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**...** 25/2000 IBM Canada Launches Small Business WebConnections - 10/25/2000 Nortel Wins US $935 Million Contract from Xfera - 10/25/2000 **Vote**-**Auction**: Capturing the **...**

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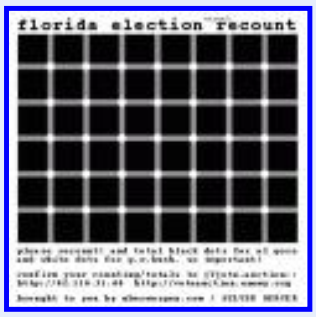


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**misc.survivalism** - Nov 13 2000, 11:17 am by Number Six - 1 message - 1 author

### VOTEAUCTION SATIRE ILLEGALLY SQUELCHED, (resend)

**...** On November 1, Network Solutions (the private for-profit corporation in charge of all .com, .net, and .org domains) shut down **Vote-auction**.com without warning **...**
**misc.activism.progressive** - Nov 5 2000, 1:29 pm by MichaelP - 1 message - 1 author

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**flora.mai-not** - Nov 5 2000, 10:37 pm by MichaelP - 3 messages - 2 authors

### The Nader Thing

"Charlotte L. Blackmer" <c...@rahul.net> wrote: <re: **vote auction**> From what I have heard on the news, it was based in this state, so our Secretary of State had **...**
**soc.singles.moderated** - Nov 3 2000, 1:30 pm by Ocean Gypsy - 547 messages - 64 authors

### Is Bush a creationist?

**...** You're right. It should be illegal. He's perhaps talking about the "**vote auction**" thing. Which should be illegal, in my opinion. **...** what **vote auction**? **...**
**talk.origins** - Nov 1 2000, 9:35 am by sarah clark - 48 messages - 22 authors

### Risks Digest 21.11

**...** Vote" (Lauren Weinstein) Web sites report exit poll results before networks do (NewsScan) Political dirty tricks, cyber-style (NewsScan) **Vote auction** Web site **...**

**comp.risks** - Nov 8 2000, 4:32 pm by RISKS List Owner - 1 message - 1 author

### Cenata na Demokraciqta

By Steven E. Landsburg Posted Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2000, at 4:00 pm PT At **Vote-auction**.com, you can sell your presidential vote. At **...**
**soc.culture.bulgaria** - Nov 1 2000, 2:40 pm by gbantc...@my-deja.com - 1 message - 1 author

### **Vote-auction** victim of DNS-shutdown

**Vote-auction** falls victim to ILLEGAL DNS-SHUTDOWN ----- Vienna/Berlin, November 2nd, 2000, 7 am CET Below **...**
**alt.thebird** - Nov 2 2000, 12:11 pm by votingp...@aol.com - 1 message - 1 author

### #**Vote Auction** Site To Open Again, Offshore

**...** **Vote Auction** Site To Open Again, Offshore Richard Stenger of CNN, August 26, 2000 http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/08/24/internet.vote/index.html (CNN **...**
**alt.politics.bush** - Aug 26 2000, 8:23 am by Lupe - 2 messages - 2 authors

## ACLU joins fight over 'vote-buying' Internet ...

... But the American Civil Liberties Union said it would fight to keep **vote**-**auction**.
com on the Internet, saying the Web site was constitutionally protected under ...
**alt.thebird** - Nov 3 2000, 2:34 pm by Michael J. Schneider - 1 message - 1
author

## Capitalism & Democracy Converge

... ask for a donation'. Saturday afternoon, a message on www.**vote**-**auction**.com
said the service was temporarily offline. Posted on the ...
**alt.politics.bush** - Oct 22 2000, 10:40 pm by John H. McCloskey - 2 messages - 2
authors

## Stuff the Tree! We have Sky-tower.

... would be a reasonably accurate description if it were not for the fact that leftist
bludgers have perverted the democratic electoral process into a **vote auction** ...

**nz.politics** - Nov 2 2001, 9:34 pm by Newsman - 16 messages - 8 authors

## Subastemos el voto

... en la elección presidencial de los Estados Unidos, a pesar de la oposición de algunas
cortes menores de justicia (http://**vote**-**auction**.com/index01.htm). ...
**chile.soc.politica** - Oct 25 2000, 12:50 pm by TiTo - 31 messages - 9 authors

## Michael Moore should be charged with treason

... and there'd be some kind of **vote auction** going on everywhere and people would race
around to various polling stations to check out what the going rate is. ...
**alt.os.windows-xp** - Jul 19 2004, 12:51 am by Zoogar, ruler of the Zerg - 40 messages - 18
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## Make your vote count: Sell it to the highest bidder!

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Sounds good, I agree but could a bunch of federal agents get a search warrant ...

**talk.politics.libertarian** - Oct 25 2000, 2:59 pm by TiTo - 12 messages - 6
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## Websites Offer Votes for sale

... The election industry is spending hundreds of millions of dollars in an attempt
to influence the presidential election," organizers of the **vote auction** said in ...
**alt.politics.reform** - Aug 19 2000, 8:59 am by Robert Hewett - 1 message - 1
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## Web Sites Offer Votes For Sale - VoteAuction.com

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## Movie Ratings Ballot

... All Men Are Mortal (1995) vote Ape, The (1940) vote Appartement, L' (1995) vote
Arzt Von Stalingrad, Der (1958) vote Asfour Stah (1986) **vote Auction** Of Souls ...
**rec.arts.movies.lists+surveys** - Oct 25 1996, 7:29 pm by Movie Ratings Report - 1 message - 1
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## Limbaugh Lie f the Day 10/2604

... http://www.alternet.org/election04/19870/ http://www.**vote**-**auction**.net/ etc you folks
are working tirelessley to steal the election with your illegal activites ...
**alt.fan.rush-limbaugh** - Oct 27 2004, 7:53 pm by Demolibs are Braindead

## Attention Nader and Gore supporters: Important

... The votexchange programmes (if they are not hoaxes, like **vote**-**auction**.com)
simply make the system more proportional on a national basis. ...
**alt.music.radiohead** - Nov 4 2000, 10:15 pm by spm1...@my-deja.com - 33 messages - 16
authors

## Arriana's Hilarious Iowa Straw Poll Analysis

**...** that all the ballots have been paid for -- excuse me, counted -- and George W. Bush has been declared the winner of the Iowa Pay-Per-**Vote Auction**, it's time to **...**
**alt.politics** - Aug 19 1999, 1:09 am by aladdinsane - 4 messages - 3 authors

## Special Report: Politics and the Internet

**...** online voting. More: See PoliticsOnline's Media Reference Center. 3. **Vote**-**auction**, vote-swap sites provide election twists. One of **...**
**netscape.public.mozilla.layout** - Jan 25 2001, 7:17 pm by politicsonline - 1 message - 1 author

## I TOLD YOU SO...!!!!!

**...** As long as the socialists continue with the twin evils of destroying the education system, and making each election a **vote auction** or handout spree, then there **...**

**nz.politics** - Apr 14 2002, 7:13 pm by Redbaiter - 18 messages - 7 authors

## Kerry Campaign Wet-Dream in MO

quoted : http://www.local6.com/news/3834797/detail.html A Missouri man posted his "**vote**" **auction** on ebay. That is illegal. Further **...**
**alt.politics.bush** - Oct 21 2004, 5:16 am by TBone - 4 messages - 3 authors

## Democracy is for sale...

www.**vote**-**auction**.com Sell your vote (for real).
**alt.music.dead-kennedys** - Oct 26 2000, 7:51 pm by The Passenger - 1 message - 1 author

## grin

**...** This is not openness and And if you don't get them that quick do you want a refund on your vote ? Can I sell it at **vote**-**auction**.com? **...**
**uk.net.news.management** - Oct 24 2000, 8:18 pm by Jack Howard - 42 messages - 16 authors

## voteauction.com

**...** unregistered them. But they're back already. The new domain name is **vote**-**auction**.com. Same machine, new name (with a hyphen). As **...**
**alt.politics** - Oct 21 2000, 1:22 pm by garb...@my-deja.com - 2 messages - 2 authors

## Alan Keyes: Scrapping the slave tax

**...** The Bush/Forbes **vote auction** in Ames, Iowa, last weekend was just the latest example of corrosive big money at work in our political process. **...**
**alt.politics** - Aug 22 1999, 2:27 am by Mr. J. - 1 message - 1 author

## Straight Thinking on the Iraq War

**...** greed for political power. As they have perverted democracy here in NZ by turning each election into a **vote auction**. Even if it **...**
**nz.politics** - Apr 11 2003, 5:31 am by Tilly - 138 messages - 26 authors

## No more diplomacy ever ?

**...** It is just a **vote auction**, with countries casting their votes on the basis of the best backhander that they can screw out of the US. **...**
**uk.politics.misc** - Mar 17 2003, 3:13 am by Binky Dawkins - 14 messages - 3 authors

## The .eu , an European unity new symbol

**...** in Switzerland. Actually I did think of US court decisions. Primarily of cases such as **Vote Auction**, or etoy vs etoys. But that **...**
**europa.union.euro** - Jan 28 2002, 7:25 am by Christian Feldhaus - 55 messages - 16 authors

## Domain Market Newsletter #5

**...** Hack auf microsoft.com ein Scherz http://www.ix.de/newsticker/data/hes-23.10.00-000/ - Anstatt Voteauction.com gibt es jetzt **Vote**-**Auction**.com http://www.ix.de **...**
**japan.internet.domain** - Oct 31 2000, 10:41 am by Oleg - 1 message - 1 author

## Digest Number 42

**...** A Tangled Web From: "Michael J. Schneider" <m...@winternet.com> 9. **Vote**-**auction** victim of DNS-shutdown From: votingp...@aol.com 10. **...**
**talk.politics.guns** - Nov 7 2000, 2:23 pm by American_Liberty - 1 message - 1 author

## Digest Number 43

**...** But the American Civil Liberties Union said it would fight to keep **vote**-**auction**. com on the Internet, saying the Web site was constitutionally protected under **...**

**alt.fan.rush-limbaugh** - Nov 7 2000, 3:41 pm by American_Liberty

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# Voters Who Swap Their Check for Cash

*By Rebecca Dana*
Washington Post Staff Writer
Thursday, July 22, 2004; Page C01

Michael O'Connor Clarke, a British subject who lives in Canada, will be voting for John Kerry in the presidential election in November. So will Sarah Redman, an Australian citizen and half of a lesbian couple looking to move to the United States but unable to under current immigration laws. And so will Scott Steahl, a sophomore at the University of California at San Diego. Steahl became eligible to vote two years ago, and by the grace of vote-exchanging, he'll do so twice in the fall.

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This is what voter fraud looks like in cyberspace: borderless, lawless, dubious in motivation and totally unverifiable. Clarke, Redman and Steahl bartered invitations for free Google e-mail accounts to anonymous college students who pledged to vote Democratic. Others go about exchanging votes -- or, more accurately, exchanging promises of votes -- in ways that vary from the patently illegal (selling them on private Web logs or on eBay) to the potentially legal (swapping them for other votes in battleground states) to the purposefully sardonic (protesting the influence of corporations).

Some attempting to sell their votes in these forums are looking for money. Some buying want influence. But all are out to make a statement, be it that this presidential election is a matter of "choosing between two faces on the same body," in the words of 27-year-old Justis Weller, who tried to sell his vote in the California gubernatorial election last year; or "anybody but Bush," as it is for the 40-year-old Clarke; or "I'm ambivalent and therefore experimental," which is a fair approximation of 36-year-old Gregg Henson's position and which translated into a failed plan to sell his vote on eBay for $500.

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Heard at once, these pronouncements blend into incoherence, the kind of muddle that would give the election-crime lawyers at the Department of Justice a headache. Individually, though, they speak to the divergent quality of modern disenfranchisement. People sell votes for the same reason some speculate Al Sharpton runs for president, because it's a way to say something bold and public and negative about the current state of affairs. People buy votes because they feel one is no longer enough or five are no longer enough to express their political views. People swap votes because geography matters as much as preference.

There are those in the vote-exchange market who love politics and hate John Kerry or George W. Bush, like Sarah Redman, 22, who hopes someday to live with her girlfriend in the United States. Redman says she is unable to get a work or student visa to move here and has sought votes for Kerry because she believes a Democratic administration would be more likely to expand immigration laws to include homosexual partners of U.S. citizens. "I understand that some of these people may not vote at all, let alone vote Democratic," she wrote in an e-mail from Australia. "But still, there's a chance that they will."

There are also those who hate politics and can't tell the difference between the two, or don't care to, like Ray Baumgardner, a 39-year-old paralegal in San Diego who says that in light of the Florida recount in 2000, when so many chads dangled and butterfly ballots were invalidated, he feels his vote is essentially worthless. Then again, he says, "if somebody wants to attach some value to it, I'm happy to let them. I mean, I wouldn't take a nickel for it, but if somebody made a good offer -- "

One similar eBay seller, who offered his vote for $19.99 and got no takers, explained himself this way:

*A few of you have asked why I'm doing this and I'll be happy to tell you. This is my first time voting in a presidential election, and although at one time in my life I couldn't wait to vote, I am now fairly apathetic about politics. I had decided not to vote at all when I thought that maybe I could help somebody else by voting their way.*

Add to these buyers and sellers those who are just frustrated with campaign finance reform or the electoral college system. In 2000, tens of thousands signed up to sell their votes at the satirical Voteauction.com and its foreign-based successor site, Vote-auction.com, as a way of protesting corporate influence in campaigns.

Meanwhile, Alan Porter, 33, a computer programmer in Reno, Nev., created Votexchange2000.com, a Web site that allowed third-party voters in swing states to meet up with voters in states that were heavily Democratic or Republican. For example, a Nader voter in Florida could pledge to vote for Gore in exchange for a Gore voter in Texas agreeing to vote for Nader.

More than a dozen similar sites cropped up at the same time, but many shut down before the November vote under pressure from state election officials. With the help of the ACLU, Porter is currently fighting a First Amendment battle against the California secretary of state, who threatened legal action in October 2000, forcing Porter's site and others to close before the election. If he wins the lawsuit, Porter says, he plans to launch Votexchange2004.com, a domain name he purchased two weeks after the 2000 election.

Historically, vote-selling, buying, bartering and otherwise exchanging has consistently been a part of the American election process. In 1757, George Washington is said to have bought liquor for all 391 members of his district to win a seat in the Virginia House of Burgesses. In the century that followed, people sold votes because they were poor and needed coal, food and jobs. Or they sold votes because the political bosses and party machines that were powerful in the 1800s compelled them to with economic incentives or physical threats. Before progressive reforms brought about the secret ballot at the end of the 19th century, voters brought

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their own color-coded ballots to the polls, says Nathaniel Persily, a professor of law and political science at the University of Pennsylvania. This made determining a voter's choice particularly simple.

The secret, or Australian, ballot sharply reduced the frequency of voter impropriety, but attempts to buy and sell votes still occur: In Dodge City, Ga., in 1996, for example, 21 people were indicted for offering $20 to $60 to voters to turn the election in one candidate's favor. Voter fraud falls under state jurisdiction and penalties vary, but they generally include several hundred dollars in fines and less than a year in jail. However, selling or buying a vote in a federal election is a federal crime, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

With those potential consequences in mind, 34-year-old Eldon Faulkner of Flint, Mich., bid $102.50 this month when Gregg Henson put his vote for president up for sale on eBay. After only a few hours, Henson, a radio talk show host, canceled the auction at eBay's request. Hani Durzy, an eBay spokesman, says that before every presidential election, a number of people inevitably get the same idea, but "never more than I could count on one or two hands." The auction site gives them the benefit of the doubt, he says, assuming that they intended to make a point, not do anything illegal. Still, per company policy, all illegal sales must come down.

After Henson took his vote off the block, Faulkner, a corporate trainer who teaches the art of salesmanship, called to find out if Henson still wanted to sell, but he declined. Faulkner says he was willing to go as high as $200 but not to express apathy or anger or frustration with politics. He just wanted to make a statement that a vote is worth more as a commodity than as an expression of civic responsibility.

Faulkner's motivation is democracy at its most dispassionate: pure capitalism -- but in his case with a twinge of heart. He wanted to buy Henson's vote, then turn around and sell it again, along with his own vote and a box of chads his mother sent him after the Florida recount four years ago. His transaction would have been done in the name of charity: In exchange for his basic right as a U.S. citizen, Faulkner says, he hoped to make a few hundred dollars to split between organizations promoting juvenile diabetes research and animal welfare.

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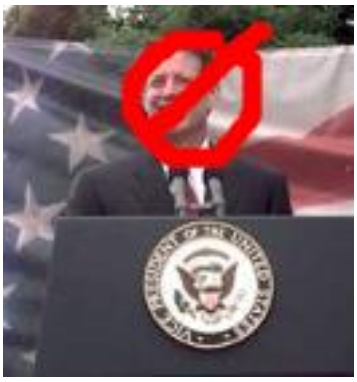

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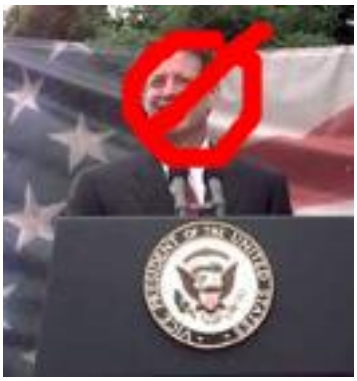

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### Short Messaging Gets Longer

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## Amazon.co.jp

### Amazon opens Japan online store with 1.7 million books

Amazon will offer a selection of 1.7 million titles in Japanese and English, and also sell foreign titles through its web site, constructed in Japanese. (SV.com)

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### eBay, Publisher Fold Auction Magazine

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## On the Campaign Trail

### Vote-swapping site shuts down

California Secretary of State Bill Jones told the operators of voteswap2000.com that it violated state law when it set up a vote exchange site encouraging Californians to trade their votes for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore for votes for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader in other states. (USA Today)

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A controversial website, [v]ote-auction.com, still claims to be buying and selling votes in the U.S. presidential election, but proof that the organization is doing anything--legal or not--has yet to surface. (News.com)

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**Net radar to sweep sites for surfers**

KeepUpdated, which is pitched somewhere between e-mail alerts and Pointcast's push technology, has launched "personal Internet radar" technology that initially will alert people to jobs and property they are interested in, as well as news and entertainment. (The European Standard)

## SMS

**Short Messaging Gets Longer**

A mobile telephony provider in India introduces a portal that can be accessed by mobile phone users by both short-messaging service and wireless application protocol. (Wired)

## Domain Names

**Typo-Loving Squatter Squashed**

A federal judge levies the maximum penalty against squatter John Zuccarini who preys on sloppy typists by registering misspellings of popular domain names and
subjecting site visitors to a deluge of ads. In proceedings before the court, however, the ruling said he admitted that he earned between $800,000 and $1 million annually from the thousands of domain names he has registered. (Wired)

## Amazon.co.jp

**Amazon opens Japan online store with 1.7 million books**

Amazon will offer a selection of 1.7 million titles in Japanese and English, and also sell foreign titles through its web site, constructed in Japanese. (SV.com)

## eBay

**eBay, Publisher Fold Auction Magazine**

eBay and Krause Publications have decided to discontinue the auction magazine after the upcoming December 2000 issue, eBay Magazine publisher Kevin Isaacson confirmed. (NY Times)

## On the Campaign Trail

**Vote-swapping site shuts down**

California Secretary of State Bill Jones told the operators of voteswap2000.com that it violated state law when it set up a vote exchange site encouraging Californians to trade their votes for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore for votes for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader in other states. (USA Today)

**Vote auction site causes confusion**

A controversial website, [v]ote-auction.com, still claims to be buying and selling votes in the U.S. presidential election, but proof that the organization is doing anything--legal or not--has yet to surface. (News.com)

**Candidates use databases, mapping technology to target voters**

The PC-based GeoVoter system in Darryl Howard's office is getting a workout before next week's elections. As executive director of the Oregon Republican Party in Salem, Howard is a leading-edge user of database and mapping technology that helps candidates deliver personalized campaign messages to individual voters. (CNN)

**Yahoo organizes election coverage**

Yahoo said it created a one-stop-shop for election news and information. The area includes political news and information as well as links to vendors of political memorabilia. Another feature is a search tool for speeches of the candidates. (Tipworld newsletter)

## Exclusive

**n/e/tsurf's interview with presidential candidate Jackie Strike**

Where she stands on healthcare, the death penalty, abortion the Middle East and dancing.

## Weekly Quiz

**NetNews Quiz** [27.10.00]

The Week in Review. Test your NetKnowledge!

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# *27th Annual*
# Crime Prevention Conference
## March 20 - 23, 2005
## Fairfax, Virginia

# Securing Our Homeland:
# *Crime Prevention That Works*

Certified Crime Prevention Community Program

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# Conference Highlights

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association will hold its 2005 Crime Prevention Conference March 20-23, 2005 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fairfax County, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference is "**Securing Our Homeland: Crime Prevention That Works"**. This conference will offer training and networking that will focus on Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs. The conference will also honor the volunteers who work to make Neighborhood Watch and other law enforcement programs effective. The conference will offer a wide variety of training sessions that will be certified for law enforcement in-service training credit. The conference also serves as the occasion for the VCPA's Annual Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon and election of VCPA officers.

## Who Should Attend?

Crime Prevention Practitioners
Community Policing Officers
School Resource Officers
Law Enforcement Administrators
Government Officials
Risk Managers and Loss Prevention Staff
Public Housing Staff & Residents
Educators & Youth Leaders
Neighborhood Watch Volunteers
Elected Officials
Community Leaders
Concerned Citizens

## Conference Site & Hotel

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The Hyatt Fair Lakes is located at 12777 Fair Lakes Circle in Fairfax. The hotel telephone number is (703) 818-1234.

Conference site details can be found at http://fairlakes.hyatt.com/groupbooking/vcpa a website set up by the Hyatt Fair Lakes. The hotel is offering a discounted conference room rate of $99 per night, single or double.

## Conference Fee

Included in the conference registration fee are over 20 training workshops, the VCPA Awards Luncheon; two evening receptions; continental breakfast each morning; crime prevention exhibits; an auction; and DCJS and law enforcement and private security in-service training.

VCPA Members:
**$195 if submitted by February 1, 2005**
$235 after February 1

Non-members:
**$250 if submitted by February 1, 2005**
$295 after February 1

## Events & Activities

Eight Plenary Sessions
Nine Training Workshops
Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon
Auction for Crime Prevention
Crime Prevention Exhibits
Election of New VCPA Officers
CPP Review Course
Crime Prevention Resources
DCJS In-Service Training Credit
VCPA Annual Business Meeting
Tour of the new Air and Space Museum
2nd Annual VCPA Poker Tournament

# Keynote Speakers

## Alfonso E. Lenhardt

**President and Chief Executive Officer, National Crime Prevention Council**

The Honorable Alfonso E. Lenhardt was hired by National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) in May 2004. Before joining NCPC, he was the senior vice president, Government Relations, Environment, and Infrastructure Business Unit, for The Shaw Group, Inc. On September 4, 2001, he was appointed the 36th Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate and the first African American officer in the history of the Congress. He also served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Council on Foundations.

Lenhardt retired from the U.S. Army in August 1997 as a Major General with more than 30 years of service in leadership and management positions. His last position with the Army was Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at Fort Knox, KY, where he managed and directed an organization of more than 13,000 people in over 1,800 locations. He has also managed a major Army installation for over 23,000 civilian employees, military retirees, soldiers, and family members and has served as the senior military police officer for all police operations and security matters throughout the Army's worldwide sphere of influence. Lenhardt has a B.S. in Criminal Justice, M.A. in Public Administration, and an M.S. in the Administration of Justice. He completed postgraduate studies at Harvard University and the University of Michigan.

Born in New York City, Lenhardt has been married to Jacqueline (née Hill) Lenhardt since 1965. They have three daughters and two grandchildren.

## Honorable Jo Ann Davis

**Congresswoman Commonwealth of Virginia**

First elected to Congress in November of 2000, Jo Ann Davis brings to Washington a fresh perspective from outside the political Washington DC beltway. The first elected female Republican to the United States House of Representatives from the Commonwealth, Jo Ann is deeply in touch with the constituents of "America's First District." Concentrating on a district first approach to her role in Congress, Jo Ann's emphasis is on local issues before DC politics. This principle remains the bedrock of the Congresswoman's convictions and plays an integral role in her service to her community.

A strong advocate for both our men and women serving in uniform and federal employees, Congresswomen Davis maintains continued success in passing landmark legislation to correct significant benefit shortfalls. She has also moved through legislation to correct pension shortfalls for injured federal employees. Davis also believes that Congress should work to strengthen our national defense while holding down spending in other areas.

Davis has been endorsed by several prominent organizations, including the Virginia Sheriff's Association, the Peninsula Housing and Builders Association, the Virginia Society for Human Life, the National Rifle Association, and the Madison Project.

An avid horse enthusiast, Jo Ann and her husband of 30 years reside in Gloucester. Jo Ann and Chuck have two grown sons.

# Conference Events & Activities

## Election of 2005-2006 New Officers

During the conference, the VCPA will hold elections for new officers. The following officers will be elected:

**Second Vice President:** In the absence or disability of the Vice President, the Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the Vice President. There is a succession for the position of President, Vice President and Second Vice President. The Second Vice President serves a one-year term and then moves to the office of First Vice President. The following year, he or she becomes President of the VCPA.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep a full and accurate written record of all proceedings of the VCPA and shall furnish the Board of Directors with written minutes of the preceding meetings. The Secretary shall forward all correspondence as directed by the presiding officer of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the VCPA is elected for a one-year term.

## VCPA Member Voting

Voting for the VCPA members shall be conducted by secret ballot at the annual conference or by absentee ballot. Nominations from the floor at the annual conference are permitted. VCPA members who cannot attend the conference may vote by submitting a request for an Absentee Ballot by mail or fax. The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is March 9, 2005

The Nominating Committee, comprised of the Secretary and five Regional Directors, shall supervise the election and count the ballots. Each individual has one vote and each organization or corporate member also has one vote.

**Don't Forget to VOTE!**

## Auction for Crime Prevention

An Auction for Crime Prevention will be held following the Safety and Security Fair on Sunday, March 20. Proceeds from the auction will be used by the VCPA for crime prevention programs and services. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Patrick Harris at (804) 231-3800 or e-mail him at vaprevent@aol.com

## 2nd Annual VCPA Poker Tournament for Crime Prevention

The VCPA will hold its second Annual VCPA Poker Tournament for Crime Prevention on Monday, March 21. Player registration fees collected from the tournament will be used to support VCPA crime prevention programs and services. The fee to participate in the Poker Tournament is $25 per player. The tournament will consist of five tables of five players each. The winners of the five tables will then play to decide an overall winner. The winner of each table will receive a VCPA leather portfolio. The overall tournament winner will receive a free registration to the 2006 Annual Crime Prevention Conference. Players will be limited to the first 25 people that register to play. See the Conference Registration Form to register.

## Certified Crime Prevention (CPP) Prep Course

The conference will include an 8 hour series of workshops that will help prepare individuals to take the test to become an ASIS Certified Crime Prevention Professional or CPP. The fee for the CPP Prep course is $250 for VCPA members and $295 for non-members. This fee includes all conference activities. The CPP couse workshops will be presented on Monday and Tuesday.

# Conference Events & Activities

## Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon

The VCPA Crime Prevention Awards recognize significant crime prevention accomplishments during the past year (2004). The Crime Prevention Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 22. The following awards will be presented:

***Citizen Award*:** Presented to a private citizen who has played a key role in promoting, developing and maintaining crime prevention in their community.

***Youth Award*:** Presented to a youth (age 12-18) who has engaged in exceptional leadership in the field of crime prevention.

***Community Organization Award*:** Presented to a community organization that has played a key role in promoting, developing and maintaining crime prevention in their community.

***Private Professional Service Award*:** Presented to a private employee who has engaged in exceptional performance in the field of crime prevention. The nominee must be a resident of Virginia and a full time paid non-government employee, performing his/her duties in Virginia.

***Private Industry Award:*** Presented to a business or business executive that has advanced crime prevention within the business community or within the community at-large.

***Professional Service Award*:** Presented to an employee of a criminal justice or government agency who has engaged in exceptional performance in the field of crime prevention.

***O.W. Cundiff Statewide Service Award:*** Presented to a member of the VCPA who has been instrumental in advancing the practice of crime prevention in Virginia on a regional or statewide basis.

## Free Crime Prevention Resource Material and Door Prizes

A Crime Prevention Resource Exchange will be held on the last day of the conference. Individuals who attend the Resource Exchange will receive free copies of crime prevention resource material. Door prizes will be distributed at the very end of the conference. You must be present to win door prizes.

## Tour: Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air and Space Museum

On Tuesday, March 22, from 2:30pm to 6:30pm, the VCPA has arranged a short bus trip to allow attendees to do a self guided tour of the new Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air and Space Museum. The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) maintains the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. It is also a vital center for research into the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. The new Steven F. Undvar-Hazy Center displays many artifacts including the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird", Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay" and Space Shuttle "Enterprise". Seating is limited, so register early.

## Donate A Phone Project

The Wireless Foundation collects used cell phones to help fight domestic violence. The VCPA will be collecting cell phones at the conference, so bring your old, used cell phones with you to the conference. Over the past several years, the Wireless Foundation has donated nearly $50,000 to community safety projects in Virginia.

# Conference Agenda

## ***Sunday, March 20***

**1:00pm - 5:00pm** Registration

**Noon - 1:00pm** VCPA Board of Director's Meeting *(Invitation Only)*

**1:00pm - 2:00pm** First Timer's Orientation

**2:00pm - 5:00pm** "You've Got a Crime Prevention Friend Day" - Safety and Security Fair

**4:30pm - 6:00pm** VCPA Auction for Crime Prevention

**7:00pm - 9:00pm** VCPA Hospitality

## ***Monday, March 21***

**8:00am - 8:45 am** Continental Breakfast

**8:00am - Noon** Registration / Crime Prevention Exhibits Open

**9:00am - 10:30am** Welcome: Sergeant Edward O'Carroll, VCPA President
Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of VCPA Board of Directors
Welcome: Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief of Police, Fairfax County Police Department
Call for an Introduction of Nominees for VCPA and Elected Offices

**Keynote Speaker:** **Al Lenhardt, President and Chief Executive Officer**
**National Crime Prevention Council**

**10:30am - 10:45am** Break

**10:45am - Noon** Plenary Session: **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**
*Peter Banks, Director of Training*
Created in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a resource for law enforcement, child protection professionals, and parents. This session explores child victimization as it pertains to missing children and child sexual exploitation. This session will also identify resources and training opportunities offered by NCMEC.

**Noon - 1:30pm** Lunch (on your own)

**1:30pm - 2:30pm** Plenary Session: **What Works! - Neighborhood Watch**
*Dr. Diane Zham, Associate Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech*
Wondering if your Neighborhood Watches really work? Come and find out! Diane Zahm, in partnership with the National Sheriff's Association, conducted a national survey to assess the status of Neighborhood Watches in Virginia and across the country. Come here her discuss her findings!

**2:30pm - 2:45pm** Break

**2:45pm - 3:15pm** Plenary Session: **Crime Prevention Goes Wireless - A National Update**
*David Diggs, Executive Director, CTIA – The Wireless Foundation*
"Can you hear me now?" This session will highlight the success stories of various wireless programs that have assisted Neighborhood Watch volunteers, school teachers and victims of domestic violence. Learn about the on-going effort and be provided a national update on award winning programs like PhoneRaising and CALL to PROTECT.

**3:15pm - 3:30pm** Break

**3:30pm - 4:15pm** Plenary Session: **Arming Our Seniors: Know the Weapon of Fraud**
*Bill Kallio, State Director of AARP*
If you've ever said, "That could never happen to me", this workshop may change your mind. Conducted by the AARP, this program will examine several psychological techniques used by con artists to break down your will and get into your pocketbook and bank accounts. Each attendee will be offered common-sense crime prevention tips to minimize the risk of fraud for seniors.

**7:00pm - 9:00pm** 2nd Annual VCPA Poker Tournament (Cost: $25)

# Conference Agenda

## ***Tuesday, March 22***

**8:00am - 8:45am** Continental Breakfast

**8:00am - Noon** Registration

**8:00am - 4:30pm** Crime Prevention Exhibits

**8:00am - 11:00am** VCPA Voting Booth Open (Members Only)

**9:00am - 10:00am**

***Session A:*** **Who's on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry?**
*Lieutenant Peter Fagan*, *Virginia State Police*
Do you know who is on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry? Probably more surprising, do you know who isn't? This hour-long workshop will train attendees about the legal criteria for offenders to be posted on the web and suggest other useful web sites to review. Issues such as community offender notifications and Megan's Law will also be covered.

***Session B:*** **Home Security 102 - Take the Virtual Tour**
D*eputy Darrell English, Stafford County Sheriff's Office and & PFC Vincent Darconte,CPS Fairfax County Police Department*
Home Security is a core crime prevention program that should be in place within your community. This workshop focuses on the latest techniques and technology involving locks, lighting and residential CPTED concepts. This virtual tour will walk attendees through an actual home inspection. Several sample home security forms used by various agencies across Virginia will be provided. Securing our Homeland, one house at a time!

***Session C:*** **Fight Nice! - What is Mediation and Does it Work?**
*Shauna Carmichael, Northern Virginia Mediation Service*
Mediation is a process in which an impartial, neutral third party assists people in conflict in finding a mutually acceptable solution to their dispute. Learn about the success of the Northern Virginia Mediation Service in cases such as parent-teen, neighbor-neighbor, as well as local and state-wide mediation resources for crime prevention leaders.

**10:00am - 10:15am** Break

**10:15am - 11:15am**

***Session A:*** **Impact of Victimization: Importance of Prevention**
*Lorraine Reed, Prince William Crime Prevention Council (PWCPC), STACIE Foundation*
A Manassas, VA mother will tell her moving and inspiring story that began on January 29, 1999, the afternoon her daughter was murdered. She discusses issues, such as her first encounter with law enforcement, the death notification, the crime scene and the importance of prevention. Ms. Reed is currently on the PWCPC board and is the founder of S.T.A.C.I.E. Foundation, a non-profit organization.

***Session B:*** **It's All How it Looks and Sounds: Community Outreach 101**
*Sgt. Amber Whittaker, Portsmouth Police Dept. / Deputy David Barke, York County Sheriff's Office*
It has always been said a picture is worth a thousand words! How much is a press release, PowerPoint or marketing plan worth? This session will focus on the importance of having a sound "plan" to launch your crime prevention efforts. Topics such as community outreach, keeping your audience and media partnerships will be highlighted. Making it look and sound great is never more important!

***Session C:*** **NRA Supports Crime Prevention**
*Stephanie Henson, RTBAV & Heidi Ciselli, The Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program*
The National Rifle Association, based in Fairfax, Virginia has supported the crime prevention community for many years. This workshop will focus on the major changes that are coming to advance the Refuse To Be A Victim ® message across Virginia and the country. The more popular than ever, Eddie Eagle program will also be discussed and reviewed. Grant issues, material needs and future goals of both programs will be highlighted during this session.

**11:15am - 11:30am** Break

# Conference Agenda

**11:30am - 12:30pm**

***Session A:*** **Learn About Escape School!**
*Robert Demits, Alexandria Funeral Home – Instructor, Dignity Memorial Escape School*
Smart ways to keep children safe from abduction! Over three million people have heard the practical prevention techniques by the Dignity Memorial Escape School, a nationally recognized safety program founded by Bob Stuber. This program is aimed at preventing child abduction through interactive demonstrations and engaging video presentations.

***Session B:*** **Community Issues #1 and #2: Traffic & More Traffic**
*MPO Bill Knost, Traffic Division, VDOT Liaison Specialist*
This session will cover common vehicular traffic issues facing citizens, community leaders and law enforcement. Crime Prevention Practitioners and other law enforcement officials often become "stuck in traffic" while speaking to citizens due to the ever-growing issues of speeding vehicles and traffic. Traffic calming techniques will be discussed.

***Session C:*** **Business Crime Prevention: Tips & Tricks**
*Sgt. Bill Anzenberger and Ashley York, Prince William County Police Department*
A business/law enforcement partnership can be a wonderful tool in the fight to reduce crime. This program focuses on how your community can collaborate with businesses to make their workplace a safer one, while also using them as an extra pair of "eyes and ears" on the street.

**12:30pm - 2:00pm** **VCPA Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon – Atrium, Hyatt Hotel**
Presentation of Awards: Jeffrey J. Steger, Past President VCPA
Installation and Introduction of New VCPA Board Members
DCJS Certified Crime Prevention Community (CPCC) Awards

**2:30pm - 5:30pm** **Tour of Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air & Space Museum** (Bus will leave at 2:30pm sharp!)

**7:30pm - 10:30pm** **Presidents & Hospitality Reception**

## ***Wednesday, March 23***

**8:00am - 8:30am** **Continental Breakfast**

**8:30am - 9:15am** **Plenary Session: Securing Our Homeland: One Community Meeting at a Time**
*United States Department of Homeland Security*
We often hear of "Homeland Security" - but what is it really? This session is designed to educate attendees of the various initiatives being used across Virginia and the Washington DC Metropolitan area that address Homeland Security. In addition, indicators of possible terrorist activity will be reviewed and ways to encourage local and individual prevention techniques will be discussed.

**9:15am - 9:30am** Break

**9:30am - 10:30am** **Plenary Session: Gangs! Gangs! Gangs! What Everyone Should Know**
*Detective Jeff Bergman, Fairfax County Gang Unit and a representative from VA State Police*
How many gangs are in my community? Why are they so violent? How much crime are Virginia gangs responsible for? Are there new laws about gangs, including recruitment and being a "known" gang member? This workshop will discuss in detail the "top 10 gang awareness tips" for crime prevention conference attendees. Gangs have become a tremendous concern among private citizens and business owners, so crime prevention specialists need to knowledgeable in the applicable laws, common facts and trends. Law enforcement identification and/or VCPA Conference ID required to attend this program.

**10:30am - 10:45am** Break

**10:45am - 11:15am** **Keynote Speaker: Honorable Jo Ann Davis, US Representative**

**11:15am - Noon** **VCPA Business Meeting / 2006 Site Announcement**
Regional Reports / Door Prizes
VCPA Conference Concludes

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Name:_____

Title: _____

Organization:_____

Address:_____ Zip:_____

Phone: (  ) _____ FAX: (  ) _____

Email: _____ VCPA Member? _____ YES _____ NO

## Fees:

$ _____ Full Registration: Members: **$195 if submitted by February 1, 2005**, after February 1 $235
Non-members: **$250 if submitted by February 1, 2005**, after February 1 $295

$ _____ CPP Registration: $250 members; $295 non-members (fee includes all VCPA conference activities)

$ _____ Single Day Registration $95 members; $125 non-members

$ _____ Exhibitor: Non-Profit: **$250 if submitted by February 1, 2005**, after February 1 $300
For Profit: **$350 if submitted by February 1, 2005,** after February 1 $400

$ _____ VCPA Poker Tournament for Crime Prevention - $25 (limited to first 25 registrations

$ ***FREE*** Tour: Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum: Yes, I would like to attend No, I will not be attending
I am considering attending

$ _____ **TOTAL**

## Registration Deadline

The Registration Deadline is March 15. Registrations submitted after March 15 must include an additional $25 processing fee. No refunds will be given after March 15.

## Method of Payment

(VCPA Federal Tax ID Number - 510235271)

Check (payable to VCPA) Purchase Order (attach PO) Visa Master Card American Express

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**Return Form to: Virginia Crime Prevention Association**

**1405 Westover Hills Blvd., Suite 6**

**Richmond, VA 23225**

**Tel: (804) 231-3800 Fax: (804) 231-3900**

# 2005 Conference Exhibitor/Sponsor Application Form

## Exhibitors

The VCPA will be hosting Crime Prevention Exhibits during the VCPA conference for Conference participants, March 21 and March 22. The fee to exhibit is $350 – business and $250 – nonprofit.

## Sponsors

The VCPA is also seeking sponsors for the annual conference to support our crime prevention programs and services. Sponsorships are: $250 – Break Sponsor, $500 – Workshop Sponsor, $1000 – Lunch Sponsor, and $2,500 – Partner in Crime Prevention.

**Exhibitors and Sponsors** will be recognized through a press release issued at the time of the conference, in the conference agenda booklet provided to participants, during the conference opening ceremonies, in the various *VCPA Newsletters* (distribution 1,000), in the VCPA 2005 Annual Report and on the VCPA website www.vcpa.org.

**Company/Organization:**_____ **Contact**_____

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$ _____ Crime Prevention Exhibit
($350 – business and $250 – nonprofit)

$ _____ Additional Staff
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**$ _____ Total**

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# 2005 Conference Hotel - Hyatt Fair Lakes

The Hyatt Fair Lakes is located at 12777 Fair Lakes Circle in Fairfax, Virginia. The hotel is offering discounted conference room rates of $99 per night single or double, excluding tax.
Reservations and Conference site details can be found at
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or you can contact the hotel directly at 703-818-1234.

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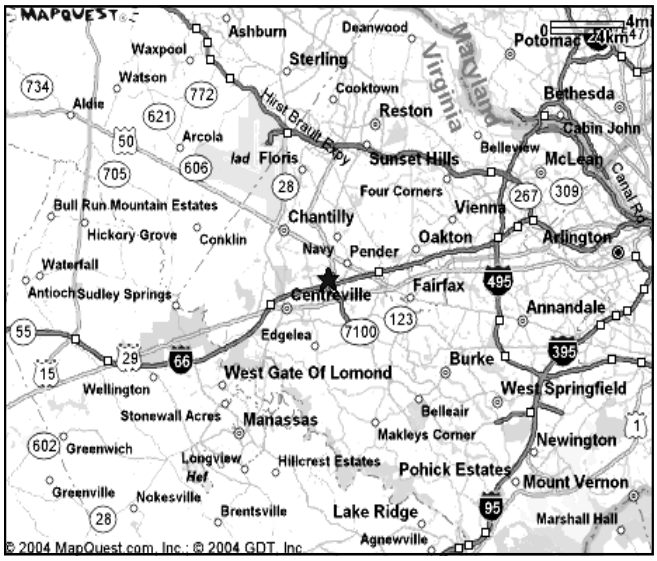


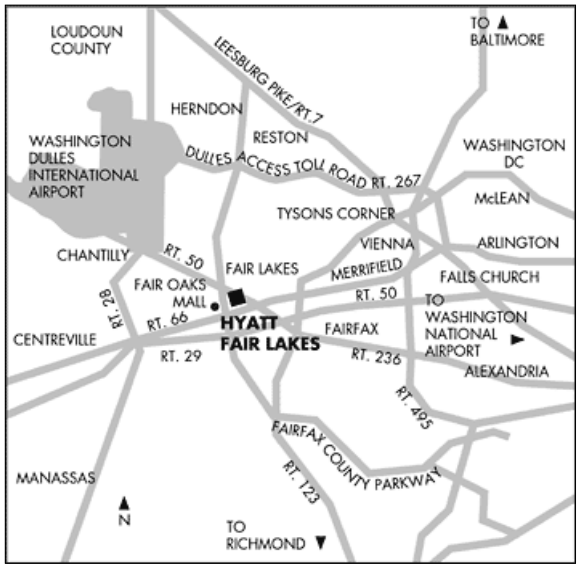


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**From Baltimore and all points North:**
Take I-95 South to I-495 West (Silver Spring) Take 495 West to I-66 West. Follow I-66W to exit 55 (Rte 7100/ Fairfax County Pkwy). Then take exit 55B (Rte 7100 North). Follow to first traffic light (Fair Lakes Pkwy) and turn right. At next traffic light (Fair Lakes Circle), turn right. Hotel is located 1/4 mile on left side.

**From Richmond and all points South:**
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The Virginia Crime Prevention Association will hold its 2005 Crime Prevention Conference March 20-23, 2005 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fairfax County, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference is "**Securing Our Homeland: Crime Prevention That Works"**. This conference will offer training and networking that will focus on Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs. The conference will also honor the volunteers who work to make Neighborhood Watch and other law enforcement programs effective. The conference will offer a wide variety of training sessions that will be certified for law enforcement in-service training credit. The conference also serves as the occasion for the VCPA's Annual Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon and election of VCPA officers.

## Who Should Attend?

Crime Prevention Practitioners
Community Policing Officers
School Resource Officers
Law Enforcement Administrators

## Conference Fee

Included in the conference registration fee are over 20 training workshops, the VCPA Awards Luncheon; two evening receptions; continental breakfast each morning; crime

Government Officials
Risk Managers and Loss Prevention Staff
Public Housing Staff & Residents
Educators & Youth Leaders
Neighborhood Watch Volunteers
Elected Officials
Community Leaders
Concerned Citizens

## Conference Site & Hotel

The Hyatt Fair Lakes is located at 12777 Fair Lakes Circle in Fairfax. The hotel telephone number is (703) 818-1234.

Conference site details can be found at http://fairlakes.hyatt.com/groupbooking/vcpa a website set up by the Hyatt Fair Lakes. The hotel is offering a discounted conference room rate of $99 per night, single or double.

prevention exhibits; an auction; and DCJS and law enforcement and private security in-service training.

VCPA Members:
**$195 if submitted by February 1, 2005**
$235 after February 1

Non-members:
**$250 if submitted by February 1, 2005**
$295 after February 1

## Events & Activities

Eight Plenary Sessions
Nine Training Workshops
Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon
Auction for Crime Prevention
Crime Prevention Exhibits
Election of New VCPA Officers
CPP Review Course
Crime Prevention Resources
DCJS In-Service Training Credit
VCPA Annual Business Meeting
Tour of the new Air and Space Museum
2nd Annual VCPA Poker Tournament

## Alfonso E. Lenhardt

**President and Chief Executive Officer, National Crime Prevention Council**

The Honorable Alfonso E. Lenhardt was hired by National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) in May 2004. Before joining NCPC, he was the senior vice president, Government Relations, Environment, and Infrastructure Business Unit, for The Shaw Group, Inc. On September 4, 2001, he was appointed the 36th Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate and the first African American officer in the history of the Congress. He also served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Council on Foundations.

## Honorable Jo Ann Davis

**Congresswoman Commonwealth of Virginia**

First elected to Congress in November of 2000, Jo Ann Davis brings to Washington a fresh perspective from outside the political Washington DC beltway. The first elected female Republican to the United States House of Representatives from the Commonwealth, Jo Ann is deeply in touch with the constituents of "America's First District." Concentrating on a district first approach to her role in Congress, Jo Ann's emphasis is on local issues before DC politics. This principle remains the bedrock of the Congresswoman's convictions and plays an integral role in her service to her community.

Lenhardt retired from the U.S. Army in August 1997 as a Major General with more than 30 years of service in leadership and management positions. His last position with the Army was Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at Fort Knox, KY, where he managed and directed an organization of more than 13,000 people in over 1,800 locations. He has also managed a major Army installation for over 23,000 civilian employees, military retirees, soldiers, and family members and has served as the senior military police officer for all police operations and security matters throughout the Army's worldwide sphere of influence. Lenhardt has a B.S. in Criminal Justice, M.A. in Public Administration, and an M.S. in the Administration of Justice. He completed postgraduate studies at Harvard University and the University of Michigan.

Born in New York City, Lenhardt has been married to Jacqueline (née Hill) Lenhardt since 1965. They have three daughters and two grandchildren.

A strong advocate for both our men and women serving in uniform and federal employees, Congresswomen Davis maintains continued success in passing landmark legislation to correct significant benefit shortfalls. She has also moved through legislation to correct pension shortfalls for injured federal employees. Davis also believes that Congress should work to strengthen our national defense while holding down spending in other areas.

Davis has been endorsed by several prominent organizations, including the Virginia Sheriff's Association, the Peninsula Housing and Builders Association, the Virginia Society for Human Life, the National Rifle Association, and the Madison Project.

An avid horse enthusiast, Jo Ann and her husband of 30 years reside in Gloucester. Jo Ann and Chuck have two grown sons .

## Election of 2005-2006

### New Officers

During the conference, the VCPA will hold elections for new officers. The following officers will be elected:

**Second Vice President:** In the absence or disability of the Vice President, the Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the Vice President. There is a succession for the position of President, Vice President and Second Vice President. The Second Vice President serves a one-year term and then moves to the office of First Vice President. The following year, he or she becomes President of the VCPA.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep a full and accurate written record of all proceedings of the VCPA and shall furnish the Board of Directors with written minutes of the preceding meetings. The Secretary shall forward all correspondence as directed by the presiding officer of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the VCPA is elected for a one-year term .

## Auction for Crime

### Prevention

An Auction for Crime Prevention will be held following the Safety and Security Fair on Sunday, March 20. Proceeds from the auction will be used by the VCPA for crime prevention programs and services. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Patrick Harris at (804) 231-3800 or e-mail him at vaprevent@aol.com

## 2nd Annual VCPA Poker

### Tournament for Crime Prevention

The VCPA will hold its second Annual VCPA Poker Tournament for Crime Prevention on Monday, March 21. Player registration fees collected from the tournament will be used to support VCPA crime prevention programs and services. The fee to participate in the Poker Tournament is $25 per player. The tournament

## VCPA Member Voting

Voting for the VCPA members shall be conducted by secret ballot at the annual conference or by absentee ballot. Nominations from the floor at the annual conference are permitted. VCPA members who cannot attend the conference may vote by submitting a request for an Absentee Ballot by mail or fax. The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is March 9, 2005

The Nominating Committee, comprised of the Secretary and five Regional Directors, shall supervise the election and count the ballots. Each individual has one vote and each organization or corporate member also has one **vote.**

Don't Forget

**to VOTE!**

will consist of five tables of five players each. The winners of the five tables will then play to decide an overall winner. The winner of each table will receive a VCPA leather portfolio. The overall tournament winner will receive a free registration to the 2006 Annual Crime Prevention Conference. Players will be limited to the first 25 people that register to play. See the Conference Registration Form to register.

## Certified Crime Prevention (CPP)

**Prep Course**

The conference will include an 8 hour series of workshops that will help prepare individuals to take the test to become an ASIS Certified Crime Prevention Professional or CPP. The fee for the CPP Prep course is $250 for VCPA members and $295 for non-members. This fee includes all conference activities. The CPP couse workshops will be presented on Monday and Tuesday.

## Crime Prevention Awards
### Luncheon

The VCPA Crime Prevention Awards recognize significant crime prevention accomplishments during the past year (2004). The Crime Prevention Awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 22. The following awards will be presented:

***Citizen Award*:** Presented to a private citizen who has played a key role in promoting, developing and maintaining crime prevention in their community.

***Youth Award*:** Presented to a youth (age 12-18) who has engaged in exceptional leadership in the field of crime prevention.

***Community Organization Award*:**
Presented to a community organization that has played a key role in promoting, developing and maintaining crime prevention in their community.

***Private Professional Service Award*:**
Presented to a private employee who has engaged in exceptional performance in the field of crime prevention. The nominee must be a resident of Virginia and a full time paid non-government employee, performing his/her duties in Virginia.

***Private Industry Award:*** Presented to a business or business executive that has advanced crime prevention within the business community or

## Free Crime Prevention Resource
### Material and Door Prizes

A Crime Prevention Resource Exchange will be held on the last day of the conference. Individuals who attend the Resource Exchange will receive free copies of crime prevention resource material. Door prizes will be distributed at the very end of the conference. You must be present to win door prizes.

## Tour: Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air
### and Space Museum

On Tuesday, March 22, from 2:30pm to 6:30pm, the VCPA has arranged a short bus trip to allow attendees to do a self guided tour of the new Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air and Space Museum. The Smithsonian Institution's

within the community at-large.

***Professional Service Award*:** Presented to an employee of a criminal justice or government agency who has engaged in exceptional performance in the field of crime prevention.

***O.W. Cundiff Statewide Service Award:***

Presented to a member of the VCPA who has been instrumental in advancing the practice of crime prevention in Virginia on a regional or statewide basis.

National Air and Space Museum (NASM) maintains the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. It is also a vital center for research into the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. The new Steven F. Undvar-Hazy Center displays many artifacts including the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird", Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay" and Space Shuttle "Enterprise". Seating is limited, so register early.

## Donate A Phone Project

The Wireless Foundation collects used cell phones to help fight domestic violence. The VCPA will be collecting cell phones at the conference, so bring your old, used cell phones with you to the conference. Over the past several years, the Wireless Foundation has donated nearly $50,000 to community safety projects in Virginia.



***Sunday, March 20***

**1:00pm - 5:00pm** Registration

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| **Noon - 1:00pm** | VCPA Board of Director's Meeting *(Invitation Only)* |
| **1:00pm - 2:00pm** | First Timer's Orientation |
| **2:00pm - 5:00pm** | "You've Got a Crime Prevention Friend Day" - Safety and Security Fair |
| **4:30pm - 6:00pm** | VCPA Auction for Crime Prevention |
| **7:00pm - 9:00pm** | VCPA Hospitality |

## *Monday, March 21*

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| **8:00am - 8:45 am** | Continental Breakfast |
| **8:00am - Noon** | Registration / Crime Prevention Exhibits Open |
| **9:00am - 10:30am** | Welcome: Sergeant Edward O'Carroll, VCPA President<br>Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance<br>Introduction of VCPA Board of Directors<br>Welcome: Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief of Police, Fairfax County Police Department<br>Call for an Introduction of Nominees for VCPA and Elected Offices<br><br>**Keynote Speaker:** **Al Lenhardt, President and Chief Executive Officer**<br>**National Crime Prevention Council** |
| **10:30am - 10:45am** | Break |
| **10:45am - Noon** | **Plenary Session: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**<br>*Peter Banks, Director of Training*<br>Created in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a resource for law enforcement, child protection professionals, and parents. This session explores child victimization as it pertains to missing children and child sexual exploitation. This session will also identify resources and training opportunities offered by NCMEC. |
| **Noon - 1:30pm** | Lunch (on your own) |
| **1:30pm - 2:30pm** | **Plenary Session: What Works! - Neighborhood Watch**<br>*Dr. Diane Zham, Associate Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech*<br>Wondering if your Neighborhood Watches really work? Come and find out! Diane Zahm, in partnership with the National Sheriff's Association, conducted a national survey to assess the status of Neighborhood Watches in Virginia and across the country. Come here her discuss her findings! |

**2:30pm - 2:45pm** Break

**2:45pm - 3:15pm**

**Plenary Session: Crime Prevention Goes Wireless - A National Update**

*David Diggs, Executive Director, CTIA – The Wireless Foundation*

"Can you hear me now?" This session will highlight the success stories of various wireless programs that have assisted Neighborhood Watch volunteers, school teachers and victims of domestic violence. Learn about the on-going effort and be provided a national update on award winning programs like PhoneRaising and CALL to PROTECT.

**3:15pm - 3:30pm** Break

**3:30pm - 4:15pm**

**Plenary Session: Arming Our Seniors: Know the Weapon of Fraud**

*Bill Kallio, State Director of AARP*

If you've ever said, "That could never happen to me", this workshop may change your mind. Conducted by the AARP, this program will examine several psychological techniques used by con artists to break down your will and get into your pocketbook and bank accounts. Each attendee will be offered common-sense crime prevention tips to minimize the risk of fraud for seniors.

**7:00pm - 9:00pm** 2nd Annual VCPA Poker Tournament (Cost: $25)



## *Tuesday, March 22*

**8:00am - 8:45am** Continental Breakfast

**8:00am - Noon** Registration

**8:00am - 4:30pm** Crime Prevention Exhibits

**8:00am - 11:00am** VCPA Voting Booth Open (Members Only)

**9:00am - 10:00am**

***Session A:*** **Who's on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry?**

*Lieutenant Peter Fagan, Virginia State Police*

Do you know who is on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry? Probably more surprising, do you know who isn't? This hour-long workshop will train attendees about the legal criteria for offenders to be posted on the web and suggest other useful web sites to review. Issues such as community offender notifications and Megan's Law will also be covered.

***Session B:*** **Home Security 102 - Take the Virtual Tour**

D*eputy Darrell English, Stafford County Sheriff's Office and & PFC Vincent Darconte,CPS*

*Fairfax County Police Department*

Home Security is a core crime prevention program that should be in place within your community. This workshop focuses on the latest techniques and technology involving locks, lighting and residential CPTED concepts. This virtual tour will walk attendees through an actual home inspection. Several sample home security forms used by various agencies across Virginia will be provided. Securing our Homeland, one house at a time!

***Session C:*** **Fight Nice! - What is Mediation and Does it Work?**

*Shauna Carmichael, Northern Virginia Mediation Service*

Mediation is a process in which an impartial, neutral third party assists people in conflict in finding a mutually acceptable solution to their dispute. Learn about the success of the Northern Virginia Mediation Service in cases such as parent-teen, neighbor-neighbor, as well as local and state-wide mediation resources for crime prevention leaders.

**10:00am - 10:15am** Break

**10:15am - 11:15am**

***Session A:*** **Impact of Victimization: Importance of Prevention**

*Lorraine Reed, Prince William Crime Prevention Council (PWCPC), STACIE Foundation*

A Manassas, VA mother will tell her moving and inspiring story that began on January 29, 1999, the afternoon her daughter was murdered. She discusses issues, such as her first encounter with law enforcement, the death notification, the crime scene and the importance of prevention. Ms. Reed is currently on the PWCPC board and is the founder of S.T.A.C.I.E. Foundation, a non-profit organization.

***Session B:*** **It's All How it Looks and Sounds: Community Outreach 101**

*Sgt. Amber Whittaker, Portsmouth Police Dept. / Deputy David Barke, York County Sheriff's Office*

It has always been said a picture is worth a thousand words! How much is a press release,

PowerPoint or marketing plan worth? This session will focus on the importance of having a sound “plan” to launch your crime prevention efforts. Topics such as community outreach, keeping your audience and media partnerships will be highlighted. Making it look and sound great is never more important!

***Session C:*** **NRA Supports Crime Prevention**

*Stephanie Henson, RTBAV & Heidi Ciselli, The Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program*

The National Rifle Association, based in Fairfax, Virginia has supported the crime prevention community for many years. This workshop will focus on the major changes that are coming to advance the Refuse To Be A Victim ® message across Virginia and the country. The more popular than ever, Eddie Eagle program will also be discussed and reviewed. Grant issues, material needs and future goals of both programs will be highlighted during this session.

**11:15am - 11:30am** Break



**11:30am - 12:30pm**

***Session A:*** **Learn About Escape School!**

*Robert Demits, Alexandria Funeral Home – Instructor, Dignity Memorial Escape School*

Smart ways to keep children safe from abduction! Over three million people have heard the practical prevention techniques by the Dignity Memorial Escape School, a nationally recognized safety program founded by Bob Stuber. This program is aimed at preventing child abduction through interactive demonstrations and engaging video presentations.

***Session B:*** **Community Issues #1 and #2: Traffic & More Traffic**

*MPO Bill Knost, Traffic Division, VDOT Liaison Specialist*

This session will cover common vehicular traffic issues facing citizens, community leaders

and law enforcement. Crime Prevention Practitioners and other law enforcement officials often become "stuck in traffic" while speaking to citizens due to the ever-growing issues of speeding vehicles and traffic. Traffic calming techniques will be discussed.

***Session C:*** **Business Crime Prevention: Tips & Tricks**

*Sgt. Bill Anzenberger and Ashley York, Prince William County Police Department*

A business/law enforcement partnership can be a wonderful tool in the fight to reduce crime. This program focuses on how your community can collaborate with businesses to make their workplace a safer one, while also using them as an extra pair of "eyes and ears" on the street.

