The Startup Hangover: Supporting 15 mil users

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a·nal·o·gy /əˈnaləjē/

Noun:
1. A comparison between two things, typically on the basis of their structure and for the purpose of explanation or clarification.
2. A correspondence or partial similarity.

Synonyms: similarity - resemblance - likeness - parity - parallel

More info » Wikipedia - Dictionary.com - Answers.com - Merriam-Webster

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Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956

Statutory Rules 1956 No. 90 as amended

made under the

Customs Act 1901

4W Importation of cat or dog fur

(1) In this regulation:

authorised person means a person authorised in writing by the Minister for this regulation.

cat fur means the pelt or hair of an animal of the species *Felis catus*.

cat or dog fur product means a product or other thing that consists, wholly or partly, of cat fur or dog fur.

dog fur means the pelt or hair of an animal of the species *Canis familiaris*.

(2) The importation into Australia of cat fur, dog fur or a cat or dog fur product is prohibited unless:

(a) permission to import the goods has been granted under subregulation (3) and is in force; and

(b) the permission is produced to the Collector.

(3) The Minister, or an authorised person, may, on application, grant a permission, in writing, for the importation of cat fur, dog fur or a cat or dog fur product.

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Object-Oriented Programming: An Objective Sense of Style

K. Lieberherr, I. Holland, A. Riel

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We introduce a simple, programming language independent rule (known in-house as the Law of Demeter^{TM}) which encodes the ideas of encapsulation and modularity in an easy to follow form for the object-oriented programmer. You tend to get the

law of nature

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Greenspuns Tenth Rule Of Programming

This is a humorous observation once made by PhilipGreenspun:

> *Any sufficiently complicated C or Fortran program contains an ad-hoc, informally-specified, bug-ridden, slow implementation of half of CommonLisp.*

http://philip.greenspun.com/research/

RobertMorris?'s addendum: "Including Common Lisp."

SOUNDCLOUD

STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Eric Wahlforss

CTO OF SOUNDCLOUD

ABOUT

BOOTSTRAPPING

4 STORIES ABOUT

SOUNDCLOUD

25 MIO. PEOPLE

1 MIO. REGISTERED USERS

FLICKR FOR AUDIO

MOVED FROM STHLM SWEDEN TO BERLIN GERMANY

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- MEETING THE SCANDINAVIAN VC GUY
- DOWN AT RICKETY OFFICE
- NICKING THE FINNISH DESIGN CHAIRS FROM HIS GARAGE

ERIC: "I STILL HAVE THEM!"

BOOTSTRAPPING YOUR OFFICE SPACE

2

THROW A PARTY!

- WE HAD A GREAT ROOFTOP
- FLEW IN THE MOST INTERESTING SOUNDCLOUD USERS
- THEY PLAYED SETS + INVITED THEIR FRIEND
- PARTY LASTED FOR 2 DAYS!
- APPLICATIONS ARRIVED

OFFICE GOT TRASHED

BOOTSTRAP YOUR COMMUNITY

3

REMEMBER THIS!

- CO-FOUNDER ALEX HAD THIS LEATHER JACKET
- WE KNEW THIS LASER CUTTING GUY
- PUT SOUNDCLOUD LOGO ON THE JACKET
- WORE THE JACKET EVERYDAY
- PEACOCKING IS POWERFUL!

SOUNDCLOUD

BOOTSTRAP YOUR FUNDING

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SoundCloud: share your rocking tunes in a super effective way (invites)

23RD JUNE 2008 *by* ERNST-JAN PFAUTH

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SoundCloud hits 3 Million users, grows by 50% in 100 days

10TH FEBRUARY 2011 *by* MARTIN BRYANT

Just the other day we declared 2011 "The year of social audio", and new figures from SoundCloud today seem to bear that out.

The audio sharing platform has

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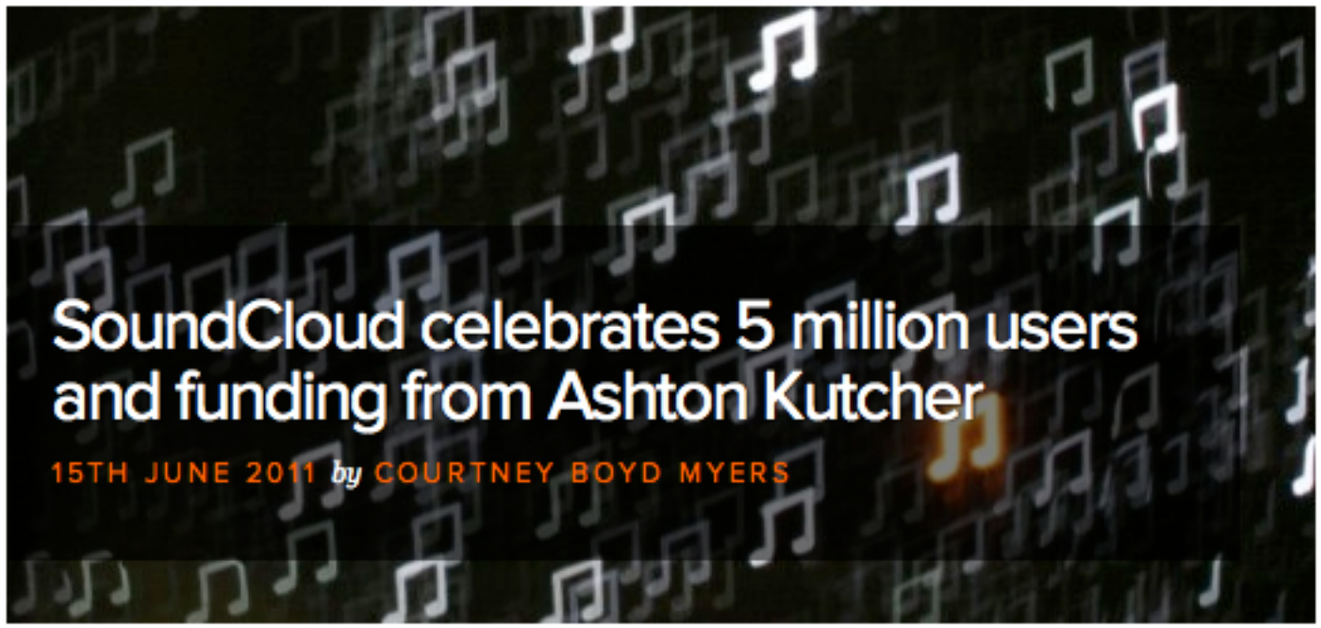

