BarCamps as a new Münchner Kreis Conference Format?

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What is a BarCamp?

- **BarCamp**
  - **international network of user generated conferences — open, participatory workshop-events, whose content is provided by participants — often focusing on early-stage web applications, and related open source technologies, social protocols, and open data formats.**

- **refers to *bar***
  - **commonly used logical representation in computer science that is used much like the letters 'x' and 'y' in algebra.**
  - **a metasyntactic variable used to represent abstract concepts**
  - **used to represent any part of a complicated system or idea including data, variables, functions, and commands**
  - **commonly used with the metavariables *foo* to form *foobar***

- **Spin-off of *FooCamp*, an annual invitation-only participant driven conference hosted by Tim O'Reilly**

source: Wikipedia

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First BarCamp

- **Palo Alto, CA, August 19-21, 2005**

- **organized in less than one week from concept to event**

- **200 attendees**

- **BarCamps have been held in over 31 cities world-wide**

BarCamp Samples

BarCamp Rules

- **Pre-organized and evangelized through BarCamp wiki**

- **Sessions proposed and scheduled each day by attendees, mostly on-site**

- **Venues basic services**

  _typically monetarily free

  _free network access (usually WiFi)

  _sponsorship from venue and network access to beverages and food

- **All attendees are encouraged to present or facilitate a session**

- **Share information and experiences of the event, both live and after**

- **Generally restricted only by space constraints; participants are asked, though, to sign up in advance.**

BarCamp.org

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Welcome to the BarCamp Community Wiki

BarCamp is an ad-hoc gathering born from the desire for people to share and learn in an open environment. It is an intense event with discussions, demos and interaction from participants.

These videos capture the essence of BarCamp. Take a look at summaries from BarCamp San Francisco, BarCamp Austin and BarCamp Orlando.

New here? Join the BarCamp Mailing List or read the blog. Here are notes on using this wiki.

Attending? Here's what to expect at a BarCamp.
Organizing? Read about... organizing, hosting and then get familiar with the rules. If you write code at BarCamp, consider licensing it under the BarCampLicense.
Corporate Unconference? Many organizations are thinking of hosting organizing & hosting unconferences. Read few tips here DIY Corporate Unconference.

Older news updates for past events moved to BarCampNewsArchive, please help keep this page short and relevant, cut and paste your updates there as they are superceded or the event happens.

Upcoming Camps

Note: THIS list right here is the definitive list of upcoming barcamps.

Asia

China

1. Alap - Lhasa Bar Camp

India

1. 29th March 2008, Saturday - BlogCampMumbaiStyle - from the makers of BlogCampPune
2. 29th March 2008, Saturday - Bar Camp Mumbai - Third Edition
3. 29th March 2008, Saturday - Bar Camp Rajkot
4. 18th-19th April 2008, Friday-Saturday - Manipal Bloggers' Meet, Manipal, Karnataka - visit Official Website or Manipal Bloggers' Meet
5. 19th-20th April 2008, BarcampBangalore6 - visit http://www.barcampbangalore.org
6. 3rd May 2008, Saturday - BarCampDelhi4
7. BlogCamp in Gods Own Country - BlogCampKerala
8. Mid July 2008 - First ever Drupal Camp in India, in Ahmedabad, Max 400 participants - DrupalCampIndia - Be There!

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Upcoming Camps
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The basics

- What is BarCamp?
- What to expect at a BarCamp
- The Rules of BarCamp

Get involved

- Organize a BarCamp!
- Hosting tips
- Using the wiki
- BarCamp Event template (start here!)