**12:30pm - 2:00pm** — **VCPA Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon – Atrium, Hyatt Hotel**

Presentation of Awards: Jeffrey J. Steger, Past President VCPA
Installation and Introduction of New VCPA Board Members
DCJS Certified Crime Prevention Community (CPCC) Awards

**2:30pm - 5:30pm** — **Tour of Udvar-Hazy Center of the Air & Space Museum** (Bus will leave at 2:30pm sharp!)

**7:30pm - 10:30pm** — **Presidents & Hospitality Reception**

## *Wednesday, March 23*

**8:00am - 8:30am** — **Continental Breakfast**

**8:30am - 9:15am** — **Plenary Session: Securing Our Homeland: One Community Meeting at a Time**

*United States Department of Homeland Security*

We often hear of "Homeland Security" - but what is it really? This session is designed to educate attendees of the various initiatives being used across Virginia and the Washington DC Metropolitan area that address Homeland Security. In addition, indicators of possible terrorist activity will be reviewed and ways to encourage local and individual prevention techniques will be discussed.

**9:15am - 9:30am** — Break

**9:30am - 10:30am** — **Plenary Session: Gangs! Gangs! Gangs! What Everyone Should Know**

*Detective Jeff Bergman, Fairfax County Gang Unit and a representative from VA State Police*

How many gangs are in my community? Why are they so violent? How much crime are Virginia gangs responsible for? Are there new laws about gangs, including recruitment and being a "known" gang member? This workshop will discuss in detail the "top 10 gang awareness tips" for crime prevention conference attendees. Gangs have become a

tremendous concern among private citizens and business owners, so crime prevention specialists need to knowledgeable in the applicable laws, common facts and trends. Law enforcement identification and/or VCPA Conference ID required to attend this program.

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| **10:30am - 10:45am** | Break |
| **10:45am - 11:15am** | **Keynote Speaker: Honorable Jo Ann Davis, US Representative** |
| **11:15am - Noon** | **VCPA Business Meeting / 2006 Site Announcement**<br>Regional Reports / Door Prizes<br>VCPA Conference Concludes |



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**Exhibitors**

The VCPA will be hosting Crim e Prevention Exhibits during the VCPA conference for Conference participants,March 21 and March 22. Thefeeto exhibitis$350 - businessand $250 - nonprofit.

**Sponsors**

The VCPA isalso seeking sponsorsforthe annualconference to supportourcrim e prevention program s and services. Sponsorships are: $250 - Break Sponsor, $500 - Workshop Sponsor, $1000 - Lunch Sponsor,and $2,500 – Partnerin Crim ePrevention.

**Exhibitorsand Sponsors**willbe recognized through a pressrelease issued atthe tim e ofthe conference, in theconferenceagendabookletprovided to participants,during theconferenceopening cerem onies,in the various VCPA Newsletters (distribution 1,000),in the VCPA 2005 AnnualReportand on the VCPA websitewww.vcpa.org.

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**June 27, 2004**

## Is Vote-Swapping Legal?

We are back and getting ready for the 2004 elections. Make sure to check back as we get our campaign off the ground! You can also check out this **blog** for more updates.

**Is Vote-Swapping Legal? By Jeremy Derfner**

Slate, the Industry Standard, and washingtonpost.com join forces to examine the effect of the Internet on Campaign 2000.
Last week, Jamin Raskin, a law professor at American University, published an article in Slate proposing that Ralph Nader supporters who live in battleground states (such as Michigan) swap votes over the Internet with Al Gore supporters in states where the outcome of the election is an all-but-settled issue (such as Texas). That way, Nader could get the 5 percent of the popular vote he needs to secure federal matching funds for the Green Party in 2004 without tipping swing states to George W. Bush and costing Gore the electoral votes he needs to win.

It turns out a technical writer from Washington, D.C., had already thought of the idea and launched Vote Exchange Oct. 1. A Wisconsin graduate student launched a second site, Nader Trader, the same day the Raskin article appeared. Since then, the idea has exploded. At least six other trading sites have gone up: Voteswap 2000, Nader's Traders, VoteExchange, votexchange2000, nadergore.org, and WinWin Campaign. The media has given the trading trend heavy coverage, driving hundreds of thousands of visitors to these sites. Nader Trader reports that it got more than 90,000 hits on Monday alone. It seems as if vote-trading is catching on everywhere. A Democratic club in Alabama has declared Minnesota

Because of the closeness of the race and the importance of Nader's vote in closely contested states, Internet vote-swapping has the potential to transform the election. But on Monday

night, Voteswap 2000, a Los Angeles-based site, shut down after its proprietors received notice from the California secretary of state that vote-trading violated state law. Votexchange 2000, based in Stanford, shut down shortly thereafter. But the other sites are up still and running. Raskin says they're doing nothing wrong; he argues that vote-trading is legal because politicians have always done it, establishing it as a normal part of the political process.

So, is vote-trading legal or not? The answer depends on whom you ask, since the issue has yet to be adjudicated. When Vote-auction.com tried to sell votes over the Internet, it was easy to determine that the site was breaking the law; there was a clear off-line precedent. But before communications technology made organized vote-swapping possible, it was a nonexistent problem. The legal uncertainty is well expressed by a notice on one of the sites, VoteExchange: "Is what I will be doing with my partner legal?" the site asks. "Since this is your business, please consult your own legal counsel."

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Last week, Jamin Raskin, a law professor at American University, published an article in Slate proposing that Ralph Nader supporters who live in battleground states (such as Michigan) swap votes over the Internet with Al Gore supporters in states where the outcome of the election is an all-but-settled issue (such as Texas). That way, Nader could get the 5 percent of

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Problem is, when it comes to the Web, it's sometimes difficult to tell what's illegal, what ought to be illegal, and what's just in bad taste. It's clearly against the law to sell things such as endangered species and certain kinds of firearms. But how do you prevent minors from buying alcohol and pornography in a realm where nobody knows their age? Selling body organs online isn't necessarily a crime, but a doctor who participates could breach professional ethics. And how do you prevent the trafficking in items like neo-Nazi paraphernalia that are illegal in some places (such as Germany) but not in others? "It's loose and dirty, still, and the regulators are still trying to figure out what they should be doing," says Shari Steele, director of legal services for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which monitors law and ethics in cyberspace.

Given all the confusion, society's first line of defense could be auction site operators--but they're having none of it. Indeed, eBay, which makes up to $500,000 a day on commissions, has a laissez-faire attitude about what is sold on the site. "As a rule of thumb, any

merchandise that you could sell at a swap meet or to a neighbor should be available there," says eBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove. "We're not into censorship." Still, the company has published guidelines that prohibit such things as alcohol, firearms, and human parts. It lists pornography and Nazi items only as "questionable." If people break the rules, eBay attempts to prevent them from selling on the site again--if it spots them, that is.

The company claims it's all part of eBay's philosophy of building a community based on trust. But that's not the whole story. By not screening items, eBay skirts potential liability and high monitoring costs. Indeed, at this point, the site is not so easy to police. With 7.7 million registered users, eBay almost matches the population of New York City. At any given time, it has some 3 million items up for auction--adding 600,000 new items every day.

Now that Net auctions have become such a magnet for potentially dicey items, some states and federal agencies are stepping up their efforts to stop abuses. Last summer, prompted by the sale of murder-related items on the Net, California lawmakers passed a law that makes it illegal for prisoners to profit off their crimes. Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating repeated incidents of endangered wildlife being sold over eBay and Yahoo. And the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center gets more than 1,000 complaints of online auction fraud each month--most of them involving eBay traffic. Agents have begun turning some of these cases over to local law enforcement authorities.

Other auction sites are being watched, too. In October, state elections officials in Illinois and New York temporarily shut down Voteauction.com, an Internet site where Americans could sell their votes to the highest bidder. More than 15,000 people in 14 states had registered for the auctions before officials stopped trading. The site now operates as Vote-auction.com on a server in Germany. Authorities say they are keeping close watch and will nab all who accept money for their votes--and the people who pay them--charging them with violating state and federal election laws. "This is an outrage to the system of democracy," says Peter Eisner, managing director of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit research center in Washington, D.C. "It undermines the system."

**Nightmares.** As troublesome as such sites may be, it's the murder cases that elicit anguish. Even though it has been 18 years since Harriet Semander's daughter, Elena, was killed by Coral Eugene Watts, the terror continues for her--online. Normally, Semander says, she would have only occasional nightmares about the night when her daughter's body turned up in a neighborhood trash dumpster. But her nightmares started coming every night last spring when she saw that Watts' locks of hair and autographs were being sold on eBay. "I became physically sick when I saw this," Semander says. "And what made me even sicker is that eBay is profiting from this type of thing being sold. It's wrong, just morally

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Killer Resendez-Ramirez sells his hair on auction site eBay.com

What kind of person would sell or buy a lock of a murderer's hair? According to Andy Kahan, a victims' rights lawyer in the Houston mayor's crime victims office, it's mostly professional dealers who sell "to people who want to be cool or fearless or who simply find pleasure in somebody else's pain." Whatever the motivation, this is big business. Just ask Ted Svejda, a memorabilia dealer from Plano, Ill. Among other things, he peddles wood from the remains of the Wisconsin farmhouse of deceased serial killer Ed Gein, who inspired Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*. Svejda says he used to deal only underground, and had just a trickle of business. After he started trading on eBay, sales doubled--though he wouldn't reveal sales figures. "It's like everybody is coming into my shop now, not just the people who traded in this, but new ones altogether," he says. Does he care about the effect on the families of crime victims? "Sure, it probably hurts victims' families to see this stuff," Svejda says. "But I'm not going to let that stop me from making a buck."

The very nature of the Web makes the unthinkable more possible. Absent the Internet, many people might not have been exposed to the opportunity to revel in Nazi items or bloody murder photos, or be offered an easy chance to buy them without fear of social backlash. "You wouldn't walk into a store and buy a gang-rape video, which was for sale on eBay," says Princeton's Nissenbaum. "Most people wouldn't be caught purchasing this stuff in public."

**Endangered species.** Indeed, the medium makes the market. When environmentalist Gary Appelson logged onto eBay earlier this year and typed in the words "tortoise shell" at the search prompt, he found more than 50 auctions featuring sea turtle shell ornaments, glasses, cases, and even a guitar pick. He contacted authorities, including U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service special agent Bob Snow, who investigates wildlife smuggling in the San Francisco Bay area. In the past year, Snow says, he has identified roughly 300 auctions on eBay involving items prohibited by the Endangered Species Act, including the sale of leopard skins and a frozen baby white tiger. "eBay is a magnet for people who previously didn't have many outlets," Snow says. Before, the market was limited. Now, via eBay and other online auction sites, "you're immediately linked up to millions of people."

The Web amplifies ethical dilemmas, too. Consider MedicineOnline.com, a site that connects plastic surgery doctors and patients on the Net. People who want surgery post their information on the site, and participating physicians bid for jobs. Medical ethicists are outraged because the site encourages people to make risky medical decisions based mainly on price. "This is not like an airline seat. These are human lives," says Dr. Mimis Cohen,

chief of plastic surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Cook County Hospital, who worries that unscrupulous doctors will cut corners, endangering a patient's health.

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What irks him most: The site asks doctors to provide info about their education and experience--including their history of malpractice suits--but takes no responsibility for the veracity of that information. By contrast, a regular hospital is legally bound to take responsibility for the credentials and services of doctors who practice there. The site defends itself. "If a doctor wants to lie on a resume, that's not MedicineOnline's problem," says Richard Van Meter, a doctor and MedicineOnline.com executive board member. "It's the consumer's problem. That keeps liability costs low and out of MOL's lap."

That's eBay's answer, too: Since it does not sell anything itself, it's not responsible for what is sold on the site. eBay asks sellers to report any breach of guidelines--in other words, to police the site themselves.

Far from putting handcuffs on auction sites, existing laws actually provide them with some cover. Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, for example, site operators can't be held liable for illegally distributed material if they are "unaware" of the illegal status of the item, or if they lack the ability to control the trade. While this law focuses on copyright protections, eBay is citing it as part of its defense against a suit by six San Diego residents who bought sports memorabilia on the site that turned out to be fake. The plaintiffs are seeking a refund of the $1,000 they paid, and are calling for eBay to be held responsible for fraud on its site.

If the plaintiffs win, it could force eBay to be accountable for certain items on its site. An outcome like that, legal experts say, might sink eBay's profits and force it to shrink so it can afford to adequately monitor sales of items on its site. eBay has argued repeatedly that it should not be held responsible because it doesn't list items for sale and never has the items in its possession. eBay attorney Rob Chestnut declined to be interviewed for this story.

eBay claims a healthy respect for the First Amendment as a motivation for its hands-off attitude. And the American Civil Liberties Union has sided with eBay when critics call for banning the sale of Nazi and KKK memorabilia--calling it a free speech issue. Says eBay's Pursglove: "Our community tends to see any efforts on our part to discourage certain sales as a violation of their First Amendment rights."

Indeed, some eBay denizens are quite touchy about anything that would crimp their freedom. Teresa Hoyt, of Kalamazoo, Mich., runs a home business, fatcats.com, reselling PG-rated videos that she buys on eBay to others via the Net. She says she sees offensive items on the auction site, but doesn't complain to eBay, and wouldn't want anything to be done about it. People go to the Web because they can buy or sell almost anything there. "I don't want eBay telling us what's right or moral by telling us what we can sell and what we cannot," she says. "If we don't like something, we can always turn the computer off."

Her attitude is just one of many reasons why it's difficult to stop the auctioning of illegal or bad-taste items online. The federal government doesn't have the resources to find and shut down online auctions of endangered species. Neither do most of the auction sites. Even as eBay started shutting down an auction for a sea turtle, new ones started popping up, according to Appelson. He calls on the company to review all incoming items. For now, though, eBay plans to rely on its guidelines--and on its community of members--to blow the whistle on anything beyond the pale. Pursglove says increasing site traffic will make it harder for people to conduct bad business on eBay. "The more we grow," he says, "the more people in our community are watching."

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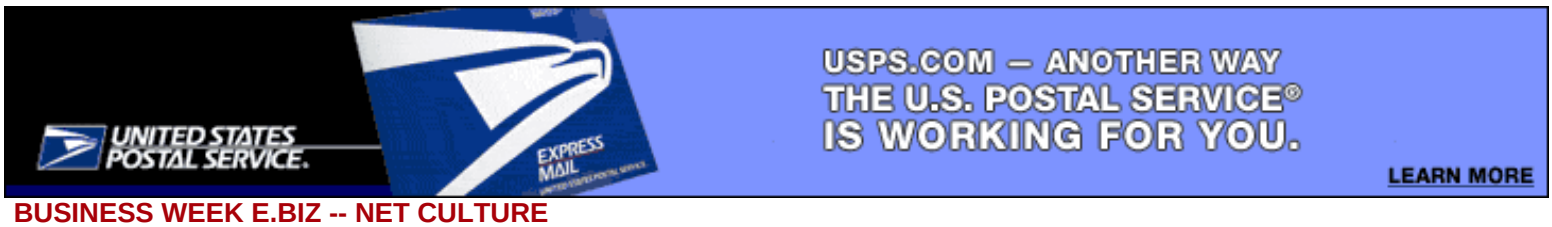


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Problem is, when it comes to the Web, it's sometimes difficult to tell what's illegal, what ought to be illegal, and what's just in bad taste. It's clearly against the law to sell things such as endangered species and certain kinds of firearms. But how do you prevent minors from buying alcohol and pornography in a realm where nobody knows their age? Selling body organs online isn't necessarily a crime, but a doctor who participates could breach professional ethics. And how do you prevent the trafficking in items like neo-Nazi paraphernalia that are illegal in some places (such as Germany) but not in others? "It's loose and dirty, still, and the regulators are still trying to figure out what they should be doing," says Shari Steele, director of legal services for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which monitors law and ethics in cyberspace.

Given all the confusion, society's first line of defense could be auction site operators--but they're having none of it. Indeed, eBay, which makes up to $500,000 a day on commissions, has a laissez-faire attitude about what is sold on the site. "As a rule of thumb, any merchandise that you could sell at a swap meet or to a neighbor should be available there," says eBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove. "We're not into censorship." Still, the company has published guidelines that prohibit such things as alcohol, firearms, and human parts. It lists pornography and Nazi items only as "questionable." If people break the rules, eBay attempts to prevent them from selling on the site again--if it spots them, that is.

The company claims it's all part of eBay's philosophy of building a community based on trust. But that's not the whole story. By not screening items, eBay skirts potential liability and high monitoring costs. Indeed, at this point, the site is not so easy to police. With 7.7 million registered users, eBay almost matches the population of New York City. At any given time, it has some 3 million items up for auction--adding 600,000 new items every day.

Now that Net auctions have become such a magnet for potentially dicey items, some states and federal agencies are stepping up their efforts to stop abuses. Last summer, prompted by the sale of murder-related items on the Net, California lawmakers passed a law that makes it illegal for prisoners to profit off their crimes. Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating repeated incidents of endangered wildlife being sold over eBay and Yahoo. And the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center gets more than 1,000 complaints of online auction fraud each month--most of them involving eBay traffic. Agents have begun turning some of these cases over to local law enforcement authorities.

Other auction sites are being watched, too. In October, state elections officials in Illinois and New York temporarily shut down Voteauction.com, an Internet site where Americans could sell their votes to the highest bidder. More than 15,000 people in 14 states had registered for the auctions before officials stopped trading. The site now operates as **Vote-auction**.com on a server in Germany. Authorities say they are keeping close watch and will nab all who accept money for their votes--and the people who pay them--charging them with violating state and federal election laws. "This is an outrage to the system of democracy," says Peter Eisner, managing director of the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit research center in Washington, D.C. "It undermines the system."

**Nightmares.** As troublesome as such sites may be, it's the murder cases that elicit anguish. Even though it has been 18 years since Harriet Semander's daughter, Elena, was killed by Coral Eugene Watts, the terror continues for her--online. Normally, Semander says, she would have only occasional nightmares about the night when her daughter's body turned up in a neighborhood trash dumpster. But her nightmares started coming every night last spring when she saw that Watts' locks of hair and autographs were being sold on eBay. "I became physically sick when I saw this," Semander says. "And what made me even sicker is that eBay is profiting from this type of thing being sold. It's wrong, just morally wrong."

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What kind of person would sell or buy a lock of a murderer's hair? According to Andy Kahan, a victims' rights lawyer in the Houston mayor's crime victims office, it's mostly professional dealers who sell "to people who want to be cool or fearless or who simply find pleasure in somebody else's pain." Whatever the motivation, this is big business. Just ask Ted Svejda, a memorabilia dealer from Plano, Ill. Among other things, he peddles wood from the remains of the Wisconsin farmhouse of deceased serial killer Ed Gein, who inspired Alfred

Killer Resendez-Ramirez sells his hair on auction site eBay.com

Hitchcock's *Psycho*. Svejda says he used to deal only underground, and had just a trickle of business. After he started trading on eBay, sales doubled--though he wouldn't reveal sales figures. "It's like everybody is coming into my shop now, not just the people who traded in this, but new ones altogether," he says. Does he care about the effect on the families of crime victims? "Sure, it probably hurts victims' families to see this stuff," Svejda says. "But I'm not going to let that stop me from making a buck."

The very nature of the Web makes the unthinkable more possible. Absent the Internet, many people might not have been exposed to the opportunity to revel in Nazi items or bloody murder photos, or be offered an easy chance to buy them without fear of social backlash. "You wouldn't walk into a store and buy a gang-rape video, which was for sale on eBay," says Princeton's Nissenbaum. "Most people wouldn't be caught purchasing this stuff in public."

**Endangered species.** Indeed, the medium makes the market. When environmentalist Gary Appelson logged onto eBay earlier this year and typed in the words "tortoise shell" at the search prompt, he found more than 50 auctions featuring sea turtle shell ornaments, glasses, cases, and even a guitar pick. He contacted authorities, including U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service special agent Bob Snow, who investigates wildlife smuggling in the San Francisco Bay area. In the past year, Snow says, he has identified roughly 300 auctions on eBay involving items prohibited by the Endangered Species Act, including the sale of leopard skins and a frozen baby white tiger. "eBay is a magnet for people who previously didn't have many outlets," Snow says. Before, the market was limited. Now, via eBay and other online auction sites, "you're immediately linked up to millions of people."

The Web amplifies ethical dilemmas, too. Consider MedicineOnline.com, a site that connects plastic surgery doctors and patients on the Net. People who want surgery post their information on the site, and participating physicians bid for jobs. Medical ethicists are outraged because the site encourages people to make risky medical decisions based mainly on price. "This is not like an airline seat. These are human lives," says Dr. Mimis Cohen, chief of plastic surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Cook County Hospital, who worries that unscrupulous doctors will cut corners, endangering a patient's health.

What irks him most: The site asks doctors to provide info about their education and experience--including their history of malpractice suits--but takes no responsibility for the veracity of that information. By contrast, a regular hospital is legally bound to take responsibility for the credentials and services of doctors who practice there. The site defends itself. "If a doctor wants to lie on a resume, that's not MedicineOnline's problem," says Richard Van Meter, a doctor and MedicineOnline.com executive board member. "It's the consumer's problem. That keeps liability costs low and out of MOL's lap."

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Semander was sickened to learn that autographs of her daughter's killer were being sold online

That's eBay's answer, too: Since it does not sell anything itself, it's not responsible for what is sold on the site. eBay asks sellers to report any breach of guidelines--in other words, to police the site themselves.

Far from putting handcuffs on auction sites, existing laws actually provide them with some cover. Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, for example, site operators can't be held liable for illegally distributed material if they are "unaware" of the illegal status of the item, or if they lack the ability to control the trade. While this law focuses on copyright protections, eBay is citing it as part of its defense against a suit by six San Diego residents who bought sports memorabilia on the site that turned out to be fake. The plaintiffs are seeking a refund of the $1,000 they paid, and are calling for eBay to be held responsible for fraud on its site.

If the plaintiffs win, it could force eBay to be accountable for certain items on its site. An outcome like that, legal experts say, might sink eBay's profits and force it to shrink so it can afford to adequately monitor sales of items on its site. eBay has argued repeatedly that it should not be held responsible because it doesn't list items for sale and never has the items in its possession. eBay attorney Rob Chestnut declined to be interviewed for this story.

eBay claims a healthy respect for the First Amendment as a motivation for its hands-off attitude. And the American Civil Liberties Union has sided with eBay when critics call for banning the sale of Nazi and KKK memorabilia--calling it a free speech issue. Says eBay's Pursglove: "Our community tends to see any efforts on our part to discourage certain sales as a violation of their First Amendment rights."

Indeed, some eBay denizens are quite touchy about anything that would crimp their freedom. Teresa Hoyt, of Kalamazoo, Mich., runs a home business, fatcats.com, reselling PG-rated videos that she buys on eBay to others via the Net. She says she sees offensive items on the auction site, but doesn't complain to eBay, and wouldn't want anything to be done about it. People go to

the Web because they can buy or sell almost anything there. "I don't want eBay telling us what's right or moral by telling us what we can sell and what we cannot," she says. "If we don't like something, we can always turn the computer off."

Her attitude is just one of many reasons why it's difficult to stop the auctioning of illegal or bad-taste items online. The federal government doesn't have the resources to find and shut down online auctions of endangered species. Neither do most of the auction sites. Even as eBay started shutting down an auction for a sea turtle, new ones started popping up, according to Appelson. He calls on the company to review all incoming items. For now, though, eBay plans to rely on its guidelines--and on its community of members--to blow the whistle on anything beyond the pale. Pursglove says increasing site traffic will make it harder for people to conduct bad business on eBay. "The more we grow," he says, "the more people in our community are watching."

That's little comfort to Harriet Semander, the mother of one of Coral Eugene Watt's victims. Semander fears that "the more eBay grows, the more people will be buying" offensive stuff. With creeps and criminals like Watts and Resendez-Ramirez virtually on the loose, eBay's self-monitoring system may not be enough.

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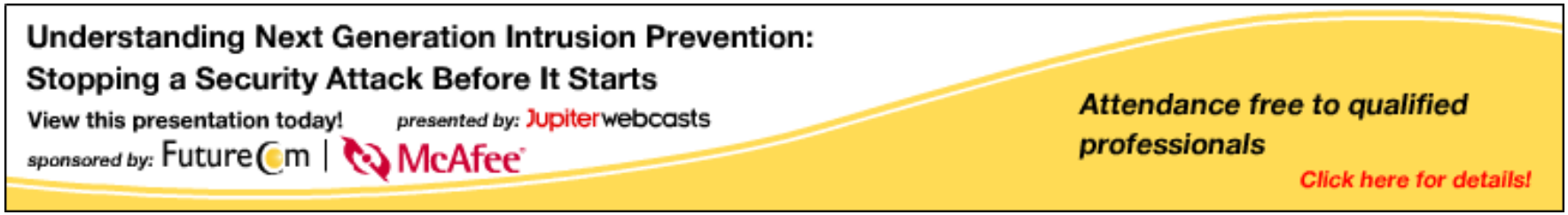


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Then there was the endorsement battle of the celebrity singers: Debbie Boone for Forbes, Tracy Byrd for Bush, Crystal Gayle for Lamar Alexander and Gladys Knight for Orrin Hatch. And there were the speeches and the pronouncements. Elizabeth Dole has decided to run on the Dr. Seuss platform,

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paraphrasing that renowned political treatise "Horton Hatches an Egg." "I say what I mean and I mean what I say," she told her audience twice. Rumor had it that she first considered, then rejected "I'm strong to the finish 'cause I eats my spinach."

Meanwhile, Bush's victory speech contained the preposterous claim that he "won the straw poll the Iowa way -- neighbor to neighbor." In point of fact, he won it the Washington way -- donor to donor. He only spent eight days with his Iowa neighbors, while Alexander, who practically moved in with them, finished sixth. So much for serious retail politics.

The lowest point of this whole sorry spectacle has been watching the media become an unwitting accomplice in legitimizing the takeover of our political process by Big Money. In fact, the straw poll's only real purpose was to make it easier for the candidates that did well to raise more money.

Instead of questioning whether this is any way to pick the leader of the free world, we're left with the breaking news that Iowans prefer Bush's barbecue to Forbes'; that Liddy Dole's buses were plusher than Pat Buchanan's; that Dan Quayle really isn't electable after all; and that Hawkeyes reacted to Alexander the same way most everyone does -- with a shrug and a yawn.

And when Quayle, Forbes and Gary Bauer endorsed the Kansas school board's decision to eliminate evolution from the curriculum, there were no hoots of derision, and no reporter pressed those three on whether they also believe the earth is flat. Where's Bill Nye the Science Guy when you need him?

The real winner of the Iowa straw poll was not on the ballot. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) called the poll "a sham and a joke ... a meaningless kind of senseless thing." Like the little boy who cried out that the emperor wore no clothes, he refused to accept that media reality is reality.

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For his part, Bush shelled out more than $800,000. He served his voters lunch and dinner; featured the world champion bass fisherman at his party; recruited 50 Washington lobbyists to get Iowans to the poll; and erected a 60,000-square-foot tent on a plot of ground his campaign rented for $43,500 -- approximately $10 per grass root.

Then there was the endorsement battle of the celebrity singers: Debbie Boone for Forbes, Tracy Byrd for Bush, Crystal Gayle for Lamar Alexander and Gladys Knight for Orrin Hatch. And there were the speeches and the pronouncements. Elizabeth Dole has decided to run on the Dr. Seuss platform, paraphrasing that renowned political treatise "Horton Hatches an Egg." "I say what I mean and I mean what I say," she told her audience twice. Rumor had it that she first considered, then rejected "I'm strong to the finish 'cause I eats my spinach."

Meanwhile, Bush's victory speech contained the preposterous claim that he "won the straw poll the Iowa way -- neighbor to neighbor." In point of fact, he won it the Washington way -- donor to donor. He only spent eight days with his Iowa neighbors, while Alexander, who practically moved in with them, finished sixth. So much for serious retail politics.

The lowest point of this whole sorry spectacle has been watching the media become an unwitting accomplice in legitimizing the takeover of our political process by Big Money. In fact, the straw poll's only real purpose was to make it easier for the candidates that did well to raise more money.

Instead of questioning whether this is any way to pick the leader of the free world, we're left with the breaking news that Iowans prefer Bush's barbecue to Forbes'; that Liddy Dole's buses were plusher than Pat Buchanan's; that Dan Quayle really isn't electable after all; and that Hawkeyes reacted to Alexander the same way most everyone does -- with a shrug and a yawn.

And when Quayle, Forbes and Gary Bauer endorsed the Kansas school board's decision to eliminate evolution from the curriculum, there were no hoots of derision, and no reporter pressed those three on whether they also believe the earth is flat. Where's Bill Nye the Science Guy when you need him?

The real winner of the Iowa straw poll was not on the ballot. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) called the poll "a sham and a joke ... a meaningless kind of senseless thing." Like the little boy who cried out that the emperor wore no clothes, he refused to accept that media reality is reality.

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# 17C3: CCC plant Aufbau eines alternativen DNS-Root-Servers

Andy Müller-Maguhn, Sprecher des Chaos Computer Clubs und seit Mitte November Vertreter der allgemeinen User in Europa bei der Internet-Verwaltung ICANN, hat in seiner kurzen Dienstzeit als Vorstand der kalifornischen Unternehmung bereits genug mitbekommen, um seine Vorbehalte gegen das Regime der Netzressourcen-Verteiler bestätigt zu sehen. Es ist nicht nur der mysteriöse Regierungsbeirat bei der ICANN oder die Vormacht von Konzernen aus der Telekommunikations- und Elektronikbranche in der Protocol beziehungsweise Domain Name Supporting Organisation, zwei der drei Standbeine der Adressverwaltungsstelle, die dem Hacker Kopfschmerzen bereiten. Vielmehr glaubt Müller-Maguhn, dass das Design des von der ICANN überwachten Namensraumes grundsätzlich falsch angelegt ist.

Den ICANN-Direktor stört vor allem, dass das Domain-Namen-System (DNS) nach wie vor der letzte zentralistische Punkt ist, an dem relativ einfach Kontrolle ausgeübt werden kann. Der wunde Punkt des Systems ist vor allem der so genannte A-Root-Server, das zentrale Verzeichnis aller Webadressen, das nach wie vor mit dem Segen der US-Regierung von der inzwischen zu Verisign gehörenden Firma Network Solutions überwacht wird. Drum herum gibt es zwar inzwischen 12 weitere Root-Server – sie spiegeln allerdings nur das Verzeichnis des Basis-Servers.

Wie einfach sich dieses System missbrauchen lässt, zeigt für Müller-Maguhn vor allem das Beispiel Vote-auction.com: Die österreichische Schock-Marketing-Agentur Ubermorgen.com hatte auf dieser Domain im Oktober die Versteigerung von Stimmen für die amerikanische Präsidentschaftswahl ermöglicht, nachdem der Betrieb der ursprünglich von einem Kunststudenten im Staate New York konzipierte Plattform unter der Domain Voteauction.com von einem Landgericht in Illinois per einstweiliger Verfügung gestoppt worden war.

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The ICANN director disturbs above all still that the Domain name system (DNS) is the last centralistic point, at whom relatively simply control be exercised can. The wound point of the system above all the A-root-server in such a way specified, the central listing of all Web addresses, is which is still supervised with the benediction of the US government of that in the meantime to Verisign belonging company Network Solutions. Drum around gives it in the meantime 12 further root servers - they reflect however only the listing of the basis server.

How simply this system can be abused, above all the example shows Vote auction.com for Mueller Maguhn: The Austrian shock marketing agency Ubermorgen.com had made possible on these Domain in October the auction of voices for the American presidency election, after the enterprise originally by an art student in the State of New York conceived of the platform under the Domain Voteauction.com by a regional court in Illinois by provisional order had been stopped.

In order to extract themselves from the influence of American laws with the alternative address Vote auction.com, the Macher from Ubermorgen.com it after the prohibition of the Stammdomain with a German Provider register let, its com Addresses over the CORE resident in Switzerland had administered. But the Austrians had not counted on the far arm of the American politicians: On 2 November CORE communicated to them the fact that one had been informed about the expiration of illegal machinations on the Domain Vote auction.com by E-Mail and therefore delivering the address from the root servers agreed.

Into a similar direction, so Mueller Maguhn, points the case of the manipulation from web pages of the Yugoslav opposition during the presidency election at the end of Septembers. Milosevics Ministry for science and information had pressurized the manager of the Domain org.yu in such a manner at that time that he rerouted the visitors of the Site of the democratic party on other, usually pornografische Web offers.

The examples are for the hacker club reason of enough to experiment with an alternative Domain name system. After Mueller Maguhn had already played at the beginning of November with the thought, "something own to open", he confirmed 17 yesterday on that. Chaos Communication Congress in Berlin the plan to develop an alternative name area without hierarchical concept within the hacker scene. "we have sufficient computers at the net, the whole are technically feasible", said

the speaker of the club under the applause of the met Community.

"we will fall, added the planet into a welfareless chaos" it joking to refer "over to the errors in the system." Finally the politicians and the "trademark law Mafia" would have before nothing more fear, than before Web areas, where none worries about rights of the use of a name or copyright laws.

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The CCC wants nevertheless with the project to begin, "even if we all this only only among us uses", affirms Mueller Maguhn the resolution. It concerns in the long run to prevent the world-wide spreading of "American conditions" ( *Stefan Krempl* )/( jk /c't)

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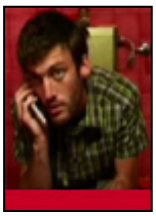

Uno degli aspetti più terribili dei problemi è che ci fanno dimenticare quelli, per quanto gravi, che li hanno appena preceduti. Così, uno dei meriti di Farenheit 9/11 è senz'altro quello di averci ricordato, alla vigilia delle nuove presidenziali americane, che l'uomo che guida le sorti della "più grande democrazia del mondo" ha conquistato questo ruolo per un pugno di voti, per lo più rubati; che in quella stessa democrazia si votano le leggi senza nemmeno leggerle e che molte di queste leggi sono condizionate dalle esigenze e dagli interessidi grandi aziende meglio note come "corporation".
Ai suoi tempi, la natura economica e la "virtualità" della campagna elettorale più imbrogliata della storia, indipendentemente dai suoi risultati, era già stata dimostrata da un'operazione sensazionale come Vote Auction (marzo 2000, www.vote-auction.net), un sito tramite cui gli elettori potevano mettere all'asta il proprio voto. Ma spetta senz'altro a Davide Grassi (www.aksioma.org), artista italiano che lavora a Ljubliana, la riflessione più coerente sulla economizzazione della politica (o il "marketing della democrazia", come dice in questa intervista), sulla virtualizzazione della democrazia e sulla politicizzazione della vita, o biopolitica.
Queste due ultime questioni sono poste in particolare dal suo ultimo lavoro, DemoKino (http://www.demokino.net/): una serie di video, trasmessi in streaming, in cui un giovane sloveno, Kolja, si trova alle prese con una serie di dilemmi a cui tenta, faticosamente, di dare una risposta. Noi siamo invitati a rispondere per lui, e la nostra risposta condiziona (o sembra condizionare) il suo passaggio da un dilemma all'altro. I monologhi di Kolja, scritti da Antonio Caronia, hanno un carattere piacevolmente didascalico, velato da una patina di amara ironia, laddove la consapevolezza con cui affrontiamo i problemi si scontra con la vanificazione del nostro, democratico, "potere" di contribuire a risolverli.

**B_ Come nasce *DemoKino*? Ci sono in esso tracce di una riflessione su un evento specifico della nostra politica quotidiana, o è stato prodotto da una riflessione piu generale?**

**D.G.**_ Direi che il lavoro é stato ispirato da una riflessione più generale anche se esiste un fatto specifico che ha effettivamente avuto una funzione scatenante.
Nella seconda metà degli anni '90 ebbi l'occasione di incontrare Gomma, curatore della collana "Interzone" della Feltrinelli. Mi chiese di che cosa mi occupassi e quali fossero i miei interessi principali. Dopo avermi ascoltato aprì il portabagagli della sua automobile, pieno zeppo di libri e di riviste e mi consigliò delle letture. Tra i libri che gli comprai in quell'occasione, ad un prezzo peraltro vantaggiosissimo, c'era anche *L'Intelligenza collettiva* di Pierre Lévy nel quale, tra le altre cose, viene prospettato un uso socialmente più proficuo della comunicazione informatizzata fornendo ai soggetti i mezzi per costituire collettivi intelligenti e dar vita a una democrazia in tempo reale. Oggi, rileggendo questo libro il fallimento della visione idealista di Lévy apparirebbe sicuramente evidente.
In seguito, mi capitò di imbattermi nella versione on-line del *Financial Times* in un articolo riguardante il fenomeno dei pianisti, i senatori italiani documentati nell'atto di esprimere il voto, attraverso l'apposito sistema elettronico, in vece dei colleghi assenti.
Con la votazione per alzata di mano il pianista avrebbe dovuto alzare due mani, il che avrebbe implicato un atto se non altro "coraggioso", data la visibilità del gesto in aula. Ma questo sistema analogico ed arretrato di votazione non avrebbe certo permesso a personaggi come il Senatore Lucio Malan di Forza Italia di esibirsi in un magistrale triplice voto, a meno che non si fosse fatto prestare per tempo il famoso terzo braccio di Stelarc. Mentre il sistema di voto elettronico permette certe cose. Una palese dimostrazione che le nuove tecnologie effettivamente facilitano il lavoro:-)
Bene, questa notizia mi fece riflettere su tutta una serie di questioni. Accostando questa vicenda, che é poi sintomatica dell'inattendibilità della democrazia rappresentativa o parlamentare, alla coscienza del fallimento della tesi di Lévy ho sentito un grande senso di impotenza ed allo stesso tempo la necessità di approfondire questi temi.

**B_ *DemoKino* si fa beffa tanto della presunta natura democratica dell'interattività quanto della democrazia odierna tout court. In entrambi i casi, la liberta di scelta sembra connaturata al**

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**meccanismo, mentre invece e proprio il meccanismo che la nega. Vedi qualche via d'uscita da questo impasse?**

**D.G.**_ Per considerare questa domanda bisognerebbe riflettere attentamente sia sul significato di democrazia che su quello di interattività.
Il concetto di democrazia, storicamente e filosoficamente carico di significato, sembra oggigiorno quanto mai vuoto, una caricatura di se stesso, e lontano da quell'idea che vuole il popolo sovrano. La volontà da seguire é semmai quella dettata dall'economia e dai mercati. Sarebbe più sensato coniare neologismi quali "econocrazia" o "mercatocrazia". La parola "democrazia" assume un'accezione ancor più grottesca quando pronunciata in senso missionaristico e peggio ancora quando viene identificata come un "bene" da esportare attraverso un'operazione di "marketing" per il quale il design dell'involucro é sostanzialmente più importante del contenuto. Il capitalismo cerca nuovi mercati anche per la Democrazia.
Nei lavori artistici, nei videogiochi, negli sportelli automatici delle banche ed in altri prodotti "finiti" definiti interattivi, l'azione reciproca, ovvero il provocare o subire un processo di interazione, é meramente apparente.
Insomma, nella programmazione di questi prodotti vengono contemplate numerose possibilità che, per quanto vaste possano essere, sono comunque limitate, considerate in anticipo e programmate di conseguenza.
L'interazione con questi dispositivi crea nell'utente una forte sensazione di sovranità, di autodeterminazione che però, ad una valutazione più attenta, risulta essere meramente apparente.
Ecco forse il motivo per cui il fattore interattivo si sposa così bene con le Realtà Virtuali. In ambo i casi ci si occupa e ci si preoccupa più delle apparenze che delle effettività.
Ma esiste una forma di interattività di scambio reciproco di input, di provocazioni e di informazioni che si verifica tra soggetti all'interno di comunità - più o meno ampie - tanto nella realtà fisica che nel cyberspazio.
L'interattività tra individui o tra nuclei di persone mi sembra molto più interessante, molto più imprevedibile e creativa specialmente se si intende l'interattività come "forza di coesione". Ad ogni modo anche questo tipo di interattività risente delle limitazioni imposte dal sistema all'interno della quale opera.
Per questo, alcune comunità e collettivi, cercano di liberarsi da questa "tirannia" stabilendo le proprie "regole del gioco" che spesso e volentieri sono diametralmente opposte ed incompatibili con quelle del "sistema imposto".
Una via di uscita a questo impasse potrebbe essere quella suggerita da Hakim Bey in TAZ (Zone Temporaneamente Autonome), ma rimaniamo comunque nell'ambito delle utopie e dell'idealismo.

**B_ *DemoKino* lega le scelte personali del suo protagonista a un parlamento virtuale. Così, se la vanificazione finale del voto mortifica i votanti, restituisce liberta di scelta al nostro uomo. Credi che esista un conflitto tra liberta personale e volontà collettiva?**

**D.G.**_ Onestamente non sono molto d'accordo con la tua affermazione per almeno due ragioni. La prima é che al termine di *DemoKino* il voto non viene effettivamente vanificato bensì, attraverso la domanda *"What about if I tell you that everything was defined in advance?"* posta da un pagliaccio che fischietta una melodia melancolico-canzonatoria, viene inoculato nel cyber-elettore il dubbio che tutto sia stato predeterminato. Non si tratta di un'affermazione bensì di un dubbio.
In realtà avviene lo stesso quando si va a votare. Dopo avere inserito la scheda nell'urna abbiamo la sensazione di aver esercitato il nostro sacrosanto diritto di voto sudato nei secoli attraverso importantissime battaglie sociali. Ma in realtà che tipo di riscontro (feedback), di prova abbiamo che il nostro voto venga effettivamente conteggiato? Insomma, non sarebbe la prima volta che si sente parlare di brogli elettorali...
Il secondo motivo di disaccordo alla tua affermazione sta nel fatto che in nessun modo viene restituita libertà di scelta al "nostro uomo". Egli infatti si presenta allo spettatore/elettore in forma di protagonista di otto cortometraggi che sono pre-registrati e che quindi non possono in alcun modo essere modificati.
Le decisioni del cyber-elettorato influiscono sull'ordine cronologico degli argomenti proposti dal protagonista e non sulle sue azioni. Dunque se anche il protagonista si liberasse dalla volontà degli elettori che libertà guadagnerebbe?
Il conflitto tra libertà personale e libertà collettiva esiste certamente ed é un fatto innegabile. L'unico modo per eliminare questo conflitto risiederebbe in una forma di "volontà totalitaria". Impossibile.
Quando la questione della vita entra nell'arena politica e la politica moderna diventa biopolitica la decisione democratica raggiunge un impasse. Nell'arena della biopolitica le leggi affrontano questioni che non possono tollerare decisioni di nessun tipo ed ogni tipo di regola dettata dalla maggioranza é problematica in sé, ogni regolazione politica delle questioni della vita è un atto pubblico di violenza legittimata.

**B_ Se *Problemarket* indagava l'evoluzione in senso economico della politica, *DemoKino* riflette sulla politicizzazione della vita. Credi che i due fenomeni siano connessi? Com'e la vita ai tempi della biopolitica?**

**D.G.**_ I due fenomeni sono definitivamente interconnessi, a mio giudizio. L'economia ha intrappolato la politica, che ha una diretta influenza sulla vita di tutti i giorni. Così si potrebbe dire che l'economia, filtrata dalla politica, detta legge sulla vita di tutti i giorni.

Il predominio dell'economia sulla politica ha ridotto la democrazia ad un rito formale, in cui dominano gli interessi delle corporazioni. Le attenzioni principali sono rivolte alla manutenzione della macchina capitalismo per evitare che si inceppi. Non é l'uomo al centro della questione ma la sopravvivenza del sistema.
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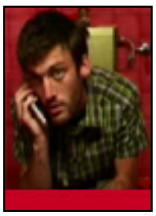

One of the more terrible aspects of the problems is that they make to forget those us, for how much serious, than they have them as soon as preceded. Therefore, one of the merits of Farenheit 9/11 that one to have to us is senz' other remembered, to the eve of the presidential new Americans, than the man who guides the fates of the "greater democracy of the world" it has conquered this role for a fist of ballots, for more steals to you; that in that same democracy the laws devote oneself without not to read them and that many of these laws are conditioned from the requirements and the interessidi great companies best notes like "corporation".
To its times, the economic nature and the "virtualità" of the brailed up electoral campaign more of the history, independently from its turn out, already had been demonstrated from a sensational operation like Vote Auction (March to you 2000, www.vote-auction.net), a situated one through which the constituents they could put to the auction just the ballot. But other is up senz' to David Fat (www.aksioma.org), Italian artist who works to Ljubliana, the more coherent reflection on the economizzazione of politics (or the "marketing of the democracy", as she says in this interview), on the virtualizzazione of the democracy and the politicizzazione of the life, or biopolitica.
These two last issues are placed in particular from its last job, DemoKino (http://www.demokino.net/): series of video, transmitted in streaming, in which a Slovenian young person, Kolja, it is found to the taken ones with a series of dilemmas to which it tries, laboriously, of giving one answer. We are we invite to you to answer for he, and our answer conditions (or seems to condition) its passage from a dilemma to the other. The monologhi of Kolja, written from Antonio Caronia, have an pleasantly didascalico character, veiled from a patina of bitter irony, laddove the knowledge with which we face the problems meets with the vanificazione of ours, democratic, "power" to contribute to resolve them.

**B _ As DemoKino *is born* ? There are in it traces of a reflection on a specific event of our daily politics, or has been produced from one general reflection piu?**

**D.G.** _ They said that the job é be inspired from a more general reflection even if exists a specific fact that has effectively had one triggering function. In the second half of years ' 90 I had the occasion to meet Rubber, curatore of the necklace "Interzone" of the Feltrinelli. Me churches of that what you occupied to me and which were my main interests. After to have to me listened it opened the portabagagli of its automobile, full full load of books and reviews and advised me of the readings. Between the books that I bought to it in that occasion, to the moreover most favorable price, was also *collective Intelligence* of Pierre Lévy in which, between the other things, it comes shown a social more profitable use of the informatizzata communication supplying to the subjects means in order to constitute intelligent collectives and to give to life to one democracy in real time. Today, rileggendo this book the failure of the vision idealist of Lévy would appear sure obvious.
Later on, me capitò of imbattermi in the version on-linens of *the Financial Times* in a regarding article the phenomenon of the pianisti, the Italian senators documents to you in the action to express the ballot, through the appropriate electronic system, in vece of the colleagues absent.
With the voting for raised of hand the pianista it would have had to raise two hands, that it would have implied an action if not other "brave one", date the visibility of the gesture in classroom. But this analogic and rear system of voting sure would not have allowed to personages like Senator Lucio Malan di Forza Italy to exhibit itself in skillful a triple ballot, less than it had not been made lend for time famous the third arm of Stelarc. While the system of electronic ballot allows sure things. A evident demonstration that the new technologies effectively facilitate the job: -)
Well, this news made me to reflect on all one series of issues. Approaching this vicissitude, than é then sintomatica of the inattendibilità of the representative democracy or parliamentarian, to the conscience of the failure of the thesis of Lévy I have felt a great sense of impotence and at the same time the necessity to deepen these topics.

**B _ *DemoKino* makes prank as well as of the presumed nature**

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**democratic of the interattività how much of the democracy odierna tout court. In both cases, the liberta of choice it seems connaturata to the mechanism, while and just the mechanism instead that denies it. You see some way of escape from this impasse?**

**D.G.** _ In order to consider this question it would have to reflect carefully is on the democracy meant one that on that one of interattività.
The concept of democracy, historically and philosophically loaded with meant, seems never empty how much nowadays, one caricatura of if same, and far away from that idea that the sovereign people want. The will to follow é if not that one dictated from the economy and the markets. More it would be sensato to coin neologisms which "econocrazia" or "mercatocrazia". The word "democracy" worse assumes pronounced a meaning still more grotesque when in missionaristico sense and still when it comes identified like a "good" to export through an operation of "marketing" for which the design of the covering é substantially more important of the content. Capitalism tries new markets also for the Democracy.
In the artistic jobs, in the videogiochi, the automated teller machines us of the banks and in other defined "ended" products interatti to you, the interaction, that is provoking or enduring an interaction process, é merely appearing.
Insomma, in the programming of these products comes contemplated numerous possibilities that, for how much immense they can be, however they are limited, considered in advance payment and programmed consequently.
The interaction with these devices creates you in the customer one strongly sovereignty feeling, of self-determination that but, to a more careful appraisal, merely turns out to be appearing.
Here perhaps the reason for which the interactive factor spouse therefore well with the Virtual Truths. In ambo the cases it is taken care to us and it is taken care to us more of the appearances that of the effettivity.
But a shape of interattività of mutual exchange of input, provocazioni and information exists that verification between subjects to the community inside - more or little widths - a lot in the physical truth that in the cyberspace. The interattività between individuals or nuclei of persons me seems very more interesting, much more unforeseeable and creative one especially if the interattività like "cohesion force agrees". In any case also this type of risente interattività of the limitations taxes from the system to the inside of which the work.
For this, some communities and collectives, try to get rid from this "tyranny" establishing the own "rules of the game" that often and gladly are diametrically opposite and incompatible with those of the "system tax".
One via of escape to this impasse could be that one suggested from Hakim Bey in TAZ (Temporary Independent Zones), but we remain however in the within of the utopies and the idealismo.

**B _ *DemoKino* alloy the personal choices of its protagonist to a virtual parliament. Cosi, if the final vanificazione of the mortifica ballot voting, gives back liberta of chosen to our man. Creeds that a conflict between liberta personal exists and collective will?**

**D.G.** _ Honestly at least two reasons are not a lot of agreement with your affirmation in order. Before é that to the term of *DemoKino* the ballot does not come effectively made useless but, through the question *"What about if the tell you that everything was defined in advance"* mail from a clown who fischietta a melodia melancolico-canzonatoria, comes inoculato in the cyber-constituent the doubt that all has been predetermined. Not draft of an affirmation but of a doubt.
In truth the same one happens when it is gone to vote. After to have inserted the card in the urn we have the feeling to have practised ours sacrosanto straight of ballot sudato in the centuries through most important social battles. But in truth that type of reply (feedback), of test we have that our ballot comes effectively conteggiato? Insomma, would not be before the time that is felt to speak about brogli electoral...
According to reason of discord to your affirmation it is in the fact that in no way comes given back freedom of chosen to the "our man". It in fact introduces itself to the spettatore/elettore in shape of protagonist of eight cortometraggi that pre-are recorded and that therefore they cannot in some way to be modified.
The decisions of the cyber-electorate influence on the chronological order of the arguments proposals from the protagonist and on its it does not set in action. Therefore if also the protagonist got rid from the will of the constituents who freedom would earn?
The conflict between personal freedom and collective freedom exists and é an undeniable fact sure. The only way in order to eliminate this conflict would reside in a shape of "totalitarian will". Impossible.
When the issue of the life enters in the political arena and modern politics become biopolitica the decision democratic catch up a impasse. In the arena of the biopolitica the laws face issues that cannot tolerate decisions of no type and every type of rule dictated from the problematic majority é in himself, every political regulation of the issues of the life are a public action of legittimata violence.

**B _ If *Problemarket* inquired the evolution in economic sense of politics, *DemoKino* reflects on the politicizzazione of the life. Creeds that the two phenomena are connected? Com' and the life to the times of the biopolitica?**

**D.G.** _ The two phenomena definitively are interconnected, to my judgment. The economy has caught politics, that it every day has one directed infuence on the life. Therefore the economy, filtered from the politics, said law on the life could itself be said every day that.
The predominion of the economy on politics has reduced the democracy to a formal ritual, in which they dominate the interests of the corporations. The main attentions are turned to the maintenance of the machine Capitalism in order to avoid that it jams. Not é the man to the center of the issue but the survival of the system.
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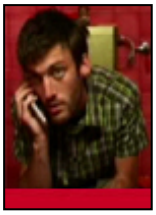

Uno degli aspetti più terribili dei problemi è che ci fanno dimenticare quelli, per quanto gravi, che li hanno appena preceduti. Così, uno dei meriti di Farenheit 9/11 è senz'altro quello di averci ricordato, alla vigilia delle nuove presidenziali americane, che l'uomo che guida le sorti della "più grande democrazia del mondo" ha conquistato questo ruolo per un pugno di voti, per lo più rubati; che in quella stessa democrazia si votano le leggi senza nemmeno leggerle e che molte di queste leggi sono condizionate dalle esigenze e dagli interessidi grandi aziende meglio note come "corporation".
Ai suoi tempi, la natura economica e la "virtualità" della campagna elettorale più imbrogliata della storia, indipendentemente dai suoi risultati, era già stata dimostrata da un'operazione sensazionale come **Vote Auction** (marzo 2000, www.**vote-auction**.net), un sito tramite cui gli elettori potevano mettere all'asta il proprio voto. Ma spetta senz'altro a Davide Grassi (www.aksioma.org), artista italiano che lavora a Ljubliana, la riflessione più coerente sulla economizzazione della politica (o il "marketing della democrazia", come dice in questa intervista), sulla virtualizzazione della democrazia e sulla politicizzazione della vita, o biopolitica.
Queste due ultime questioni sono poste in particolare dal suo ultimo lavoro, DemoKino (http://www.demokino.net/): una serie di video, trasmessi in streaming, in cui un giovane sloveno, Kolja, si trova alle prese con una serie di dilemmi a cui tenta, faticosamente, di dare una risposta. Noi siamo invitati a rispondere per lui, e la nostra risposta condiziona (o sembra condizionare) il suo passaggio da un dilemma all'altro. I monologhi di Kolja, scritti da Antonio Caronia, hanno un carattere piacevolmente didascalico, velato da una patina di amara ironia, laddove la consapevolezza con cui affrontiamo i problemi si scontra con la vanificazione del nostro, democratico, "potere" di contribuire a risolverli.

**B_ Come nasce *DemoKino*? Ci sono in esso tracce di una riflessione su un evento specifico della nostra politica quotidiana, o è stato prodotto da una riflessione piu generale?**

**D.G.**_ Direi che il lavoro é stato ispirato da una riflessione più generale anche se esiste un fatto specifico che ha effettivamente avuto una funzione scatenante.
Nella seconda metà degli anni '90 ebbi l'occasione di incontrare Gomma, curatore della collana "Interzone" della Feltrinelli. Mi chiese di che cosa mi occupassi e quali fossero i miei interessi principali. Dopo avermi ascoltato aprì il portabagagli della sua automobile, pieno zeppo di libri e di riviste e mi consigliò delle letture. Tra i libri che gli comprai in quell'occasione, ad un prezzo peraltro vantaggiosissimo, c'era anche *L'Intelligenza collettiva* di Pierre Lévy nel quale, tra le altre cose, viene prospettato un uso socialmente più proficuo della comunicazione informatizzata fornendo ai soggetti i mezzi per costituire collettivi intelligenti e dar vita a una democrazia in tempo reale. Oggi, rileggendo questo libro il fallimento della visione idealista di Lévy apparirebbe sicuramente evidente.
In seguito, mi capitò di imbattermi nella versione on-line del *Financial Times* in un articolo riguardante il fenomeno dei pianisti, i senatori italiani documentati nell'atto di esprimere il voto, attraverso l'apposito sistema elettronico, in vece dei colleghi assenti.
Con la votazione per alzata di mano il pianista avrebbe dovuto alzare due

mani, il che avrebbe implicato un atto se non altro "coraggioso", data la visibilità del gesto in aula. Ma questo sistema analogico ed arretrato di votazione non avrebbe certo permesso a personaggi come il Senatore Lucio Malan di Forza Italia di esibirsi in un magistrale triplice voto, a meno che non si fosse fatto prestare per tempo il famoso terzo braccio di Stelarc. Mentre il sistema di voto elettronico permette certe cose. Una palese dimostrazione che le nuove tecnologie effettivamente facilitano il lavoro:-)
Bene, questa notizia mi fece riflettere su tutta una serie di questioni. Accostando questa vicenda, che é poi sintomatica dell'inattendibilità della democrazia rappresentativa o parlamentare, alla coscienza del fallimento della tesi di Lévy ho sentito un grande senso di impotenza ed allo stesso tempo la necessità di approfondire questi temi.

**B_ *DemoKino* si fa beffa tanto della presunta natura democratica dell'interattività quanto della democrazia odierna tout court. In entrambi i casi, la liberta di scelta sembra connaturata al meccanismo, mentre invece e proprio il meccanismo che la nega. Vedi qualche via d'uscita da questo impasse?**

**D.G.**_ Per considerare questa domanda bisognerebbe riflettere attentamente sia sul significato di democrazia che su quello di interattività.
Il concetto di democrazia, storicamente e filosoficamente carico di significato, sembra oggigiorno quanto mai vuoto, una caricatura di se stesso, e lontano da quell'idea che vuole il popolo sovrano. La volontà da seguire é semmai quella dettata dall'economia e dai mercati. Sarebbe più sensato coniare neologismi quali "econocrazia" o "mercatocrazia". La parola "democrazia" assume un'accezione ancor più grottesca quando pronunciata in senso missionaristico e peggio ancora quando viene identificata come un "bene" da esportare attraverso un'operazione di "marketing" per il quale il design dell'involucro é sostanzialmente più importante del contenuto. Il capitalismo cerca nuovi mercati anche per la Democrazia.
Nei lavori artistici, nei videogiochi, negli sportelli automatici delle banche ed in altri prodotti "finiti" definiti interattivi, l'azione reciproca, ovvero il provocare o subire un processo di interazione, é meramente apparente.
Insomma, nella programmazione di questi prodotti vengono contemplate numerose possibilità che, per quanto vaste possano essere, sono comunque limitate, considerate in anticipo e programmate di conseguenza.
L'interazione con questi dispositivi crea nell'utente una forte sensazione di sovranità, di autodeterminazione che però, ad una valutazione più attenta, risulta essere meramente apparente.
Ecco forse il motivo per cui il fattore interattivo si sposa così bene con le Realtà Virtuali. In ambo i casi ci si occupa e ci si preoccupa più delle apparenze che delle effettività.
Ma esiste una forma di interattività di scambio reciproco di input, di provocazioni e di informazioni che si verifica tra soggetti all'interno di comunità - più o meno ampie - tanto nella realtà fisica che nel cyberspazio.
L'interattività tra individui o tra nuclei di persone mi sembra molto più interessante, molto più imprevedibile e creativa specialmente se si intende l'interattività come "forza di coesione". Ad ogni modo anche questo tipo di interattività risente delle limitazioni imposte dal sistema all'interno della quale opera.
Per questo, alcune comunità e collettivi, cercano di liberarsi da questa "tirannia" stabilendo le proprie "regole del gioco" che spesso e volentieri sono diametralmente opposte ed incompatibili con quelle del "sistema imposto".
Una via di uscita a questo impasse potrebbe essere quella suggerita da Hakim Bey in TAZ (Zone Temporaneamente Autonome), ma rimaniamo comunque nell'ambito delle utopie e dell'idealismo.

