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- born 1962 in northern Germany
- 1982 – 1989 Study „Theoretical Physics“ und „Philosophy“  
(University Göttingen, University Heidelberg)
- since 1986 active in the Chaos Computer Club
- first Anti-Virus-Software world-wide (Vienna-Virus, 1987)
- since 1987 independent Softworker (ESA, Cryptography,...)
- since 1998 in Switzerland (Dornach/SO and Zürich)
- since 2003 founding member of the board of the  
Wau-Holland-Stiftung (WHS)



# *Hacker - Species*



## *Black Hat*

- „The dark side of the Force“
- Commercial / criminal
- „Secret knowledge“

# *Hacker - Species*



## *Black Hat Conference*

- since 1997 in the USA
- Nowadays world-wide
- Sister of DEFCON
- Established event
- Founder „Dark Tangent“ is (or was?) consultant for DHS (Homeland Security) and ICANN



# *Hacker - Species*



## *White Hat*

- The harmless ones...
- Commercial / legalised
- Hacking as a job...

# *Hacker - Species*



## *Gray Hat*

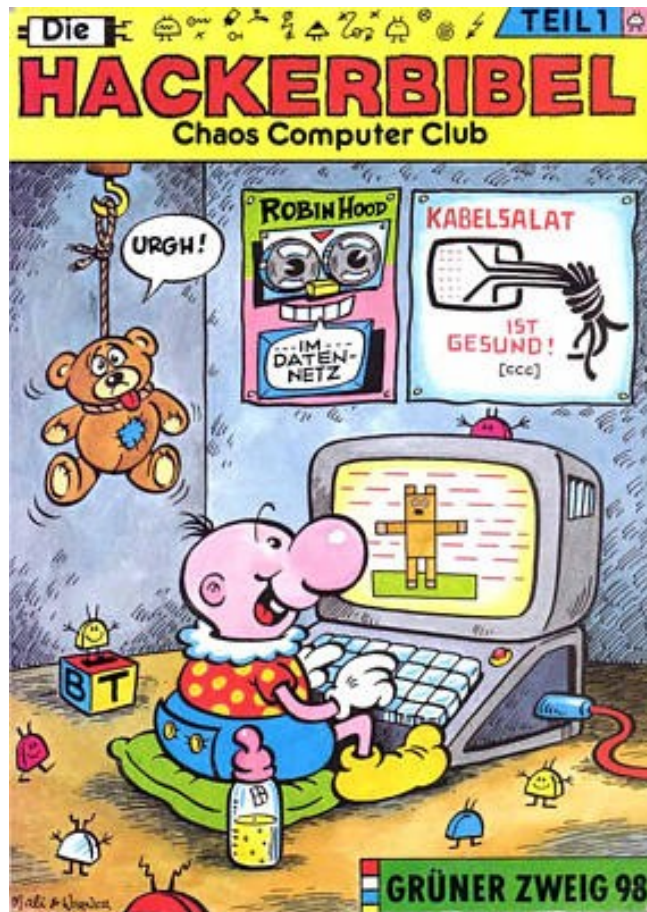
- The political Hacktivists
- Anti-commercial: „No hacks for money“
- Ethical Guidelines

