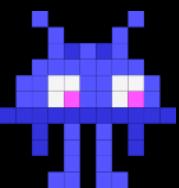


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Peer-to-Peer Code Collaboration



A Story of Conviction and Passion



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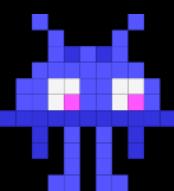
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Hey, I'm Lorenz!
I contribute to Radicle...

Why do you do this?

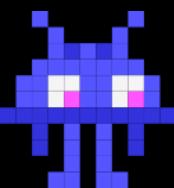
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Lorenz



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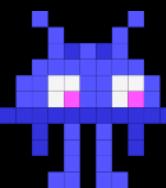


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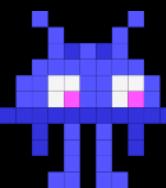


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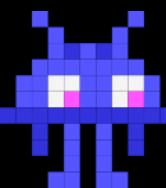


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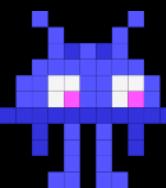


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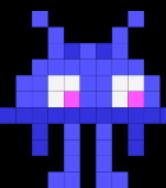
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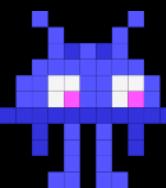
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Radicle is the most advanced peer-to-peer forge I know.



Short Chronology

- Started 2018-01 in Berlin
- Development of current protocol foundation since 2022-07 (previously based on IPFS, not anymore).
- Radicle is developed *on Radicle* since 2023-01 .
- Released 1.0.0 on 2024-09-10
1.6.0 World Logic Day
1.6.1 2026-01-21

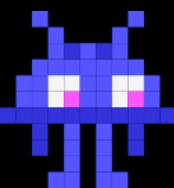


Local-First

- No roundtrips to servers, thus *fast*.
- Works offline.
- Social artifacts (patches, issues, governance) must be *conflict-free*.
- Listen to fintohaps 13:20 @ K.3.201 !

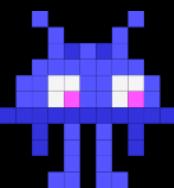
Peer-to-Peer

- No servers, but gossip between peers.
- No user database.
- Users share their storage and availability.
- User is always in control.



