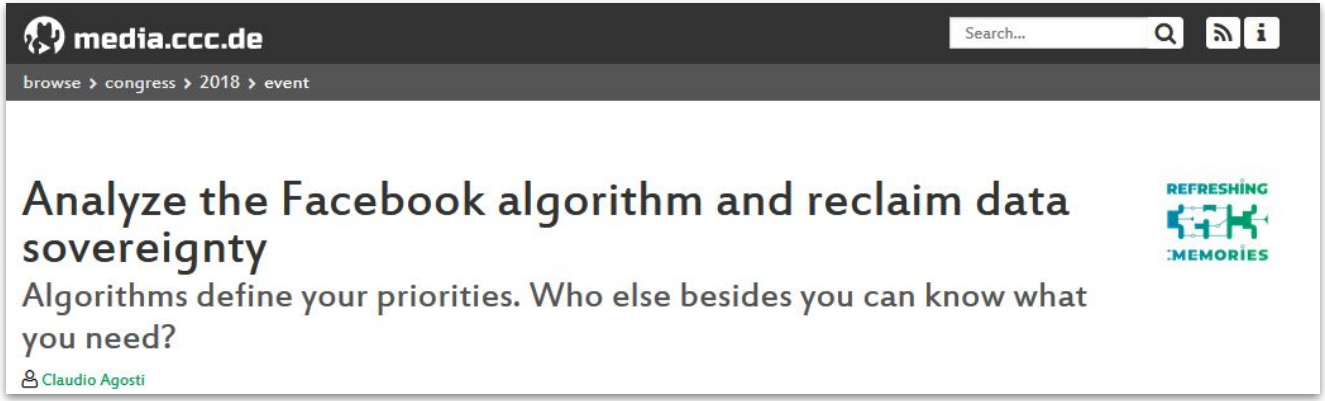
- Browser extension (* mostly)
- Copy and republish (scrape/repost) events
- So we say “*Liberates events*” from proprietary platforms onto Free Libre & Open Source decentralized networks

https://libr.events

🚀 How it started?



- Scraper to analyze Facebook's misleading behavior
- Awareness-raising was one goal, but not the end goal
- To learn more: https://tracking.exposed

🚀 How it is going?

- The migration to federated platforms has begun
- But … network effect and critical mass remain a problem
- Surveillance capitalism has a monopoly status
- And **no regulations yet for interoperability across platforms**

🚀 Events travel through the Fediverse / ActivityPub

- https://joinmobilizon.org
- https://gath.io
- https://gancio.org

gathio

Nicer events

New event

Librevents: “liberating” data from Big Tech

Edit event

Theater Hall E.T.I. @ HIP 2022

Wednesday 28 December 2022 from 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm (CET)
in 6 days

https://gath.io/uYqcC7WYD9jKxg7yfXNin Copy

@uYqcC7WYD9jKxg7yfXNin@gath.io Copy

Add to Google Calendar

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@vecna Will you attend Librevents: “liberating” data from Big Tech? (If you reply "Yes", you'll be listed as an attendee on the event page.)

