



The competence database is ready!

- Where the companies are and incubation

In 2012 the Scandinavian Game Developers had located 399 companies and 3338 employees across Scandinavia. All these companies are now registered in The Competence Database. Among these are of course the incubated companies at The Animation Workshop, Skövde and The Ranch.

The Competence Database is an extension of the incubation environments at both The Ranch, The Animation Workshop, Skövde and of course anywhere else in Scandinavia with an incubation environment.

The Ranch

This is where game developers from the different educations on Game Academy join forces and create new games.



This covers both school projects, "game rodeos" or new companies.

Take a look at gameacademy.dk (Danish website)

The Animation Workshop



The Animation Workshop is an international centre of knowledge and development for animation (and related) professions and businesses.

www.animwork.dk/en/

University of Skövde



University in Sweden with a lot of success in giving students room and tools to start a career in the gaming industry.

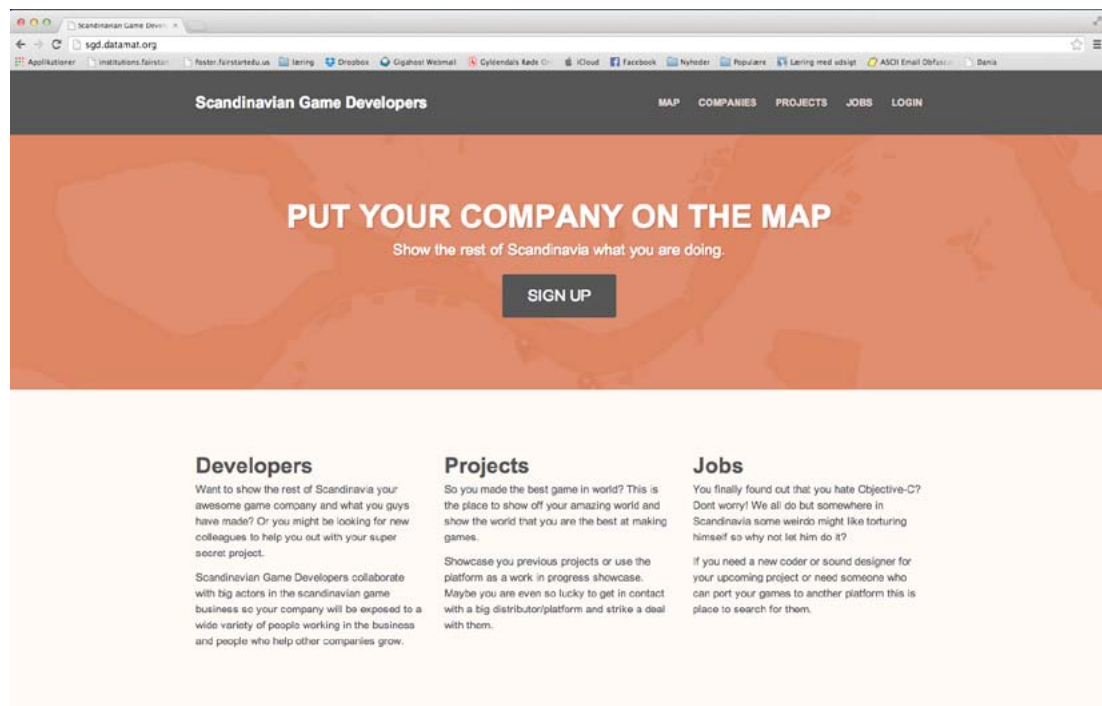
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For the incubators the environment offers them a place to be and a network which is very important since the companies helps one another to find jobs, and assistance during their developing processes. In this context The Competence Database increases the cross-country network between the developers. It offers them precedence.

At the moment The Ranch counts 8 companies, The Animation Workshop 3, while Skövde counts 14 companies in their incubation facilities.

Among the things the incubators get from the environments are coaching sessions in subjects as basic corporate economy, business models and business coaching. At Viden Djurs there is a special focus at project-based learning, where the students are forced to do a project with an extern partner. This not only makes them better at using the business models in real life, it also makes them better at communicating with extern partners.

When the students one day choose to start a company on their own, and the extern partners sees the companies in The Competence Database, this achieved knowledge will become a valuable lesson.



- That's far out, dude...

During the past four years the population at Norddjurs Kommune, where Grenaa is located, has been falling. The migration from the countryside and smaller societies to the bigger cities has also struck here. Some might say, that it would be pretty far out to settle in Grenaa, and one might say the same thing about Skövde. There are no airports and both cities have the thing in common that they are located far from other big cities, but still Skövde have a positive population growth.

Högskolan in Skövde started their study programs in computer gaming around the year 2000, and today there is approximately 400 students studying computer games, and around 130 people working with research in this field at the university. That has placed Högskolan in Skövde in the absolute elite in Sweden in this field.

When Högskolan started their study program in serious games in 2008 they were one of the first universities in Europe to do so. With the knowledge that has been accumulated during the Scandinavian Game Developing project, and the similarities between Skövde and Grenaa it is most likely that Grenaa can benefit from their actions the same way Skövde does.

The game developing market is global, so it doesn't matter that either Skövde nor Grenaa is located in the countryside. And with the creation of The Competence Database the world have now moved one giant step closer to Grenaa, Viden Djurs and The Ranch as well as Skövde, Viborg, Aarhus and the rest of Scandinavia.

- ### Growth in Grenaa

One and a half year and still on the making.

The game entrepreneurial environment in Grenaa is a young environment. Creating such an environment is a continuing process, but some quality educations moving more and more towards computer games development have already been established, which caters to the creative lot.

The educations and the methods at Viden Djurs makes the students fully equipped to start a company on their own, and a lot of them are showing a great interest in establishing their own company in Grenaa. Some of the students even claim that they are selling their apartment in Copenhagen to come to Grenaa because the environment and the quality of the educations makes the city ideal for establishing a company.

The number of students in the educations is continuously rising at Viden Djurs. This year the number is close to 300 which is not so far from the amount in Skövde, and with the presentation of The Competence Database Grenaa is no longer that far out. It's rather sweet there, dude...

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