**B_ *DemoKino* lega le scelte personali del suo protagonista a un parlamento virtuale. Cosi, se la vanificazione finale del voto mortifica i votanti, restituisce liberta di scelta al nostro uomo. Credi che esista un conflitto tra liberta personale e volontà collettiva?**

**D.G.**_ Onestamente non sono molto d'accordo con la tua affermazione per almeno due ragioni. La prima é che al termine di *DemoKino* il voto non viene effettivamente vanificato bensì, attraverso la domanda *"What about if I tell you that everything was defined in advance?"* posta da un pagliaccio che fischietta una melodia melancolico-canzonatoria, viene inoculato nel cyber-elettore il dubbio che tutto sia stato predeterminato. Non si tratta di un'affermazione bensì di un dubbio.
In realtà avviene lo stesso quando si va a votare. Dopo avere inserito la scheda nell'urna abbiamo la sensazione di aver esercitato il nostro sacrosanto diritto di voto sudato nei secoli attraverso importantissime battaglie sociali. Ma in realtà che tipo di riscontro (feedback), di prova abbiamo che il nostro voto venga effettivamente conteggiato? Insomma, non sarebbe la prima volta che si sente parlare di brogli elettorali...
Il secondo motivo di disaccordo alla tua affermazione sta nel fatto che in nessun modo viene restituita libertà di scelta al "nostro uomo". Egli infatti si presenta allo spettatore/elettore in forma di protagonista di otto cortometraggi che sono pre-registrati e che quindi non possono in alcun modo essere modificati.
Le decisioni del cyber-elettorato influiscono sull'ordine cronologico degli argomenti proposti dal protagonista e non sulle sue azioni. Dunque se anche il protagonista si liberasse dalla volontà degli elettori che libertà guadagnerebbe?
Il conflitto tra libertà personale e libertà collettiva esiste certamente ed é un fatto innegabile. L'unico modo per eliminare questo conflitto risiederebbe in

una forma di "volontà totalitaria". Impossibile.
Quando la questione della vita entra nell'arena politica e la politica moderna diventa biopolitica la decisione democratica raggiunge un impasse. Nell'arena della biopolitica le leggi affrontano questioni che non possono tollerare decisioni di nessun tipo ed ogni tipo di regola dettata dalla maggioranza é problematica in sé, ogni regolazione politica delle questioni della vita è un atto pubblico di violenza legittimata.

**B_ Se *Problemarket* indagava l'evoluzione in senso economico della politica, *DemoKino* riflette sulla politicizzazione della vita. Credi che i due fenomeni siano connessi? Com'e la vita ai tempi della biopolitica?**

**D.G.**_ I due fenomeni sono definitivamente interconnessi, a mio giudizio. L'economia ha intrappolato la politica, che ha una diretta influenza sulla vita di tutti i giorni. Così si potrebbe dire che l'economia, filtrata dalla politica, detta legge sulla vita di tutti i giorni.
Il predominio dell'economia sulla politica ha ridotto la democrazia ad un rito formale, in cui dominano gli interessi delle corporazioni. Le attenzioni principali sono rivolte alla manutenzione della macchina capitalismo per evitare che si inceppi. Non é l'uomo al centro della questione ma la sopravvivenza del sistema.
La vita ai tempi della biopolitica é pertanto una questione, se non marginale, perlomeno secondaria.

**B_ Con *DemoKino* prosegue la tua collaborazione con Antonio Caronia, avviata con *Problemarket*. Da cosa nasce questa sintonia?**

**D.G.**_ Antonio ed io ci conosciamo ormai da anni, dai tempi della mostra di Orlan alla fondazione Prada a Milano, credo. In quel periodo eravamo entrambi interessati a questioni legate al corpo nell'era digitale e alle nuove tecnologie. Ci si incontrava un po' dappertutto, a conferenze, seminari, mostre ed in molte altre occasioni.
Negli anni successivi ci si perse un po' di vista ma quando il Consiglio d'Amministrazione della Problemarket.com dovette suggerire una nomina per il posto di Direttore Amministrativo del Centro Studi sui Problemi dei Media – *ProMediaSet*, il nome di Caronia tornò alla ribalta come quello della figura più adatta a questo incarico.
Così cominciammo a collaborare. Era più una questione di affari che altro. La sintonia nella nostra collaborazione nasceva dalla concreta prospettiva di grandi profitti che avrebbe fatto seguito alla commercializzazione di problemi legati al mondo dei media.
Dopo l'investitura, Caronia fu invitato a presentare una relazione pertinente all'operato svolto dalla *ProMediaSet* nei primi sei mesi di attività. Ciò avvenne in occasione della presentazione ai partner ed agli investitori del primo Annual Report della *Problemarket.com* che si tenne a Lubiana l'11 settembre 2002.
Il lavoro di Caronia per la Problemarket.com prosegue tuttora con ottimi risultati e con un sempre rinnovato entusiasmo. L'anno scorso scrisse al Presidente del Consiglio italiano Cav. Silvio Berlusconi, affermando che "i problemi rappresentano al meglio l'essenza dell'umanità" e che "la capacità di suscitare, diffondere e mantenere problemi è una delle caratteristiche più peculiari di Homo sapiens." Colse dunque l'occasione per congratularsi con il Cav. Berlusconi per l'offesa recata al socialdemocratico Shultz presso il Parlamento Europeo, per la sua capacità di mantenere vivi i problemi legati al conflitto d'interessi e per il costante approvvigionamento di problemi al mondo della magistratura, invitandolo pertanto a collaborare con la *Problemarket.com*.
Recentemente Caronia ha investigato una serie di problemi legati alla questione degli OGM - Organismi Geneticamente Modificati presentandone i risultati in un documento ufficiale che é stato consegnato ad un portavoce del Presidente brasiliano Lula da Silva.
Per l'anno prossimo si prospettano attività della Problemarket a Milano, Torino, Stoccolma, Baltimora e Providence (USA).
La collaborazione tra me ed Antonio Caronia in *DemoKino* potrebbe essere vista come la naturale conseguenza della nostra partnership in *Problemarket*. Infatti in *DemoKino* non si fa altro che affrontare delle problematiche attuali che vanno però oltre il mondo dei media per investire la sfera della vita, della biopolitica.

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Problems in America's voting system such as decentralized, disparate databases, leave the door open to multiple registrations and other electoral fraud. Also this week: Pro-Palestinian hacker groups, some linked to international terrorist organizations, threaten to launch a cyberwar against companies with ties to Israel; Top 100 Emerging Companies to Watch in 2001; and picking your way through the minefield of data privacy.

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## News & Features

### 1 System mended, HMO outsources

Oxford Health Plans Inc., which suffered multimillion-dollar losses in 1997 and 1998 after a botched systems upgrade, plans to outsource most of its IT operations to Computer Sciences Corp. starting next year, according to sources inside and close to the company.

### 1 U.S. may face net-based holy war

Pro-Palestinian hackers have threatened to launch attacks against high-profile companies in the U.S. that have ties to Israel. Experts warn that U.S. companies remain unprepared for widespread denial-of-service attacks.

### 1 Voter system in disarray across U.S.

In this day and age, party officials might have hoped that technology could prevent dead, multiply registered or any other ineligible voters from casting a ballot. And they might have expected that frequently updated IT systems would ensure that properly registered voters found their names on the rolls when they arrived at the polls. Instead, they found that voters are registered and tracked by a patchwork quilt of technology systems that can vary as wildly as the weather in different regions of the country.

### 6 Florida's Election Web Site Swamped by Millions of Hits

The Florida Department of State's IT department had their hands full on Election Day, as hordes of people visited the Web site for election results, including members of Gore's campaign staff.

### 7 At Deadline Briefs

Short election-related IT news items.

### 7 Online Vote Bidding Declared a Web Hoax

After changing its Web address twice to avoid the long arms of U.S. law officials, Vote-Auction.com halted its quest to sell ballots to the highest bidder and said it had been a hoax all along. Online vote-swapping services also sprang up in weeks leading up to the election, underscoring a need for legislation to address the jurisdiction issues that arise from Internet-based businesses.

### 7 High-Tech Agenda Unaltered by Vote

Although the election has narrowed the party gap in Congress, it hasn't fundamentally changed how the high-tech industry will approach legislative issues in the upcoming session. High-tech groups and companies have so far had bipartisan consensus on many key issues, and they expect that to continue. But they face one big trouble spot: privacy.

### 8 Corporate Secrets Up for Grabs at New Exchanges

Patents, trademarks and other once highly guarded corporate secrets are up for sale at online intellectual property exchanges.

### 8 Oilily Expects Payoff From System in One Year

A Dutch apparel maker is preparing to install a $2 million supply-chain system that's expected to pay for itself within a year by cutting plant floor lead times and reducing other operational bottlenecks.

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10 **Banks Join Forces With Online Account Aggregators**

Brokerages, banks and portals line up to create single points of access for many investment accounts—and begin to embrace wireless access.

12 **Wireless at Comdex an Evolution**

Comdex will offer evolutionary, not revolutionary, wireless and handheld products, with much-hyped Bluetooth technology still in the prototype stage.

12 **ASP Summit Grabs Comdex Spotlight**

Application service providers (ASP) this year plan to go to Comdex to flex their muscles alongside the hardware and networking big boys.
Since Microsoft's summer announcement that it plans to make all of its software available over the Internet, the ASP model has gained greater acceptance.
It's unknown whether ASPs can gain much of the collective consciousness of the customers at a show as large as Comdex.

12 **News Briefs**

Breif news items.

12 **Best Buy to Offer Choice In Broadband**

Best Buy's offer to sell all major broadband technologies in a one-stop shop setting signals a major milestone in the movement of broadband services into the retail sector.

14 **Alpha Licensee Adds Power to Processor Line**

API NetWorks Inc., a licensee of Compaq Computer Corp.'s Alpha processor technology, last week boosted its product lineup with a high-density server and a faster, more powerful chip.

14 **VeriSign Testing Multilingual Domain Names**

The company that maintains the master database of Internet domain names plans to start testing the use of non-English characters, although the nonprofit Internet Society is urging that a standardization process be finished first.

14 **Lack of Funding Forces More Online Retailers to Shut Down**

Furniture.com, Pets.com, and MotherNature.com said last week that they were discontinuing operations due to lack of funding.

16 **User Skepticism Cited In Oracle Stock Dip**

Concerns about the pace of future sales of its business applications put a damper on Oracle Corp.'s stock last week, raising new questions about the company's transition to application services and the recent departure of former President Ray Lane.

16 **News Briefs**

Short news items about the IT industry.

20 **Coke's Net Links 87 Countries**

Coca-Cola is off and running with a new internetwork that will connect 289 company facilities around the world.

20 **ADP Upgrade Glitch Causes Online Trading Problems**

Problems with a "routine upgrade" of mainframe software at Automatic Data Processing caused a system crash on Nov. 3 that temporarily left customers of at least five brokerages unable to get real-time updates of key information, such as the cost of the online stock trades they were making.

20 **Office Depot To Revamp Call Centers**

Facing a dismal fourth quarter, Office Depot is moving to consolidate and improve its call centers - an initiative that's slated to include a $22 million investment in new technology.

24 **Instant Messaging Use Expected to Jump**

Analysts have been promoting instant messaging and real-time collaboration in general as a powerful collaborative tool, but large corporations have been a bit slow to adopt the technology. That may change in the next year if, as one analyst firm predicts, adoption vaults from less than 7% to more than 70% of big corporate users.

28 **Supercomputer Testing Standards Ready for Improvement**

The High-Performance Computing (HPC) Users Forum is establishing supercomputer testing standards that it says will serve as a valuable tool for scientific, engineering and government users.

30 **Microsoft Aims to Connect Suppliers, B2B Marketplaces**

Microsoft Corp. last week launched an E-Business Acceleration initiative designed to connect users of its B2B servers to those of four of the largest vendors.

30 **Computer Industry Briefs**

Brief computer industry news items.

30 **Changes Due For Lucent**

Lucent Technologies Inc. said it's restructuring management in a push to integrate its sales and service organization. As part of that restructuring, the company plans to cut 240 jobs.

30 **Inprise to Change Its Name Back to Borland**

Inprise Corp. last week acquired Bedouin Inc., a Chicago-based development shop, to jump-start its new developer service provider business unit. Analysts said providing Web-based access to Inprise's tools is welcome news, but noted that the market for such services was small.

32 **Comdex addiction**

While it would certainly be easier to attend Comdex virtually via the Web, the 220,000 technojunkies at this week's monster trade show need to look vendors in the eye and experience their products firsthand.

32 **Is that Microsoft's final answer?**

Steve Ballmer may have some friends, but they may not give him the best advice when it comes to handling a PR problem at Microsoft.

### 33 Misleading article

As the former senior vice president of IS at Talbots, I found Carol Sliwa's article "A Classic Makeover" Business, Sept. 18 to be very misleading. It sounds as though during my tenure, nothing was being done at Talbots, the leadership was in disarray and no money was being invested in IS.

### 33 Improving project success

Many IT disasters begin before the project starts "Companies Don't Learn From Previous IT Snafus," News, Oct. 30. Adequately defining project objectives, articulating requirements, choosing project leaders and champions and, most important, engaging the right service provider drastically improve the chances for project success.

### 33 Open-source opens up dialogue on leadership

The open-source software movement could change the ways we think about leadership and management.

### 33 Throw the case out

The Appeals Court in the Microsoft antitrust case has finally recognized that it is not competent to decide these issues, and both sides have conceded that point "Court Caves in on Idea of Tutor for Microsoft Case," News, Oct. 30. That is an important part of the process that I am confident will lead to a rejection of the government's case.

### 33 Perks matter

I'm sure I speak for thousands of experienced IT professionals in saying that employment perks do matter "CIOs: Recruit Trainable Rookies," Page One, Oct. 16. When corporations are willing to save 20% to 30% in compensation by hiring rookies, they're passing up experienced and, more often than not, certified IT professionals who can be 200% to 300% more productive than the "trainable rookies." I for one will not accept rookie compensation packages.

### 36 The flaws behind IT workforce salary surveys

Many of the most popular IT salary studies being used today by corporate compensation departments and published by large, reputable human resources consulting firms are too poorly designed and executed to be worthy of serious consideration.

### 36 The digital economy's future banks on trust

The issue of trust is about to rise to the fore in the context of the Internet-based economy.

### 40 Quit commute whining

Of course commuting by car is "ghoulish." That's what happens when you use 2 tons of metal to move 170 or so pounds of flesh. Quit whining and use a train, bus, carpool or bike.

### 40 Calling all commuters

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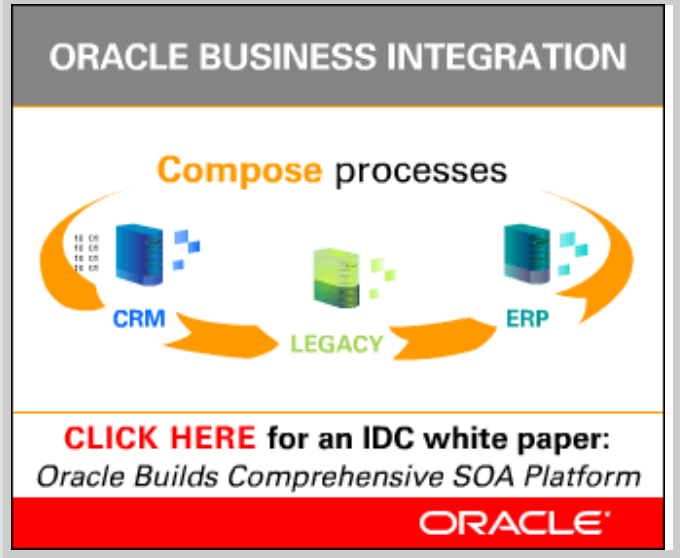

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Oxford Health Plans Inc., which suffered multimillion-dollar losses in 1997 and 1998 after a botched systems upgrade, plans to outsource most of its IT operations to Computer Sciences Corp. starting next year, according to sources inside and close to the company.

1 **U.S. may face net-based holy war**

Pro-Palestinian hackers have threatened to launch attacks against high-profile companies in the U.S. that have ties to Israel. Experts warn that U.S. companies remain unprepared for widespread denial-of-service attacks.

1 **Voter system in disarray across U.S.**

In this day and age, party officials might have hoped that technology could prevent dead, multiply registered or any other ineligible voters from casting a ballot. And they might have expected that frequently updated IT systems would ensure that properly registered voters found their names on the rolls when they arrived at the polls. Instead, they found that voters are registered and tracked by a patchwork quilt of technology systems that can vary as wildly as the weather in different regions of the country.

6 **Florida's Election Web Site Swamped by Millions of Hits**

The Florida Department of State's IT department had their hands full on Election Day, as hordes of people visited the Web site for election results, including members of Gore's campaign staff.

7 **At Deadline Briefs**

Short election-related IT news items.

7 **Online Vote Bidding Declared a Web Hoax**

After changing its Web address twice to avoid the long arms of U.S. law officials, **Vote-Auction**.com halted its quest to sell ballots to the highest bidder and said it had been a hoax all along. Online vote-swapping services also sprang up in weeks leading up to the election, underscoring a need for legislation to address the jurisdiction issues that arise from Internet-based businesses.

7 **High-Tech Agenda Unaltered by Vote**

Although the election has narrowed the party gap in Congress, it hasn't fundamentally changed how the high-tech industry will approach legislative issues in the upcoming session. High-tech groups and companies have so far had bipartisan consensus on many key issues, and they expect that to continue. But they face one big trouble spot: privacy.

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8 **Corporate Secrets Up for Grabs at New Exchanges**

Patents, trademarks and other once highly guarded corporate secrets are up for sale at online intellectual property exchanges.

8 **Oilily Expects Payoff From System in One Year**

A Dutch apparel maker is preparing to install a $2 million supply-chain system that's expected to pay for itself within a year by cutting plant floor lead times and reducing other operational bottlenecks.

10 **Banks Join Forces With Online Account Aggregators**

Brokerages, banks and portals line up to create single points of access for many investment accounts—and begin to embrace wireless access.

12 **Wireless at Comdex an Evolution**

Comdex will offer evolutionary, not revolutionary, wireless and handheld products, with much-hyped Bluetooth technology still in the prototype stage.

12 **ASP Summit Grabs Comdex Spotlight**

Application service providers (ASP) this year plan to go to Comdex to flex their muscles alongside the hardware and networking big boys.
Since Microsoft's summer announcement that it plans to make all of its software available over the Internet, the ASP model has gained greater acceptance.
It's unknown whether ASPs can gain much of the collective consciousness of the customers at a show as large as Comdex.

12 **News Briefs**

Breif news items.

12 **Best Buy to Offer Choice In Broadband**

Best Buy's offer to sell all major broadband technologies in a one-stop shop setting signals a major milestone in the movement of broadband services into the retail sector.

14 **Alpha Licensee Adds Power to Processor Line**

API NetWorks Inc., a licensee of Compaq Computer Corp.'s Alpha processor technology, last week boosted its product lineup with a high-density server and a faster, more powerful chip.

14 **VeriSign Testing Multilingual Domain Names**

The company that maintains the master database of Internet domain names plans to start testing the use of non-English characters, although the nonprofit Internet Society is urging that a standardization process be finished first.

14 **Lack of Funding Forces More Online Retailers to Shut Down**

Furniture.com, Pets.com, and MotherNature.com said last week that they were discontinuing operations due to lack of funding.

16 **User Skepticism Cited In Oracle Stock Dip**

Concerns about the pace of future sales of its business applications put a damper on Oracle Corp.'s stock last week, raising new questions about the company's transition to application services and the recent departure of former President Ray Lane.

16 **News Briefs**

Short news items about the IT industry.

20 **Coke's Net Links 87 Countries**

Coca-Cola is off and running with a new internetwork that will connect 289 company facilities around the world.

20 **ADP Upgrade Glitch Causes Online Trading Problems**

Problems with a "routine upgrade" of mainframe software at Automatic Data Processing caused a system crash on Nov. 3 that temporarily left customers of at least five brokerages unable to get real-time updates of key information, such as the cost of the online stock trades they were making.

20 **Office Depot To Revamp Call Centers**

Facing a dismal fourth quarter, Office Depot is moving to consolidate and improve its call centers - an initiative that's slated to include a $22 million investment in new technology.

24 **Instant Messaging Use Expected to Jump**

Analysts have been promoting instant messaging and real-time collaboration in general as a powerful collaborative tool, but large corporations have been a bit slow to adopt the technology. That may change in the next year if, as one analyst firm predicts, adoption vaults from less than 7% to more than 70% of big corporate users.

28 **Supercomputer Testing Standards Ready for Improvement**

The High-Performance Computing (HPC) Users Forum is establishing supercomputer testing standards that it says will serve as a valuable tool for scientific, engineering and government users.

30 **Microsoft Aims to Connect Suppliers, B2B Marketplaces**

Microsoft Corp. last week launched an E-Business Acceleration initiative designed to connect users of its B2B servers to those of four of the largest vendors.

30 **Computer Industry Briefs**

Brief computer industry news items.

30 **Changes Due For Lucent**

Lucent Technologies Inc. said it's restructuring management in a push to integrate its sales and service organization. As part of that restructuring, the company plans to cut 240 jobs.

30 **Inprise to Change Its Name Back to Borland**

Inprise Corp. last week acquired Bedouin Inc., a Chicago-based development shop, to jump-start its new developer service provider business unit. Analysts said providing Web-based access to Inprise's tools is welcome news, but noted that the market for such services was small.

32 **Comdex addiction**

While it would certainly be easier to attend Comdex virtually via the Web, the 220,000 technojunkies at this week's monster trade show need to look vendors in the eye and experience their products firsthand.

32 **Is that Microsoft's final answer?**

Steve Ballmer may have some friends, but they may not give him the best advice when it comes to handling a PR problem at Microsoft.

33 **Misleading article**

As the former senior vice president of IS at Talbots, I found Carol Sliwa's article "A Classic Makeover" Business, Sept. 18 to be very misleading. It sounds as though during my tenure, nothing was being done at Talbots, the leadership was in disarray and no money was being invested in IS.

33 **Improving project success**

Many IT disasters begin before the project starts "Companies Don't Learn From Previous IT Snafus," News, Oct. 30. Adequately defining project objectives, articulating requirements, choosing project leaders and champions and, most important, engaging the right service provider drastically improve the chances for project success.

33 **Open-source opens up dialogue on leadership**

The open-source software movement could change the ways we think about leadership and management.

33 **Throw the case out**

The Appeals Court in the Microsoft antitrust case has finally recognized that it is not competent to decide these issues, and both sides have conceded that point "Court Caves in on Idea of Tutor for Microsoft Case," News, Oct. 30. That is an important part of the process that I am confident will lead to a rejection of the government's case.

33 **Perks matter**

I'm sure I speak for thousands of experienced IT professionals in saying that employment perks do matter "CIOs: Recruit Trainable Rookies," Page One, Oct. 16. When corporations are willing to save 20% to 30% in compensation by hiring rookies, they're passing up experienced and, more often than not, certified IT professionals who can be 200% to 300% more productive than the "trainable rookies." I for one will not accept rookie compensation packages.

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# Receipt-free Voting

Joint work with Markus Jakobsson, C. Andy Neff

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## Cast of characters

## Voting authority

Attacker

Voter (Alice, and Bob, Charlie...)

# Basic Internet voting

Eve

Charlie

Bob

Alice

# Basic Internet voting

Digitally signed by

Eve

Digitally signed by

Charlie

Digitally signed by

Bob

Digitally signed by

Alice

A vote for

Al B re

A vote for

G.W. Gush

A vote for

Al Bore

A vote for

G.W. Gush

Final Tally:

Gush 2

Bore 1

# BORE

## Alice knows randomization, so ciphertext ballot is a proof or receipt

## Alice

Knees

## Receipt-freeness

## Receipt-freeness property:

Alice cannot open ballot or prove contents

## Prevents simple blackmail

## References: BT94,SK95,HS00

## What receipt-freeness doesn't defend against

# Vote buying

- Sale of authentication key
- Vote-buying schemes (e.g., **vote-auction**.com; http://62.116.31.68/)
- Anonymous peer-to-peer networks

# Compromise of voting authority servers

- Limited defense in HS00

# What receipt-freeness doesn't defend against

# Shoulder surfing

# Randomization attack

- Attacker pre-specifies form of Alice's ciphertext, leading to random result

# Forced-abstention attack

# Receipt-freeness won’t do for real applications!

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# First key tool: Mix network

## Randomly permutes and re-encrypts inputs

Mix network

# What does a mix network do?

Key property: We can’t tell which output corresponds to a given input

?

# Example application: Anonymizing bulletin board or e-mail

From Bob

From Charlie

From Alice

From Bob

From Charlie

From Alice

“I love

Alice”

“Nobody

loves Bob”

“I

love

Charlie”

Is it Bob, Charlie,

self-love, or other?

# Example application: Anonymizing bulletin board or e-mail

# Another application: Voting

Digitally signed by

Eve

Digitally signed by

Charlie

Digitally signed by

Bob

Digitally signed by

Alice

A vote for

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Final Tally:

Gush 2

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# A quick look under the hood

# Mix Structure

Server 1

Server 2

Server 3

m1

m2

m3

re-encrypt

and

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and

permute

re-encrypt

and

permute

m2

m3

m1

m1

m3

m2

m2

m3

m1

# Mix Structure

m2

m3

m1

Threshold decryption

Blinding

Re-mixing

# Properties

Privacy preserved, i.e., permutation hidden if at least one server is honest

Soundness achievable by having servers prove correct permutation

Mix network

## Second key tool

Threshold one-way functions

- Denoted by B() and B'()
- Essentially undeniable signature
- B(m) = mx for shared key x

## Third key tool

# Anonymous credential = Voting key

- Essentially a group signature key
- a la Atienese et al. (Crypto ‘00)
- Other approaches possible
- Carries hidden, identifying tag, called tagi
- Special enhancement: Also includes validator vali = B(tagi), where B is threshold one-way function

vali

# A little more notation

# Let E[m] denote El Gamal ciphertext on m:

- Private key held distributively
- Authorities can jointly decrypt ciphertext

B(E[m]) = E[B(m)] (due to El Gamal homomorphism)

# Our new scheme

## Core ideas:

Voter employs anonymous credential

We don’t know who voted (at time of voting) or what was voted

Validator required for vote to count

Adversary cannot tell whether or not validator is correct

Attacker cannot tell whether a vote is valid or not

# Security model

## Registration:

Attacker cannot interfere with registration process or

User is forced by, e.g., hardware, to do erasing

Before voting:

Attacker can provide keying or other material to voter (even entire ballot)

During vote:

Votes may be posted anonymously (for strongest security) or semi-anonymously (for weaker guarantees)

Bulletin board is universally accessible

At all times:

Attacker has access to all public information, i. e., encrypted and decrypted ballots

# Voting: Anatomy of a ballot

vali

tagi

vali

votei

proofi

NIZK proof that

tagi ciphertext is

valid for credential

Anonymous credential

signature

validator = B(tagi)

tag3

val3

vote3

proof3

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 1: Check group signatures and proofs

Authority 1

Authority 2

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tag1

val1

vote1

proof1

tag2

val2

vote2

proof2

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valn

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proofn

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 2: Mixing ballots

Authority 1

Authority 2

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tag1

val1

vote1

tag2

val2

vote2

tagn’

valn’

voten’

# re-encryption

tag1

val1

vote1

tag2

val2

vote2

tagn’

valn’

voten’

- 
- 
- 

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 3: Joint blinding and decryption of validators

Authority 1

Authority 2

tag1

val1

vote1

tag2

val2

vote2

tagn’

valn’

voten’

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- .
- .
- .

tag1

vote1

tag2

vote2

tagn’

voten’

B’(val1)

B’(val2)

B’(valn’)

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B’ blinding prevents authorities from recognizing validators

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 4: Elimination of duplicates by validator

Authority 1

Authority 2

equal validators

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tag1

vote1

tag2

vote2

tagn’

voten’

B’(val1)

B’(val2)

B’(valn’)

tag3

vote3

B’(val3)

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 5: Re-mixing ballots

## Authority 1

## Authority 2

## re-encryption

tag1

B’(val1)

vote1

tag2

B’(val2)

vote2

tagn’

B’(valn)’

voten’

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tag1

vote1

tag2

vote2

B’(val1)

B’(val2)

tagn’

voten’

B’(valn’)

Remixing required so that adversary does not recognize weeding based on number of ballots he cast

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 6: Verification of validators

Authority 1

Authority 2

Authorities compute C1= B’(B(E[tagi])) = E[B’(B(tagi))]

Authorities do distributed comparison of C1 with C2 = E[B’(vali)]

If ciphertexts are equal, then validator is correct

Otherwise ballot is invalid and is thus removed

tagi

votei

E[tagi]

If correct, B’(vali) = B’(B(tagi))

B’(vali)

# Tallying Ballots

## Step 7: Joint decryption of valid votes

Authority 1

Authority 2

Gush

Bore

Bore

vote1

vote2

vote3

Winner!

# Voter cannot sell or prove vote

# Key idea: Attacker cannot tell a false validator from a real one

- If attacker demands voting key, voter can provide false validator
- If attacker demands that voter cast a certain type of vote, and demands pointer(s)
- Voter can vote as demanded using false validator
- Voter can re-vote using correct validator

# Collusion with minority coalition of servers resisted

# Correct validators only computable by majority

# Mixing is private and robust if

majority is honest

No randomization or forced abstention

Randomization: Voter can use false validator to post false ballot… and later vote for real

Forced abstention: Group signature (+ anonymous channel) provides anonymity

Resistance to shoulder-surfing

Voter can vote multiple times

Weeding policy provides for re-vote

E.g., last vote might count (needs extra phase)

# Is it practical?

Overhead is just a few times that of basic, mixed-based voting

- Hirt-Sako ‘00 requires untappable channels, linear cost in number of candidates, no write-ins, etc.

Not just practical, but essential for Internet voting!

# Questions?

# Additions

Votes can be countersigned by polling station, indicating priority

If registrar publishes voting roll with blinded validators, we can verify publicly that all participants are on roll

- Requires an additional mixing step

Careful modeling required and largely

unaddressed

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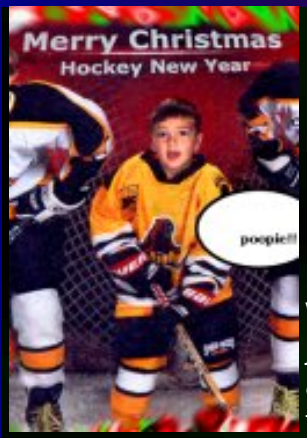


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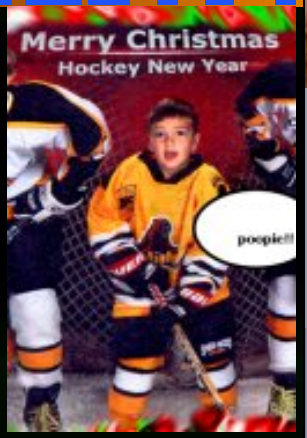


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So here we have XMAS VIII that is being distrobuted in the physical realm + four of it's traxx available here on the site. Merry xmas and a hockey new year!!!
But if that isn't enough for you try **The 100 Greatest Christmas Shows** written by MikeFireball.

### Now stÖph yur nut kurdbutt....

Jack in the Box was caught using horsemeat in the 80's and according to Pauly "the Weasel" Shore they invented the croissant which is very French. A provision in the $388 billion catchall spending bill signed by President Bush yesterday could mean cheaper wild horse meat for the French. Going against the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act we get a new wild horse law which comes after the French making us heap feces. You see, our nation is too cool to eat horsemeat but we're not too cool to not round up wild mustangs, process them and ship the goods to France. More than 14,000 horses that haven't been adopted are being held in seven long-term holding centers in Kansas and Oklahoma. The United States exported 8,750 metric tons of horse meat in 2003. To make you feel better, though, I'll let you know about the our executive commander in cheif's civil rights critic being fired again.
But what really frosts my cookies is that our media propogates prejudice against Canadians. wtf

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# Ozzy almost the man...

Whilst he may be the he just about ran off the rails on a when he tackled a burgler thefting Sharon's family jewels which . The assailant managed to flee the scene after Ozzy's headlock and a three story drop. Subsequently - not just by their own Birminghamsonshire lack of homeland security but also by the . They quit and

## Retro computer hobbyists being appeased

The is an interesting Commodore on steroids style motherboard and the has got some pretty packaging. But the way I look at it if you want to work on a retro machine you can find a real vintage computer on eBay for a 1/10th the prices of these small-scene machines. Oooohhh - they both use Atari joysticks. That's, like, hard-hott fuckin'shit. Ooohh,, fukkkx0hrzdd;;

## firteen music blurb

**Due date for the annual firteen** track submission is Sat. Dec. 18th for a hopeful distrobution by Monday the 20th. According to one DJ's **aneurySm** outranks 'the Twin' with his 'dark dub' productions so why doesn't hang with ? **Counter Cosby** now has an . In the meantime there should be a limitless supply of to get lost in. And although it's prolly way too late to get involved in this I added a in the links.

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# Mr. Incredible Disowns Daughter

In a distressed press conference Mr. Incredible made the following statement: "I don't understand. I was looking at my SBC billing statement which had an inclosed promotional photo of my family. At either side of me was my wife and my daughter. Maybe the animators at Pixar got a laugh - heh, like the animator's at Disney, heh - oh, heh. Maybe Steve Jobs is pissed about all the mindless T&A in modern-day video games compaired to his re-engineered arcade hits for the 2600, heh. Uh... heh. Oh, who am I kidding? I'm hardly a man - how could I be a father? I'm not even a coach - I'm not even a Tim Allen. Why is it, exactly, that my prebuscant daughter scrawny-ass was designed with the same sized package as myself?!?!??! (cries) Please, God, let me die with dignity - no sequels!!"
I must say I missed the whole aesthetic of super-heroes whose ankles look like twigs.

## Columbia sustains

Guerillas fight on for the freedom of Columbia from the oppressive world economies. Primarily funded by the illegal crops known as coca which is processed into cocaine they manage to keep farmers paid ten times as much than those who grow 'legal' crops. The United States war on drugs = millions spent on Round Up which kills weeds and coca. Not anymore - some believe organized crime kidnapped genetic scientists to create a supercrop but how about using the good old 10,000 year old methods of agriculture? Wired had a juicy story.

Special shout out to **innominate** for showing financial concern when **firteen** hit the shitter the other day - and another thanx to the two blokes who called to say "It's fuxx0hrzd!" on my machine! Please remember, though, it isn't truly a Thanksgiving until we find another indiginous peoples to stab in the back so hard it creates a small black hole that turns their culture inside and out.
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Scanned from issues 3 and 4 of local punk-zine **Bad Ideas** respectively. I'd link to their website if their paradoxical punk ideals would permit them to have one. When do I get MY cellphone, freaks!?!?!?

# Colon Powell throws in Towel

Maybe because of prostate cancer or maybe because he wasn't a team player. Some are sad but most good, upstanding Americans openly welcome another high-rolling oil player to the higher rungs of Dubya's cabinet. Yes! Condaleeza, Warrior Princess slashing right up through Powell's prostate problems makes for six (6) cabinet members that have fallen to the wayside. Good thing we are raised within the confines of an inbred culture - Mommy and Daddy will be so proud of me if I suck the cancer right out - lips against asshole - so I can take the burden - try to digest a mutant dissorder aptly named 'classism' - a heavy ism if there ever was one. So where do radical extremists turn (besides sewing each others eyes and mouths shut) - We've got two options in front of us; protest your lifestyle burn yourself infront of Federal Buildings or you can cash in mass religous zealot enterprise style with Virgin Mary grilled cheese - You can make big news either way!

But seriously - maybe you should just turn off your television, faddy, and pick up a capitalism history book written before WWII. No, on second thought, you should just keep being upset about everything you don't have, faddy, like a bigger TV in a bigger home with a bigger vehicle in it's bigger vehicle area, a wife that looks like she belongs in said bigger, television-based environment and a set of children that respect you even though you have no concept of self-respect, faddy.

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# Ashcroft bites it!!!

The man who wishes he was Tipper Gore, who lost to a dead man in a Missouri Governer election & who also had Lady Liberty's booby put behind a curtain while acting as the U.S. Attorney General has stepped down from his post to join fellow Bush cabinet members Don Evans U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Tom Ridge U. S. Secretary of Homeland Security (a position created post 9/11 that no one seems to really care about). After four years of bible-belt Christian-reicht aggressive politics including a list of brilliant counter-terrorism acts he will be replaced by demographic Alberto R. Gonzales. Perhaps our Bush realized he still has a chance to improve his image and Kerry agrees. But don't forget about Mr. War Mongerer **Rumsfeld** who dodged questions about staying in the cabinet.

## Terror War?

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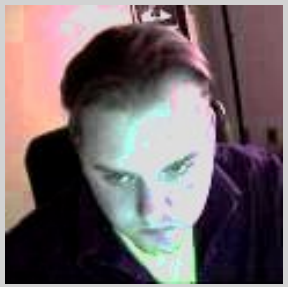

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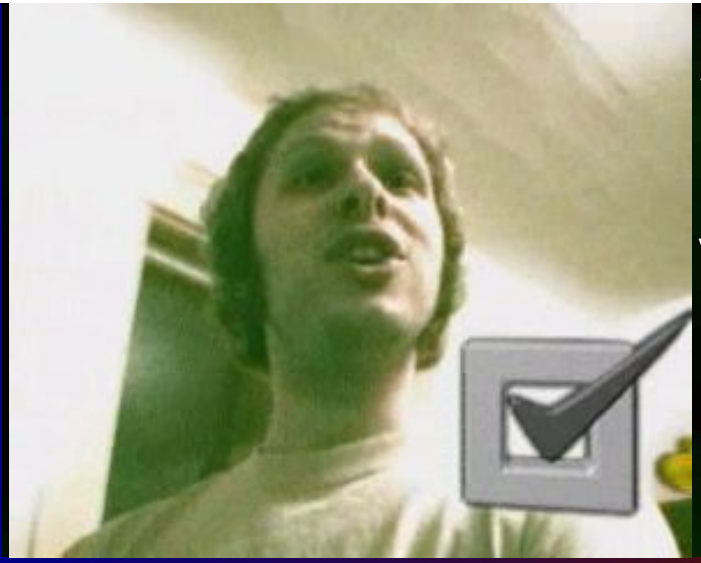

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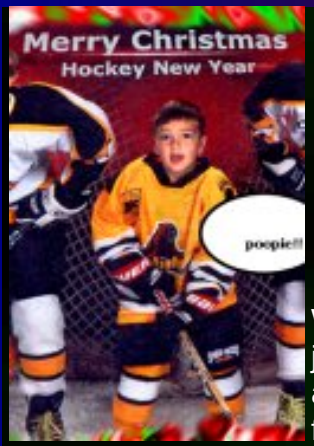


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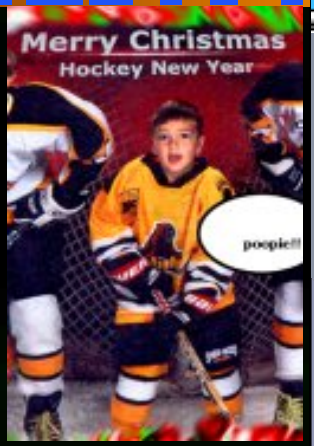


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## stÖph yur nu butt....

Jack in the Box was caught using horsemeat in the 80's and according to Pauly "the Weasel" Shore they invented the croissant which is very French. A provision in the $388 billion catchall spending bill signed by President Bush yesterday could mean cheaper wild horse meat for the French. Going against the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act we get a new wild horse law which comes after the French making us heap feces. You see, our nation is too cool to eat horsemeat but we're not too cool to not round up wild mustangs, process them and ship the goods to France. More than 14,000 horses that haven't been adopted are being held in seven long-term holding centers in Kansas and Oklahoma. The United States exported 8,750 metric tons of horse meat in 2003. To make you feel better, though, I'll let you know about the our executive commander in cheif's civil rights critic being fired again.
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# Ozzy almost the man...

Whilst he may be the sexiest man alive he just about ran off the rails on a crazy train when he tackled a burgler thefting Sharon's family jewels which impressed Indians. The assailant managed to flee the scene after Ozzy's headlock and a three story drop. Subsequently the fam is terified - not just by their own Birminghamsonshire lack of homeland security but also by the maid that stole Kelly's underwear whom also got her sent to rehab. They quit their show and more

## Retro computer hobbyists being appeased

The C-One is an interesting Commodore on steroids style motherboard and the Game Station has got some pretty packaging. But the way I look at it if you want to work on a retro machine you can find a real vintage computer on eBay for a 1/10th the prices of these small-scene machines. Oooohhh - they both use Atari joysticks. That's, like, hard-hott fuckin'shit. Ooohh,, fukkkx0hrzdd;;

## firteen music blurb

**Due date for the annual firteen XMAS VIII** track submission is Sat. Dec. 18th for a hopeful distrobution by Monday the 20th. According to one DJ's step file **aneurySm** outranks 'the Twin' with his 'dark dub' productions so why doesn't hang with with these peeps? **Counter Cosby** now has an account at MySpace. In the meantime there should be a limitless supply of music sites like this one to get lost in. And although it's prolly way too late to get involved in this

Commodore 64 music competition I added a .SID development apps section in the links.

:: Mazedude rulz!! :: nation divided :: video web search soon :: rip & burn :: bitTorrent on NPR :: we will be worth nothing :: the Val Kilmer tagging caper :: mmmmmmmm :: the Baroness :: lalagay ::

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# Mr. Incredible Disowns Daughter

In a distressed press conference Mr. Incredible made the following statement: "I don't understand. I was looking at my SBC billing statement which had an inclosed promotional photo of my family. At either side of me was my wife and my daughter. Maybe the animators at Pixar got a laugh - heh, like the animator's at Disney, heh - oh, heh. Maybe Steve Jobs is pissed about all the mindless T&A in modern-day video games compaired to his re-engineered arcade hits for the 2600, heh. Uh... heh. Oh, who am I kidding? I'm hardly a man - how could I be a father? I'm not even a coach - I'm not even a Tim Allen. Why is it, exactly, that my prebuscant daughter scrawny-ass was designed with the same sized package as myself?!?!??! (cries) Please, God, let me die with dignity - no sequels!!"
I must say I missed the whole aesthetic of super-heroes whose ankles look like twigs.

## Columbia sustains

Guerillas fight on for the freedom of Columbia from the oppressive world economies. Primarily funded by the illegal crops known as coca which is processed into cocaine they manage to keep farmers paid ten times as much than those who grow 'legal' crops. The United States war on drugs = millions spent on Round Up which kills weeds and coca. Not anymore - some believe organized crime kidnapped genetic scientists to create a supercrop but how about using the good old 10,000 year old methods of agriculture? Wired had a juicy story.

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Thank YOU - and have a pleasant tomorrow.

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**PARTS I & II** (respectively)

Scanned from issues 3 and 4 of local punk-zine **Bad Ideas** respectively. I'd link to their website if their paradoxical punk ideals would permit them to have one. When do I get MY cellphone, freaks!?!?!?

## Colon Powell throws in Towel

Maybe because of prostate cancer or maybe because he wasn't a team player. Some are sad but most good, upstanding Americans openly welcome another high-rolling oil player to the higher rungs of Dubya's cabinet. Yes! Condaleeza, Warrior Princess slashing right up through Powell's prostate problems makes for six (6) cabinet members that have fallen to the wayside. Good thing we are raised within the confines of an inbred culture - Mommy and Daddy will be so proud of me if I suck the cancer right out - lips against asshole - so I can take the burden - try to digest a mutant dissorder aptly named 'classism' - a heavy ism if there ever was one. So where do radical extremists turn (besides sewing each others eyes and mouths shut) - We've got two options in front of us; protest your lifestyle burn yourself infront of Federal Buildings or you can cash in mass religous zealot enterprise style with Virgin Mary grilled cheese - You can make big news either way!

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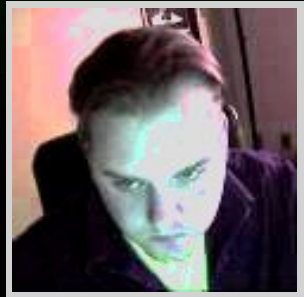

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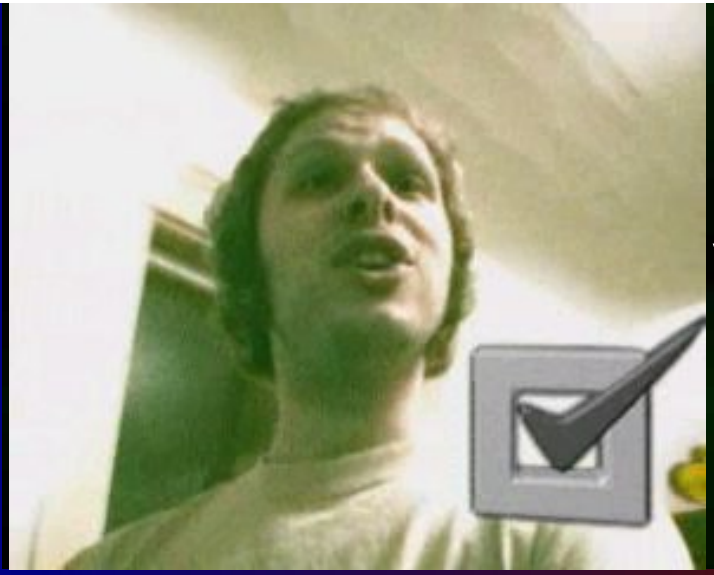

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this set of links 100% linkdump && waxy links free :: Replubicans can party :: poor thing :: just one reason for my high-fructose-corn-syrup aversion :: wtf :: mermaid parade :: GeekCode explained :: antighostleague :: Runaway hippos frighten drunk fishermen to death :: Ann Arbor is famous :: Soviet spacedog 77 sci-fi :: Oleg Kulik from the back cover: :: liverspleen :: chick'n chick-a-honna-poo :: Edward Witten :: the ECHOIAN :: custom postage :: Alice in Wonderlund :: Turducken!!!! :: butt :: dog shoots man :: cinema le Paris mole people :: fistgirl is cute :: whitehousewest.Bush-Jesus.woah.puppet.gollum :: remember Alderaan :: flower_Speaker ::

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NET STORY OF THE WEEK -- The Reform Party descends into an online comedy of errors

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CAMPAIGN 2000 ONLINE -- Bush answers online questioners -- Goldhaber: The first of the high-tech veeps? -- Lieberman: Yadda Yadda Yadda -- Low traffic at political sites -- algore2000.com's "NashvilleCam"

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UNTANGLING THE REFORM PARTY'S WEB Born from the wacky mind of Ross Perot, nurtured by Jesse Ventura and his ringside legion of rasslin' fans, and abandoned by both, the Reform Party has crossed the River Styx into the seventh circle of some sort of political hell. Internet users can now log onto the normally staid CBSNews. com's "DoofusWatch" to learn the latest news on this comedy of errors as it begins to look more like a race between conjoined bitterly hateful twins than a campaign for the presidency. The web itself is a central issue in the silliness -- this week, the rival factions took their arguments into a Virginia Court to decide, among other things, which side owned the official Reform Party URL. Washingtonpost.com's Ryan Thornburg tries to clear things up a bit in his column Monday. (Washington Post) http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A52238-2000Aug30.html (CBS News "DoofusWatch") http://cbsnews.cbs.com/now/story/0,1597,179202-412,00.shtml

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POLITICKER'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK
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(from CNN.com) Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush on his personal Internet use: "Generally I am an e-mail person...the Internet has been great for me both personally and politically." http://www.cnn.

com/2000/ALLPOLITICS/stories/08/30/bush.interview/index.html

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NETBUZZ ----------

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VIDEO: A LITTLE TOO MUCH NUPTIAL CHEER FOR GEORGE W.? The web was humming this week with discussion of a home video clip posted at The Smoking Gun showing a possibly drunk George W. Bush at a 1992 wedding. A cheerfully sarcastic has a few laughs at the expense of the bride's teetotaling parents, two close friends, and throws back a cocktail with a mighty gulp. http://www.thesmokinggun.com

GORE CAMPAIGN DEBUTS NEW PALM CHANNEL The new "gee-whiz" tech toy on the campaign trail comes courtesy of the Al Gore and Palm Computers. The Gore campaign can now transmit information directly to voters who own the increasingly ubiquitious handheld Palm Pilots.

"We are breaking down the barriers and are leaving no stone unturned in order to get Al Gore's message out," said Ben Green, Gore's director of Internet operations. Users can gain access to press releases, issue papers, and even the campaigns "web cam." http://www.palmblvd.com/articles/2000/8/2000-8-30-Gores-Palm-Channel.html

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BUSH ANSWERS ONLINE QUESTIONS IN CNN INTERVIEW Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush fielded questions posed by Internet users in an "online/on-air" interview with CNN Wednesday morning. CNN's Candy Crowley, described by the cable network as the discussions "moderator," asked the Texas governor sixteen questions selected from about 8,650 entered by voters at CNN.com over the previous few days, as well as following them up with some of her own. Bush discussed policy issues, defended his stance on gun control and diplomatic ability, and talked about his own use of the Internet during the course of the interview, which drew mixed reviews regarding its level of interactivity. (CNN.com) http://www.cnn.com/2000/ALLPOLITICS/stories/08/30/bush.interview/index.html (Reuters) http://news.excite.com/news/r/000829/14/net-bush-online-dc (Reuters) http://www.foxnews.com/vtech/0830/t_rt_0830_13.sml

IS HAGELIN'S HIGH TECH VEEP A HARBINGER OF THINGS TO COME? (ZDNet) Most people get chills at the thought that Reform Party mess may foreshadow the future of American politics in anyway, but ZDNet's Chris Cooper things John Hagelin's partner, Nat Goldhaber, may be the first of a new breed -- high tech executives turned vice-presidential nominees. http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/comment/0,5859,2620433,00.html

THE 'YADDA YADDA YADDA' ON JOE LIEBERMAN (The Industry Standard) Joe Lieberman's faith has dominated online discussions regarding the Democratic vice presidential nominee -- everything from "Seinfeld" references to the hate-mongering of neo-Nazis are filling chat rooms are showing up as Internet users talk about something they may be too uncomfortable to bring up in everyday conversation. Our question: Is Lieberman the Master of his Domain? http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,18020,00.html

LOW WEB TRAFFIC REVEALS POLITICAL APATHY (TechWeb) In the recent online vote-selling brouhaha didn't already convince you, Internet traffic tracker Media Metrix released statistics showing just how little interest the public has in the political process. Internet users simply aren't flocking to candidate and party sites like expected -- political apathy is as apparent on the

web as it is in any other walk of life. http://www.techweb.com/wire/story/TWB20000825S0020

SMILE, GORE STAFF -- YOU'RE ON CAMPAIGN CAMERA! (Chicago Tribune) Allen Funt may not be here anymore, but his legacy is pervasive, though not always as entertaining as he would've liked. Gore-Lieberman 2000's new "NashvilleCam" provides live, up-to-the-minute Internet pictures of the exciting doings at their Nashville campaign headquarters and all the excitement of CBS's "Big Brother." Robert Altman ought to sue. http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/inc/0,1122,SAV-0008290358,00.html

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POLITICS FROM AROUND THE WEB
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CALIF. GOP JUMPS INTO E-COMMERCE STREAM With the launch of RepublicanShopping.com, the California Republican Party has found a way to tap into all those dollars being spent on online shopping. The site is modeled after the ebates portal, the state GOP's partner in the venture, which generates sales commissions and affiliate fees from more than 400 online merchants by sending shoppers to them. Ebates, then returns those commissions to the shoppers. RepublicanShopping.com works much the same way -- sending shoppers to online merchants -- but the money raised through the site goes to the California GOP. (San Jose Mercury News) http://www.mercurycenter.com/business/top/073372.htm (Los Angeles Times) http://www.latimes.com/business/20000828/t000080718.html

A RIBEYE, WITH A SIDE OF HIGH-TECH POLITICS (New York Times) Back in the old days, before Microsoft met the Justice Department, people in the computer business could not tell a lobbyist from a congressman. (Hint: one wears tasseled loafers.) Now, though, the lobbyists and the high-tech executives are so close they have gone

into business together with a new downtown Washington steakhouse. http://www.nytimes.com/library/politics/camp/083000lobbyists-restaurant.html subscription required

AOL GOVERNMENT WEB PORTAL SLATED FOR REDESIGN (Reuters) A top developer of government Web sites has teamed up with America Online Inc. to overhaul its government Web site to simplify access to state services like ordering a copy of your birth certificate, filing a consumer complaint and even finding out how to renew your driver's license online. http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/00/08/biztech/articles/29aol-govt.html subscription required

VOTE-SELLING WEBSITE TO BE REVIVED, POSSIBLY OFFSHORE (CNN.com) **Vote-auction**.com, an Internet site designed to auction U.S. presidential votes could reopen days after New York authorities convinced its creator to shut it down, said a maverick Austrian businessman who bought the domain name. Hans Bernhard said his holding company would operate voteauction.com outside the United States to circumvent federal and state laws that forbid purchasing and buying ballots. http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/08/24/internet.vote/index.html

MANY SITES TROLLING FOR VOTERS (New York Times) This election year, if you visit a Web site created by any group with political interests, you will probably have a chance to register to vote as well. Links to voter registration sites are appearing on the Web sites of candidates, political parties, groups for teenagers and even on a site for a Jeep owners' club. http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/00/08/circuits/articles/31vote.html subscription required

NEW SITE LEADS ONLINE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE With so many folks debating whether or not the Net will deliver this election cycle, it's heartening to watch the cyber actions of real citizens who are jumping into the political fray for the first time through the Internet. Irene Weiser is among those logging on to make a difference in Washington with her new site, www.stopfamilyviolence.org, and online

campaign to push the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) through in the current session of Congress. The site enables site visitors to identify their Representative and Senators and send an e-mail urging reauthorization of VAWA using a simple ZIP code match, e-mail local to national media, learn more about family violence statistics, locate resources if they are in danger, sign up to become e-activists and receive e-mail updates, and more. http://www.stopfamilyviolence.org

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HOT SITE OF THE WEEK

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QUORUM.ORG HAS LOFTY HOPES FOR INTELLIGENT ONLINE DISCOURSE For those who no longer believed that the Internet could yield political discourse beyond the ranting of white supremacists and paranoid conspiracy theorists, Quorum.org might yet offer online redemption. The site, part of the nonprofit, nonpartisan, Democracy Project, provides the politically savvy an opportunity to read the potentially thought-provoking comments of like-minded users.

According to the site, Quorum.org is an online town hall providing "a public space for the open exchange of political information and perspectives." Users can kick off discussions by posting "articles" comprised of a few paragraphs of commentary or questions, or respond to previously posted "articles" with their own comments. Eventually, a chain of comments can snowball into a full-fledged debate. http://www.quorum.org

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from Washingtonpost.com -- $25,000: the amount Reform Party presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan's campaign estimates it earns in online donations each month. http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A52238-2000Aug30.html

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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HACKTIVISTS CRASH S. KOREA'S GOVERNMENT HOMEPAGE (The Register) Protesters forced the Korean Ministry of Information and Communication's Web site to shut down for 10 hours on Saturday. Co-ordinating the protest was the Progressive Network Centre (PNC), a group which opposes Korean government plans to introduce film rating-type regulation to the Web http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/1/12863.html

SOMALIA GOES ONLINE (BBC) Somalia's first Internet service provider begins its operations this week - making it the last African country to provide local dial-up web access. Previously, Somalis could access the Internet only by using an international phone link to a service provider based elsewhere. The launch of the Somali Internet Company - a joint venture by three Somali telecommunications companies - comes as the country makes a significant step towards national unity with the election of a new president at the Djibouti-based peace conference. http://news6.thdo.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/africa/newsid%5F899000/899781.stm

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POLITICS FROM AROUND THE WEB -- Political Sites Drop Out of Race -- Could Online Voting be the Answer? -- VoteAuction.com Finds a Tough Crowd in Court -- SF Voters: No More Dot-Com -- Candidates Earn 'F' in Privacy -- Filtering Irony

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WITH THE FUTURE OF THE NATION ON HOLD, NET USERS CROWD NEWS SITES The nation is caught in an electoral limbo, and the web is seeing incredible traffic. Net users across the globe have been glued to their monitors, following every minute of the presidential action from Florida. After the underwhelming traffic during this summer's party conventions, you couldn't escape the ubiquitous "the-net-failed-to-change-politics" stories. Looks like the media called that one a bit too early, too. Since Tuesday, news sites like CNN.com, ABCNews.com, and the Drudge Report, along with Florida's state elections page and the official party sites have been jammed with unheard of traffic, slowing most and crashing some. With more than 3.5 million unique visitors on Tuesday alone, CNN has drawn praise for the ideal marriage of web and TV coverage. Rumors of the demise of online politics, it would seem, have been greatly exaggerated. (Washington Post) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A57115-2000Nov9.html (TechWeb) http://www.techweb.com/wire/story/TWB20001109S0015 (Newsbytes) http://www.newsbytes.com/news/00/157947.html (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,40076,00.html (ZDNet) http://www.zdnet.com/anchordesk/stories/story/0,10738,2651764,00.html

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(New York Daily News) http://www.nydailynews.com/2000-11-05/New_York_Now/Technology/a-87069.asp

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CAMPAIGN 2000 ONLINE ----------

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NEW SITE AIMS TO SWING FLORIDA VOTES FOR GORE Democrats.com, an online community for Democratic Party members, on Wednesday launched a new Web site aimed at swinging the still-too-close-to-call Florida presidential race in favor of Vice President Al Gore -- www.TrustthePeople.com. (Newsbytes) http://www.newsbytes.com/news/00/157945.html (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,40079,00.html (The Industry Standard) http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,20101,00.html

GORE'S LATE NIGHT SAFETY NET (The Industry Standard) Al Gore may not have invented the Internet, but it may have saved him from conceding the election on national television before it was over. Just as he prepared to give his concession speech, aides checked the vote count on the Florida secretary of state's Web site. http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,20112,00.html

PARTY SITES FALL VICTIM TO POLITICAL HACKERS GOP supporters were no doubt taken aback when they clicked over the Republican Party's official site and found a message urging net users to vote for Al Gore. The Democratic National Convention came under attack, as well, slowed by a hacker trying to disable an e-mail server. (New York Times) http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/08/politics/08RNC.html *subscription required (MSNBC) http://www.msnbc.com/news/486918.asp (San Francisco Chronicle) http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2000/11/08/BU103077.DTL (MSNBC) http://www.msnbc.com/news/486630.asp (USA Today) http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cti782.htm

NADER TRADERS, ACLU DEFEATED IN COURT Arguing that online vote-swapping is protected by the First Amendment, the American Civil Liberties Union headed to court to defend the so-called "Nader Traders,"

only to be defeated. (E-Commerce Times) http://www.ecommercetimes.com/news/viewpoint2000/view-001109-1.shtml (The Industry Standard) http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,19981,00.html (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,40011,00.html (Reuters) http://news.excite.com/news/r/001106/21/net-election-voteswap-dc (AP) http://www.nandotimes.com/technology/story/0,1643,500276103-500431950-502731128-0,00.html

(CNet News) http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-3374983.html (PNN Online) http://pnnonline.org/law/swapping1101.adp

GORTON/CANTWELL: IT AIN'T OVER, EITHER... The spotlight may shine brighter on Florida these days, but the presidential race isn't the only major election still up for grabs. The battle in Washington State between the Senator from Microsoft and the Exec from Real Networks has yet to be decided. (CNet News) http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-202-3585671.html (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/business/0,1367,40071,00.html (The Industry Standard) http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,19917,00.html

SEARCHING FOR RHYME AND REASON IN THE NEW ECONOMY'S FIRST ELECTION The engineers driving the New Economy seem a bit schizophrenic when it comes to politics. Some high tech folks will tell you that the future of the New Economy rests on the outcome of the presidential race; others will tell you that Bush and Gore are no different on IT issues. Some will tell you that techies are Bush-backers; others will tell you they're all Gore supporters. (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/business/0,1367,40072,00.html (MSNBC) http://www.msnbc.com/news/486548.asp (Wired) http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,39985,00.html (Newsbytes) http://www.newsbytes.com/news/00/157826.html (The Industry Standard) http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,20017,00.html (InfoWorld) http://www.infoworld.com/articles/hn/xml/00/11/07/001107hnprez.xml (USA Today) http://www.usatoday.com/usatonline/20001107/2813016s.htm (ZDNet) http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/comment/0,5859,2650623,00.html (CNN) http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/03/voter.guide.idg/index.html

IN CAMPAIGN'S WANING MOMENTS, CANDIDATES GET ON WEB TO GET OUT VOTE The most extensive get-out-the-vote effort in history went into full swing Tuesday as the two major parties and their allies hit the web and bombarded voters with e-mail messages, to eke out every possible advantage in what could be the closest election since 1888. (New York Times) http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/07/politics/07TURN.html *subscription required (MSNBC) http://www.msnbc.com/news/485921.asp (Boston Globe) http://www.globe.com/dailyglobe2/311/nation/Visits_e_mail_even_morticians_to_get_out_vote+.shtml (InfoWorld) http://www.infoworld.com/articles/hn/xml/00/11/06/001106hnpolls.xml

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Weather impedes some voters out West

Up to a foot of snow prevented poll workers from getting to their posts Tuesday in part of New Mexico, and snow and ice slowed the trip to the polls on the northern Plains.

