

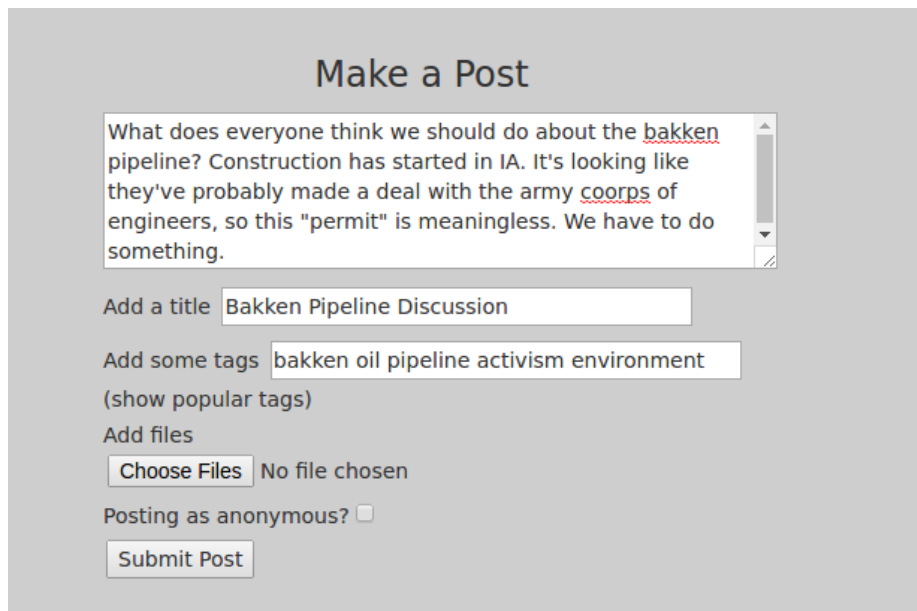
Local Discourse Alpha Test – see how you like my software and give me feedback

- “Local Discourse” is a place holder name. I don't yet know what it will actually be called
- use it to discuss any topic with people in your town
- it's like a blend of yik yak and reddit, with file sharing capabilities and a tagging system

I am asking you to be an alpha tester of this software. You just need to use the software, let me know of any bugs, and any suggestions you may have. Take a look at this document and let me know if you have any questions.

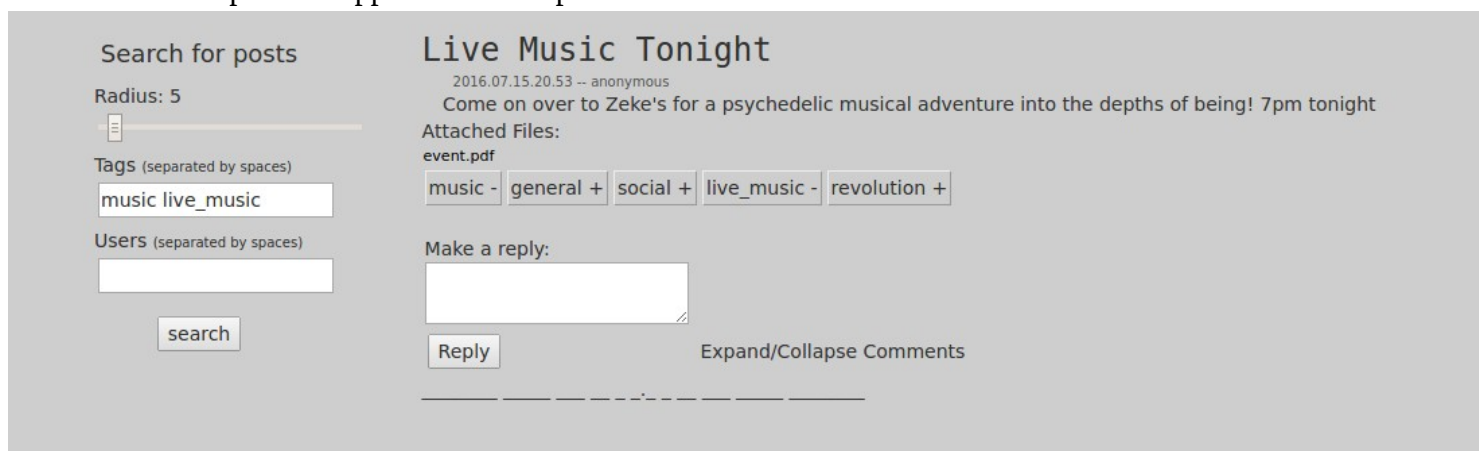
How the app works:

- what if you had a thought or an idea that you wanted to share with your community members?
 - Hop on the app and post it



The screenshot shows a 'Make a Post' interface. At the top is a text area containing the text: 'What does everyone think we should do about the bakken pipeline? Construction has started in IA. It's looking like they've probably made a deal with the army coorps of engineers, so this "permit" is meaningless. We have to do something.' Below the text area is a title input field with 'Bakken Pipeline Discussion'. Underneath is a tags input field with 'bakken oil pipeline activism environment' and a link '(show popular tags)'. There is an 'Add files' section with a 'Choose Files' button and the text 'No file chosen'. Below that is a checkbox for 'Posting as anonymous?' which is unchecked. At the bottom is a 'Submit Post' button.

- What if you wanted to see what your community members were thinking about a certain topic or set of topics?
 - Hop on the app and look it up



The screenshot shows the app's search and post viewing interface. On the left is a search sidebar with 'Search for posts', a 'Radius: 5' slider, a 'Tags (separated by spaces)' input field containing 'music live_music', and a 'Users (separated by spaces)' input field. A 'search' button is at the bottom of the sidebar. The main area displays a post titled 'Live Music Tonight' by '2016.07.15.20.53 -- anonymous'. The post text says 'Come on over to Zeke's for a psychedelic musical adventure into the depths of being! 7pm tonight'. Below the text is an 'Attached Files:' section showing 'event.pdf'. There is a tag cloud with 'music -', 'general +', 'social +', 'live_music -', and 'revolution +'. Below the tags is a 'Make a reply:' section with a text input field and a 'Reply' button. At the bottom right is a link 'Expand/Collapse Comments'.

Features available in alpha test:

- posting and commenting
- uploading files
- searching by radius, tags, and users
- comment threads
- you can have a user account with a username and biography
- post as anonymous or identified

Right now you can use the software in the form of a website. It is running on a server in New York.

URL: <https://192.81.217.92/yikkit> (IP address because I have not registered a domain)

If you get an https warning, it's because it uses a self-signed ssl certificate. There is no cause for concern.

Planned features

- up/down vote
- polls
- have the option to include related tags in search query (more on related tags later)
- search by keywords
- search by files
- url system: you can click on a url and see every post that has included that url or the domain of that url
- anonymous commenters have an id within a comment thread
- see a world map showing instances of tag use
- decentralized server infrastructure
- mobile apps

Related tags:

- two tags will become more related each time:
 - they both are associated with the same post
 - a user includes both of the tags in their query