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# Annalist Lightning talk script

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## ## A gap in the landscape

I believe there is a gap in the landscape of tool provision for data sharing, particularly by individuals and small workgroups.

This gap lies somewhere between users' personal desktops and the various community data publication and sharing platforms that exist.

What I think is missing is a tool that can be used out-of-the-box to gather and manage data, yes also supporting:

- \* evolution  
by allowing structure to be developed  
as data is gathered
- \* collaboration  
through controlled sharing with colleagues, and
- \* reuse and remixing  
by creating data that can be combined with  
external sources

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## ## Annalist

The Annalist linked data notebook attempts to bridge this gap, allowing simple data to be gathered and viewed, out-of-the-box and without prior configuration (e.g. something like a deck of index cards), but also allowing structure to be added as needed.

Annalist also allows one to start with a defined "core" data schema, and add elements and structure to it as data is gathered.

## ## Status

Annalist is currently a work in progress, what I call a "public prototype". There is substantial completed functionality, but I feel it is not yet a minimum viable product.

There is a live demonstrator running at [annalist.net](http://annalist.net).

From the outset, Annalist has been an open development, with source, documentation, and more hosted on Github.

Looking to the future, I am interested in collaborating on applications of Annalist, to guide and support its further development, with a view to it eventually becoming a self-sustaining community project.

For more information, please grab hold of me, and/or visit [annalist.net](http://annalist.net).