Lib^{re:}Match

Empowering developers to build reliable tooling



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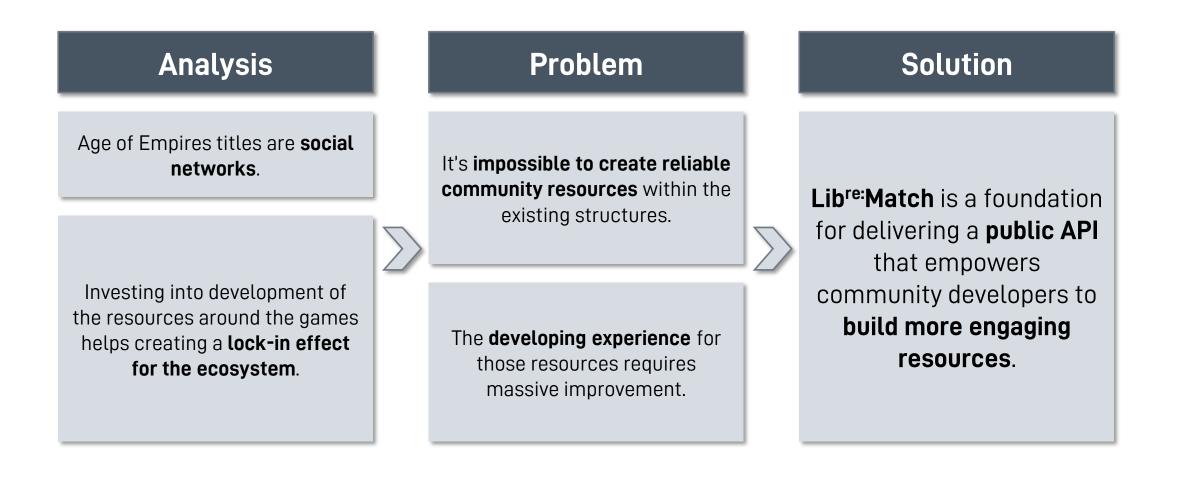




Motivation

"In essence, every esports title is a social network in its own right and must be understood as such in the future, with more or less pronounced structures and experiences that bind the players together." "With regard to the use of **lock-in** effects for an ecosystem, the human social aspect takes on even greater significance. [...] the switching costs for users are correspondingly low, meaning that gamers will migrate more quickly if the game experience is disappointing."

