

## LONGTERM

The terminal you have been longing for

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## Agenda



Terminals and Consoles Protocols and Platforms LONGTERM



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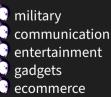
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#### Applications



data processing
 ...SaaSaaS
 citizen services
 medicine
 surveillance





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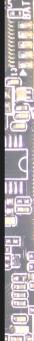
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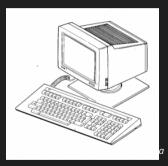
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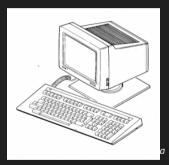


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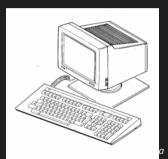
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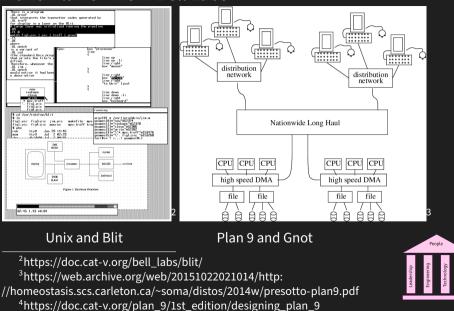
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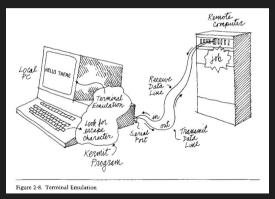
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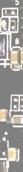








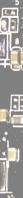








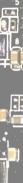










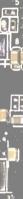




























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## DEMO



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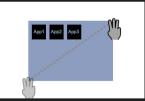




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Add an intermediate step for establishing a connection to and dropping your initial app onto a remote gadget.





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Talk: Platform System Interface - Design and Evaluation of Computing as a Whole

in-depth discussion of design paradigms and complexity in computing https://metaspora.org/platform-system-interface-computing-as-whole.pdf

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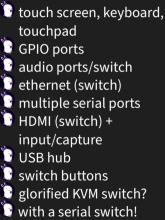
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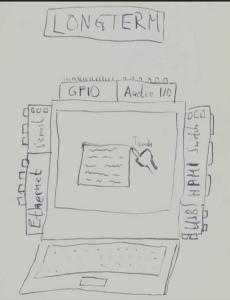
## Platform / Design

graphical desktop + web browser web native desktop? built-in tools centre cpu drawterm show serial console of attached device by default? protocols **XMODEM** People Kermit ReGIS WebGAP





## Sketch and Logo



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#### accent color: #E68E41





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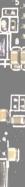
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Magic happens - we can use native code on web platforms!





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#### More glue

cargo add gloo-utils





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- extern crate wasm\_bindgen;
- use gloo\_utils::format::JsValueSerdeExt; use serde::{Deserialize, Serialize}; use wasm\_bindgen::prelude::\*;

#### /// ...

```
#[derive(Serialize, Deserialize)]
struct Foo {
    bar: u32,
    baz: String,
}
```

```
#[wasm_bindgen]
```

```
pub fn some_fun(data: JsValue) -> JsValue {
    /// ...
    let foo = Foo::new { bar: 42, baz: "Rust Wasm" };
    JsValue::from_serde(&foo).unwrap()
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