Yes

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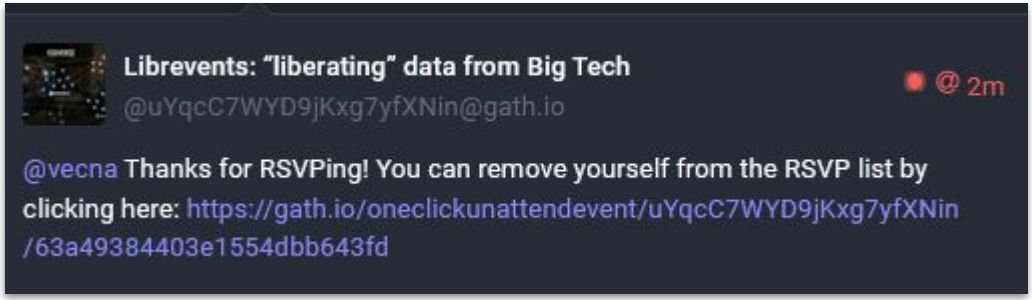
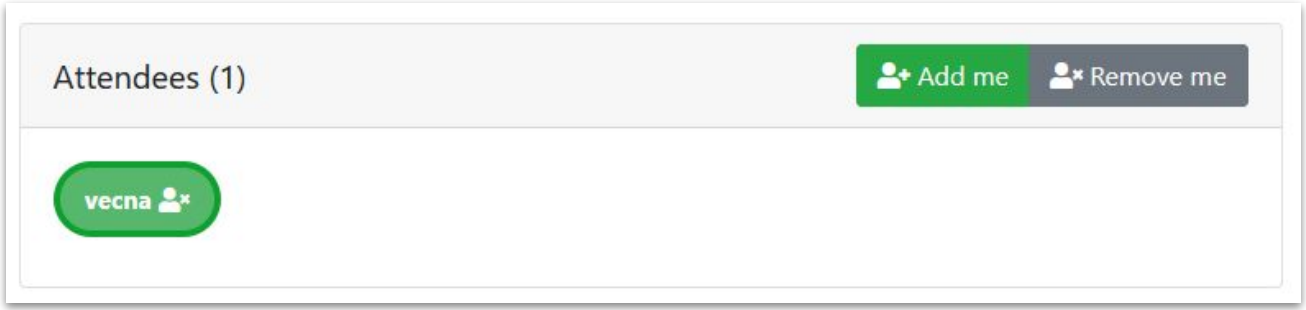
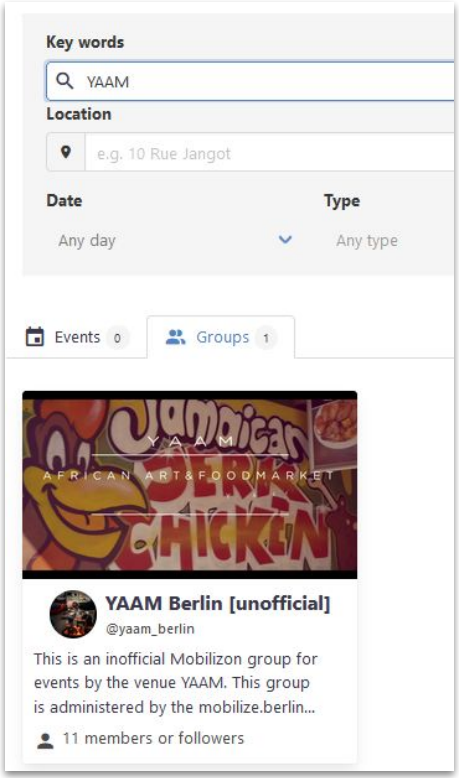
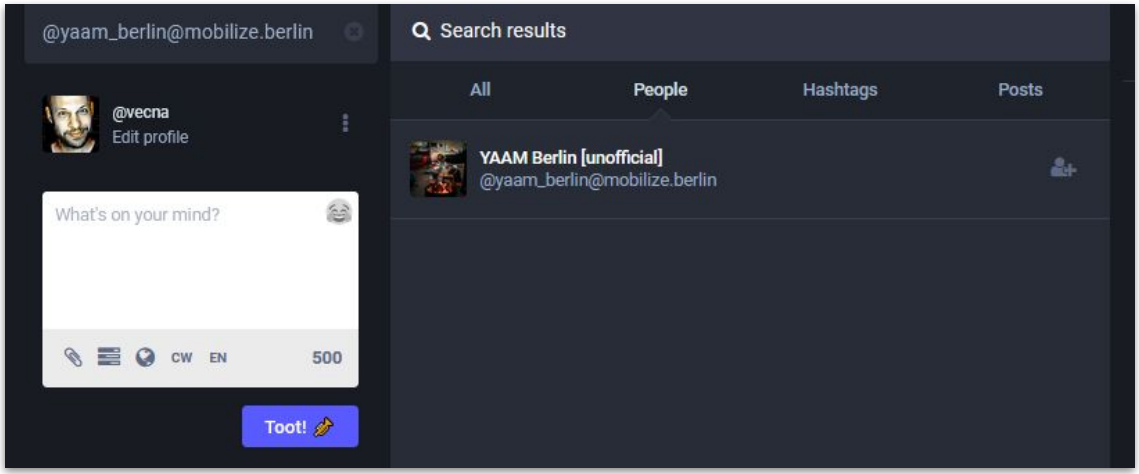
🚀 Examples of *gath.io* interactions