Interfaces

CLI, Desktop, Web



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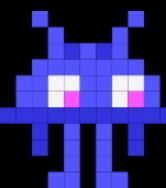
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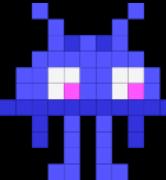
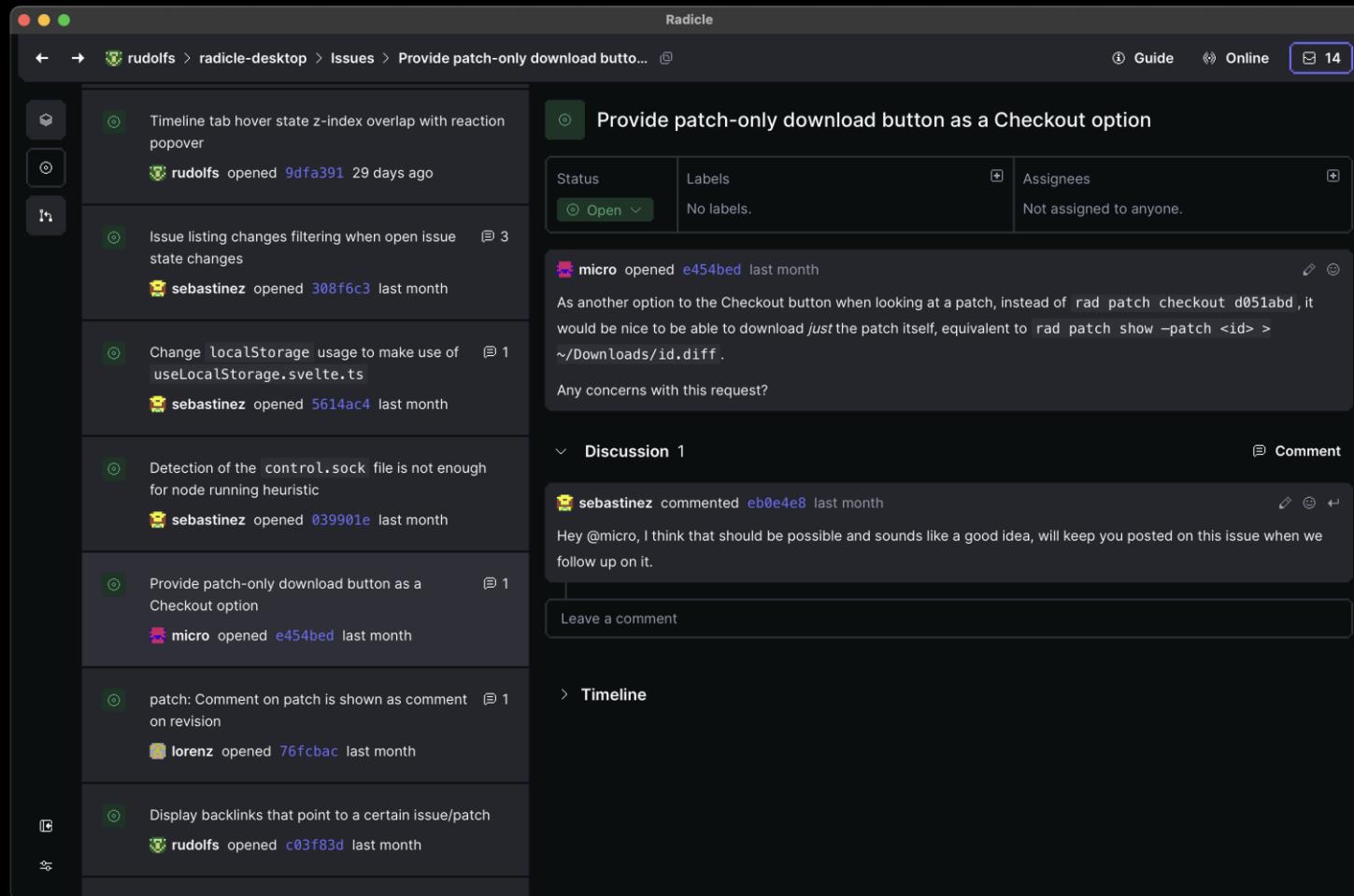
Radicle CLI

[I] lorenz@wsl ~ rad ls

Name	RID	Visibility	Head	Description
experiment	rad:zHFjVxWCFEHW2uED43oh7gSsJ8SP	private	7e7ce96	
heartwood	rad:z3gqcJUoA1n9HaHKufZs5FCGazv5	public	91eb6fc	Radicle Heartwood Protocol & Stack
infra	rad:zDKA4hxFpFeJPp2mvXQFpqNHQmFt	public	2d56704	The NixOS infrastructure configurations
nur	rad:z3WFXKNQgDcHHATJx1PxL1XhDot9u	public	084e5b5	Nix User Repository
rad-ix	rad:z2PJNraeUwrbiKchmoecVMVQjj3Rf	public	98a7f19	The Radicle Indexer
radicle-desktop	rad:z4D5UCArarfTzTQpDZNQRuqswh3ury	public	e48cc10	Radicle desktop app
radicle-explorer	rad:z4V1sjrXqjvFdnCUbxFpqd5p4DtH5	public	1416286	Radicle web interface
radicle-git	rad:z6cFWeWpnZNHh9rUW8phgA3b5yGt	public	f70012f	Git libraries for Radicle
radicle-infra	rad:z254T5p17bdFPmzfDojsdjo4HjpoZ	public	48e0466	Radicle Infrastructure as Code (NixOS, OpenTofu, ...)
radicle-link	rad:z4GaM5EUGJm462FQg4RtWyt7NAqX	public	99f4255	The second iteration of the Radicle code collaboration protocol.
radicle-nix	rad:zTGn5tnYJgF8qd6KDuoURvUvvLe	public	d7bb432	Packages, Modules etc. for using Nix and Radicle together.
radicle-scripts	rad:z2UsLkj3UXjbxWZMGpQ9VeVLDCYUQ	public	93a4c46	
radicle-tui	rad:z39mP9rQAAgMERfUMPULfPUi473tY	public	d4484a8	Radicle terminal user interface
radicle.xyz	rad:z371PVmDHdjJucejRoRYJcDEvD5pp	public	3ef1a1f	Radicle website including documentation and guides
radicle.xyz-desktop	rad:z4Rxw3J2gX8SJgUYJ3h1KvQCAYoKS	public	9075ef9	Radicle Desktop Landing page and Documentation
rips	rad:z3trNYnLWS11cJWC6BbxDs5niGo82	public	329dee9	Radicle Improvement Proposals (RIPs)



