

# How to Scene for Beginners



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- Enlightenment

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## Introduction

- Mentors
  - Lambdacore
  - Luisa
  - reality404
  - Novel
  - \_docd
  - Bitch
  - Netpoet

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## Introduction

- You
  - Is this your first demoparty?
    - Yes
    - No
    - This is a demoparty? Wow.



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## Introduction

- You
  - Is this your first demoparty?
  - Why are you here?
    - Found the scene, wanted to participate
    - Was dragged here by friends/family
    - ???

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## Introduction

- You
  - Is this your first demoparty?
  - Why are you here?
  - How familiar are you with the scene?
    - Quite; I'm in this seminar just for fun
    - I've seen a few demos
    - Which scene?

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## Introduction

- You
  - What is your platform of choice?
    - Windows
    - Linux
    - MacOS
    - Amigaaaaaaa
    - Atari!
    - C64
    - A CPU and some RAM
    - Something else!

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- You
  - What are your skills? What do you want to do here?
    - Code
    - Graphics
    - Music
    - Organizing
    - Socializing (this includes Boozing ;-)
    - ???

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- You
  - Do you plan to release something?
    - Yes
    - Soon (™)
    - Not sure

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## Introduction

- You
  - What are your expectations for this party/seminar?
  - Tip: Ask anytime or remember your question for the grand finale

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## Where does the demoscene come from?

- A Brief History of the scene
    - First: (1980s) Software Cracker/Warez-Scene (Copy parties) and intros for releases
    - Drop the warez, let's just do the intros.
    - Why only small intros? Let's go crazy!
    - The demoscene is born.
    - A few decades later (now):
      - UNESCO national intangible cultural heritage
        - 2020: Finland
        - 2021: Germany and Poland
        - 2023: The Netherlands and Switzerland
        - 2025: Sweden and soon: France
- ...and more



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## Demoscene today

The Demoscene and its productions has reached the mainstream in museums, festivals, conferences, universities, as well as the games and entertainment industry in the last years. Here are a few examples:

- **Museums & exhibitions:** Finnish Museum of Games-Suomen Pelimuseo in Tampere, Vapriikki Museum Centre in Tampere, Computer Games Museum in Berlin, National Museum of Technology in Warsaw
- **Conferences:** ACM SIGGRAPH, Brisbane, Australia
- **Universities:** The demoscene has become an object of study at universities for example: Helsinki (FI), München (DE), Berlin (DE), Krakow (PL), Poznan (PL).
- **Games:** EA DICE, Ubisoft, Guerrilla Games, Rovio Entertainment, Square Enix, CD Project Red
- **Motion Pictures:** Pixar
- **Music:** The tools developed by demo groups e.g. Notch are often used for visual effects at concerts and events, for example by Metallica, Hans Zimmer or Gorillaz.
- **In addition** there have been documentary movies, radio interviews and even some books about the demoscene produced and published.

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## What are we doing here?

- Compos → Voting → Prizegiving
- Liveacts
- Other events (livecoding, behind the scenes tours, etc.)
- Seminars
- Social: Meeting People
- Sports: 5k run ;-)

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## What are we doing here?

- Compos
  - Rule of thumb for sorting "Better entries come later"
  - There will most likely be "weird" entries
  - There will most certainly be insider jokes in entries or in crowd reactions
    - Ask someone around you if you don't understand what is going on
  - Stick to the competition rules, they are there to create an even playing field for all participants.
  - There is no censorship, but some topics are reason for disqualification of your entry: racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia or discrimination.  
The guideline is: Be respectful to others.

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## Where is everything?

