



CHATONS

**a Collective for French-speaking
Ethical Hosters**

Who am I?



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What is CHATONS?

Collectif des
Hébergeurs
Alternatifs
Transparents
Ouverts
Neutres et
Solidaires



Collective of
Independent
Transparent
Open
Neutral and
United
Hosters

The acronym CHATONS means KITTENS in french

What is CHATONS?



De-google-ify Internet

CHATONS collective aims **to bring together small organizations offering free, ethical and decentralized online services.**

An online services CSA-like network

Where Google, Meta, Apple or Microsoft would represent the food industry, **CHATONS members would be IT farmers offering organic online services.**



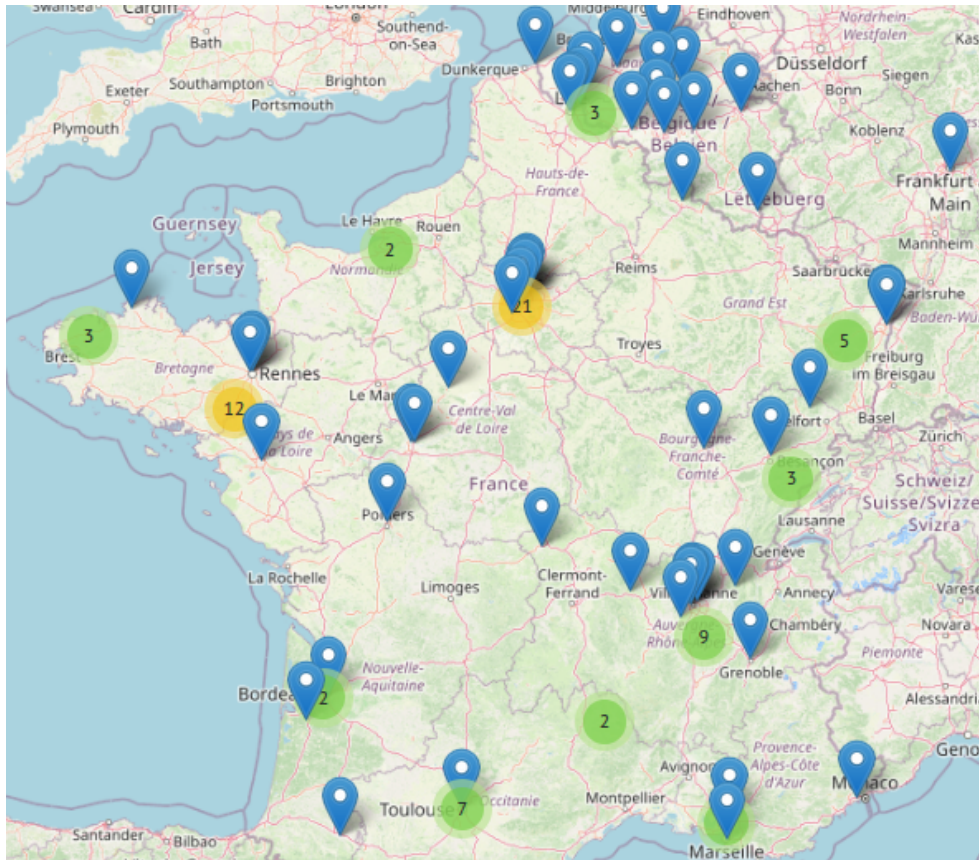
Collective goals



degooglisons-internet.org

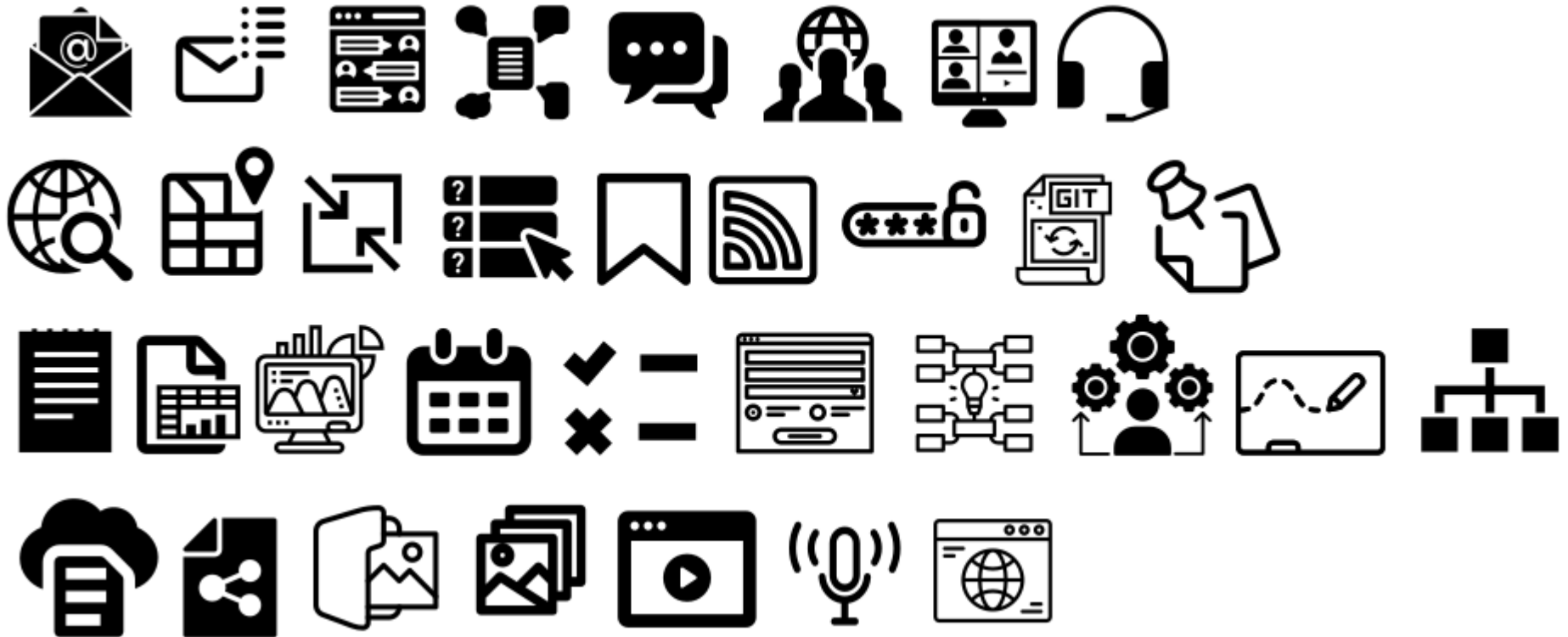
The collective aims to gather all entities that want to resist the Internet « googlization » or « gafamization ».

CHATONS Anatomy



99 members localized in France, Belgium and Canada

A variety of online services

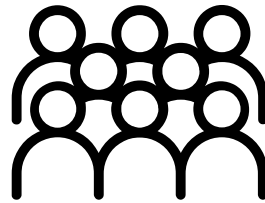


Who is the collective services for?

→ **all Internet users
whishing to regain
control of their personal
data**

→ **all Internet users
whishing to use online
services hosted close to
them**

→ **public administrations
(local authorities)**



→ **associations,
collectives and not-for-
profit whishing to offer
free tools to their
communities**

→ **Micro, Small and
Medium Enterprises
(MSMEs)**

→ **schools and
universities**

How to find CHATONS' services?

On <https://chatons.org/> :

I am looking for a kitten



Services

I find the type of online services I need : mail, cloud, vpn, visio, survey, pad, *etc.*



Proximity

Like the AMAPs, I can find a trusted kitten, close (or almost) to my home.



Other criteria

I am looking for a kitten by name, purpose or type of hosting, *etc.*

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Find by service

You do not have to select all the fields below.

What service are you looking for ?

