

# Tea talk

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# Tea at Gatsby

***If you're in London and you're not dead,  
then you come to tea***

From Iain Murray's unofficial Gatsby wiki

- Integral part of the unit
- Opportunities for chat, break, etc.

# Key components

Tea comes with:

- Talk
- Food
- And you



# Talk

Talk lengths (keep time!):

- Research talk: **40** minutes
- Normal talk: **10** minutes (max 20 mins.)

Tea archive (upload your talk):

- Reply to the email sent after the talk
- Check your Gatsby email

# Talk: why did we stop using this?



- We simply forget to set a timer (and rely on Peter L)
- Awkward for others to do
- Bad user interface
- My suggestion: tea person should set a timer, somehow

# Food

- Contribution from tea members
- Duties:
  - Bring food and make tea
  - **Clean and wash up**
    - ➔ Cleaners don't do
    - ➔ Ask others if busy or do it yourself next day

# Food: fridge and leftovers

Rotten food in the fridge

- Hummus, cheese, fruit



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Why does this happen?

- Not many people want free food (or use fridge)
- Unclear ownership
  - ➔ Unclear if they are leftover or not

# Another suggestion

- Take home / throw away (or don't bring a lot)
- If you put in the fridge:
  1. Put in the leftover area  
(the bottom space of the fridge under microwave)
  2. Label explicitly (e.g., "tea leftover") with the date
    - ◆ Or use nearby whiteboard to indicate what is in the fridge
- Regularly dump food (e.g., every Thursday or Monday)
  - Monday tea person will dump leftovers from the previous week



# Miscellaneous rules from old wiki

- Applause for internal speakers should be only under exceptional circumstances (merited perhaps once a year)
- When 30% of the Unit is away during major conferences, tea continues, but without talks
  - Is 30% reasonable?

# You

Thank you for your cooperation!

Next point of contact:

# Questions?

