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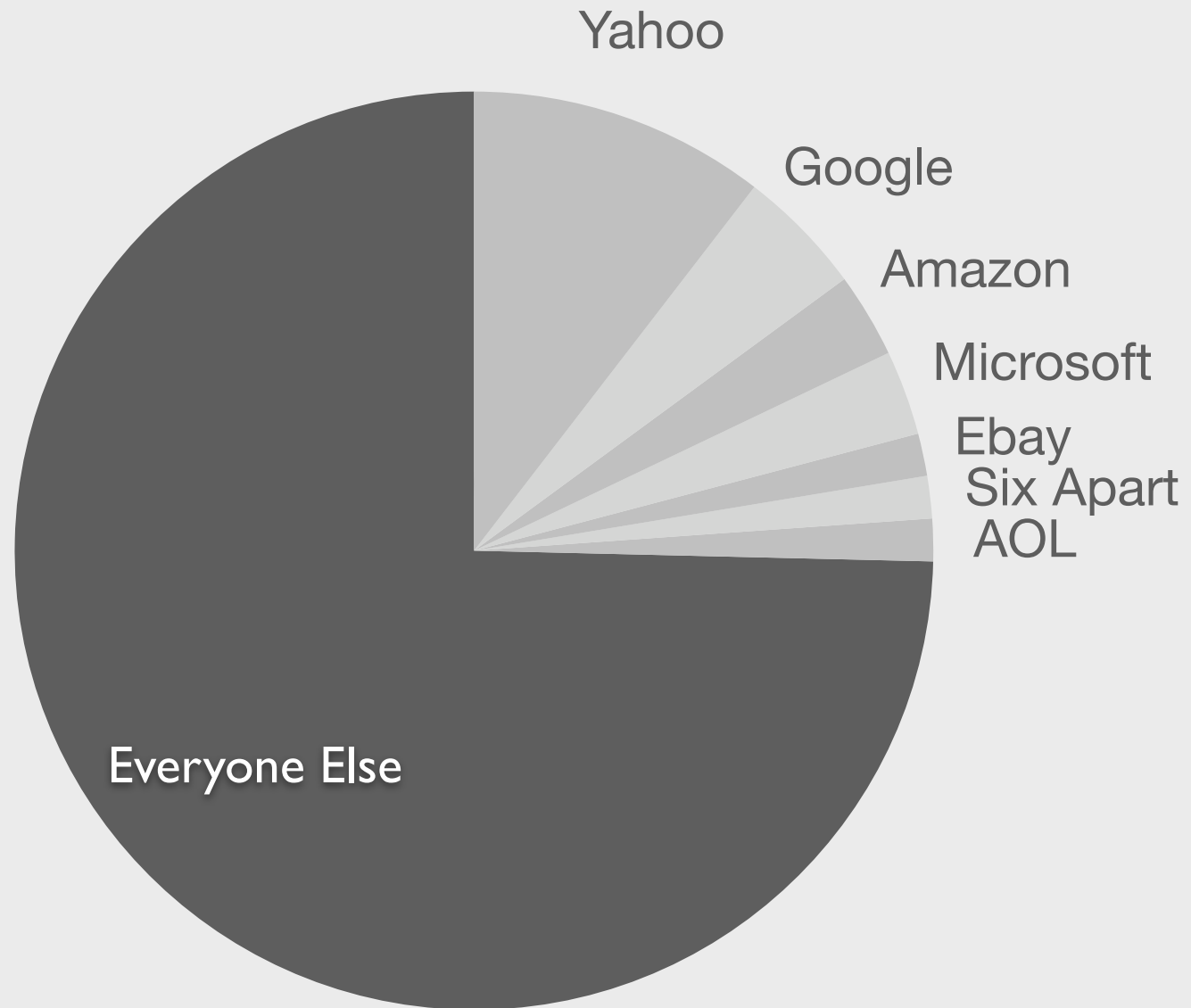
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If open data is such a good idea why isn't there more of it?

The technology and standards
need to be better?

The technology and standards
are good enough

Organisations don't do anything
unless they think it is
in their best interests

They're right?
They're wrong?