Radicle Desktop

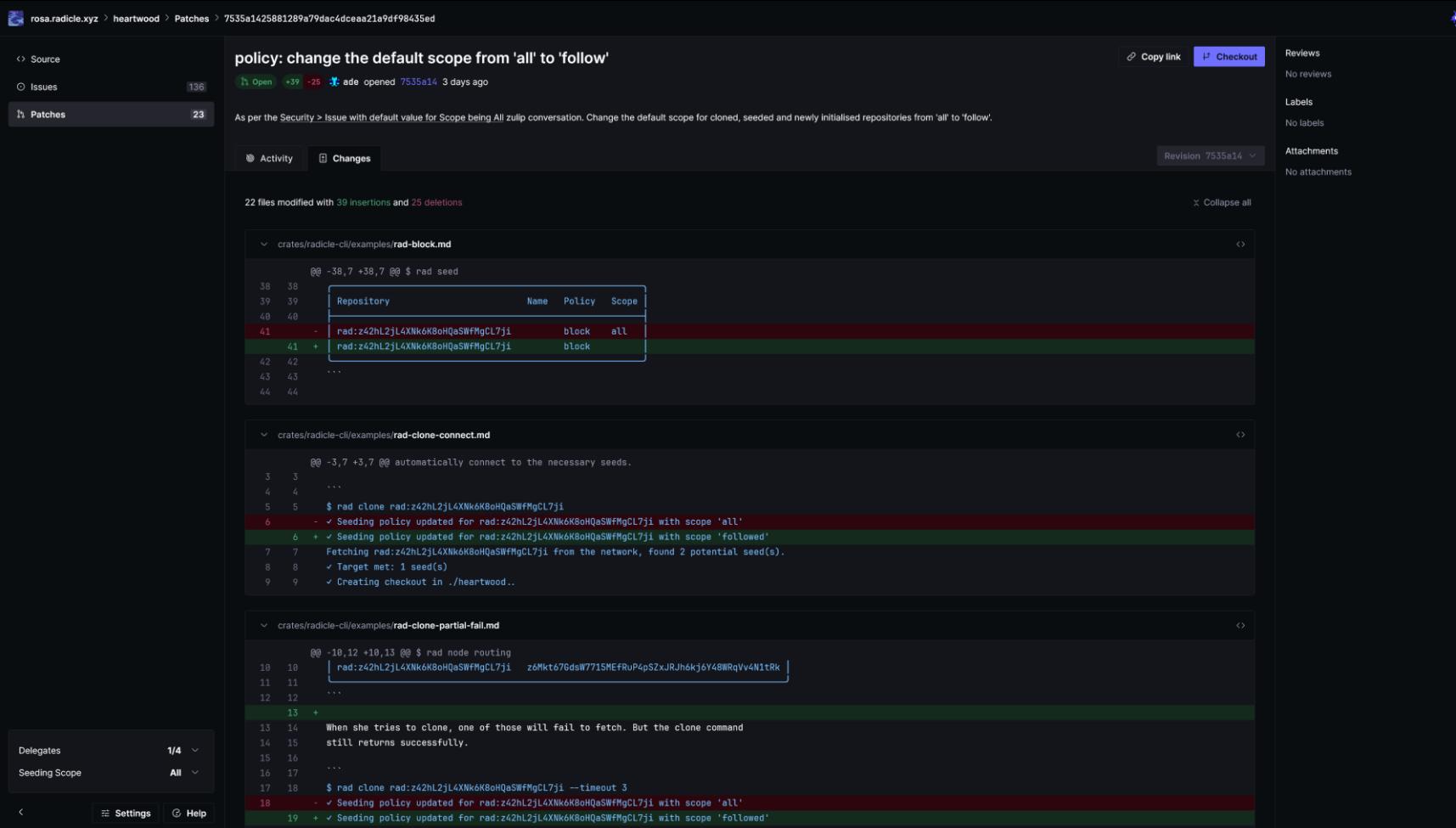


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Radicle Explorer (Web App)

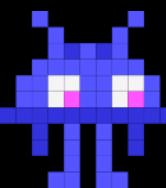


The screenshot shows a detailed view of a patch in the Radicle Explorer web application. The URL is rosa.radicle.xyz/heartwood/Patches/7535a1425881289a79dac4dceaa21a9df98435ed. The page title is "policy: change the default scope from 'all' to 'follow'".

