

About Hypothesis

Hypothesis is a new effort to implement an old idea: A conversation layer over the entire web that works everywhere, without needing implementation by any underlying site.

Our team creates open source software, pushes for standards, and fosters community. Using annotation, we enable sentence-level note taking or critique on top of classroom reading, news, blogs, scientific articles, books, terms of service, ballot initiatives, legislation and more.

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Hypothesis (HPTHSS)

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Our efforts are based on the annotation standards for digital documents developed by the W3C Web Annotation Working Group.

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2020 = \$25,000 | Schmidt Futures awarded Hypothesis a \$25,000 grant to support our work in community annotation of COVID claims in the news to counter misinformation. | 2018 = \$20,000 | Schmidt Futures awarded Hypothesis a \$20,000 sponsorship in support of a workshop to develop a joint roadmap for open science software tools.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation :

*2018 = \$2,000,000 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis a multi-year grant to support initiatives to scale the use of open, standards-based web annotation and the Hypothesis annotation tool suite in scholarship and research, with a focus on the arts and humanities. | 2016 = \$1,000,000 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis a multi-year grant to support initiatives to develop infrastructure for digital publishing. | 2015 = \$35,000 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis \$35,000 to support the I Annotate 2015 annual conference, with a focus on launching annotation at scale. 2014 = \$752,000 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis a multi-year grant to support the development of annotation services for digital scholarly materials, including support for the Annotate annual conference, Annotate 2014: Annotato Ergo Sum. | 2013 = \$46,500 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis a \$46,500 grant (via Planetnetwork as a fiscal sponsor) to support the inaugural year of the annual I Annotate conference, I Annotate 2013: Annoto Ergo Sum. | 2013 = \$48,500 ~ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Hypothesis a \$48,500 grant, *Creating Minds and Books in Browsers IV*.*

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation :

2018 = \$12,000 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded Hypothesis a grant to support a workshop to develop a joint roadmap for open science software tools. | 2016 = \$394,465 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded Hypothesis \$394,465 to investigate and establish sustainable business models for the Hypothes.is web annotation platform. | 2015 = \$20,000 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded Hypothesis \$20,000 to support the Annotate 2015 annual conference, with a focus on launching annotation at scale. | 2014 = \$683,000 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded a grant to Hypothesis focused on

*Peer Review, including partial support for the 2014 I Annotate annual conference, Annotato Ergo Sum. | 2012 = \$525,800 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded a grant to Hypothesis, *Open, Digital Annotation for Scholarly Communication*. | 2011 = \$20,000 ~ The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation funded a Hypothesis sponsored workshop of 50 world leaders in reputation modeling, distributed systems, identity, language, and economics to think through the challenges of designing a global annotation platform.*

MDPI :

2018 = \$10,000 ~ MDPI made a \$10,000 donation to Hypothesis in support of its open source project.

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The Omidyar Network Fund :

2016 = \$500,000 ~ The Omidyar Network Fund awarded Hypothesis \$500,000 to support general charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

The Shuttleworth Foundation :

2016 = \$275,000 ~ The Shuttleworth Foundation awarded Hypothesis, and founder Dan Whaley, a one year fellowship / co-investment project funding to support high visibility / large scale demonstrations of open annotation across diverse Annotating All Knowledge Coalition communities, and to research self-sustainable business models within the non-profit sector. | 2014 = \$245,000 ~ The Shuttleworth Foundation awarded Hypothesis, and founder Dan Whaley, a one year fellowship / co-investment project funding to continue work on the development of an open-source annotation tool, Hypothesis. | 2013 = \$245,000 ~ The Shuttleworth Foundation awarded Hypothesis, and founder Dan Whaley, a one year fellowship / co-investment project funding to focus on creating infrastructure to enable the crowdsourced peer-review of information everywhere.

AAAS Science in the Classroom :

2015 = \$25,000 ~ Subcontract from AAAS Science in the Classroom to collaborate on a grant-funded initiative to generate annotated articles from Science Magazine for use in classrooms.

National Writing Project :

2015 = \$10,000 ~ Subcontract from the National Writing Project to collaborate on developing learning opportunities for educators that enable them to use web annotation and social reading/commenting strategies with their students as part of the Letters to the Next President project.

Craig Newmark Philanthropic Fund :

2015 = \$5,000 ~ The Craig Newmark Philanthropic Fund, made a \$5000 contribution towards a one-day Journalism +

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Annotation Workshop at the New York Times Building, co-sponsored by Hypothesis and the Poynter Institute.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation :
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Jeff Brody :
2014 = \$25,000 ~ Jeff Brody of Redpoint Ventures donated \$25,000 to Hypothesis to launch The Open Annotation Fund, with the intent of creating a grantmaking process to solicit and receive proposals to expand the existing universe of open source software that implements or works with open annotation.

Kickstarter :
We raised \$230,000 in November of 2011 via Kickstarter and individual donations. Thanks everyone!

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Vision

Conversation everywhere on the Web

Mission

To enable a conversation layer over the entire Web

Values

Principles: Everything we build is guided by our principles. In particular that it be free, open, neutral, and lasting to name a few.

Open Source: Free, open ~ Free, open source software using open standards.

Ubiquity: Work everywhere ~ To the extent practical.

Public Beneficence: For the public benefit ~ Sustained by social enterprise.

Neutrality: Neutral ~ Favor no ideological or political positions.

Community: 100% community moderated ~ Bottom up, not top down.

Merit: Merit based ~ Influence based on track record.

Pseudonymity: Pseudonymous ~ Credibility without public identity.

Internationality: International ~ By design.

Transparency: Transparent, auditable ~ In systems. In governance.

Auditability

Sustainability: Think long term ~ Infrastructure for 100 years. Or longer?

Multi-Contextuality: Many formats, many contexts ~ HTML, PDF, video, books. News, blogs, scientific articles, legislation, regulations, Terms of Service, etc.

Excellence: Work with the best ...

Humility: Remain humble.

Web Applications

Develop a platform for the next generation of read-write web applications

Stakeholder(s)

Developers

Publishers

Academic Institutions

Researchers

Learning Management Systems :

If you'd like to participate, add our extension to your browser and create an account, or integrate annotation into your learning management system (LMS).

We are partnering broadly with developers, publishers, academic institutions, researchers, and individuals to develop a platform for the next generation of read-write web applications. You can follow our development progress on our roadmap: <https://github.com/hypothesis/product-backlog/projects/6> Many have contributed tools, plug-ins and integrations.

1. Software

Create open source software

1.1. Notes & Critiques

Enable sentence-level note taking or critique

2. Standards

Push for standards

3. Community

Foster community

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