+ 0.012 BTC
10/10/2015	Received Like for "Random Post Title"	JJ32167	+ 0.05 BTC
09/10/2015	You Liked "Bitcoin Moon"	LEET1337	- 0.02 BTC
09/10/2015	Received Tip for "My First Post"	BILLY33	+ 0.1 BTC
08/10/2015	Received Tip for "My First Post"	RYANXCHARLES	+ 1 BTC
08/10/2015	You Tipped "BTC meet moon"	LISBETHSALANDER	- 0.02 BTC
07/10/2015	You Liked "Another Name"	LEET1337	- 0.015 BTC
07/10/2015	You Tipped "Post Title"	BILLY33	- 0.0012 BTC
07/10/2015	Received Like for "Another Random Post Title"	JJ32167	+ 0.05 BTC
06/10/2015	You Liked "Bitcoin Moon"	LEET1337	- 0.02 BTC
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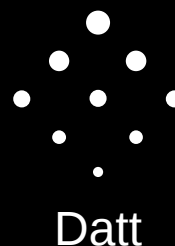
You can download a detailed, searchable transaction history. [Download CSV](#).

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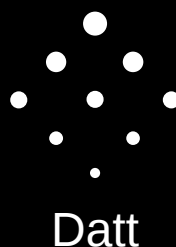
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# Open-Source

- Everything is being developed in the open on our GitHub page and Slack channel
- Not just software, but business plans, product plans, and community plans are open-source
- >20 people have made substantial contributions



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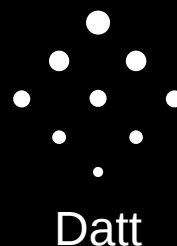
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# Prototype Status

- The minimalist, non-launchable, technology demo prototype is about 75% finished
- “Invite-only” prototype launch in November
- Need to heavily refine all aspects before real launch – product, community, business, technology
- March is realistic goal for “public launch”



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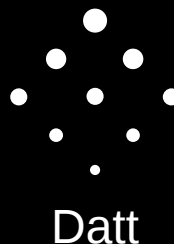
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# Product Overview

- Inspired by reddit, but is not intended to look or feel the same as reddit or be a full reddit replacement
- More emphasis on content producers – probably will let you follow people like Twitter
- Trying very hard to get the psychology right – why do people want to pay for content they can get for free?
- Do not need to have bitcoin to view or post content



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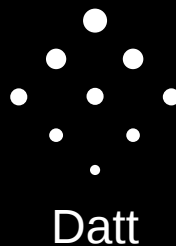


# Community Overview

- Intended to reach a mainstream audience
- Bitcoiners, decentralization community, disaffected reddit users form current core users – but aim to focus product on a more broad userbase
- We have several conflicting community plans – see dattdocs



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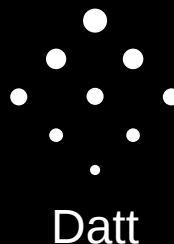
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# Business Overview

- Business model is to take a portion of payments (though decentralized, client default settings pay a portion to the company)
- So long as people like us, most people probably will not change the default settings
- Other business models possible such as providing extra services, or of course ads, but not on Day 1



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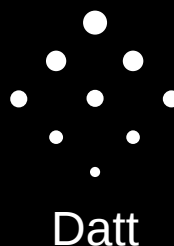
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# Technology Overview

- Bitcoin for payments
- Blockchain for misc. features such as querying content and identities – though not all things will be included at launch
- Custom P2P protocol for now, but probably will switch to IPFS or something similar
- Code: Javascript, Node.js 4.2, React, isomorphic, fullnode, and will use C++ crypto in backend



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## Product

dattdocs, dattmedia, & Slack

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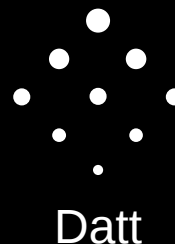
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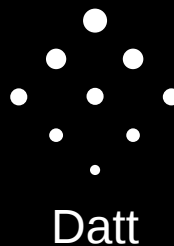
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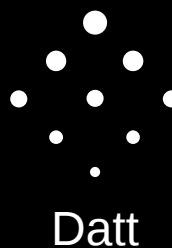
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