One storm blew through the southern Rockies and High Plains of New Mexico, cutting visibility to zero in places.

"It's terrible; it is very bad," said Sam Chavez, elections clerk in Lincoln County in south-central New Mexico.

Two Lincoln County election precincts had no power. Voting machines had backup batteries, but poll workers "had to get out their lighters" to see, Chavez said.

Some poll workers didn't even reach their posts.

"They can't get out, especially in Ruidoso, where they had 12 inches," Chavez said.

However, nearly a quarter of Lincoln County's 13,000 registered voters had already voted by absentee or early balloting.

A second storm roared across the northern Plains, and the North Dakota Highway Patrol advised no travel at all in three western counties. Nine inches of snow had collected by late morning at Williston, and wind blew at up to 39 mph.

## On the Web

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Some poll workers didn't even reach their posts.

"They can't get out, especially in Ruidoso, where they had 12 inches," Chavez said.

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Domain name controversy brews (IDG)
Users all around the Internet are crying foul, saying someone is spying on their domain name searches and then buying up the names they wanted. Responding to a tip in InfoWorld's Notes from the Field column, more than 50 InfoWorld readers wrote in to say they have searched for the availability of several domain names and found them free. But when they went back to purchase the names the next hour or day or week, someone else had bought them.

UK e-snooping rules conflict (FT)
The UK government bodies regulating employers' snooping on staff e-mails and phone calls have given conflicting explanations of how two overlapping sets of new rules will interact.

Pornographers create bogus EU Web site (IDG) 23Oct Italians seeking online information about the European Union could bump into a Web site hosting explicit pornographic images that certainly don't bear the imprimatur of EC.

Internet Filter Limitations at Odds With Youth-Protection Bill (Washtech)
The Internet-filtering software pushed by Congress to protect children from smut online is blocking far more than pornography. It accidentally screens out innocent content like a Virginia lawyer's home

page and a Texas home inspector's Web site. Also see Net filters block more than porn (USA Today) Congress-backed filtering software blocks more than porn (CNN).

Vote auction site attempts to skirt shutdown order (NY Times)
A rogue Web site purporting to sell votes for the upcoming U.S. presidential election is back in operation after being shut down last week under a federal court order. The Web site, formerly Voteauction.com, reappeared on the Net over the weekend under a new address run from outside the United States and beyond the easy reach of election officials. see also Internet vote riggers target Europe (internet.com).

Coalition To Promote Voluntary Net Filtering, Standards (Newsbytes)
A new coalition of high-tech companies and industry groups is hoping to shift the focus of the national debate over Internet filtering by promoting the value of filtering software as an exclusively voluntary parental tool. see also ITAA Announces New Committee on Internet Management and Safety (Press Release).

Secure digital music hits a sour note (ZDNet)
A team of researchers breaks the watermarks on four music-protection candidates. But SDMI still sings the praises of identifiable music.

Labor Pains for the Internet Economy (Standard)
Once, old-economy companies watched in fear as their best people left for dot-coms. Twenty thousand layoffs later, they're coming back.

The Changing Nature of the Net (San Francisco Chronicle)
Wireless access has potential to transform the phone.

Internet-Provider wollen Klarheit über Verantwortlichkeiten (AP)
Schweizer Internet-Provider wollen grundsätzlich keine strafrechtliche Verantwortung für rassistische und pornographische Inhalte im Netz übernehmen. Die Rechtslage erweise sich als völlig unbestimmt und verlange eine Klärung durch den Gesetzgeber, kommt ein Gutachten im Auftrag des Verbandes Inside Telecom zum Schluss.

Grüne: "Wir sind die Internet-Partei" (Heise)
Nach einer kürzlich veröffentlichten Umfrage der Forschungsgruppe Wahlen sind die Anhänger der Grünen unter den deutschen Internet-Nutzern am stärksten vertreten.

Snarl-up fears for online delivery (Independent)
The already overloaded Christmas postal services could be brought to a standstill by the internet. This Christmas is the first when e-commerce is expected to play a major role in buying and sending presents, and operators such as Amazon and eToys are gearing up for bumper sales. But industry experts believe that parcel-services are not equipped to handle the added volume.

Scam claim over com.au reselling (Fairfax IT)
Domain name resellers have taken direct action in a dispute over business tactics, blocking a competitor's website. A group of resellers and Internet service providers have accused Melbourne firm Domain Name Authority of Australia (DNA) of tricking their customers, and some are even blocking their customers' access to DNA's website and redirecting them to a "consumer alert".

Conferences and events (EuropeMedia)
Upcoming conferences and events in the Internet world over the next 12 months. see also EU Institutions Events (provided by Hill and Knowlton).

Code of Conduct in Regard to Fair Competition in Electronic Commerce ( International League for Competition Law)
The International League of Competition Law, a 60 years old association of more than 1500 experts in advertisement law, has decided upon a Code of Conduct on Online Marketing at their last general meeting in St. Malo. The drafting of the code is based upon a two years period of research within the League. More than twenty national reports were prepared and discussed within the national delegations; the countries involved imcluded USA, Japan, Brazil, Canada and almost all EU states. On the basis of the reports, the code has been drafted summarizing main features of online marketing laws throughout the world.

U.K. mobile operators go to court over 3G payments (Reuters)
British Telecommunications and One 2 One went to court accusing the UK government of acting unlawfully when it demanded they pay for third-generation mobile phones Licences four months sooner than Vodafone and Orange.

Cuba threatens phone war with Washington (Reuters)
Retaliating against legislation that would let the United States use frozen Cuban funds, Havana slapped a tax on the cost of telephone calls between the two countries and warned all phone links could be cut if Washington resists.

FCC's Kennard slams AT&T over cable lobbying (Reuters)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard slammed AT&T Corp.'s lobbying attempts to ease rules limiting the ownership of cable interests sO the company could avoid shedding certain valuable cable assets.

Online Credit Card Fraud (NOIE)
NOIE and the Australian Computer Society explore how perception of high risk may be misplaced in, 'The Phantom Menace: Setting the Record Straight about Online Credit Card Fraud for Consumers'.

E-Commerce Across Australia (NOIE) Will Australia's regions be better off with greater use of e-commerce? E-commerce is expected to neutralise the tyranny of distance and place us all on a level footing in the global marketplace.

Blu faces bill as Italy accepts UMTS result (Reuters)

Italy's auction of new-generation mobile phone licences flopped as one of the bidders, BT-backed Blu, quit the three-day-old race, leaving the government with half the cash windfall it had hoped for. Accusations of bungling flew after Europe's final, major auction of high speed UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunications System) licences and Italy called a snap ministerial meeting in Rome to see whether the tender could be annulled. But after five hours of talks, the government said it would accept the outcome of the tender - but that it would try and recoup the 2.1 billion euro ($1.7 billion) auction deposit from Blu - and might even seek further damages. see also Blu denies bad behavior in Italy and Italy to Freeze Blu Deposit , Lex: Blu in the Face, Shrugging Off the Blus , Schadenfreude at BT's Blus (FT).

U.S. forced to make U-turn on 3G spectrum allocation (CWI Online)
The United States will hold auctions of spectrum for third generation (3G) wireless services in September 2002, in a reversal of the U.S. government's position at the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC) in May. Back then the U.S. government was at odds with most of the rest of the world over how to provide more global spectrum for high-speed wireless services.

Planning a mega-merger? Don't forget to register the internet domain name (FT)
When Chevron and Texaco put the final touches to their $43bn merger, they apparently forgot one small detail: registering their new internet domain name.

Consumer watchdog unveils net conduct code (E-Commerce Times) In an effort to promote public trust in Internet transactions, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and BBBOnline unveiled the BBB Code of Online Business Practices, designed to guide ethical B2C (business-to-customer) conduct in domestic and international e-commerce transactions, and already being used as a model in Europe and elsewhere. Copies in German, French and Spanish. see also BBB's Press Release.

Germany looks to e-mail privacy (Wired)
In Germany, where an AOL spokesman says citizens like "to have a law on everything," legislators are expected to restrict employers' ability to monitor their workers' e-mails.

Best of the Web for Technology News (Forbes)
With reviews and URL's.

Rating the Reps on Net Issues (Wired)
California legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives dominate the winners in a scorecard of technology votes compiled by Wired News. The list was assembled by selecting seven tech bills in the House, and grading each representative based on his or her floor vote on them during the last two years. see also Naming Net's Best House Friends.

UK - Warning as net predator sentenced (BBC)
Children using the Internet can face hidden dangers A man who sexually abused a 13-year-old girl after meeting through an internet chatroom has been sentenced to five years in jail. see also ChatDanger (ChildNet International) and A Measured Response to Dangers to Children in Chat

Rooms (Internet Watch Foundation).

New filter scours servers for illicit content (CNET News.com)
A Paris-based technology company Tuesday will unveil a filter that sends an email alert to customers whenever it finds a lewd picture or photo on a Web site. ImageFilter, the newest product from Internet infrastructure provider LookThatUp, is an "image recognition engine" that breaks down photos or drawings into their unique visual attributes.

Government admits education site 'unsuitable' (Yahoo UK)
The government admitted that its educational Web site Eduweb contains material that is inappropriate for children, after a report condemned the site for allowing millions of children to gain instant access to sexually explicit material and drugs information.

The customer is always wrong: BT demands money back after ISP gaffe (Yahoo UK)
BT is determined to recoup money lost as the result of a computer error which gave thousands of customers free access to the Internet for several months. A software fault in some of BT's telephone exchanges wrongly showed up 0845 numbers as 0800 ones. This led to customers of BT Internet services receiving no bills for access calls made from February through May of this year. While BT admits blame, it will be pursuing those affected in order to get its money back. "Clearly it is our fault but obviously we still need to recoup the money," says a spokesman.

Freeserve suspends registration for unmetered (Yahoo UK)
Latest chapter in unmetered soap-opera: Freeserve stops taking on new members for unmetered package.

Dotcoms devoured (FT)
The accelerating shake-out among internet companies demonstrates the market's winner-takes-all logic.

Gates rejects idea of e-utopia (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)
Health care and literacy -- not computers -- are the most important ways to help the world's 4 billion poorest people, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said.

Mandated Mediocrity: Blocking Software Gets a Failing Grade (Peacefire / EPIC)
This report examines a software filtering product called "Bess," manufactured by N2H2, Inc. The purpose of this report is to determine whether the software, as used in a typical school setting, blocks access to political and educational webpages that are appropriate for schoolchildren. Our conclusion is that many such pages are indeed blocked. see also Study of Average Error Rates for Censorware Programs (Peacefire), Programmer finds filtering system too diligent (CNET News.com) and Slashdot. .

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La peur du gendarme "fausse" le débat (Luxemburger Wort online)
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Eine Europa-ICANN für dot.eu? (Heise Online)
Am 20. November soll der Rat der Europäischen Union über die Zukunft von dot.eu entscheiden. Die EU-Kommission präsentierte zu der für Europa geplanten eigenen Domain .eu in der vergangenen Woche einen Bericht einer kleinen Arbeitsgruppe, des Interim Steering Committee (ISG).

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HBO exposes hate groups in cyberspace (Christian Science Monitor)
"Hate.com: Extremists on the Internet," a new documentary from HBO, shows the reach and impact of hate peddlers using the latest technology to target and recruit younger audiences. The program presents a chilling picture: a network of more than 350 hate sites preaching a gospel of neo-Nazi and white-supremacist propaganda, including sites that target women and children. In conjunction with the film, HBO is sponsoring a cybercampaign, "Hate Hurts," featuring testimonies about the impact of hate and offering solutions for individuals and communities.

Autorregulación de los ISPs españoles (Actualidad y Cyberlaw)
Número 6. Agosto-Septiembre 2000. ASIMELEC presenta el primer código de autocontrol de Proveedores de Internet. Texto del Código en la Web y comentario.

Public Broadcasting on Sale (New York Times)
Public radio and television stations are starting to build online stores or expand their previously modest online shops. As they do, they are looking not only to generate revenue, but to remain relevant to their audiences in an age when viewers and listeners are awash in media choices.

Technology Sent Wall Street Into Market for Pornography (New York Times)
Spurred by changes in technology and court decisions that offer broad legal protection, the business of selling sexual desire through images has become a $10 billion annual industry in the United States, according to Forrester Research and the industry's own Securities and Exchange Commission filings. The financial rewards are so great that some of the biggest distributors of explicit sex on film and online include the country's most recognizable corporate names.

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The organization that has been handed the responsibility of tending Canada's Internet domain space has announced final rules for those hoping to plant their own ".ca" addresses. And, while it's not clear whether Queen Elizabeth knows or cares, the British monarch has the honor of being the only individual listed by name as having a right to snap up new Canadian Internet addresses.

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Internet Filter Limitations at Odds With Youth-Protection Bill (Washtech)
The Internet-filtering software pushed by Congress to protect children from smut online is blocking far more than pornography. It accidentally screens out innocent content like a Virginia lawyer's home page and a Texas home inspector's Web site. Also see Net filters block more than porn (USA Today) Congress-backed filtering software blocks more than porn (CNN).

**Vote auction** site attempts to skirt shutdown order (NY Times)
A rogue Web site purporting to sell votes for the upcoming U.S. presidential election is back in operation after being shut down last week under a federal court order. The Web site, formerly Voteauction.com, reappeared on the Net over the weekend under a new address run from outside the United States and beyond the easy reach of election officials. see also Internet vote riggers target Europe (internet.com).

Coalition To Promote Voluntary Net Filtering, Standards (Newsbytes)
A new coalition of high-tech companies and industry groups is hoping to shift the focus of the national debate over Internet filtering by promoting the value of filtering software as an exclusively voluntary parental tool. see also ITAA Announces New Committee on Internet Management and Safety (Press Release).

Secure digital music hits a sour note (ZDNet)
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Snarl-up fears for online delivery (Independent)
The already overloaded Christmas postal services could be brought to a standstill by the internet. This Christmas is the first when e-commerce is expected to play a major role in buying and sending presents, and operators such as Amazon and eToys are gearing up for bumper sales. But industry experts believe that parcel-services are not equipped to handle the added volume.

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Conferences and events (EuropeMedia)
Upcoming conferences and events in the Internet world over the next 12 months. see also EU Institutions Events (provided by Hill and Knowlton).

Code of Conduct in Regard to Fair Competition in Electronic Commerce ( International League for Competition Law)
The International League of Competition Law, a 60 years old association of more than 1500 experts in advertisement law, has decided upon a Code of Conduct on Online Marketing at their last general meeting in St. Malo. The drafting of the code is based upon a two years period of research within the League. More than twenty national reports were prepared and discussed within the national delegations; the countries involved imcluded USA, Japan, Brazil, Canada and almost all EU states. On the basis of the reports, the code has been drafted summarizing main features of online marketing laws throughout the world.

U.K. mobile operators go to court over 3G payments (Reuters)
British Telecommunications and One 2 One went to court accusing the UK government of acting unlawfully when it demanded they pay for third-generation mobile phones Licences four months sooner than Vodafone and Orange.

Cuba threatens phone war with Washington (Reuters)
Retaliating against legislation that would let the United States use frozen Cuban funds, Havana slapped a tax on the cost of telephone calls between the two countries and warned all phone links

could be cut if Washington resists.

FCC's Kennard slams AT&T over cable lobbying (Reuters)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard slammed AT&T Corp.'s lobbying attempts to ease rules limiting the ownership of cable interests sO the company could avoid shedding certain valuable cable assets.

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U.S. forced to make U-turn on 3G spectrum allocation (CWI Online)
The United States will hold auctions of spectrum for third generation (3G) wireless services in September 2002, in a reversal of the U.S. government's position at the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC) in May. Back then the U.S. government was at odds with most of the rest of the world over how to provide more global spectrum for high-speed wireless services.

Planning a mega-merger? Don't forget to register the internet domain name (FT)
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Consumer watchdog unveils net conduct code (E-Commerce Times) In an effort to promote public trust in Internet transactions, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and BBBOnline unveiled the BBB Code of Online Business Practices, designed to guide ethical B2C (business-to-customer) conduct in domestic and international e-commerce transactions, and already being used as a model in Europe and elsewhere. Copies in German, French and Spanish. see also BBB’s Press Release.

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New filter scours servers for illicit content (CNET News.com)
A Paris-based technology company Tuesday will unveil a filter that sends an email alert to customers whenever it finds a lewd picture or photo on a Web site. ImageFilter, the newest product from Internet infrastructure provider LookThatUp, is an "image recognition engine" that breaks down photos or drawings into their unique visual attributes.

Government admits education site 'unsuitable' (Yahoo UK)
The government admitted that its educational Web site Eduweb contains material that is inappropriate for children, after a report condemned the site for allowing millions of children to gain instant access to sexually explicit material and drugs information.

The customer is always wrong: BT demands money back after ISP gaffe (Yahoo UK)
BT is determined to recoup money lost as the result of a computer error which gave thousands of customers free access to the Internet for several months. A software fault in some of BT's telephone exchanges wrongly showed up 0845 numbers as 0800 ones. This led to customers of BT Internet services receiving no bills for access calls made from February through May of this year. While BT admits blame, it will be pursuing those affected in order to get its money back. "Clearly it is our fault but obviously we still need to recoup the money," says a spokesman.

Freeserve suspends registration for unmetered (Yahoo UK)
Latest chapter in unmetered soap-opera: Freeserve stops taking on new members for unmetered package.

Dotcoms devoured (FT)
The accelerating shake-out among internet companies demonstrates the market's winner-takes-all logic.

Gates rejects idea of e-utopia (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)
Health care and literacy -- not computers -- are the most important ways to help the world's 4 billion poorest people, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said.

Mandated Mediocrity: Blocking Software Gets a Failing Grade (Peacefire / EPIC)
This report examines a software filtering product called "Bess," manufactured by N2H2, Inc. The purpose of this report is to determine whether the software, as used in a typical school setting, blocks access to political and educational webpages that are appropriate for schoolchildren. Our conclusion is that many such pages are indeed blocked. see also Study of Average Error Rates for Censorware Programs (Peacefire), Programmer finds filtering system too diligent (CNET News.com) and Slashdot. .

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La peur du gendarme "fausse" le débat (Luxemburger Wort online)
Régulation d'Internet. Présentation des résultats d'une consultation publique sur le sujet d'Internet

Eine Europa-ICANN für dot.eu? (Heise Online)
Am 20. November soll der Rat der Europäischen Union über die Zukunft von dot.eu entscheiden. Die EU-Kommission präsentierte zu der für Europa geplanten eigenen Domain .eu in der vergangenen Woche einen Bericht einer kleinen Arbeitsgruppe, des Interim Steering Committee (ISG).

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HBO exposes hate groups in cyberspace (Christian Science Monitor)
"Hate.com: Extremists on the Internet," a new documentary from HBO, shows the reach and impact of hate peddlers using the latest technology to target and recruit younger audiences. The program presents a chilling picture: a network of more than 350 hate sites preaching a gospel of neo-Nazi and white-supremacist propaganda, including sites that target women and children. In conjunction with the film, HBO is sponsoring a cybercampaign, "Hate Hurts," featuring testimonies about the impact of hate and offering solutions for individuals and communities.

Autorregulación de los ISPs españoles (Actualidad y Cyberlaw)
Número 6. Agosto-Septiembre 2000. ASIMELEC presenta el primer código de autocontrol de Proveedores de Internet. Texto del Código en la Web y comentario.

Public Broadcasting on Sale (New York Times)
Public radio and television stations are starting to build online stores or expand their previously modest online shops. As they do, they are looking not only to generate revenue, but to remain relevant to their audiences in an age when viewers and listeners are awash in media choices.

Technology Sent Wall Street Into Market for Pornography (New York Times)
Spurred by changes in technology and court decisions that offer broad legal protection, the business

of selling sexual desire through images has become a $10 billion annual industry in the United States, according to Forrester Research and the industry's own Securities and Exchange Commission filings. The financial rewards are so great that some of the biggest distributors of explicit sex on film and online include the country's most recognizable corporate names.

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## Legal and regulatory issues

### Competition

- **USA - Competition Policy in the World of B2B Electronic Marketplaces** (FTC Press Release) The Federal Trade Commission issued a staff report discussing information gathered and antitrust issues addressed at the Commission's widely attended public workshop on business-to-business (B2B) electronic marketplaces held on June 29-30, 2000.

### Computer crime

- **Italy - 1,491 Charged in Internet Pedophilia Case** (Reuters) An Italian prosecutor has charged 1,491 Italians and foreign nationals with offering or downloading child pornography on the Internet in what could become one of the biggest trials in Italy.

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Foundation).

- **Nations Disagree On Net Crime Standards** (Newsbytes) There needs to be worldwide standards in an effort to fight the increasing spread of cyber crime, but industrial nations disagreed as to their content at a three-day conference of Internet specialists from the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized nations. see also Rhetoric Reigns at Net Crime Meet (Reuters), Cybercrime : le G8 loin du consensus (Yahoo FR), Inside Europe's cybersleuth central (MSNBC), Cyber criminals likely to strike, US cybercops face challenge and G8 seeks tighter net security (Financial Times), Regierung: Internationaler Kampf gegen Cybercrime (TecChannel), G8: Das Internet darf kein rechtsfreier Raum sein (de.internet.com), Die G8-Staaten diskutieren über Internet-Kriminalität,Kommentar: Großer Tag für Cyberkriminelle? (Heise Online), Heiße Luft in bunten Tüten (Telepolis).

- **Projet de convention du Conseil de l'Europe** (IRIS) Dans le cadre du suivi du projet de convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur la cybercriminalité, IRIS vient de mettre en ligne un dossier complet sur ce projet. Ce projet de convention est violemment critiqué par bon nombre d'ONG. see also Cybercrime treaty targets hackers (MSNBC).

- **China - Net laws set to combat 'Web crime'** (South China Morning Post) Beijing has stepped up the war against "Web crime" by drafting a set of new Internet laws and ordering the state propaganda machinery to carry out an ideological campaign on the Net.

- **Germany - Geldstrafe für Kinderporno-Sammler** (dpa) Wegen Sammelns von Kinderpornos über den Internet-Zugang der Uni Erlangen-Nürnberg hat das Amtsgericht Erlangen einen Studenten zu einer Geldstrafe von 2100 Mark verurteilt.

- **USA - Web Site That Prompted Phone Calls is a**

**Form of Harassment** (New York Law Journal) Creating a Web site disparaging a person, and including that individual's address and telephone number, can result in criminal culpability for aggravated harassment.

- **Political heavyweights meet to debate cybercrime** (Silicon)

- **Italy - Pedofilia: Inchiesta On Line, La Banca Dati Dell'Orrore** (ANSA)

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- **USA - Airlines Ordered to Tell Callers Internet May Offer Cheaper Fares** (New York Times) The Transportation Department warned airlines that they faced sanctions if they did not tell consumers who made reservations over the telephone that cheaper fares might be available on the Internet, but it stopped short of requiring the airlines to say exactly what those fares would be.

- **USA - Microsoft, FTC settle false ad claim** (Reuters) The U.S. Federal Trade Commission said Microsoft's WebTV interactive television unit agreed to settle charges filed by the regulatory body, which accused the company of false advertising. The company agreed to end the ads in question, give refunds, pay for a public education campaign and to pay fines if it repeats its offences. WebTV Settles FTC Charges (FTC Press Release).

- **BT demands money back after ISP gaffe** (Yahoo UK)

## Copyright, trademarks and patents

- **Copyright Office backs content holders** (WSJ Interactive Edition) The Copyright Office, part of the Library of Congress, decided to allow only two narrow exemptions to the DMCA, a new federal law that makes it illegal for Web users to hack through the barriers that copyright holders erect around books, films, music, and other content released online. The first exemption involves software that blocks children and others from finding obscene or other controversial material on the Web. The other exemption involves giving people the right to bypass malfunctioning security features of software and other copyrighted goods they have purchased.

## Data Protection (privacy)

- **Germany looks to e-mail privacy** (Wired) In Germany, where an AOL spokesman says citizens like "to have a law on everything," legislators are expected to restrict employers' ability to monitor their workers' e-mails.

- **Sellers Hire Auditors to Verify Privacy Policies and Increase Trust** (New York Times) Some Internet companies are now putting their reputations on the line, quite publicly, by paying well-known financial services firms to audit their World Wide Web sites' privacy policies

- **UK e-snooping rules conflict** (FT) The UK government bodies regulating employers' snooping on staff e-mails and phone calls have given conflicting explanations of how two overlapping sets of new rules will interact.

- **USA - Clinton says he'll veto online identification bill** (AP) President Clinton promised to veto a budget provision banning online sales of Social Security numbers because it's so full of loopholes.

## Digital divide

- **Berkman Center, MIT Media Lab, and CID Join to**

**Bridge Digital Divide** (Berkman Center) Co-sponsored by the Berkman Center, the MIT Media Laboratory and Harvard's Center for International Development, the October 19-20 "eDevelopment" conference brought together top researchers, practitioners, businesspeople, community leaders, and policy makers from around the world to develop possible solutions to the digital divide. see IDG and Wired.

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- **Profesionales debatirán en Barcelona sobre la 'Cara Humana de Internet'** (Europa Press) Unos 600 profesionales de 25 países de todo el mundo debatirán en Barcelona sobre el acceso de los ciudadanos a Internet en el marco del primer Congreso Mundial de Redes Ciudadanas entre el 2 y el 5 de noviembre. see First Global Congress on Community Networking.

- **USA - Blacks Go to Net for Information** (Wired) Although blacks still lag in access to the Internet, a new study finds that those who are connected are more likely than whites to appreciate its value as an information tool.

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- **ICANN Antagonist Calls For Board Resignations** (Newsbytes) In a lengthy statement, University of Miami Law Professor and stalwart ICANN critic Michael Froomkin called the original board members of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) "squatters" for staying on past the deadline posted in ICANN's original charter.

- **ICANN--Pressing Issues II** (Berkman Center) "Pressing Issues II: Understanding and Critiquing ICANN's Policy Agenda," a series of moderated panel discussions on issues facing ICANN at its annual meeting in Los Angeles. Free and open to the public, the event takes place Sunday, November 12 and will address UDRP review, At-Large membership and elections, and new TLDs.

- **Olympic 'cybersquatters' for the high jump** (The Register) Lawyers acting on behalf of the Olympic movement have issued some 750 "cybersquatters" with writs demanding they hand over their domains or face the threat of legal action.

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- **The dot-ca revolution** (Globe and Mail) Starting Nov. 8, it will be a whole lot easier for Canadians -- private citizens as well as companies big and small -- to get their hands on one of the least-tapped resources on the World Wide Web: addresses featuring the suffix dot-ca, short for dot-Canada. see also New dot-ca world needs an election (Globe and Mail), Dot-ca wannabes line up for lottery (Globe and Mail) , .ca Deadline Causes Online Crunch (internet. com) and Canadians, Queen Elizabeth Set For Domain-Name Rush (ComputerUser).

- **Germany - Hälfte der ".de-Domains" sind ungenutzt** (ZDNet) 55 Prozent aller in der ersten Januarwoche 2000 registrierten ".de"-Domains sind entweder nicht konnektiert, zeigen auf die Provider-Standardseite oder sind seit Monaten "under construction".

## e-Government

- **France - L'administration téléouvre ses portes** (Libération) Le ministre de la Fonction publique a annoncé l'ouverture d'un portail Internet, Annuaire et procédures en ligne, symbole des efforts de l'Etat en matière de modernisation de l'administration. Un portail censé instituer un nouveau type de relations entre services administratifs et citoyens.

- **USA - Election officials continue to resist online voting** (AP) Election officials aren't sure the public and the technology are ready for virtual voting. Their chief concerns relate to security, confidentiality and ease of use.

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- **USA - Long Odds For Software Law** (Law.com) Passage of a controversial bill that would give the industry almost absolute power in determining the terms of product sales is languishing in statehouses across the country. Now major software manufacturers and computerized information companies are mobilizing to push for the law, known as the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). see also Public forum on software warranties and refund policies (FTC) and CNET News.com.

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- **EU - eEurope: A framework for the new economy** (RAPID) Erkki LIIKANEN Member of the

European Commission responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society. Global Forum 2000 - Shaping the future: Towards a global e-society Nice Sophia-Antipolis, 19 October 2000

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## IT in education

- **USA - Online Exchange To Link School Boards, Public** (Newsbytes) Educators and America Online unveiled plans for a pilot program that will build online exchanges to link five school boards with the public to get parents and communities more involved in education decision-making.

## Liability, jurisdiction and applicable law

- **Ruling lays email bare** (Yahoo UK) No longer safe to assume that ISPs will protect identities, as email case ruling shows Individuals posting defamatory statements can no longer hide behind the anonymity afforded to them by their Internet service providers (ISPs), following a recent court case. The case highlighted the rights of firms and individuals to protect themselves from online defamation, regardless of the source.

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- **Nazi-Clans und Mordsimulationen im Internet** (Heise Online) Nach Recherchen des ZDF-Magazins Kennzeichen D bieten Neonazis seit kurzem im Internet Mord-Simulationen mit Juden und Schwarzen an. So wird beispielsweise eine entsprechende Variante des Ego-Shooters Doom über einschlägige US-Nazi-Sites verteilt.

- **Polish man convicted of anti-semitic net chat posting** (Newsbytes) A Polish Webmaster has been handed down a 10 month prison sentence - suspended for three years - for posting anti-Semitic messages to a Jewish radio program's Web site, against the Polish law that prohibits the glorification of the Holocaust.

- **HBO exposes hate groups in cyberspace** (Christian Science Monitor)

## Rating and filtering

- **New filter scours servers for illicit content** (CNET News.com) A Paris-based technology company will unveil a filter that sends an email alert to customers whenever it finds a lewd picture or photo on a Web site. ImageFilter, the newest product from Internet infrastructure provider LookThatUp, is an "image recognition engine" that breaks down photos or drawings into their unique visual attributes.

- **USA - Coalition To Promote Voluntary Net Filtering, Standards** (Newsbytes) A new coalition of high-tech companies and industry groups is hoping to shift the focus of the national debate over Internet filtering by promoting the value of filtering software as an exclusively voluntary parental tool. see also ITAA Announces New Committee on Internet Management and Safety (Press Release).

- **USA - Internet Filter Limitations at Odds With Youth-Protection Bill** (Washtech) The Internet-filtering software pushed by Congress to protect children from smut online is blocking far more than pornography. It accidentally screens out innocent content like a Virginia lawyer's home page and a Texas home inspector's Web site. Also see Net filters block more than porn (USA Today) Congress-backed filtering software blocks more than porn (CNN).

- **Copyright Office allows hacking of filtering software** (WSJ Interactive Edition)

- **Mandated Mediocrity: Blocking Software Gets a Failing Grade** (Peacefire / EPIC)

## Security and encryption

- **Microsoft attack adds fuel to hacker crackdown** (CNET News.com) Calling it an act of "industrial

espionage," Microsoft says its internal networks are accessed by hackers. CEO Steve Ballmer confirms that hackers did see key code, but didn't make any changes to it.

- **Israeli Web Sites Crash** (New York Times) Several Israeli Web sites containing the government's perspective on the Mideast conflict crashed after Islamic groups abroad jammed them with fake traffic.

- **Secure digital music hits a sour note** (ZDNet) A team of researchers breaks the watermarks on four music-protection candidates. But SDMI still sings the praises of identifiable music.

## Self-regulation / codes of conduct

- **Code of Conduct in Regard to Fair Competition in Electronic Commerce** (International League for Competition Law) The International League of Competition Law, an association of experts in advertisement law, has decided upon a Code of Conduct on Online Marketing based upon more than twenty national reports including USA, Japan, Brazil, Canada and almost all EU states.

- **Consumer watchdog unveils net conduct code** (E-Commerce Times) The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and BBBOnline unveiled the Code of Online Business Practices, designed to guide ethical B2C (business-to-customer) conduct in domestic and international e-commerce transactions. Copies in German, French and Spanish. see also BBB's Press Release.

- **Group raises alarm over false seal of approval** (CNET News.com) Creators of a well-known online privacy program are seeking at least $1 million in damages from a political journal that allegedly displays the program's "seal of approval" without having received approval. Truste filed its trademark infringement lawsuit asking for a judgment barring American-Politics.com from using the familiar green-and-black seal.

- **Spain - Autorregulación de los ISPs españoles** (Actualidad y Cyberlaw) Número 6. Agosto-Septiembre 2000. ASIMELEC presenta el primer código de autocontrol de Proveedores de Internet. Texto del Código en la Web y comentario.

## Taxation and tariffs

- **USA - IRS Considers Regulating Internet Speech** (Tech Law Journal) The IRS released a document stating that it is considering whether to issue guidance regarding the application of the Internet Revenue Code to various types of Internet communications by tax exempt entities.

## Telecommunications

- **EU agrees to local-loop liberalization** (IDG News Service) The European Parliament supported legislation to liberalize local telephone networks, paving the way to rapidly open the local loop, perhaps by year's end. see also Europäische Union: Telefon-Ortsnetze müssen geöffnet werden (Der Spiegel) and Europaparlament stimmt entbündeltem Teilnehmeranschluss zu (Golem).

- **Cuba threatens phone war with Washington** (Reuters) Retaliating against legislation that would let the United States use frozen Cuban funds, Havana slapped a tax on the cost of telephone calls between the two countries and warned all phone links could be cut if Washington resists.

- **U.K. mobile operators go to court over 3G payments** (Reuters) British Telecommunications and One 2 One went to court accusing the UK government of acting unlawfully when it demanded they pay for third-generation mobile phones Licences four months sooner than Vodafone and Orange.

- **U.K. regulator outlines competition boost** (Total Telecom) British phone users will be able to choose one company for their voice calls and another for

their fast data services under official proposals.

- **USA - FCC's Kennard slams AT&T over cable lobbying** (Reuters) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard slammed AT&T Corp.'s lobbying attempts to ease rules limiting the ownership of cable interests so the company could avoid shedding certain valuable cable assets.

# Market & Technology

## Convergence of telecommunications, media and information technology

- **Sony, others to start digital broadcast services** (Reuters) New set-top boxes will enable viewers to store entertainment programming on memory devices and watch it later, or to access the Internet via TV. Four Japanese electronics giants will create a joint venture to standardise technology for interactive broadcasting and storage-type datacasting.

- **Vereinigung von Fernsehen und Internet fern** (n-tv) Der Weg zu mehr Gemeinsamkeit zwischen Internet und Fernsehen scheint noch weit. Während die interaktive Dominanz des Internets wächst, stolpert das Fernsehen noch ziellos ins digitale Zeitalter, meinen Experten.

- **Will TV lovers pay the Ultimate price?** (CNET News.com) Microsoft announced pricing for its UltimateTV satellite service, which allows customers to record their favorite TV shows onto a hard drive, surf the Internet, and play along with game shows. UltimateTV puts Microsoft in direct competition with the pioneers of digital video recording: TiVo and ReplayTV.

## Electronic commerce

- **Dotcoms devoured** (FT) The accelerating shake-out among internet companies demonstrates the

market's winner-takes-all logic.

- **Public Broadcasting on Sale** (New York Times) Public radio and television stations are starting to build online stores or expand their previously modest online shops. As they do, they are looking not only to generate revenue, but to remain relevant to their audiences in an age when viewers and listeners are awash in media choices.

- **UK - Snarl-up fears for online delivery** (Independent) The already overloaded Christmas postal services could be brought to a standstill by the internet. This Christmas is the first when e-commerce is expected to play a major role in buying and sending presents, and operators such as Amazon and eToys are gearing up for bumper sales. But industry experts believe that parcel-services are not equipped to handle the added volume.

- **Technology Sent Wall Street Into Market for Pornography** (New York Times)

- **The Middlemen of Content** (New York Times)

## Internet access and use

- **AOL France: Woes due to Web hogs** (ZDNet France) America Online is blaming recent service problems in France on the "passion" of its online customers -- in particular a minority of subscribers who are hogging the service, making the most of their 99F (roughly $14) per month for "unlimited" access.

- **Freeserve suspends registration for unmetered** (Yahoo UK) Latest chapter in unmetered soap-opera: Freeserve stops taking on new members for unmetered package.

- **Harvard limits Napster outbound traffic** (Crimson) Harvard Arts and Sciences Computer Services (HASCS) restricted Napster access for the first time yesterday, limiting outbound network traffic

for the music-sharing service. HASCS will not restrict Napster downloads.

## Market

- **AT&T to split into four companies** (Reuters) AT&T will restructure by creating a family of four companies that will be separately traded, marking the boldest reorganization of the corporate icon since it broke apart and created the Baby Bells in1984. Each of its major units will become a publicly held company.

- **Microsoft sallies forth with new Explorer** (CNET) Microsoft formally launched MSN Explorer, the software titan's latest assault against the industry dominance of America Online.

## Mobile

- **Mobile charges are excessive say EU consumers** (Total Telecom) A large majority of European Union consumers consider that the prices charged to them by mobile telephone operators are excessive, despite recent price reductions.

- **The Changing Nature of the Net** (San Francisco Chronicle) Wireless access has potential to transform the phone.

## Standards

- **Net standards group puts XML to the test** (CNET News.com) The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has opened its XML (Extensible Markup Language) schema specification to public comment, and is encouraging member companies to begin using it in commercial applications. see Press release.

- **Setback for IM standard** (Yahoo UK) The technical group that has been developing a standard protocol for instant messaging (IM) now says it will not choose a final standard and will leave that task to other bodies. The delay will affect firms that communicate

using different IM systems and want to standardise.

## Statistics

- **Irish Internet access jumps 50 percent** (ElectricNews) Over one million Irish people can now access the Internet from home, according to the Nielsen//NetRatings results for the month of September. According to the global Internet audience measurement service figures this represents a 50 percent increase since March this year as well as a 48 percent increase in the number of actual surfers since March. Internet penetration in Ireland now stands at around 30 percent of the population.

- **UCLA: Net does not impact society negatively** (NUA) A UCLA study Surveying the Digital Future refutes many popular notions about the Internet's impact on society. see also UCLA Press Release Two-thirds of Americans have access to online technology and use it extensively without sacrificing their personal and social lives - but users and non-users alike continue to have strong concerns about their online privacy. see also Study: Privacy Fears Haunt The Net (Reuters).

- **Leisure Words and Phrases Make Up Nearly Half of Domain Names** (Oingo news release)

# Useful addresses

- **Best of the Web for Technology News** (Forbes) With reviews and URL's.

- **Conferences and events** (EuropeMedia) Upcoming conferences and events in the Internet world over the next 12 months. see also EU Institutions Events (provided by Hill and Knowlton).

- **Filter 3.7** (Berkman Center) New issue of a publication of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School.

- **Streamlining Domain Squabbles** (Wired) Resources on cases brought under the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution Process.

- **The Internet's Coming of Age** (Computer Science and Telecommunications Board) A book available online for free from the Committee on the Internet in the Evolving Information Infrastructure, Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Research Council. The book will also soon be available in hard copy.

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## Legal and regulatory issues

### Competition

- **USA - Competition Policy in the World of B2B Electronic Marketplaces** (FTC Press Release) The Federal Trade Commission issued a staff report discussing information gathered and antitrust issues addressed at the Commission's widely attended public workshop on business-to-business (B2B) electronic marketplaces held on June 29-30, 2000.

## Computer crime

- **Italy - 1,491 Charged in Internet Pedophilia Case** (Reuters) An Italian prosecutor has charged 1,491 Italians and foreign nationals with offering or downloading child pornography on the Internet in what could become one of the biggest trials in Italy.

- **UK - Warning as net predator sentenced** (BBC) Children using the Internet can face hidden dangers. A man who sexually abused a 13-year-old girl after meeting through an internet chatroom has been sentenced to five years in jail. see also ChatDanger (ChildNet International) and A Measured Response to Dangers to Children in Chat Rooms (Internet Watch Foundation).

- **Nations Disagree On Net Crime Standards** (Newsbytes) There needs to be worldwide standards in an effort to fight the increasing spread of cyber crime, but industrial nations disagreed as to their content at a three-day conference of Internet specialists from the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized nations. see also Rhetoric Reigns at Net Crime Meet (Reuters), Cybercrime : le G8 loin du consensus (Yahoo FR), Inside Europe's cybersleuth central (MSNBC), Cyber criminals likely to strike, US cybercops face challenge and G8 seeks tighter net security (Financial Times), Regierung: Internationaler Kampf gegen Cybercrime (TecChannel), G8: Das Internet darf kein rechtsfreier Raum sein (de.internet.com), Die G8-Staaten diskutieren über Internet-Kriminalität,Kommentar: Großer Tag für Cyberkriminelle? (Heise Online), Heiße Luft in bunten Tüten (Telepolis).

- **Projet de convention du Conseil de l'Europe** (IRIS) Dans le cadre du suivi du projet de convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur la cybercriminalité, IRIS vient de mettre en ligne un dossier complet sur ce projet. Ce projet de convention est violemment critiqué par bon nombre d'ONG. see also Cybercrime

treaty targets hackers (MSNBC).

- **China - Net laws set to combat 'Web crime'** (South China Morning Post) Beijing has stepped up the war against "Web crime" by drafting a set of new Internet laws and ordering the state propaganda machinery to carry out an ideological campaign on the Net.

- **Germany - Geldstrafe für Kinderporno-Sammler** (dpa) Wegen Sammelns von Kinderpornos über den Internet-Zugang der Uni Erlangen-Nürnberg hat das Amtsgericht Erlangen einen Studenten zu einer Geldstrafe von 2100 Mark verurteilt.

- **USA - Web Site That Prompted Phone Calls is a Form of Harassment** (New York Law Journal) Creating a Web site disparaging a person, and including that individual's address and telephone number, can result in criminal culpability for aggravated harassment.

- **Political heavyweights meet to debate cybercrime** (Silicon)

- **Italy - Pedofilia: Inchiesta On Line, La Banca Dati Dell'Orrore** (ANSA)

## Consumer protection

- **Online Credit Card Fraud** (NOIE) NOIE and the Australian Computer Society explore how perception of high risk may be misplaced in, 'The Phantom Menace: Setting the Record Straight about Online Credit Card Fraud for Consumers'.

- **USA - Airlines Ordered to Tell Callers Internet May Offer Cheaper Fares** (New York Times) The Transportation Department warned airlines that they faced sanctions if they did not tell consumers who made reservations over the telephone that cheaper fares might be available on the Internet, but it stopped short of requiring the airlines to say exactly

what those fares would be.

- **USA - Microsoft, FTC settle false ad claim** (Reuters) The U.S. Federal Trade Commission said Microsoft's WebTV interactive television unit agreed to settle charges filed by the regulatory body, which accused the company of false advertising. The company agreed to end the ads in question, give refunds, pay for a public education campaign and to pay fines if it repeats its offences. WebTV Settles FTC Charges (FTC Press Release).

- **BT demands money back after ISP gaffe** (Yahoo UK)

## Copyright, trademarks and patents

- **Copyright Office backs content holders** (WSJ Interactive Edition) The Copyright Office, part of the Library of Congress, decided to allow only two narrow exemptions to the DMCA, a new federal law that makes it illegal for Web users to hack through the barriers that copyright holders erect around books, films, music, and other content released online. The first exemption involves software that blocks children and others from finding obscene or other controversial material on the Web. The other exemption involves giving people the right to bypass malfunctioning security features of software and other copyrighted goods they have purchased.

## Data Protection (privacy)

- **Germany looks to e-mail privacy** (Wired) In Germany, where an AOL spokesman says citizens like "to have a law on everything," legislators are expected to restrict employers' ability to monitor their workers' e-mails.

- **Sellers Hire Auditors to Verify Privacy Policies and Increase Trust** (New York Times) Some Internet companies are now putting their reputations on the line, quite publicly, by paying well-known financial services firms to audit their World Wide Web

sites' privacy policies

- **UK e-snooping rules conflict** (FT) The UK government bodies regulating employers' snooping on staff e-mails and phone calls have given conflicting explanations of how two overlapping sets of new rules will interact.

- **USA - Clinton says he'll veto online identification bill** (AP) President Clinton promised to veto a budget provision banning online sales of Social Security numbers because it's so full of loopholes.

## Digital divide

- **Berkman Center, MIT Media Lab, and CID Join to Bridge Digital Divide** (Berkman Center) Co-sponsored by the Berkman Center, the MIT Media Laboratory and Harvard's Center for International Development, the October 19-20 "eDevelopment" conference brought together top researchers, practitioners, businesspeople, community leaders, and policy makers from around the world to develop possible solutions to the digital divide. see IDG and Wired.

- **Gates rejects idea of e-utopia** (Seattle Post-Intelligencer) Health care and literacy -- not computers -- are the most important ways to help the world's 4 billion poorest people, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said.

- **Profesionales debatirán en Barcelona sobre la 'Cara Humana de Internet'** (Europa Press) Unos 600 profesionales de 25 países de todo el mundo debatirán en Barcelona sobre el acceso de los ciudadanos a Internet en el marco del primer Congreso Mundial de Redes Ciudadanas entre el 2 y el 5 de noviembre. see First Global Congress on Community Networking.

- **USA - Blacks Go to Net for Information** (Wired) Although blacks still lag in access to the Internet, a

new study finds that those who are connected are more likely than whites to appreciate its value as an information tool.

## Domain names

- **Scam claim over com.au reselling** (Fairfax IT) Domain name resellers have taken direct action in a dispute over business tactics, blocking a competitor's website. A group of resellers and Internet service providers have accused Melbourne firm Domain Name Authority of Australia (DNA) of tricking their customers, and some are even blocking their customers' access to DNA's website and redirecting them to a "consumer alert".

- **Dirt in the domain name game** (MSNBC) A small cabal of insiders appear to be gaming the selection process that will soon determine who will win the right to control new domains such as .xxx, .kids or . web.

- **Domain name controversy brews** (IDG) Users all around the Internet are crying foul, saying someone is spying on their domain name searches and then buying up the names they wanted.

- **ICANN Antagonist Calls For Board Resignations** (Newsbytes) In a lengthy statement, University of Miami Law Professor and stalwart ICANN critic Michael Froomkin called the original board members of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) "squatters" for staying on past the deadline posted in ICANN's original charter.

- **ICANN--Pressing Issues II** (Berkman Center) "Pressing Issues II: Understanding and Critiquing ICANN's Policy Agenda," a series of moderated panel discussions on issues facing ICANN at its annual meeting in Los Angeles. Free and open to the public, the event takes place Sunday, November 12 and will address UDRP review, At-Large membership and elections, and new TLDs.

- **Olympic 'cybersquatters' for the high jump** (The Register) Lawyers acting on behalf of the Olympic movement have issued some 750 "cybersquatters" with writs demanding they hand over their domains or face the threat of legal action.

- **Planning a mega-merger? Don't forget to register the internet domain name** (FT) When Chevron and Texaco put the final touches to their $43bn merger, they apparently forgot one small detail: registering their new internet domain name.

- **Pornographers create bogus EU Web site** (IDG) Italians seeking online information about the European Union could bump into a Web site hosting explicit pornographic images that certainly don't bear the imprimatur of EC.

- **The dot-ca revolution** (Globe and Mail) Starting Nov. 8, it will be a whole lot easier for Canadians -- private citizens as well as companies big and small -- to get their hands on one of the least-tapped resources on the World Wide Web: addresses featuring the suffix dot-ca, short for dot-Canada. see also New dot-ca world needs an election (Globe and Mail), Dot-ca wannabes line up for lottery (Globe and Mail) , .ca Deadline Causes Online Crunch (internet. com) and Canadians, Queen Elizabeth Set For Domain-Name Rush (ComputerUser).

- **Germany - Hälfte der ".de-Domains" sind ungenutzt** (ZDNet) 55 Prozent aller in der ersten Januarwoche 2000 registrierten ".de"-Domains sind entweder nicht konnektiert, zeigen auf die Provider-Standardseite oder sind seit Monaten "under construction".

## e-Government

- **France - L'administration téléouvre ses portes** (Libération) Le ministre de la Fonction publique a annoncé l'ouverture d'un portail Internet, Annuaire et procédures en ligne, symbole des efforts de l'Etat en

matière de modernisation de l'administration. Un portail censé instituer un nouveau type de relations entre services administratifs et citoyens.

- **USA - Election officials continue to resist online voting** (AP) Election officials aren't sure the public and the technology are ready for virtual voting. Their chief concerns relate to security, confidentiality and ease of use.

- **Vote auction site attempts to skirt shutdown order** (NY Times)

## Electronic commerce

- **E-Commerce Across Australia** (NOIE)) Will Australia's regions be better off with greater use of e-commerce? E-commerce is expected to neutralise the tyranny of distance and place us all on a level footing in the global marketplace.

- **Germany - Internet-Apotheke vor Gericht** (Der Spiegel) Bisher konnten Medikamente günstig über das Internet bei einer niederländischen Apotheke bestellt werden. Der Deutsche Apothekerverband hat Bedenken und klagt auf Einstellung des Handels. siehe auch Verfahren um Internet-Apotheke eröffnet.

- **USA - Long Odds For Software Law** (Law.com) Passage of a controversial bill that would give the industry almost absolute power in determining the terms of product sales is languishing in statehouses across the country. Now major software manufacturers and computerized information companies are mobilizing to push for the law, known as the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). see also Public forum on software warranties and refund policies (FTC) and CNET News.com.

## Employment and social issues

- **Labor Pains for the Internet Economy** (Standard)

Once, old-economy companies watched in fear as their best people left for dot-coms. Twenty thousand layoffs later, they're coming back.

## Information society and Internet policy

- **Rating the Reps on Net Issues** (Wired) California legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives dominate the winners in a scorecard of technology votes compiled by Wired News. The list was assembled by selecting seven tech bills in the House, and grading each representative based on his or her floor vote on them during the last two years. see also Naming Net's Best House Friends.

- **EU - eEurope: A framework for the new economy** (RAPID) Erkki LIIKANEN Member of the European Commission responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society. Global Forum 2000 - Shaping the future: Towards a global e-society Nice Sophia-Antipolis, 19 October 2000

- **EU - L'action européenne au service de l'esprit d'entreprise** (RAPID) M. Erkki LIIKANEN Membre de la Commission européenne chargé de l'entreprise et de la société de l'information Forum européen sur les formations à l'entrepreneuriat "Former pour entreprendre" Nice Sophia-Antipolis, 19 et 20 octobre 2000

- **Germany - Grüne: "Wir sind die Internet-Partei"** (Heise) Nach einer kürzlich veröffentlichten Umfrage der Forschungsgruppe Wahlen sind die Anhänger der Grünen unter den deutschen Internet-Nutzern am stärksten vertreten.

- **Luxembourg - La peur du gendarme "fausse" le débat** (Luxemburger Wort online) Régulation d'Internet. Présentation des résultats d'une consultation publique sur le sujet d'Internet

## IT in education

- **USA - Online Exchange To Link School Boards, Public** (Newsbytes) Educators and America Online unveiled plans for a pilot program that will build online exchanges to link five school boards with the public to get parents and communities more involved in education decision-making.

## Liability, jurisdiction and applicable law

- **Ruling lays email bare** (Yahoo UK) No longer safe to assume that ISPs will protect identities, as email case ruling shows Individuals posting defamatory statements can no longer hide behind the anonymity afforded to them by their Internet service providers (ISPs), following a recent court case. The case highlighted the rights of firms and individuals to protect themselves from online defamation, regardless of the source.

- **Switzerland - Internet-Provider wollen Klarheit über Verantwortlichkeiten** (AP) Schweizer Internet-Provider wollen grundsätzlich keine strafrechtliche Verantwortung für rassistische und pornographische Inhalte im Netz übernehmen. Die Rechtslage erweise sich als völlig unbestimmt und verlange eine Klärung durch den Gesetzgeber, kommt ein Gutachten im Auftrag des Verbandes Inside Telecom zum Schluss.

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League warns in a report Alex Curtis: 'Lone Wolf' of Hate Prowls the Internet.

- **Nazi-Clans und Mordsimulationen im Internet** (Heise Online) Nach Recherchen des ZDF-Magazins Kennzeichen D bieten Neonazis seit kurzem im Internet Mord-Simulationen mit Juden und Schwarzen an. So wird beispielsweise eine entsprechende Variante des Ego-Shooters Doom über einschlägige US-Nazi-Sites verteilt.

- **Polish man convicted of anti-semitic net chat posting** (Newsbytes) A Polish Webmaster has been handed down a 10 month prison sentence - suspended for three years - for posting anti-Semitic messages to a Jewish radio program's Web site, against the Polish law that prohibits the glorification of the Holocaust.

- **HBO exposes hate groups in cyberspace** (Christian Science Monitor)

## Rating and filtering

- **New filter scours servers for illicit content** (CNET News.com) A Paris-based technology company will unveil a filter that sends an email alert to customers whenever it finds a lewd picture or photo on a Web site. ImageFilter, the newest product from Internet infrastructure provider LookThatUp, is an "image recognition engine" that breaks down photos or drawings into their unique visual attributes.

- **USA - Coalition To Promote Voluntary Net Filtering, Standards** (Newsbytes) A new coalition of high-tech companies and industry groups is hoping to shift the focus of the national debate over Internet filtering by promoting the value of filtering software as an exclusively voluntary parental tool. see also ITAA Announces New Committee on Internet Management and Safety (Press Release).

- **USA - Internet Filter Limitations at Odds With**

**Youth-Protection Bill** (Washtech) The Internet-filtering software pushed by Congress to protect children from smut online is blocking far more than pornography. It accidentally screens out innocent content like a Virginia lawyer's home page and a Texas home inspector's Web site. Also see Net filters block more than porn (USA Today) Congress-backed filtering software blocks more than porn (CNN).

- **Copyright Office allows hacking of filtering software** (WSJ Interactive Edition)

- **Mandated Mediocrity: Blocking Software Gets a Failing Grade** (Peacefire / EPIC)

## Security and encryption

- **Microsoft attack adds fuel to hacker crackdown** (CNET News.com) Calling it an act of "industrial espionage," Microsoft says its internal networks are accessed by hackers. CEO Steve Ballmer confirms that hackers did see key code, but didn't make any changes to it.

- **Israeli Web Sites Crash** (New York Times) Several Israeli Web sites containing the government's perspective on the Mideast conflict crashed after Islamic groups abroad jammed them with fake traffic.

- **Secure digital music hits a sour note** (ZDNet) A team of researchers breaks the watermarks on four music-protection candidates. But SDMI still sings the praises of identifiable music.

## Self-regulation / codes of conduct

- **Code of Conduct in Regard to Fair Competition in Electronic Commerce** (International League for Competition Law) The International League of Competition Law, an association of experts in advertisement law, has decided upon a Code of Conduct on Online Marketing based upon more than twenty national reports including USA, Japan, Brazil,

Canada and almost all EU states.

- **Consumer watchdog unveils net conduct code** (E-Commerce Times) The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and BBBOnline unveiled the Code of Online Business Practices, designed to guide ethical B2C (business-to-customer) conduct in domestic and international e-commerce transactions. Copies in German, French and Spanish. see also BBB's Press Release.

- **Group raises alarm over false seal of approval** (CNET News.com) Creators of a well-known online privacy program are seeking at least $1 million in damages from a political journal that allegedly displays the program's "seal of approval" without having received approval. Truste filed its trademark infringement lawsuit asking for a judgment barring American-Politics.com from using the familiar green-and-black seal.

- **Spain - Autorregulación de los ISPs españoles** (Actualidad y Cyberlaw) Número 6. Agosto-Septiembre 2000. ASIMELEC presenta el primer código de autocontrol de Proveedores de Internet. Texto del Código en la Web y comentario.

## Taxation and tariffs

- **USA - IRS Considers Regulating Internet Speech** (Tech Law Journal) The IRS released a document stating that it is considering whether to issue guidance regarding the application of the Internet Revenue Code to various types of Internet communications by tax exempt entities.

## Telecommunications

- **EU agrees to local-loop liberalization** (IDG News Service) The European Parliament supported legislation to liberalize local telephone networks, paving the way to rapidly open the local loop, perhaps by year's end. see also Europäische Union: Telefon-Ortsnetze müssen geöffnet werden (Der

Spiegel) and Europaparlament stimmt entbündeltem Teilnehmeranschluss zu (Golem).

- **Cuba threatens phone war with Washington** (Reuters) Retaliating against legislation that would let the United States use frozen Cuban funds, Havana slapped a tax on the cost of telephone calls between the two countries and warned all phone links could be cut if Washington resists.

- **U.K. mobile operators go to court over 3G payments** (Reuters) British Telecommunications and One 2 One went to court accusing the UK government of acting unlawfully when it demanded they pay for third-generation mobile phones Licences four months sooner than Vodafone and Orange.

- **U.K. regulator outlines competition boost** (Total Telecom) British phone users will be able to choose one company for their voice calls and another for their fast data services under official proposals.

- **USA - FCC's Kennard slams AT&T over cable lobbying** (Reuters) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman William Kennard slammed AT&T Corp.'s lobbying attempts to ease rules limiting the ownership of cable interests so the company could avoid shedding certain valuable cable assets.

## Market & Technology

### Convergence of telecommunications, media and information technology

- **Sony, others to start digital broadcast services** (Reuters) New set-top boxes will enable viewers to store entertainment programming on memory devices and watch it later, or to access the Internet via TV. Four Japanese electronics giants will create a joint venture to standardise technology for interactive broadcasting and storage-type datacasting.

- **Vereinigung von Fernsehen und Internet fern** (n-tv) Der Weg zu mehr Gemeinsamkeit zwischen Internet und Fernsehen scheint noch weit. Während die interaktive Dominanz des Internets wächst, stolpert das Fernsehen noch ziellos ins digitale Zeitalter, meinen Experten.

- **Will TV lovers pay the Ultimate price?** (CNET News.com) Microsoft announced pricing for its UltimateTV satellite service, which allows customers to record their favorite TV shows onto a hard drive, surf the Internet, and play along with game shows. UltimateTV puts Microsoft in direct competition with the pioneers of digital video recording: TiVo and ReplayTV.

## Electronic commerce

- **Dotcoms devoured** (FT) The accelerating shake-out among internet companies demonstrates the market's winner-takes-all logic.

