

Sunday, August 31. 2003

more answers

just got some time to fill, so I decided to put some more answers from different MEPs up.

First: Rolf Linkohr of the SPD answered. Then the PDS sent a message, promising to support the fight against software patents. Then, 2 more answers from the CDU/CSU came. Quite surprisingly the one from CSUs Ingo Friedrich said something different than the one from Hans-Gert Poettering. But read them yourselves!

More to come, including the attempt to patent electronic surveys in order to protest against software patenting at the European patent office or its branch office in berlin.

Posted by julian in politics at 04:24

My life without me

We went to the sneak preview at the schauburg tonight. They showed "My Life without me", the new film produced by Pedro Almodovar who won the Oscar this year for "best original screenplay" for the Film Habla Con Ella. My Life without me is a deeply moving film about a young woman diagnosed for cancer at the age of 23. It lives without any hollywood-like twists, kitsch or pathetic scenes, just honest, sad emotions and bitterness, a film that could actually be a bit to hard to cope for one or the other, especially if you are not in the mood for things like that. And even though the film could have possibly been shortened by a few minutes without losing anything, i can really recommend a wonderful piece of cinematic art!

Posted by julian in film at 02:16

Sorry, no campus today.

Well, i actually found out, why my internet won't work. This is, 'cos the whole university doesn't work. Yeah, they just don't exist this weekend. The whole campus including just everything is down for maintenance. Including webserver, dialin-servers, the wlan access points and just everything else.

Sick? Sure, especially if you have to rely on these things...

never mind; i decided to study at work. Enough room, internet and a fridge full of drinks. What else would I want? Ah, yeah: Several food places just outside the building and a 24/7 petrol station only a few steps away.

Posted by julian in computers at 02:05

Saturday, August 30. 2003

back!

yeah, after 6 hours of motorway, 2 hours of traffic jam and a lot (a LOT!) of rain, i am finally back from upper bavaria. Was quite nice there, only a bit short. Well. I turned on my computer quite soon (hardly no internet for one week!) and what happens? Nothing. Damn wireless lan won't get a DHCP-Lease. As so often. I think i'll have to get DSL finally, even though my momentary solution (WLAN to University) is much cheaper (for free). But I am just fed up of not being able to rely on having internet-access when I need it. Nevermind, i am at Holger's place at the moment who was so kind to hand me his keyboard for a few mins.

More to come, we got a lot more response from different members of the European Parliament and some are quite positive!

Posted by julian in computers at 00:40

Saturday, August 23. 2003

Mix, Burn & R.I.P

I got a letter from dpunkt Verlag yesterday containing a book called Mix, Burn & R.I.P in order to write about it at echoes online. Written by an author of the online-magazine Telepolis this book formulates the provocative thesis, that the music industry won't survive the internet. Well, let's see. Seems very interesting to me and maybe it will tell me something really new on that issue - which it will definately do to people who don't know so much on these problems. I'll be heading off to my grandparents tonight in order to concentrate on my studies for a week. Blog will therefore only be updated on an irregular basis.

Posted by julian in music at 12:51

Friday, August 22. 2003

little joke

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up from his coffee. "Do you remember 20 years ago when we were dating, and you were only 16?" he asks solemnly. Yes I do," she replies. The husband pauses. The words are not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," says the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continues. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, either you marry my daughter, or I'll send you to jail for 20 years?" "I remember that too," she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says, "I would have gotten out today."

Posted by julian in misc at 15:19

Thursday, August 21. 2003

The CDU answers...

Just got in the answer of one of the CDU-MEPs (Member of European Parliament) in response to our mailing-action on software patents in Europe. I think it is very dissatisfying and worded in a wooly way.

But read it yourself, as I placed it here (sorry only in German at the moment!).

As the CDU (or their european umbrella organisation EPP (or EVP in German)) is the largest fraction in the european parliament, i guess Sept. 1st will be a black day for free software and small software companies...

