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00:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction on my pronunciation of Diebold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNN, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbuwbkqAe_A#t=0m20s • PBS, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMAoPiJbKzo#t=3m00s • Story on Princeton researchers, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WMG34cv0zM
02:33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listener Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rote, low skill activities may be workable with video • Cook well known recipes • Duplicating or ripping CDs en masse • Using Amazon Mechanical Turk for transcription • http://waxy.org/2008/09/audio_transcription_with_mechanical_turk/ • Firefox extension for reading pages later • http://www.ideashower.com/ideas/active/read-it-later/ • Screen cast, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLNfsLpM8zo • Features of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Reader integration • http://www.ideashower.com/blog/read-it-later-099-released/ • Syncing for use across multiple computers • Offline reading • Wouter on info overload <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complimentary • Recording in the car to capture deferred tasks • RSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups feeds, I actually do the same thing • Read groups differently, personal vs. high volume • Sometimes realize he cannot read all • Uses mark as read when he doesn't have time to catch up • Relies on social network, filter out and still see items of interest • Will see it on IRC, del.icio.us, Twitter • IM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unavoidable interruption • He cannot ignore it • Turn off instant messenger • If it is important, they will call or email or IM later • Twitter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same distraction, interruption as IM

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- Volume and signal to noise ratio also important
- Quality of sources varies widely
- Quoted Drunk and Retired
- View it as a river, dipping into it for a quick impression
- Skeptical of change in how info gets used
 - Admits that newer media are active
 - Thinks that ways people use old media is not that different
 - Skimming a newspaper
 - I infer there is a myth of reading anything cover-to-cover
 - Encourages trying to over consume online
 - Without realize that isn't accurate of how we used to use info
- He's a good example, though, of adapting
 - Fitting information into his schedule
 - Skim feeds over coffee
 - Listen to podcasts while traveling
- Adoption period, time to find real value in new tools
 - Early on driven by novelty
 - Later on, based on real value of info, channel
- Challenge is how to incorporate
 - Least disruptive to what you want to get done
 - Everyone is different
 - Also skeptical of unplugging altogether

10:14

- **Word of the Week: distribution**

- <http://catb.org/jargon/html/D/distribution.html>

11:16

- **Monologue: Hacking with a Social Conscience**

- One of the focuses of my life has been the public aspect of my enthusiasm for hacking
 - What may infringe on my ability to program, create?
 - What affects my software may cause in public life?
 - How do I make responsible decisions?
 - What issues are really worthy of concern?
 - What are the best regulators of these elements?
 - Law?
 - Norms?
 - Market?
 - Architecture?
 - Initially supported free software, open source without appreciating it
 - Was popular, most of it was high quality and made hacking on it easier
 - I have been trying to develop a deeper appreciate
 - What freedoms are really at play in a license choice?

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- Now that I am a content creator, many of the same questions but for writing, recording
- Computer science born of social, political necessity
 - War time endeavors
 - Passive, like code breaker
 - Active, artillery trajectories and later missile guidance
- Easy to forget how software affects more than computers
 - General purpose computers seem to be self fulfilling
 - You can use them for pure computing
 - Modeling, simulation, usually in the form of spreadsheets, databases
 - These seem to have a lesser affect on the world around use
 - Maybe they make a business more efficient
 - Ubiquitous computers fade into the background by their nature
 - You don't think about using a PoS system
 - The use of a computer replaces a dedicated system
 - Is cheaper than what it replaced
 - You wouldn't think about using such an appliance for anything other than its single purpose
 - There is a problem with this though
 - As with election machines, you cannot change that they are general purpose computers
 - Some applications do point out where we need to exercise more responsibility
- Networks add the ability to communicate, share
 - Even before the internet, connected computers allowed affecting of lives
 - BBS's invited sharing knowledge, ideas, simple communication
 - How the software was designed informed what was possible
 - Early BBS users placed high value on distributing information
 - In some cases, maybe moral failures occurred
 - Viewed curiosity for its own sake as too much of a value
 - Some who should not have had access did
 - There was an emergent meritocracy that helped minimize this
 - The internet has been accelerating this trend
 - Raises the question of responsible information sharing
 - Check out the P2P Foundation
 - Considering how peer-to-peer based models for everything work
 - How they would change, be different from traditional models
- I believe access to knowledge is a right
 - Information doesn't want to be free
 - The greatest chance for innovation, progress is through sharing information
 - Censorship is rarely the right answer

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- People will find information, regardless
- Usually filtering and censorship cripples the average citizen
- They lose access that would allow them to protect themselves, make better decisions
- How do you encourage responsibility?
- You don't want to directly share information that could allow irreparable harm
- I don't have any good answers
- Disclosure of security issues is a good example, though
 - The key there seems to be balance, compromise
 - In that case, where there is a motivated attacker, belies the foolishness of censorship
 - Attacker will get the information no matter what
 - Giving defenders equal access is best way to ensure safety
 - The average citizen may simply panic
 - Still more information can help, computer literacy and education on this issue
- Simple awareness can be enough
 - Will color decisions in light of responsibilities
 - May realize opportunities for better information sharing
 - Can provide context around potential risks
 - Harms may arise from ignorance
 - Hacker may be discouraged at unintended uses
 - Reputation could be affected, creator should have seen, counseled on some field of use
- Many go beyond just awareness
 - EFF, others focus directly on policy aspects of technology
 - Certainly use technology to accomplish this
 - Try to keep technology free for everyone
 - Respect basic human rights
 - Tend to stay more focused on technology than purely social justice
 - There is plenty to tackle with online freedom, access to knowledge
 - Some are starting to grow beyond this, into broader policy questions
 - EFF's involvement in voting rights
 - Naabur, Kiva try to facilitate social good directly
 - Enabled by network technology
 - The same tools that we use for simple social connections
 - Also see traditional social good organizations adopting technology
 - FSF tries to enable anyone to affect social change

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- Ensure those who use software have the freedom to use it how they want
- For those that create and distribute, give a means to ensure freedom
- As Moglen once put in, put as many tools in front of as many brains as possible
- That is the recipe for the best odds of change for the better

31:48

• **Outro**

- Contact me
 - Email to feedback@thecommandline.net
 - Web site at <http://thecommandline.net/>
 - IM to command.line@skype
 - Listener comment line is 240-949-2638
 - del.icio.us tag is "for:cmdln"
 - <http://twitter.com/cmdln>
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