Hostea

Creating Free homes for Free Software Development

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For forums there is discourse.org and nextcloud.com for storage, but

What if someone who wants an independent software forge?

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@dachary: Aravinth: would you be interested in creating a company to provide Gitea hosting in the same way Discourse.org or Weblate.org provide hosting? With support for federation, which none of them do, of course.



@realaravinth: sure, why not?

Hostea will be

- Software development suite: Code hosting, CI/CD, static pages, pastebin and more!
- √ 100% Free Software
- Full self-hostable
- Observable and Reliable: monitoring and backups with auto-restoration
- Well maintained and upgrade itself
- Radically transparent

Hostea users should be able to

- Download their data
- Run the exact same Free Software as their service provider
- Run the exact same Free Software infrastructure as code as their service provider
- Become a service provider, with payments enabled, if they want to

An experiment in Free Software sustainability

- Can Free Software be financially self-sustainable
- Can Free Software developers work full-time on Free Software exclusively?
- Can a service create and run 100% Free Software and be profitable employ developers full-time?

Links

- → hostea.org: project homepage
- → forum.hostea.org: forum
- → gitea.hostea.org: source code
- → #hostea:matrix.batsense.net: Matrix chatroom