Alternative to :

Based on :

Instance type :

In the kitten :

Reset

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Ethibox	Lufi	https://lufi.ethibox.fr/
Exarius	FirefoxSend	https://share.exarius.org/
FACiL	Lufi	https://transfert.facil.services
Infini	Lufi	https://drop.infini.fr/
KAZ	Jirafeau	https://depot.kaz.bzh/
Le Retzien Libre	Filetolink	https://f2l.retzien.fr/
Nomagic	Lufi	https://nomagic.uk/fr/services/#TemporaryFileHosting
Picasoft	Lufi	https://drop.picasoft.net/
ReflexLibre	Lufi	https://reflexlibre.net/fr/?apps=lufi
Retzo.net	Filetolink	https://dl.retzo.net
ARN - sans-nuage.fr	Lufi	https://hub.netlib.re/lufi
Sequanux	Lufi	https://drop.sequanux.org/

Another way to use some CHATONS' services












FREE-SOFTWARE ONLINE SERVICES

Free-software services from the CHATONS collective, to decentralize and discover a web on a human scale, united and respectful of your privacy.

[More info](#)

Language ▾

 COLLABORATIVE WRITING <p>A pad is a real-time collaborative text editor. You can write simultaneously.</p> <p>Instance <i>Etherpad</i> Provided by <i>Libre-service.eu</i></p> <input type="text" value="Pad name (optional)"/> CREATE	 VIDEO-CONFERENCE <p>Video-conference for small groups directly in your browser, no need to register.</p> <p>Instance <i>Jitsi Meet</i> Provided by <i>Liberta</i></p> <input type="text" value="Room name (optional)"/> CREATE	 FIND A SCHEDULE <p>Schedule an appointment or make decisions quickly and easily.</p> <p>Instance <i>Framadate</i> Provided by <i>Colibris Outils Libres</i></p> CREATE A SURVEY
 COLLABORATIVE SPREADSHEET <p>Real time collaborative spreadsheet. You can write simultaneously.</p> <p>Instance <i>Ethercalc</i> Provided by <i>KAZ</i></p> <input type="text" value="Spreadsheet name (optional)"/> CREATE	 FILE SHARING <p>Share large files anonymously, no need to register.</p> <p>Instance <i>FirefoxSend</i> Provided by <i>TI Nuage</i></p> UPLOAD FILES	 PICTURE SHARING <p>Share pictures in galleries. Fast, and no need to subscribe.</p> <p>Instance <i>Lutim</i> Provided by <i>roflcopter.fr</i></p> UPLOAD PICTURES
 POST-IT BOARD <p>Collect and organize your ideas, make visible the places or involvement.</p> <p>Instance <i>Scrumblr</i> Provided by <i>Bastet Parinux</i></p> <input type="text" value="Board name (optional)"/> CREATE	 LINK SHORTENER <p>Shorten your links without subscribing.</p> <p>Instance <i>LSTU</i> Provided by <i>Infini</i></p> SHORTEN A LINK	 SECURE TEXT SHARING <p>End-to-end encrypted text snippet sharing tool.</p> <p>Instance <i>Privatebin</i> Provided by <i>Garbaye</i></p> CREATE AN ENCRYPTED MESSAGE

<https://entraide.chatons.org> is a simplified access portal to **9 online services without registration.**

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Le Retzien Libre	Filetolink	https://f2l.retzien.fr/
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CHATONS Commitments

The collective is based on a commitment to unabashedly adhere to a Manifesto and a Charter.





CHATONS Manifesto

The CHATONS Manifesto

Preamble

Spectres haunt our digital lives: the centralisation of online services, the insecurity of our personal data, the threats to our freedom of expression and the sharing of information.

Spied upon by multinationals and States, the trails citizens leave on the Internet and the information concerning their behaviours are used to commercial ends or to surveil the masses. Whatever may be the justifications for these uses of our data, it is imperative that we preserve spaces of private communication: spaces which will safeguard our freedoms, beginning with one of the most precious of them all, the freedom to communicate without compromise.