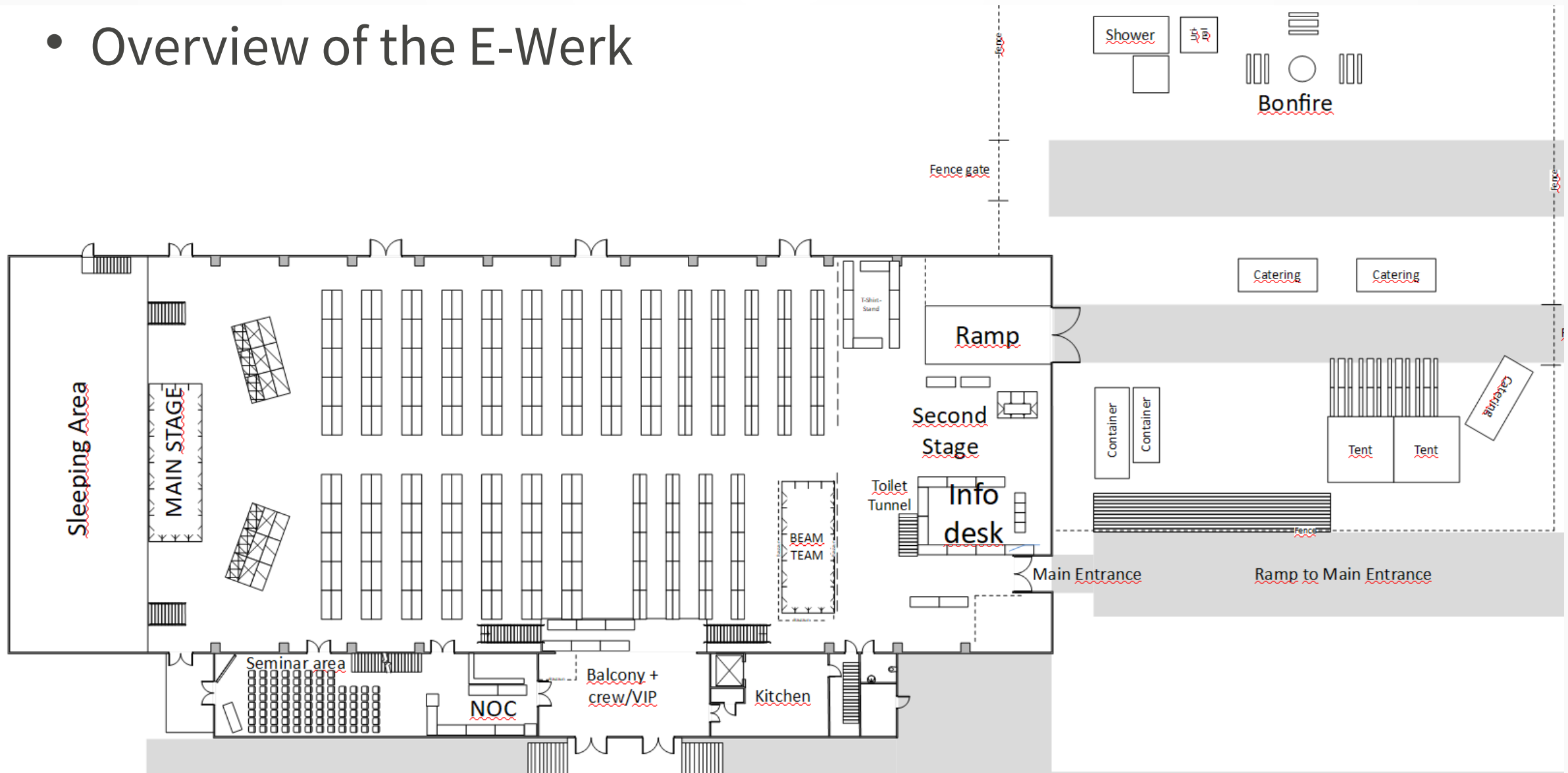
- Overview of the E-Werk
- General stuff
- Infodesk
- Outside area
- Toilets and showers
- Sleeping
- Shopping



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## Where is everything?

- Overview of the E-Werk





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## Where is everything?