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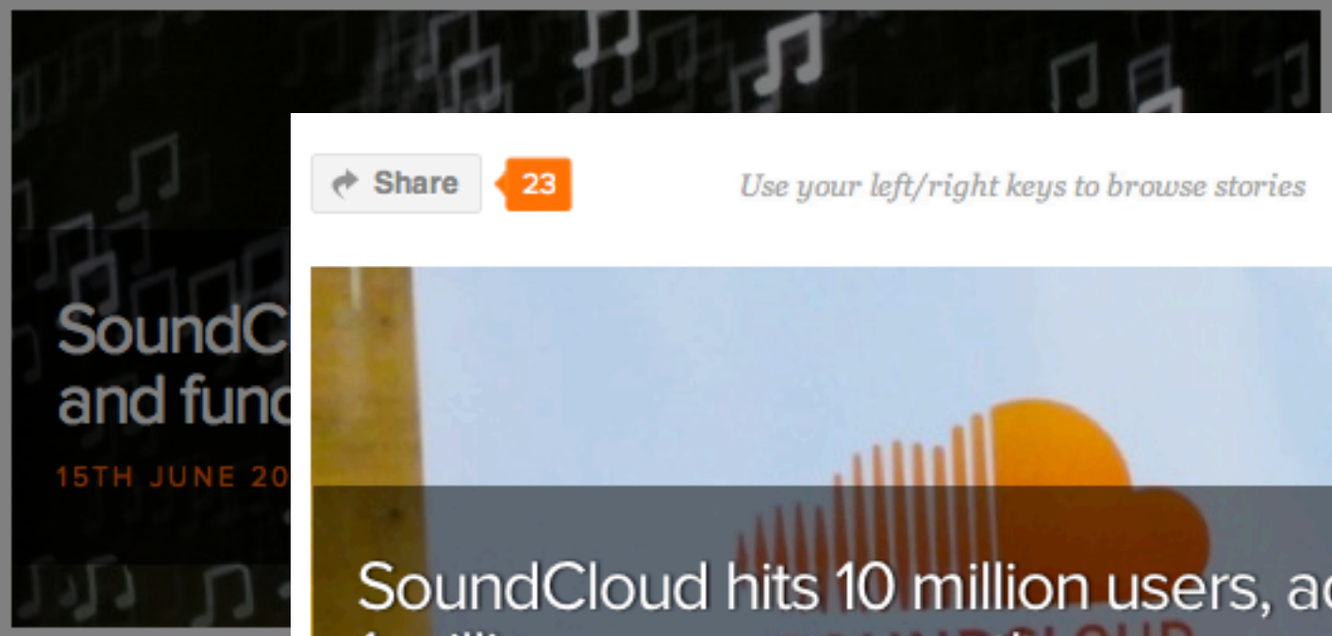

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Audio sharing platform SoundCloud has announced that it has signed up a total of 10 million users, rapid acceleration in takeup for the startup which launched in 2008 and had just 3 million users in February 2011

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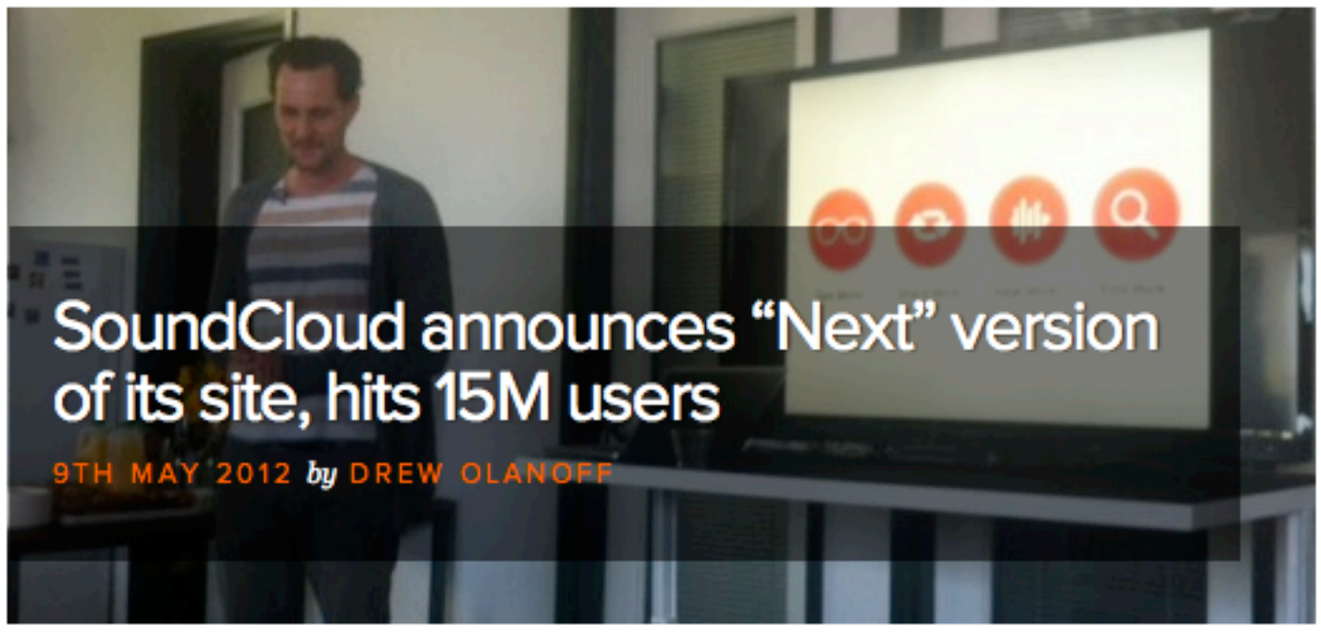