🚀 Follow Event Organizers From *Mobilizon*





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October 2021

Deutscher Feiertag - Deutsche Gewaltnacht // About Blank

Berlin

No participants yet

September 2021

arch 0.5: Flaminia, JacqNoise, Jamaica Suk, Peter Kirn

Berlin

No participants yet

Occupy, Schulden und Bullshit-Jobs - Ein Abend zum 1. Todestag David Graebers

Berlin

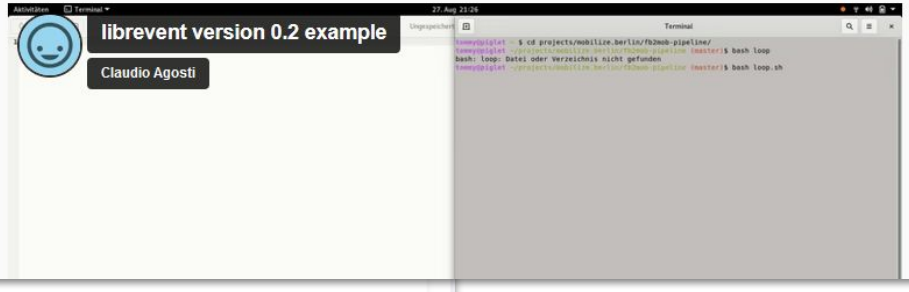
One participant

#2nd Adversarial Interoperability Hackathon

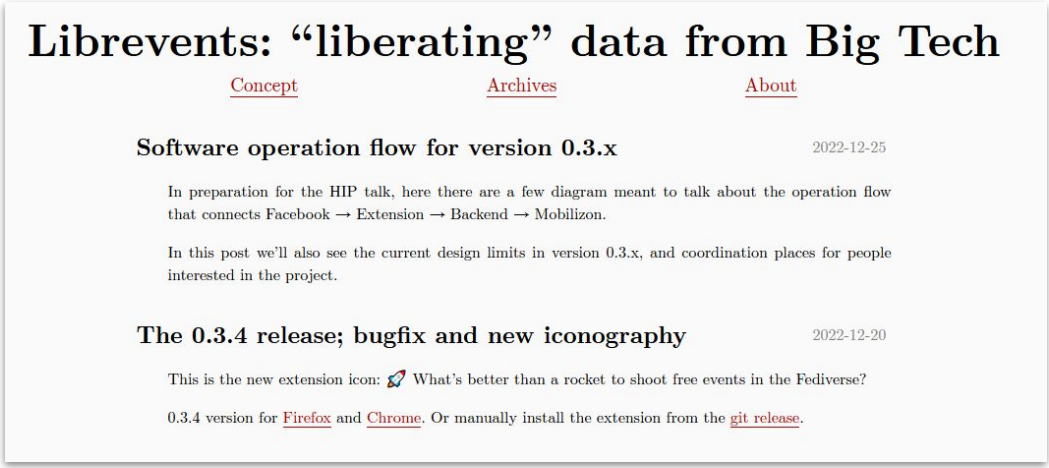
Since version 0.2 of librevent we are moving to a more advanced design. In this hackathon we will address and discuss the limitations found in the previous model. We will discuss limitations (the use of our scripts is subordinated to having a fixed list of groups), technological (facebook's HTML is intentionally obfuscated to prevent any form of scraping) and usability, also because of the thoughts we had about the target audience.