- General stuff
  - In case of **emergencies** contact an orga/the infodesk. Emergency services can be reached by the public phone number 112 free of charge.
  - Demoparties are relatively safe places, so it is possible to leave your stuff at your table. But: Ask someone nicely to keep watch.
  - This is **not** an ideal place for children. Mainly due to noise. And \$things happening.
  - Wear ear protection! There may be sudden loud noises/announcements.
  - No smoking/vaping inside the hall anytime.
  - Please no stickers on walls, floors or other surfaces of the E Werk. It's a historic building.
  - The real party is outside!

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## Where is everything?

- Infodesk
  - Next to the entrance – you should have passed it on the way inside
  - Get (free) earplugs there, as it will be quite LOUD!
  - Get some cool stickers to beautify your stuff.
  - Fill up on coffee or tea for free – or get other beverages for reasonable prices.
  - T-shirts (required preorder) and some select (IT) \$stuff also on sale.
  - If you have any questions or need to contact an orga / mentor, they can help you get in touch.
  - In general: You need \$something – ask the infodesk.



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## Where is everything?

- Outside area
  - Access via the ramp next to the second stage
  - Foodstuffs for sale
  - Shower Containers
  - Bonfire
  - Tent with tables and benches (smoking is ok there)



Image: GumBoy

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## Where is everything?

- Toilets

- Entrance to the famous toilet tunnel right next to the Infodesk.
- Tag boards in the toilet tunnel
- Interesting \$things to see in the alcoves of the toilet tunnel (may include sleeping/chilling sceners)

- Showers

- Containers in the outside area
- Please note that the containers are not open/operating 24/7!

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## Where is everything?

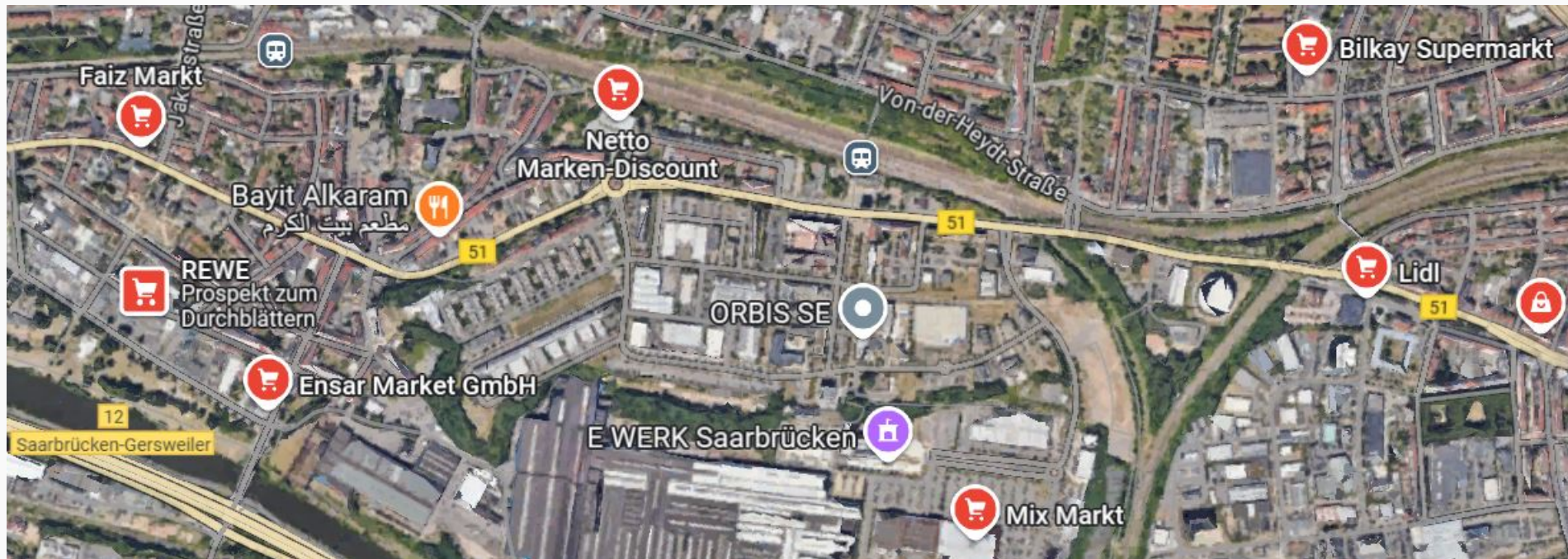
- Sleeping
  - First come, first serve. Reserve your spot ASAP, if you haven't already.
  - Where:
    - Behind the bigscreen
    - Under/next to your table
    - At the side ways of the hall
    - In the toilet tunnel (quieter, but cold and constant stream of people)
  - Remember: Evacuation ways / emergency doors **must** remain clear!



