

Download Was the Wrong Door

A correction of public architecture: living tools should not be framed as static downloads.

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Download was the wrong door.

The tools were real.

The name was not.

For a while, Hedegreen Research used Download as the public slot for tools and software.

That was not exactly false.

Some of what lived there really was code, links, repos, and files you could take with you.

But the framing was still wrong.

Download makes a thing sound finished before you meet it.

It makes a live instrument sound like a payload.

It makes a public tool sound like a file on a shelf.

That is not what these things are.

Danish Politics Data is not a download.

It is a public research instrument with a live interface, a method boundary, a codebase, and now its own corrections line.

nearest-gravhøj is not a download either.

It is a one-button field tool with a public purpose, a repo, a live page, and a very specific relationship between source, place, and use.

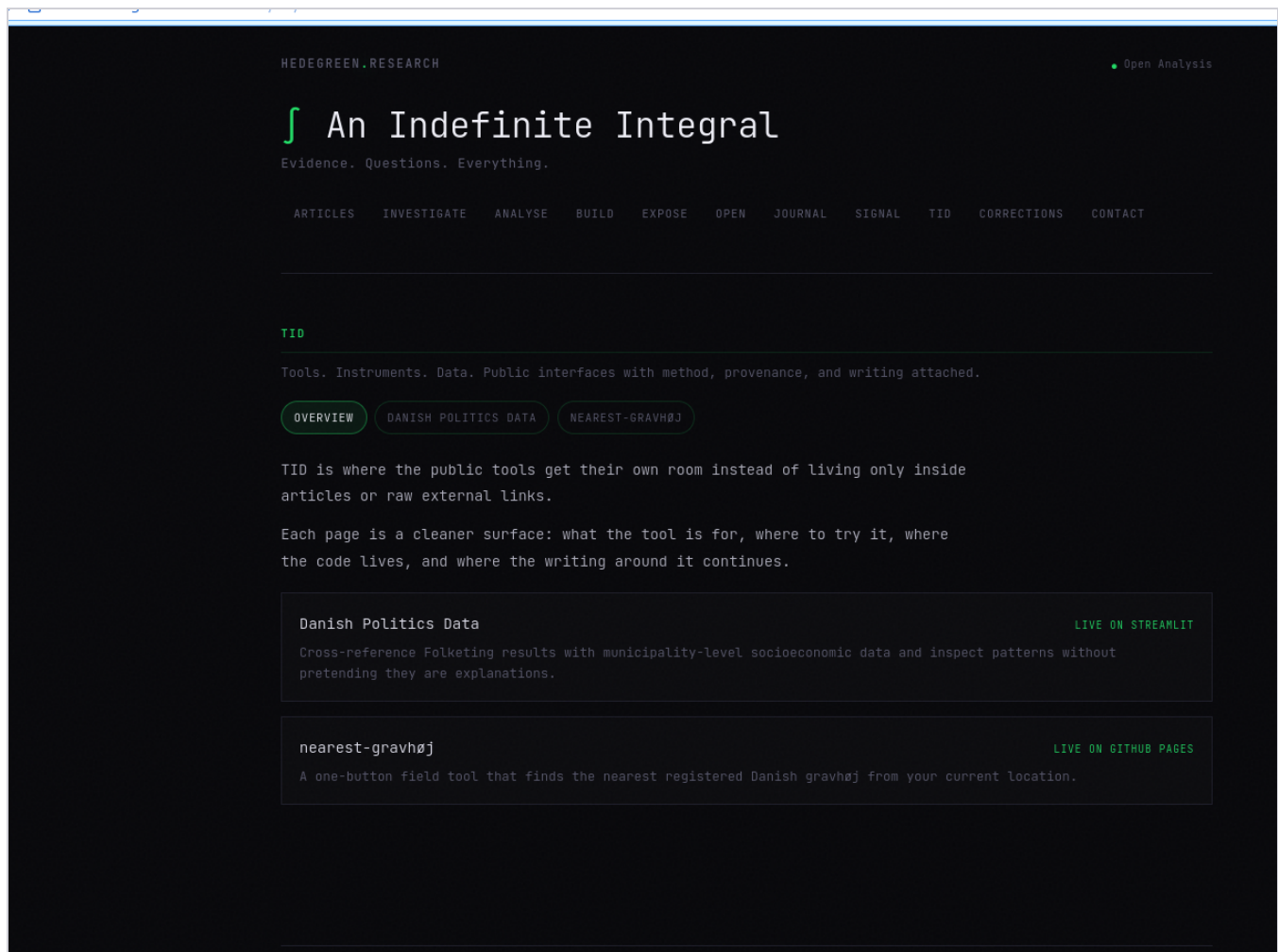
Putting those things behind Download taught the wrong lesson.

It taught that the tools were side cargo.

They are not side cargo.

They are part of the public surface now.

That is why the site changed.



The correction is architectural, not cosmetic: the tools now have a real room of their own.

The old slot has been replaced publicly by TID:

Tools. Instruments. Data.

That is not branding.

It is a correction.

It describes more clearly what actually lives there, and it gives the tools their own room instead of forcing them to survive through scattered article links and raw external URLs.

The front page now points into a real TID room.

Danish Politics Data has its own page there.

nearest-gravhøj has its own page there.

The older analyse/danish-politics.html route now hands people forward into that stronger structure instead of pretending the tool still belongs mainly inside the analysis archive.

That matters because public architecture can be wrong in the same quiet way public language can be wrong.

The old setup still worked.

You could click through.

You could find the tool.

You could reach the repo.

But the surface still misdescribed the thing it was presenting.

And the correction does not have to mean pretending the whole tool now runs natively inside Hedegreen Research.

For now, TID is the right public door.

It is the place where the tool, the code, and the writing around it can stand together without being mislabeled as a download.

That is already a better structure than a file shelf with a confusing name.

If a live tool is framed like a static file, people read it differently.

If a tool is discoverable only through old articles, it starts to disappear into the archive.

If the room is wrong, the object inside it is harder to see clearly.

So this is the smaller correction underneath the larger build work.

Not everything that is technically downloadable belongs under Down load.

Sometimes the right correction is not new code.

It is a better door.

Open TID

— Dennis Hedegreen, updated publicly

RELATION MEMORY

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