The patch has 23 changes and 136 issues. The activity tab is selected. The changes section shows three diff blocks:

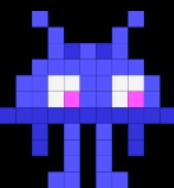
- crates/radicle-cli/examples/rad-block.md**
@@ -38,7 +38,7 @@ \$ rad seed
38 38
39 39 | Repository Name Policy Scope
40 40 | rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji block all
41 - | rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji block
42 + | rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji block
- crates/radicle-cli/examples/rad-clone-connect.md**
@@ -3,7 +3,7 @@ automatically connect to the necessary seeds.
3 3 ...
4 4
5 5 \$ rad clone rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji
6 - ✓ Seeding policy updated for rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji with scope 'all'
6 + ✓ Seeding policy updated for rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji with scope 'followed'
7 7 Fetching rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji from the network, found 2 potential seed(s).
8 8 ✓ Target met: 1 seed(s)
9 9 ✓ Creating checkout in ./heartwood..
- crates/radicle-cli/examples/rad-clone-partial-fail.md**
@@ -10,12 +10,15 @@ \$ rad node routing
10 10 | rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji z6Mkt67dsW7715MFFRuPcpSzJRJh6kj6Y48WRqVv4N1tRk
11 11 ...
12 12
13 +
14 14 When she tries to clone, one of those will fail to fetch. But the clone command
14 15 still returns successfully.
15 16 ...
16 17
17 18 \$ rad clone rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji --timeout 3
18 - ✓ Seeding policy updated for rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji with scope 'all'
19 + ✓ Seeding policy updated for rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji with scope 'followed'
20 20 Extending rad:z42hL2jL4XNk6K8oHQaSWfMgCL7ji from the network, found 2 potential seed(s)

On the right side, there are sections for Reviews (No reviews), Labels (No labels), and Attachments (No attachments). The revision is listed as 7535a14. The bottom left shows a sidebar with Delegates (1/4) and Seeding Scope (All). The bottom right shows a Radicle logo and the date 2026-02-01.



High-Level Design

Git + x



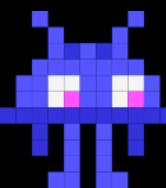
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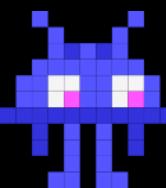
Take Git

- Content Addressability
- Immutability of Data
- Efficient Sync Protocol
- Wide Acceptance



Add On

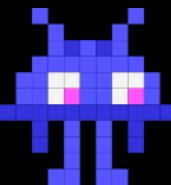
- Globally unique repository addresses
- Repository metadata including permissions
- Discovery of replicas
- Self-certifying, sovereign, user identity (like PGP)
- Lots more for social artifacts like patches and issues (fintohaps' talk, 13:40 @ K.3.201)



git push is a ~~lie~~ local first

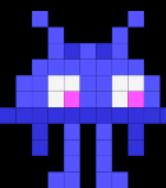
1. ~/.../foo\$ git push rad://z3gqcJUoA1n...CSGazv5 main
2. A Git remote helper sends objects across your filesystem to ~/.radicle/storage/z3gqcJ...Gazv5
That's fast.
3. A long-running process, called Radicle Node, picks up your changes and announces the new references to the network.

- Retains mental model of pushing to send over the network.



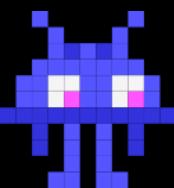
Radicle Node

- Clients (CLI, Desktop, TUI, HTTP Daemon) interact with:
 - Radicle Storage via the filesystem (git push)
 - Radicle Node via JSON over Unix socket (commands)
- Peers to other nodes
 - Currently bootstrapped via {iris,rosa}.radicle.xyz (both also reachable as Onion services).
 - In the future DNS-SD combined with DHT?



