

# Building the Global Hacker Community

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# Outline

- Hackers around the world are not that different
- Why we need to build the “Global Hacker Community”
- The Global Hacker Community Today
- How to build the Global Hacker Community of Tomorrow
- Q&A

# Hackers around the world

- Hackers approach technology differently
  - See technology, art, science not as tools but as potential
- Hacking crosses language, nationality, social and other barriers
- The Hacker community is largely a meritocracy
- Hackers have a low tolerance for sociopolitical structures separating the world

# Global Community: Why?

- Hackers understand “Freedom”
  - Freedom to own technology, not let technology “own” us.
  - Free speech (and free beer!)
- Politicians and for-profit enterprises will use fear to control citizens, push bad technology
- Threats from the legal environment
- The threat from electronic criminals is global, the response/community needs to be global

# The Global Community Today

- Germany & Austria
  - Hacker Spaces
  - Active Conferences
  - Politically Active
- The United States
  - Active Conferences
  - Hacker Spaces under Construction
- Elsewhere
  - Strong online communities

# Hacker Space?



# Hacker Spaces



- A place to build sustainable community.
- A venue to learn, develop and display their skills.
- Socialization/critical mass, are powerful motivation tools
- Resource aggregation
- Develop character(s).

# Building the Global Community

- Political, social and service infrastructure is critical
- Throw/Attend cons in other countries
- Build Hacker Spaces where you live
- Encourage engagement with your local community
- Network with the Hacker Foundation
- Start a non-profit organization equivalent in your country