Elsewhere
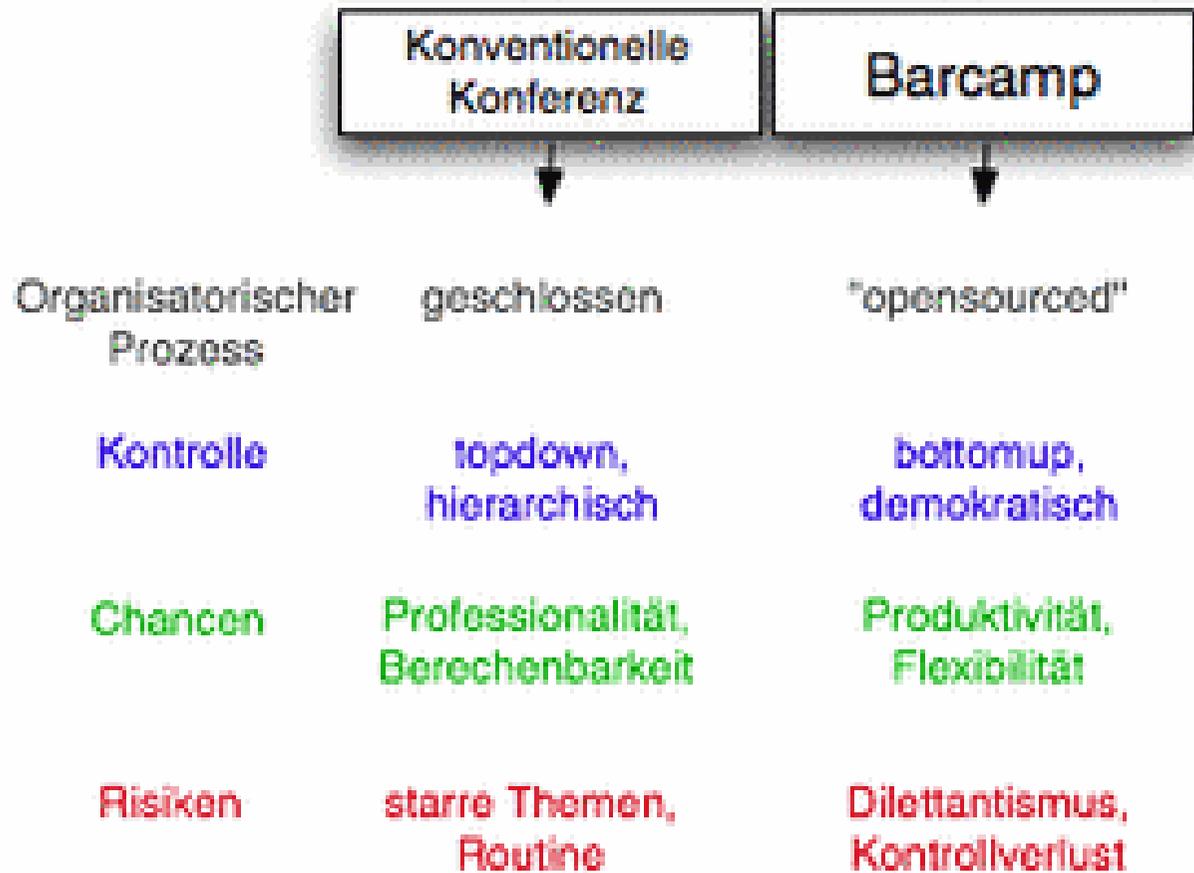
- BarCamp Community Blog
- Mailing List
- BarCamp IRC Channel

If you have questions or experience problems, please report them to the BarCamp support forum. For issues related to this wiki, please see the PBWiki Support Forum.

Share this

[http://barcamp.pbwiki.com/]

Traditional MK Conference vs. BarCamp

	Konventionelle Konferenz	Barcamp
Organisatorischer Prozess	geschlossen	"opensourced"
Kontrolle	topdown, hierarchisch	bottomup, demokratisch
Chancen	Professionalität, Berechenbarkeit	Produktivität, Flexibilität
Risiken	starre Themen, Routine	Dilettantismus, Kontrollverlust

Z_punkt 2008

http://www.z-punkt.de/249.html?&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=604&cHash=9c683e765b

How could MK profit from BarCamps Format?

1. **Quick response to market dynamics or media coverage**

    _ **Schäuble fingerprint buzz** ⇨ **BarCamp "Biometry Challenges"**

    _ **Subprime Loan havoc** ⇨ **BarCamp "Reliability of financial Trading Facilities" BarCamp**

    _ **EU Galileo discussions** ⇨ **BarCamp "The Future of GPS Navigation"**

2. **A practical learning environment for Web 2.0 principles in the "offline world": active engagement, self-organisation, flat management**

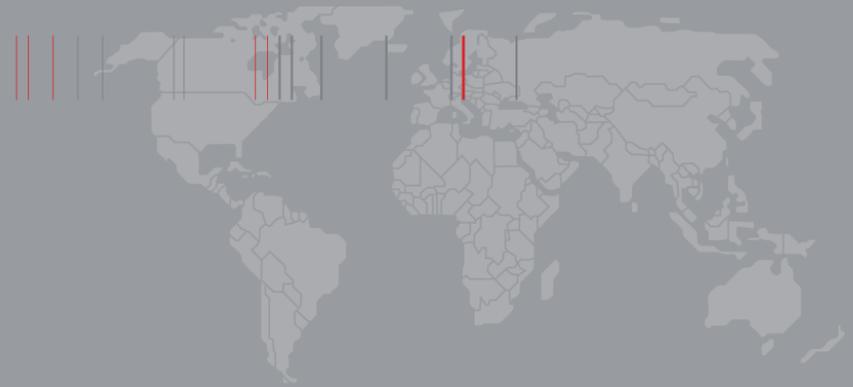3. **Virtual organisational infrastructure can be established with minimal efforts**

Challenges of BarCamp to MK

- **Will *incumbent* MK members adapt to the expected profile?**

  _**Muffathalle instead of ArabellaSheraton**

  _**quality of venue, food & beveraged depending on sponsorship**

  _**from consumer-oriented to active engagement**

- **Will MK be able to align existing organisational processes?**

  _**pre-organize and organize a BarCamp**

  _**facilitate a conference day**

  _**act on the unexpected**

- **Will MK welcome a new category of conference attendees?**

- **What will happen to the MK brand?**

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