

Changing the Way You Commute with a Thinkable- Made App



After 40 years in the same industry, Stefan Eng found himself in a new career. The pandemic had decimated tourism in his native Stockholm, Sweden, and Eng was starting over. His new job required a commute to the city center, and Eng was soon aggravated by public transit.

“When I was going home that one day, there was some struggling with the commuter traffic — the train was late, etc. — and I tried to figure out when the train was coming or some information whatsoever through the commuter company's own apps,” he says. “Personally, I thought it was too difficult to find the correct app and also the information.”



Eng began to wonder if there was a better way to easily learn if your train or bus was running late or on time. He thought about building an app to see all of Stockholm's public transit in one place, but first, he had to do some digging.

“I said that if the data exists, then I can do it all by myself. So, I started to examine or explore if the data exists anywhere, and to my surprise, the data was there, and it's free of charge.”

THE STRUL APP

Eng named his app Strul, which means “trouble” or “hassle” in Swedish. It’s a term often muttered by Swedes when they’re running late due to public transit. Strul simplifies the commuting process by showing the user all commuting options in Stockholm.

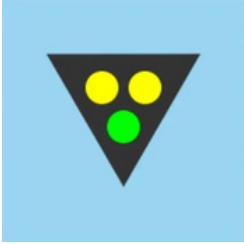
Eng uses the free APIs provided by the transit companies to pull all the information into Strul. “It goes via API and picks up the data directly from the commuter company immediately from their [live] database.” A user selects which line they want to travel by, and they’re able to see the schedule as well as any delays. Users are also able to set a favorite line as the default.

“You should be able to sit at your breakfast table for five minutes before you leave the office to just check, ‘Is there any problem with my commuter travel? Should I go this way, or should I take another bus or another train to get where I want?’ That is the whole purpose with Strul,” says Eng.



BUILDING MORE APPS

It turns out building Strul was just the beginning for Eng who has now published the following apps:



Strul

Strul provides all you need to know about your public transit options in Stockholm, Sweden. With a simple click, you can check your preferred transit line and see delays, canceled departures, moved bus stops, or closed elevators.



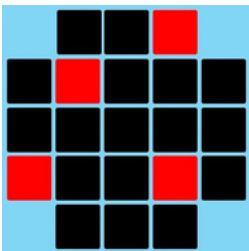
Mathrix

Mathrix is a challenging game where you must reach the target number by using one or more of six random numbers and operands. Challenge yourself, and go nuts with numbers.



Travelix

Test your airport knowledge with Travelix! Press start and receive the name of an airport. To score points, you must guess the correct International Air Transport Association code.



Crossfix

This app turns the traditional crossword on its head. The ultimate challenge for word enthusiasts and puzzle lovers, create your own crossword puzzle with Crossfix.



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Stefan Eng is an entrepreneur based in Stockholm, Sweden. He spent 40 years in the travel industry before transitioning to banking. He's worked as a web designer, content writer, and product marketer and now builds apps in his spare time. Eng has published multiple apps to the App Store and Play Store.