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From here, forward...

A Little "Management"

Technology disconnect:

 "I've got a great idea," says the nonprogrammer, "I just need a geek to code it up for me and we (meaning I) will make millions!"

Execution is key.

Technology disconnect:

Not difficult to see why; to the layperson:

- it looks like magic
- open source contribution is undervalued
- many ideas have not yet been successfully executed

The Mythical Man Month:

(vs. Ditchdigging:)

If 1 person can dig 1 ditch in 1 day--

Then 2 people can dig 2 in a 1 day

8 people can dig 1 in an hour.

But what about websites or apps?

The Mythical Man Month

In IT (and frequently, other projects)

Increasing workers increases complexity, and may actually INCREASE completion time.

(related, website by committee)

Silicon Valley and the (vs. the?) Real World

Hardware

Topping out?

Moore's Law?

What CAN'T we do?

What CAN'T we conceive of?

Software

Diversity of Development

- Environments (web, yikes)
- Licenses
- Purposes
- Compensation/Deliverables/Fun?

(what is the marginal cost of software?)

A little more economics

Economies of Scale

Capitalism (the system) v. Capitalism (the culture)

"Incentives?" lol

We Are All Here Now (from underground to mainstream)

Government?

Schools?

Tech Companies?

Non-Tech Companies?

Everybody in between and otherwise?

So many good things...

• We can talk to everybody.

We can record everything.

• We can make anything.

The question of "Cybersecurity"

Important issue, but, what's the threat?

Malicious Hackers

VS.

The Corporations / The Governments

(who may not have your best interests in mind)

Or worse; both:

Malicious hackers aided by the bad decisions of Corporations / Governments

- e.g. password leaks or deliberate backdoors

Or WORSE worse

Governments/Corporations do something with that data that they TOTALLY said they wouldn't.

23 and me, anyone?

The Role of "Mobile"

 Attach a device to your child that tracks nearly everything she does, and sends most of that information to a third party who won't give you access to most of it.

Collusion:

 All the big companies are doing it to some extent, but some are at least appearing to try to fight it.

Your Eyeballs

• "News" is getting to you.

How?

Big (specific) Idea

A small, cheap Linux box with a hard drive that you keep at your house, connected to the internet.

Aka . . . Freedom instead of slavery.

Today

- Owncloud
- MPD
- Calibre
- Syncthing
 - Etc

Tomorrow..

- Mesh Networking
- Secure, reliable, controllable social networking
- Free phone calls
- Your data = your home = your property

Who owns your data?

You will have to decide this, and then explain why to others.

OK, what do I do?

- Turn off notifications.
- Curate your content
- Get you a Linux (Pi?)

Turn off notifications?

Yep. Seriously. All of them if you can.

Definitely all of the ones that are not

- 1) from a human AND
- 2) to YOU personally.

Curate your Content (by others)

You may not have a lot of choices in your life:

But one you do:

What you shove in your brain in your free time. You have COMPLETE control over this.

Occasional junk food is fine, but maintain a healthy diet.

Curate your Content (by you)

If you care about it, get it in your hand. Your actual physical hand.

Buy a hard drive (or two!) and copy those pictures, movies, songs etc.

..similarly..

Get you a Linux!

Not because bash and kernels and command line (which is cool, but not the main deal)..

But because -

It is the ONLY one that you can FULLY control.

What else?

Besides saving the world?

I don't know, you tell me. On Thursday or whenever.

Good Luck!