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## Where is everything?

- Shopping
  - There are plenty of stores around the party place.
  - Please note that the stores are **open only on Saturday** due to easter holidays in Germany.



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## Where do I upload my entry/vote?

- Our PartyMeister system can be reached this year here:

<https://pm.revision-party.net/>



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## Where do I upload my entry/vote?

- A brief introduction to PartyMeister and how to upload an entry.
- Hints:
  - **Be nice to your compo orgas:** Do not wait until the deadline to upload entries, do it as soon as you can. Later corrections are possible.
  - Before you submit your entry please **read and follow the compo rules** (not only the general ones, but also the specific ones for your compo). Again: the rules are there to allow a fair competition
  - Four most important general points:
    - 1) Compo entries must not have been released before.
    - 2) Entries have to be free of third party rights - unless you have a legal license to use the given content.
    - 3) Keep your file names as short and precise as possible = EntryName-Step1.xyz, EntryName-Step2.xyz, etc... (this eases the compo orga work)
    - 4) No AI in gfx and music compos! For usage in other compos please check the rules.



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## I want to know more -how?

- IRC: #newsceners, #revision, #demo.ger
- Discord: <https://discord.gg/MCDXrrB> →
- Selection of websites on the next slides
- Ask a mentor ;-)





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## I want to know more -how?

- Websites:
  - **id.scene.org**



Logged in as **lambdacore** Account Log out



SceneID is a secure, single-sign-on OAuth 2.0 authentication service for demoscene websites. SceneID is designed and maintained by Scene.org, and is currently in use on a [variety of demoscene related websites](#), such as Pouët.net, Demoparty.net, Demozoo and more.

You can easily add SceneID login support to your site by checking out the [API documentation](#) and requesting an API key. For suggestions, bug reports and feature requests, feel free to [contact us](#).

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## I want to know more -how?