# *Hacker Ethics*

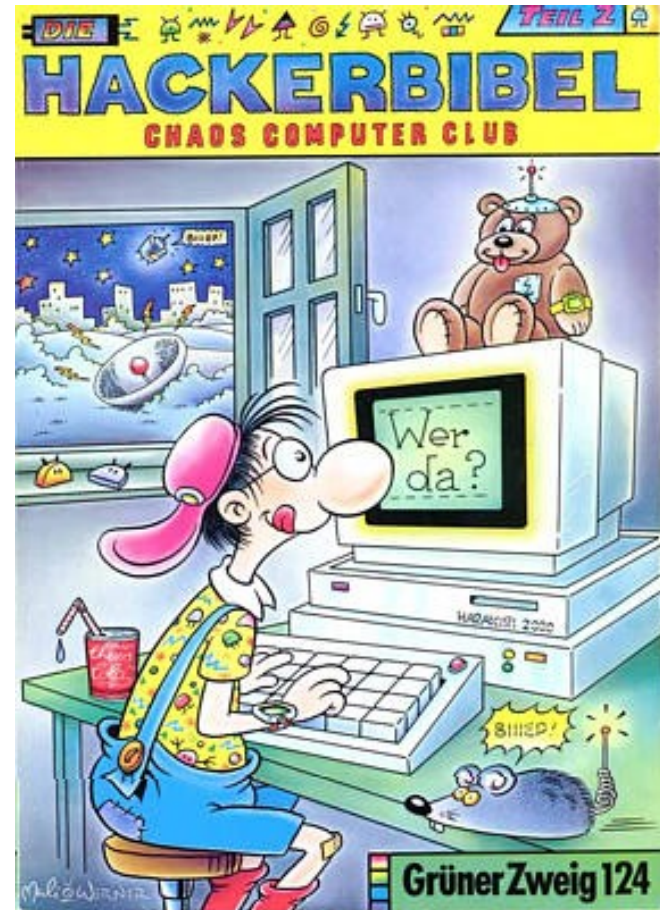
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The term comes from the Greek word *ēthos* (ἦθος), which means "character". [...] In philosophy, ethics studies the moral behavior in humans, and how one should act.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethics>



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~ 1750

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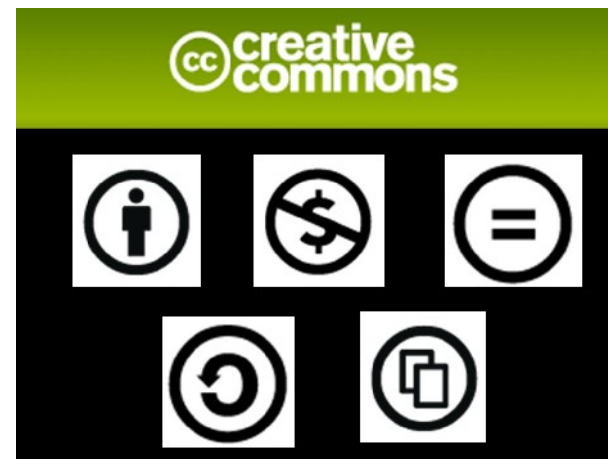
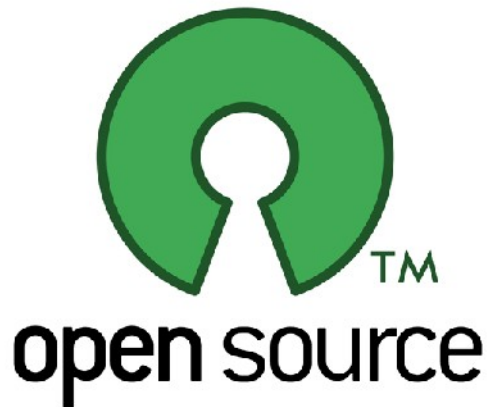
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**„ Information wants to be free. Information also wants to be expensive. Information wants to be free because it has become so cheap to distribute, copy, and recombine - too cheap to meter. It wants to be expensive because it can be immeasurably valuable to the recipient.  
*That tension will not go away [...]*“**

