

Beyond Instagram & Twitter: Decentralized Tools for Activism and Organizing

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jitsi meet / BigBlueButton (alternatives to Zoom / Skype)

Jitsi and BigBlueButton are videoconference tools, which are easy to use, provide encrypted communication & which don't need to be installed. You can just send people a link to your channel and they can join in the browser.

Use case: secure audio/video-chat

Website: jitsi.org, senfcall.de

cryptpad (alternative to Google Docs / Etherpad)

With CryptPad, you can make quick collaborative documents like spreadsheets, for taking notes and writing down ideas together. It's a private-by-design alternative to popular office tools and cloud services. All the content stored on CryptPad is encrypted before being sent, which means nobody can access your data unless you give them the link to your pad.

Use case: Working collaboratively on press statements, transcripts, or any other text.

Website: <https://cryptpad.fr>

wordpress

WordPress is a free and open-source content management system . It was originally created as a blog-publishing system but has evolved to support other types of web content including more traditional mailing lists and forums, media galleries, etc. WordPress can be installed on a web server, like WordPress.com, or a computer running the software package WordPress.org in order to serve as your own network host.

Use case: Host your own blog / homepage, where you can easily add posts and pages.

Website: <https://wordpress.org/>

Instances: blackblogs.org, noblogs.org, ...

mastodon (alternative to Twitter)

Mastodon is a free and open-source self-hosted social network. It allows anyone to host their own server node in the network, and its various separately operated user bases are federated across many different servers. These nodes are referred to as "instances" by Mastodon users. These servers are connected as a federated social network, allowing users from different servers to interact with each other seamlessly. The users communicate via short posts (called "toots") which can be viewed in ones timeline.

Use case: microblogging: quick, short posts to keep the world up-to-date.

Website: <https://joinmastodon.org/>

mobilizon (alternative to Facebook events)

A free and federated tool to get events away from Facebook. Create an event description, date, website. Then people can click 'participate' for others to see. It federates with Mastodon, so people can show that they will attend with their Mastodon identity.

Use case: Invite people who don't have facebook to an event.

Website: <https://joinmobilizon.org>

crab.fit (alternative to Doodle)

With crab.fit you can plan an appointment quickly and easily. No registration is required. You just add some options (like days for a party), send the link to your friends, and they can click on the the days where they have time.

Use case: Find a date for a party, meeting, or action, where everyone has time.

Website: <https://crab.fit>

discourse

A classic forum, where people can talk in threads about a topic. Good for asynchronous communication about a shared cause. Sends mail notifications

Use case: Build a community about a certain topic, to organize a campaign or movement.

Website: <https://www.discourse.org>

ownCloud / Nextcloud (alternative to Google Drive / Dropbox)

ownCloud / Nextcloud is a cloud-hosting software for creating and using file hosting services. It is free and open-source, thereby allowing anyone to install and operate it without charge on their own private server. Features include shareable calendars, audio player etc.

Use case: Backup & share your data. Synchronize files across all of your devices.

Website: <https://owncloud.com/>

Instance: If you need an account, write to servers@schleuder.0x90.space

kanboard (alternative to Trello)

A special kind of to do list. Kanboard makes it easy to organize tasks, assign them to people, and track the progress of your project. Great to have an overview about what's to be done; but it only really works if the whole team is dedicated to use it.

Use case: Project management; organize a team to get a project done.

Website: <https://kanboard.org>

Instance: If you need an account, write to servers@schleuder.0x90.space

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