A small number of economic actors of the Internet have over the years reached monopoly positions which imply a centralisation of services. This lack of diversity raises the question of the sovereignty of nations and peoples, as it results in inequalities in access to information, unacceptable censorship, mass gathering of personal data, and selective sorting of information to facilitate the invasion of advertising and marketing.

Extensions of ourselves, our personal data tell about who we are, our political and sexual orientations, our favourite topics, our dreams and objectives. As they constitute essential elements in the private lives of individuals, access to these informations must be decided by individuals themselves according to their own will and in full knowledge. The respect of privacy is today in grave danger not only with regard to protection against malevolent acts, but also from a political, legislative and economic standpoint.

Access to information and communication rely on the assumption that the information carried is verifiable and sustainable at all times. In that perspective, the freedoms held by Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS) are an essential corollary to the privacy of users, and by extend citizens. Protecting those freedoms amounts to:

- ensuring the sustainability of information by using free and open formats;
- decentralising services by multiplying solutions which are accessible, reliable and based on FLOSS;
- allowing everyone to escape abusive legal clauses locking data into computer systems which do not respect privacy;
- informing users of all the risks that threaten our freedoms and allowing people to overcome them.

1. The CHATONS

Launched in 2014, the "De-google-ify Internet" project of the French non-profit Framasoft has demonstrated, in practice, that it was possible to gather the skills and the means required to decentralise the Internet and, by disseminating the appropriate information, help individuals and organisations do it themselves. Passionate communities have long since demonstrated this through various projects. They promoted both the emergence of new services based on free software and innovation in programming and engineering. Thus appeared a whole network of initiatives, offering users many opportunities to regain control of their data, while preserving their privacy as much as possible. They even contributed in their own way to the emergence of an ever-expanding community of users sharing a vision of freedom and unity, an objective which has always been there in the history of the Internet and hackers since over 40 years.

Hosters who adhere to the principles of FLOSS and attach fundamental importance to individual and social freedoms are invited to participate in a collective called CHATONS: a Collective of Alternative, Transparent, Open, Neutral and United Hosters.

The objective of this collective is to gather initiatives of various online service providers offering FLOSS based solutions, enabling the public to choose services according to their needs. CHATONS members are ad-free, don't monetise user data nor include abusive or obscure legal clauses and therefore ensure a bond of trust.

2. Commitments

Members are committed to respect the charter of the collective, whose principles are the following.

2.1 Transparency, Non-Discrimination and Personal Data

Probity is key in these commitments, aiming to ensure reliability of offered services and the users' confidence towards them.

The Terms of Service (TOS) must be perfectly clear, accessible and not in contradiction with the CHATONS charter.

The hoster must agree to and display an open policy regarding the administration of user accounts: no discrimination, whether the access be free of charge or not, in full compliance of all applicable laws. The hoster commits to providing a way for all users to recover their personal data, encrypted or not, except for online services relying on the ephemeral transfer of encrypted personal data.

2.2 Openness, Economy, Protection

The offered services must satisfy a few technical requirements. For starters, servers must rely on FLOSS. The software must allow to reproduce the service without requiring additional development relative to the server structure or to the software itself.

Use of open formats is required, at least regarding all data exposed to the users. Therefore, when the use of open formats is impossible (for example because it would imply downloading

CHATONS Charter

Charter of CHATONS

The Collective

CHATONS is a Collective of Independent, Transparent, Open, Neutral and United Internet Service Providers. Each member of the collective, hereinafter referred to as a "chaton", commits to respecting this here charter. Anything that is not explicitly forbidden by this charter or by law is allowed. The CHATON can take any legal form : natural or legal person (an individual, a company, an association, a cooperative, etc.).

Requirements:

- the chaton commits to respectful and kind behaviour towards other members of the collective;
- the chaton commits to respectful and kind behaviour with regard their users.

