

Container TAZ

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motivation

we want spaces of liberty where only our rules apply

problem

others might not like it

how conflicts work

- escalating interactions between conflict parties
- it starts small, isn't resolved, and gets worse
- interactions follow the OODA loop:
 - Observe: information gathering
 - Orient: sense making
 - Decide: choice of method / response
 - Act: execution of response
- both sides repeatedly execute the OODA loop and escalate their actions
- conflict ends if one party cannot complete the OODA loop

how to attack the OODA loop

attack opponent's OODA loop and optimize/harden your own

Observe

attack:

- hide

defend:

- keep in touch with neighbors and news about similar projects
- "counter-intelligence"

Orient

attack:

- cover stories
- friendly outside perspective
- use topics and issues that have public support

defend:

- learn about law
- have relationships with the dark side
- discuss problems openly and internally

Decide

attack:

- increase collateral damage
- build relationships
- legal defence
- reduce possible profit

defend:

- defence fund
- lawyer on call
- contingency plans
- have clear, preassigned responsibilities

Act

attack:

- access control
- fences / borders
- lots of things we don't want to do

defend:

- call lawyer
- call media
- call your friends
- **MOVE!**

TAZ concept

TAZ: temporary autonomous zone

- barriers of entry
 - access control (select people who are allowed to enter)
 - anti-surveillance
 - counter-intelligence
 - experiential place
 - 24/7 presence
 - passive defence
 - mobility (temporary in space!)
- **MOVE** as final conflict avoidance step

TAZ examples

- Rainbow People
- Fusion Festival
- Squatted houses
- Christiana
- Kowloon Walled City
- Irish Travellers (+ many other similar groups)

container TAZ

TAZ + shipping containers = win

video

show video

why shipping containers?

- highly mobile (entire transport system optimized for it)
- rather cheap
- extremely sturdy
- stackable (more usable volume per square meter of area)
- hard to attribute
- recombinable
- hideable
- relatively secure
- internal width = $2.35m$
- 20' container = $5.89m$ internal length, $\approx 14m^2$ space
- 40' container = $12.03m$ internal length $\approx 28m^2$ space
- fungible :-)

the wonders of capitalism

- 1 write a couple of emails
- 2 order new 20'HC double-door and new 20' HC single-door
- 3 wire \approx 8000 Euro (incl. 19% VAT)
- 4 wait about one week
- 5 ...













why not ...?

- buy a house: loss of capital, attributable, unflexible
 - rent a house: same, also not so modifiable
 - use RVs: attributable, less flexible, not stackable, less hideable, optimized for auto-mobility
- a lot of unused capital if not moved a lot
- use office containers: stackability, modifiability, transportability, hideability

lessons learned (construction)

- consider both 20' and 40' containers, depending on use-case
- consider special containers (side-opening, 10', etc.)
- buy high-cube (2.69m vs. 2.39m internal height)
- buy double-door
- buy new or in very good condition
- don't cut holes in them (leaks & lost certification)
- don't attach anything to the roof directly
- invest in shading
- beware of floor (contains chemicals, cutting out is a pain)
- local welding capacity (learn to weld!)
- prefer simple construction over cheap materials
- look into pre-insulated shipping containers

lessons learned (organization)

- legal structure: uninteresting/uninterested container storage company
- self-storage: growth market, good story
- rent out storage containers (allows to get larger property and refinance parts)
- containers are owned by individuals or small sub-groups
- keep architecture flexible, containers are easy to move in case of internal conflicts
- not all members are equal (and that's OK)
- get to know people before making them full members (prospect phase is important for both sides)
- not all container owners need to be members and vice versa
- limit scope of umbrella corp/organization
- easy way in, trivial way out (owned capital is movable)

long-term vision

- world-wide, cross-border network of container TAZs
- standardized interfaces (power, water, comms, etc.)
- move with your container
- many TAZs with different rule sets (between and within them)
- parallel infrastructure: Script, identities, Internet overlays, sharing of technology
- big enough for factual territory (like Kowloon Walled City)
- inter-TAZ sealed transport, physical mix-networks, diplomatic relationships

conclusion

- we want our own spaces of liberty, but conflicts may arise
- conflicts: both parties execute OODA loop
 - attack other's & defend own OODA loop
 - build TAZ (**MOVE** avoids conflict escalation & restarts)
 - build TAZ with shipping containers
 - build awesome future with liberty in our life-time
- current technological trends make the long-term vision realistic
- defensive tech might get the upper hand
 - ⇒ positive vision: build parallel systems of liberty
(that can be moved in case of escalating conflicts)
- **NOT**: reform, revolution, or reeducation of the masses (futile)

pointers

- The Second Realm: Book on Strategy
<https://anarplex.net/files/secondrealm/>
- Cypherpunk Bitstream Podcast
<https://taz0.org/bitstream>
- Smuggler, @TheRealSmuggler, <https://opaque.link>
- Frank Braun, @thefrankbraun, <https://frankbraun.org>
- Future Security ToDo,
<http://opaque.link/post/future-security-todo/>
- The Sovereign Individual: Mastering the Transition to the Information Age

slides: <https://frankbraun.org/container-taz.pdf>



thank you very much for your attention! questions?