The Evolution of Taiwan's Digital Communities and Democratic Process

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About me

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所以我想會留下的人都不是想要炒作的,後來他們也都各自有很多不同的發展,像後來簡信昌覺得攝影跟新聞的基礎架構是他最感興趣的,他就去報導者,現在在 Readr+。

Three stories (I)

- * 2014 Sunflower Movement, g0v initiated its first large-scale crowd collaboration, decrypting the detailed records of political donations from seven legislators.
- * In 2017, Mirror Media became the first to comprehensively digitize legislator's political donation data.
- * Later, READr successively completed the political donation data for three legislative elections.
- * In 2018, legislation was finally passed, mandating that all political donation information must be made available online.



Three stories (II)

- * 2014 contributors from g0v initiated a project for a legislator voting guide.
- * However, this project was discontinued after the 2018 elections.
- * Later, in 2022, READr relaunched a crowdsourced project for candidate policy statements, extending the voting guide initiative.
- * This year, another group of contributors reached out to us, hoping to continue the original project as a voter's guide for next year's elections.



Three stories (III)

- * In 2020, READr initiated the Taiwan
 Presidential Election Fact-Checking Project,
 marking the first cross-domain effort in
 Taiwan that brought together multiple
 media outlets and crowd collaboration.
- * Next year, , Taiwan will have another presidential election. As a result, other individuals contacted me through g0v. They hope to promote this year's fact-checking project.



The project may experience interruptions, but as long as there are people who care, it will be continually reinitiated.

gOv as a civic technology community

- * The g0v community endeavors to engage in cross-domain collaboration, utilizing technology to support social movements and promote democratic politics.
- * However, as a decentralized community with numerous decentralized projects, the g0v initiatives have a relatively high failure rate.
- * There are actually quite a few projects that have the potential to bring about social change.
- * In fact, this kind of community operation didn't suddenly emerge in 2012.

Rewind to 2014

- * OSDC.tw (Open Source Developers' Conference, Taiwan) 2014
- * Keynote speech: 0th Sunflower Digital Camp
- * By Audrey Tang
- * That was the first time g0v appeared at OSDC.tw.

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Oth Sunflower Digital Camp 3/19 ~ 4/10

More about OSDC.tw

- * Since 2005 2014
- * Before OSDC.tw
 - * PHP/Python/Perl Party 2003
 - * YAPC::Taipei (Yet Another Perl Conference) 2004 - 2005



OSDC.tw is actually an extension of the Elixus

Elixus

- * It's about 1999 2005 (roughly)
- * Initially, it was a geek/hacker community.
- * We believe the openness and free software.
- * Another highly significant aspect is that it's a community without borders.

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Some projects that have occurred

- * Open Source Software Foundry (w/ Academia Sinica)
- * Localization and Promotion of the Blog.
- * Blog feed syndication
- * Electronic Art project
- * Creative Commons (w/ Academia Sinica)

What Elixus has left behind

- * Open Source / Open Content
- * Some individuals who believe that openness will triumph over darkness.
- * Activists
- * Some people who want to do something fun.
- * More individuals willing to conduct experiments in the online space.

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Thank you!