*Stewart Brand (1985)*

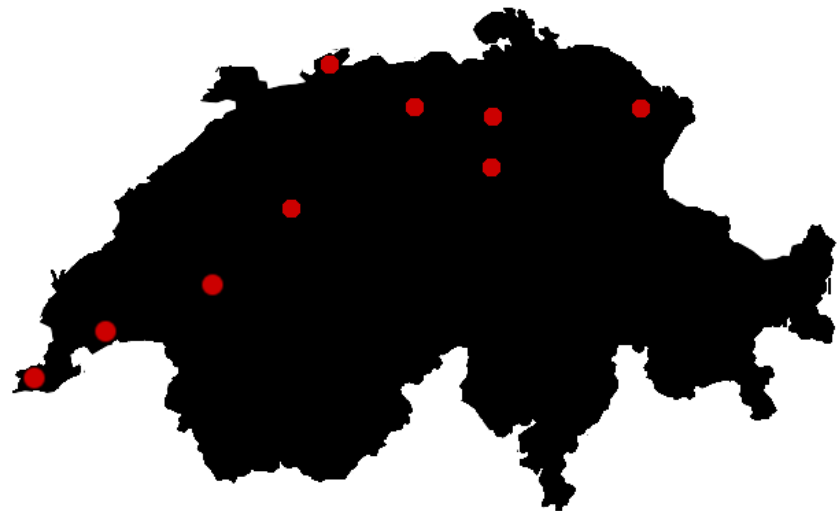
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Project „Blinkenlights“: French National Library Opening (2002)

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- Computers can change your life for the better
- [ccc] *Don't mess with other people's data*
- [ccc] ***Utilize public information, protect private information.***

# Hacker Ethics (CCC Focus)

- Mistrust authority – promote decentralization
- *Utilize public information, protect private information.*



**Freedom of  
Information**



**Informational  
Self-Determination**



# ***Hacker Ethics 2.0 (WHS)***

- ***Informational Self-Determination***

= „sovereignty over your own data“ (BVG court decision „Census'87“)

- Cryptography as libertarian tool for everyone
- Political implications, relationship between government and people
- Maintaining anonymity on the Internet

- ***Freedom of Information***

- „Freedom of Information Act“ (FoIA) / „Transparency laws“
- Access to public information (OpenData initiative)
- By-passing active and passive censorship

***Wait, important things are missing here ...***

# *Hacker Ethics 2.0 (WHS)*

- *Informational Self-Determination*
- *Freedom of Information*
- *Freedom of Communication*
- *Respect and Responsibility*
- *Caring and Sharing*

# Hacker Ethics 2.0 (WHS)

- **Informational Self-Determination**
- **Freedom of Information**
- **Freedom of Communication**
  - Right to free and unhampered communication world-wide



Heinrich von Stephan  
(1831 - 1897)

**versus**

Leopold I. von Taxis  
(1522 - 1612)



# ***Hacker Ethics 2.0 (WHS)***

- ***Informational Self-Determination***
- ***Freedom of Information***
- ***Freedom of Communication***
- ***Respect and Responsibility***
  - Respect the information rights of other people
  - Educate people about their rights and responsibilities
  - Help people to exercise their information rights – especially if they can't do it themselves.

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- ***Caring and Sharing***
  - Share your applications and algorithms with everyone – under a „Free/Libre Open-Source Software“ (FLOSS) license
  - Share your creative works with everyone – under a „Creative Commons“ (CC) license
  - Share your knowledge with everyone – especially with kids!

# Hacker Ethics 2.0 (draft)

## Freedom of Information

Access to computers – and anything which might teach you something about the way the world works – should be unlimited and total.

- You all are possessors of the human knowledge and nobody can be its owner. You have the right to free access to this knowledge; your rights can't be restricted by property claims (patents).
- All information that is generated, related to or financed by a community of people must be publically accessible; your transparency rights can't be restricted by censorship or claim of official secret.

## Freedom of Information

- You have the right to free and unhampered communication and information exchange.
- You have the right to communicate confidentially.
- You have the right to be incommunicado.

