

Involving "social media" participants in Internet Governance

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Goal

- Increased involvement in the "consensus building processes" that are the basis of grass-roots Internet **governance** model
- Increase participation by making "barrier to entry" even lower
- & save my time, by reading only rated posts ;-)

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Mailing lists as a consensus-building tool

- Tool for participatory decision making processes
 - enabling archived discussions
 - with the goal of reaching a consensus.
- Used for a long time and in many communities
 - technical standardisation bodies (IETF, W3C)
 - Internet governance (Regional Internet Registries, ICANN)
 - technical communities (NANOG, UKNOF, NLNOG...)
 - community projects such as hackerspaces
 - artists & activists at nettime

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Read All the Mailing Lists!

- I read many mailing lists:
 - 10 from RIPE
 - NANOG
 - 5 from IETF
 - nettime
 - etc



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Most people are lurkers

- All these mailing lists are **open**!
- Anyone can participate: but how many do?
- RIPE NCC: 9000 "members", 20+ lists, 1000's people subscribed: 100 people "write"
- NANOG: 1000's subscribed, 100's "write"
- Rating could make this **easier**

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Not all posts are equal

- I would like to be able to **RATE** the posts
- I would like to be able to **SHARE** my ratings
- I would like to be able to **SEE** my friend's ratings of mailing-list posts
- I would like to be able to **FIND** tagged posts
- ... and I want to do it in my email client!
- other people want to use web...

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Possible solutions:

- Modified IMAP clients, enabling rating
- Modified IMAP server
 - one server for all the lists (per org.)
 - accepting ratings from clients
 - able to share the ratings
- And/or additional **karma** server

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Karma Server

- Collects tags/ratings
- Distributes tags/ratings
- Open questions:
 - unified tags or free-for-all?
 - +1 / -1
 - choosing to see only certain people's tags?

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To do:

- Re-write
 - IMAP server software
 - IMAP clients software
- Write karma server code
- Write an Internet draft / RFC about it (which working group?)
- Maintain the GitHub for code
- Promotion & community building
- RIPE (NCC), NANOG, IETF... would have to start up new IMAP servers / services
 - "Everyone" would have to install new clients
 - "Everyone" would have to subscribe to the new IMAP servers

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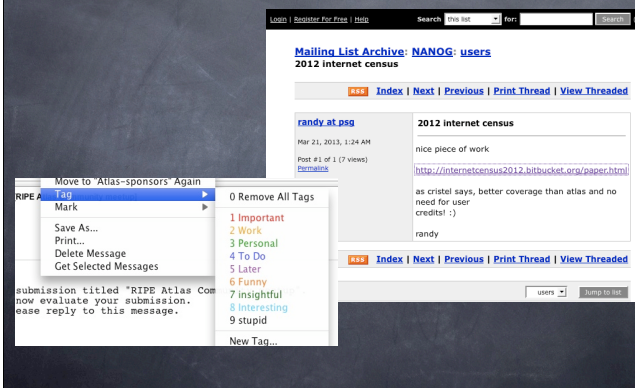
Similar implementations?

- email tagging already exists - but not sharing!
- web: "slashdot", digg, reddit
- Facebook groups :(
- RIPE NCC has the rating of posts, on the closed web app, only for wg-chairs
- perlmonks.org (encourages voting)

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Existing examples & tools



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Questions to YOU

- Is there interest for this?
- Is there already something like this?
- Who wants to work on this with me?
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