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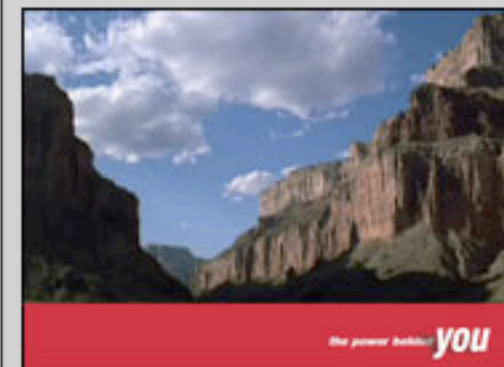
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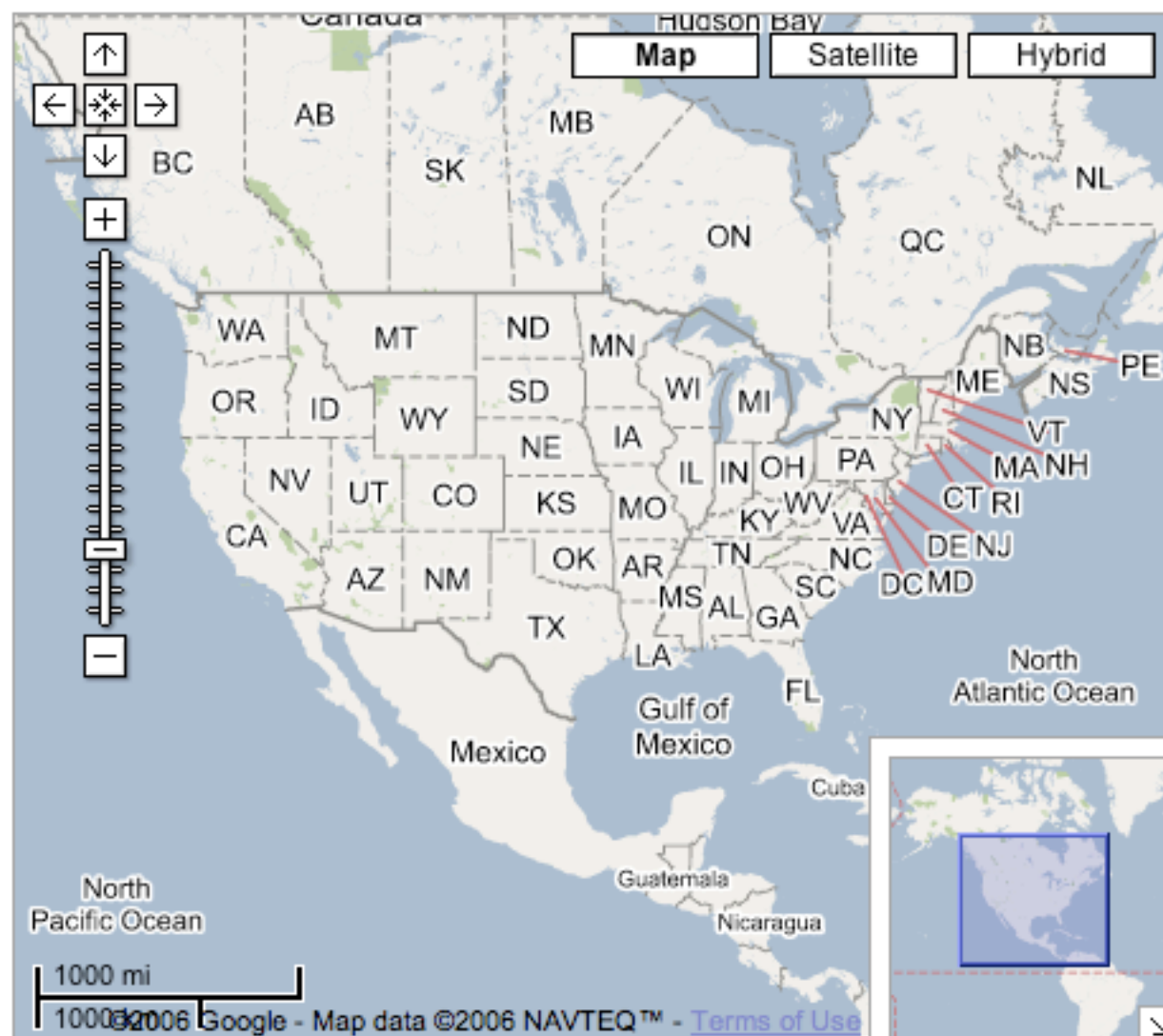
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What's it all about?