- Websites:
  - id.scene.org
  - **pouet.net**

The screenshot shows the Pouet.net website, a hub for the demoscene community. The header features the site's logo and navigation links. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- login**: A section for users to log in or register, featuring the ID scene logo.
- coup de coeur**: A section for featured demos, listing titles like 'info' and 'ozone'.
- latest added prods**: A list of recently added productions, including 'pong\_crk', 'overlanders', 'grand theft auto vi cracktro', 'vechtrond', 'fuckings to neighbours', 'dftcc', 'deets', 'voyage', and 'gloky :: dubmood'.
- latest released prods**: A list of recently released productions, including the same titles as the 'latest added prods' section.
- the so famous pouet.net oneliner**: A section for one-liners, listing titles like 'the so famous pouet.net oneliner', 'Qu'est-ce que tu dirais d'une bonne guerre?', 'me too : content.pouet.net', 'Guess I made a kind of wild demo: www.youtube.com', 'techtectech', and 'www.youtube.com'.
- the oldskool pouet.net bbs**: A section for the oldskool bulletin board, listing titles like 'Brian David Gilbert moving closer and closer to just making demos', 'fix me beautiful', 'RIP mOdmate', 'Revision 2025 - Grow Beyond - April 18th to 21st 2025', 'Renoise users: please list your painpoints, workflow issues, missing features, small improvements etc that you'd like to have in Renoise?', 'Real definitions of oldschool or newschool software effects', 'Any AtariST demos supporting Roland SC or MT-32?', 'No Sound of Scenasat Vol 6 on Deezr', 'Demoscener D1 sets', and 'Nordlicht Demoparty scheduled for 3rd - 6th JULY, but take this with a grain of salt for now ...'.
- search box**: A search bar with filters for 'prod', 'group', 'party', 'user', and 'bbs'.
- some stats**: A section for site statistics, including '99253 prods', '14263 groups', '1301 parties', '4384 boards', '26699 users', '1000714 comments', '267 users seen in the last 24h', and 'progress to the youtube singularity: 30.52%'.
- powered by...**: A section for the site's infrastructure, including 'id.scene.org'.
- latest comments added**: A section for the latest comments, including titles like 'replicants cracktro', 'schismoids', 'cosmic warez', 'doops industrie', 'to you, from a secret admirer', 'attentionwhere', 'ferdinand grisbil', 'tiny triangles', and 'desire'.

An error message is visible at the bottom: 'Error: Unable to open BitFeed !'.

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## I want to know more -how?

- Websites:
  - id.scene.org
  - pouet.net
  - **demoszoo.org**

**DEMOZOO**

RELEASES GROUPS PARTIES BBSES FORUMS

Search for... Everything



**revision**  
April 18th to 21st, 2025 - Saarbrücken, Germany  
Tickets available now!

**PARTY CALENDAR**

**March** Undefined 2025 Instanssi 2025 Vintage Computing Carinthia \$2F Forever 2025 Buxton Bytes Fioniadata 2025


**April** RAM#3 Vintage Computing Carinthia \$30 specy.pl party 2025 The Gathering 2025 Revision 2025

**May** Multimatograf 2025 GemTos 2025 Decrunch 2025 68k Inside 2025 CoSin 2025 Birdie 2025 (35) Outline 2025

**June** PTWeekender IX Graffathon 2025 Flashback Symposium 2025 Nova 2025 @Party 2025 Posadas 2025

**LATEST NEWS**

### MountainBytes 2025: Results and releases!

 MountainBytes 2025 is over! The Swiss demo event of the year took place on February 14th to 16th and leaves us with many productions worth watching from four main competitions and the *specials* OHP demo competition and the innovative 3D graphics competition (with models included in the digital performance as part of the Saturday evening live act).

17 FEB 2025 MountainBytes 2025 on [Demoszoo](#) / [scene.org](#)

Video captures of the whole event including all compos and specials are to appear on [YouTube](#) sooner or later.

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Missing NES files etc...**  
posted at 18:22 13 April 2025 by bodkinz

**Sean Kelly files**  
posted at 10:16 13 April 2025 by bodkinz

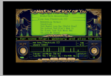
**Demoscene News Report**  
last post at 18:09 9 April 2025 by psenough


**Fix me beautiful**  
last post at 12:11 3 April 2025 by Toppo


**Mastodon**  
last post at 08:02 30 March 2025 by yogib33r


[All discussions](#)


**NEW RELEASES**

**Songs In The Key Of YM**  
by Evil + Jade + mOdmate  
ATARI ST/E - MUSICDISK

**Demovibes 15**  
by air2k / tonleben  
PERFORMANCE

**Glitch in the Matrix**  
by 4gentE / Triad  
COMMODORE 64 - GRAPHICS

**Still Standing**  
by Blazon  
COMMODORE 64 - DEMO

**Nights**  
by 4gentE / Triad  
COMMODORE 64 - GRAPHICS

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## I want to know more -how?

