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- GNU-Linux (Debian or Ubuntu) user since 2003,
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What are we trying to save with these understandings?

besides humanity

besides the software commons

organizational intelligence

What are commons?

- * shared resources
- * shared responsibility
- * mutual benefit

•What is in the software or digital commons?

- code
- infrastructure
- standards
- human labor & commitment
- knowledge & culture
- tools for accessing world resources
- The job of governing shared projects
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The job of governing shared projects

- removed enough from the action
- volunteer as in voluntary
- mutual decisions on how to move forward
- moving forward on heterogeneous goals
- real (enough) consensus
- committed to resolving conflict with good argument, not power plays
- using reasoning all affected people could accept if they heard and understood it.

enhance group intelligence

- Create and protect safe places for conflict.

What is deliberation? It is communicative actions for building new understandings.

- actions: statements, challenges, validations
- topics: fact, trust, appropriateness

- The good news is that communication for reaching shared understandings is normal to the human condition.

What we love about the free software commons

- Please contribute some “popcorn participation”.
- Raise your hand.
- Name it with 5 words or less.
- Next person.

anecdotes

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Theory of Communicative Action

	Statement	Challenge	Validate
Truth	“True.”	“inaccurate!”	objective verification
Trust	“Honest.”	“insincere!”	history of trustworthiness
Appropriateness	“Appropriate.”	“inappropriate!”	legitimacy

references

Suggestions are based on the Theory of Communicative Rationality, of Jurgen Habermas:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communicative_rationality

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My own application of Habermasian theories, for example: Evaluating Deliberative Democracy: Comparing Habermas' Discourse Ethic and Evaluations of Consensus Process in Residential Cooperatives

<http://www.worldcat.org/title/evaluating-deliberative-democracy-comparing-habermas-discourse-ethic-and-evaluations-of-consensus-process-in-residential-cooperatives/oclc/654707347?referer=di&ht=edition>