Hosters

A hoster is therein defined as an entity hosting data provided by third parties, and offering services through which the aforementioned data transits or is stored. The term "users" mentioned hereinafter refer to the natural or legal persons who can create or modify data within the infrastructure of a chaton.

Requirements:

- the CHATON must have root access on the operating system running the final online services;
- if the CHATON is renting a server (virtual or dedicated), the CHATON must be the sure the provider contractually commits not to access the data;
- the CHATON must inform visitors and users of the degree of control they have over their infrastructure;
- the CHATON commits to publicly and unambiguously showing their level of control over the hardware and software that host the services and all related data. Notably, the name of the physical server provider will have to be clearly indicated to the users;
- the CHATON commits to avoiding service providers -digital services or not- whose practices conflict with the principles of this here charter, particularly regarding the capture and preservation of private data. Should they have to resort to those service providers, the CHATON has to inform their users.

Recommendations:

- the CHATON must have complete control over their technical infrastructure (servers and network), their softwares and all related data (root access, hypervisor included). Only the CHATON must be able to technically access the data.

Independent

By offering FLOSS-based online services, the CHATON offer themselves as an alternative to companies who provide closed and centralized services, resulting in a monopoly and perverse usage of personal data. Such alternatives illustrate the diversity of available FLOSS-based solutions which can be offered for personal or group usage.

Requirements:

- the CHATON commits to publish documentation about the infrastructure and the services provided;
- the CHATON commits not to implement measures to track how their services are used other than for statistical, technical or administrative purposes;
- the CHATON commits to favour their users' fundamental freedoms at any given time, especially respecting their privacy;
- the CHATON will under no circumstances subscribe/implement the services of an advertising agency. Sponsoring or patronizing, through the display of a partner structure's brand identity (name, logo, etc.) is allowed, as long as no personal information is given to the partners;
- the CHATON must never monetise the data or metadata of the users.

CHATONS Wiki

Vous êtes ici / 

Que souhaitez-vous faire ?

Je m'informe sur les services des chatons

Je veux aider les chatons

Je veux devenir un hébergeur alternatif

Je veux rejoindre le collectif

Je suis déjà membre du collectif

Guides et modèles

Index - Plan du wiki



La litière - Le wiki du collectif CHATONS



Bienvenue ! Ce wiki regorge d'informations à destination des hébergeurs (actuels / futurs) de services en ligne et de leurs usagers.



CHATONS

Le  Collectif des Hébergeurs Alternatifs, Transparents, Ouverts, Neutres et Solidaires vise à rassembler des structures proposant des **services en ligne libres, éthiques et décentralisés** afin de permettre aux utilisateur-ices de  **trouver rapidement des alternatives** respectueuses de leurs données et de leur vie privée aux services proposés par les GAFAM (Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft).

CHATONS est un collectif initié par l'association  Framasoft en 2016 suite au succès de sa campagne  Dégooglisons Internet.

Que souhaitez-vous faire ?

Choisissez parmi une des cartes ci-dessous ou dans la barre latérale pour commencer le parcours qui vous correspond le mieux !