- Websites:
  - id.scene.org
  - pouet.net
  - demozoo.org
  - **files.scene.org**



The screenshot shows the homepage of the scene.org file archive. The header features the scene.org logo and navigation links for 'browse' and 'faq'. A 'welcome to the scene.org file archive!' message is prominently displayed. Below this, there are four tables: 'All-time most downloaded files', 'Most downloaded in the past 30 days', 'Latest new files', and 'Latest new parties'. Each table lists files or parties with their respective sizes or download counts. A footer section contains a link to the FAQ for uploading party releases and a copyright notice for The International Scene Organization.

**scene.org** browse faq

welcome to the scene.org file archive!

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deathofthedeath.zip	6.76M
fr-030_candytron_final.zip	68.00K
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md-appelsap-1-128.mp3	3.61M
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cr.html	13.84K
results.txt	14.99K
fr-041_debris.zip	179.16K
lhs-chipdisk1.zip	214.86K
str_vokawardoi_vifix.zip	906.75K
fzn_east.zip	10.29K
skillion_loader.zip	193.41K
atz-neonrain.mkv	7.03M

Latest new files	
fdhjb-themessage.zip	3.54M
routavaurio_bugfixed.zip	8.80M
t0mb0la.zip	82.87K
fireworks27.zip	16.28K
torus-lkz.zip	184.00K
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bcc18	dir
assembly_winter24	dir
mountainbytes24	dir
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iradium00	dir
lovebyte24	dir
gerp24	dir

Want to upload your party releases to scene.org? [Read the FAQ](#) on how to do it!