Version 0.2 of librevent

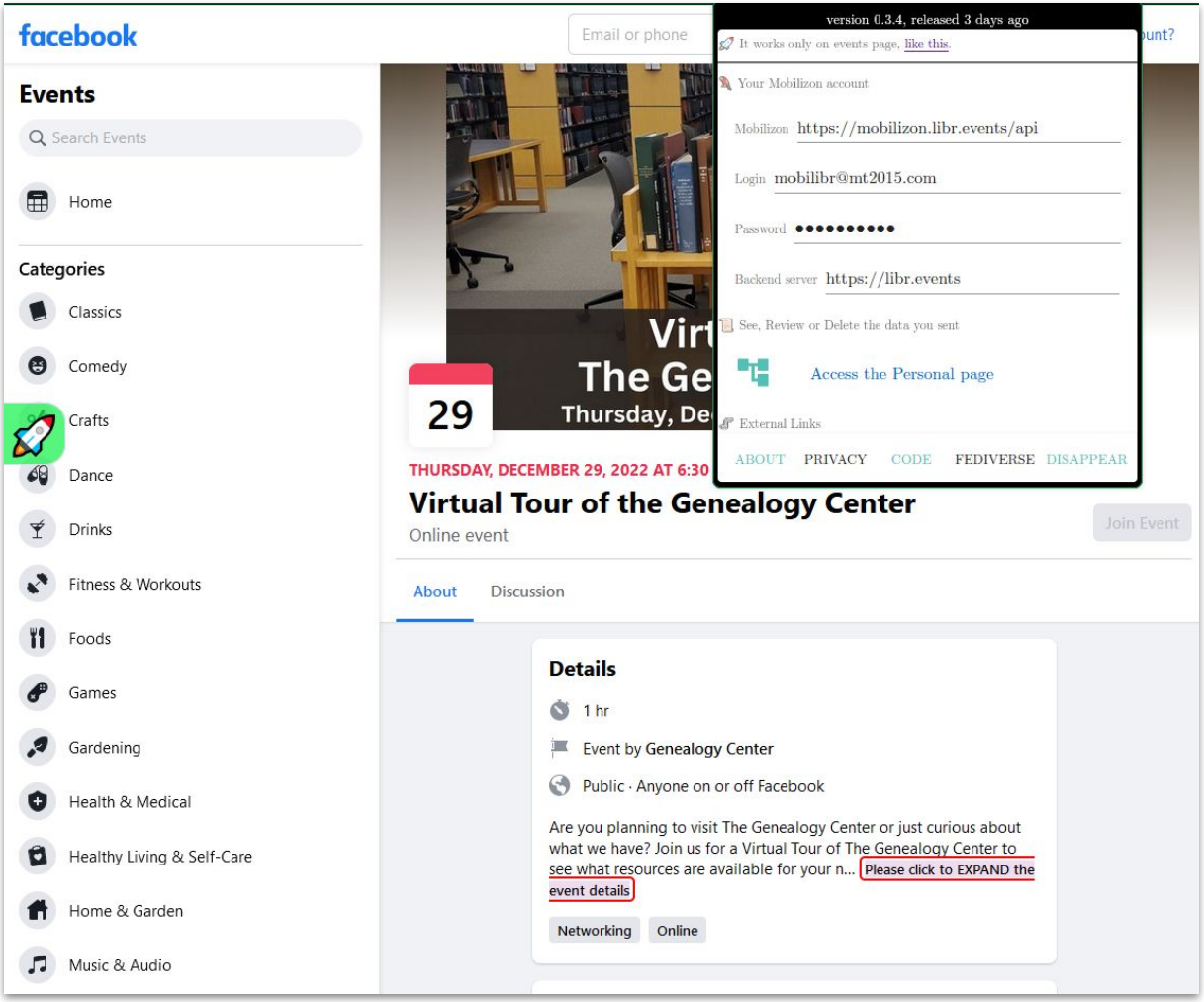
The mechanism below (developed by Tommy & Claudio), enables advocate to repost *semi-automatically* events from a selected list of organizers.