Posted by julian in politics at 20:01

Yaaaawn!

Another night of very little sleep: Went to bed at 7 in the morning, wanted to get up in order to register for my TI-Exam at 11, decided to do it tomorrow.

At least I didn't laugh myself to death while sleeping as This guy did. Yesterday I made one of the best salads I ever eat, containing Grapefruit, Oranges and Papaya. See the recipe here: (Okay, Okay: I got it from Zacherl - a german cooking-show, but it really tastes fantastic!

Posted by julian in misc at 13:14

Tuesday, August 19. 2003

So much to do - so little time!

... and another night of far to little sleep, as I am trying to finish the relaunch for echoes-online.de. Can't do it in the day 'cos of work, and actually I should be doing far more for my studies, as the exam on technical informatics is coming up... Well, what else? I could do even more for echoes (such as writing!), work more (to get my project done) or just spend a little more time reading, listening to music, watching films or just hanging around in general. Well, maybe next week. Or month. Or year. or...

Posted by julian in misc at 00:45

Monday, August 18. 2003

Sco Ltd. Nigeria...

just found this.. have phun!

Posted by julian in misc at 11:57

#php.de - fun

what a lamer... but read it yourself (sorry, only in German...!)
click here...

Posted by julian in misc at 02:51

Sunday, August 17. 2003

Intellectual Dispossession! [Update]

The open letter campaign against software patenting in europe, initiated by our Attac-Group on Intellectual Property has reached the media! Even Heise is reporting on it! Seems like a really good start for our group, that wants to constitute on October 11th in Hannover (more information on the Attac-website)

[Update]

I just found some more links: the Frankfurter Rundschau has mentioned it as well as more than 35 others!

Posted by julian in politics at 17:07

Of maoris, whales and angels

Today's film at the movies was Whale Rider a beautiful film about a maori-tribe in New Zealand caught between tradition and modern reality, when the first-born is a girl that wants to be accepted as a possible chieftain. Her grandfather, caught in the tradition of men being the leaders, can't accept this, but has to realize, that this is the only chance for his tribes culture to live on. Even though the film ends a bit hollywood-happy-ending-like, it is really worth seeing and - if you can't get it anywhere, you should at least check out the wonderful soundtrack by Dead Can Dance's Lisa Gerrard.

A little earlier we went shopping in Karlsruhe and i am starting to get really interested in the Role Playing Game Engel, which I saw at our local comic-store Terminal Entertainment (sorry, no website...) . If anybody of you (okay, there won't be many readers at the moment, but still...) has heard of it or played it, don't hesitate to contact me...

Posted by julian in film at 02:35

Saturday, August 16. 2003

Lights out...

I just saw a german film called 'Lichter' at the cinema. An absolute great collection of stories in and around Frankfurt/Oder and its polish counterpart Slubice. Accompanied by a great Soundtrack by the Notwist this film shows a nearly perfect picture of the problems in this region: unemployment, migration-problems, poverty, prostitution and other things. In fact, I think this film is a wonderful piece of capitalism-criticism. Well, nuff said: just have a look, it is in the cinemas all over germany at the moment, can't say if it will be available in the rest of europe. France maybe, as it was co-financed by arte.

Well, that was part one of a movie-intensive weekend, lets see what we will watch tomorrow and on sunday. Possible films: Whale Rider, Okay, Swimming Pool...

Posted by julian in film at 02:10

Friday, August 15. 2003

Good Bye, Josef!

Today is the last day for Josef at our company. He will go on to SAP to start his studies at the University of Cooperative Education Mannheim there. Lots of Luck and don't forget us!

Posted by julian in misc at 14:52

Wannabi 2003

Last Friday we had our annual Wannabi-Party, where everyone who graduated at Heimschule Lender in 2000 get together again..
Pics can be found at my gallery, as you might see - we had quite a lot of fun...

Posted by julian in misc at 01:58

Thursday, August 14. 2003

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Posted by julian in misc at 19:27