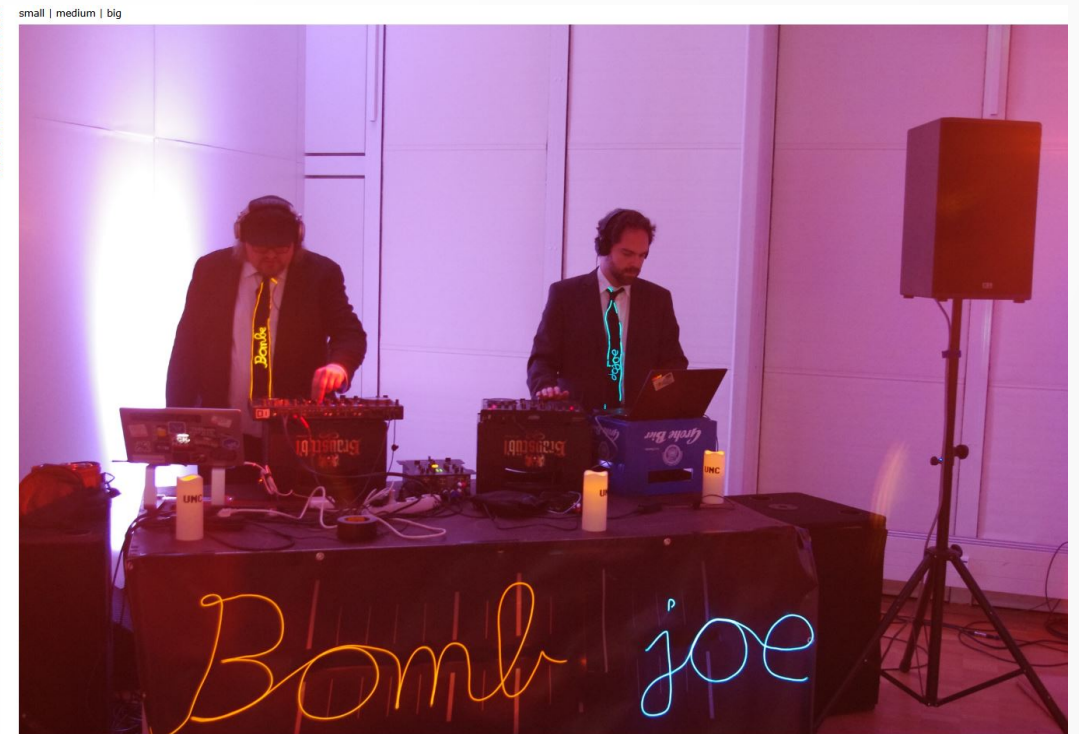
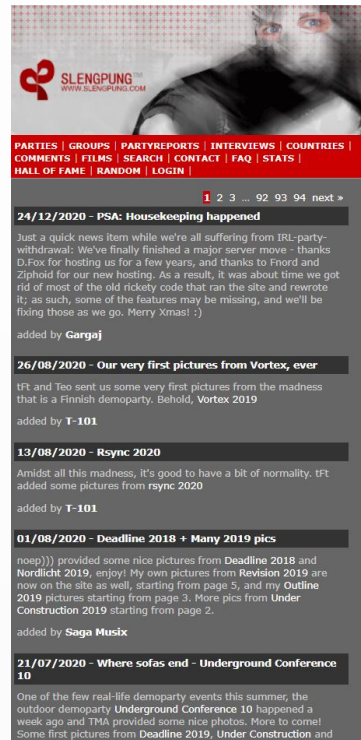
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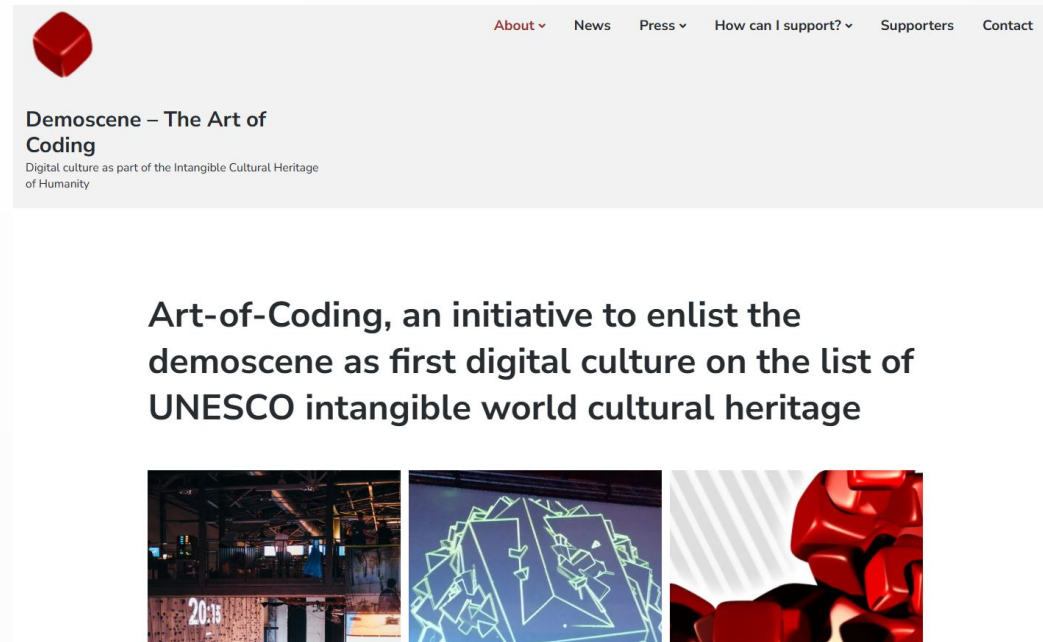


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- [slengpung.com](http://slengpung.com)
- **[demoscene-the-art-of-coding.net](http://demoscene-the-art-of-coding.net)**
- other sites: [shadertoy.com](http://shadertoy.com), [csdb.dk](http://csdb.dk) (C64), [kestra](http://kestra.org) (Amiga)  
(<http://janeway.exotica.org.uk/search.php>)



# How to Scene for Beginners Enlightenment (finally!)

Ask and you may get answers.

And remember: Remain confident!



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You can download this presentation here:

