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Subject: Re: Facebook or Google+?

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Google or Facebook sounds like a choice between Scylla and Charybdis. Both are evil data squids. If blogging is the purpose, why not simply use a blog? For shorter news, there are also Twitter or identi.ca.

I would strongly suggest to use own infrastructure, though, for I find it an alarming trend that everyone seems to outsource infrastructure and becomes dependent on external providers. Many blogs, for instance, use Disqus for comments, which is absolutely horrible, given that they are not shown without JavaScript (btw another disturbing trend to require this for even the simplest websites or (even worse) online shops). Then again, instead of, say, Google Code, maybe something like Indefero should be used for more independence, but I digress.

I don't know, if there are good alternatives to something like Facebook, that can run on own infrastructure (maybe Diaspora when it is finished). If it is all about blogging, I would suggest to use a blog for that (sounds simple, I know) instead of anything else.

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