Bringing Indonesian scripts and local languages to GNOME

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About me

- Public Relation of BlankOn Linux Project
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Background

- <u>+</u> 17.508 islands
- <u>+</u> 1.340 tribes
- ± 746 local language
- ± 13 traditional script





- Usually, people can speak two language (except in big city)
- Only few people able to write/read their local script (1 in 1000 ?)

Background

BlankOn Distribution

(http://blankonlinux.or.id)

Indonesian GNU/Linux distribution based on GNOME and Debian

Use Manokwari Desktop (http://manokwari.blankonlinux.or.id)

Manokwari is Desktop shell for GNOME 3 with Gtk+ and HTML5 frontend



Background

Promoting Culture



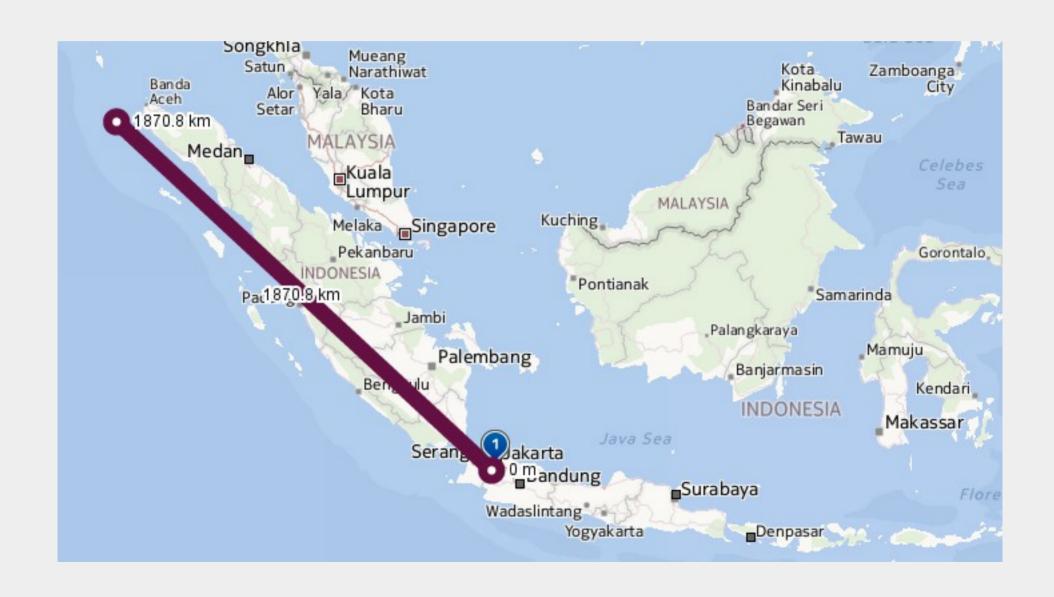
- Geographic area
- Knowledge
- Interest
- Commitment
- Contribution to Upstream

Geographic area

length of landscape: ± 5,154.7 km



Problems – Geographic area



Knowledge



Problems - Knowledge

- Only few people in big city able to speak local language
- Only few people able to write/read their local script. Maybe 1 in 1000
- Technology Input Methode : SCIM, IBUS

Interest

For many people, learning local language is not prospective.

Commitment

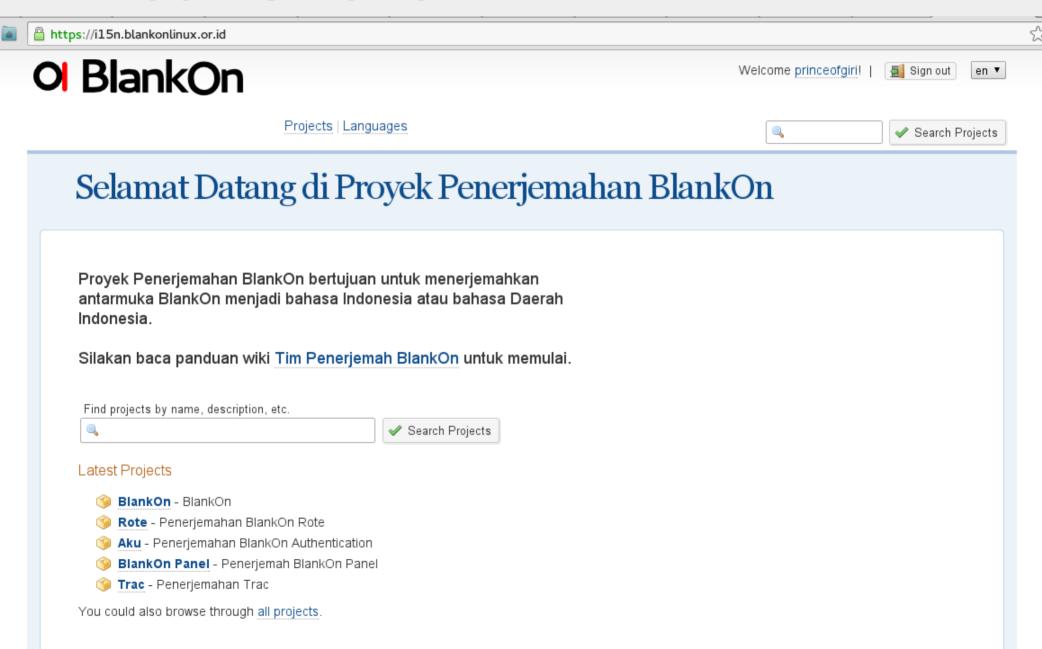
Easy come, easy go

Still no contribution to upstream

What we have?

