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Provide free, ethical, and decentralized online services and software

Structure : CHATONS Collective

CHATONS is the **Collective of Alternative, Transparent, Open, Neutral, and Solidarity-Based Hosting Providers**. This collective aims to bring together organizations offering **free, ethical, and decentralized online services** to enable users to quickly find alternatives that respect their data and privacy to the services offered by GAFAM (Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft). CHATONS is a collective launched by the Framasoft association in 2016 following the success of its “Dégooglisons Internet” campaign.

CHATONS is a **collective of small organizations offering online services** (such as email, website hosting, collaborative tools, communication tools, etc.).

These organizations are called "hosting providers" for several reasons:

- they manage servers (computers on which programs are installed to run online services),
- they offer internet users the ability to store their data and share it online.

What sets CHATONS apart is that the members of this collective commit, in particular, to:

- to use only free software;
- not to exploit the data of the users of their services (= not to transmit or exploit your data);
- not to use ad networks (or other tracking services);
- to regularly organize in-person meetings with their users, in order to bridge the digital divide.

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