



TRACE, TEST, TREAT: DATA FAILURE IN A PANDEMIC

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#*ARISCIENCE IMPACTS OUR LIFES

That's even truer in a pandemic:



- A colored zones system
- Red zones are decided by the Government
- Upon "scientific data"
- Assessed (?) by a scientific committee
- Based on certain criteria

But how are those data collected and are they shared?





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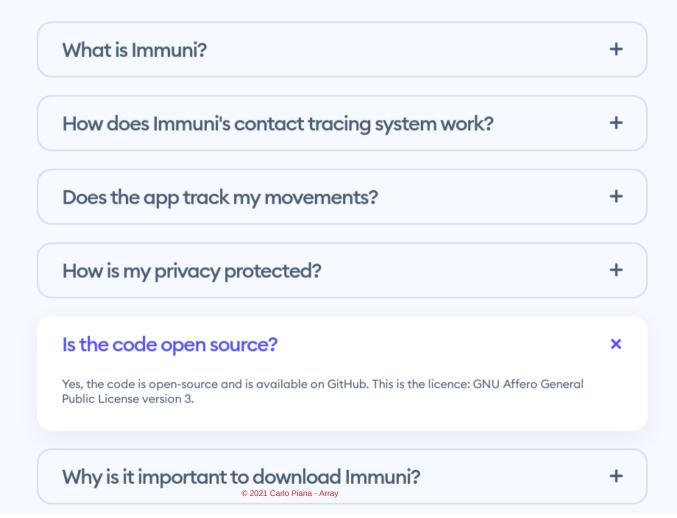






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- A nation-wide application
- Awarded in a cumbersome and non-competitive way
- FOIA requests (on procurement) repeatedly turned down, until much later
- No other entities, bodies, whatever can provide Covid tracing services, app by law
- It must be... "open source!"







OPEN SOURCE... BUT IS IT?

Surely is not something I'd call "scientific"

- No backend
- Frontend to proprietary, OS-provided libraries
- This is the **façade** of a Free Software app, quite literally
- Can we call "Open-washing"?





MY "REQUIREMENTS" FOR IT BEING CALLED FOSS?

- Workloads, functions, communication, API, all open and Free!
- All communication between front-end and back-end based on open protocols
- Open source license? Right, but not enough!
- Independent builds that work
- All stack reproducible

What worked against it?





OBJECTIONS

- Rogue apps
- Overall security
- Proprietary libraries necessary to use BLE phone backend

REPLIES

- Still possible independent with certification keys
- Public key for backend
- Reproducible backend (yet unofficial)
- No real answer against proprietary libraries. We do have a problem here





ALL EVIL WHAT ENDS BAD

- Small uptake
- Little data
- Meaningless results
- No Tracing in place, practically
- Lockdown and red zones only answer, hoping for vaccines





A PARALLEL WITH ELECTRONIC (ONLINE) VOTING





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