PWC, <u>Esports 2020: Publishers & Game Developers</u>

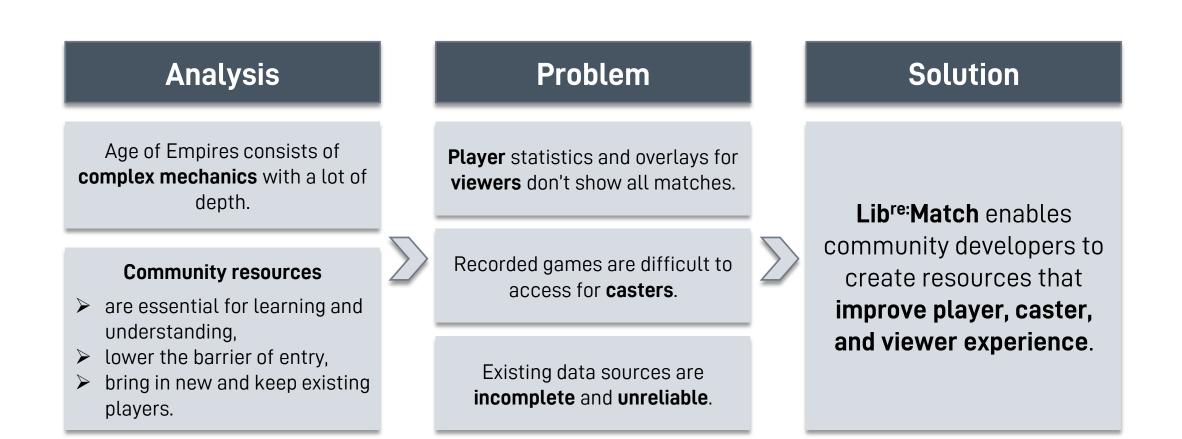


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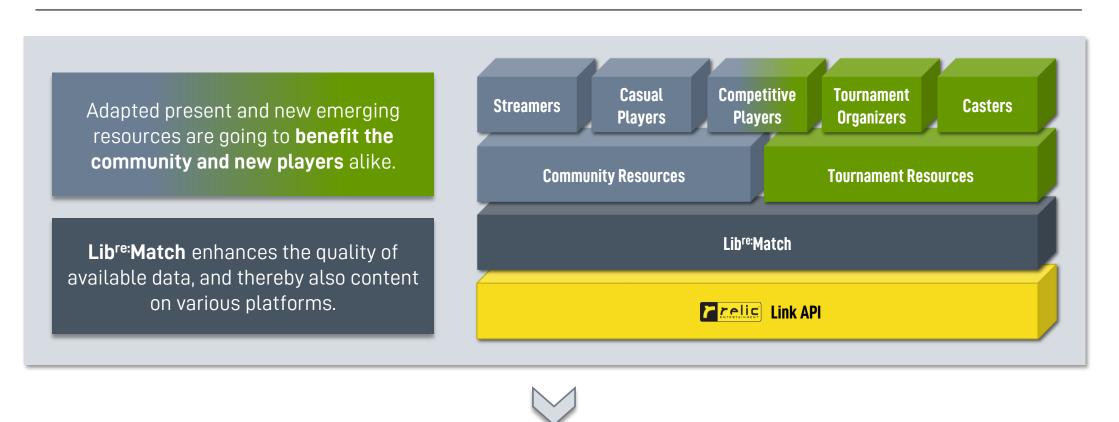
Motivation

"There are many different **factors determining the success** of a game for the esports industry, such as **ease of learning**, depth to master it, ease of access, **ease of understanding**, viewability, storytelling ability of the game lore, patch cycle speed or metagame design changes that help avoid routine games."

PWC, Esports 2020: Esport Audiences and Communities



Motivation



Lib^{re:}Match increases long-term engagement with the game and its community. This could help with the **growth and retention of the player base**.

Team





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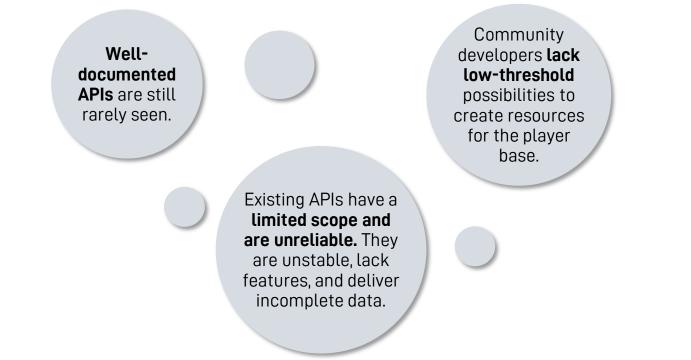
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Matchmaking Overlay C++, Rust, Python, PHP, SQL, Svelte

Why now?



After the release of Age of Empires IV, the **need for data** became more apparent.

Community developers joining from other scenes couldn't build engaging apps efficiently.

We believe that **Lib**^{re:}**Match** addresses these issues.

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Product



We provide **high-quality** data through a **reliable and stable interface**.

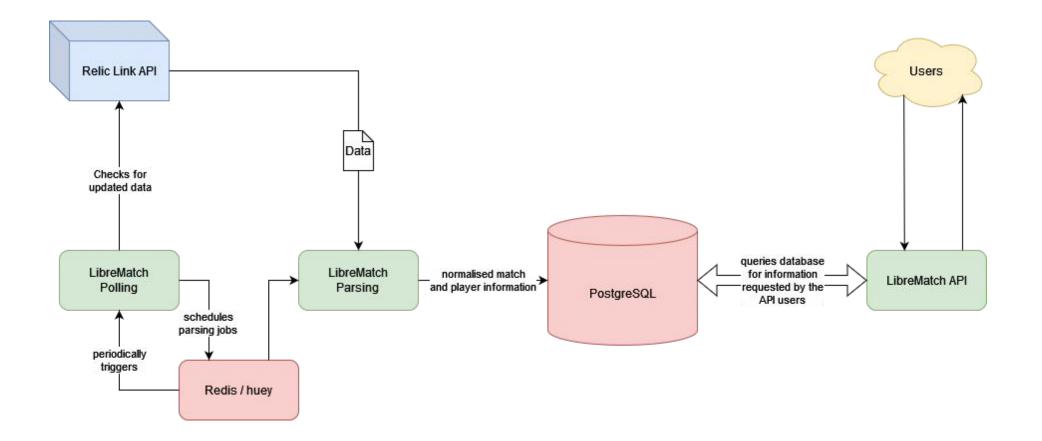


Lib^{re:}Match will feature **real-time** and **historical data,** e.g., for streaming overlays and tournament seeding.



We **lower the barrier** of entry and provide easy access for community developers by utilising the industry-standard <u>OpenAPI</u>.

Proof of Concept



Target group

Community developers create sophisticated resources that impact all players over the whole franchise.



Community projects like ace2companion, ace4world, various tournament overlays, and chatbots are in **high demand**.

In the last 30 days ace4world had 42k unique visitors and 6.8m total served requests.

aoe[2,3,IV].net	Lib ^{re:} Match		aoe2recs.com Dashboard	Lib ^{re:} Match		Quiver.gg	Lib ^{re:} Match
unstable and often unreachable	focus on high stability and availability		top 250 players	covering the whole multiplayer community		more complex solution focusing on tournaments	easy-to-use, stable API focused on match data
maintained by a single person	maintained by a group of people		no public API	API available for everyone		publicly announced 06/2020	design phase
less data and functionality	motivated by our projects' data needs		AoE II only	support for all games using the Relic Link API		development status unclear	actively in development

Goals



We are a group **well-integrated** into the community's developer scene. With **Lib^{re:}Match**, we want to **support others** in realising their projects.



Lib^{re:}Match helps to avoid duplication of effort and centralises access to the resources provided by the Relic Link API.



We strive for a **stable and reliable** solution that provides community developers with peace of mind.

Outlook

Lib^{re:}Match will be a comprehensive historic data source that can be used to <u>prepare</u> (for) tournaments.

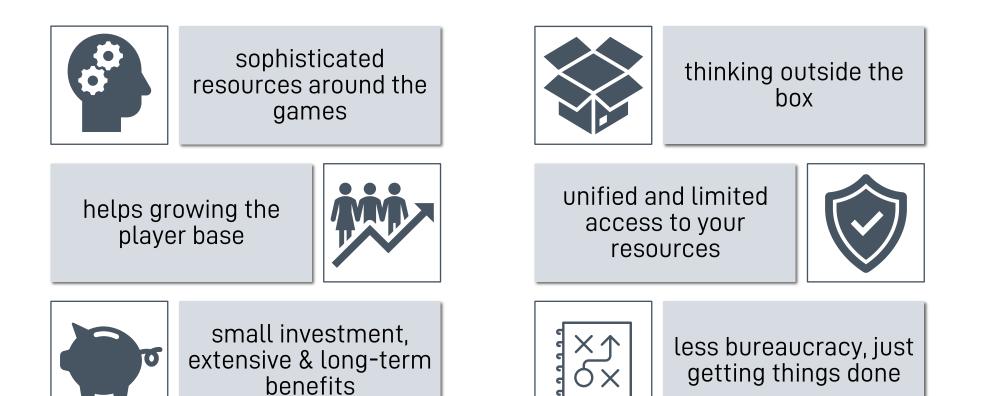
tournament seedings

> player preparation

Lib^{re:}Match will be a realtime data source that can be used to facilitate the flow of <u>ongoing</u> tournaments.

- > unsupervised tournaments
- discover recorded games
- lobby-hosting bots

USP



How can you help our efforts?



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