- **Public Broadcasting on Sale** (New York Times) Public radio and television stations are starting to build online stores or expand their previously modest online shops. As they do, they are looking not only to generate revenue, but to remain relevant to their audiences in an age when viewers and listeners are awash in media choices.

- **UK - Snarl-up fears for online delivery** (Independent) The already overloaded Christmas postal services could be brought to a standstill by the internet. This Christmas is the first when e-commerce is expected to play a major role in buying and sending presents, and operators such as Amazon and eToys are gearing up for bumper sales. But industry experts believe that parcel-services are not equipped to handle the added volume.

- **Technology Sent Wall Street Into Market for Pornography** (New York Times)

- **The Middlemen of Content** (New York Times)

## Internet access and use

- **AOL France: Woes due to Web hogs** (ZDNet France) America Online is blaming recent service problems in France on the "passion" of its online customers -- in particular a minority of subscribers who are hogging the service, making the most of their 99F (roughly $14) per month for "unlimited" access.

- **Freeserve suspends registration for unmetered** (Yahoo UK) Latest chapter in unmetered soap-opera: Freeserve stops taking on new members for unmetered package.

- **Harvard limits Napster outbound traffic** (Crimson) Harvard Arts and Sciences Computer Services (HASCS) restricted Napster access for the first time yesterday, limiting outbound network traffic for the music-sharing service. HASCS will not restrict Napster downloads.

## Market

- **AT&T to split into four companies** (Reuters) AT&T will restructure by creating a family of four companies that will be separately traded, marking the boldest reorganization of the corporate icon since it broke apart and created the Baby Bells in1984. Each of its major units will become a publicly held company.

- **Microsoft sallies forth with new Explorer** (CNET) Microsoft formally launched MSN Explorer, the software titan's latest assault against the industry dominance of America Online.

## Mobile

- **Mobile charges are excessive say EU consumers** (Total Telecom) A large majority of European Union consumers consider that the prices charged to them by mobile telephone operators are excessive, despite recent price reductions.

- **The Changing Nature of the Net** (San Francisco Chronicle) Wireless access has potential to transform the phone.

## Standards

- **Net standards group puts XML to the test** (CNET News.com) The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) has opened its XML (Extensible Markup Language) schema specification to public comment, and is encouraging member companies to begin using it in commercial applications. see Press release.

- **Setback for IM standard** (Yahoo UK) The technical group that has been developing a standard protocol for instant messaging (IM) now says it will not choose a final standard and will leave that task to other bodies. The delay will affect firms that communicate using different IM systems and want to standardise.

## Statistics

- **Irish Internet access jumps 50 percent** (ElectricNews) Over one million Irish people can now access the Internet from home, according to the Nielsen//NetRatings results for the month of September. According to the global Internet audience measurement service figures this represents a 50 percent increase since March this year as well as a 48 percent increase in the number of actual surfers since March. Internet penetration in Ireland now stands at around 30 percent of the population.

- **UCLA: Net does not impact society negatively** (NUA) A UCLA study Surveying the Digital Future refutes many popular notions about the Internet's impact on society. see also UCLA Press Release Two-thirds of Americans have access to online technology and use it extensively without sacrificing their personal and social lives - but users and non-users alike continue to have strong concerns about their online privacy. see also Study: Privacy Fears Haunt

The Net (Reuters).

- **Leisure Words and Phrases Make Up Nearly Half of Domain Names** (Oingo news release)

## Useful addresses

- **Best of the Web for Technology News** (Forbes) With reviews and URL's.
- **Conferences and events** (EuropeMedia) Upcoming conferences and events in the Internet world over the next 12 months. see also EU Institutions Events (provided by Hill and Knowlton).
- **Filter 3.7** (Berkman Center) New issue of a publication of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School.
- **Streamlining Domain Squabbles** (Wired) Resources on cases brought under the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution Process.
- **The Internet's Coming of Age** (Computer Science and Telecommunications Board) A book available online for free from the Committee on the Internet in the Evolving Information Infrastructure, Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, National Research Council. The book will also soon be available in hard copy.

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New Media: Causes of Conflict by Stephen Downes
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The Rapidly Changing Face of Computing: Forecasting Our Tomorrows... by Jeffrey Harrow

*"Our goal is to empower youth to recognize their role and responsibility in world affairs and become active participants in the new millennium."*

Submitted on Oct 16 2000 - 11.13

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## Open Sesame

What is the Sematic Web Edd Dumbill tries to explain what it is in 200 words or less. Well, not really. Instead he's written an excellent article.

*The Semantic Web has already been the subject of much bluster among the XML developer community and will doubtless continue to be so. Arguments rage over the usefulness of the technology, the difficulty of using RDF, and so on. However, the Semantic Web vision of a machine-readable web has possibilities for application in most web technology -- while some complain about its lack of definition, its broad scope properly reflects the quietly radical effect it will have on the Web.*

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Choose your scripting language ZDNet reviews development alternatives in JSP, ASP, PHP, and Cold Fusion. Apparently

## Eastern Visions

As the crackdown on the Falun gong continues in China, the movement spreads in India...

*'"Stress management is very important to me. I have been practicing Falun Gong for a week to see how it helps. It's still too early to say," said computer consultant Pradeep Jain. He is aware of the Chinese government's ban on the group but does not believe its arrival will create any problems in India, where dozens of sects, beliefs and religions co-exist. "It's OK. We are a democratic country," Jain said.'*

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China bans the sale of email lists...

*'One Shenzhen-based purveyor of these lists said, "We have collected 34 million personal e-mail addresses worldwide, including 4 million domestic ones, and 200,000 company e-mail accounts."'*

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## In the Ether

For the major music publishers, it looks like collusion - er, cooperation - is the best way to go. Buy Napster, pool the music, and charge a set subscription fee...

*"The problem is if you turn on a service and offer just a portion of the music," explains Nitsan Hargile, senior Internet analyst for Kaufman Brothers. "That's not a realistic expectation by any means because music is the same for us, we don't know or care if it's BMG or Sony. We just expect all the music to be offered."*

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Calgold says: [The Cat: A Maniac's Best Friend] by Calgold

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they felt that Perl wasn't worthy of being included. My language of choice was triumphant!

*For enterprise development, we believe that JSP, despite its newness, is the right option because of its use of Java and the many application server product options that support JSP.*

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[Managing Projects the Open Source Way] This paragraph is a managers worst nightmare. Come to think of it, it can be a developers worst nightmare too.

*There are two words which don't get much play in Linux development projects: Requirements and Design. Not surprisingly, it is the lack of these two things which causes most of the problems in open-source software. Too many developers in the Linux space start programming before they have a good idea of what their project functions and capabilities are. In other words, they start in the middle, not at the beginning.*

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[Deconstructing Groove]
Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 07.47 by diva

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It's only a matter of time before we see major-release Bollywood in Hollywood as Japan, the leader in kitsch vanguard, jumps on the [Bollywood craze...]

*'Trying their own hands at Indian-style filmmaking proved an irresistible temptation. Nanami was fascinated by the plain-and-simple fun of Bollywood productions, which pack in "action, dance, comedy and everything else." Such flicks are aptly called masala (a mixture of spices) movies.'*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 07.44 by diva

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Japan is allowed top bidding rights to [develop Iran's largest oil field...]
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The good thing about dotcom failures is it is forcing experienced Internet entrepeneurs to [focus on getting better, not just bigger...]

*'For Lim, the Internet didn't turn out to be the express ticket out of his troubles that he thought it could be. But after riding the ups and downs of the online business world, he seems to be finally finding success — or at least some peace — somewhere in between*

Actually, Napster's proposed [monthly subscription fee] is a pretty good idea... but people are still taking the sellout pretty hard and even if Napster falls prey to the publishers, there may still be free music on the web...
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W3C Schema Spec, two years in the making, reaches the [candidate recommendation] stage and should soon see wide implementation
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This should be no surprise... children learn differently when [using a computer] than when attending school (hint: they actually enjoy using a computer)...

*Their use of computers at home tends not to include educational software - but they do write, design, and play games on computers for fun and learn through "playful discovery".*

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Forecasting [strong holiday] online sales.... but that's actually bad news for e-tailers as the increased sales translate into a [$200 million loss]
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Could the unusually fierce storms which have battered the UK and Europe be caused by global warming?

*Dr Mike Hulme, of East Anglia University, who is due to publish a major paper on global warming tomorrow, added: "One storm is not proof or disproof of global warming or its causes. "What is significant is that these events are happening in a world that is getting warmer, by sixth tenths of a degree Celsius each decade." Four tornados were believed to have hit the south coast yesterday, in Selsey, Hayling Island, Portsmouth, and Ryde on the Isle of Wight, as a*

Is anyone running it, or better yet developing on it? It sounds awesome.

*Basically, what we provide in Groove is the platform layer as a component management service. If they write tools or solutions within the Groove environment, they can package up their code, and they don't have to worry about delivering that code to all the workstations that are using it. They can host that code on our component servers, and the moment that any one of those users accepts an invitation to one of the shared spaces, the code comes down and gets installed automatically. The framework lets you program in any number of languages, any dotcom compliant language in the Windows environment. Once they build the app, we provide the synchronization of how that app interacts with itself. We transparently provide storage services so that anything someone does automatically gets stored in a secure XML object store. We do the communications services transparently. They don't have to worry about how to get the information from one workstation to another. We also*

*the old economy and the New.'*

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Brash Bulls & Babbling Bears

Barnes &; Noble finally merges the internet with the store

*Still, BN.com does have an uphill fight on its hands, as Amazon's 25 million customers make an impressive ground force. The task for Barnes and Noble and BN.com is to encourage some of those Amazon footsoldiers to trade allegiances. I'm not sure, but the company might have the formula to make it happen. It's about choices and customer service, after all. In other words, the online bookseller war will be fought on the battlefields of friendliness and convenience as much as it is on brand-name awareness. Barnes and*

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On the Planet

US Helicopters Banned from Yemen Airspace

*Yemen on Wednesday banned US helicopters from landing in the country or entering its airspace without permission after an unauthorized flight, a Yemeni air force source told AFP. All non-authorized flights would now be dealt with as "hostile targets," the source said.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 17.53 by cj

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New study suggests that hands free may increase the radiation risk

*further research using a more realistic model confirmed hands-free kits could act as an aerial that channeled radiation to the ear.*

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A photo gallery of Israeli agression
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Black Rinos almost gone.

*The black rhino in Africa has reduced from an estimated 100,000 in 1970s to an estimated 2,400 today*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 -

*clean-up operation continued in Bognor Regis, which was hit by a tornado at the weekend.*
by oldfart_sd

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The UK is recovering after some of the worst storms for years...

*At the height of the storms some places experienced gusts of up to 100mph and two inches of rainfall in 24 hours. Roads in Manchester, Cumbria, County Durham and Lancashire were closed by heavy snow, which also hit parts of Scotland and Yorkshire.*
by oldfart_sd

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Maxwell Smart had his shoephone, now you can get a cell phone gun if you have contacts in the Baltics. by LP

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FDA proposes to ban antibiotics in chicken to protect us from antibiotic-resistant bacteria. It's about bloody time! A Bush administration probably would not stand for this kind of government interference with business decisionmaking. Do you want your child to die of campylobacter infection he picks up in a kiddie pool when you can't get an antibiotic that could help? Then let the farmers and Bayer decide to continue to feed chickens these antibiotics! by Parker

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Chinese trade in human

*provide some level of systems integration.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 00.37 by hack

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The Incredible Shrinking Internet

*"They're going to create a walled garden," says Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Media Education. "The Internet we know was the fountainhead of diversity, competition, and innovation, where all traffic could flow freely and all points of view were available. That Internet is being hijacked by media monopolists from the cable industry."*

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**The largest reason the Palestinians and Israelis cannot solve their problem is. . .**

- 1. The Palestinians deny Jewish claims to their history at the Temple of Solomon.
- 2. The Israelis deny Arab claims to Al Aksa.
- 3. The Israelis want to oppress the Palestinians.
- 4. The Palestinians want to kill the Israelis.

*Noble and BN.com waited a long while to form an alliance with the potential to be victorious, but they certainly have done so with time to spare.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 01.22 by hack

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WorldCom pulls an AT&;T and the stock tanks as a result down 70% from last November

*"The company has taken its eyes off the intrinsic business, probably because they're spending too much time on what to do with the long-distance market," says Castro. "In my opinion, this is going to be a dying dinosaur — let it die."*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 01.19 by hack

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The Bull Is Pawing at the Gate

*How could this rally continue? Here is a scenario for every bull to dream about. Tomorrow we get large inflows and a slow purchasing managers' report and a slower prices-paid report. Then on Friday we get an employment number that shows an uptick in unemployment and a further slowing of the economy. [..] That's the bull case. I think it will be embraced for a couple of days. Where I am coming from, that's a lifetime of*

00.06 by cj

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Do we now have to worry about 'mad sheep' disease

*Food safety experts in Britain want a mass screening program to test whether "mad cow" disease has spread to sheep. They have also called for a ban on animal remains - including blood and bone, gelatine and tallow - in all livestock feed. The moves by the Food Standards Agency came as fears rose that the disease - bovine spongiform encephalopathy, BSE - could be found in sheep flocks, presenting new dangers to consumers.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 00.02 by cj

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Weekend Brainfood

Revisiting the 1920s

*It was a time of conservatism, it was a time of great social change. From the world of fashion to the world to politics, forces clashed to produce the most explosive decade of the century.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 16.34 by Downes

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We know we produce a lot of information every year, but how much? And is it too much?

organs exposed. Internet assists in selling human organs...

*The Yangcheng Evening News found advertisments on Chinese-language web sites offering "a kidney from a living human body" and bone marrow. Another donor wrote: "Cornea from healthy person with sight - urgent sale due to poverty". Earlier this year, undercover reporters from Hong Kong were offered livers from "good, young" executed criminals at the Sun Yat-sen University Hospital in Guangzhou. Doctors urged the investigators to book an organ quickly, to take advantage of an execution campaign then under way.*

by Parker

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Eighth Roundtable with the People's Republic of China

*Whether a veteran operator or a China newcomer, the Eighth Roundtable with the Government of the People¡¯s Republic of China is your opportunity to explore the issues face-to-face with the people who make and implement the policies impacting your operations in China.*

by Eric LaManque

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What it meant to be President to Clinton. Interview in Esquire.

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5. The Israelis want to kill the Palestinians.

6. The Palestinians don't respect the Israelis right to exist in a country of their own.

7. The Israelis don't respect the Palestinians right to self determination.

8. The Americans refuse to see Israel as an unacceptable friend and uses it as America's tool against Arab nations.

9. The surrounding Arab nations keep supporting violent destruction of Israel and use the Palestinians as their tool.

10. Heck, I don't know.

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Hackt Up, Hei Ke!

Yahoo in hot water for allowing Klu Klux Klan junk on their auction site...

*'"Furthermore, curious young people surfing your site should not have access to materials that can be used to terrorize their communities, nor should they be left with the impression that Adolph Hitler or the Klan is worthy of memorializing through a merchandise line."'*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 08.15 by diva

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Here's a link to pass on *performance and it might be worth trying to snag some of it.*

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What's Bad for Microsoft

*The main risk in the high-level hacking of Microsoft is that bad guys can sabotage the company's code and add "backdoor" access to the computers that run the finished software. To state the obvious, though, the main reason this matters is because Microsoft has already gained front-door access to those same computers.*

Submitted on Nov 2 2000 - 01.11 by hack

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The baby bells are doing great

*This kind of comprehensive communications strategy is what AT&T (NYSE: T) so desperately wanted, and what WorldCom (Nasdaq: WCOM) attempted to achieve through its ill-fated attempted merger with Sprint (NYSE: FON). Given that the RBOCs are actually getting somewhere with their multi-service offerings, while the long-haul carriers are literally falling apart, it's not too surprising that the Baby Bells are finally getting some respect from the market. Amidst the*

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Dont give in to FUD. Gore blows.

*The press conference didn't go unnoticed by other Nader supporters, three other Green Party members contested the validity of the defectors, calling them "Gore operatives." We checked our records*

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*last night and you're not in the computer," shouted Dave Stewart, a Nader supporter contesting Houser's Green Part status.*

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Nader the Facist Totalitarian?

*Take coffee, for example. While many of Nader's supporters in places like Seattle like to discuss the Greatness of Their Candidate over coffee, Nader himself has said that coffee is a poison foisted upon us by vicious corporations. The only way to deal with coffee, in Nader's view, is to outlaw it, and the same goes for cigarettes and alcoholic beverages. So while Nader supporters believe that they are part of a movement to "rein in evil corporations," actually they are part of a movement to deprive themselves of things that they enjoy.*

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ACLU joins the fight in protecting vote-auction.com

*American Civil Liberties Union said it would fight to keep vote-auction.com on the Internet, saying the Web site was constitutionally protected under the*

*First Amendment. ``We think political parody and satire is protected whether on the written page or the Internet," ACLU legal director Harvey Grossman said.*

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Cher comes out for Gore boy she is wacked, nice language for a PR lady...

*"Has everyone lost their f--king minds? Doesn't anybody remember the illustrious Reagan-Bush years when people had no money and no jobs? What has happened to people's memories? It's like they have Alzheimer's or something."*

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A poll on Write ins.

*"You get to pick the next president of the United States," I said. "It can be someone who is on the ballot right now or anyone else you like. They don't have to have held public office or even be a politician. They must be a living person who could actually serve as president. Who is your true choice for president?" This thinking-outside-the-ballot-box approach produced some interesting responses.*

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## Open Sesame

What is the Sematic Web Edd Dumbill tries to explain what it is in 200 words or less. Well, not really. Instead he's written an excellent article.

*The Semantic Web has already been the subject of much bluster among the XML developer community and will doubtless continue to be so. Arguments rage over the usefulness of the technology, the difficulty of using RDF, and so on. However, the Semantic Web vision of a machine-readable web has possibilities for application in most web technology -- while some complain about its lack of*

## Eastern Visions

As the crackdown on the Falun gong continues in China, the movement spreads in India...

*'"Stress management is very important to me. I have been practicing Falun Gong for a week to see how it helps. It's still too early to say," said computer consultant Pradeep Jain. He is aware of the Chinese government's ban on the group but does not believe its arrival will create any problems in India, where dozens of sects, beliefs and religions co-exist. "It's OK. We are a democratic country," Jain said.'*

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For the major music publishers, it looks like collusion - er, cooperation - is the best way to go. Buy Napster, pool the music, and charge a set subscription fee...

*"The problem is if you turn on a service and offer just a portion of the*

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*definition, its broad scope properly reflects the quietly radical effect it will have on the Web.*

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Choose your scripting language ZDNet reviews development alternatives in JSP, ASP, PHP, and Cold Fusion. Apparently they felt that Perl wasn't worthy of being included. My language of choice was triumphant!

*For enterprise development, we believe that JSP, despite its newness, is the right option because of its use of Java and the many application server product options that support JSP.*

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Managing Projects the Open Source Way This paragraph is a managers worst nightmare. Come to think of it, it can be a developers worst nightmare too.

*There are two words which don't get much play in Linux development projects: Requirements and Design. Not surprisingly, it is the lack of these two things which causes most of the problems in open-source software. Too*

- 07.53 by diva

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China bans the sale of email lists...

*'One Shenzhen-based purveyor of these lists said, "We have collected 34 million personal e-mail addresses worldwide, including 4 million domestic ones, and 200,000 company e-mail accounts."'*

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It's only a matter of time before we see major-release Bollywood in Hollywood as Japan, the leader in kitsch vanguard, jumps on the Bollywood craze...

*'Trying their own hands at Indian-style filmmaking proved an irresistible temptation. Nanami was fascinated by the plain-and-simple fun of Bollywood productions, which pack in "action, dance, comedy and everything else." Such flicks are aptly called masala (a mixture of spices) movies.'*

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Japan is allowed top bidding rights to develop Iran's largest oil field...
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The good thing about dotcom failures is it is forcing experienced

*music," explains Nitsan Hargile, senior Internet analyst for Kaufman Brothers. "That's not a realistic expectation by any means because music is the same for us, we don't know or care if it's BMG or Sony. We just expect all the music to be offered."*

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Actually, Napster's proposed monthly subscription fee is a pretty good idea... but people are still taking the sellout pretty hard and even if Napster falls prey to the publishers, there may still be free music on the web...
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W3C Schema Spec, two years in the making, reaches the candidate recommendation stage and should soon see wide implementation
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This should be no surprise... children learn differently when using a computer than when attending school (hint: they actually enjoy using a computer)...

*Their use of computers at home tends not to include educational software - but they do write, design, and play games on computers for fun and learn through "playful discovery".*

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Deconstructing Groove

Is anyone running it, or better yet developing on it? It sounds awesome.

*Basically, what we provide in Groove is the platform layer as a component management service. If they write tools or solutions within the Groove environment, they can package up their code, and they don't have to worry about delivering that code to all the workstations that are using it. They can host that code on our component servers, and the moment that any one of those users accepts an invitation to one of the shared spaces, the code comes down and gets installed automatically. The framework lets you program in any number of languages, any dotcom compliant language in the Windows environment. Once they build the app, we provide the synchronization of how*

Internet entrepeneurs to focus on getting better, not just bigger...

*'For Lim, the Internet didn't turn out to be the express ticket out of his troubles that he thought it could be. But after riding the ups and downs of the online business world, he seems to be finally finding success — or at least some peace — somewhere in between the old economy and the New.'*

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On the Planet

US Helicopters Banned from Yemen Airspace

*Yemen on Wednesday banned US helicopters from landing in the country or entering its airspace without permission after an unauthorized flight, a Yemeni air force source told AFP. All non-authorized flights would now be dealt with as "hostile targets," the source said.*

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New study suggests that hands free may increase the radiation risk

*further research using a more realistic model confirmed hands-free kits could act as an aerial that channeled radiation to the ear.*

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Could the unusually fierce storms which have battered the UK and Europe be caused by global warming?

*Dr Mike Hulme, of East Anglia University, who is due to publish a major paper on global warming tomorrow, added: "One storm is not proof or disproof of global warming or its causes. "What is significant is that these events are happening in a world that is getting warmer, by sixth tenths of a degree Celsius each decade." Four tornados were believed to have hit the south coast yesterday, in Selsey, Hayling Island, Portsmouth, and Ryde on the Isle of Wight, as a clean-up operation continued in Bognor Regis, which was hit by a tornado at the weekend.*

by oldfart_sd

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The UK is recovering after some of the worst storms for years...

*At the height of the storms some places experienced gusts of up to 100mph and two inches of rainfall in 24 hours. Roads in Manchester, Cumbria, County Durham and Lancashire were closed by heavy snow, which also hit parts of Scotland and Yorkshire.*

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*that app interacts with itself. We transparently provide storage services so that anything someone does automatically gets stored in a secure XML object store. We do the communications services transparently. They don't have to worry about how to get the information from one workstation to another. We also provide some level of systems integration.*

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The Incredible Shrinking Internet

*"They're going to create a walled garden," says Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Media Education. "The Internet we know was the fountainhead of diversity, competition, and innovation, where all traffic could flow freely and all points of view were available. That Internet is being hijacked by media monopolists from the cable industry."*

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*footsoldiers to trade allegiances. I'm not sure, but the company might have the formula to make it happen. It's about choices and customer service, after all. In other words, the online bookseller war will be fought on the battlefields of friendliness and convenience as much as it is on brand-name awareness. Barnes and Noble and BN.com waited a long while to form an alliance with the potential to be victorious, but they certainly have done so with time to spare.*

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WorldCom pulls an AT&;T and the stock tanks as a result down 70% from last November

*"The company has taken its eyes off the intrinsic business, probably because they're spending too much time on what to do with the long-distance market," says Castro. "In my opinion, this is going to be a dying dinosaur — let it die."*

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The Bull Is Pawing at the Gate

*How could this rally continue? Here is a scenario for every bull to dream about. Tomorrow we get large*

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A photo gallery of Israeli agression

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Black Rinos almost gone.

*The black rhino in Africa has reduced from an estimated 100,000 in 1970s to an estimated 2,400 today*

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Do we now have to worry about 'mad sheep' disease

*Food safety experts in Britain want a mass screening program to test whether "mad cow" disease has spread to sheep. They have also called for a ban on animal remains - including blood and bone, gelatine and tallow - in all livestock feed. The moves by the Food Standards Agency came as fears rose that the disease - bovine spongiform encephalopathy, BSE - could be found in sheep flocks, presenting new dangers to consumers.*

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Maxwell Smart had his shoephone, now you can get a cell phone gun if you have contacts in the Baltics. by LP

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FDA proposes to ban antibiotics in chicken to protect us from antibiotic-resistant bacteria. It's about bloody time! A Bush administration probably would not stand for this kind of government interference with business decisionmaking. Do you want your child to die of campylobacter infection he picks up in a kiddie pool when you can't get an antibiotic that could help? Then let the farmers and Bayer decide to continue to feed chickens these antibiotics! by Parker

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Chinese trade in human organs exposed. Internet assists in selling human organs...

*The Yangcheng Evening News found advertisments on Chinese-language web sites offering "a kidney from a living human body" and bone marrow. Another donor wrote: "Cornea from healthy person with sight - urgent sale due to poverty". Earlier this year, undercover reporters from Hong Kong were offered livers from "good, young" executed criminals at the Sun Yat-sen University Hospital in Guangzhou. Doctors urged the*

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- 9. The surrounding Arab nations keep supporting violent destruction of Israel and use the Palestinians as their tool.
- 10. Heck, I don't know.

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*The press conference didn't go unnoticed by other Nader supporters, three other Green Party members contested the validity of the defectors, calling them "Gore operatives." We checked our records last night and you're not in the computer," shouted Dave Stewart, a Nader supporter contesting Houser's Green Part status.*

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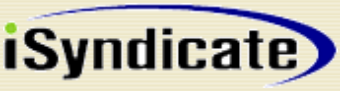


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(CNN) -- A Web site created to buy and sell votes in the 2000 presidential election has returned to the Internet, despite legal challenges that temporarily knocked it offline twice.

The Voteauction.com site did make a few changes after an Illinois court ordered it to shut down last week. It unveiled a new name, adding a hyphen between "vote" and "auction."

And it toned down its message. The earlier version promised to allow U.S. citizens to peddle their votes to the highest bidders, presumably candidates or their representatives, who would then dictate how the sellers cast their ballots.

The new Vote-auction.com, however, asks for "donations" for the "political engagements" of the voters.

The changes came after a Cook County, Illinois, judge issued a restraining order Wednesday to shut down the site until the courts resolved a lawsuit filed against it by the Chicago Board of Elections.

The defendants include Hans Bernhard of Vienna, Austria, and Voteauction.com creator James Baumgartner, a New York graduate student. Baumgartner said he started the site in part to protest the influence of big donors and expensive consultants in elections.

Tom Leach, a spokesman for the Chicago Elections Board, said the new name would not allow the vote auctioneers to escape the law. The court order applies not only to Voteauction.com but also to any similar sites associated with persons from

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"It covered any other Web sites selling votes. It doesn't matter what sheep's clothing the wolf is wearing," Leach said.

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The Chicago board promises to fire more legal punches. Leach said the board will go to court soon to seek contempt charges against the variation Vote-auction.com, and has notified Austrian authorities about the site.

According to Vote-auction.com, the site is "cutting out the middleman and bringing the big money of presidential politics directly to you."

Baumgartner sold the site in August after New York authorities convinced him to shut it down. Baumgartner had said vote sellers would send absentee ballots to him, which he would forward to the appropriate election boards across the country.

Bernhard then bought the site from him. A representative of an Austrian company that specializes in unorthodox e-commerce marketing, Bernhard said he hoped to circumvent federal and state election laws by moving the site outside the United States. He could not be reached for comment.

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*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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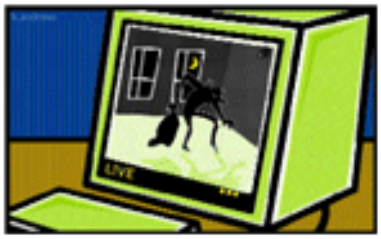

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pronouncing the phrase "President Ventura." But if you want to see a little political carnage, all hope is not lost. The kids over at PlanetQuake have a full line of political "skins" for the ultra-violent first-person shooter. Spread more gore as Al Gore, or play as George "The Executioner" Bush. Throw a grenade into the political arena as "The Spoiler" Ralph Nader. The skins only work with Quake III and require a little bit of technical savvy to implement. You can download them at www.planetquake.com/politicalarena .

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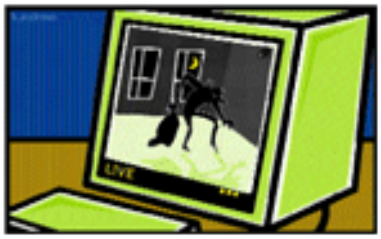

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http://www.blasthaus.com/press/surface/index.html

**> Did you make money out of your etoy victory?**
the company running the TOYWAR campaign is only partially owned by etoy.HOLDING. there are different financial and legal fights in progress. i would prefer to not comment on the pending lawsuits.

http://www.brainhard.com

**> I've heard before that the guerrilla marketing is used to create a buzz. Isn't this the same as saying advertising creates interest but isn't used to sell something? If the purpose of guerrilla marketing isn't to sell something, then what do you do to sell things? Aren't you just creating a new outlet for media control?**
ubermorgen:: : we make money!

http://www.ekmrz.cx

**> What is your view on corporate censorship?**
senseless, it simply doesn't work! as with lots of things that are also technical in nature, it sometimes makes no sense to talk about the ethical values or consequences of a semi-technical action, such as censorship, because the technical aspect overrules the ethical one. hence the whole discussion becomes theoretical in nature. we prefer the practical, you may call it pragmatic, approach.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/wto_bichlbauer/

**> How does [v]ote-auction.com differ from online auctions such as eBay? What did you do to warrant FBI intervention?**
it does not really differ so much. the major difference is the vice-versa anonymity of the buyers and sellers, and that buyers buy (or bid for) blocks (one block is all votes from one state), and not individual votes. so you would not bid for Mr. Littletown's ballot, but you would buy California's vote as a whole.

http://www.vote-auction.net

secondly, FBI intervention was ongoing since the project started. James Baumgartner, the initial creator of [V]a, was questioned several times by the FBI. we are also aware of possible intrusions into our server-network by the FBI trying to gather illegal information on vote-selling people. the NSA, the GSA and the CIA were involved in information gathering. additionally one of our servers was hacked into just when the

public relations hype and the global focus on [V]ote-auction was fully going off. it was such a fun party for all involved. In the end, this party was even joined by the Ministry of The Interior and the secret services of Germany and Austria - and the global media [CNN, le Monde, Washington post, FAZ...] were playing the ultimate pop-soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller.

**> What is 'shock marketing' and what effect does its usage have? Isn't it just another form of trickery?**
it's simple. you shock the user. due to this shock, the user's channels are wide open and you can feed information directly [unfiltered, uncensored] into the brain of the recipient. a fantastic tool to push top-down information [advertising mainly] or highly subversive and dangerous information [e.g. Coca-Cola contains gummiarabicum. Osama bin Laden used to control 90% of the global gummiarabicum production = subversive info and a shock by itself].

shock-marketing has a long tradition in advertising, but today, you can use it best on the net thanks to the structure of the net and its many hundreds of millions of naive users. it is here to be used not only by marketing-brains but also by artists, activists and terrorists.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme/headquarters/eMedia/guerilla/index.html

**> Everywhere we go advertising surrounds us. The US spends 3% of its GDP on advertising - about $300 billion dollars. This is considered one of the major reasons of their success as advertising promotes consumption. Materialism is one of the end results of consumerism. We all know what effect this 'rampant consumerism' has on the environment and society. Does advertising make the world a better place?**
no! anything involving primarily money is surely not for the benefit or improvement of the world. not that the world would need our human funds anyway. advertising is money, money is the language for markets, and markets make up economies. ubermorgen is proud to take part in some of the markets - they give us a really fat profit and that's what ubermorgen is mainly here for, next to our other reasons of existing. as all human beings in the western hemisphere, fame and money is all we want, and we want it now and we've got it now and we will get more later, thanks to the internet, thanks to advertising, thanks to ALLIANZ, MICROSOFT, SONY, NOKIA and other uberCLIENTS.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/bartnlisa_khaus_ACTION_2001.mov

**> "The most important assets are brands. Buildings age and become dilapidated. Machines wear out. Cars rust. People die. But what lives on are the brands." Hector Liang, Chairman, United Biscuits**

What do you think of this statement? Are consumers merely puppets of the media, controlled and willed by media owners?
no. well, actually, yes! there is a difference between consumers and human beings. the consumer is a product of the media. the human being is a product of nature [uberNATURE]. the media is also a product of nature, so therefore in the end, the consumer is a product of nature, but more indirect than the human being.

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**> What do think of the reporting on the current military intervention in Afghanistan? How objective is the media? It is all about realtime [echtzeit].**

http://www.ubermorgen.com/ATTACK_ON_DEMOCRAZY/

the media has one problem. i wrote about this problem some hours after the WTC collapsed and the Pentagon crack in full Playstation-CNN-action-mode::

> "The question of true or false, him or her, CNN or independent- media, bird or cat... can under no circumstances be of value in the aftermath of this world wide media shock and mass psychosis. some [media] hackers [currently described as terrorists] have intelligently attacked central symbols of the American government and society with low-tech instruments such as knives, brains, money and flight education. the media impact, and therefore the global shock, can be understood and interpreted as a highly perverted and intelligent act of communication. like traditional artists, "they" have scanned the networks and infrastructures in order to find weak points. then they acted accordingly and underwent all forms of repression, observational and financial, logistical and psychological problems. they hit right on target with precision.
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> Now the impact of this subversive act is on the one hand extremely tragic [the human pain and fear is hard to imagine], on the other hand it is a shock wave which will overthrow and break, which will generate immense dynamics in various global and national communities and therefore generates its own reality. the political and military implications can somehow be imagined, the sychological implications are harder to imagine, the artistic implications are felt instantly. although, i have to admit that this action is clearly in between traditional forms of hacking [considered illegal under various national laws] and new forms of media hacking [considered legal form of action]. the media action consists of a majority of legal components, the physical action, if it took place the way we imagine and see through televised and networked communication], consists of illegal components: "the legal aspect of media hacking is important to note, as it separates media hacking from traditional forms of hacking. media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political, and technical networks and implement disinformation via these subverted interfaces. media hacking asks for chuzpeh in producers. media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms. bad strategies can result in personally catastrophic scenarios, and successful gaming presents the winners with the grand prize in the worldwide market for media attention."
> lizvlx from ubermorgen, c17 [computer chaos club conference, 12/2000, Berlin]

so, who will take the grand prize of this [media] hack? who will put his brand/logo on top of it? who will be able to negate responsibility due to artistic argumentation of non-liability and freedom of artistic expression? who understands the U.S. constitution and its weak points well enough to produce a legal basis for the media hack-components of this action in the future?

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**> Do the practices of media professionals have moral consequences? To whom are the media responsible: the public, stockholders, advertisers? Who decides what may "harm" an audience or what is suitable for consumption by adults and children alike?**
the problem is, media is not considered as an entity such as the legal system or the parliamentary system, therefore there is no democratic control over the media and the media corps [all corporations deny democratic control! that is the only reason why they exist and why they are so powerful]. as long as the media, i.e. television, print and online magazines, are corporate, they will be out of control.

**> How do political agendas affect censorship and media profits? Is the internet too free? Are radical new media standards needed in light of increasing numbers of big stories based on bad reporting and lax research?**
we like to cause chaos and to misuse the "pseudo" freedom of the net as it was and as it is. new media standards are developing, but we don't think and talk a lot about this.

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**> In the battle to assert ownership of the domain name southafrica.com, South Africa claimed a legal victory. Who owns what on the internet? Does a sovereign state have the right to claim ownership of its domain name?**
dunno, it depends on whether you look at domains/urls as virtual real estate or if you look at them just as alphanumeric addresses.

if you look at it as real estate, the gold rush in unclaimed territory will just go "first come, first serve". if you look at it from the address viewpoint, the domain southafrica.com could be at anybody's disposal that makes nice use of the domain.

http://www.etoy.com

**> Is the internet revolutionising communication?**
yes, at least it did and still does revolutionise the way we communicate and organise social engineering and private communication. the real revolution is speed and, later on, the variability of tempo!

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**> The world is polarised along social and economic lines - the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. The gap is widening within the developed world and between the developed and developing worlds. One percent of the population in the US holds over 35 percent of the nation's private assets, a level of concentration not seen since before the Great Depression. What can citizens of the world do to reduce inequality?**
from a female viewpoint, use your brains and make one pragmatic step after another. from a male viewpoint, look at how women do it and try to learn and adapt and copy and paste. do not believe the pixel!

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**> You are an internet pioneer. What do you think of the effect of the digital divide, and how can South Africans respond to this challenge?**
understand the power of limitation. accept the limited resources and use them well. turn weaknesses into strengths with self-confidence and intelligence. be open and naive and educate yourself by asking questions all the time. at least that was the way we/i responded to the challenge of the net. i think it's probably still true as a strategy.

**> Has the internet made the world a better place?**
no. just a faster and a smaller place.

http://www.naziline.com

**> What project are you currently working on?**
one of our central projects is a series of transformations of digital actions into different goods, fine art objects. we need transformation in order to enter the art market and start to make profit with our actions. with this strategy, we will be able to finance future actions. we've self-financed all our operations and corporations until today and we are committed to continuing to do so.

http://www.ubermorgen.com

additionally, we are just anxious to fuck around with the material world of objects after many years of focusing on digital production. the bridge [transformation] is the key to do so. our fine art production technologies range from oil paintings to acryl-glass objects, from metal coins to steel sculptures, from computer hardware to photos.

personally, i'm working on my PhD. thesis on "media hacking and affirmative strategies", while we work on consulting and running marketing operations for our current major korporAte fasch!st money-bag client "ALLIANZ." we are negotiating around a movie-script for one of our actions, working on internal tools, looking around for art agents, galleries and exhibitions and giving some lectures and workshops.

uberBRANDING and sub-branding for our network of companies and products is strategically important and has to be designed in 2002. different book publications have come out or will come out soon, including a book about the history of the internet based around the development of etoy and eToys. this book will be published by HarperCollins in London, spring 2002.

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HANS BERNHARD, OWNER, [V]OTE-AUCTION.COM: Yes, hello.

VAN SUSTEREN: Hans, why in the world do you think it is any of your business to get involved in this American election?

BERNHARD: We are interested in providing a forum in order to create a perfect market. That's also our slogan: bringing capitalism and democracy closer together. This is actually our task and we see this as a worldwide operation. The U.S. election is just a test pilot for us in order to do research, in order to bring out this perfect market.

VAN SUSTEREN: Does your website buy, sell, solicit, ask for donations, or use anything else in terms of getting American votes?

BERNHARD: No, we don't do that. We are just a plain forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free market exchange. That's all that we do.

COSSACK: Tell me exactly, sir, how you intend to accomplish this? As I understand it, prior to having your Web site taken down before, you would... if I wanted to, you could buy my vote, and then you could take that vote and then, I suppose, turn it around and sell it to the candidate who would pay you the highest amount of money. Why, isn't that just flat-out voter fraud?

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VAN SUSTEREN: All right, let's go - let me please interrupt you for one second and go up to Bill Wood from the state of California. Bill, is what Hans Bernhard is doing, in your view, illegal under Californian law? What is it that you contend as illegal, if indeed it is? Also the whole idea, which, I must admit, I'm a little fixated about; someone from another country interfering, or doing anything, in an American election. But go ahead, Bill.

WILLIAM WOOD, CHIEF COUNSEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA: Very briefly, what this individual has described is illegal in California. The basis in California is that you cannot sell your vote, you cannot offer to sell it, nor can you buy other peoples' votes. That has been the law in our state for some time.

VAN SUSTEREN: Is it a quid pro quo, though? Or how different is it from this: you give your $1,000 campaign contribution on November sixth and November eighth, then you show up at your Congressman's office and say: Remember me? I'm a big contributor, I would like to talk to you about some project? How is that different?

WOOD: Well, it's absolutely different because it's fundamentally different. The actual buying of the vote is just that. It is that simple. It is the buying of some individual's vote. One of the things in the United States that we have prized above all is the vote. It is an inalienable right, and in every state in the United States, to my knowledge, the process of buying or selling votes is illegal. It is a federal violation.

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**> Your etoy.com campaign brought you international fame, did you ever think that highlighting corporate abuse would cause such controversy?**
yes, we built our so-called "dispositive" from 1993-1998 in order to run campaigns such as "the digital hijack" or later also the "TOYWAR". the dispositive is the system, it is a slick and swell system of different traps. you lay it out with the help of lsd technology and you continue building more and more traps so it becomes a global network of slimy traps. from the beginning i was extremely interested in corporate aesthetics and structures. large scale multi-national corporations are the ultimate "GESAMTKUNSTWERK"* of our times. so the etoy. AGENTS played this corporate game to excess, over many years and ongoing. we certainly won the grand prix d'attention! we never considered our game and our business as a direct or conscious critique on corporations. we were only trying to do about half as good of a job as multis do, whilst looking as if we were ten times better at it... and we actually are!

http://www.blasthaus.com/press/surface/index.html

**> Did you make money out of your etoy victory?**
the company running the TOYWAR campaign is only partially owned by etoy.HOLDING. there are different financial and legal fights in progress. i would prefer to not comment on the pending lawsuits.

http://www.brainhard.com

**> I've heard before that the guerrilla marketing is used to create a buzz. Isn't this the same as saying advertising creates interest but isn't used to sell something? If the purpose of guerrilla marketing isn't to sell something, then what do you do to sell things? Aren't you just creating a new outlet for media control?**
ubermorgen:: : we make money!

http://www.ekmrz.cx

**> What is your view on corporate censorship?**
senseless, it simply doesn't work! as with lots of things that are also technical in nature, it sometimes makes no sense to talk about the ethical values or consequences of a semi-technical action, such as

censorship, because the technical aspect overrules the ethical one. hence the whole discussion becomes theoretical in nature. we prefer the practical, you may call it pragmatic, approach.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/wto_bichlbauer/

**> How does [v]ote-auction.com differ from online auctions such as eBay? What did you do to warrant FBI intervention?**
it does not really differ so much. the major difference is the vice-versa anonymity of the buyers and sellers, and that buyers buy (or bid for) blocks (one block is all votes from one state), and not individual votes. so you would not bid for Mr. Littletown's ballot, but you would buy California's vote as a whole.

http://www.**vote-auction**.net

secondly, FBI intervention was ongoing since the project started. James Baumgartner, the initial creator of [V]a, was questioned several times by the FBI. we are also aware of possible intrusions into our server-network by the FBI trying to gather illegal information on vote-selling people. the NSA, the GSA and the CIA were involved in information gathering. additionally one of our servers was hacked into just when the public relations hype and the global focus on [V]ote-auction was fully going off. it was such a fun party for all involved. In the end, this party was even joined by the Ministry of The Interior and the secret services of Germany and Austria - and the global media [CNN, le Monde, Washington post, FAZ...] were playing the ultimate pop-soundtrack to this techno-political-action-thriller.

**> What is 'shock marketing' and what effect does its usage have? Isn't it just another form of trickery?**
it's simple. you shock the user. due to this shock, the user's channels are wide open and you can feed information directly [unfiltered, uncensored] into the brain of the recipient. a fantastic tool to push top-down information [advertising mainly] or highly subversive and dangerous information [e.g. Coca-Cola contains gummiarabicum. Osama bin Laden used to control 90% of the global gummiarabicum production = subversive info and a shock by itself].

shock-marketing has a long tradition in advertising, but today, you can use it best on the net thanks to the structure of the net and its many hundreds of millions of naive users. it is here to be used not only by marketing-brains but also by artists, activists and terrorists.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme/headquarters/eMedia/guerilla/index.html

**> Everywhere we go advertising surrounds us. The US spends 3% of its GDP on advertising - about $300 billion dollars. This is considered one of the major reasons of their success as advertising promotes consumption. Materialism is one of the end results of consumerism. We all know what effect this 'rampant consumerism' has on the environment and society. Does advertising make the world a better place?**
no! anything involving primarily money is surely not for the benefit or improvement of the world. not that the world would need our human funds anyway. advertising is money, money is the language for markets, and markets make up economies. ubermorgen is proud to take part in some of the markets - they give us a really fat profit and that's what ubermorgen is mainly here for, next to our other reasons of existing. as all human beings in the western hemisphere, fame and money is all we want, and we want it now and we've got it now and we will get more later, thanks to the internet, thanks to advertising, thanks to ALLIANZ, MICROSOFT, SONY, NOKIA and other uberCLIENTS.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/bartnlisa_khaus_ACTION_2001.mov

**> "The most important assets are brands. Buildings age and become dilapidated. Machines wear out. Cars rust. People die. But what lives on are the brands." Hector Liang, Chairman, United Biscuits**

What do you think of this statement? Are consumers merely puppets of the media, controlled and willed by media owners?
no. well, actually, yes! there is a difference between consumers and human beings. the consumer is a product of the media. the human being is a product of nature [uberNATURE]. the media is also a product of nature, so therefore in the end, the consumer is a product of nature, but more indirect than the human being.

http://www.ubermorgen.com/uberpop_STYLE_zeriez2001/

**> What do think of the reporting on the current military intervention in Afghanistan? How objective is the media? It is all about realtime [echtzeit].**

http://www.ubermorgen.com/ATTACK_ON_DEMOCRAZY/

the media has one problem. i wrote about this problem some hours after the WTC collapsed and the Pentagon crack in full Playstation-CNN-action-mode::

"The question of true or false, him or her, CNN or independent- media, bird or cat... can under no circumstances be of value in the aftermath of this world wide media shock and mass psychosis. some [media] hackers [currently described as terrorists] have intelligently attacked central symbols of the American government and society with low-tech instruments such as knives, brains, money and flight education. the media impact, and therefore the global shock, can be understood and interpreted as a highly perverted and intelligent act of communication. like traditional artists, "they" have scanned the networks and infrastructures in order to find weak points. then they acted accordingly and underwent all forms of repression, observational and financial, logistical and psychological problems. they hit right on target with precision.

Now the impact of this subversive act is on the one hand extremely tragic [the human pain and fear is hard to imagine], on the other hand it is a shock wave which will overthrow and break, which will generate immense dynamics in various global and national communities and therefore generates its own reality. the political and military implications can somehow be imagined, the sychological implications are harder to imagine, the artistic implications are felt instantly. although, i have to admit that this action is clearly in between traditional forms of hacking [considered illegal under various national laws] and new forms of media hacking [considered legal form of action]. the media action consists of a majority of legal components, the physical action, if it took place the way we imagine and see through televised and networked communication], consists of illegal components: "the legal aspect of media hacking is important to note, as it separates media hacking from traditional forms of hacking. media hackers exploit weak spots within social, commercial, political, and technical networks and implement disinformation via these subverted interfaces. media hacking asks for chuzpeh in producers. media hackers cannot be afraid of playing with information and information distribution, but rather have to be able to witfully play with these mechanisms. bad strategies can result in personally catastrophic scenarios, and successful gaming presents the winners with the grand prize in the worldwide market for media attention."
lizvlx from ubermorgen, c17 [computer chaos club conference, 12/2000, Berlin]

so, who will take the grand prize of this [media] hack? who will put his brand/logo on top of it? who will be able to negate responsibility due to artistic argumentation of non-liability and freedom of artistic expression? who understands the U.S. constitution and its weak points well enough to produce a legal basis for the media hack-components of this action in the future?

http://www.ubermorgen/croatia/labin, 11//09//01

**> Do the practices of media professionals have moral consequences? To whom are the media responsible: the public, stockholders, advertisers? Who decides what may "harm" an audience or what is suitable for consumption by adults and children alike?**
the problem is, media is not considered as an entity such as the legal system or the parliamentary system, therefore there is no democratic control over the media and the media corps [all corporations deny democratic control! that is the only reason why they exist and why they are so powerful]. as long as the media, i.e. television, print and online magazines, are corporate, they will be out of control.

**> How do political agendas affect censorship and media profits? Is the internet too free? Are radical new media standards needed in light of increasing numbers of big stories based on bad reporting and lax research?**
we like to cause chaos and to misuse the "pseudo" freedom of the net as it was and as it is. new media standards are developing, but we don't think and talk a lot about this.

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**> In the battle to assert ownership of the domain name southafrica.com, South Africa claimed a legal victory. Who owns what on the internet? Does a sovereign state have the right to claim ownership of its domain name?**
dunno, it depends on whether you look at domains/urls as virtual real estate or if you look at them just as alphanumeric addresses.

if you look at it as real estate, the gold rush in unclaimed territory will just go "first come, first serve". if you look at it from the address viewpoint, the domain southafrica.com could be at anybody's disposal that makes nice use of the domain.

http://www.etoy.com

**> Is the internet revolutionising communication?**
yes, at least it did and still does revolutionise the way we communicate and organise social engineering and private communication. the real revolution is speed and, later on, the variability of tempo!

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**> The world is polarised along social and economic lines - the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. The gap is widening within the developed world and between the developed and developing worlds. One percent of the population in the US holds over 35 percent of the nation's private assets, a level of concentration not seen since before the Great Depression. What can citizens of the world do to reduce inequality?**
from a female viewpoint, use your brains and make one pragmatic step after another. from a male viewpoint, look at how women do it and try to learn and adapt and copy and paste. do not believe the pixel!

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**> You are an internet pioneer. What do you think of the effect of the digital divide, and how can South Africans respond to this challenge?**

understand the power of limitation. accept the limited resources and use them well. turn weaknesses into strengths with self-confidence and intelligence. be open and naive and educate yourself by asking questions all the time. at least that was the way we/i responded to the challenge of the net. i think it's probably still true as a strategy.

**> Has the internet made the world a better place?**
no. just a faster and a smaller place.

http://www.naziline.com

**> What project are you currently working on?**
one of our central projects is a series of transformations of digital actions into different goods, fine art objects. we need transformation in order to enter the art market and start to make profit with our actions. with this strategy, we will be able to finance future actions. we've self-financed all our operations and corporations until today and we are committed to continuing to do so.

http://www.ubermorgen.com

additionally, we are just anxious to fuck around with the material world of objects after many years of focusing on digital production. the bridge [transformation] is the key to do so. our fine art production technologies range from oil paintings to acryl-glass objects, from metal coins to steel sculptures, from computer hardware to photos.

personally, i'm working on my PhD. thesis on "media hacking and affirmative strategies", while we work on consulting and running marketing operations for our current major korporAte fasch!st money-bag client "ALLIANZ." we are negotiating around a movie-script for one of our actions, working on internal tools, looking around for art agents, galleries and exhibitions and giving some lectures and workshops. uberBRANDING and sub-branding for our network of companies and products is strategically important and has to be designed in 2002. different book publications have come out or will come out soon, including a book about the history of the internet based around the development of etoy and eToys. this book will be published by HarperCollins in London, spring 2002.

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HANS BERNHARD, OWNER, [V]OTE-AUCTION.COM: Yes, hello.

VAN SUSTEREN: Hans, why in the world do you think it is any of your business to get involved in this American election?

BERNHARD: We are interested in providing a forum in order to create a perfect market. That's also our slogan: bringing capitalism and democracy closer together. This is actually our task and we see this as a worldwide operation. The U.S. election is just a test pilot for us in order to do research, in order to bring out this perfect market.

VAN SUSTEREN: Does your website buy, sell, solicit, ask for donations, or use anything else in terms of getting American votes?

BERNHARD: No, we don't do that. We are just a plain forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free market exchange. That's all that we do.

COSSACK: Tell me exactly, sir, how you intend to accomplish this? As I understand it, prior to having your Web site taken down before, you would... if I wanted to, you could buy my vote, and then you could take that vote and then, I suppose, turn it around and sell it to the candidate who would pay you the highest amount of money. Why, isn't that just flat-out voter fraud?

BERNHARD: No, we don't buy or sell votes. We don't do that. We just facilitate a platform where we want to have this market done, and we see that there is a big future for this. We bring this business to business. You know, we have consultants. They cut, like, 10-15 percent for themselves, and they sell the vote to the campaigners.

VAN SUSTEREN: All right, let's go - let me please interrupt you for one second and go up to Bill Wood from the state of California. Bill, is what Hans Bernhard is doing, in your view, illegal under Californian law? What is it that you contend as illegal, if indeed it is? Also the whole idea, which, I must admit, I'm a little fixated about; someone from another country interfering, or doing anything, in an American election. But go ahead, Bill.

WILLIAM WOOD, CHIEF COUNSEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA: Very briefly, what this individual has described is illegal in California. The basis in California is that you cannot sell your vote, you cannot offer to sell it, nor can you buy other peoples' votes. That has been the law in our state for some time.

VAN SUSTEREN: Is it a quid pro quo, though? Or how different is it from this: you give your $1,000 campaign contribution on November sixth and November eighth, then you show up at your Congressman's office and say: Remember me? I'm a big contributor, I would like to talk to you about some project? How is that different?

WOOD: Well, it's absolutely different because it's fundamentally different. The actual buying of the vote is just that. It is that simple. It is the buying of some individual's vote. One of the things in the United States that we have prized above all is the vote. It is an inalienable right, and in every state in the United States, to my knowledge, the process of buying or selling votes is illegal. It is a federal violation.

CNN/ Burden of Proof "Bidding for Ballots: Democracy on the Block" Aired Oct 24, 2000 - 12:30 p.m. ET

http://www.ubermorgen.com/CNN_vote_auction/cnn1.html
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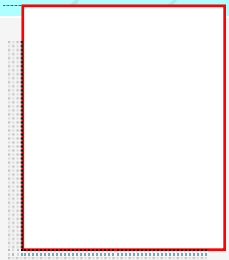

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## NETWORKED CULTURE AND ITS IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION

by DAMIAN STEPHENS

Chatting to aNt from tomato interactive (http://www.tomato.co.uk) via ICQ, I was (half)_joking about how the Web was dead, having become nothing more than a bunch of crappy corporate brochures and a few egomaniac designers' sites. aNt agreed, "The web is dead. The internet is where it's at."At first I laughed this off as a semantic joke, but on further reflection I began to see the truth behind the humour. aNt was referring to the thriving, vibrant communities that exist online unhindered by international borders, paternalistic governments and the oppressive blight of commercial messages. These communities are built around various network_APPLICATIONS such as Hotline, Carrachio, IRC and ICQ.

This is where real-time, direct, one-to-one communication, open source knowledge-sharing and collaboration has been happening for years. This is where a new communication_CULTURE is evolving.

"The techniques and practises of non-linear forms of living, thinking, and production are now becoming standard operations with, through, over, under and around the new media."
- Heiko Idensen

Participation in networked_CULTURE changes people fundamentally. The networked_INDIVIDUAL is smarter and better informed than ever before, better equipped to see through empty brand promises and meaningless slogans. Your BRAND strategy has to be smarter if you wish to appeal to the techno-savvy screen_GENERATION.

Participation changes people's expectations. They are better informed because they are talking to each other, they have access to an unlimited supply of FREE information. They form virtual communities around special interests. They talk about their experiences of your brand, both bad and good. If your company takes two weeks to answer an email, people will tell their friends and your promise of "great customer service" will be rendered empty. It is a freeing experience.

People can easily find the truth behind brands and products (health concerns/ environmental issues/ real user experience of products - "is car model x really better than model y?"

People expect real-time, direct, immediate communication that is open and honest. They expect to be able to interact and respond.

You have the ability to exercise your CHOICE to ignore what you don't want to see - one click and the banner ad is gone!
You have added another communication platform to your persona. It is a new voice that can be either separate or a continuum of one. There is a interesting book called "Life on the screen" by S. Turkle, which deals with all kinds of things like people developing different sides of their characters through the different avenues the internet offers. Read the Cluetrain manifesto for more (www.cluetrain.com)

With traditional media we have learned to accept marketing strategies that interrupt and exclude our involvement. To expect the same level of acceptance on the Internet is to ignore the way it has revolutionised communication. The Internet brings with it principles of interaction and non-linear information interpretation that are not possible in traditional media. Communication is based on decision, content is delivered by request and messages are interpreted by choice.

"Whether one likes it or not, the net is NOT a commercial playground a priori. It is an open space for ANY communication needs between any people."
- Hans Bernhard (CEO Ubermorgen, www.ubermorgen.com).

The marketing and advertising techniques and strategies employed in traditional media do not translate to these new communication environments. It is that simple. The networked_CULTURE generation is immune to traditional advertising and marketing, an unsophisticated irritation at worst and an amusingly inept joke

at best. It is frightening how many creative and marketing strategies still sound like they have been cut-and-pasted directly from the Dack Web Economy Bullshit Generator (www.dack.com/web/bullshit.html).

The popularity of the Cluetrain Manifesto (www.cluetrain.com), Adbusters (www.adbusters.org) and Allyourbrand (www.allyourbrand.org) give an insight into how advertising is generally viewed by the network_CULTURE generation. "We're looking for graphic designers who fight consumerism, who have stopped using their talents to further advertising's oppressive monologue and instead create a dialogue between creator and viewer. We're looking for people with a fresh take on design."
- Adbusters Re-Design Contest.

Communicating with the network_CULTURE generation is one of the toughest challenges facing advertisers and marketers. Anybody who connects is part of net.CULTURE to different degrees… from the person who sits too many hours online instead of being with family and friends, to the novice who selectively researches, to the hardcore screen_KID who is connected for more or less every waking hour. The hysteria of the late nineties and Seattle / silicon alley hardness changed the free playpen sensibility to the pre- and post-DOTcom crash flaccidity.

Now, after the fall from grace of all the ridiculous promises, normal development is paced. The impetus coming from small unknown people with big ideas who are defined by a humility, a casualness - a refusal to be totally sold out or sell out - but who choose to support brands not only based on Michael Jordan endorsing them but also by their function. This band questions paradigms and rejects the tired.

Unfortunately, traditional agencies have neither the cultural understanding nor technical know how to communicate in these new non-linear environments. And sadly, most clients do not have the vision or desire to change their own communication strategies, relying instead on what they see as tried and tested formulae.

New media agencies are just as guilty however, re-packaging traditional marketing strategies and inappropriate thinking. The 'brochure site' is a classic example of traditional advertising and marketing thinking inappropriately applied to the Web environment. Sites where interaction is limited to the virtual equivalent of 'turning a page' simply do not excite people who expect so much more. They are a permanent monument to the fact that you don't get it, despite what your payoff line says.

Unfortunately 'interactivity' is often used as little more than decoration (or "showing off" as Tom Roope described it in the first issue of Design Indaba magazine). Thankfully, the era of the ubiquitous cinematic 'Flash intro' (and various other pointless effects of input devices on screen elements) seems to be coming to an end.

So, how can brands go about effectively communicating to the networked_CULTURE generation?

Communication strategies must tap into the collective conscience of the networked_CULTURE generation. A BRAND must captivate and intrigue. This requires a new and smarter kind of 'storytelling'. Traditional interruptive linear brand narratives do not work in this environment. Online brands must be agile and flexible. The ability to rapidly evolve and grow in fluid communication environments is essential.

Another key to the building of successful digital_BRANDS is the creation of participant feedback loops to encourage high user involvement and interaction.

Ultimately the solution lies in generating great IDEAS based on the principles that form the foundation of network_CULTURE.

At type01 we define these principles as: +++ Now Culture™! - live it //
It is happening now, all around you. While you are planning your online marketing strategy 6 months in advance, your target audience is changing their preferences, their habits and their net_USAGE patterns on an hourly basis. We live in this world, you are watching from a distance. Participate.