SoundCloud announces "Next" version of its site, hits 15M users

9TH MAY 2012 *by* DREW OLANOFF

Social audio sharing service SoundCloud is announcing its "next" version of the

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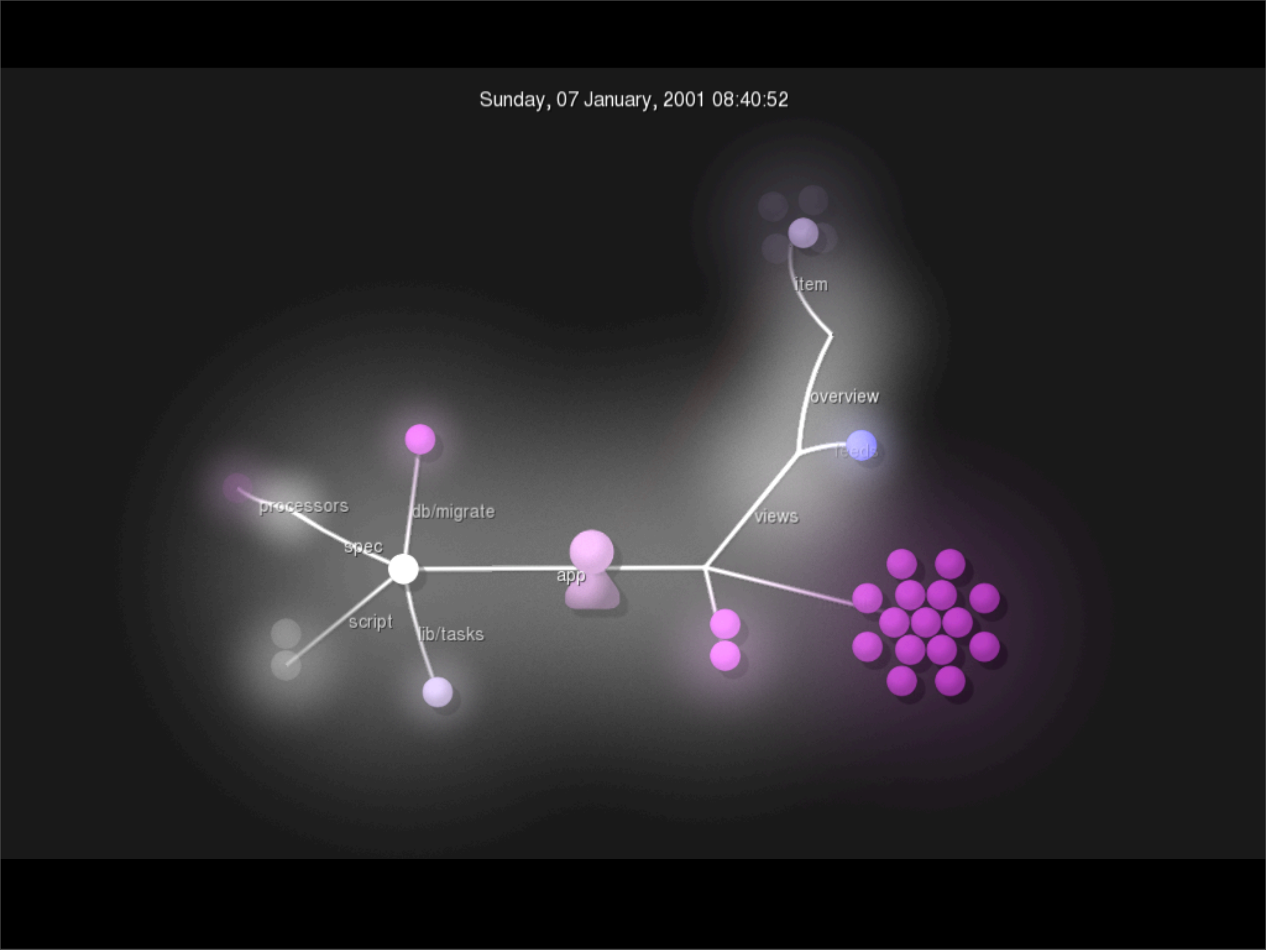

