# Bringing ActivityPub to knowledge management with XWiki

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- Context of the project
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- Final thoughts & Acknowledgments



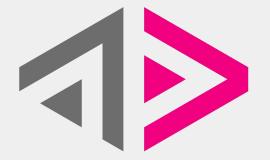
#### Who am I?

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#### ActivityPub - activitypub.rocks

- Decentralized social networking protocol
- Allows the creation of federated applications
- First activity in 2016
- Recommended by W3C in early 2018





#### ActivityPub - activitypub.rocks

actor reads incoming messages

send messages to actor (federation!)













actor sends messages / posts content outside world can read messages from actor



#### Existing solutions using ActivityPub







https://activitypub.rocks/implementation-report/



#### XWiki - xwiki.org

- A wiki engine
- Structured
- Extensible
  - 700+ extensions today
- Used for ...
  - ... basic knowledge management
  - ... addressing long tail applications
  - ... business-specific use cases
- ActivityPub integration is one of the XWiki extensions



#### Project context

- Project funded by the <u>NLnet foundation</u>
- Developed mainly by Simon Urli & Manuel Leduc
- Functional goals
  - Enable decentralized knowledge sharing
- Technical goals
  - Support cross XWiki instances
  - Follow user activity (user actor)
  - Follow the activity of a whole wiki (wiki actor)
  - Integrate with other platforms



#### **Functionalities**

- Messaging between users
- Document sharing
- Customizable user notifications
- Remote document overview



### Demo



#### Next steps

- Integrate with Nextcloud & Matomo
  - Matomo is a great example of a good ActivityPub integration
  - Nextcloud fits with the goal of knowledge sharing
- Improve the reliability of the integration
- Define new actors



#### Going further

- Look at the <u>ActivityPub Application documentation</u>
- Learn more about the protocol
- Try it by yourself!



## Thank you!