- BlankOn Distribution
- Translation Center (base on Transifex) https://i15n.blankonlinux.or.id

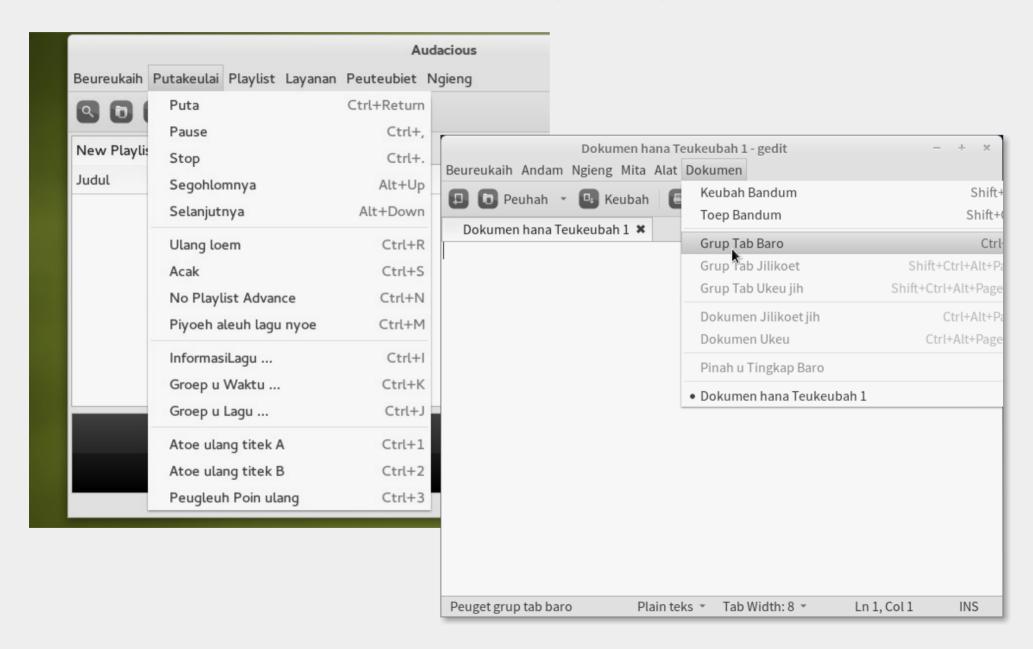
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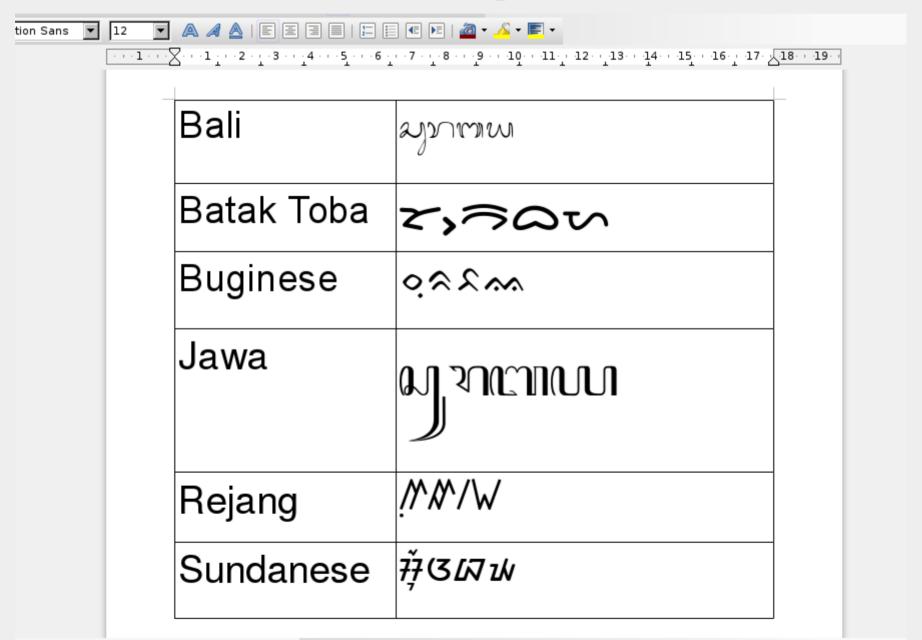
Result

- Local language : Banyumas & Aceh
 Java & Sasak (on going)
- Local Scripts: Bali, Batak Toba, Buginese, Jawa, Rejang, Sundanese

Result: Local Language



Result: Local Script



What we must do?

- Encourage people to contribute
- Workshop
 - Cooperate with another organization / university / local community
- Going to Upstream

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