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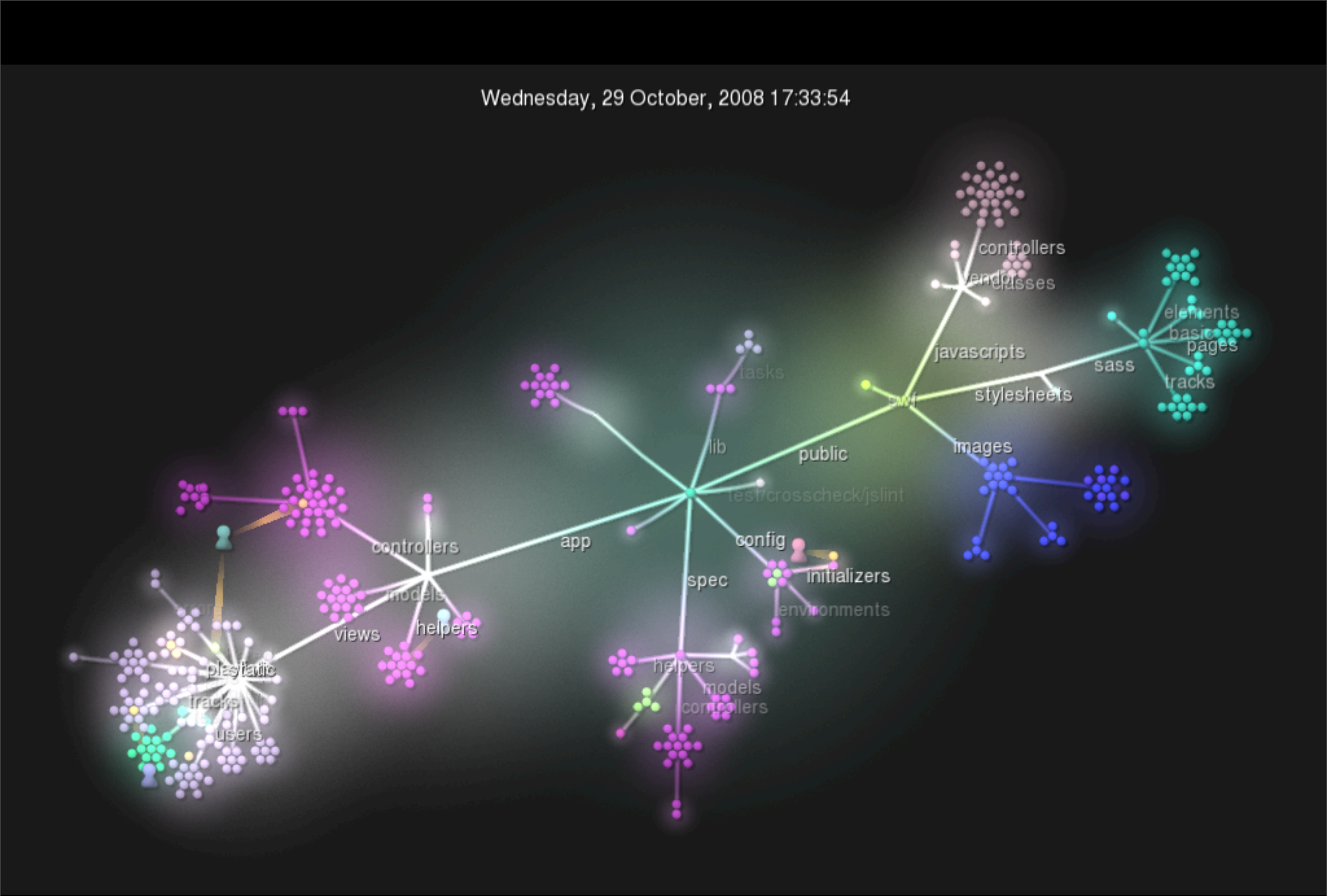