CHATONS: an active community

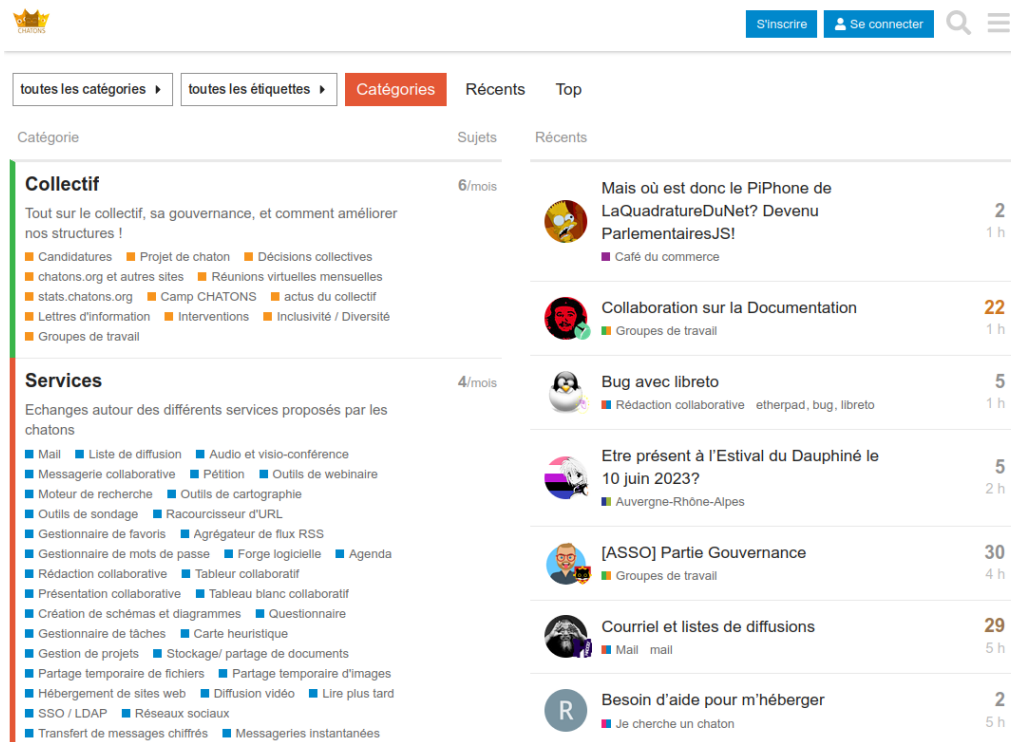
The main tool to exchange is the forum:

167 new account in 2022
(170 in 2021 and 262 in 2020)

379 new topics in 2022 (364 in 2021 and 469 in 2020)

3243 new posts in 2022
(3075 in 2021 and 4135 in 2020)

576 217 viewed pages in 2022
(466 861 in 2021 and 279 104 in 2020)



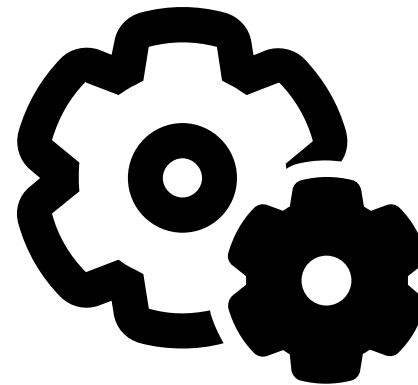
The screenshot shows the CHATONS forum interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'S'inscrire' and 'Se connecter'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'toutes les catégories', 'toutes les étiquettes', and 'Catégories'. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'Catégorie' and 'Sujets'. The 'Catégorie' column lists 'Collectif' and 'Services' with their respective descriptions and sub-topics. The 'Sujets' column lists recent forum topics with their titles, authors, and timestamps. The topics listed are:

- Mais où est donc le PiPhone de LaQuadratureDuNet? Devenu Parlementaires.JS! (2 replies, 1 h)
- Collaboration sur la Documentation (22 replies, 1 h)
- Bug avec libreto (5 replies, 1 h)
- Etre présent à l'Estival du Dauphiné le 10 juin 2023? (5 replies, 2 h)
- [ASSO] Partie Gouvernance (30 replies, 4 h)
- Courriel et listes de diffusions (29 replies, 5 h)
- Besoin d'aide pour m'héberger (2 replies, 5 h)

<https://forum.chatons.org/>

CHATONS Governance

- Decisions concerning the collective are taken in a collegial manner during our monthly meetings and on our discussion forum.
- Each member organization can propose a project for the collective on the condition that it takes charge of its realization.
- Since 2019, a coordinator facilitate, promote and strengthen activities of several working groups.
- Working groups in progress:
 - legal
 - a11y-libre
 - stats.chatons.org
 - chat-ravane
 - backup sharing
 - an association for the collective
 - chatons.org v3



Questions ?