+++ Living, Real Time Communication //
Net_APPLICATIONS have enabled instant, direct and organic communication. We do not accept having to wait for automated email replies and computerized hold messages. We want access to real people with real time communication.

+++ Dialogue//
In decentralised networks no participant is necessarily more important or powerful than another. Networked_COMPANIES must facilitate real conversation, not hide behind traditional corporate marketing messages. It is only those brands that allow an open dialogue that succeed, and only those that participate in the conversation that last.

+++ Open Source//
An IDEA has more value when it is shared, explored and refined. Exchange, sharing & collaboration leads to the establishment of relationships and respect between networked_INDIVIDUALS and corporations, fosters community and produces the most interesting work. Brands must learn to be OPEN if they wish to survive in the networked_CULTURE age. You can't hide anything on the net. Don't be afraid, participate!

+++ Choice//
The Internet and the evolution of networked_CULTURE has given individuals the power to build and destroy brands. Resistance is futile. Embrace the chaos!

You have to be immersed in this culture to be able to speak its language. Design, programming and interaction design should all be well-crafted and thoughtful executions of great IDEAS, not ends in themselves.

Digital Brand Cult[ure]; Intellectual property and the application of intellectual know-how is rapidly becoming the currency of the networked_CULTURE age. An IDEA today is the digital_BRAND of tomorrow. The rapid growth of digital brands is simply the embodiment of the popularity of good IDEAS in a networked_WORLD.
IDEAS self-propagate and spread like MEMES. Sophisticated, appropriate and compelling advertising concepts can be attached to these IDEAS, provoking and facilitating active user involvement, which ultimately leads to effective branding and marketing communication.

The investment in IDEAS pays its returns in cultural_CAPITAL and credibility, powerful and valuable assets in the networked_CULTURE age. However, credibility is a fragile commodity when your BRAND is exposed to open.source_CULTURE.

Habbo Hotel (www.habbohotel.com), MU-MU™ (http://mu-mu.type01.com), One(1).CYCLE.OCCUR™ (www.onecycleoccur.com), the alt.sense Photo Album (http://www.altsense.net/projects/albums/index.shtml) and skim.com (http://www.skim.com/) are all good examples of networked_IDEAS.

The age of networked_CULTURE has also heralded other interesting new possibilities. The line between what's real and what's not, between conceptual art and radical business model has become increasingly blurred as both artists and businesses strive to explore and exploit the new communication environments. Great example of IDEAS that play on and subvert traditional notions of business and art are:
etoy VS. eToys (www.toywar.com); dubbed the "Most expensive performance in art history", causing $4.5 billion in damage to eToys.com (and eventually forcing its closure), who attempted an aggressive domain take-over of an avante-garde art organisation.

[V]ote-auction (http://www.vote-auction.net/) ; "Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together." This site is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. They provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for a free-market exchange of their votes in the US general election. Described as "LEGAL BUSINESS ART" and "MEDIA HACKING", this concept is currently being exhibited in Museums around the world. [V]ote-auction.com is also currently fighting many legal cases brought against them by several of the united states.

Looking at the wide variety of sites on the web, from the plethora of gratuitous personal sites (especially designers' sites!) who proclaim their own brand of humourless "world domination", to the Great Corporate sites, there is very little fresh thought or contribution to the overall shared culture.

Current attempts are nothing more than a crude competitive race for personal or business gain. Businesses have yet to make the next great brave leap into truly engaging with their markets.

The real development happens quietly between networked_INDIVIDUALS communicating freely, where growth is organic and never forced. This growth is based on a global consciousness rather than a derivative, linear methodology of corporate origin. This communication forms the basis of networked_CULTURE.

Still not convinced? You could always try Brainmaker (http://www.brainmaker.com/).

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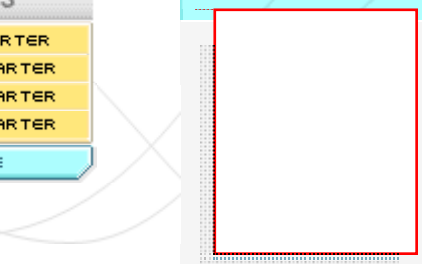

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## NETWORKED CULTURE AND ITS IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION

by DAMIAN STEPHENS

Chatting to aNt from tomato interactive (http://www.tomato.co.uk) via ICQ, I was (half)_joking about how the Web was dead, having become nothing more than a bunch of crappy corporate brochures and a few egomaniac designers' sites. aNt agreed, "The web is dead. The internet is where it's at."At first I laughed this off as a semantic joke, but on further reflection I began to see the truth behind the humour. aNt was referring to the thriving, vibrant communities that exist online unhindered by international borders, paternalistic governments and the oppressive blight of commercial messages. These communities are built around various network_APPLICATIONS such as Hotline, Carrachio, IRC and ICQ.

This is where real-time, direct, one-to-one communication, open source knowledge-sharing and collaboration has been happening for years. This is where a new communication_CULTURE is evolving.

"The techniques and practises of non-linear forms of living, thinking, and production are now becoming standard operations with, through, over, under and around the new media."
- Heiko Idensen

Participation in networked_CULTURE changes people fundamentally. The networked_INDIVIDUAL is smarter and better informed than ever before, better equipped to see through empty brand promises and meaningless slogans. Your BRAND strategy has to be smarter if you wish to appeal to the techno-savvy screen_GENERATION.

Participation changes people's expectations. They are better informed because they are talking to each other, they have access to an unlimited supply of FREE information. They form virtual communities around special interests. They talk about their experiences of your brand, both bad and good. If your company takes two weeks to answer an email, people will tell their friends and your promise of "great customer service" will be rendered empty. It is a freeing experience.

People can easily find the truth behind brands and products (health concerns/ environmental issues/ real user experience of products - "is car model x really better than model y?"

People expect real-time, direct, immediate communication that is open and honest. They expect to be able to interact and respond.

You have the ability to exercise your CHOICE to ignore what you don't want to see - one click and the banner ad is gone!

You have added another communication platform to your persona. It is a new voice that can be either separate or a continuum of one. There is a interesting book called "Life on the screen" by S. Turkle, which deals with all kinds of things like people developing different sides of their characters through the different avenues the internet offers. Read the Cluetrain manifesto for more (www.cluetrain.com)

With traditional media we have learned to accept marketing strategies that interrupt and exclude our involvement. To expect the same level of acceptance on the Internet is to ignore the way it has revolutionised communication. The Internet brings with it principles of interaction and non-linear information interpretation that are not possible in traditional media. Communication is based on decision, content is delivered by request and messages are interpreted by choice.

"Whether one likes it or not, the net is NOT a commercial playground a priori. It is an open space for ANY communication needs between any people."
- Hans Bernhard (CEO Ubermorgen, www.ubermorgen.com).

The marketing and advertising techniques and strategies employed in traditional media do not translate to these new communication environments. It is that simple. The networked_CULTURE generation is immune to traditional advertising and marketing, an unsophisticated irritation at worst and an amusingly inept joke at best. It is frightening how many creative and marketing strategies still sound like they have been cut-and-pasted directly from the Dack Web Economy Bullshit Generator (www.dack.com/web/bullshit.html).

The popularity of the Cluetrain Manifesto (www.cluetrain.com), Adbusters (www.adbusters.org) and Allyourbrand (www.allyourbrand.org) give an insight into how advertising is generally viewed by the network_CULTURE generation. "We're looking for graphic designers who fight consumerism, who have stopped using their talents to further advertising's oppressive monologue and instead create a dialogue between creator and viewer. We're looking for people with a fresh take on design."
- Adbusters Re-Design Contest.

Communicating with the network_CULTURE generation is one of the toughest challenges facing advertisers and marketers. Anybody who connects is part of net.CULTURE to different degrees… from the person who sits too many hours online instead of being with family and friends, to the novice who selectively researches, to the hardcore screen_KID who is connected for more or less every waking hour. The hysteria of the late nineties and Seattle / silicon alley hardness changed the free playpen sensibility to the pre- and post-DOTcom crash flaccidity.

Now, after the fall from grace of all the ridiculous promises, normal development is paced. The impetus coming from small unknown people with big ideas who are defined by a humility, a casualness - a refusal to be totally sold out or sell out - but who choose to support brands not only based on Michael Jordan endorsing them but also by their function. This band questions paradigms and rejects the tired.

Unfortunately, traditional agencies have neither the cultural understanding nor technical know how to communicate in these new non-linear environments. And sadly, most clients do not have the vision or desire to change their own communication strategies, relying instead on what they see as tried and tested formulae.

New media agencies are just as guilty however, re-packaging traditional marketing strategies and inappropriate thinking. The 'brochure site' is a classic example of traditional advertising and marketing thinking inappropriately applied to the Web environment. Sites where interaction is limited to the virtual equivalent of 'turning a page' simply do not excite people who expect so much more. They are a permanent monument to the fact that you don't get it, despite what your payoff line says.

Unfortunately 'interactivity' is often used as little more than decoration (or "showing off" as Tom Roope described it in the first issue of Design Indaba magazine). Thankfully, the era of the ubiquitous cinematic 'Flash intro' (and various other pointless effects of input devices on screen elements) seems to be coming to an end.

So, how can brands go about effectively communicating to the networked_CULTURE generation?

Communication strategies must tap into the collective conscience of the networked_CULTURE generation. A BRAND must captivate and intrigue. This requires a new and smarter kind of 'storytelling'. Traditional interruptive linear brand narratives do not work in this environment. Online brands must be agile and flexible. The ability to rapidly evolve and grow in fluid communication environments is essential.

Another key to the building of successful digital_BRANDS is the creation of participant feedback loops to encourage high user involvement and interaction.

Ultimately the solution lies in generating great IDEAS based on the principles that form the foundation of network_CULTURE.

At type01 we define these principles as: +++ Now Culture™! - live it //
It is happening now, all around you. While you are planning your online marketing strategy 6 months in advance, your target audience is changing their preferences, their habits and their net_USAGE patterns on an hourly basis. We live in this world, you are watching from a distance. Participate.

+++ Living, Real Time Communication //
Net_APPLICATIONS have enabled instant, direct and organic communication. We do not accept having to wait for automated email replies and computerized hold messages. We want access to real people with real time communication.

+++ Dialogue//
In decentralised networks no participant is necessarily more important or powerful than another.

Networked_COMPANIES must facilitate real conversation, not hide behind traditional corporate marketing messages. It is only those brands that allow an open dialogue that succeed, and only those that participate in the conversation that last.

+++ Open Source//
An IDEA has more value when it is shared, explored and refined. Exchange, sharing & collaboration leads to the establishment of relationships and respect between networked_INDIVIDUALS and corporations, fosters community and produces the most interesting work. Brands must learn to be OPEN if they wish to survive in the networked_CULTURE age. You can't hide anything on the net. Don't be afraid, participate!

+++ Choice//
The Internet and the evolution of networked_CULTURE has given individuals the power to build and destroy brands. Resistance is futile. Embrace the chaos!

You have to be immersed in this culture to be able to speak its language. Design, programming and interaction design should all be well-crafted and thoughtful executions of great IDEAS, not ends in themselves.

Digital Brand Cult[ure]; Intellectual property and the application of intellectual know-how is rapidly becoming the currency of the networked_CULTURE age. An IDEA today is the digital_BRAND of tomorrow. The rapid growth of digital brands is simply the embodiment of the popularity of good IDEAS in a networked_WORLD.
IDEAS self-propagate and spread like MEMES. Sophisticated, appropriate and compelling advertising concepts can be attached to these IDEAS, provoking and facilitating active user involvement, which ultimately leads to effective branding and marketing communication.

The investment in IDEAS pays its returns in cultural_CAPITAL and credibility, powerful and valuable assets in the networked_CULTURE age. However, credibility is a fragile commodity when your BRAND is exposed to open.source_CULTURE.

Habbo Hotel (www.habbohotel.com), MU-MU™ (http://mu-mu.type01.com), One(1).CYCLE.OCCUR™ (www.onecycleoccur.com), the alt.sense Photo Album (http://www.altsense.net/projects/albums/index.shtml) and skim.com (http://www.skim.com/) are all good examples of networked_IDEAS.

The age of networked_CULTURE has also heralded other interesting new possibilities. The line between what's real and what's not, between conceptual art and radical business model has become increasingly blurred as both artists and businesses strive to explore and exploit the new communication environments. Great example of IDEAS that play on and subvert traditional notions of business and art are:
etoy VS. eToys (www.toywar.com); dubbed the "Most expensive performance in art history", causing $4.5 billion in damage to eToys.com (and eventually forcing its closure), who attempted an aggressive domain take-over of an avante-garde art organisation.

[V]ote-auction (http://www.**vote-auction**.net/) ; "Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together." This site is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. They provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for a free-market exchange of their votes in the US general election. Described as "LEGAL BUSINESS ART" and "MEDIA HACKING", this concept is currently being exhibited in Museums around the world. [V]ote-auction.com is also currently fighting many legal cases brought against them by several of the united states.

Looking at the wide variety of sites on the web, from the plethora of gratuitous personal sites (especially designers' sites!) who proclaim their own brand of humourless "world domination", to the Great Corporate sites, there is very little fresh thought or contribution to the overall shared culture.

Current attempts are nothing more than a crude competitive race for personal or business gain. Businesses have yet to make the next great brave leap into truly engaging with their markets.

The real development happens quietly between networked_INDIVIDUALS communicating freely, where growth is organic and never forced. This growth is based on a global consciousness rather than a derivative, linear methodology of corporate origin. This communication forms the basis of networked_CULTURE.

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Como marco de referencia remito al texto publicado en el monográfico de Artnodes: "Recapitulando: modelos de artivismo (1994-2003)"

http://www.uoc.edu/artnodes/esp/art/baigorri0803/baigorri0803.html, donde analizo diferentes tipos de iniciativas on line que abordan aspectos sociales y políticos desde una perspectiva crítica y creativa. En mi selección de conexiones he priorizado aquellos proyectos cuyos efectos sobrepasan los límites de la red, ejerciendo una influencia activa y efectiva en la vida de los ciudadanos.

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CONTROL CORPORATIVO su injerencia en la vida pública de los ciudadanos.

la influencia de las multinacionales en la vida política de los ciudadanos

Hace un par de meses los periódicos de Austria lanzaron un sorprendente titular: “Nike compra calles y plazas” VIENA Karlsplatz de Viena à Nikeplatz

En una de las esquinas de la Plaza apareció una Infobox patrocinada por Nike que anuncia el cambio de nombre a los ciudadanos y la propuesta se completa con la colocación de un MONUMENTO de 36 metros que reproduce el famoso logo (Swoosh) de la marca. Incluso han creado una serie limitada de un nuevo calzado deportivo denominado Ground

Turbulence III FOOTWEAR que aparecerá en el mercado el día de la inauguración de la Nikeplatz. Esta acción es la primera de una campaña que pretende extenderse a varias ciudades del mundo. Dentro del puesto de información, una pareja vestida con ropa deportiva de la marca, anunciaba que Nike se va a introducir en barrios, calles, parques y avenidas de las principales capitales bajo los nombres Nikesquare, Nikestreet, Piazzanike, Plazanike o Nikestrasse.

INTRO 01.ORG Esta es la última acción de los 01 compartida con el grupo cultural Public Netbase de Viena.

La reacción de los vieneses ha sido protestar contra esta apropiación del espacio público y sus indignadas cartas, junto con los artículos de los periodistas han sido reenviadas por los 01 a Nike. La reacción de Nike (6/10) ha consistido en iniciar acciones legales contra 01.org y Public Netbase.

En una rueda de prensa, los 01 han respondido que no entienden los ataques de Nike, ya que es la primera vez que alguien les hace publicidad gratis. «¿Donde está el espíritu Nike? Nosotros esperábamos su espíritu deportivo, no una pandilla de aburridos abogados. Muchos artistas han trabajado con productos comerciales en el pasado (Andy Warhol y las Sopas Campbell). El arte contemporáneo no mantiene un rol predeterminado en nuestra sociedad; por el contrario, actúa en una esfera donde se pueden realizar manifestaciones que no son posibles en ningún otro contexto. El arte ha utilizado muchas veces como tema las poderosas imágenes que circulan en cada época. Nike invade nuestras vidas con sus productos y anuncios, pero nos prohíbe utilizarlas creativamente». 27/10 http://www.t0.or.at/nikeground/pressreleases/en/003

James Baumgartner. Voteauction.com http://www.**vote-auction**.net/

Página ideada por el joven James Baumgartner y posteriormente absorbida por el colectivo rtmark. Su propuesta plantea subastar los votos presidenciales de los ciudadanos al mejor postor corporativo. En marzo de 2000 apareció esta web que proponía a los desencantados y/o dubitativos electores norteamericanos vender sus votos de cara a las siguientes elecciones presidenciales (7/11/2000) capitaneadas por Gore y Bush. La operación se completaba con la compra de estos mismos votos por compañías privadas que debían pujar entre sí para conseguirlos; así, semana a semana, los usuarios pudieron comprobar a través de un simplificado panel informativo la cotización de estos votos en función del estado al que pertenecían. Por supuesto, se trataba de un simple proyecto de simulación que Baumgartner se encargaba de actualizar periódicamente con datos inventados, pero la repercusión mediática no se hizo esperar: fueron numerosos los artículos de prensa y las entrevistas televisadas. Los periodistas que cubrieron la historia no pudieron evitar mencionar aquello que su autor estaba esperando: que las empresas privadas siempre han comprado votos durante las elecciones norteamericanas.

Heath Bunting BorderXing Guide

http://www.tate.org.uk/netart/borderxingguide.htm es un espacio que contiene documentación sobre una serie de recorridos que atraviesan los límites nacionales, sin impedimentos de aduanas, inmigración o policía fronteriza. Paradójicamente, el website no es accesible a cualquiera que tenga una conexión a Internet: quien quiera visitarlo debe desplazarse físicamente hasta uno de los lugares designados por el autor, o bien conseguir una autorización de éste a través de la red (se puede consultar la lista completa en http://irational.org/borderxing/). Como podemos suponer, el proyecto se dedica a invertir los papeles entre dos ideas preconcebidas: una, que las fronteras restringen el movimiento; y dos: la idea de supuesta libertad relacionada con el concepto de Internet como un espacio sin fronteras.

Ingo Günther. Refugee Republic http://www.refugee.net/

Günther concibe su República de Refugiados como un estado territorial y supranacional en la red. El proyecto está basado en la premisa de que el número de refugiados aumenta continuamente en todo el mundo debido a los procesos de emigración, mientras las bases geográficas y políticas permanecen inalterables. Esta República de Refugiados se mueve entre la ficción (pasaportes para los refugiados) y la realidad (acceso a informaciones exhaustivas acerca de los refugiados, y enlaces con el Alto Comisariado de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados.

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Este trabajo se centra en la realización de fotografías en el marco de grandes inauguraciones museísticas, bienales, trienales y todo tipo de evento artístico de carácter internacional. La participación de los usuarios es fundamental, ya que son ellos quienes aportan la documentación de las diferentes exposiciones a través de sus imágenes y comentarios. La página web consiste en una base de datos que muestra de manera individualizada y por bloques cada una de las aportaciones. Actualmente están en marcha los bloques que corresponden a las inauguraciones de la Colección del MACBA de Barcelona (2002) y a la exposición “On Translation” de Muntadas (2003). La idea que reside en la base de este proyecto no es la construcción de un ingenuo archivo documental fotográfico, sino algo más crítico y complejo: “La creación artística nunca ha sido independiente del contexto económico y político y esta pieza indaga las relaciones creadas entre estas tres esferas que aparentemente funcionan de una manera independiente, pero que mantienen entre sí profundos vínculos de subsistencia. Los estados establecen y crean espacios iconográficos de modernidad que sean adaptables con el turismo global y las grandes fundaciones económicas deben justificar sus cuentas con premisas sociales”.

Knowbotic Research. Minds Of Concern: Breaking News

http://www.krcf.org/krcfhome/MINDS_NEWYORK/1MoC0.htm

http://www.krcf.org/krcfhome/MINDS_BARCELONA/3MoC.htm

Esta instalación interactiva plantea una revisión crítica de los conceptos de libertad, seguridad y vulnerabilidad del metabolismo global de las comunicaciones telemáticas. Por medio de una interfaz llamada Public Domain Scanner, el usuario puede analizar las principales páginas de grupos, asociaciones y ONGs relacionadas con los distintos movimientos civiles en Internet, y detectar su grado de vulnerabilidad en la red. Los resultados del análisis se visualizan a través de señales de luz, sonido y flujos de datos proyectados en el espacio expositivo sobre un tapiz de largas tiras de plástico entrelazadas. Con ello se genera una zona de alerta transitable que conecta las redes virtuales con el espacio real. “En este proyecto, determinamos los límites entre lo que es y lo que no legal en el dominio público (US) tras las actuaciones patrióticas, y también intentamos mostrar las áreas de fricción entre una activa construcción del dominio público, el expansivo sistema legal de los EEUU, y las débiles dimensiones de una infraestructura intensamente vigilada y supuestamente abierta a la comunicación e información, como Internet”.

Josh On, Futurefarmers. They Rule http://www.theyrule.net

Ellos mandan... En 1956, C. Wright Mills escribía The Power Elite documentando las interconexiones entre la gente más poderosa de los EEUU. Desde entonces, la situación se ha vuelto todavía más extrema: unas pocas compañías controlan los grandes monopolios del sector económico y sus directores no sólo están relacionados comercialmente, sino que ocupan cargos relevantes en el gobierno. Por supuesto, sus conexiones permanecen ocultas al común de los mortales. They Rule intenta hacer visible estas conexiones de la élite a través de mapas y directorios interrelacionados que los usuarios pueden modificar y ampliar según sus propias informaciones. Impresionante diseño y contenidos. Este proyecto ganó el Premio Golden Nica en la categoría Net Excellence en el último certamen de Ars Electrónica celebrado del 7 al 12 de septiembre de 2002 en Linz (Austria) bajo el lema UNPLUGGED. Art as The Scene of Global Conflicts.

The Yes Men y World Trade Organization http://www.theyesmen.org/wto/

The Yes Men crearon en 2000 una página denominada GATT.org http://www.gatt.org/ que parodiaba la estética y los contenidos de la WTO http://www.wto.org (Organización Mundial del Comercio). En mayo de 2000 recibieron un e-mail invitando a su director general Mike Moore, a hablar de la WTO en una conferencia acerca de materias relacionadas con el

comercio internacional. The Yes Men decidió enviar a un representante que pronunció una demencial conferencia sin que el público llegase a sospechar nada. Desde entonces han realizado varias intervenciones similares ante audiencias predispuestas a aceptar cualquier cosa que provenga de la WTO. Posteriormente han parodiado también la página de la poderosa industria estadounidense The Dow-Chemical evidenciando su responsabilidad sobre la catástrofe de Bhopal (India) donde han muerto más de 20.000 personas. Desde estas páginas se puede acceder a toda la información.

Transnational Temps. Novus Extinctus http://www.artcontext.org/novus

El grupo Transnational Temps, formado por los artistas Andy Deck (EEUU), Fred Adam (Francia), Verónica Perales (España), ganó con esta obra el tercer premio del certamen VIDA 4 (2001). "Los artistas han realizado una extensa obra basada en Internet compuesta por una taxonomía de nombres de dominio de la Web, un buscador que rastrea por estos datos extraños, eslóganes de marketing, datos insertados por usuarios en el sitio y misteriosos gráficos. La idea y el mensaje clave de Novus Extinctus es que la expansión de la presencia humana en la World Wide Web corre paralela a la escalofriante pérdida de la biodiversidad en los hábitats del mundo real: el número de nombres de dominio de la Web registrados aumenta cada día, al mismo tiempo que crece el número de especies extinguidas. Por eso, para construir la metáfora, los nombres de dominios que aparecen en el sitio están asociados a nombres de especies en latín. Cuando alguien selecciona un nombre de dominio y lo procesa, aparece esta asociación con un enlace a sitios reales de animales, como TigerDirect.com. La sagacidad sociopolítica de esta obra se resume en la afirmación que hacen los artistas de que nuestro creciente banco de datos de códigos genéticos, como es el caso del Proyecto del Genoma Humano, no puede de ninguna manera compensar la pérdida de especies".

Joy Garnett. The Bomb Project

http://www.firstpulseprojects.net/bombproject/Index.html

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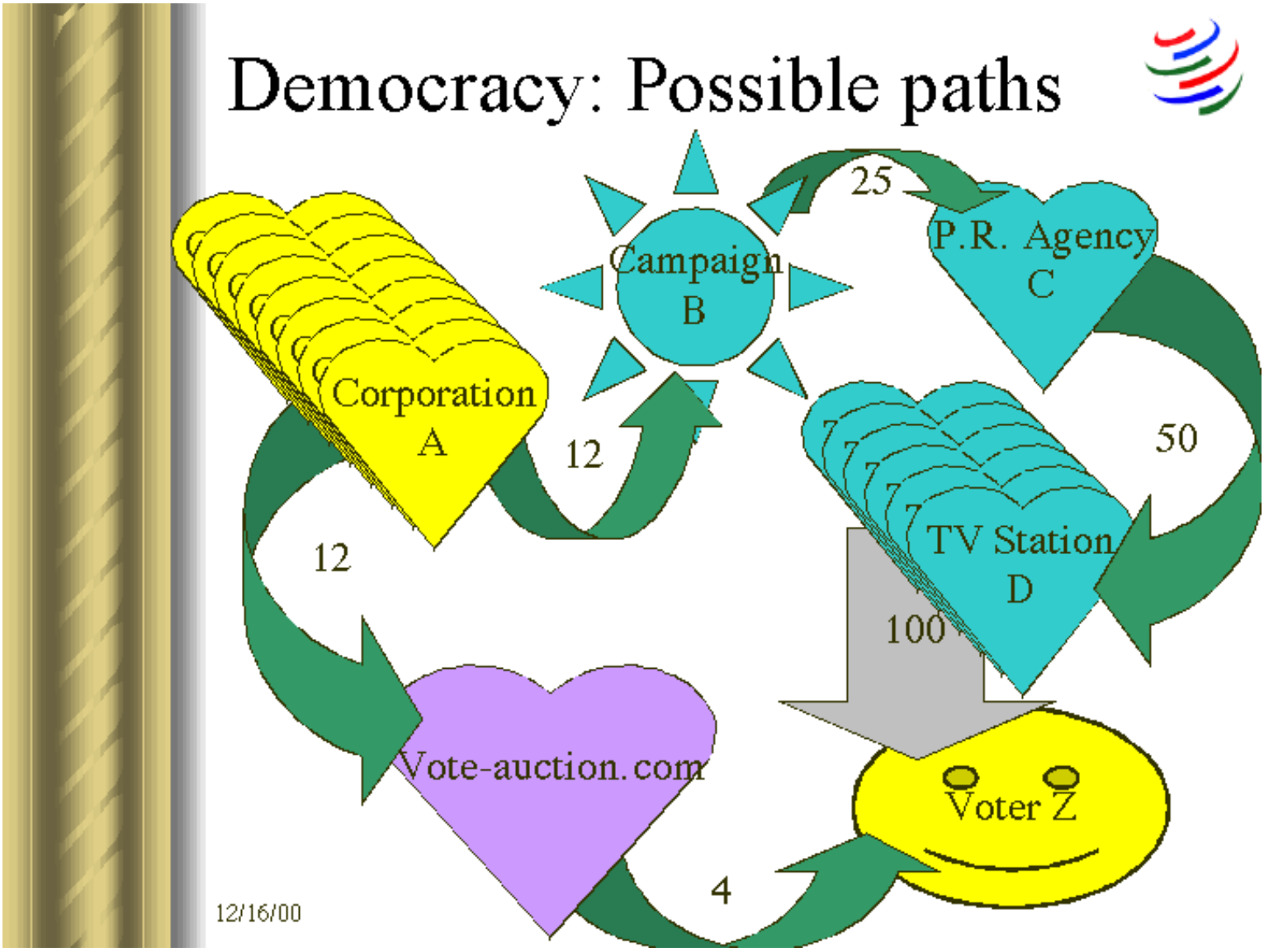


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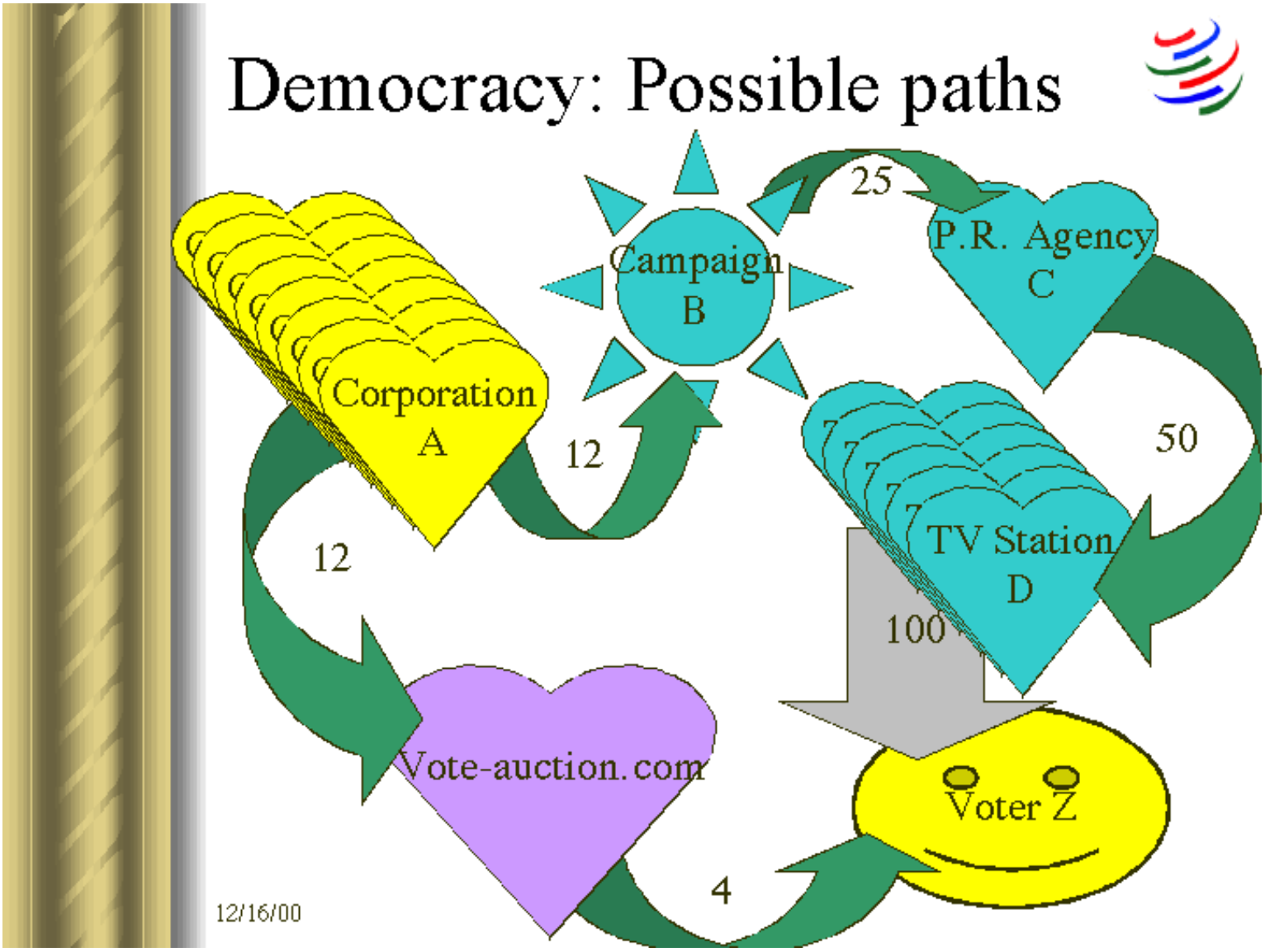


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[June 18th 2003]

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On Friday 30th and Saturday the 31st of May the second **Read_Me** festival was organized in Helsinki, Finland. The first festival was held in Moscow in May 2002. **Lars Midbøe** reports from the festival.

Readme software art festival
Helsinki 30th – 31st of May 2003
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### Say it with Software Art

So what is this festival with the strange name that is usually associated with the file that accompanies most software applications – the file that no one reads unless the program does not work or behaves strangely?

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During two days artists and theorists meet for presentations and discussions on various aspects of software and code;- and art. One might think this would be a really nerdy event with people discussing advanced programming issues and the usual 'religious' discussion of different flavors of UNIX. But Read_Me is far different from such an event since the organizers did a really good job on keeping the conferences linked to art and at the same time focus on code and creativity as the main issue.

Left: Just put on a cheap suit and put on the show, like the Yes Men do. Right: Alessandro Ludovico is constantly working, gathering info, even at parties.

**Gulliver travels to UNIX land**

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### Say it with Software Art

So what is this festival with the strange name that is usually associated with the file that accompanies most software applications – the file that no one reads unless the program does not work or behaves strangely?

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During two days artists and theorists meet for presentations and discussions on various aspects of software and code;- and art. One might think this would be a really nerdy event with people discussing advanced programming issues and the usual 'religious' discussion of different flavors of UNIX. But Read_Me is far different from such an

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# GOVERNANCE IN NAMESPACES

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ABSTRACT

*Since the creation of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the regulation of the Domain Name System (DNS) has become a central topic in Internet law and policy discussions. ICANN's critics argue that ICANN uses its technical control over the DNS as undue leverage for policy and legal control over the DNS itself and over activities that depend on the DNS. Such problems are not unique to the DNS. Rather, the DNS discussions are an example of the more abstract governance problems that occur in a set of technologies known as "namespaces."*

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*The taxonomic structure developed in this Article can be useful to legal and policy debates about the implications of various namespaces. It may also be helpful to designers of namespaces who consider the legal and policy consequences of their actions.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 2000, a Web site offered a new service allowing politicians, individuals, and corporations to bid on and buy political votes from citizens. The first Internet auction site for real votes had opened. The election in question was the U.S. presidential election of 2000, a memorable event for many reasons. The Web site in question, which described itself as "satirical," was located in Austria. It bore the name "voteauction.com."

After the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners filed a lawsuit against voteauction.com on October 18, 2000, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, issued an injunction against the Web site.[4] The company that registered the domain name was named as a co-defendant in the lawsuit.[5] After the court issued the injunction, the registrar cancelled the domain name, effectively shutting down the Web site all over the world.[6]

About a week later, the Web site appeared again under the new domain name "vote-auction.com." This time, the domain name was registered with a Swiss registrar. A few days later, it was also cancelled. However, no court issued any injunction ordering the cancellation. No official authority addressed the question of whether a domain name registered in Switzerland and located in Austria is subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Rather, the domain name was cancelled after some telephone and e-mail discussions between the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and the Swiss domain name registrar. The Swiss registrar, a private entity, exercised its power over an asset, the domain namespace, to exclude this domain name from the Internet.[7]

4. *See* Henry H. Perritt, Jr., *Towards a Hybrid Regulatory Scheme for the Internet*, 2001 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 215, 242.

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In September 1998, a freshman at Northeastern University in Boston began working on a software program that would revolutionize online music business.[8] Only two and a half years later, the Napster network had over seventy million users who downloaded up to 2.8 billion music files per month.[9] In July 2000, the District Court for the Northern District of California issued a preliminary injunction effectively ordering Napster to shut down its service. The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit later affirmed the injunction with some modifications.[10]

Voteauction.com and Napster each raise different problems. Voteauction.com is a case about election fraud, freedom of speech, and personal jurisdiction. Napster is a case about copyright infringement and innovation policy. At the same time, both cases are very similar. They illustrate how technical control over a particular component of a network can be used as leverage for legal and policy control. Voteauction.com lost both of its domain names because private entities—the domain name registrars and, ultimately, the domain name registry—could exclude its domain names from an authoritative list recognized by all computers connected to the Internet. Music files could no longer be shared over the Napster network because Napster could exclude them from an authoritative list of files recognized by all computers connected to the Napster network. In both cases, the network component that enabled this control was a namespace.

While namespaces may seem like an obscure concept of computer science, we are in fact surrounded by them. In the world of computers, the DNS, public key infrastructures (PKIs), Yahoo! Categories, Usenet newsgroups, and computer file systems are all examples of namespaces. Yet, namespaces are not confined to computers. Telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), zip codes, bar codes, and bibliographic classification schemes form namespaces too.

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Both Voteauction.com and Napster illustrate that, in cyberspace, the ability for legal regulation often depends on the technical control over a namespace. Technical namespaces are not unalterable given facts. Rather, technology is a social construct.[11] The cultural and societal structure of those who produce technology shape the technology itself.[12] Conversely, technology enables, shapes, and limits social, legal, and political relationships among citizens, businesses, and the state. Technology and law are therefore inherently intertwined. As Lawrence Lessig has shown, this interrelation between technology, law, and society implies that technology is not a neutral artifact, but can be shaped according to conscious design decisions that originate from external value systems.[13] Many design choices implicitly entail legal and policy choices.[14] The particular design of a namespace determines its

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14. For analytical purposes, this Article follows an approach that distinguishes between a technology layer and a policy layer. *See* LESSIG, CODE, *supra* note 13; Reidenberg, *supra* note 13. Conversely, in his analysis of the domain name system, Milton Mueller uses a three-layered model. On the technical layer, name allocation is coordinated to ensure uniqueness and exclusivity of names. On the economic layer, finite namespaces deal with the allocation of scarce names. On the policy layer, decisions about rights attached to names are made. *See* MILTON L. MUELLER, RULING THE ROOT: INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND THE TAMING OF CYBERSPACE 17–26 (2002). However, it is questionable whether a distinction between an economic and a policy layer should be made. Economic decisions about name allocation are a subgroup of the various policy decisions that have to be made in namespaces. In general, a layered approach proves to be very helpful in analyzing cyberlaw questions. For the analysis of communication systems, Yochai Benkler has

regulatory impact. Therefore, namespaces can be seen as a technological tool to implement certain policy goals and legal value systems into a network.

This Article analyzes the interrelation between technology and law for namespaces in general. It attempts to highlight a common feature of namespaces: designing namespaces and exercising control over them is not a mere technical matter. The technical control over a namespace creates levers for the intrusion of politics, policy, and regulation.[15] By designing namespaces in a particular way, the implementation of many regulatory goals can either be achieved or prevented. To facilitate analysis, this Article develops several dimensions of namespace governance that prove helpful in assessing the regulatory impact of design decisions made at the technical level of a namespace. A namespace can be structured, for instance, in a flat, hierarchical, or decentralized manner. Its internal architecture can be heavily controlled or loosely coordinated. A namespace can be designed to serve many different purposes or a single, narrowly defined purpose. It can be controlled by technical or by contractual means. It can be administered by a public or private entity. Although such decisions seem of technical nature, they are in fact closely intertwined with legal and policy decisions. The Article will show that the very technological architecture of a namespace may encompass a regulation of speech, access, privacy, content, copyright, trademark, liability, conflict resolution, competition, innovation, and market structures. Therefore, legal and policy

developed a layered analytical framework. In Benkler's model, communication systems can be divided into the physical layer (e.g., the wires, cables, fibers, radio frequency spectrum, printing presses), the logical layer (the software and standards that decide which expression is transmitted over the physical layer and that enable this transmission), and the content layer. *See* LAWRENCE LESSIG, THE FUTURE OF IDEAS: THE FATE OF THE COMMONS IN A CONNECTED WORLD 23–25 (2001) [hereinafter LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS]; François Bar & Christian Sandvig, *Rules From Truth: Post-Convergence Policy for Access* 21 (Sept. 2000), *available at* http://www.stanford.edu/~fbar/Publications/Rules_from_Truth.pdf; Yochai Benkler, *Property, Commons, and the First Amendment: Towards a Core Common Infrastructure* 3 (Mar. 2001), *available at* http://www.law.nyu.edu/benklery/WhitePaper.pdf; Kevin Werbach, *A Layered Model for Internet Policy* (Sept. 1, 2000), *at* http://www.edventure.com/conversation/article.cfm?Counter=2414930.

15. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 10.

considerations should be taken into account even during the design stages of a namespace.

The analysis of such questions is not novel. The best-known namespace on the Internet is the DNS. Most computers connected to the Internet are equipped with a unique numerical IP address and a unique domain name.[16] The DNS maps each domain name to an IP address. It is a prime example of how namespace control transcends the borders of technology and reaches into policy and law. Since 1998, the DNS has been managed by ICANN,[17] a private non-profit corporation under California law.[18] The status of ICANN is highly disputed. While some proponents assert that ICANN is a mere technical standardization and coordination body, critics argue that it more resembles a world government.[19] Furthermore, critics of ICANN think that it unjustly uses its control over the technical DNS infrastructure as leverage to control policy aspects of Internet communications such as trademark and copyright issues, surveillance of Internet users, regulation of content, imposition of tax-like fees, and the regulation of the domain name supply industry.[20]

The DNS governance discussions are an example of the regulatory questions this Article addresses. However, this is not an article about the governance of the DNS. Although many issues addressed by this Article are discussed in the context of the DNS, the discussions about the DNS and ICANN often fail to recognize that these issues are not unique to the DNS. Rather, they are general governance problems of namespaces that can be found in other namespaces—from peer-to-peer (P2P) systems to instant messaging systems—as well. They are not even confined to the computer world. In real space, many namespaces—from bibliographic classification schemes to Social Security numbers—exhibit the same problems.

16. Some computers are only equipped with an IP address, but not a domain name.

17. ICANN, About ICANN, *at* http://www.icann.org (last modified Jan. 11, 2002).

18. *See* ICANN, Background, *at* http://www.icann.org/general/background.htm (last modified July 16, 1999).

19. Mueller has criticized the ICANN regime as "a conservative, corporatist regime founded on artificial scarcity and regulatory control." MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 267.

20. *See id.*

No literature exists that identifies and discusses governance dimensions of namespaces on such an abstract, general level.[21] This Article not only attempts to fill that gap, but its findings can be applied to a wide range of namespaces both in cyberspace and real space. While the study of namespaces at an abstract level may be novel, it does not operate in an analytical vacuum. Many namespaces are scarce resources: the number of names that can be assigned in such namespaces falls short of the demand.[22] In bottleneck namespaces, the assignment of names has to be controlled in some way. Analyzing the legal implications of such bottleneck situations is not an unknown task. In antitrust law, the essential facilities doctrine deals with the control of a monopolist over scarce resources.[23] In communications law, common carrier regulations cope with adverse impacts of privately owned bottlenecks in the communication infrastructure.[24] The discussion whether broadband cable providers should be forced to open their networks to non-affiliated Internet service providers ("open access") is a discussion about the impact of a privately owned bottleneck: the cable network.[25] In First Amendment law, courts have regularly allocated access to different types of mass media that are allegedly

21. For an analysis of the related problems of classification, see GEOFFREY C. BOWKER & SUSAN LEIGH STAR, SORTING THINGS OUT: CLASSIFICATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES (1999).

22. The telephone number space, the current IP address space, and the generic top level domain namespace are examples of scarce namespaces. *See infra* note 191.

23. *See* United States v. Terminal R.R. Ass'n of St. Louis, 224 U.S. 383, 404–09 (1912); *see also* Robert Pitofsky, *The Essential Facilities Doctrine Under United States Antitrust Law*, *available at* http://www.ftc.gov/os/comments/intelpropertycomments/pitofskyrobert.pdf (last modified Jan. 7, 2003) (discussing the development of the essential facilities doctrine beginning with *United States v. Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis*).

24. *See, e.g.*, James H. Lister, *The Rights of Common Carriers and the Decision Whether to Be a Common Carrier or a Non-Regulated Communications Provider*, FED. COMM. L.J., Dec. 2000, at 91; Peter K. Pitsch & Arthur W. Bresnahan, *Common Carrier Regulation of Telecommunications Contracts and the Private Carrier Alternative*, FED. COMM. L.J., June 1996, at 447.

25. *See* Mark A. Lemley & Lawrence Lessig, *The End of End-to-End: Preserving the Architecture of the Internet in the Broadband Era*, 48 UCLA L. REV. 925 (2001).

bottlenecks.[26] Finally, an emerging scholarship addresses specific regulatory problems of information and technology platforms, which can represent bottlenecks as well.[27]

Therefore, while analyzing bottleneck situations is not uncommon, this Article chooses a slightly different analytical approach. Rather than focusing on one specific area of law, it analyzes the implications of a particular technology—for example, namespaces—on a wide variety of areas of law and legal policy. It assesses how different design choices at the technical level create, alter, or eliminate the regulatory problems with which law and legal policy have to grapple.

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26. *See generally* Arkansas Educ. Television Comm'n v. Forbes, 523 U.S. 666 (1998) (holding that a broadcaster could exclude a candidate from debate); Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 520 U.S. 180 (1997) (reaffirming the decision that cable providers devote some channels to local broadcasting); Denver Area Educ. Telecomm. Consortium, Inc. v. FCC, 518 U.S. 727 (1996) (prohibiting indecent programming on leased channels does not violate the First Amendment, but prohibiting such programming on public access channels does); Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 512 U.S. 622, 656 (1994) (upholding congressional act requiring cable providers to dedicate some channels to local broadcasting); Columbia Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 453 U.S. 367 (1981); Miami Herald Publ'g Co. v. Tornillo, 418 U.S. 241 (1974) (striking down a state "right to reply" law that compelled newspapers to grant political candidates equal space to reply to criticism); Columbia Broad. Sys., Inc. v. Democratic Nat'l Comm., 412 U.S. 94 (1973); Red Lion Broad. Co. v. FCC, 395 U.S. 367 (1969) (upholding FCC interpretation of the "fairness doctrine" that required broadcasters to present both sides of public issues).

27. *See, e.g.*, Douglas Lichtman, *Property Rights in Emerging Platform Technologies*, 29 J. LEGAL STUD. 615 (2000); Pamela Samuelson & Susanne Scotchmer, *The Law and Economics of Reverse Engineering*, 111 YALE L.J. 1575, 1611, 1615–26, 1643–44, 1662 (2002); Molly S. Van Houweling, *Cultivating Open Information Platforms: A Land Trust Model*, 1 J. TELECOMM. & HIGH TECH. L. 309 (2002); Philip J. Weiser, *Internet Governance, Standard Setting, and Self-Regulation*, 28 N. KY. L. REV. 822, 832–42 (2001) [hereinafter Weiser, *Internet Governance*]; Philip J. Weiser, *Law and Information Platforms*, 1 J. TELECOMM. & HIGH TECH. L. 1 (2002); Bar & Sandvig, *supra* note 14; Philip J. Weiser, *Networks Unplugged: Towards a Model of Compatibility Regulation Between Information Platforms* (Sept. 24, 2001), *at* http://www.arxiv.org/html/cs/0109070; *see also* ANNABELLE GAWER & MICHAEL A. CUSUMANO, PLATFORM LEADERSHIP: HOW INTEL, MICROSOFT, AND CISCO DRIVE INDUSTRY INNOVATION (2002); Arti K. Rai & Rebecca S. Eisenberg, *The Public and the Private in Biopharmaceutical Research*, *available at* http://www.law.duke.edu/pd/papers/raieisen.pdf (last visited Jan. 22, 2003) (addressing the erosion of free access to new knowledge in the public domain as patent claims have expanded).

The Article proceeds as follows: Part II provides a more precise definition of namespaces. Part III develops several dimensions of namespace governance that can be applied to namespaces in general. Further, it shows the legal and policy implications of design decisions made along these dimensions. In Part IV, a more abstract account of the relationship between namespace design and the law is provided. Part V addresses the extent to which these insights can be applied in the actual design of namespaces. Part VI concludes the Article.

## II. WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Names are important tools for identification and communication both in real space and cyberspace. From a legal and social science perspective, personal names are a crucial aspect of personal identity and dignity.[28] A complex mix of social norms, memories, connotations, and shared experiences influences the esteem of personal names, in particular first names.[29] From an economic perspective, commercial names and trademarks facilitate identification and thereby reduce consumer search costs.[30] From a computer science perspective, the definition of "name" is even more sober—a name is a string of bits or characters that refers to a resource.[31] In communication networks, some method to identify and locate the networked resources must exist. Names provide a method to facilitate sharing and communication.[32] They can bring consistency to the network—names uniquely identify resources, and

28. *See* Douglas A. Galbi, *A New Account of Personalization and Effective Communication* 4 (Sept. 2001), *available at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=286288.

29. *See id.* at 6.

30. *See* William M. Landes & Richard A. Posner, *Trademark Law: An Economic Perspective*, 30 J.L. & ECON. 265, 269 (1987).

31. *See* ANDREW S. TANENBAUM & MAARTEN VAN STEEN, DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS: PRINCIPLES AND PARADIGMS 184 (2002); John F. Shoch, *Inter-Network Naming, Addressing, and Routing*, *in* PROCEEDINGS OF THE 17TH IEEE COMPUTER SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 72 (1978); David R. Cheriton & Timothy P. Mann, *Decentralizing a Global Naming Service for Improved Performance and Fault Tolerance*, 7 ACM TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTER SYS. 147 (1989).

32. *See* ROSS J. ANDERSON, SECURITY ENGINEERING: A GUIDE TO BUILDING DEPENDABLE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 125 (2001).

thereby eliminate the risk of confusion between different, but similar, resources. In general, names both store and filter information.

Computer science, in particular the theory of distributed systems,[33] developed a rather rigorous theory of naming that proves helpful for the following analysis of namespaces. In general, different kinds of names exist. An "address" is a special type of name that "identifies the location of the object rather than the object itself."[34] The IP address of a computer and a telephone number are addresses in this sense. Addresses are not well-suited to persistently identify objects. Once an object is moved to another location, its address changes. If a computer connected to the Internet, for instance, is moved to another location, its IP address often has to be changed as well.[35] If a phone customer moves to a new city, he receives a new phone number, even if he uses the same telephone. Without call-forwarding features and number portability regulations,[36] a phone number does not identify a particular telephone, but its location, that is, the jack into which it is plugged.

In many communication networks, these shortcomings of addresses are resolved by adding a layer of location-independent names on top of the addressing scheme.[37] While addresses *locate*

33. In a distributed system, hardware or software components are located at different computers that are only connected by a communication network. Although the components are dispersed throughout the network, a distributed system appears to its users as one single coherent system. *See* GEORGE COULOURIS ET AL., DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS: CONCEPTS AND DESIGN 2 (3d ed. 2001); TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 2. While numerous distributed systems exist, the most important example is the Internet. For research on naming infrastructures in homogeneous computer systems, see Roger M. Needham, *Names*, *in* DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 315, 317 (Sape Mullender ed., 2d ed. 1994); Jerome H. Saltzer, *On the Naming and Binding of Objects*, *in* OPERATING SYSTEMS: AN ADVANCED COURSE 99–208 (Rudolf Bayer et al. eds., 1978).

34. COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 354; *see also* Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 72; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184.

35. This problem is most prevalent with mobile computers. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184–85. Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) are another example of the shortcomings of addresses as consistent identifiers. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 356; *see also infra* note 240 (defining and explaining URLs).

36. *See infra* note 172.

37. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 185; *see also* Richard W. Watson, *Identifiers (Naming) in Distributed Systems*, *in* DISTRIBUTED

resources, location-independent names *identify* them.[38] The domain *name* of a computer, for example, identifies a computer, while its IP *address* reveals its logical location. Location-independent names and addresses do not exist separately. Rather, names are resolved to addresses by so-called "name services."[39] Name services allow users and software programs to look up, add, change, and remove names.[40] The layering of location-independent names on top of an addressing scheme makes the communication network more flexible—the address of a resource can be changed without having to change its name. Thereby, resources can be moved without any alteration of their name. The aforementioned DNS is a name service that resolves domain names to IP addresses. Although a computer's IP address may have to be changed when its location is moved, its domain name may remain the same.

The collection of all valid names in a particular system forms a "namespace."[41] Some namespaces are designed for human use, while other namespaces are accessed by computers only. Names used by human beings should usually be "mnemonically useful," while the critical feature of names used by computers is that they are

SYSTEMS: ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION 191, 196 (Butler W. Lampson et al. eds., 1981).

38. "The *name* of a resource indicates what we seek, and *address* indicates where it is, and a *route* tells us how to get there." Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 72.

39. COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 357; *see* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 183. While a name service resolves names to addresses, a "directory service" connects names to a wider collection of attributes. Conventional name services can be compared to the telephone white pages, while directory services resemble the yellow pages. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 371; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 2.

40. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 194.

41. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 358; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 186; Ronald Bourret, XML Namespaces FAQ, § 2.1, *at* http://www.rpbourret.com/xml/NamespacesFAQ.htm#q2_1 (last updated Feb. 2003). For a helpful proposition of a unified terminology for directories and namespaces, see Harald Tveit Alvestrand, *Definitions for Talking About Directories*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3254 (Apr. 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3254.txt.

"unambiguously resolvable."[42] In such a namespace, names must be unique.[43]

Namespaces are pervasive, both in cyberspace and in real space. In cyberspace, namespaces are mainly used to identify four different kinds of resources: computers (or more generally, devices), users, files, and applications (or more generally, services).[44] Device namespaces include the DNS, the telephone number system, ENUM,[45] as well as IP and Ethernet addresses.[46] User namespaces include Microsoft Passport,[47] the Liberty Alliance Project,[48] PKIs[49] as well as user identification systems on eBay, in the AOL network, and in instant messaging systems and networked computer games.[50] URLs, P2P systems,[51] Yahoo! Categories and the different computer file systems available[52] are examples of file namespaces. Service namespaces are created, for instance, by Transmission Control Protocol/User Datagram Protocol (TCP/UDP) port numbers[53] and the Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) service in

42. Saltzer, *supra* note 33, at 121; *see also* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 39 (asserting that mnemonics and providing single, more stable identities are two reasons for naming computers).

43. To achieve uniqueness, names are either universally valid, or are equipped with a representation of the context in which they are unique. *See* Needham, *supra* note 33, at 90.

44. *See* ANDERSON, *supra* note 32, at 131–32; COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 356; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184; Cheriton & Mann, *supra* note 31, at 147; Jerome H. Saltzer, *On the Naming and Binding of Network Destinations*, Request for Comments (RFC) 1498 (Aug. 1993), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1498.txt.

45. *See infra* text accompanying notes 92–95.

46. *See infra* text accompanying notes 193–201.

47. *See infra* text accompanying notes 76–77.

48. *See infra* text accompanying note 156.

49. *See infra* text accompanying notes 86–87.

50. For a study of a virtual world computer game, such as Everquest, see Edward Castronova, *Virtual Worlds: A First-Hand Account of Market and Society on the Cyberian Frontier*, THE GRUTER INST. WORKING PAPERS ON LAW, ECON., AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY (Oct. 2001), *available at* http://www.bepress.com/cgi/viewpdf.cgi?article=1008&context=giwp.

51. *See infra* text accompanying note 127.

52. For an overview, see Martin Hinner, *Filesystems HOWTO*, *at* http://www.linux.org/docs/ldp/howto/Filesystems-HOWTO.html (last modified Aug. 22, 2000). For an overview of distributed file systems, see TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 575–646.

53. *See infra* notes 202–04.

the context of Web services.[54] Some technologies even use multiple namespaces. Digital rights management (DRM) systems, for example, employ device, user, and file namespaces at the same time.[55] The list of namespaces used by computers and computer networks is endless.[56]

In real space, telephone, credit card, bank account, passport, Social Security numbers, and tax identifiers are namespaces which identify devices, natural persons, or corporate entities. People, streets, cities, countries, and species are all identified by namespaces as well. Other examples include P.O. boxes, natural languages, and the system of longitude and latitude. The travel industry uses several namespaces to identify travel agencies, hotels, airlines, car rental companies, travel insurance companies, and consumers.[57] The Dun

54. *See* http://www.uddi.org (last visited Feb. 3, 2003). UDDI enables organizations that develop Web services to register these services in a public database so that client applications may locate and use them. For an overview of UDDI, see ETHAN CERAMI, WEB SERVICES ESSENTIALS 157–99 (Simon St. Laurent ed., 2002); DAVID CHAPPELL, UNDERSTANDING .NET: A TUTORIAL AND ANALYSIS 65–71 (2002); THUAN THAI & HOANG Q. LAM, .NET FRAMEWORK ESSENTIALS 155–57 (Nancy Kotary ed., 2d ed. 2002).

55. By a combination of various technical and legal means of protection, DRM attempts to create a framework for the secure distribution of digital content to authorized users. DRM systems usually employ a number of different namespaces, such as namespaces for identifying users (important for digital fingerprinting and thereby individualizing content), identifying content (important for managing the rights attached to the content), and identifying devices (important for distinguishing authorized from unauthorized devices and for revoking compromised device keys). For an overview, see Stefan Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law: Implications of Digital Rights Management*, *in* SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT 213, 214–16 (Tomas Sander ed., 2002), *available at* http://www.jura.uni-tuebingen.de/~s-bes1/pub/2002/DRM_Information_Law.pdf [hereinafter Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*]. For a more detailed discussion, see STEFAN BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT: IMPLIKATIONEN DES DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT 34–75 (2002) [hereinafter BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT].

56. Other computer namespaces include variable names in computer languages, character sets, the X.500 directory service, XML namespaces, colorspaces such as RGB or CMYK, databases, and Microsoft Smart Tags. For even more namespaces, see IANA, Protocol/Number Assignments Directory, *at* http://www.iana.org/numbers.html (last updated Apr. 18, 2002).

57. Air travel customer information is usually stored in a so-called "Passenger Name Record" (PNR) in one of the major proprietary Global Distribution Systems (GDS) such as Amadeus, Sabre, or Apollo. Other

& Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S) is used to identify sixty-two million business entities around the world,[58] while the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers provides unique supplier IDs for over 173,000 U.S. and Canadian manufacturers.[59] The system of bar codes that is used for product identification is another example of how widely namespaces are used today.[60] For example, millions of DNA sequences from over 100,000 species are uniquely identified and named by an international namespace provided by several databases.[61] The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) is a namespace maintained by the World Health Organization that classifies all statistically significant diseases.[62] In addition, traditional media can be identified by different namespaces such as the ISBN, the International Standard Recording Code (ISRC), the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), the Unique Material Identifier (UMID), and the International Standard Work Code (ISWC).[63] Finally, bibliographic classification schemes,[64] the frequency spectrum, the various international classification systems for classifying inventions, trademarks, and

namespaces in the travel industry are administered by the International Air Transport Association. *See, e.g.*, Travel Industry Designator Service, *at* http://www.iata.org/tids/index (2001); *see* Rohit Khare, *Anatomy of a URL (and Other Internet-Scale Namespaces, Part 1)*, IEEE INTERNET COMPUTING, Sept.–Oct. 1999, at 78, 80.

58. *See* D&B D-U-N-S® Number, *at* http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/duns_update_print.asp (last visited Feb. 16, 2003).

59. *See* Thomas Register, *at* http://www.thomasregister.com (last visited Jan. 14, 2003).

60. For information on the Universal Product Code (UPC) and the European Article Number (EAN), see Uniform Code Council, Inc.: ID Numbers and Bar Codes, *at* http://www.uccouncil.org/main/ID_Numbers_and_Bar_Codes.html (2002) and EAN International, *at* http://www.ean-ucc.org (2002). The Auto-ID project at MIT attempts to extend this model with "electronic Product Codes" (ePC) that can be embedded into smart tags and resolved by an "Object Naming Service." *See* Auto-ID Center, *at* http://www.autoidcenter.org/aboutthetech_indepthlook.asp (last visited Jan. 16, 2003).