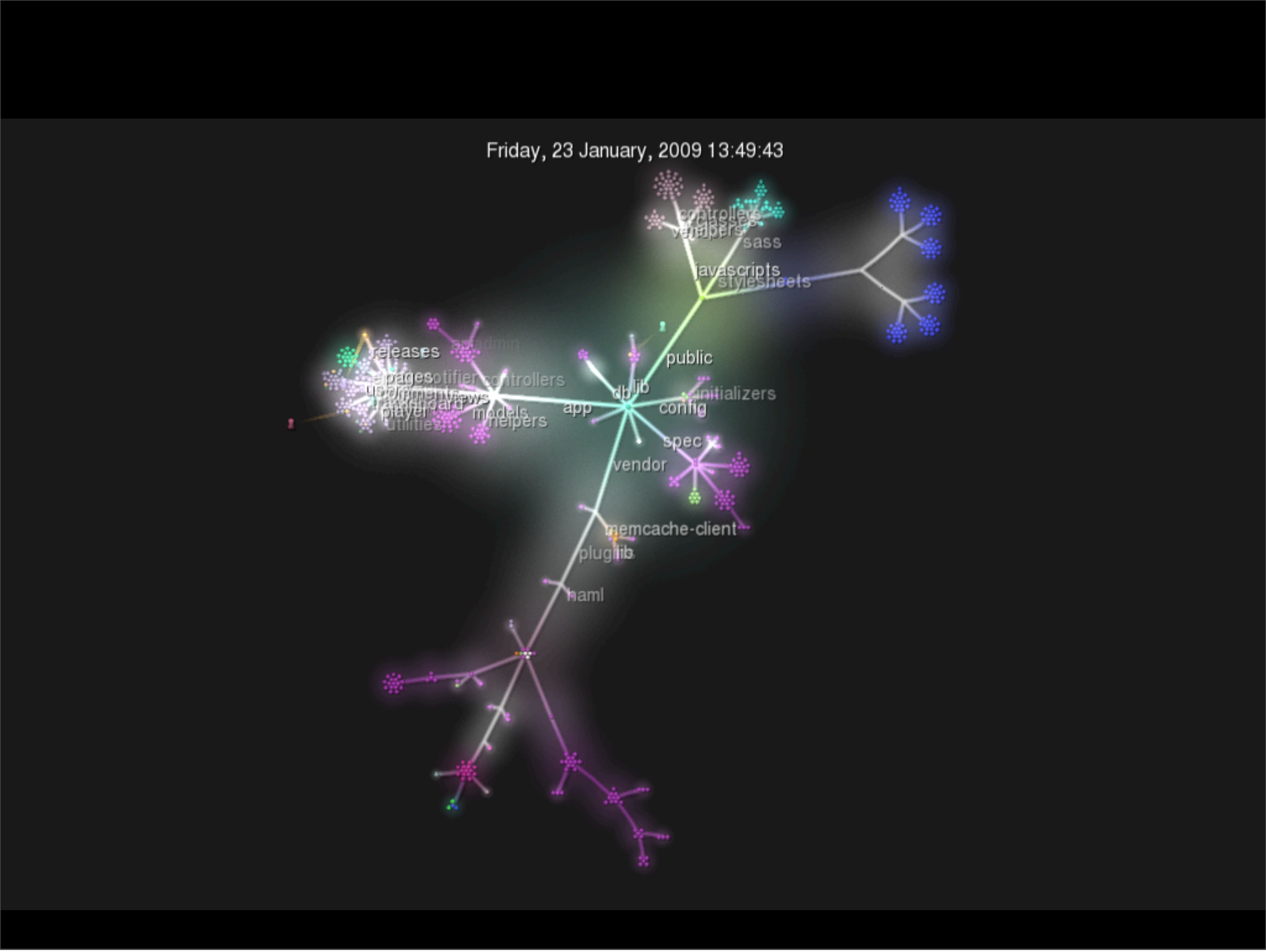
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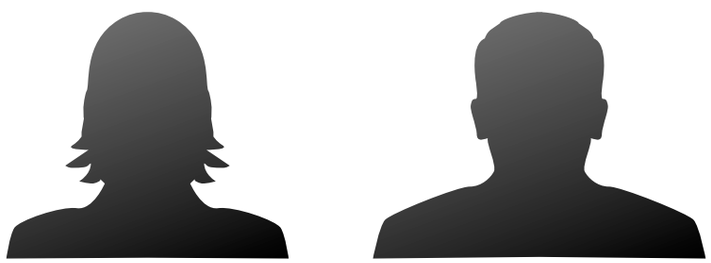

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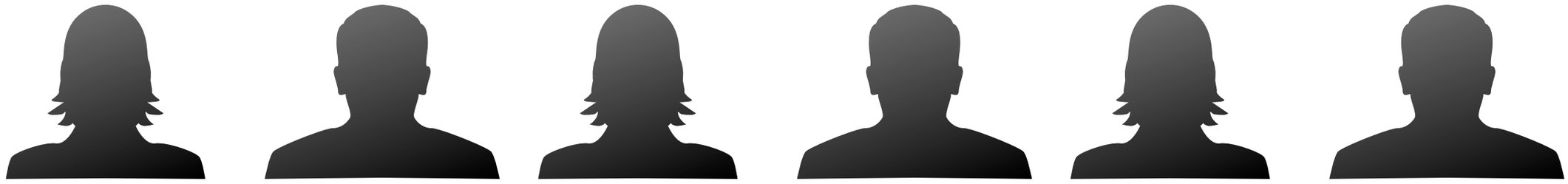

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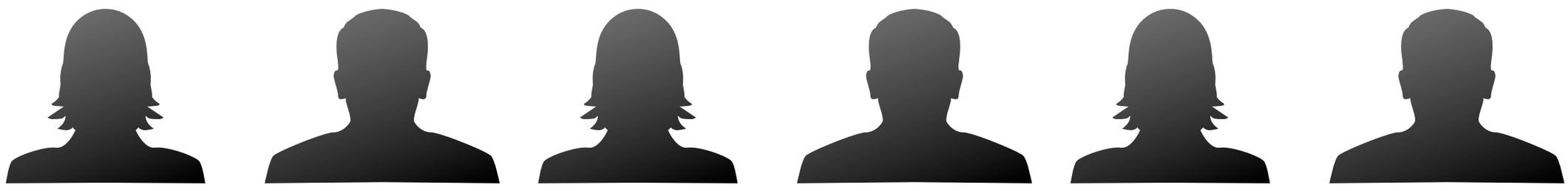

law of nature

How Do Committees Invent?

Melvin E. Conway

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Datamation magazine,
where it appeared April, 1968.