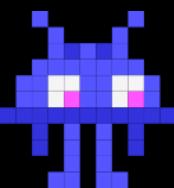
Radicle Peer-to-Peer Connections

- Noise_XK_25519_ChaChaPoly_SHA256 over TCP
- Simple multiplexer (inspired by QUIC) over two sub-protocols:
 - Git (for syncing)
 - Gossip (metadata about nodes and repositories)
- Supports Tor via SOCKS out of the box.
- That's it!



Messages

- Announcements (3)
- Subscriptions (1)
- Informational (1)
- Keepalive (ping and pong)



Announcement Messages

- Node

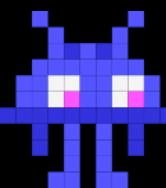
Introduces the node to the network.

- Inventory

Lists the available repositories.

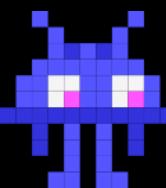
- Refs

Git references changed, e.g. user pushed.

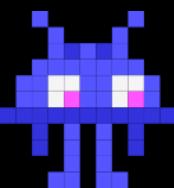


Subscription Messages

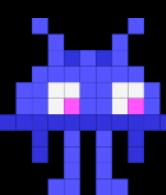
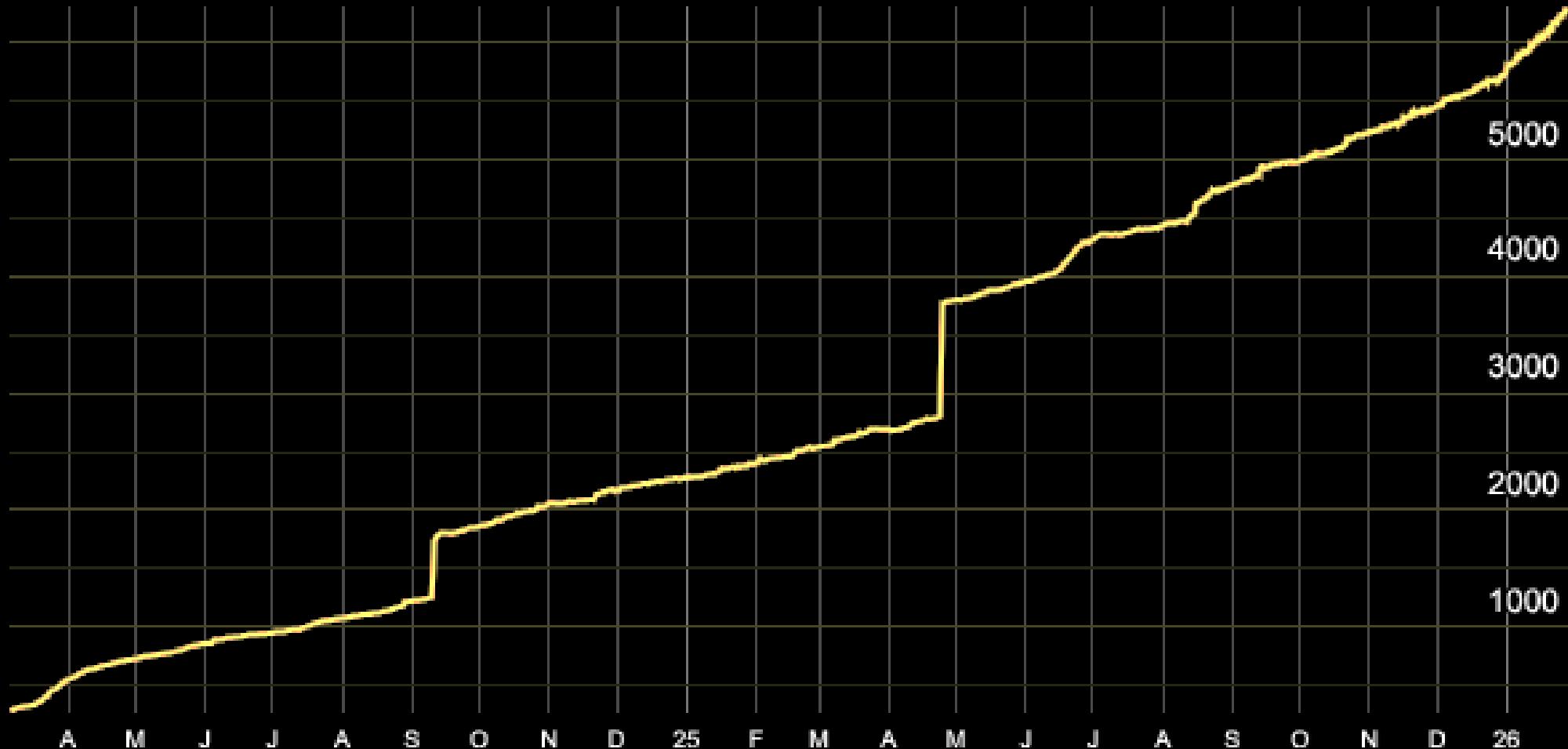
- Subscribe to updates for repositories by sending a bloom filter.
- Includes start and end point in time.