61. *See infra* text accompanying notes 162–65.

62. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 55–57, 68–90.

63. For an overview, see BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 39–41.

64. *See infra* text accompanying note 252.

industrial designs,[65] the ISO 3166 list of country codes,[66] as well as the names of all celestial objects[67] and chemical compounds[68] may complete this listing of namespaces. In short, namespaces are important and ubiquitous.[69]

As the variety and sheer number of all existing namespaces are overwhelming, it is an impossible task to analyze all of them in this Article. Fortunately, in order to develop a general theory of namespace governance, this is also an unnecessary task. This Article uses several namespaces to illustrate the presented theoretical framework. Nevertheless, the framework should also be applicable to namespaces that are not explicitly studied in this Article.

## III. DIMENSIONS OF NAMESPACE GOVERNANCE

By analyzing the means, intensity, and scope of namespace governance, as well as the possible namespace topologies, this Part identifies several dimensions of namespace governance that illustrate the close intertwining of technology, law, and policy.

### *A. Means of Namespace Governance*

In general, namespace providers have varying interests in regulating the use of and access to their namespace. They may, for example, want to grant access to the namespace only under certain conditions, or to prevent certain end users from using the namespace altogether. They may also grant third-party service providers, who use the namespace in their own services, access to the namespace only after payment of a fee. Namespace providers therefore want to regulate the behavior of namespace users and service providers.

65. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) administers four international classification systems. *See* WIPO, International Classifications, *at* http://www.wipo.org/classifications/en/overview.html (last visited Feb. 16, 2003).

66. *See* Maintenance Agency for ISO 3166 Country Codes, *at* http://www.iso.org/iso/en/prods-services/iso3166ma/index.html (last visited Jan. 13, 2003).

67. Commission 5 of the International Astronomical Union is the commission that names stars and other celestial objects. *See* International Astronomical Union, Designations and Nomenclature of Celestial Objects, *at* http://www.iau.org/IAU/Activities/nomenclature (last modified Dec. 27, 2000).

68. *See infra* note 264.

69. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 37–39.

Such regulation can be achieved by different means. While several namespaces employ a web of contracts, all namespaces use technological means to regulate behavior that depends on the namespace.

1. Governance by contract

Namespace providers can condition access to and use of their namespace upon the prior conclusion of a contract. Namespace contracts include more than agreements about technical issues. They may limit the ways in which users access a namespace. They may also restrict the purposes and conditions under which the namespace can be accessed. Furthermore, they may restrict environments in which the names may be used or processed.

In many namespaces, the namespace provider attempts to bind all end users and service providers by contract. A web of contracts laid over the namespace is intended to protect various non-technical interests of the namespace provider (see Figure 1).

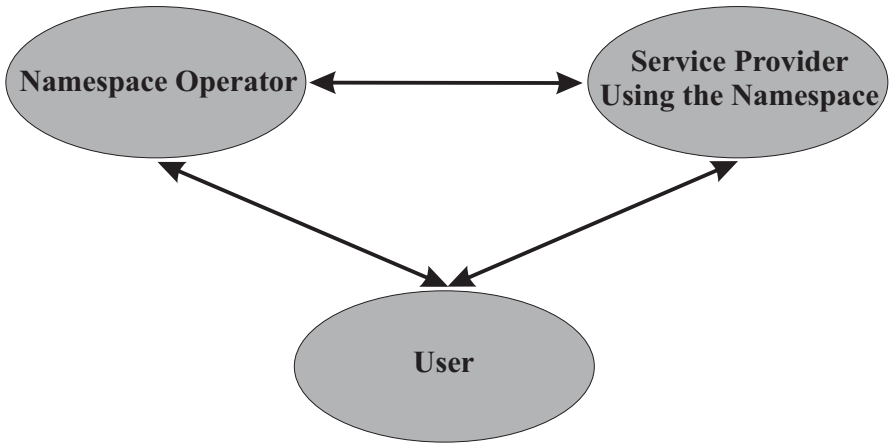


**Figure 1: Namespace Governance by Contractual Webs**

The DNS[70] uses such a web of contracts to govern the domain namespace. All registrants, registrars, and registries of domain

70. The DNS is a distributed name resolution service that resolves domain names to numerical IP addresses. For an overview of the architecture, history, and policy debate of the DNS, see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 47–48; A. Michael Froomkin, *Wrong Turn in Cyberspace: Using ICANN to Route Around the APA and the Constitution*, 50 DUKE L.J. 17 (2000); Jay P. Kesan &

names in generic top-level domains (gTLDs), such as .com, .biz, .net, and .org, are required to enter into contractual agreements that either directly or indirectly originate from ICANN, the entity that currently controls the DNS.[71] In order to resolve conflicts between domain name registrations and trademark law, ICANN, after considerable input from WIPO, created a dispute resolution mechanism. This Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)[72] enables a trademark holder to challenge the registration of a domain name and potentially gain control over it. As part of the contracts between ICANN and the gTLD registrars,[73] ICANN requires the registrars to impose the UDRP on everyone who wants to register a domain name.[74] As a result, on the one hand, ICANN binds all registrars to the UDRP as a condition of their accreditation. On the other hand, a consumer who wants to register a domain name under the .com gTLD, for example,

Rajiv C. Shah, *Fool Us Once Shame On You: Fool Us Twice Shame On Us: What We Can Learn From the Privatizations of the Internet Backbone Network and the Domain Name System,* 79 WASH. U. L.Q. 89 (2001) (detailing the privatization processes for the DNS and proposing measures for future privatization).

71. *See* A. Michael Froomkin & Mark A. Lemley, *ICANN and Antitrust*, U. ILL. L. REV.__, 13–16 (forthcoming 2003), *available at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/delivery.cfm/SSRN_ID291221_code011128630.pdf?abstractid=291221#Paper%20Download. This contractual web does not exist for country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). The relationship between ICANN's overall governance of the domain namespace and the ccTLD registries is not entirely clear. ccTLD registries have at least some independence in determining policies for their ccTLD sub-namespaces. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 205–08; Tamar Frankel, *The Managing Lawmaker in Cyberspace: A Power Model*, 27 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 859, 886–93 (2002). Although ICANN is known for managing the DNS, the U.S. government still retains residual authority over the DNS root and has not expressed its intent to give up this authority in the future. For the relationship between the U.S. Department of Commerce and ICANN, see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 197; Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 91, 105–25; Froomkin & Lemley, *supra*, at 11–13.

72. *See* ICANN, Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, *at* http://www.icann.org/udrp/udrp-policy.htm (last modified May 17, 2002).

73. For many ccTLDs, no equivalent to the UDRP system exists. In such countries, domain name trademark conflicts are left to the traditional court system to resolve. This, for example, is the case in Germany. In other namespaces such as the telephone number space, no UDRP equivalent exists either. *See In re* Toll Free Service Access Codes, 13 F.C.C.R. 9058, 9067 (1998).

74. *See* ICANN, Registrar Accreditation Agreement § II.K, *at* http://www.icann.org/nsi/icann-raa-04nov99.htm (Nov. 4, 1999).

will only be able to register it if he agrees to the terms of the UDRP as well. Through a hierarchical web of contracts originating from ICANN, ICANN has ensured that every registrar and every registrant is bound to the UDRP.[75] ICANN effectively enveloped the domain namespace with a web of contracts that they use to protect, among other things, the trademark holder's interests.

Another example of contractual webs as a means of namespace governance is Microsoft Passport.[76] By mapping unique identifiers to individual users, this system allows users to establish lasting digital identities on the Internet. Once a user is registered in this user namespace, he can access all Web sites that use Microsoft Passport as their authentication service without having to authenticate himself at each individual Web site, as Microsoft Passport will provide the participating Web site with the necessary authentication information.[77]

In order to ensure that participating Web sites do not use this authentication information for data mining and user profiling purposes, Microsoft has entangled the technical namespace with a web of contracts. Before a Web site can use the Passport authentication service, it has to agree by contract with Microsoft to obtain the user's consent before it uses the profile information for marketing purposes. It is also contractually required to post privacy policies on its site, both in a human-readable and machine-readable, P3P-compliant[78] format.[79]

75. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 192.

76. *See* Microsoft Corp., Microsoft .NET Passport, *at* http://www.passport.net/Consumer/default.asp?lc=1033 (last visited Dec. 16, 2002).

77. User namespaces such as Microsoft Passport therefore enable a so-called "single sign-in" (SSI). *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *at* http://microsoft.com/netservices/passport/passport.asp (Nov. 2002) [hereinafter Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide]. With more than 200 million accounts performing more than 3.5 billion authentications each month, Passport is currently the prevailing general authentication system. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Overview, *at* http://www.microsoft.com/netservices/passport/overview.asp (Mar. 20, 2002).

78. The Platform for Privacy Preferences Project (P3P) allows Web sites to express their privacy policies in a machine-readable format. It enables users to evaluate these policies and make informed decisions about the privacy implications of accessing a particular Web site. For more information on P3P, see Ruchika Agrawal, *P3P Viewpoints*, *at* http://www.stanford.edu/~ruchika/P3P/home.html (last modified Mar. 11, 2002); World Wide Web Consortium,

In addition to the contractual relationship between Microsoft and participating Web sites, Microsoft attempts to establish a contractual relationship with each Passport user as well. Before a user can register with Microsoft Passport, he must agree to the "Microsoft .NET Passport Terms of Use and Notices."[80] In this user contract,

Platform for Privacy Preferences, *at* http://www.w3.org/P3P/ (last modified Nov. 8, 2002).

79. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *supra* note 77, at 22. Furthermore, if, in the process of delivering goods or services to the user, the participating site has to share personal information (e.g., the user's address) with a third party (e.g., a shipping service), the participating site is required by Microsoft to impose certain contractual obligations on the third party as well. *See id.* at 21. In effect, Microsoft's strategy resembles a "viral contract" attached to private data. A viral contract attempts "to make commitments run with a digital object. . .so that everyone who comes into possession of the [object]. . .also inherit[s] the obligations to the initiator [of the contract]." Margaret Jane Radin, *Humans, Computers, and Binding Commitment*, 75 IND. L.J. 1125, 1132 (2000).

80. Microsoft Corp., Microsoft .NET Passport Terms of Use and Notices*, at* http://www.passport.net/Consumer/TermsOfUse.asp (last revised Aug. 2002). It is contested whether such "click-wrap licenses" are enforceable contracts. The problems posed by click-wrap licenses are similar to the question whether computer software shrink-wrap licenses are valid contracts. Traditionally, U.S. courts have been reluctant to enforce shrink-wrap licenses. *See* Step-Saver Data Sys., Inc. v. Wyse Tech., 939 F.2d 91, 98–100 (3d Cir. 1991); Ariz. Retail Sys., Inc. v. Software Link, Inc., 831 F. Supp. 759, 764–66 (D. Ariz. 1993); *see also* Novell, Inc. v. Network Trade Ctr., Inc., 25 F. Supp. 2d 1218 (D. Utah 1997) (explaining that the shrinkwrap license is invalid against first purchaser pertaining to the title of the software in copyright owner), *vacated in part by* Novell, Inc. v. Network Trade Ctr., Inc., 187 F.R.D. 657 (D. Utah 1999); Morgan Lab., Inc. v. Micro Data Base Sys., Inc., 41 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1850 (N.D. Cal. 1997). However, in 1997, Judge Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals found a shrink-wrap a valid contract. *See* ProCD, Inc. v. Zeidenberg, 86 F.3d 1447, 1450–53 (7th Cir. 1996). Following this decision, other courts have enforced shrink-wrap licenses as well. *See* Hill v. Gateway 2000, Inc., 105 F.3d 1147 (7th Cir. 1997); M.A. Mortenson Co. v. Timberline Software Corp., 998 P.2d 305, 313 (Wash. 2000); Brower v. Gateway 2000, Inc., 676 N.Y.S.2d 569, 572 (N.Y. App. Div. 1998). Courts have also held click-wrap licenses as enforceable contracts. *See* I.Lan Sys., Inc. v. Netscout Serv. Level Corp., 183 F. Supp. 2d 328, 338–39 (D. Mass. 2002); Caspi v. The Microsoft Network, L.L.C., 732 A.2d 528 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1999); *see also* Groff v. America Online, Inc., 1998 WL 307001 (R.I. Super. Ct. 1998) (discussing how the click-wrap contract binds a party to a forum selection clause); *but see* Specht v. Netscape Communications Corp., 306 F.3d 17 (2d Cir. 2002). For a general overview, see Robert A. Hillman & Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, *Standard-Form Contracting in the Electronic Age*, 77 N.Y.U. L. REV. 429 (2002).

Microsoft agrees to use personal information only in accordance with its Passport privacy policy. According to this policy, Microsoft discloses personal information only if the user has consented or if Microsoft is required to disclose information by law.[81]

As ICANN did in the DNS context, Microsoft has enveloped Passport in a web of contracts. This web is used by Microsoft to regulate non-technical, in particular privacy-related, aspects of its namespace. This is not to say that Microsoft Passport protects privacy perfectly or even adequately.[82] This example merely reinforces the claim that namespace providers use contractual webs as a tool to regulate non-technical behavior of namespace users and service providers.

The use of contractual webs for governing namespaces is not confined to the DNS and Microsoft Passport. DRM systems[83] use similar mechanisms. In general, the webs of contracts surrounding namespaces bind both service providers that depend on the namespace and individual namespace users. Namespace providers may use these contractual webs to regulate various legal and policy aspects of namespaces, ranging from intellectual property and privacy protection to competition issues.

### 2. Governance by technology

Contractual webs would not be a very promising means of namespace governance if the contracts were, as a practical matter, hard to enforce. In namespaces, however, it is the technology that enables the automatic enforcement of such contracts and policies. By threatening to exclude namespace users and service providers that do not adhere to namespace contracts or policies, namespace providers can enforce their interests in an over-efficient manner. The

81. For the specific terms of the privacy policy, see Microsoft Corp., *Microsoft .NET Passport Privacy Statement*, *at* http://www.passport.com/Consumer/PrivacyPolicy.asp?lc=1033 (last modified Aug. 2002).

82. *See infra* text accompanying notes 131–36.

83. In many DRM systems, technology license agreements are used to bind manufacturers of computer electronics and computers (i.e., namespace service providers). Usage contracts are employed to establish a contractual relationship between the DRM provider and individual consumers (i.e., namespace users). For an overview of this contractual protection in DRM systems, see Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 217–22, 227.

technical control over a namespace can be used by the namespace provider as leverage for policy and legal control.

This phenomenon occurs in most namespaces. As described above,[84] ICANN allows domain name registries, registrars, and registrants to enter the domain namespace only after they have agreed to certain contractual obligations. ICANN's web of contracts can be enforced by the technical control over the domain namespace, as the contractual quasi-trademark regulation of the UDRP demonstrates. By withdrawing or reassigning a domain name, any decision under the UDRP can be enforced in a very effective and inexpensive manner: through technology.[85]

PKIs are another namespace that uses technology as a governance tool. PKIs enable the secure, convenient, and efficient discovery of public keys in asymmetric encryption systems.[86] PKIs are a cornerstone of contemporary computer security architecture. By resolving public keys to individual persons or corporate entities and vice versa, PKIs create user namespaces. In PKI namespaces, various key revocation mechanisms exist by which compromised public keys can be excluded from further use of the namespace.[87] Technology enables PKIs to control which names exist in their user namespace. In a similar way, eBay reserves the right to suspend any user identifier in its user namespace.[88] DRM systems use various key revocation techniques to achieve the same goal.[89] In general, technology enables the namespace provider to control which names are assigned, modified, and revoked in a namespace. Technology is the most important governance tool in namespaces.

84. *See supra* text accompanying notes 71–75.

85. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 191, 232–34. The combination of technological and contractual protection is a common feature in such diverse areas of Internet law as the DNS, DRM, privacy law, the cable open access debate, and hyperlinking. For an attempt to derive some unifying principles from these similarities, see BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER- ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 439–48; Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 230.

86. *See* Radia Perlman, *An Overview of PKI Trust Models,* IEEE NETWORK, Nov.–Dec. 2000, at 38.

87. *See* RUSS HOUSLEY & TIM POLK, PLANNING FOR PKI 107–24 (2001).

88. *See supra* text accompanying note 3.

89. *See* BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 26–31; Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 215.

### *B. Governance by Whom?*

Namespaces can be created and governed by governments, private entities, or hybrid coalitions. Particularly in namespaces governed by private or hybrid entities, interests of third parties and the general public might become underrepresented. Private regulation of namespaces may clash with public values. Namespaces must be supported by sufficient accountability structures.

The ICANN debate is a prime example of this governance dimension. The extent to which ICANN should exercise control over the domain namespace and what accountability structures are appropriate is fiercely contested in Internet policy circles.[90] ICANN's UDRP has come under criticism for being biased towards the interests of trademark holders.[91] ICANN has been accused of

90. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 192; Edward Brunet, *Defending Commerce's Contract Delegation of Power to ICANN*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 1 (2002); Froomkin & Lemley, *supra* note 71, at 19–21; Froomkin, *supra* note 70; Gillian K. Hadfield, *Privatizing Commercial Law: Lessons from ICANN*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 257 (2002); Kesan & Shah, *supra* note 70; Joe Sims & Cynthia L. Bauerly, *A Response to Professor Froomkin: Why ICANN Does Not Violate the APA or the Constitution*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 65 (2002); Jonathan Weinberg, *ICANN and the Problem of Legitimacy*, 50 DUKE L.J. 187 (2000); Jonathan Zittrain, *ICANN: Between the Public and the Private, Comments Before Congress*, 14 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 1071 (1999); Tamar Frankel, *Accountability and Oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)* (2002), *at* http://www.markle.org/news/ICANN_fin1_9.pdf .

91. *See* Michael Geist, *Fair.com?*: *An Examination of the Allegations of Systemic Unfairness in the ICANN UDRP*, 27 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 903, 936 (2002); Jeffrey P. Leonard, *Domain Name Disputes: An Analysis of the UDRP Resolution Process Thus Far*, 2001 WAKE FOREST INTELL. PROP. L.J. 4, *at* http://www.law.wfu.edu/students/IPLA/sp2001/art04.pdf; Milton Mueller, *Rough Justice: An Analysis of ICANN's Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy*, *at* http://dcc.syr.edu/roughjustice.pdf (2000). *But see* Annette Kur, *UDRP*, *available at* http://www.intellecprop.mpg.de/Online-Publikationen/2002/UDRP-study-final-02.pdf (2002). For general analyses of the UDRP, see A. Michael Froomkin, *ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy": Causes and (Partial) Cures*, 67 BROOKLYN L. REV. 605 (2002) [hereinafter Froomkin, ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy"]; Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 96–101; Laurence R. Helfer & Graeme B. Dinwoodie, *Designing Non-National Systems: The Case of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy*, 43 WM. & MARY L. REV. 141 (2001); Elizabeth G. Thornburg, *Fast, Cheap, and Out of Control: Lessons from the ICANN Dispute Resolution Process*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 191 (2002); Luke A. Walker, *ICANN's Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy*, 15 BERKELEY

creating a new body of international, but private trademark law that lacks any of the accountability structures under which traditional statutes operate.[92]

The ENUM namespace is another example of the tension between public and private namespace ordering. ENUM is a protocol that aims to create greater convergence of traditional fixed and mobile telecommunication networks with the infrastructure of the public Internet.[93] It basically translates telephone numbers into domain names. If a user types an ENUM number into his mobile device or his computer, it can be used to query the DNS.[94] The DNS

TECH. L.J. 289 (2000); Milton Mueller, *Success by Default: A New Profile of Domain Name Trademark Disputes Under ICANN's UDRP*, *at* http://dcc.syr.edu/markle/markle-report-final.pdf (2002); UDRPinfo.com, *at* http://www.udrpinfo.com (last visited Dec. 16, 2002); UDRPlaw.net, *at* http://www.udrplaw.net (last visited Dec. 16, 2002). For an analysis of the UDRP under antitrust aspects, see Froomkin & Lemley, *supra* note 71, at 50–52.

92. *See* Froomkin, ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy," *supra* note 91, at 612; Thornburg, *supra* note 91, at 208.

93. *See* Craig McTaggart, *E Pluribus ENUM: Unifying International Telecommunications Networks and Governance* 2 (2001), *at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109091.pdf. It is clear that ENUM is an abbreviation, but it is unclear what this abbreviation stands for. The explanations range from "Electronic NUMbering," "tElephone NUmbering and Mapping," and "E-number" to "E.164 Number Mapping." For an overview of ENUM, see Patrick Faltstrom, *E.164 Number and DNS*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2916 (Sept. 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2916.txt; Internet Engineering Task Force, Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Charter, *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/enum-charter.html (last modified Sept. 9, 2002); Washington Internet Project, DNS: ENUM, *at* http://www.cybertelecom.org/dns/enum.htm (last modified Jan. 7, 2003); International Telecommunication Union, ENUM, *at* http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/infocom/enum (last visited Dec. 16, 2002).

94. ENUM assigns each telephone number a unique domain name. The phone number 1 (555) 497–2815, for example, is translated by ENUM into 5.1.8.2.7.9.4.5.5.5.1.e164.arpa. While no technical necessity exists why ENUM numbers have to be telephone numbers, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) ENUM working group determined that ENUM numbers would equal telephone numbers. *See* Robert Cannon, *ENUM: The Collision of Telephony and DNS Policy* 5, 14–17 (2001), *at* http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=287492; *see also* Faltstrom, *supra* note 93, § 2; Junseok Hwang et al., *Analyzing ENUM Service and Administration from the Bottom Up: The Addressing System for IP Telephony and Beyond* 3, *at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109044.pdf (2001) (analyzing possible administrative models of ENUM service and discussing policy related issues stemming from ENUM).

then performs a name lookup and returns personal contact information such as telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, or fax numbers.[95] With ENUM, a user could be assigned one "universal number" under which he then could be reached by any imaginable means of communication—for example, telephone, cell phone, e-mail, fax, WWW pages, voicemail, and instant messaging.[96] With ENUM's interconnection of the domain namespace and the telephone number space, two different regulatory frameworks clash. Traditionally, the Internet has been dominated by light regulation that was often exercised by private entities. On the other hand, the national and international telephone system has always been heavily regulated by public actors, ranging from the U.S. Congress, the Federal Telecommunications Commission, and the North American Numbering Plan Administration[97] to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The discussion how the ENUM device namespace should be governed oscillates between these two extremes.[98]

95. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 4; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 5. Therefore, ENUM competes with other discovery services for personal information; one competitor might be Microsoft .NET My Services. *See id.* at 23.

96. *See* Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications, Principles and Conditions for Implementation of an ENUM Protocol in France 7 (2001), *at* http://www.art-telecom.fr/publications/syntconsenum-ang.doc; Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 2.

97. *See* ELI M. NOAM, INTERCONNECTING THE NETWORK OF NETWORKS 204–05 (2001).

98. Currently, it is planned that the international ENUM database ("Tier 0") will be operated by traditional Internet governance bodies such as RIPE NCC (http://www.ripe.net) in the Netherlands, but administered under the regulatory auspices of the ITU. On the national level ("Tier 1"), ENUM service providers will be selected by national regulatory authorities. *See* Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications, *supra* note 96, at 12–13; Roy Blane, *Liaison to IETF/ISOC on ENUM*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3026, at 2 (Jan. 2001), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3026.txt; Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 7–8, 24–26; *The History and Context of Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Operational Decisions*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3245, at 7–8 (John C. Klensin ed., Mar. 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3245.txt [hereinafter RFC 3245]; Hwang et al., *supra* note 94, at 4–5. Due to the involvement of the ITU at Tier 0 and the national governments at Tier 1, ENUM has been criticized as a government-backed monopoly. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 22.

Whereas the DNS and ENUM device namespaces are governed by hybrid entities, the IP[99] and Ethernet address,[100] Microsoft Passport,[101] P2P,[102] and TCP/UDP port number[103] namespaces are all examples of namespaces that are subject to purely private governance. Bibliographic classification schemes, which are also types of namespaces,[104] are usually sponsored by governments or by private consortiums of interested parties and users.[105] PKI systems are another example of namespaces that cover the whole spectrum—from publicly governed to hybrid and purely privately governed

99. IP addresses are administered by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA). Under the auspices of IANA, currently three regional IP registries exist in North America, Europe, and Asia. The regional IP registries coordinate and represent local IP registries that operate usually within particular countries. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) can request IP addresses for their customers from regional registries or from upstream ISPs. *See* Kim Hubbard et al., *Internet Registry IP Allocation Guidelines*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2050, at 4 (Nov. 1996), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2050.txt. For an explanation of IP addresses, see *infra* text accompanying notes 193–200.

100. The 802 Committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) standardized the Ethernet system. IEEE still controls the Ethernet address space. *See* IEEE Registration Authority, *at* http://standards.ieee.org/regauth (last modified Jan. 7, 2003). For an explanation of Ethernet addresses, see *infra* text accompanying note 201.

101. With Microsoft Passport, the tension between public and private ordering becomes particularly obvious. As Lawrence Lessig wrote on Slashdot: "When we needed a passport system, we didn't tell Chase Manhattan bank [sic] that they could develop the passport system in exchange for a piece of every transaction. . . . [t]here was a recognition of the importance of neutral, commons-like, infrastructures upon which others could build neutrally." Slashdot, Lawrence Lessig Answers Your Questions, at Q 14, *at* http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=01/12/21/155221 (posted Dec. 21, 2001).

102. *See infra* text accompanying note 166.

103. *See infra* text accompanying notes 202–04.

104. *See infra* text accompanying note 252.

105. The world's two largest classification schemes, the U.S. Library of Congress Classification (LCC) and the Russian Library-Bibliographical Classification (LBC/BBK), are sponsored by their respective governments. The most popular classification, the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) and its offspring, the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC), are sponsored by private entities. *See* Allan Wilson, *The Hierarchy of Belief: Ideological Tendentiousness in Universal Classification*, *in* CLASSIFICATION RESEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AND ORGANIZATION 389, 393 (Nancy J. Williamson & Michèle Hudon eds., 1992).

namespaces. Who governs a namespace determines, in part, what values and whose interests the namespace protects.

### *C. Namespace Topology*

Topology may be the most important governance dimension in namespaces.[106] In a namespace, system functions can be positioned in a central location or distributed along a vertical or horizontal axis. Choosing a topology along these axes has numerous policy and legal implications, as this Section will illustrate.[107]

#### 1. Vertical distribution of namespaces

Namespace functions can be distributed along a vertical axis in various ways. Whereas a namespace without any such distribution is a "flat" namespace, a namespace with full vertical distribution is a "hierarchical" one (see Figure 2).[108]

106. In general, the study of a network's topology is concerned with the manner in which the network nodes are interconnected. *See* ROSHAN L. SHARMA, NETWORK TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF NETWORK DESIGN 8 (1990).

107. Parts of the following analysis build upon the overview of different distributed systems topologies by Nelson Minar, *Distributed Systems Topologies: Part 1* (Dec. 14, 2001), *at* http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2001/12/14/topologies_one.html [hereinafter Minar, *Part 1*]; Nelson Minar, *Distributed Systems Topologies: Part 2* (Jan. 8, 2002), *at* http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2002/01/08/p2p_topologies_pt2.html [hereinafter Minar, *Part 2*]. Minar distinguishes between centralized, ring, hierarchical, decentralized, and hybrid topologies. This categorization reminds one of the different network topologies used in Local Area Networks (LANs): mesh topology, multi-drop topology, directed link topology, star topology, ring topology, and bus topology. *See* DOUGLAS E. COMER, COMPUTER NETWORKS AND INTERNETS 103–05 (3d ed. 2001); SHARMA, *supra* note 106, at 8–13; *see also* PRISCILLA OPPENHEIMER, TOP-DOWN NETWORK DESIGN 121–55 (1999) (discussing techniques to develop a network topology).

108. *See* Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 75–76.

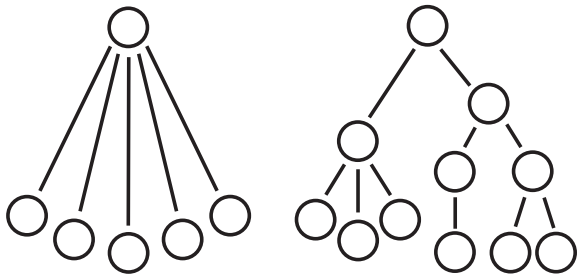

**Figure 2: Flat Versus Hierarchical Namespaces**[109]

In a flat namespace, a single entity provides the full name service and thereby operates the full namespace. Therefore, a single point of control exists. The namespace provider, the government, or hackers can easily regulate flat namespaces.[110] Flat namespaces also have a single point of knowledge:[111] one database stores the names of all objects as well as their locations and other attributes. If the database misuses this knowledge for data mining and marketing purposes, flat namespaces can pose a privacy risk.

Hierarchical namespaces have different characteristics. In a hierarchical namespace, the name service is distributed over a hierarchy of different entities. Each entity is responsible for a different subset of names. No single entity exercises direct and perfect control over the whole namespace.[112] Rather, different parts of the namespace can be managed by different entities[113] and,

109. This and the following figure were inspired by Nelson Minar. *See* Minar, *Part 1*, *supra* note 107.

110. This point is made in the PKI context by John Marchesini & Sean Smith, *Virtual Hierarchies: An Architecture for Building and Maintaining Efficient and Resilient Trust Chains* 3 (Draft of May 17, 2002), *available at* http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~pkilab/papers/vh.pdf.

111. *Cf.* Watson, *supra* note 37, at 207.

112. *See infra* Part IV.B. Nevertheless, even in a hierarchical namespace, the root node at the top of the hierarchy retains important regulatory power over the whole namespace. *See infra* text accompanying notes 295–96 (noting that ICANN's registry regulations and the UDRP can be understood as an attempt of the root node to retain control over the domain namespace).

113. Indeed, that was one of the reasons for introducing the concept of domains on the Internet in 1984. *See* Jon Postel & Joyce Reynolds, *Domain Requirements,* Request for Comments (RFC) 920 (Oct. 1984), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc920.txt.

occasionally, governed by different policies.[114] Hierarchical namespaces therefore enable some competition to occur within the namespace.

The DNS may exemplify this governance dimension. The DNS is not a monolithic system. Rather, it consists of a hierarchically organized network of databases, operated by a network of so-called "registries." Therefore, domain names under the top-level domain (TLD) .de are assigned and administered by a different registry than domain names under the TLD .com. The registries have at least some discretion in the way they assign domain names. Many ccTLD registries, for example, do not impose ICANN's UDRP upon domain name registrars and registrants.[115] To some extent, responsibility for assigning domain names and for maintaining the name service is distributed throughout the hierarchical DNS network.[116] Thereby, the decision as to what policies are appropriate for governing the domain namespace is decentralized as well. This decentralization in deciding policy issues could only be achieved by making a technical decision at the design stage of the DNS—choosing a hierarchical structure as the DNS's topology.

ENUM,[117] IP addresses,[118] and the Library of Congress bibliographic classification are further examples of hierarchical

114. *See, e.g.*, COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 358; ICANN, ICP-3: A Unique, Authoritative Root for the DNS ¶ 1 (July 9, 2001), *at* http://www.icann.org/icp/icp-3.htm (discussing ICANN's commitment to a single public root for the Internet Domain System). For an example of different policies within a hierarchical PKI namespace, see CHARLIE KAUFMAN ET AL., NETWORK SECURITY: PRIVATE COMMUNICATION IN A PUBLIC WORLD 381 (2d ed. 2002); Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 41.

115. *See In re* Toll Free Service Access Codes, 13 F.C.C.R. 9058, 9067 (1998).

116. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 6.

117. IETF has proposed to structure the ENUM namespace according to a hierarchical model (so-called "golden tree" architecture). *See* Faltstrom, *supra* note 93, at 4; Anthony Rutkowski, *The ENUM Golden Tree: The Quest for a Universal Communications Identifier*, 3 INFO 97 (Apr. 2001), *available at* http://www.ngi.org/enum/pub/info_rutkowski.pdf. On top of this hierarchy lies the single international database tier 0 that points to the single national databases for each telephone country code, tier 1. For this single database in each country code, different service providers can offer registration services ("tier 2"). *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 7; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 8–9; s*ee also supra* text accompanying note 98 (discussing whether ENUM should use a single, coordinated global DNS domain).

namespaces.[119] Conversely, Microoft Passport and TCP/UDP port numbers are flat namespaces. In PKI systems, both flat and hierarchical namespaces exist.[120]

Introducing hierarchical structures into a namespace can enable decentralization and thereby competition within the namespace. However, this is not a necessary consequence. Some hierarchical namespaces are controlled by a single entity at all levels of their hierarchy and therefore do not allow competition between different providers within the namespace.[121] In other namespaces, although different providers exist within the hierarchy, the provider at the top of the hierarchy—the "root"—exercises considerable control over the whole namespace by technological or contractual means. This feature can be found in the domain namespace[122] and in hierarchical PKI user namespaces.[123]

### 2. Horizontal distribution of namespaces

Besides different vertical distributions, namespace functions can be distributed along a horizontal axis in various ways. Whereas a namespace without any such distribution may be called a "centralized" namespace, a namespace with full horizontal distribution is a "decentralized" one. Between those two extremes

118. The IP address space is administered by a pyramid of authorities, consisting of IANA at the top and regional IP registries at the bottom. Namespace responsibility is distributed across this pyramid. *See* Hubbard et al., *supra* note 99, at 3–4.

119. For an argument against the popular belief that the telephone system is a strictly hierarchical namespace see Rutkowski, *supra* note 117.

120. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 54–55; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 372; Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 38–42.

121. In the LCC, for example, it is the Library of Congress that exercises all the power in the hierarchical namespace. *See* RITA MARCELLA & ROBERT NEWTON, A NEW MANUAL OF CLASSIFICATION 87 (1994).

122. In the DNS namespace, the entity that controls the so-called "root zone file" could theoretically exclude lower-level registries from the DNS hierarchy. This technical regulatory power enables the entity to impose contractual obligations on lower-level registries. While the hierarchical structure of the domain namespace reduces the dependency of lower hierarchies on the root, its power is still considerably large. For a detailed discussion see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 47–56; *see also infra* text accompanying notes 295–96 (discussing how DNS structure leads to decentralization but regulations tend to reverse decentralization).

123. *See* Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 41.

lie various forms of "federated" or interconnected namespaces (see Figure 3).[124] Choosing a namespace topology along the horizontal axis determines its regulability as well as its privacy, liability, and competition implications.

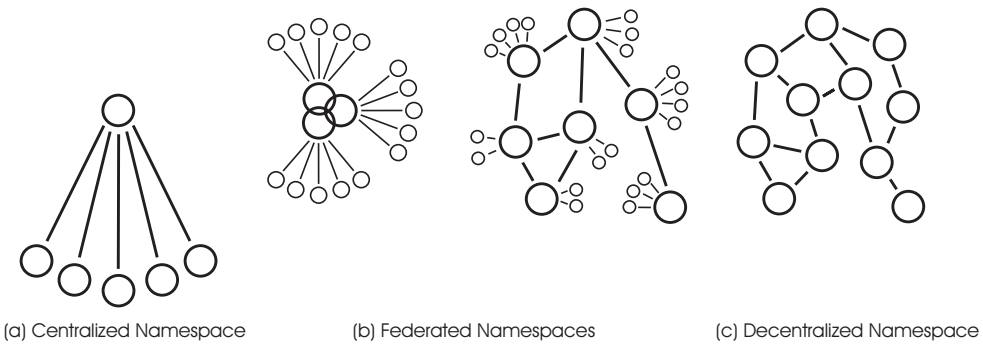


**Figure 3: From Centralized to Decentralized Namespaces**[125]

*a. centralized namespaces*

In a centralized namespace, a single entity provides the name service and thereby operates the full namespace.[126]

i. regulability

Centralized namespaces have a single point of control that can be regulated. This is most obvious in centralized P2P systems. P2P systems are networked computer systems in which the significant communication does not take place within a hierarchical system of servers and clients, but within a network of cooperating peers that have similar rights.[127] In a P2P network, files can be shared among

124. Minar, *Part 1*, *supra* note 107; Minar, *Part 2*, *supra* note 107.

125. *See* Minar, *Part 2*, *supra* note 107.

126. *See id.* Therefore, flat and centralized namespaces are essentially the same. While the dichotomy between flat and hierarchical namespaces deals with the vertical distribution of a namespace, the dichotomy between centralized and decentralized namespaces deals with its horizontal distribution. *See id.*

127. *See* Adam Langley, *Freenet*, *in* PEER-TO-PEER (Andy Oram ed., 2001); LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 134; *see also* Beverly Yang & Hector Garcia-Molina, *Designing a Super-Peer Network* 1 (2002), *at* http://www-db.stanford.edu/~byang/pubs/superpeer.pdf (discussing P2P

the participating peer computers without any intervention by a centralized server. However, in order to share files, the individual peer must know where files are located in the network. Therefore, P2P networks need a namespace in which each file available in the network is assigned to the address of the peer computer where the file is located.

Early P2P systems used a centralized namespace for locating files in the network. For example, until Napster was shut down by a court order in 2001, it used a centralized namespace located at a server operated by Napster.[128] P2P systems such as Napster have been criticized for facilitating mass-scale piracy. To suppress such piracy, record companies and other copyright holders demanded that Napster be shut down.

In a P2P network with a centralized namespace, shutting down the overall system is a relatively easy task: shutting down the central namespace destroys the whole P2P network because without the namespace a peer computer can no longer locate any file in the P2P network.[129] A centralized namespace opens the system to regulation of various sorts: the government or courts may order that the

networks as spreading costs of sharing data securely among peers in the network). For an overview of the innovation enabled by P2P systems, see LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 134–38.

128. *See, e.g.*, Sylvia Ratnasamy et al., *A Scalable Content-Addressable Network*, *available at* http://www.acm.org/sigcomm/sigcomm2001/p13-ratnasamy.pdf (last visited Jan. 17, 2003). In contrast to the original P2P idea, in this type of system some functionality—the name resolution—is centralized. Such systems are sometimes characterized as "hybrid" P2P systems. *See* Yang & Garcia-Molina, *supra* note 127, at 1; *see also* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 135 (discussing Napster and the SETI project).

129. In the Napster case, record companies achieved this result by prompting a court to order Napster to shut down its central namespace. *See* A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 239 F.3d 1004, 1027 (9th Cir. 2001), *aff'd*, 284 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 2002). The court required Napster to exclude files from its network that violated the plaintiff's copyrights. *See id.* By exercising control over its central namespace, Napster was able to exclude such files. *See id.* That Napster was in general able to exclude specific files from its P2P network was not a disputed issue during the Napster case. However, it was highly disputed who should bear the burden of identifying the files Napster should exclude, and what level of accuracy the employed filtering technologies needed to have. *See id.* at 1027.

namespace be shut down or the namespace may be shut down by the namespace provider or by hackers.[130]

ii. privacy

A centralized namespace is not only easy to regulate, it may also pose privacy risks. In a centralized namespace all information about the namespace is located within one entity. This entity assigns names so it knows who is accessing the namespace and which names are looked up. During Napster's operation, for example, Napster was in the unique position to know about every download occurring from every computer connected to the Napster network. Such information can be valuable data for surveillance, data mining, marketing, and personalization purposes.

However, centralized namespaces may have ambivalent implications for privacy protection, as the Microsoft Passport user namespace exemplifies. Microsoft Passport is a centralized namespace because Microsoft is currently[131] the only provider of the namespace. User namespaces can theoretically be used to collect large amounts of personal data. Microsoft Passport stores user account names and corresponding passwords in its namespace database. Also, if the user so chooses, it can also store the name of the user, the user's credit card information, address, and demographic or preference data such as gender, occupation, state, ZIP code, time zone, birthday, and language preference.[132] Passport does not transmit such data to participating Web sites without the user's consent.[133] Rather, as a default, Passport only transmits a sixty-four-bit-long unique user identifier.[134]

With this identifier, users can access third-party Web sites—such as eBay or McAfee—without having to provide the Web site with any personal information such as the user's name, e-mail address, or phone number. The only service that possesses such

130. If a hacker succeeds in attacking a central P2P file namespace, the whole P2P network is shut down. *See* Ian Clarke et al., *Protecting Free Expression Online with Freenet*, IEEE INTERNET COMPUTING, Jan.–Feb. 2002, at 40, 44.

131. For announcements of Microsoft to open Passport to competing authentication services, see *infra* note 155.

132. *See* Microsoft Corp., *supra* note 81.

133. *See id.*

134. *See id.*

information is Passport itself.[135] Through the design of Passport's namespace, the storage of private data is therefore centralized. Such namespace design can enhance the privacy of its users in light of the fact that the amount of information a user has to share with a particular Web site to gain access can be decreased.

This is not to say that the user's privacy is perfectly or even adequately protected in Microsoft Passport.[136] If user names, passwords, personal preferences, addresses, and credit card information are all stored at one central location on the Internet, securing this location against malicious attacks and accidental server failures becomes a primary issue. Furthermore, the centralization of information storage may lead to increased privacy risks if the central information storage provider is not trustworthy.

Yet, the Passport example illustrates how different namespace topologies lead to different allocations of privacy risks. Centralized namespaces may protect privacy interests because services that depend on the namespace do not have to store personal information by themselves. However, they may also threaten privacy interests as the central storage may be insecure or the namespace provider itself may misuse the stored information.

### iii. liability

In a centralized namespace, knowledge about all issues relating to the namespace is centralized as well. This centralization of knowledge means that, under certain circumstances, the single namespace provider might be held responsible for the activities that

135. *See id.*

136. After a complaint by privacy advocacy groups led by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), the Federal Trade Commission conducted an investigation of Microsoft Passport and, in August 2002, proposed a consent order that would prohibit Microsoft from misrepresenting information practices and force the company to implement a comprehensive information security program in Microsoft Passport. *See In re* Microsoft Corp., 2002 WL 1836831 (FTC 2002), *available at* http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2002/08/microsoft.htm. In Europe, after an investigation by the European Union's data protection authorities, Microsoft agreed in January 2003 to substantially modify the information flow in the Passport system. *See Microsoft to Alter Online System to Satisfy Europe*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 31, 2003, at W1; Article 29 Data Protection Working Party, Working Document on On-line Authentication Services, *at* http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/en/dataprot/wpdocs/wp68_en.pdf (Jan. 31, 2003).

its users engage in with the names. Doctrines of contributory and vicarious infringement can be used against centralized namespaces. The courts, for example, held Napster responsible for alleged copyright violations of its users because, as a provider of a centralized namespace, Napster had knowledge about every event occurring within the namespace.[137]

### iv. competition

Choosing a centralized topology for a namespace also influences the competitive framework in which the namespace operates. Namespaces are subject to network effects.[138] The more users and service providers use a particular namespace, the larger and therefore more valuable the namespace becomes to them.[139] As a result, in communication markets shaped by network effects, the optimal number of namespaces is often one. Network effects can lead to *de*

137. *See A&M Records*, 239 F.3d at 1011.

138. In a market shaped by positive network effects, a consumer's utility of a good "increases with the number of other agents consuming the good." Michael L. Katz & Carl Shapiro, *Network Externalities, Competition, and Compatibility*, 75 AM. ECON. REV. 424, 424 (1985). The existence, importance, and impact of network effects is controversial on a theoretical as well as an empirical level. *See* S. J. Liebowitz & Stephen E. Margolis, *Network Externality: An Uncommon Tragedy*, J. ECON. PERSP., Spring 1994, at 133, 149; *see also* BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 351–64; Mark A. Lemley & David McGowan, *Legal Implications of Network Economic Effects*, 86 CAL. L. REV. 479, 485, 591, 601, 610 (1998) (discussing that because theoretical implications have not been fully developed in economic literature and that the controversy makes it difficult to use network economic effects in legal argument). As Gerald Faulhaber correctly points out, in many communication networks it is the underlying namespace, rather than the network itself, that is subject to network effects. *See* Gerald Faulhaber, *Network Effects and Merger Analysis: Instant Messaging and the AOL-Time Warner Case*, 26 TELECOMM. POL'Y 311, 317 (2002).

139. This increasing utility prompts more and more users and service providers to use the namespace. After passing a certain "tipping" point, such a market shows so-called "positive feedback" effects. Positive feedback effects can lead to a vicious cycle in which a network good absorbs the market share of all competing goods. *See* CARL SHAPIRO & HAL R. VARIAN, INFORMATION RULES: A STRATEGIC GUIDE TO THE NETWORK ECONOMY 175–79 (1999); *see also* Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 496–97 (noting that "tipping is neither inherently good nor bad.").

*facto* standards, or even monopolies in a market.[140] In such markets, switching from one namespace to another may involve such high costs for both consumers and producers ("switching costs") that the market is locked into a particular namespace.[141]

Many centralized namespaces are subject to these effects. Network effects are one of the main reasons why no competitor to the ICANN-administered DNS has succeeded in providing universally accessible alternate TLDs.[142] The refusal of AOL to interconnect its instant messaging systems[143] with competing systems can be explained by network effects as well.[144] If, in a market shaped by network effects, a centralized namespace is used, competing namespaces may effectively be driven out of the market.

140. *See* Michael L. Katz & Carl Shapiro, *Systems Competition and Network Effects*, J. ECON. PERSP. 93, 105 (1994).

141. *See* SHAPIRO & VARIAN, *supra* note 139, at 104; *see also* OZ SHY, THE ECONOMICS OF NETWORK INDUSTRIES 4–5 (2001) (outlining various types of switching costs that affect the amount of lock-in).

142. For an overview of the debate on alternate DNS roots, see *infra* note 170.

143. Instant messaging is a service that lets users communicate over the Internet with each other in real time. With its Instant Messaging and ICQ systems, AOL Time Warner is the largest provider of instant messaging systems. *See In re* Matter of Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations by Time Warner, Inc. and America Online, Inc., Transferors, to AOL Time Warner, Inc., Transferee, 16 F.C.C.R. 6547, 6606 (2001) [hereinafter AOL/TW Merger Order]. Competitors in real-time communications include Yahoo and Microsoft. Instant messaging systems employ distinct user namespaces—so-called "names and presence databases" (NPDs)—that enable the system to know who is online. *See id.* If an instant messaging provider decides to share access to its NPD with other providers, it makes the instant messaging system interoperable or, in other words, federates the namespace. *See id.* For general information about instant messaging, see Faulhaber, *supra* note 138; *see also* James B. Speta, *A Common Carrier Approach to Internet Interconnection*, 54 FED. COMM. L.J. 225, 235–38 (2002) (discussing the effect of FCC's order in AOL/Time Warner on instant messaging); Weiser, *Internet Governance, supra* note 27, at 842–46 (describing the NPD as the core of instant messaging as well as interconnectability issues).

144. *See* Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 315–16, 324.

*b. federated namespaces*

i. competition

Although network effects can lead to a namespace monopoly, this is not inherently bad from an economic perspective. If, in a particular market, having a single namespace is more efficient than having several competing namespaces, then this is desirable.[145] Having a single namespace does not mean, however, that the namespace should be owned by a single company, or that only one company should provide the whole namespace.[146] Rather, such namespaces can be opened to competitors. Several competitors may offer competing namespace services that all adhere to one common standard. Open standards reduce the lock-in effects produced by network effects.[147] They shift the locus of competition from competing *for* the market to competing *within* the market, using common standards.[148] Such a market structure may combine the best of both worlds—the efficiency gains of one common namespace pushed by network effects, and the efficiency gains of competition between different providers in this namespace.[149]

Centralized namespaces can be opened to competition by introducing interoperability and interconnection between different namespace providers, for example, by "federating" the namespace (see Figure 3). Federating namespaces introduces competition into the namespace market.[150] It frees namespaces from proprietary

145. *See* Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 497.
146. *See id.*
147. *See id.* at 516, 600; *see also* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 53.
148. *See* SHAPIRO & VARIAN, *supra* note 139, at 231.
149.

> Even if network effects force all consumers to migrate to a single product standard, they (and society) will benefit if numerous companies compete to provide products compatible with that standard. Not only will the price of the product standard fall, and the adoptions of the standard correspondingly rise toward the optimal level, but competition within a standard should spur technological innovation toward improved standard . . . .

Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 599–600 (citations omitted).
150. *See* AOL/TW Merger Order, *supra* note 143, ¶ 131.

control. In a federated namespace, functions are horizontally distributed across several providers participating in the federation.[151]

Microsoft Passport may exemplify the difference between a centralized namespace and a federated one. Microsoft formerly structured its Passport namespace as a proprietary service.[152] Passport did not interoperate with other competing identification and authentication services. In such a centralized namespace, technical, economic, and policy control are exercised by a single entity. However, in September 2001, Microsoft announced that it would open Passport to other authentication systems.[153] By "federating" Passport, competing authentication systems could interoperate with Passport. A user with an account at a competing authentication system could still access Web sites that use Passport as their authentication service.[154] Passport would accept the authentication from the competing service and issue a Passport ticket for this user. In other words, Passport would translate the "foreign" identity into a Passport identity.[155] A different proposal for a federated user namespace was made in July 2002 by the Liberty Alliance Project.[156]

151. As a relatively small number of namespace providers exist, federated namespaces are hybrids between fully centralized and fully decentralized namespaces. Their regulatory implications lie between those two extremes as well.

152. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *supra* note 77, at 22.

153. *See id.*

154. *See id.*

155. Underlying this new architecture of Passport will be the Kerberos 5.0 security architecture. This technology enables a distributed computer environment in which different users are registered with different authentication servers. In Kerberos 5.0, "cross-realm authentication" allows a user to prove his identity to any authentication server in the system since all authentication servers in the network mutually accept tickets issued by other authentication servers. Under this architecture, Passport would accept Kerberos tickets supplied by other federated authentication services to issue its own authentication ticket. To achieve this "federation of trust," in Kerberos 4.0, every authentication server had to register with every other authentication server. Due to scalability and performance problems, Kerberos 5.0 now supports multi-hop (or transitive) cross-realm authentication, allowing keys to be shared hierarchically. For a detailed overview, see B. Clifford Neuman & Theodore Ts'o, *Kerberos: An Authentication Service for Computer Networks*, IEEE COMM. MAG., Sept. 1994, at 33, 36; *see also* John T. Kohl et al., *The Evolution of the Kerberos Authentication Service*, *in* DISTRIBUTED OPEN SYSTEMS 78 (1994); Ken Hornstein, *Kerberos FAQ, v2.0*, *at*

Further examples for federated namespaces are various PKIs. If, in a PKI system, a single organization is granted a *de facto* monopoly on granting certificates, this organization might charge excessive fees for certificates.[157] Centralized namespaces may stifle competition. Such problems can be prevented by using architectural approaches that enable federated PKI user namespaces. Bridge certification authorities,[158] oligarchy models,[159] "mesh

http://www.cmf.nrl.navy.mil/CCS/people/kenh/kerberos-faq.html (last modified Aug. 18, 2000) (answering frequently asked questions about administrating, using, troubleshooting, and programming Kerberos); Brian Tung, *The Moron's Guide to Kerberos, Version 1.2.2*, *at* http://www.isi.edu/gost/brian/security/kerberos.html (last modified Dec. 16, 1996). For some information on Microsoft's strategy regarding federated identity, see Microsoft Corp., Microsoft's Federated Security and Identity Roadmap, *at* http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/dnwebsrv/html/wsfederate.asp (June 2002).

156. The Liberty Alliance Project attempts to establish an open standard for federated network identity that could either compete or cooperate with Microsoft Passport. Liberty-enabled networks would enable single sign-on with a choice of identity providers. With the user's consent, his identity with a particular service provider (such as a car rental company) can be linked to (or federated with) his identity stored at an identity provider (such as his bank or an airline). Then, after the identity provider has authenticated the user, he can use Web sites of all federated service providers without having to log in again. *See* Liberty Alliance Project, Liberty Architecture Overview (Version 1.1-05), *at* http://www.projectliberty.org/specs/v1_1draft/draft-liberty-architecture-overview-v1.1-05.pdf (Nov. 25, 2002) [hereinafter Liberty Architecture Overview].

157. *See* Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 39.

158. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 64–66; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 378; William T. Polk & Nelson E. Hastings, *Bridge Certification Authorities: Connecting B2B Public Key Infrastructures* 8–9 (Sept. 2000), *available at* http://csrc.nist.gov/pki/documents/B2B-article.pdf.

159. In an oligarchy model, it is the user who can select which certification authorities he wants to trust. Thereby, the user can decide which part of the certification namespace he wants to use. Theoretically, this could enable competition between different certification authorities. The oligarchy model is commonly used in WWW browsers in SSL-protected and other secure communication. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 55–56; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 374; Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 39; Microsoft Corp., Using Digital Certificates, *at* http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/using/howto/digitalcert/using.asp (posted Sept. 7, 2001). Interestingly, this is exactly the scenario which the proponents of a single DNS root zone file want to prevent for security and reliability reasons: that the user can decide himself which DNS root servers he wants to use.

architectures,"[160] and various means of cross-certification[161] are different approaches to create one large federated PKI namespace.

The move from centralized to federated namespaces is further exemplified by DNA sequence namespaces.[162] In order to identify DNA sequences in a permanent manner, many biological journals require authors who describe newly discovered sequences to submit the DNA sequence data to a public database as a condition of publication.[163] Formerly, each of these databases used different systems-or namespaces—to address DNA sequences. DNA sequence identification numbers were not consistent across the databases. However, in early 1999, the three major databases in the United States, Europe, and Japan[164] implemented a system that ensures the unique assignment of names across the databases. In other words, the DNA sequence namespace became federated.[165]

160. In a mesh PKI architecture, a web of trust relationships between peer certification authorities is created by cross-certifications between these authorities. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 58–60; Marchesini & Smith, *supra* note 110, at 3–4; Polk & Hastings, *supra* note 158, at 5–8.

161. In cross-certification, one certification authority certifies another certification authority. Thereby, both certification namespaces become interconnected. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 62–64; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 377.

162. For information on DNA sequence databases, see Dennis A. Benson et al., *GenBank*, 30 NUCLEIC ACIDS RES. 17 (2002); Ewan Birney et al., *Databases and Tools for Browsing Genomes*, 3 ANN. REV. GENOMICS & HUM. GENETICS, 2002, at 293.

163. *See* Benson et al., *supra* note 162, at 19.

164. These are GenBank (operated by the U.S. National Center for Biotechnology Information), the EMBL Nucleotide Sequence Database (operated by the European Bioinformatics Institute), and DDBJ (operated by the Center for Information Biology and DNA Data Bank of Japan). *See* Benson et al., *supra* note 162, at 17.

165. For information on the introduction of the "accession.version" system of sequence identifiers that led to a fully federated namespace, see National Center for Biotechnology Information, Sequence Identifiers: A Historical Note, *at* http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Sitemap/sequenceIDs.html (revised Jan. 13, 2000); *see also* Dennis A. Benson et al., *GenBank*, 27 NUCLEIC ACIDS RES. 38, 39 (1999) (discussing sequence identifiers and accession numbers); Benson, *supra* note 162, at 19 (discussing how GenBank can assign an accession number to a sequence submission). However, the main reason for introducing this system was not the need to introduce competition among the databases, but to guarantee data consistency among the scientific databases. *See* National Center for Biotechnology Information, *supra*, at 2.

Other examples of federated namespaces include interconnected telephone networks,[166] the Internet,[167] hybrid P2P systems,[168] as well as discussions about interoperable instant messaging systems[169] and root zone level competition in both the DNS[170] and ENUM.[171]

166. Interconnection arrangements and mandates are tools to federate telephone namespaces. *See* NOAM, *supra* note 97 at 204–05; Mark Armstrong, *Network Interconnection in Telecommunications*, 108 ECON. J. 545 (1998).

167. On the Internet, interconnection between different networks is achieved by peering arrangements between backbone providers. *See* Stanley Besen et al., *Advances in Routing Technologies and Internet Peering Agreements*, 91 AM. ECON. REV. PAPERS & PROC. 292 (2001); Jean-Jacques Laffont et al., *Interconnection and Access in Telecom and the Internet: Internet Peering*, 91 AM. ECON. REV. PAPERS & PROC. 287 (2001). For a general analysis of interconnection problems on the Internet, see Speta, *supra* note 143.

168. Hybrid P2P networks use a namespace architecture that lies between the two extremes of a centralized and decentralized namespace. The FastTrack technology on which Grokster and KaZaA as well as the P2P system eDonkey, are based uses such an approach. *See* Beverly Yang & Hector Garcia-Molina, *Comparing Hybrid Peer-to-Peer Systems* 1, *available at* http://www-db.stanford.edu/~byang/pubs/hybridp2p_long.pdf (Sept. 2001) (explaining how hybrid P2P systems lie between pure P2P and client/server architectures); *see also* Kelly Truelove & Andrew Chasin, *Morpheus Out of the Underworld*, *at* http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2001/07/02/morpheus.html (July 2, 2001) (reviewing the origins, architecture, and major features of Morpheus, a network based on Fast Track technology and similar to KaZaA); Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief for Copyright Infringement, MGM Studios v. Grokster, Ltd., 2003 WL 186657 at ¶ 45 (C.D. Cal. 2003), *available at* http://www.eff.org/IP/P2P/MGM_v_Grokster/20011002_mgm_v_grokster_complaint.pdf (suit to stop the massive infringement of plaintiffs' copyrighted works on the Internet).

169. As a condition of the merger approval between AOL and Time Warner, the FCC required AOL not to offer any video-based instant messaging systems that are not interoperable (unfederated) with unaffiliated systems. *See* AOL/TW Merger Order, *supra* note 143, ¶ 325; Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 325; Speta, *supra* note 143, at 235–38; Weiser, *Internet Governance, supra* note 27, at 842–46. In July 2002, AOL Time Warner announced a shift in its strategy to offer interoperable instant messaging systems. *See* AOL Time Warner, Third Progress Report on Instant Messaging Interoperability, *available at* http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-02-1772A2.pdf (July 16, 2002); AOL Time Warner Inc. Submits Third Progress Report on Instant Messaging Interoperability, 17 F.C.C.R. 14263 (2002); 'Technical Challenges' Spike AOL IM Interoperability, *at* http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/6/26347.html (July 24, 2002). Several IETF working groups pursue divergent approaches to set standards for server-to-server instant messaging interoperability. *See* Application Exchange (apex), *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/apex-charter.html (last modified Oct. 12, 2001); Presence and Instant Messaging Protocol (prim), *at*

By creating interconnections between different namespaces, competition between the federated, interoperable namespaces becomes possible. A competing user authentication service, for example, could offer its service under a privacy policy different from Passport's privacy policy. If Microsoft chose to offer Passport only on a high-usage fee basis, or if it tied the Passport service to another product, a competitor could always offer his authentication service under very different terms, but still interoperate with Passport. By federating user namespaces, they are no longer a proprietary tool for data mining, but rather an open authentication platform on which other applications can build.

However, the mere interconnection of different namespaces does not necessarily lead to well-functioning competition between them. Such competition can be hindered by prohibitively high switching costs. If users or participating Web sites are locked into a particular namespace, the possibility to switch to another federated namespace that offers better service under better terms is only a theoretical one.[172] Furthermore, a federated namespace architecture only leads

http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/prim-charter.html (last modified July 31, 2001); SIP for Instant Messaging and Presence Leveraging Extensions (simple), *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/simple-charter.html (last modified Jan. 14, 2003).

