Protect your freedom to operate by sharing your innovative ideas!

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Donald Duck, The Sunken Yacht, 1949

1960s patent application
Awarded by GB & DE
Rejected by NL based on 1949 prior art
You have a novel invention?

But you don’t want a monopoly / patent?

GREAT! :)
However, be aware of the patent trolls...
Protect your freedom to operate by sharing your innovative ideas in the public domain as a defensive publication where the patent examiners can find it!
Defensive publications are great if...

- you can’t keep your invention secret
- you don’t want a monopoly
- a patent wouldn’t be profitable
- you don’t want to file patents in each country
- you don’t want a slow, difficult and uncertain publication process
However none of the current defensive publication implementations have the openness → popularity → impact that the concept deserves...
The anatomy of an idea

I once had an idea

and then I shared it

and then it got even better.
The world needs a global open platform where inventions can be freely shared and discussed.
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By combining the concept of defensive publications, the best practices of patent offices and open discussions.
Easy publication process

- Guided web form
  - Title
  - Author(s) and associated organizations (or anonymous)
  - Abstract - summary
  - Background - problem statement - prior art
  - **Enabling description** & novelty claims
  - References
  - Figures

- Immediate publication: “open patent”
Quality control?

- Pre-publication
  - guidance
  - enabling description
- Post-publication
  - flagging spam / bogus
  - ratings
  - peer reviews
Authenticity and integrity of the data

➢ Cryptographic hashes
➢ Cryptographic signatures
➢ Blockchain
  ➢ OpenTimeStamps.org
➢ External database mirrors
Improve searchability & findability
(foremost for patent examiners)

➢ International Patent Classification
➢ Tags
➢ Search engine
➢ API
➢ Subscriptions / RSS-feeds
➢ Facilitate citations
➢ ...

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➢ Facilitate requests for prior art
➢ Facilitate requests for solutions
Empower innovators
Boost reputation

- Open patent No xxxxxx
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- Rankings

My open patent portfolio is bigger than yours

- Open Badges
PATENTS

Registration and renewals fees are expensive

Writing a patent is difficult & requires expensive advice

Often hard to understand, vague legalese

Slow publication process

Protection is territorial

Both defensive and offensive

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No fees

Writing an open patent is easy.

Enabling description

Immediate publication

Protection is international

Only defensive
Pre-launch website, pre-funding status
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