The Network Today

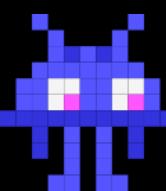
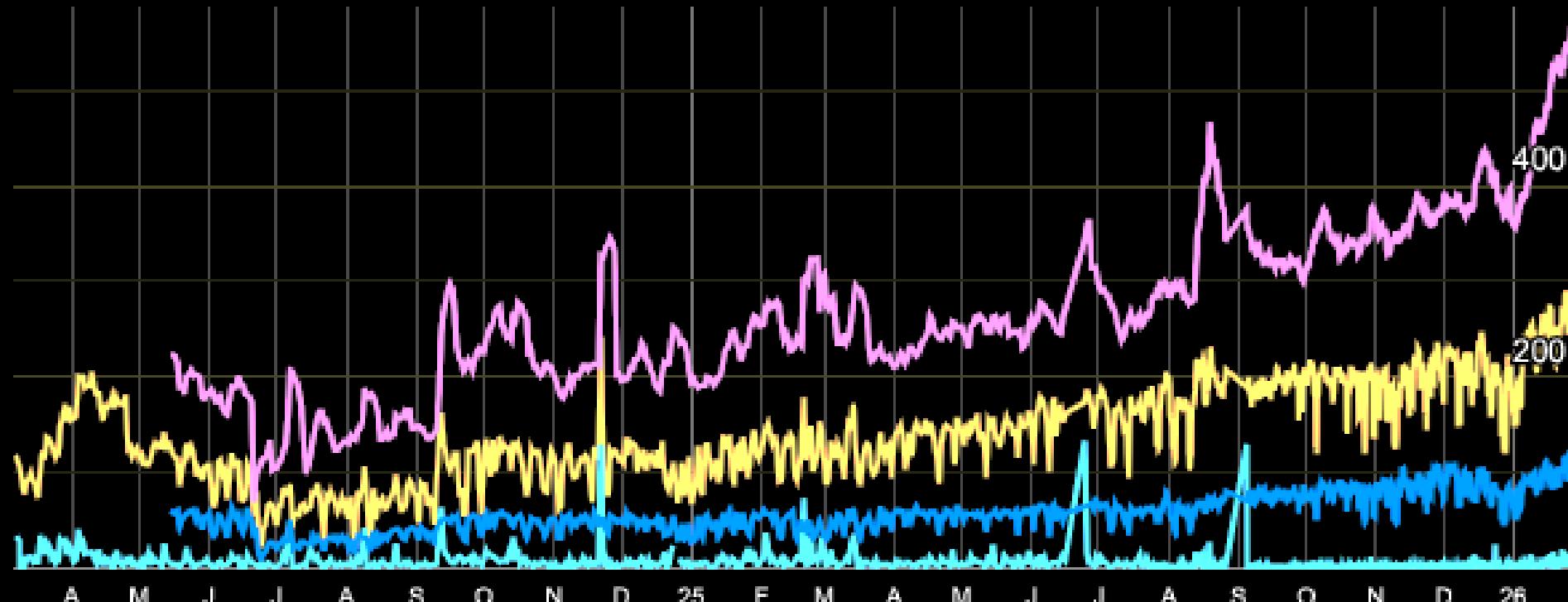