🚀 Automation isn't a feature, accessibility is



🚀 Version 0.3.x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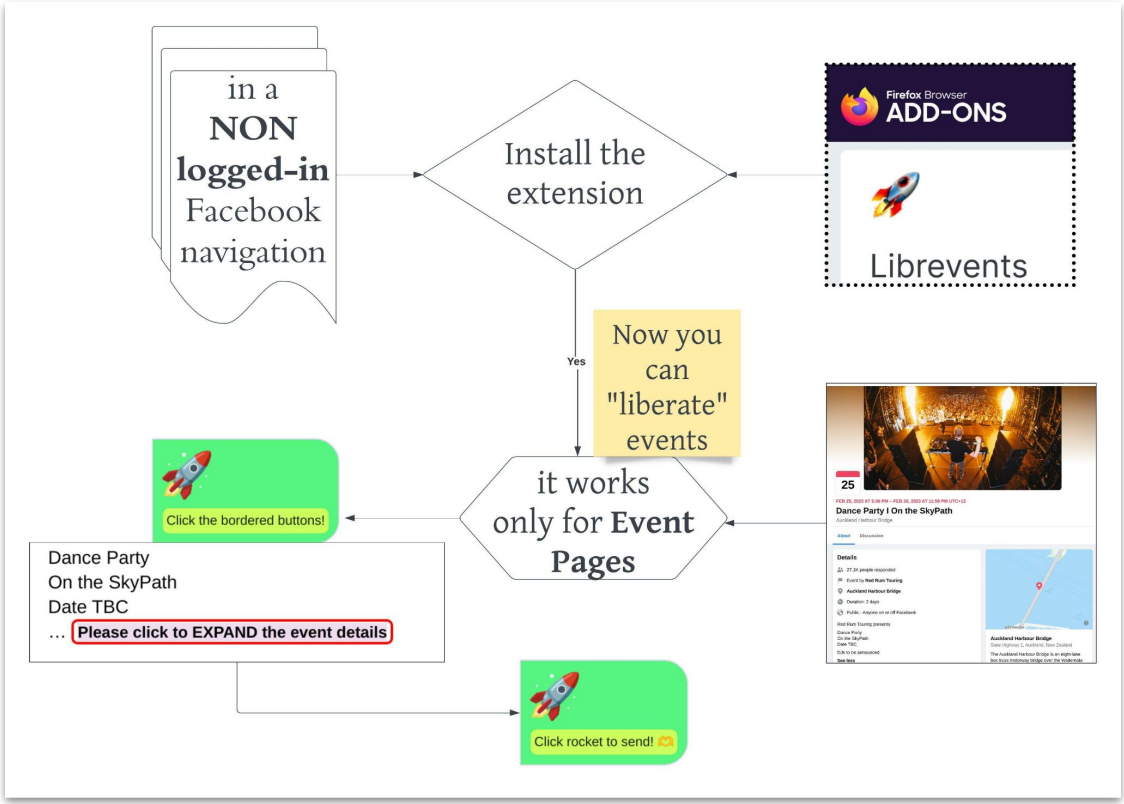