On March 9 2006 the Guardian's Technology supplement carried an article called "Give us back our crown jewels". The argument is simple: government-funded and approved agencies such as the Ordnance Survey and UK Hydrographic Office and Highways Agency collect data using our funds, but then charge users and companies for access to it.

That restricts innovation and artificially restricts the number and variety of organisations that can offer services based on that most useful data - which our taxes have helped to collect.

Making that data available for free - rather as commercial companies such as Amazon and Google do with their catalog and maps data - would vastly expand the range of services available. It cannot make any sense that Google, an American organisation, is presently more popular with people aiming to create new map applications.

More questions? Why not read the frequently asked questions.

What can you do?

In the first place, lobby your MP; lobby your MEP about the iniquitous Inspire plan (you could join the Public Geodata campaign too). You could subscribe to the blog; and add your own comments too.

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Just to let you all know that I'll shortly be taking down plink.org.

It was fun to do, but I'm now getting way too many complaints from
people who have appeared without permission in other people's FOAF files
and have found themselves via Google.

Trying to explain FOAF to these people generally doesn't work, and more
often than not, they're too irate to care. So the easiest thing for me
to do is just take the site down.

However... I've no doubt that I'll be doing lots of RDF type tricks (and
possibly stupid FOAF tricks) on my new project -
http://www.fotothing.com/ - at some point.

It seems it's fine to publish FOAF data, just as long as you don't write
anything that actually uses the data.. :)


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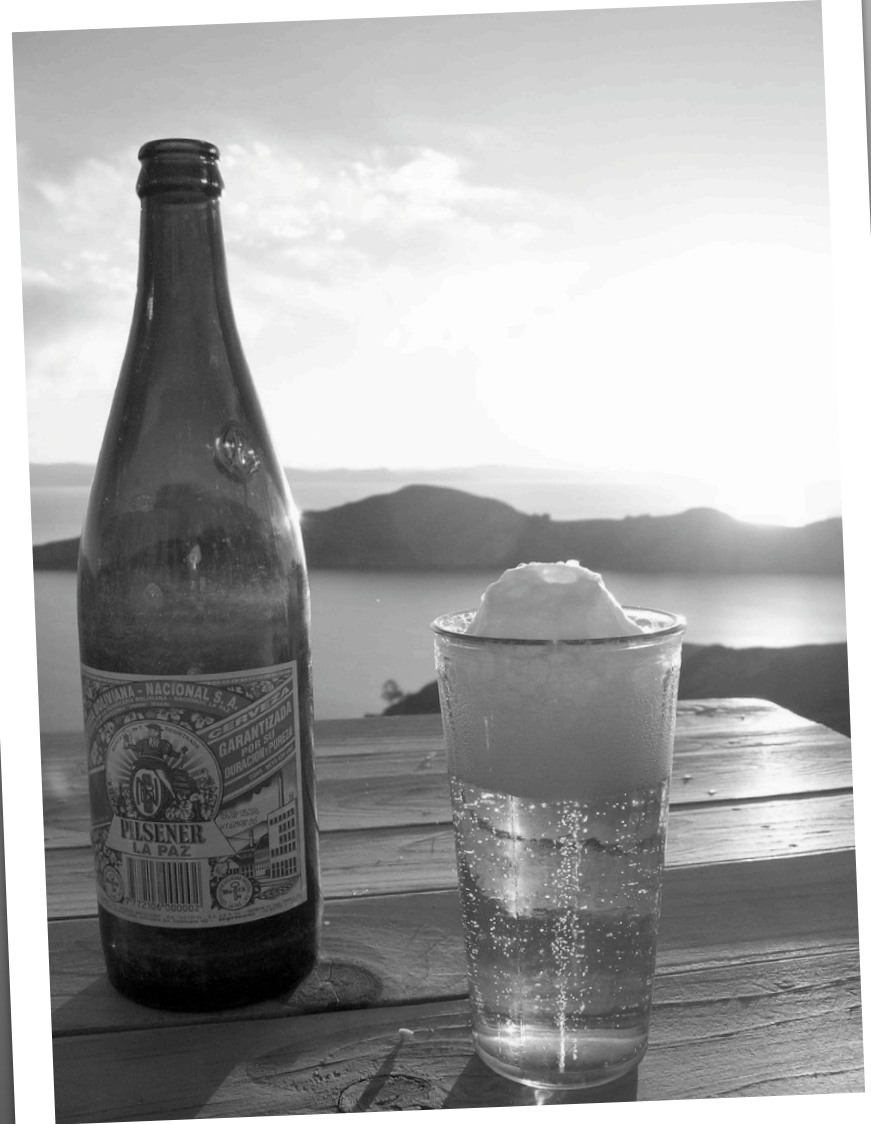