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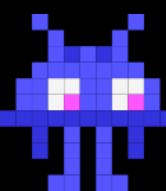
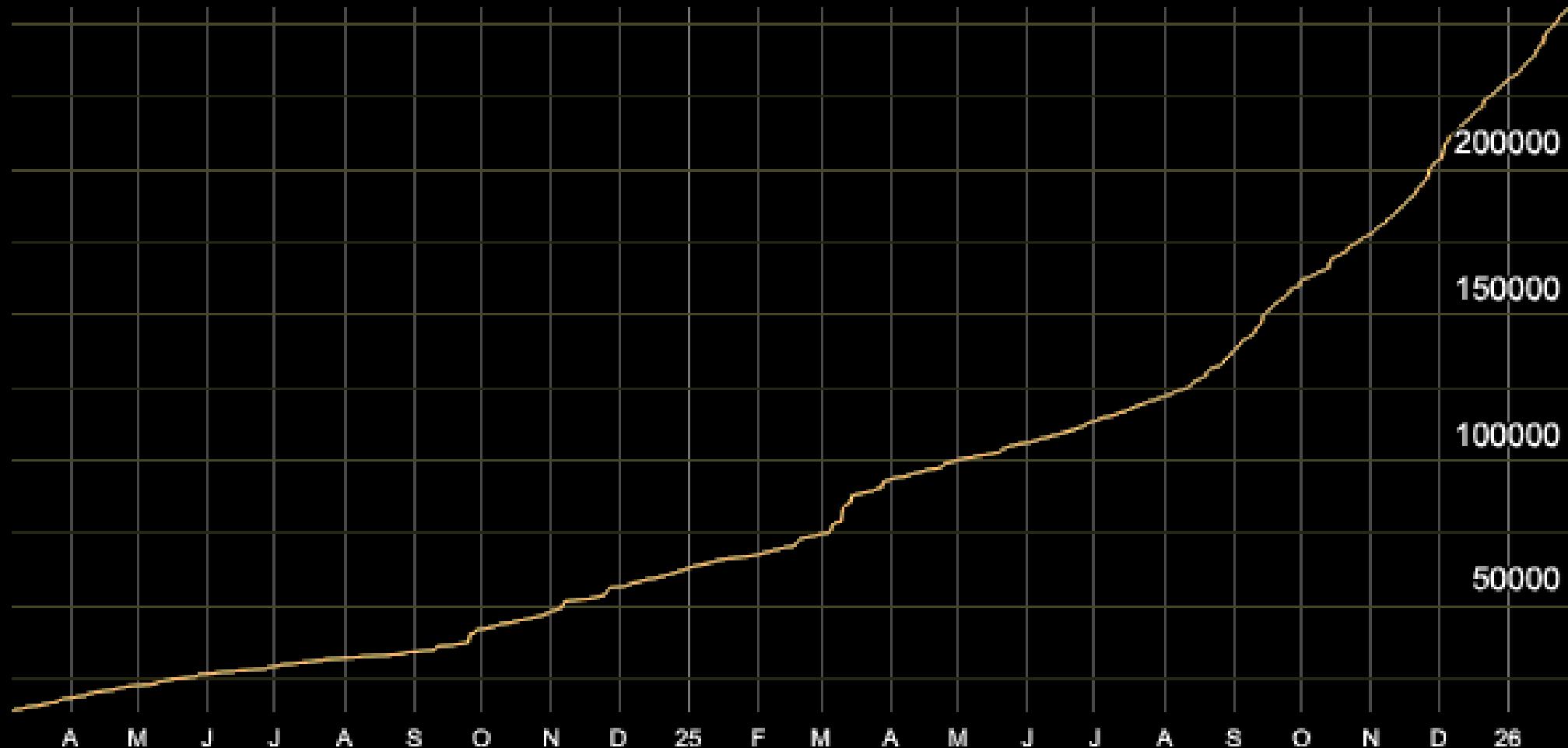