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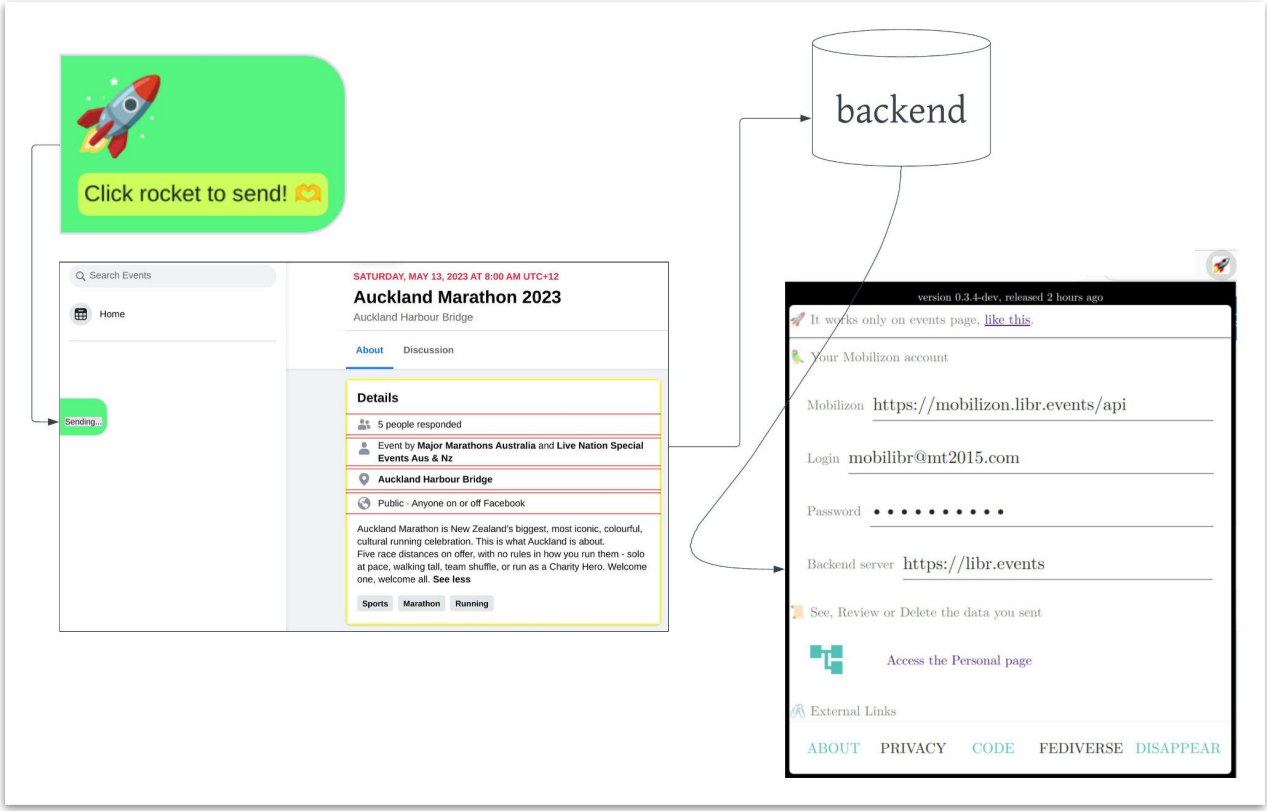