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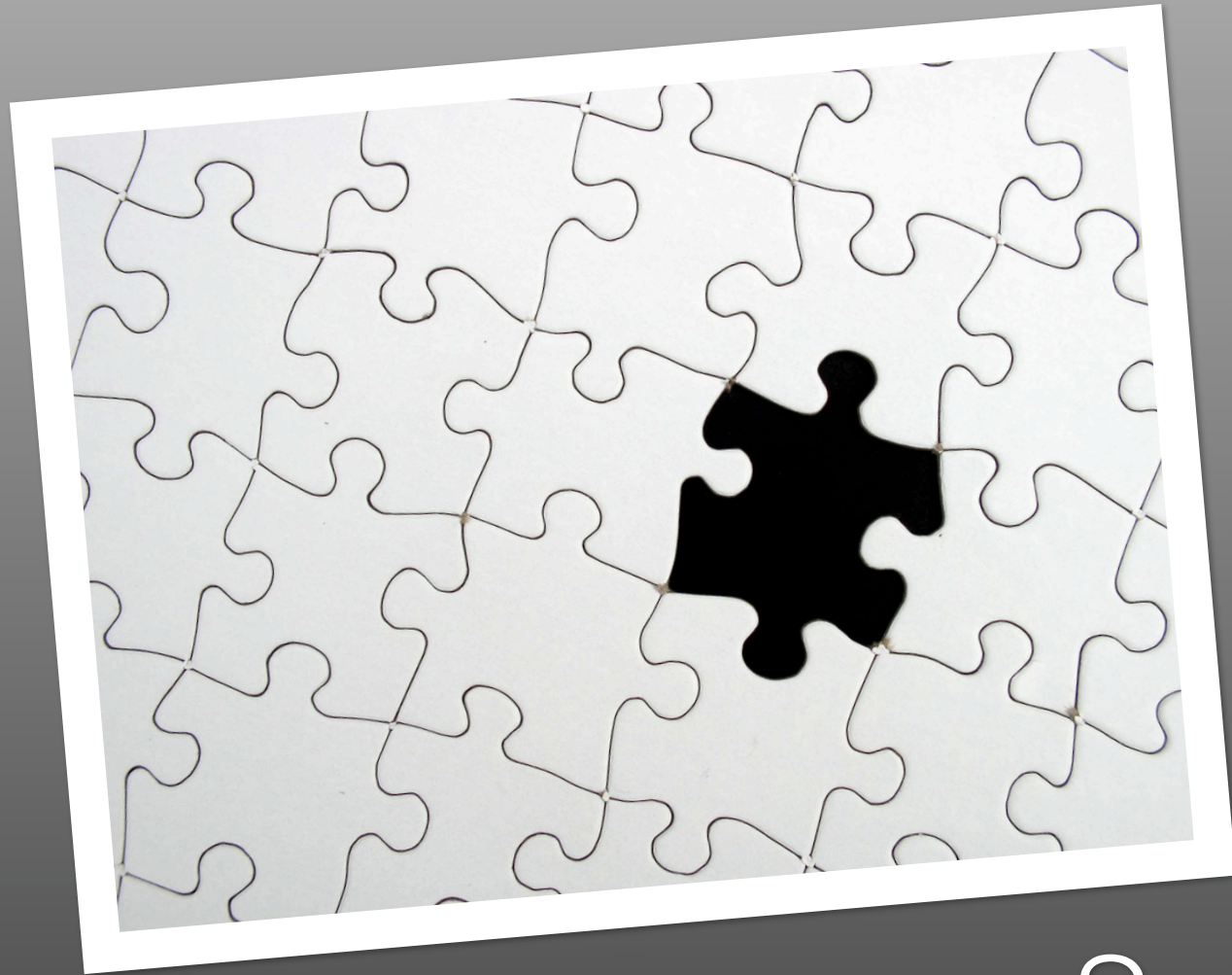- Next message: [rdfweb-dev] Plink

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Paul

So what does work?

I don't know.

1. Be aware of the problems
2. Demonstrate usefulness
3. Don't assume it's a technology problem
4. Target the right people
5. Talk about benefits to the provider, not the consumer
6. Have patience

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