

Building and running a "retro internet" for retro computing users

- **Speaker:** Cursed Silicon
- **Room:** CC 234
- **Time:** Sun 10:25 am - 10:55 am
- **Format:** Lecture (30 Min + Q&A)
- **Difficulty:** Some experience required
- **Track:** Networks
- **Additional Tags:** Hardware, Creative
- **Presenter Location:** In-person
- **Experience:** first time speaking

Description:

Using old (retro) computers on today's modern web is extremely difficult — from security concerns to complete incompatibility with newer standards. **Compu-Global-Hyper-Mega-Net (CGHMN)** is a community project built to solve exactly that problem by providing a dedicated network for retro computing enthusiasts.

This talk explores how CGHMN recreates a **1990s-early 2000s internet experience**, allowing vintage systems across the world to connect, collaborate, and communicate in an environment tailored to their limitations. Attendees will learn what it takes to build and operate a "retro internet," why it matters, and how the community keeps it fun and functional.

Target Audience:

- Retro computing folk
- Linux enthusiasts
- Technologists curious about alternative networking ecosystems

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