Why Bookstack ?

Now as you will see in the Shapps shelf there are a ton of open source documentation software out there and please check them out. However, after trying out lots of different ones it seemed that they were either all made for

1. For Private teams
2. It did not have user account permissions
3. All contributions needed to be done in the command line
4. It seemed to complicated by structure compared to Bookstack who only has a consistent hierarchy of 4 layers.

This Bookstack instance is not for developers or any person involved in computer science or AI. However, they are of course invited to contribute to the instance.

The goal is literally to show the layman the different open source applications that are out there and how they can deploy them on their own server at home in the simplest way possible.

How to use this Bookstack instance.

The end goal for any user of this instance should be to build and maintain your own home lab and learn the skill to install any open source application on top of it. This whole guide is written for people that have zero knowledge about tech but do want to host their own applications because they feel the urge to contribute to the broader mission. Again that mission is to create an inclusive collaborative instead of a competitive unequal society. The instance is created and maintained by all kinds of people that all have the goal to write installation instructions as simple as possible for the layman.

Now, what are the next steps then ? Well, most likely you heard about Deternet via a friend or through a blog or social media post and became curious to host applications yourself and relieve yourself from Big Tech. Of course we assume that you start with nothing and created a guide exactly for that.

If you really have no background then is important to use this guide in the right order. Therefore, we labeled different shelves with numbers. If you start with 1 and then work your way downwards then you will always have gained the knowledge or setup necessary to understand the contents of the next.

1. You will start by buying the right hardware to setup a home network
2. Once that is setup we will show you what you can possibly buy for a home server
3. Then we will explain to you what operating system to choose for your server
4. After that we will show you different application deployment workflows i.e an easy way to deploy any application in seconds

5. Then we will talk about maintenance, updates, and backups of the data of your application
6. Finally, after all of that you can start using the Shapps Book or the Google, Apple, Microsoft etcetera books to discover which applications you can replace and how to replace them
7. This basically then concludes your journey, since from this moment you can hear about new open source app and you know directly how to deploy it in minutes, how to maintain it, and how to secure it.

Therefore, we made a shelf for each Big Tech company including the applications they have produced. The idea is that people can search for their favorite proprietary app, find it, and then directly get a list of p

1. This instance is not for developers, network engineers or any form
2. literally for people who want to replace there proprietary apps they normally use with Google, Microsoft and Apple. It is not intended to be for developers or coders or network engineers. We have written this documentation page literally for the Layman who have zero knowledge about self hosting applications.

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