## Informational Self-Determination

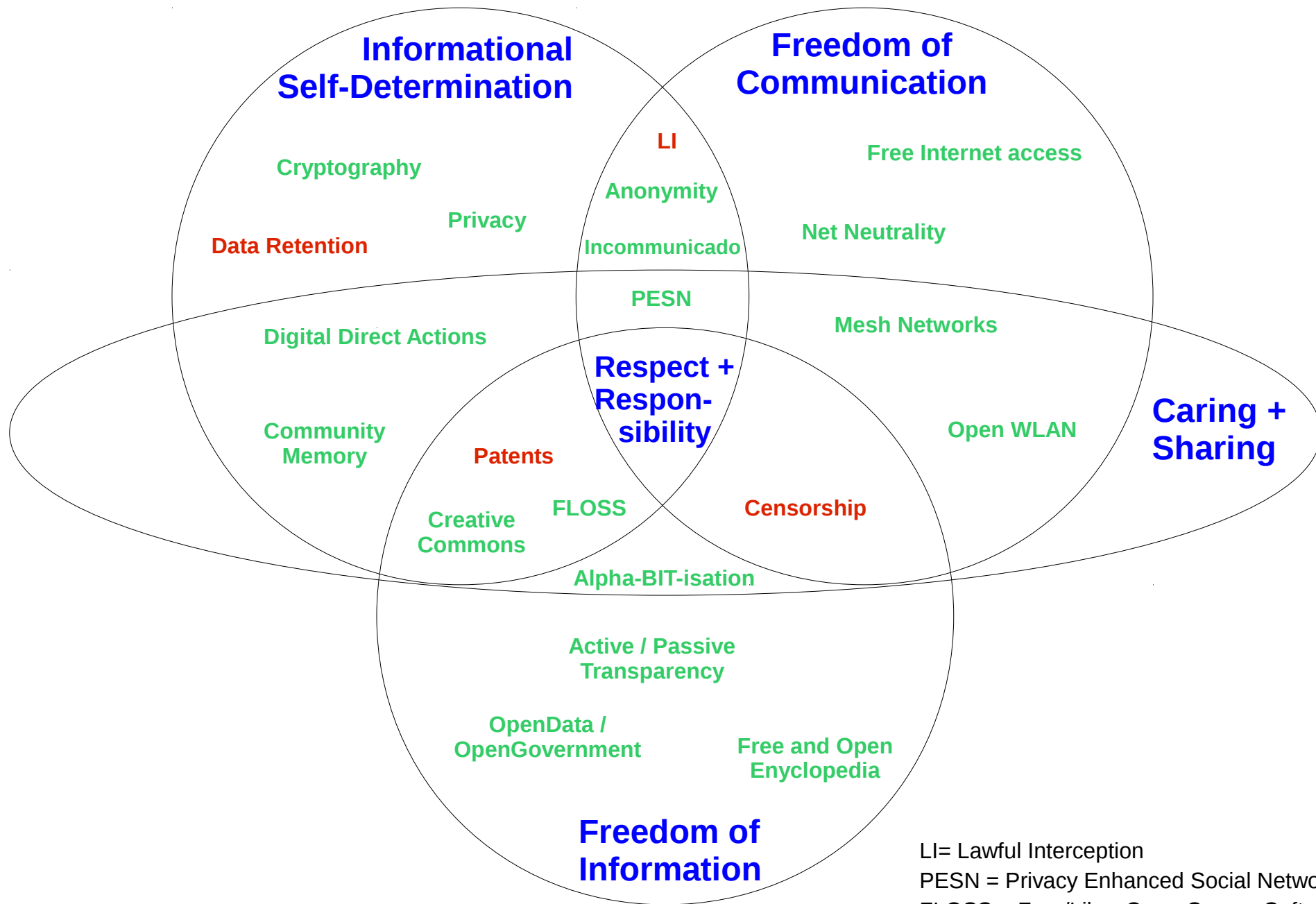
- You have unlimited sovereignty over your own data.
- You have the right to stay anonymous in communication and internet access.

## Sharing and Caring

- Share your programs and algorithms with everyone under a free/libre open-source license.
- Share your art and media with everyone under a creative commons license.
- Share your knowledge with everyone – especially kids.

## Respect and Responsibility

- Respect the information rights of others as much as your own. Educate and help others to exercise these rights.
- Judge co-hackers by their hacking, not criteria such as degrees, age, race, sex, or position.
- Mistrust authority – promote decentralization.



LI= Lawful Interception  
 PESN = Privacy Enhanced Social Networks  
 FLOSS = Free/Libre Open-Source Software



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