Conclusion

The basic thesis of this article is that organizations which design systems (in the broad sense used here) are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations. We have seen that this fact has

no point in

fighting nature

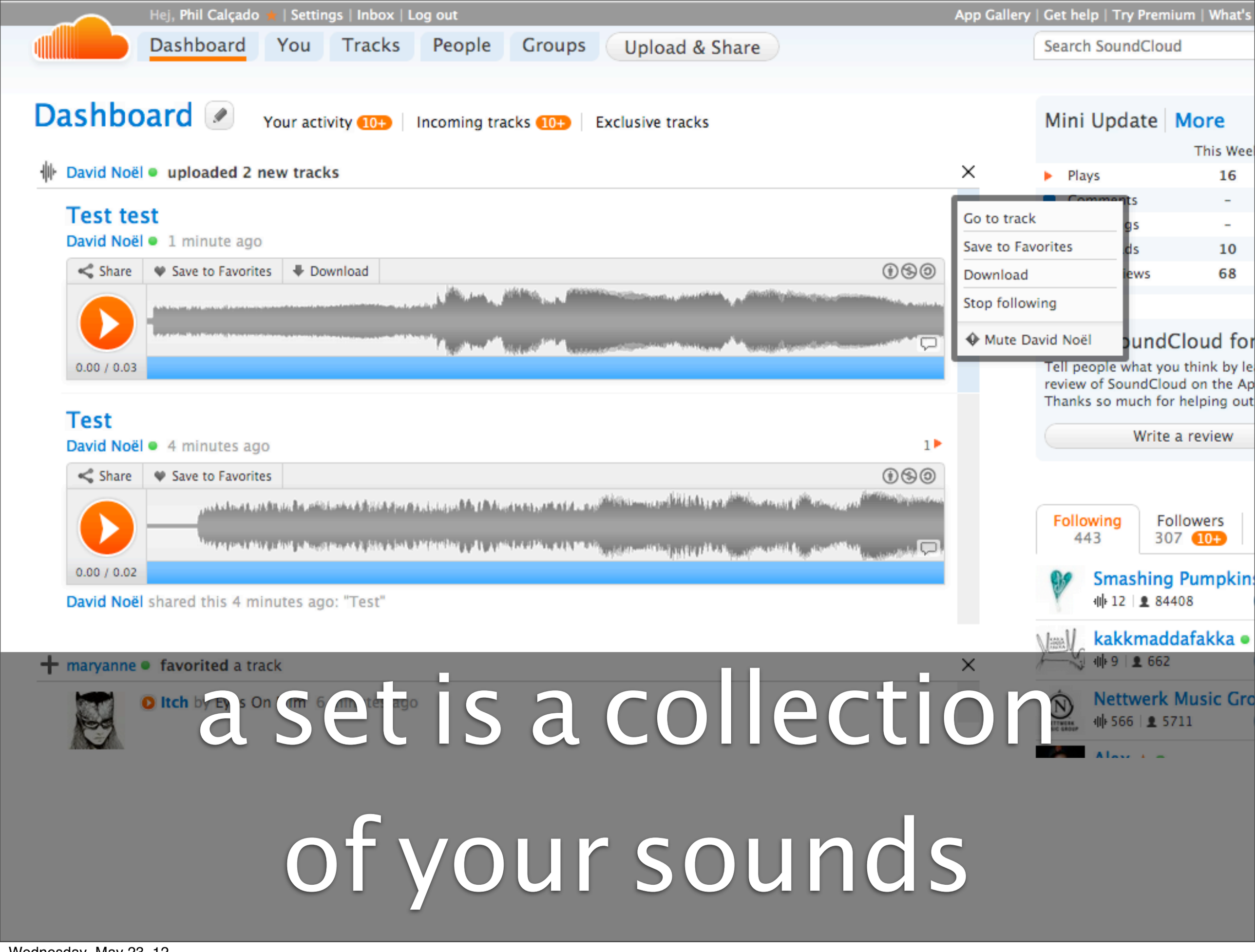
Service A

Service B

Service C

teams are built around goals, not systems

making layers explicit



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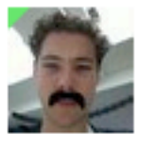

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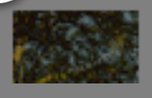

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add other users' sounds to a set

application layer

vs.

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teams are end_to_end

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you built it?

you support it

automate yourself

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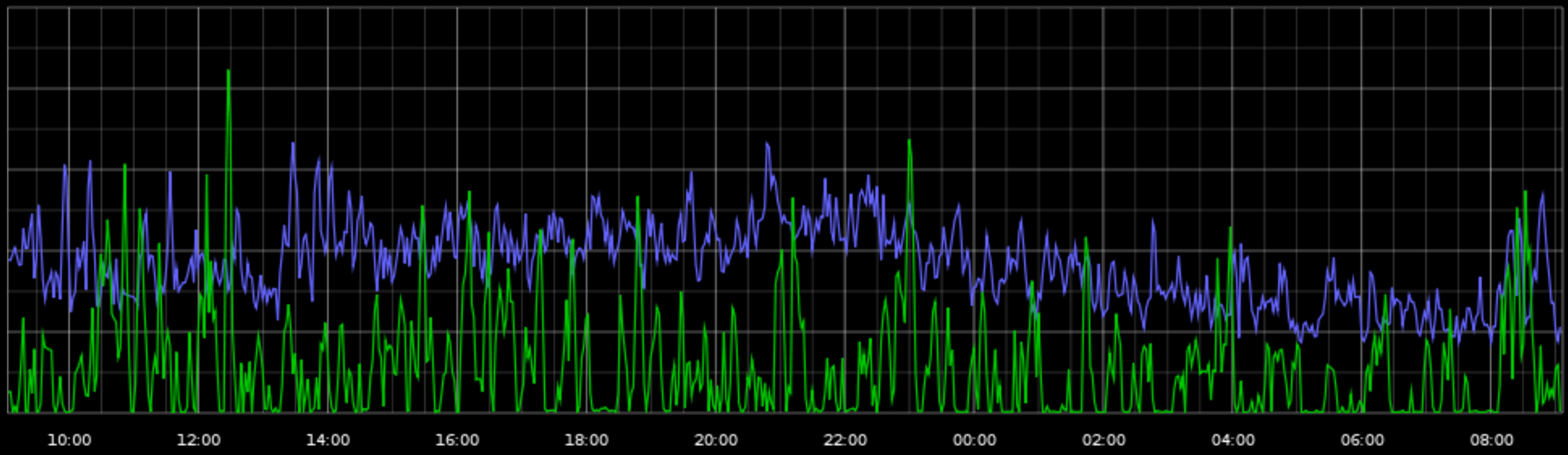