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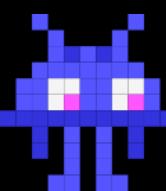
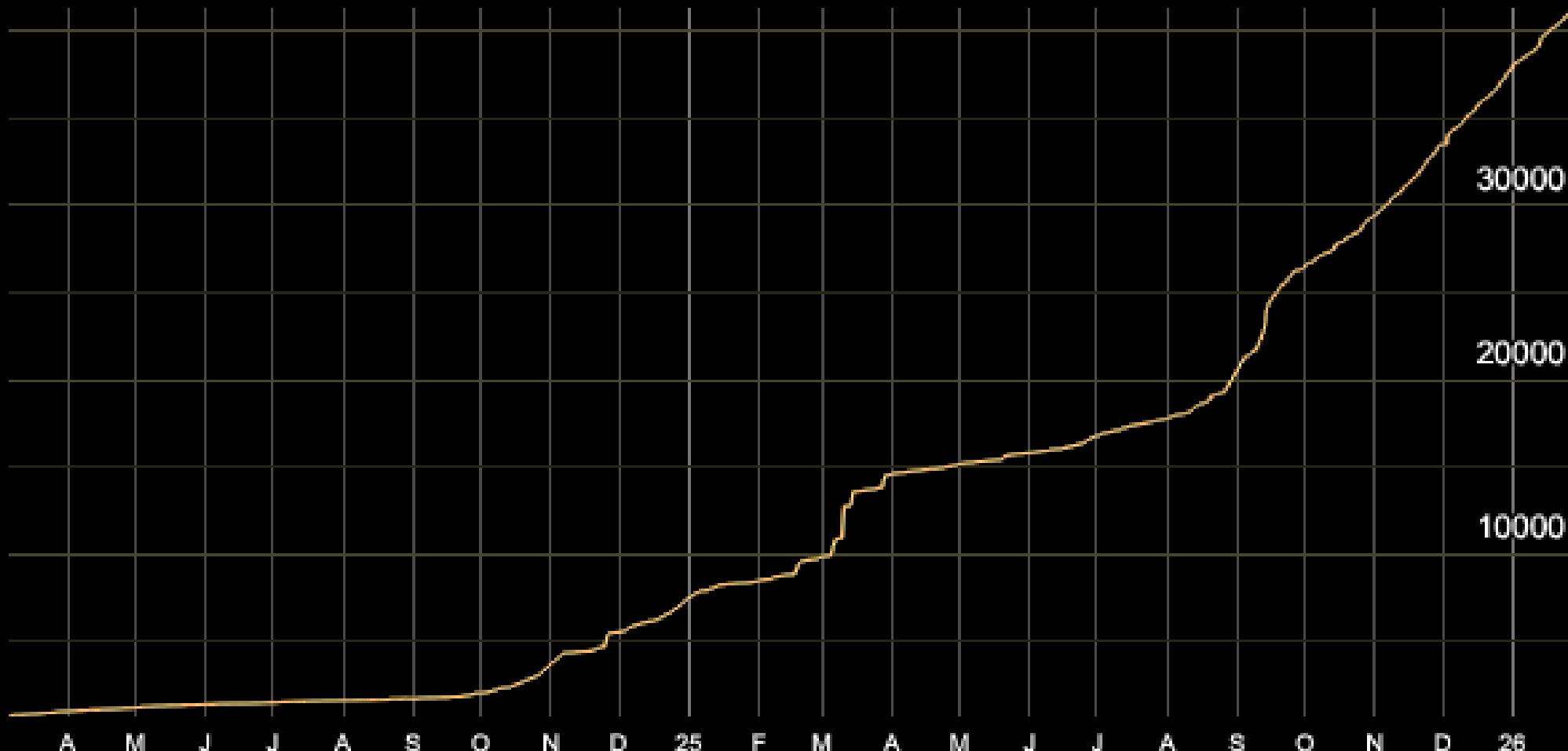
Daily Active Nodes
Daily New Nodes
Daily Public IP Nodes
Weekly Active Nodes



Pushes



Patches



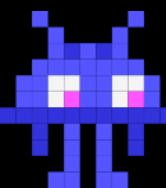
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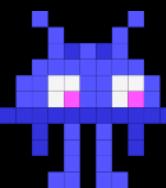
Operating a Node

- Nodes are persistently address by their Ed25519 key.
- You decide which repositories you want to replicate (“seed”) and can change your mind any time.
- You can join the global de facto main network or roll your own.
- Nodes can announce change of their IP address, TCP port.



The Road Ahead

- Separation of user and node concepts.
- Multi-Device Support
- Identities that allow key rotation.
- Fine-Grained Replication Policies
- Hole Punching (iroh?)
- Discovery via DNS-SD and mDNS.



Free your code!

radicle.xyz

Read

app.radicle.xyz

Surf

radicle.zulipchat.com

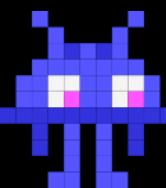
Chat

@radicle@toot.radicle.xyz

Toot

Open Local First After Party

Talk



Private Repositories and Networks

- Majority of repository owners (“delegates”) decides which nodes (specified by their Ed25519 key) may fetch and replicate the repository.
- Users can configure nodes to connect with, forming their own, private, Radicle network.

