

Welcome to the *GNU Hackers' Meeting 2022*

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- Please take the [badge](#) with your name on the table (or write your name or nickname on a blank badge)
- If you have any request, ask [Ege](#) or [Luca](#). Ege speaks Turkish.
- For last-minute updates look at the event web page <https://gnu.org/ghm/2022> (just type “[gnu.org](#)” and click on the event banner [During the conference the main page of the GNU web site was displaying the banner above, linking to the event page]) and at the [ghm-discuss](#) mailing list referred from the event web page.

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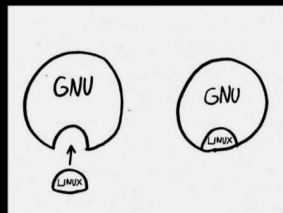
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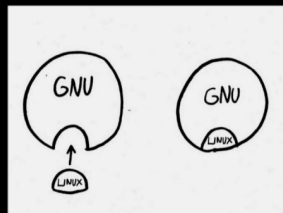
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Now let us do a round of introductions.



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