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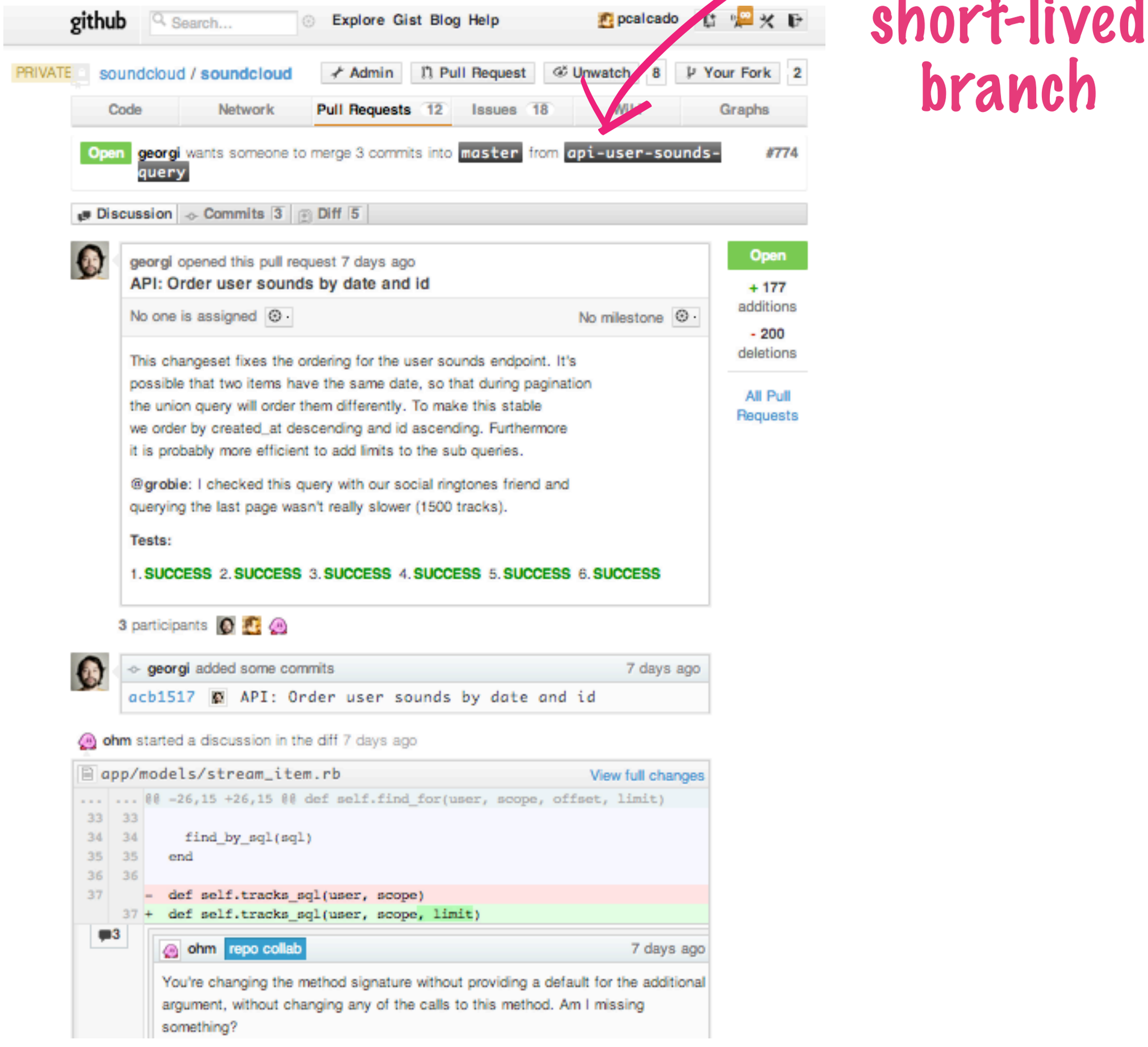