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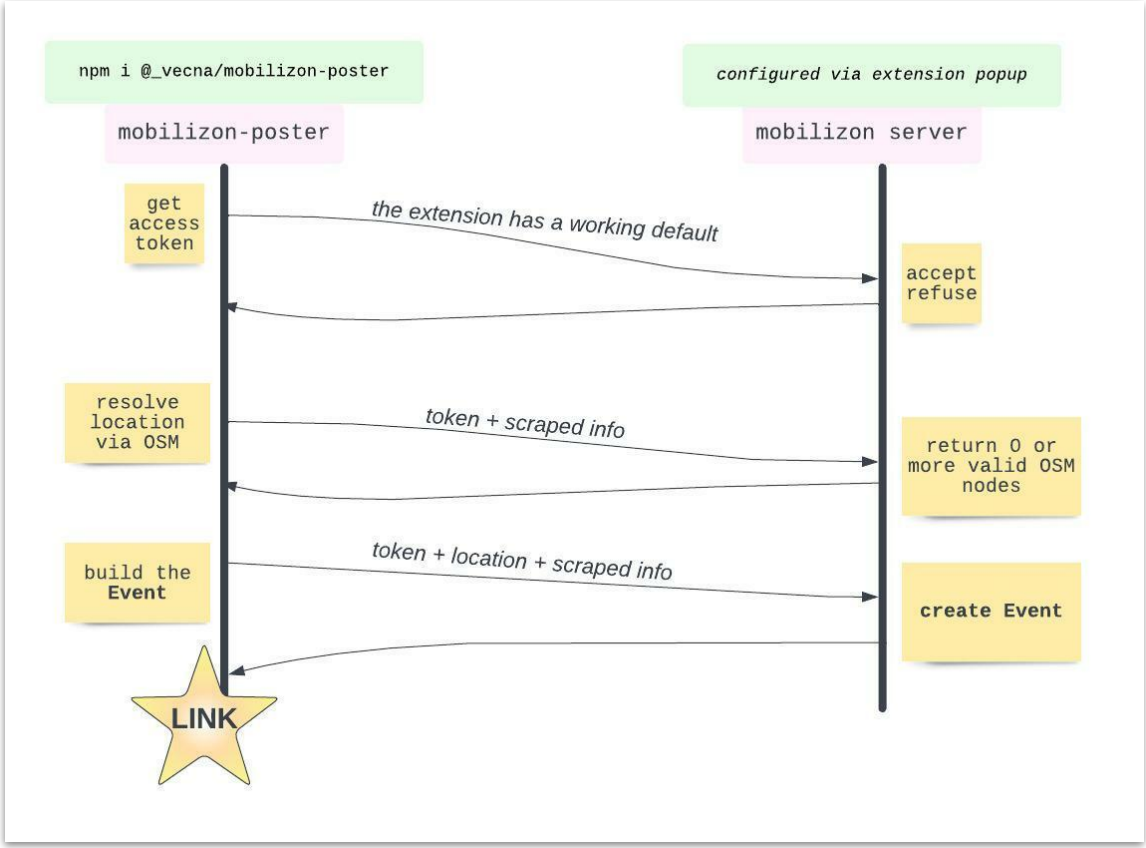

🚀 High-level *optimistic* roadmap

mobilizon-poster

TODO unit testing
TODO support for gath.io
TODO support for gancio
TODO documentation

backend

In the short term fix many bugs in scraping, event fixing, duplication, protocol.

The design should gradually make the backend less a SPoF toward a more distributed version.

UX

At our second hackathon we designed new mock-up to rework the extension workflow

Extension needs Manifest V3 rewriting

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🚀 Version prospects

0.3.x

Date parsing fixes

Image capture and uploading

Understand how to solve location ambiguity

0.x

Not just mobilizon and facebook should be supported. *likely adding eventbrite and gath.io*

Still keeping the backend, define a roadmap to remove it.

1.x

Understand and describe **all the limits of this approach** (handle events updates? give control to the original author?)

Release a tool resilient, documented, and usable.

🚀 Organizational process

So far, no money

We can handle donations and payments, but we do not have a specialist at fundraising and grant writing.

Autonomy

A collaborator is autonomous in deciding how to solve a problem, but not in deciding what the goal is.

In version 0.x goals are defined by assembly of contributors & hackathon for inputs.

Assembly

On the 15th of every month, at 18:00 CET. Coordinated via matrix chat.

This assembly is composed by who contributes to the project.

🚀 What happen next?

- See **about** page with most recent posts: https://libr.events
- Try our extension and backend
- Want to help? There's much more than just programming!
- Join Librevents conversation on Matrix with Mobilize.Berlin:

`#mobilize.berlin:systemli.org`