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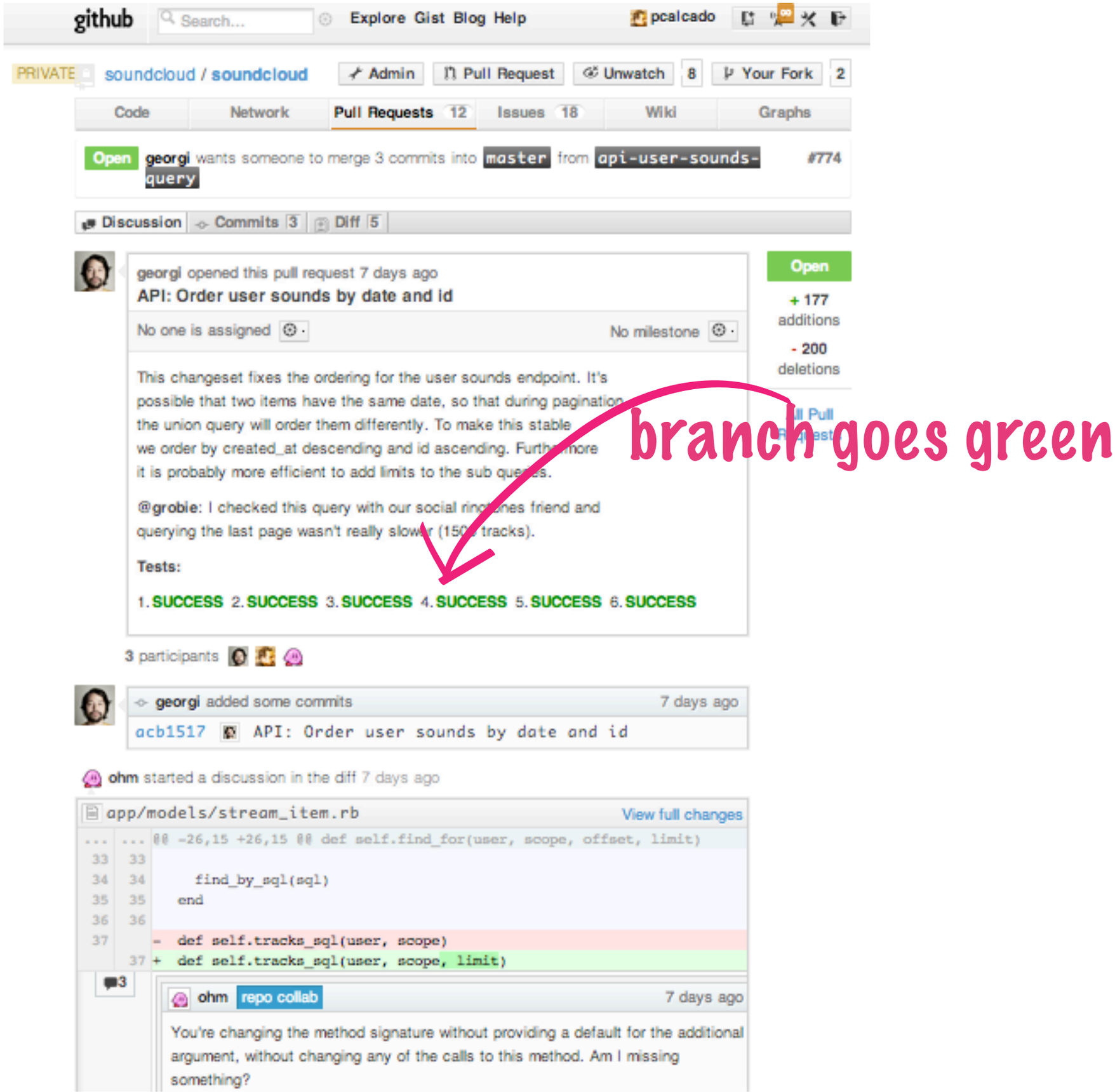
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use the best tool for the job, but practice empathy

no_brainer choices:

ruby, go, scala, java, R

our fav outliers:

node.js, clojure,

haskell, python

law we make up

everyone is an architect

bad calls are ok,
gather feedback fast and
make sure we can revert it
when needed

law we make up

end_to_end testing before checking in code

impersonators / stubs / mocks

for everything we can

and we often can

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[ivy:retrieve] :: resolving dependencies :: org.apache#bananiser;working@28cfdaf2bcaa.netpoint.com
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    [junit] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Time elapsed: 0.265 sec
    [junit] Running com.soundcloud.bananiser.SeqFileCompatibleMapperTest
    [junit] Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Time elapsed: 0.022 sec
    [junit] Running com.soundcloud.bananiser.utilities.BananaUtilityTest
    [junit] Tests run: 3, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Time elapsed: 0.09 sec
    [junit] Running com.soundcloud.bananiser.utilities.CatUtilityTest
    [junit] Tests run: 0, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Time elapsed: 0.001 sec
    [junit] Running com.soundcloud.bananiser.utilities.cat.CatMapperTest
    [junit] Tests run: 2, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Time elapsed: 0.003 sec

pack:
      [jar] Building jar: /Users/pcalcado/code/foss/bananiser/target/bananiser.jar

functional-test:
     [echo] ================================ Test: Text->Text
     [exec] 2012-05-23 09:51:33.999 java[94438:1903] Unable to load realm info from SCDynamicStore
     [exec] 12/05/23 09:51:34 INFO security.UserGroupInformation: JAAS Configuration already set up for Hadoop, not re-installi
     [exec] 12/05/23 09:51:34 INFO jvm.JvmMetrics: Initializing JVM Metrics with processName=JobTracker, sessionId=
     [exec] 12/05/23 09:51:34 WARN util.NativeCodeLoader: Unable to load native-hadoop library for your platform... using built
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law we make up

product manager is a benevolent dictator

and they often can code

law we make up

20% time is sacred

just don’t have the whole team going away at once

law we make up

no multi_tasking

everyone is a singleton

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"done" means someone is using it (a.k.a. continuous deployment)

cycle time: ~3 days

law we make up

measure all the things

:10
06:20
06:30
06:40
06:50
07:00
07:10
07:20
07:30
stats.support.twitter.mentions
stats.support.twitter.other
stats.support.twitter.sharings

Qs?

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