170. For an overview, see Kent Crispin, *Alt-Roots, Alt-TLDs*, *at* http://www.icann.org/stockholm/draft-crispin-alt-roots-tlds-00.txt (May 2001); Internet Architecture Board, *IAB Technical Comment on the Unique DNS Root*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2826 (May 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2826.txt; ICANN, *supra* note 114; Milton Mueller, *Competing DNS Roots: Creative Destruction or Just Plain Destruction?*, *available at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109021.pdf (Oct. 2001). For the history of this debate, see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 130–34, 148–49, 152–53.

171. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 17–19. *But see* RFC 3245, *supra* note 98, at 2–3; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 10–14 (discussing "unofficial" ENUM namespaces). For an overview of different architectural alternatives for ENUM's design, see Hwang et al., *supra* note 94, at 13–21.

172. A user of one federated namespace may have invested considerable time and effort in shaping his identity in this namespace (by supplying additional personal information such as his address, taste, preferences, etc.). If he would switch to a competing user namespace, he could lose all of this information attached to his old identity, even though both namespaces are federated. This may deter the user from switching authentication systems in the first place, thereby impeding competition among authentication systems in the federation.

to competition if the providers actually do open their namespaces to competitors.[173]

### ii. regulability

Federating namespaces prevents any single company from controlling the whole user namespace. Federated namespaces are therefore harder to regulate as no single point of control exists. For example, in a P2P system with such a namespace architecture,[174] shutting down any single namespace will not shut down the whole P2P system. Therefore, such systems promise to combine the advantages of both centralized and decentralized namespace architecture, particularly the efficiency of centralized namespaces

It is interesting to note that in other networks, such problems have been solved at a technical level. Under the U.S. Telecommunications Act of 1996, the FCC requires local exchange carriers to provide "local number portability," thereby allowing consumers to retain their telephone number when switching local telephone providers. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) (2001); *In re* Telephone Number Portability, 11 F.C.C.R. 8352 (1996). Local number portability reduces customer's switching costs and facilitates competition between local telephone providers. *See* Thomas H. Reinke, *Local Number Portability and Local Loop Competition*, 22 TELECOMM. POL'Y 73 (1998); Joshua S. Gans et al., *Numbers to the People: Regulation, Ownership and Local Number Portability*, *at* http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=223189 (Apr. 13, 2000); Justus Haucap, *Telephone Number Allocation: A Property Rights Approach*, *available at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/delivery.cfm/SSRN_ID308003_code020423670.pdf?abstractid=308003 (Mar. 2002). *But see* NOAM, *supra* note 97, at 206–09; Reiko Aoki & John Small, *The Economics of Number Portability: Switching Costs and Two-Part Tariffs*, *available at* http://www.crnec.auckland.ac.nz/research/papers/Aoki_Small.pdf (Nov. 1999).

173. Microsoft, for example, has announced that it will open Passport only to other authentication systems that "meet the same high bar on privacy that we've set for Microsoft's own Passport service." Q&A: Open Passport Enables a "Network of Trust," *at* http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/Features/2001/Sep01/09-20passport.asp (Sept. 20, 2001). If the authentication system does not adhere to or enforce a comparable privacy policy, Microsoft could cut the connection between both authentication systems. *See id.* While this may be a laudable procedure, it is important to note that, in a federated authentication architecture, no structural reason exists why authentication providers could not also cut off competing systems for less laudable, strategic reasons. A similar point is made in the PKI context by Polk & Hastings, *supra* note 158, at 5. For an analysis of the legal consequences in the PKI context, see Michael S. Baum & Warwick Ford, *Public Key Infrastructure Interoperation*, 38 JURIMETRICS J. 359 (1998).

174. *See supra* note 168 and accompanying text.

with the robustness and lack of a single point of failure of decentralized namespaces.[175]

### iii. privacy

The partial decentralization in federated namespaces can enhance the protection of privacy interests. In a centralized user namespace, such as the Microsoft Passport architecture, each user is assigned a globally unique ID. Globally unique IDs always pose privacy risks as they can easily be used to connect personal information gathered from various sources.

In the federated user namespace of the Liberty Alliance Project,[176] globally unique IDs that are tied to a particular identity provider do not exist.[177] Rather, users have different accounts with one or more identity providers as well as with numerous service providers. With the consent of the user, all or some of the user's identities can be linked together.[178] However, even if two identities are linked together, no common identity exists. Both services remember the other's handle for the user and communicate with each other only with these handles.[179] This architecture enables the user to decide in a very fine-grained way which identities become linked together and which should stay separate. Therefore, the user can control which providers can exchange personal information.[180]

Federated user namespaces can be designed in different ways. One alternative approach would be to federate all namespaces in

175. *See* Yang & Garcia-Molina, *supra* note 127, at 1–3.

176. *See* Liberty Architecture Overview, *supra* note 156.

177. *See id.* at 24–25, 29.

178. Identities can also be linked together in a chain. In such a case, providers cannot skip over each other in the trust chain. *See id.* at 25.

179. *See* Liberty Alliance Project, Liberty Protocols and Schemas Specification (Draft Version 1.1-07) 23, *at* http://www.projectliberty.org/specs/v1_1draft/draft-liberty-architecture-protocols-and-schemas-v1.1-07.pdf (Nov. 15, 2002) [hereinafter Liberty Protocols].

180. If, for example, a user has federated each of his identities at two different service providers with his one identity at an identity provider, the service providers are still unable to exchange information about him because the user has not created a federation between the two service provider identities. *See* Liberty Architecture Overview, *supra* note 156, at 26–27, 29. For a general account of the importance of modularity in system design, see CARLISS Y. BALDWIN & KIM B. CLARK, DESIGN RULES (2000).

their entirety by default. Such architecture would in fact create an ID that is unique and recognized by all namespaces in the federation. This would facilitate the exchange of personal information that is tied to the globally unique ID across namespace borders. However, the Liberty Alliance Project chose a different approach. By empowering the user to determine to what extent his identity is federated in the user namespace, the Liberty Alliance Project allows the user to control the dissemination of personal information across the namespace in a fine-grained way.[181] Federating namespaces can enhance privacy protection as the overall namespace is effectively modularized.

### *c. decentralized namespaces*

While in a federated namespace a small number of interconnected namespaces exist, in a fully decentralized namespace the namespace itself is fully scattered across the network. Decentralized P2P networks are prime examples of such namespaces. In a fully decentralized P2P system, no single namespace exists. Rather, each peer has a namespace in which all locally stored files are registered.[182] In such networks the namespace is dispersed across the network beyond recognition. Resolving a name means searching the whole network or at least significant parts of it.[183] The P2P system Gnutella[184] uses such architecture.[185] Other

181. *See supra* text accompanying note 178.

182. Arguably, the individual peers do not even need a distinct namespace as they can just search their hard drive.

183. In fact, it is one of the most important research areas in P2P computing to develop efficient search algorithms for large distributed, decentralized systems. It is interesting to note that people use strikingly similar strategies to locate other individuals in a society (or, more precisely, the namespace of personal names in a society). In an experiment conducted in the late 1960s, randomly selected individuals were asked to direct letters to a target person in another, distant city in the United States whom they did not know by forwarding the letter to a single friend. On average, the letters that arrived at the target person made only six hops. *See* Jeffrey Travers & Stanley Milgram, *An Experimental Study of the Small World Problem*, 32 SOCIOMETRY 425 (1969). The search strategy employed by individuals in the namespace of personal names can be used in other decentralized namespaces, such as P2P systems, as well. *See* Duncan J. Watts et al., *Identity and Search in Social Networks*, 296 SCIENCE 1302, 1305 (2002).

184. *See* Gene Kan, *Gnutella*, *in* PEER-TO-PEER 94 (Andy Oram ed., 2001); Matei Ripeanu et al., *Mapping the Gnutella Network,* IEEE INTERNET

decentralized namespaces include encryption systems—such as the original Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) system—that do not employ a structured PKI architecture, but rather a more anarchical model in which public keys are certified on a P2P basis.[186] Decentralized namespaces possess interesting features regarding their regulability, privacy protection, and the liability of the namespace "providers."

i. regulability

If copyright holders want to shut down a fully decentralized P2P network, they cannot simply shut down a central namespace because the namespace is scattered across the individual peers of the P2P network. Shutting down any one of the peers in the network would not impact the overall network. As no single entity assigns all names, no single point of control exists. Fully decentralized namespaces are much harder to regulate than centralized namespaces.

ii. liability and privacy

As no single entity exists that operates the namespace, liability for actions occurring within the namespace is scattered as well.[187] Only individual users can be held liable, since no central entities exist.

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COMPUTING, Jan./Feb. 2002, at 50; Clip2, The Gnutella Protocol Specification v0.4: Document Revision 1.2, *at* http://rfc-gnutella.sourceforge.net/Development/GnutellaProtocol0_4-rev1_2.pdf (last visited Feb. 4, 2003); Gnutelliums, *at* http://www.gnutelliums.com (last visited Jan. 16, 2003).

185. For efficiency and scalability reasons, Gnutella limits the hops a query message may take across peer computers by a "time-to-live" (TTL) parameter. *See* Kan, *supra* note 184, at 105–06, 110; *see also* Fernando R.A. Bordignon & Gabriel H. Tolosa, *Gnutella: Distributed System for Information Storage and Searching Model Description* 5, *at* http://www.unlu.edu.ar/~tyr/TYR-publica/paper-final-gnutella-english-v2.pdf (2001) (explaining the process by which a query message is rejected).

186. In such a system, no trusted certification authority certifies the identity or integrity of any public key or individual person. Rather, the individuals themselves decide which keys to trust. Thereby, a "web of trust" is created without the need for a central infrastructure. In such a system, the authentication namespace is totally dispersed throughout the whole network. *See* KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 569; Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 40.

187. *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 137; Kan, *supra* note 184, at 99.

In a fully decentralized namespace, knowledge for actions occurring on top of the namespace is dispersed throughout the network. In a decentralized P2P network, for instance, no central entity exists that knows all the transactions occurring in the network.[188] Some of these networks, such as Freenet, are even designed with the explicit purpose of preserving privacy for information producers and consumers while resisting censorship.[189] Surveillance of fully decentralized namespaces is an intricate task.[190] Decentralized namespaces lead to decentralized knowledge which protects the privacy of namespace users better than centralized namespaces.

As this Section has shown, choosing a topology for namespaces has far-reaching implications from a policy and legal perspective. The more decentralized a namespace becomes, the harder it becomes to regulate. The more it protects privacy and anonymity of its users, the more difficult, more expensive and more inefficient it becomes to hold someone liable for the actions occurring on top of the namespace, and the more competition it enables within the namespace.

### *D. Intensity of Namespace Governance*

Namespaces can be governed with various intensities. Whether a namespace is tightly controlled or merely left to its own impacts various policy aspects of namespace governance, ranging from regulability to innovation issues.

188. *See* Kan, *supra* note 184, at 119 ("With Gnutella, every router and cable on the Internet would need to be tapped to learn about transactions between Gnutella hosts or peers.").

189. *See* Ian Clarke et al., *Freenet: A Distributed Anonymous Information Storage and Retrieval System*, *in* DESIGNING PRIVACY ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES 46, 47, 62–64 (Hannes Federrath ed., 2001); Adam Langley, *Freenet*, *in* PEER-TO-PEER 123 (Andy Oram ed., 2001); Clarke et al., *supra* note 130, at 41. For other P2P systems that attempt to preserve anonymity, see Qin Lv et al., *Can Heterogenity Make Gnutella Scalable?*, *at* http://www.cs.rice.edu/Conferences/IPTPS02/165.pdf (2002); Andrei Serjantov, *Anonymizing Censorship Resistant Systems*, *available at* http://www.cs.rice.edu/Conferences/IPTPS02/120.pdf (Mar. 1, 2002).

190. *See* Kan, *supra* note 184, at 118 ("[T]he only way to monitor what is happening on the Gnutella network is to monitor what is happening on the entire Internet.").

### 1. Control versus coordination

Some namespaces are tightly controlled and coordinated. Some namespaces are coordinated, but not controlled. Other namespaces are neither controlled nor coordinated. In various namespaces, some control or coordination is necessary due to technical reasons. If a namespace, for example, provides fewer names than needed—for example, if it is a scarce namespace[191]—coordination mechanisms must exist to assign names in an efficient and resource-saving manner.[192] Therefore, in a scarce namespace some coordination is necessary. Coordination, however, is not the same as tight control. Coordination in scarce namespaces is specifically focused on dealing with one *technical* feature of the namespace, namely scarcity. If namespaces are subject to greater control, this control is exercised for policy or legal reasons—not technical reasons.

A namespace that illustrates the difference in degree between control and coordination is the IP address space. As described above,[193] the DNS resolves domain names into IP addresses. IP addresses form a distinct namespace that is administered by IANA.[194] Traditionally, IP addresses have been assigned entirely on

191. The telephone number space is a scarce namespace. Although only five percent of the 6.4 billion telephone numbers supported by the U.S. numbering plan had been assigned in the mid-90s, the telephone number space was already in danger of becoming exhausted. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 20. A similar problem occurs in the IP address space. To remove the artificial size limitation of the current IPv4 address space, IPv6, the next generation of a core protocol underlying Internet communications, will expand the size of the IP address space from thirty-two bits to 128 bits. *See id.* at 38–39. Scarcity also exists in the namespace of gTLDs. The current ICANN-administered DNS recognizes only a limited number of gTLDs (.com, .net, .org, .aero, .biz, .coop, .info, .museum, .name, and .pro). *See id.* at 201–05. For other scarce namespaces, see *infra* text accompanying notes 248–49.

192. Various ways exist to allocate scarce namespaces. Names can be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis (assignment based on priority), auctioned or traded as a regular good (assignment based on market forces), assigned based on administrative rules or "beauty contests" (assignment based on administrative decisions), or they can be randomly assigned (assignment based on chance). Legal constraints can influence the assignment process as well (e.g., trademark law or dispute resolution policies). Some of these assignment procedures work better in some namespaces than in others. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 23–26.

193. *See supra* text accompanying notes 37–40.

194. Hubbard et al., *supra* note 99, at 2–3. IANA's Web site can be found at http://www.iana.org (last modified Dec. 30, 2002).

a first-come, first-served basis.[195] Although IANA coordinated the IP address space, it exercised almost no policy control over the address space. In the early 1990s, however, it became evident that the IP address space would be used up in a few years.[196] The IP address space turned out to be a scarce resource. To cope with this scarcity, IP address registries began to impose policies that assigned IP addresses based on demonstrated need and made them subject to annual fees.[197] Thereby, the registries attempted to prevent the stockpiling of IP addresses and to conserve the current address space as long as possible.[198] The registries increasingly used their technical control over the IP address space to facilitate rationing and policy enforcement.[199] However, apart from this scarcity problem, the IP address assignment process is still restricted to mere coordination tasks. The IP address registries do not exercise any control over any other policy issues that would be worth mentioning.[200] Developments with respect to Ethernet addresses are similar.[201]

195. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 36.

196. The scarcity of the IPv4 address space is not a result of the actual size of the address space. The address space theoretically supports about 4.3 billion unique addresses. However, special addressing and routing schemes led to the scarcity of the address space even though only a small fraction of the address space was actually used. *See id.*

197. It was even discussed whether IP address blocks should be auctioned or traded in a market. *See id.* at 37.

198. *See* Hubbard et al., *supra* note 99, at 3–8. The more restrictive assignment of IP addresses is not the only way to cope with the scarce address space. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 36–39. One relief was the introduction of more new routing algorithms (classless inter-domain routing) that used up fewer IP addresses. *See id.* at 37–38. Another solution is the expansion of the IP address space, a goal pursued by IPv6. *See id.* at 37–39; *see also supra* note 185 (describing the P2P system Gnutella).

199. *See id.* at 36–38. For an overview of the IPv6 address assignment policy, see ICANN, IPv6 Address Allocation and Assignment Policy, *at* http://www.icann.org/aso/ipv6-statement-11jul02.htm (posted June 26, 2002).

200. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 32–39; Hubbard et al., *supra* note 99. Besides the scarcity constraint, the assignment of IP addresses also needs to take the Internet routing architecture into account. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 33–35.

201. Ethernet addresses—officially called Ethernet Unique Identifiers (EUI)—are administered by the IEEE Registration Authority. *See* IEEE Registration Authority Overview, *supra* note 100. Ethernet addresses used to be forty-eight bits long. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 28. As with IP addresses, the Ethernet address space gradually became a scarce resource.

If one compares the regulatory philosophy governing the IP and Ethernet address spaces with the current regulatory philosophy governing the domain namespace, the difference in degree between control and coordination becomes obvious. Name scarcity may necessitate a coordination of the name assignment process. It does not, however, necessitate any tight control over other policy-related issues of the namespace.

2. Control versus uncoordination and decentralized innovation

A central authority would not have to assign names if the sheer size of the namespace can solve coordination problems. Therefore, in some infinite namespaces, even any coordination is unnecessary. Such namespaces are fully "democratized." No entity in the namespace has more knowledge, control, or responsibility over the namespace than any other entity in the namespace. Such namespaces create open platforms that enable decentralized, uncoordinated innovation.

This governance implication of creating infinite namespaces can be best observed in the TCP/UDP port number space. The Internet enables different applications—a Web browser and a Web server, for example—to communicate over the network. To facilitate the communication among a wide variety of applications, a standardized mechanism has to exist so that applications can contact and communicate with remote applications. The TCP and UDP port number space provides such a standardized mechanism.[202] They are namespaces for identifying "channels" over which programs can

Therefore, the IEEE Registration Authority responded by imposing address space conversation policies. *See id.* at 28. Apart from measures to preserve the address space, the IEEE Registration Authority exercises no considerable policy control over the Ethernet address space. *See id.* at 27–28. Furthermore, to alleviate the scarcity problem, the Ethernet address space was enlarged to support sixty-four-bit-long addresses. *See id.* at 28.

202. While the following description generally applies to both TCP and UDP port numbers, for purposes of clarity, only TCP port numbers will be mentioned. The UDP is a connectionless transport layer protocol which uses port numbers just as the TCP does. *See* ERIC A. HALL, INTERNET CORE PROTOCOLS: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE 24–25 (2000). While there are important technical differences between UDP and TCP, they are of no importance for this Article and are therefore not addressed. *See id.* For a more detailed description, see PETE LOSHIN, TCP/IP CLEARLY EXPLAINED 181–210 (3d ed. 1999).

communicate on the Internet. In combination with the IP address of a computer, port numbers uniquely identify every program running on any computer connected to the Internet.[203] Therefore, port numbers provide a service to the namespace that identifies applications running on networked computers.[204]

In total, 65,535 distinct port numbers exist. It would be quite cumbersome if, each time a Web browser wanted to communicate with a Web server, both programs had to agree on which port to use. Therefore, the network provides an *ex ante*, standardized agreement about which programs can be contacted on which ports: IANA maintains a list of TCP ports that are pre-assigned to specific programs or processes.[205] According to this list, Web servers can be contacted on port eighty. This means that a Web browser can simply contact a remote computer on port eighty. If a Web server is running on the remote computer, it will most likely listen to and respond on port eighty.

Port eighty is not the only "standardized" port. In fact, the first 1024 of the 65,535 ports are all so-called "well-known ports" which are assigned to processes that are used widely across the Internet.[206] Port numbers in the range from 1024 to 49,151 are called "registered ports."[207] They are assigned to less common programs and are

203. In the TCP port number space, this combination with IP addresses is called a "socket." *See* CRAIG HUNT, TCP/IP NETWORK ADMINISTRATION 46 (2d ed. 1998); LOSHIN, *supra* note 202, at 184–85 (Loshin also provides an explanation of server daemons which complicates this description slightly).

204. *See* HALL, *supra* note 202, at 274–86.

205. The list is available at http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers (last updated Jan. 17, 2003). This site lists ports for both the UDP and the TCP protocol. From 1977 until 1994, the list was contained in a series of RFCs, the most current being RFC 1700. In January 2002, however, it was officially acknowledged that RFC 1700 was outdated and that IANA's Web site should be consulted instead. *See Assigned Numbers: RFC 1700 is Replaced by an On-line Database*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3232 (Joyce K. Reynolds, ed., 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3232.txt. A copy of the list, for example, is stored on most computers connected to the Internet (e.g., "/etc/services" on UNIX systems) in whole or in part. *See* HUNT, *supra* note 203, at 43–44.

206. FTP (port 21), SSH (22), Telnet (23), SMTP (25), Domain Name Service (53), Finger (79), Kerberos (88), NNTP (119), IRC (194), Z39.50 (210), LDAP (389), and HTTPS (443) all are examples of widely used processes that have been assigned a "well-known" port number. *See* IANA, Port Numbers, *at* http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers.

207. *Id.*

included in IANA's list of port numbers "as a convenience to the community."[208] While IANA exercises some control over the assignment of ports zero through 49,151,[209] the ports 49,152 through 65,535 are totally unassigned ("private ports"). Everybody is free to use them. Every application that wants to communicate with another application running on a remote computer can do so by simply using one of the private ports.

Therefore, twenty-five percent of the TCP port number space is not only uncontrolled, but also uncoordinated. Such regulation of the number space has advantages and disadvantages. A disadvantage of an uncoordinated port number space is the potential for a chaotic communication bazaar. An uncoordinated port number space does not prevent different applications from using the same port number.[210] However, the advantages of such number space regulation far outweigh this potential disadvantage. Leaving the port number space open arguably played a major role in fostering innovation on the Internet. To realize how this value is embedded in the port number space, one needs to imagine a different design. First, imagine that IANA assigned every port number to specific programs so that no private ports existed. Second, imagine that IANA assigned port numbers only according to a set of predetermined rules. It could assign ports on the basis of the technical quality of the application. It could auction ports or charge an administrative fee for assignment. It could choose to assign no

208. *Id.*

209. IANA's assignment of these lower port numbers follows the traditional approach of the technical Internet community: it is a very open process. Anybody who wants to receive a well-known or a registered port is free to apply. While IANA controls this part of the port number space, it does not discriminate between different applications. For more information, see IANA, Application for System (Well-Known) Port Number (Nov. 21, 2000), *at* http://www.iana.org/cgi-bin/sys-port-number.pl; IANA, Application for User (Registered) Port Number, *at* http://www.iana.org/cgi-bin/usr-port-number.pl (last updated Nov. 21, 2000).

210. If, for example, an instant messaging application tries to communicate with a remote instant messaging application on a port that is used simultaneously by a P2P application, the communication is likely to fail. In practice, however, this is not too severe a problem if the uncoordinated part of the number space is sufficiently large (16,383 port numbers). The chance that an application will connect to a computer on a port number to which a totally different application is listening is therefore relatively slim. Even if this happens, the application can simply switch to another of the private channels.

ports to P2P applications due to piracy concerns. It could choose to assign no ports to video streaming software because it did not want the Internet to become a competitor of cable TV. It could choose to assign only ports to applications that run on the Windows operating system. Fortunately, it is unrealistic that IANA would ever assign port numbers based on such criteria. Third, however, the scenario becomes more plausible if one imagines that it was not IANA that assigned the port numbers, but a company such as AT&T or Microsoft. In such a scenario, the control over the port number space could be used to allow the operation of certain kinds of applications on the Internet while shutting down other applications.[211]

211. This scenario may seem far-fetched. However, in other communication networks, this application discrimination is already happening. Over the last few years, several broadband cable providers that offer Internet access over their cable networks have restricted the kind of applications that can be run on the network. Proponents of a cable "open access" regime argue that this regulation impedes innovation occurring on the network. For an overview of this discussion, see Lemley & Lessig, *supra* note 25.

Even in the TCP/UDP port number space, the emergence of control structures can be observed. For a variety of reasons, technologies have been developed that enable several computers to share a single IP address. This is achieved by network address translators (NATs) which pick up all traffic coming to the group of computers sharing one IP address and distribute it to the appropriate computer in the group. They perform an equivalent procedure for outgoing traffic.

Most NATs also alter port numbers. These Network Address Port Translators (NAPTs) can exercise control over the data flow. As Lawrence Lessig explains, "[i]f the [NAPT] is unaware of how to process the data from that particular application (either because the [NAPT] was unaware of that application or because it was coded to ignore data of that type), then that application won't function on that [NAPT]-empowered network." *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 172; *see also* Hans Kruse et al., *The InterNAT: Policy Implications of the Internet Architecture Debate*, *in* COMMUNICATIONS POLICY IN TRANSITION: THE INTERNET AND BEYOND 141 (Benjamin M. Compaine & Shane Greenstein eds., 2001) (stating that NAPTs are unable to "forward a connection request from the Internet to a private network unless an administrative mapping has been provided for the port requested in the incoming packet.").

NAPTs introduce a control structure into the port number space. This point of control can be used as a leverage to impede innovation on the network. For an overview of NAT and NAPT technology, see Pyda Srisuresh & Matt Holdrege, *IP Network Address Translator (NAT) Terminology and Considerations*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2663 (Aug. 1999), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2663.txt; Pyda Srisuresh & Kjeld B. Egevang, *Traditional IP Network Address Translator (Traditional NAT)*, Request for

By keeping twenty-five percent of the port number space open and uncoordinated, IANA has chosen a different path. It coordinates parts of the number space without controlling the whole number space. It cannot prevent anyone from writing an application that operates over the Internet using a private port. This particular regulation of the port number space plays a large role in the phenomenal innovation occurring on the Internet. Since nobody exercises control over the port number space, everybody is free to invent new technologies running atop of the Internet without having to ask anyone for permission. When Tim Berners-Lee invented the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), one of the technologies underlying the World Wide Web, he did not have to ask the AT&Ts or Microsofts of this world for permission to use a port number. The port number space was a free resource.

The observation that certain design choices in the Internet architecture foster innovation occurring on the Internet is not novel. Indeed, it lies at the heart of the so-called "end-to-end argument" (e2e). E2e is one of the prime architectural principles that have governed the Internet over the last decades.[212] First described by Saltzer, Reed, and Clark in a seminal paper dating from 1984,[213] the

Comments (RFC) 3022 (Jan. 2001), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3022.txt. For an overview of the architectural implications of NATs, see Tony Hain, *Architectural Implications of NAT*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2993 (Nov. 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2993.txt. For an explanation of the related concept of "Realm Specific IP" (RSIP), particularly Realm Specific Address and Port IP (RSAP-IP), see Srisuresh & Holdrege, *supra*, at 15–20.

212. "[T]he [Internet] community believes that the goal [of the Internet architecture] is connectivity, the tool is the Internet Protocol, and the intelligence is end to end rather than hidden in the network." *Architectural Principles of the Internet*, Request for Comments (RFC) 1958 (Brian E. Carpenter ed., June 1996), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1958.txt [hereinafter RFC 1958]; *see also* Marjory S. Blumenthal & David D. Clark, *Rethinking the Design of the Internet: The End-to-End Arguments vs. the Brave New World*, 1 ACM TRANSACTIONS ON INTERNET TECHNOLOGY 70, 71–72 (2001) ("[T]he bias toward movement of function 'up' from the core and 'out' to the edge node has served very well as a central Internet design principle.").

213. *See* Jerome H. Saltzer et al., *End-to-End Arguments in System Design*, 2 ACM TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTER SYSTEMS 277–88 (1984). For an overview of e2e, see RFC 1958, *supra* note 212, at 2. For an analysis of the challenges to the e2e design principle posed by new technologies and new demands, see Blumenthal & Clark, *supra* note 212, at 71–80; *see also* Brian E.

e2e argument claims that as much intelligence as possible should reside at the "edges" of the network, that is, at applications running on networked computers, not in the network itself.[214] It vests power in end users and disables control by a central actor within the network.[215] E2e thereby ensures that the network is a neutral platform that does not discriminate between different applications or services.[216]

Concerning innovation,[217] e2e implies that "innovators with new applications need only connect their computers to the network to let their applications run."[218] They do not have to ask anyone for permission, especially not anyone controlling a namespace upon which the Internet depends. By decentralizing control, e2e enables decentralized innovation.[219]

E2e does not only decentralize control. It is also an architectural principle of how to design a computer network system under uncertainty—uncertainty concerning how the network will be used in the future, and uncertainty as to what kind of applications will be run

Carpenter & Scott W. Brim, *Middleboxes: Taxonomy and Issues*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3234 (Feb. 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3234.txt.

214. *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 34–39; Blumenthal & Clark, *supra* note 212, at 71; Lemley & Lessig, *supra* note 25, at 930–31; Saltzer et. al., *supra* note 213, at 286. In its purest form, the e2e argument deals with the placement of functions within a layered system. It states that most system functions should be located at upper rather than lower levels of a layered system. Functions should be moved upward, "closer to the application that uses the function[s]." Saltzer et al., *supra* note 213, at 277; *see also* Blumenthal & Clark, *supra* note 212, at 71 ("specific application-level functions usually cannot, and preferably should not, be built into the lower levels of the system"); David P. Reed et al., *Commentaries on "Active Networking and End-to-End Arguments"*, IEEE NETWORK 69 (1998) (discussing programmability's effect on design time function placement).

215. *See* Kruse et al., *supra* note 211, at 150.

216. *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 37; Lemley & Lessig, *supra* note 25, at 931.

217. The e2e argument also has many implications for the security, integrity, performance, and other aspects of communication. In fact, e2e should be regarded as an umbrella for different, but related system design principles. *See* Saltzer et al., *supra* note 213; Brian E. Carpenter, *Internet Transparency*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2775 (Feb. 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2775.txt.

218. LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 36.

219. *See* Kruse et al., *supra* note 211, at 150.

over the network. It is one of the goals of e2e to "support the widest possible variety of services and functions, to permit applications that cannot be anticipated."[220] Network architectures that violate the e2e design principle tend to build "complex function into a network [which] implicitly optimizes the network for one set of uses while substantially increasing the cost of a set of potentially valuable uses that may be unknown or unpredictable at design time."[221]

Although no single entity may exist in a network that can anticipate all possible uses of the network, this knowledge may indeed exist, but may be distributed among a myriad of individual actors in the network. E2e provides a mechanism to cope with such extremely dispersed knowledge in a network.[222] If the kind of

220. Saltzer et al., *supra* note 213, at 70.

221. *Id.*

222. To some extent, this is reminiscent of Friedrich Hayek's conception of competition as a discovery procedure. This conception stresses the importance of spontaneously ordering forces in an environment of extremely decentralized and dispersed knowledge:

> The real issue [of an economic order] is how we can best assist the optimum utilization of the knowledge, skills and opportunities to acquire knowledge, that are dispersed among hundreds of thousands of people, but given to nobody in their entirety . . . to treat [competition] as if all this knowledge were available to any one person at the outset is to make nonsense of it.

FRIEDRICH A. HAYEK, THE POLITICAL ORDER OF A FREE PEOPLE 68 (1979).

> The peculiar character of the problem of a rational economic order is determined precisely by the fact that the knowledge of the circumstances of which we must make use never exists in concentrated or integrated form, but solely as the dispersed bits of incomplete and frequently contradictory knowledge which all the separate individuals possess.

Friedrich A. Hayek, *The Use of Knowledge in Society*, 35 AM. ECON. REV. 519 (1945)*; see also* FRIEDRICH A. HAYEK, THE MIRAGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 70–71, 114–15 (1976); FRIEDRICH A. HAYEK, THE POLITICAL ORDER OF A FREE PEOPLE 67–70 (1979); Friedrich A. Hayek, *Competition as a Discovery Procedure*, *in* NEW STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND THE HISTORY OF IDEAS 179 (1978) (considering competition as a means of discovering facts that would remain unknown or unusable without competition); Manfred E. Streit, *Cognition, Competition, and Catallaxy*, 4 CONST. POL. ECON. 223, 234–38 (1993). More generally, the claimed importance of the e2e argument for innovation is part of the larger debate concerning what the optimal market structure for innovation is and what the implications of centralized control for innovation are. *See* Lemley & Lessig, *supra* note 25, at 957–62; John E. Lopatka & William H. Page, *Internet Regulation and Consumer Welfare: Innovation, Speculation, and Cable*

innovation that will occur on a network is not predictable, e2e argues the network should not be biased by its very architecture towards any specific kind of innovation.[223]

The connection between e2e design and innovation is not a novel observation.[224] However, previous analyses of this connection did not notice that, in this regard, e2e was implemented on the Internet by a particular design of a namespace: the TCP/UDP port number space. As was described above, the port number space leaves twenty-five percent of all port numbers uncoordinated, thereby enabling decentralized innovation.[225] This openness of the TCP/UDP port number space is the Internet's implementation of the e2e argument.[226]

Uncoordinated namespaces can enable decentralized innovation. If the port number space were under close control of a company, any innovator would have to ask this company for permission before he could run a new software application over the Internet. Given the possibility that the company may act strategically, the innovator may be deterred from developing his application in the first place. Had the Internet in general and the regulation of the port number space specifically not complied with the e2e design principle, the

*Bundling*, 52 HASTINGS L.J. 891, 914–17 (2001); *see also* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 139–40 (arguing that a decentralized architecture encourages experimentation, and that "innovation controlled by the state—[i.e., centralized control] fails.").

223. *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 39; Lemley & Lessig, *supra* note 25, at 938. The e2e argument thereby tries to prevent any discrimination against emerging technologies. However, a counter-argument against e2e may be that some emerging technologies will need particular support by the network architecture to reach their full potential.

224. It was clearly formulated by Saltzer et al., *supra* note 213, at 70. Lawrence Lessig builds much of his analysis in his book *The Future of Ideas* on the impact of e2e on innovation. *See* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14; *see also* Blumenthal & Clark, *supra* note 212, at 72, 74 (discussing the e2e argument and "emerging requirements for the Internet today"); Kruse et al., *supra* note 211, at 141.

225. *See supra* text accompanying notes 209–11.

226. This is not to say that the openness of the TCP/UDP port number space is the only instance where e2e is implemented on the Internet. This Article does not attempt to provide a full assessment of the relationship between e2e, innovation, and the governance over the Internet.

development of HTTP, HTML, and the Web revolution might never have taken place.[227]

### *E. Scope of Namespace Governance*

The governance of namespaces may differ not only in intensity, but also in scope. Namespaces can be designed to store large or small amounts of information. They can be constructed to be accessible for a single purpose or for multiple purposes. They may also have a fixed or an adaptive internal structure. Such design decisions determine various policy aspects of namespace governance, ranging from privacy and regulability to innovation issues.

#### 1. Information-rich versus information-poor namespaces

Namespaces can be designed to collect large amounts of personal information about the persons who are accessing and registering with the namespace. They can also be designed to store as little personal information as possible. Whereas information-rich namespaces may lead to privacy concerns, information-poor namespaces may become a tool for privacy protection.

As described above,[228] Microsoft Passport creates a user namespace in which a large amount of personal information is stored in one location.[229] An information-rich namespace centralizes knowledge. Such architecture may be privacy-protecting because services that depend on the namespace do not have to store such information themselves. However, it may also pose threats to privacy as the central storage may be insecure or the namespace provider himself may misuse this information.[230]

Another example of an information-rich namespace is the DNS. Personal information about the registrants of Internet domain names has traditionally been publicly available through the WHOIS

227. *See* Saltzer et al., *supra* note 213, at 70.

228. *See supra* text accompanying notes 131–34.

229. After all, that is one of the goals of any authentication system. Today, one's identity on the Internet is fragmented across various identity providers, including employers, Internet portals, various communities, and business services. Authentication systems attempt to reduce such fragmentation. *See* Liberty Architecture Overview, *supra* note 156, at 9–16.

230. For this argument in the Microsoft Passport context, see *supra* text accompanying note 136.

database.[231] In contrast, no global public databases exist that contain personal information about every telephone subscriber. Therefore, from an outside perspective, the telephone network is an information-poor namespace.[232]

Also, to what detail a namespace identifies objects determines whether the namespace is information-rich or information-poor. In DRM systems, "metadata" namespaces are used to identify digital objects—such as music, video, or text files—that are protected by and transmitted over the DRM system.[233] The optimal granularity with which digital objects should be identified by the metadata namespace is an open question. Should a text be only identifiable in its entirety or should each paragraph, sentence, word, or even character be identifiable by the namespace?[234] Answering this

231. *See* Network Solutions, *at* http://www.networksolutions.com/cgi-bin/whois/whois (last visited Jan. 21, 2003).

232. The different treatment of personal information in the DNS and the telephone system creates problems for ENUM which attempts to connect both namespaces. As ENUM stands between the Internet and the telephone system, it is unclear which privacy model it should adopt. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 2, 4. ENUM potentially stores a large amount of private contact information. *See id.* at 4. Since such information is stored in a DNS-like database, it is questionable whether the traditionally lax privacy approach of DNS should also apply to ENUM. *See id.* at 35; Hwang et al., *supra* note 94, at 22–23; *see also* Electronic Privacy Information Center: ENUM, *at* http://www.epic.org/privacy/enum (last updated Dec. 2, 2002) (explaining the issue of privacy and the protection of personal information stored in ENUM); ENUM Forum—Working Documents, *at* http://www.enum-forum.org/workingdocs.html (last visited Dec. 16, 2002) (discussing privacy issues in ENUM implementation).

233. *See generally* Normal Paskin & Godfrey Rust, *The Digital Object Identifier Initiative; Metadata Implications*, *available at* http://www.doi.org/P2VER3.pdf (Feb. 10, 1999) (providing background information on "metadata" namespaces).

234. *See* BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 39; Annemique M.E. de Kroon, *Protection of Copyright Management Information*, *in* COPYRIGHT AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE: LEGAL ASPECTS OF ELECTRONIC COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT 229, 231 (P. Bernt Hugenholtz ed. 2000); Norman Paskin, *Towards Unique Identifiers*, 87 PROC. OF THE IEEE 1208 (1999). Whether information about the names should be embedded in the names themselves or should be stored in a separate database is a related problem. In the area of metadata systems, this led to a long-lasting battle between "intelligent" and "dumb" identifiers. Choosing an appropriate architecture along these lines has efficiency and privacy implications. *See* BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER- ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 38; Keith Hill, *A Perspective: The Role of Identifiers in Managing and Protecting*

question has efficiency and privacy implications. The more precisely an object can be identified, the better and more extensively usage data can be collected and processed. Determining a namespace's granularity determines its implications for privacy interests. This tension occurs in other namespaces as well.[235]

2. Single-purpose versus multi-purpose namespaces

While some namespaces serve specific narrow purposes, other namespaces can be used for many different purposes and accessed by different applications. This has implications for regulating such namespaces and for innovation occurring on top of them.

*a. regulability*

The P2P file namespace Napster, for example, served a narrowly confined purpose: to identify and locate music files in the network. Conversely, the DNS device namespace serves many different purposes. From the perspective of the DNS, it does not matter whether domain names are resolved in order to locate music, text documents, video, persons, or any other resources. The DNS is a multi-purpose namespace.

Single-purpose namespaces are more prone to regulation than multi-purpose namespaces. As soon as a court determined that the Napster namespace was used mainly for illegitimate purposes, the namespace could be regulated. A namespace such as the DNS, which is used for some illegitimate, but also for many legitimate purposes, would be much harder to shut down under this rationale. Multi-purpose namespaces therefore tend to be more stable.

*Intellectual Property in the Digital Age,* 87 PROC. OF THE IEEE 1228, 1232 (1999); Paskin, *supra*, at 1209, 1213–14.

235. In the disease namespace ICD, it is difficult to determine how precise the namespaces should be in order to identify causes of death and, in particular, different accidents. Doctors, epidemiologists, and statisticians each have different opinions regarding the optimal granularity of the disease namespaces. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 101, 144–46, 270–75. For some general information about the ICD, see *supra* text accompanying note 62.

*b. innovation around namespaces*

Whether a namespace serves more than one purpose also determines to a large extent whether the namespace fosters or hinders innovation.

i. horizontally innovation-friendly namespaces

A multi-purpose namespace does not control the purposes for which it is accessed and used. Multi-purpose namespaces are "horizontally innovation-friendly," as they can be accessed and used by any application. A single-purpose namespace, on the other hand, exercises control over the use of the namespace. It can, for example, subject access to the namespace to some contractual agreement that imposes some restrictions on the user. It can also use technology, such as authentication techniques, to restrict the range of users that can access the namespace.

The IP address space is a multi-purpose, horizontally innovation-friendly namespace. If, for example, a P2P network wants to use IP addresses to identify and locate peers in its network, it is free to do so, as the IP address space does not control the purpose for which it is used. The IP address space therefore enables new applications to be created that use the IP address space for any purposes. The same is true for the Ethernet address space, the domain namespace, and the TCP/UDP port number space. Microsoft Passport and proprietary instant messaging systems, on the other hand, are single-purpose namespaces. Suppose, for example, that a company wants to develop an application that delivers streaming video, interactive gaming, and e-commerce applications between users connected to the Internet. Rather than creating a new user namespace for this purpose, the company plans to create a plug-in to AOL's instant messaging systems. The application would thereby use AOL's instant messaging user namespace for its own purposes. However, as long as AOL could control which application is accessing its instant messaging user namespace, the company would fail.[236] Single-purpose namespaces that are not horizontally innovation-friendly allow only certain authorized applications to

236. *See* Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 317–18. For information about the FCC's requirement to open AOL's instant messaging systems to competing systems, see discussion *supra* note 169 and accompanying text.

access their namespaces and control for what purposes the namespace is accessed. They can impede innovation by non-affiliated innovators.

ii. vertically innovation-friendly namespaces

Some multi-purpose namespaces are not only horizontally innovation-friendly in the sense that they can be accessed by and used in other applications for whatever purpose, they are also "vertically innovation-friendly" in the sense that they do not prevent the creation of other namespaces on top of them (see Figure 4).

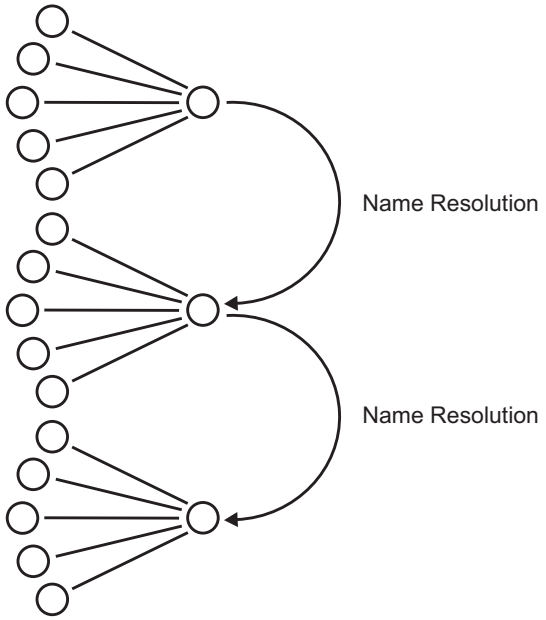


**Figure 4: Vertically Innovation-Friendly Namespaces**

Such multi-purpose namespaces facilitate innovation in software applications that need their own namespaces because such applications can use the existing namespace infrastructure and build their own namespaces on top of it. A single-purpose, non-vertically innovation-friendly namespace prevents such namespace creation by contractual or technological means.

A prime example of vertically innovation-friendly namespaces is the interrelation among the Ethernet address, IP address, and

domain namespaces. All three namespaces are vertically innovation-friendly as they are built on top of each other. While the DNS resolves domain names to IP addresses, an IP address is still not the address that is actually used when two computers communicate over the Internet on the level of the physical network. Rather, on this level, most computers are identified by Ethernet addresses.[237] The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) enables the network to resolve IP addresses into Ethernet addresses. While the DNS connects the domain namespace with the IP address space, ARP in a similar way connects the IP address space with the Ethernet address space.[238]

Other examples include many P2P systems that create a proprietary namespace on top of the IP address space,[239] as well as Uniform Resource Names (URNs) (a location-independent namespace that is created on top of the namespace for identifying Web pages).[240] Biotechnological research crucially depends on vertically innovation-friendly namespaces.[241] Also, many instant messaging services build user namespaces on top of the IP address or

237. However, this is not the only addressing scheme. If a computer is connected to the Internet by a non-Ethernet network (e.g., ATM), the addressing scheme differs as well.

238. For an overview of ARP, see HALL, *supra* note 202, at 97–134. For a proposal to build even two more namespaces and search layers on top of the DNS, see John C. Klensin, *A Search-Based Access Model for the DNS*, *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/internet-drafts/draft-klensin-dns-search-05.txt (Nov. 3, 2002).

239. This is done, for example, in the P2P system Overnet. *See* Overnet: How it Works, *at* http://www.overnet.com/documentation/how.html (last visited Jan. 15, 2003).

240. On the World Wide Web, Web pages are identified by URLs. As URLs include domain names, a document's URL has to be changed if it is moved to another computer with a different domain name. To solve this problem of ever changing URLs, URNs create a location-independent namespace on top of the URL namespace. For more information, see Leslie L. Daigle et al., *URN Namespace Definition Mechanisms*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2611 (June 1999), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2611.txt; Ryan Moats, *URN Syntax*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2141 (May 1997), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2141.txt; Karen Sollins & Larry Masinter, *Functional Requirements for Uniform Resource Names*, Request for Comments (RFC) 1737 (Dec. 1994), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1737.txt. For an overview of all registered URN namespaces, see IANA, URN Namespaces, *at* http://www.iana.org/assignments/urn-namespaces (last updated Aug. 16, 2002).

241. DNA sequence namespaces, for example, do not prevent higher-level namespaces from being built on top of them. *See* Birney et al., *supra* note 162.

the domain namespace.[242] On top of such instant messaging user namespaces, even other namespaces can be created. The Madster network,[243] for example, creates a "virtual private network" on top of the America Online Instant Messenger (AIM) user namespace. In essence, a distinct file namespace is created on top of the AIM user namespace. Madster enables users identified by the underlying AIM user namespace to share music and other files identified by the Madster file namespace.[244] This example shows that file namespaces can be built on top of user namespaces that, in turn, are built on top of several layers of device namespaces.

Vertically innovation-friendly namespaces facilitate the creation of new applications that need a new namespace which can be built on top of existing ones. The question of whether a namespace allows other namespaces to be built on top of it is an application of the e2e argument. As described above, the e2e argument states that system functions should be located at upper rather than lower levels of a layered system.[245] If a low-level namespace can control what happens on upper levels in a system of layered namespaces, this can thwart the openness and decentralized innovation the e2e argument attempts to achieve.

3. Fixed versus adaptive internal structure

Whether a namespace serves single or multiple purposes is a question that relates to how a namespace interacts with surrounding applications. Yet, the way in which namespaces are structured

242. *See* Michael Gowan, *How it Works: Instant Messaging*, *at* http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/05/25/how.messaging.works.idg (May 25, 2000); Jeff Tyson, *How Instant Messaging Works*, *at* http://www.howstuffworks.com/instant-messaging.htm (last visited Jan. 21, 2003); Speta, *supra* note 143, at 236; *see also* Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 317 (concluding that the network effect of instant messaging is achieved via the service infrastructure rather than the instant messaging service itself).

243. *See* Madster, *at* http://www.madster.com (last visited Dec. 1, 2002). Madster was formerly known as Aimster. On October 30, 2002, a district court issued a preliminary injunction ordering Aimster to shut down its service. *See In re* Aimster Copyright Litig., 2002 WL 31443236 (N.D. Ill. 2002).

244. For an analysis of the copyright liability of Aimster, see Haydn J. Richards, Jr., *Is the Whole Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts? The Applicability of the Fair Use Doctrine to the New Breed of Instant Messaging Software*, 8 RICH. J.L. & TECH. 15 (Fall 2001), *at* http://www.law.richmond.edu/jolt/v8i2/article3.html.

245. *See* Reed et al., *supra* note 214.

internally also matters from a governance perspective. Designing the internal structure of namespaces is complicated by the fact that, to put it simply, history matters. Decisions made at the time of the initial technical design of the namespace may impede its use at a later time when the environment in which the namespace operates has changed. Designing namespaces has to take into account that the purposes for which the namespace may be used, the number of names that have to be addressable, and even the kind of names that can be addressed with the namespace may change over time. Building a comprehensive, rigid namespace structure at one time does not mean that this structure will be the best possible structure in the future.

*a. changing number of names*

The most widespread problem in this regard is that the size of a namespace may gradually prove too small. As was described above,[246] the size of the IP and the Ethernet address spaces was enlarged over time in order to accommodate more addresses.[247] Similar problems arose in the domain namespace,[248] the Social Security number space,[249] and the disease namespace ICD.[250]

246. *See supra* text accompanying notes 191–201.

247. Another namespace that is expanding due to scarcity concerns is the UPC bar code space. *See* Kate Murphy, *Bigger Bar Code Inches Up on Retailers*, N.Y. TIMES, Aug. 12, 2002, at C3.

248. Until the 1980s, each computer connected to the Internet stored a single list of all the names and IP addresses of all other connected computers. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 40–41, 77–78. As the Internet increased in size, a more scalable namespace architecture was needed. The current DNS hierarchy is the result of this evolutionary process. *See id.* For a detailed history of the DNS, see *id.* at 73–208; Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 50–92; Kesan & Shah, *supra* note 70, at 169–76.

249. Originally, Social Security numbers were used to administer potential retirement and survivor benefit payments under the Social Security Act of 1935. *See* SIMSON GARFINKEL, DATABASE NATION 18–20 (2000). Today, Social Security numbers are used by a wide variety of federal, state, and local authorities, as well as private companies for identification purposes. *See id.* at 21–25. Nevertheless, the small size of the number space, the lack of a check digit, and other disadvantages severely impede the utility of Social Security numbers for many purposes. *See id.* at 20.

250. Originally, the ICD featured a maximum of 200 disease categories. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 64. This limitation was set not because only 200 diseases existed, but because Austrian census forms could not hold

Namespace architectures have to respond to changing demands. Making a namespace too small in the beginning may put a namespace at a disadvantage in the long run.[251]

*b. changing kinds of names*

A namespace can encode information about the kinds of names that are included in the namespace in its very structure. Because the kinds of names the namespace has to deal with change over time, its structure may become outdated. This is especially important in a particular class of namespaces, namely, bibliographic classifications schemes.

Libraries use bibliographic classification schemes to place books on bookshelves in a particular order and to create classified catalogues and bibliographies.[252] For a long time, classification schemes organized knowledge in a strictly hierarchical manner. For example, the LCC, one of the largest in the world, continues to do so up to the present day.[253] In such a classification scheme, each book or document is assigned one or several numerical classifiers which locate the contained knowledge in a hierarchical representation of all the existing knowledge.

However, all bibliographic classification schemes have to grapple with the problem that knowledge is constantly emerging and changing. As new subjects and areas of research emerge, classification schemes become outdated. They have a certain

more lines. *See id.* For some general information about the ICD, see *supra* text accompanying note 62.

251. This makes it particularly hard to estimate the appropriate size of a namespace when it is designed. It is estimated, for example, that a namespace for identifying scientific and technical literature should be able to identify at least 100 trillion articles. *See* Paskin, *supra* note 234, at 1212.

252. For a general overview of the theory, problems, history, and current examples of classification schemes, see MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 65–112 (giving an overview of the history and present examples of classification schemes). For a comprehensive account of the history of library classification systems, see EVGENIJ I. SAMURIN, GESCHICHTE DER BIBLIOTHEKARISCH-BIBLIOGRAPHISCHEN KLASSIFIKATION [The History of Librarian Bibliographic Classification] (1964).

253. "LCC is fundamentally and irrevocably an enumerative scheme, with perhaps the least synthesis of all the general schemes." MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 85. Over sixty-two percent of U.S. university libraries use the LCC. *See id.* at 80. It boasts over 60,000 distinct classification numbers. For an overview of the LCC, see *id.* at 79–89.

"built-in obsolescence."[254] Editors of the scheme (so-called "classificationists") then must add new classifiers to enumerate classification schemes. Although many classification schemes are updated on a regular basis, it can take years until new fields of science and knowledge are properly reflected in the schemes. Due to the sluggish internal structure of such namespaces, the integration of new kinds of names is a lengthy and tedious task. Sometimes, classification schemes are even incapable of integrating new subjects into their existing structure. Such classification difficulties impede the organization and processing of new knowledge, which can have a detrimental impact on scientific progress.[255] The problems of coding information into the structure of the namespace and the resulting path dependencies are not confined to bibliographic classification schemes, but can also be observed in other namespaces—such as the IP address space or disease namespaces.[256] Encoding information

254. *Id.* at 30.

255. Clause Poulsen gives a summary of the subject access problem as follows:

> A dynamic information society depends on subject access to pioneering literature from the dominant paradigms and literature from the marginal paradigms, as this literature is central for the innovation processes. Classification systems are made from yesterday's concepts of the dominant paradigms. Therefore classification systems are normally not suited to providing subject access to literature from marginal paradigms and pioneering literature in the dominant paradigms.

Claus Poulsen, *Subject Access to New Subjects, Specific Paradigms and Surveys: PARADOKS-registration*, 40 LIBRI 179, 183 (1990); *see also* S.R. Ranganathan, *Self-Perpetuating Scheme of Classification*, 4 J. DOCUMENTATION 223, 231 (1949) (stating that in the Library of Congress, Decimal Classifications and the Universal Decimal Classification, classifiers have little chance to anticipate class numbers for new formulations because they are virtually arbitrary); Gerhard J.A. Riesthuis, *Sociological Aspects of Classification*, 24 INT'L CATALOGUING AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL 35, 36 (1995). A similar problem exists with disease namespaces, as Bowker and Star describe: "Even at ten-year intervals [of publishing a new edition of the disease namespace], a new disease entity may take more than twenty years to be included since the pace of medical discovery and the uncertain process of consensus can be very slow." BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 122.

256. Initially, the IP address space was hierarchically structured in "classes" of different sizes ("classful IP addressing"). *See* COMER, *supra* note 107, at 283–85; *see also* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 33–35 (discussing routers and IP addresses). The information expressed by this hierarchy was used by the network routers to route traffic efficiently over the Internet. *See* MUELLER,

about the kinds of names into the internal structure of a namespace is not advisable in dynamically changing environments. Or, to paraphrase Geoffrey C. Bowker and Susan Leigh Star, the only good namespace is a living namespace.[257]

Regarding bibliographic classification systems, library and information science has invested large amounts of time and effort to get rid of these structural, innovation-hostile shortcomings. Over the last few decades, various "self-perpetuating" classification schemes have been proposed to solve these problems. The basic idea, developed by the Indian librarian Shiyali R. Ranganathan in the 1930s, is to fit "a [classification] scheme with [an] inner mechanism by which any classifier can arrive at the correct class number for a new formation in the field of knowledge without waiting for the classificationist to give the number."[258]

As it is beyond the scope of this Article to describe the so-called "faceted analytico-synthetic" approach in detail, suffice it to say that such classification schemes do not list all specific subjects of knowledge. Rather, they list "the fundamental constituent concepts [or "facets" of knowledge] by the combination of a few, from which the specific subjects are formed."[259] By using these facets and digits

*supra* note 14, at 33–35. As the Internet grew larger, this mechanism proved inefficient. *See id.* at 36. Therefore, new routing mechanisms (such as "subnet addressing" and "classless inter-domain routing") were developed. *See id.* at 37. However, for these mechanisms, the information expressed in the hierarchical structure of the IP address space was not unnecessary. *See id.* at 38. The fixed hierarchical structure itself was obstructive to the new routing mechanisms. *See id.* at 37–38. Therefore, the assignment procedure of IP addresses and the internal structure of the namespace had to be adapted. *See id.* at 36; *see also* COMER, *supra* note 107, at 289–92 (discussing the addressing scheme used by IP). Another example is the ICD, which constantly has to be adapted as new knowledge about existing diseases, new diseases, or other new causes of death emerge. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 69–77, 80–85, 123.

257. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 326 ("The only good classification is a living classification.").

258. Ranganathan, *supra* note 255, at 224; *see also* MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 30–31 (discussing the fully faceted approach).

259. Ranganathan, *supra* note 255, at 232. For an introduction to faceted classification schemes, see BRIAN C. VICKERY, FACETED CLASSIFICATION: A GUIDE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF SPECIAL SCHEMES (1960) (providing a practical guide to classification techniques).

with mnemonic values,[260] librarians should be able to come up with a uniform classification number for newly emerging knowledge. Ideally, even different classifiers working in different libraries should be able to create new subjects without waiting for the next edition of the classification and still achieve identical results.[261] By providing librarians with modularized tools by which they can build classification numbers on their own in a decentralized, yet uniform way, faceted analytico-synthetic classification schemes attempt to enable a self-perpetuating classification.

That, at least, is the idea. The faceted analytico-synthetic classification approach faces numerous objections and has only partly been implemented in large contemporary classification schemes.[262] It is not the goal of this Article to analyze the details of

260. For an overview of the concept of seminal mnemonics as used in Colon Classification (CC), see RAGHUNATH S. PARKHI, DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION AND COLON CLASSIFICATION IN PERSPECTIVE 461–73 (1964); *see also* MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 58 (discussing seminal mnemonics aids within Ranganthan's CC scheme).

261. *See* Ranganathan, *supra* note 255, at 231. The approach is called "faceted analytico-synthetic" because subjects that have to be classified are first analyzed into their individual facets; then, these facets are synthesized or brought together to form a class number. *See* MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 25. An example for creating a new classification number with the faceted analytico-synthetic approach is given by PARKHI, *supra* note 260, at 469–70. For a comparison between enumerative and faceted classification schemes see MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 20–28. Marcella and Newton also provide a general description:

> The theory is based upon the argument that, instead of attempting to list all subjects, a classification should first identify main classes or distinct disciplines. Then, within each discipline, it need only enumerate basic concepts, or elements, arranging these within the appropriate category. Each category represents a *facet* of a subject. Most subjects are compounds made up of two or more elements from the various facets of a subject field or from facets common to all subjects, such as form of presentation, place and time. To classify an item, we analyse [sic] it into its facets and then focus on the appropriate element in each. We then employ what is called notational synthesis, by linking together in a specified order and manner the symbols representing these elements, or *foci*, thus building up an appropriate classmark.

*Id.* at 19–20.

262. Over the last half-century, the value of the facet approach for bibliographic classification schemes has been widely acknowledged. To various extents, it has been incorporated in the Dewey Decimal Classification, the Universal Decimal Classification, and the Bliss Bibliographic

classification schemes. Rather, faceted analytico-synthetic classification schemes are examples of namespaces that can be changed and adapted in a decentralized, yet uniform way because the *kinds* of names that must be identified change over time. By providing tools for modularized and decentralized name creation, such namespaces can be dynamically changed in substance and scope without changing their underlying basic modular components.[263]

These ideas can be applied and found in other namespaces as well. The chemical periodical system provides a limited number of elements by which all chemical compounds can be identified. If a new compound or mixture emerges, different chemists working in different laboratories will come up with a uniform name for it. As with the facets in analytico-synthetic classification schemes, the periodic system provides a modularized tool set by which the namespace of all chemical compounds can be dynamically changed in substance and scope without changing the underlying basic structure of the namespace (i.e., the periodic system).[264] Modularization and decentralization can enable innovation within the namespace itself.

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Classification. *See* MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 28–30; Clare Beghtol, *'Facets' as Interdisciplinary Undiscovered Public Knowledge: S.R. Ranganathan in India and L. Guttman in Israel*, 51 J. DOCUMENTATION 194, 201 (1995). However, the best-known self-perpetuating classification scheme is the CC developed by Shiyali R. Ranganathan in the 1930s. *See id.* at 58, 71. In CC, the faceted analytico-synthetic approach is realized to the largest extent. For an assessment of the self-perpetuating feature of CC, see ABDUL MAJID BABA, DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION, UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION AND COLON CLASSIFICATION 336–37, 449 (1988); ARTHUR MALTBY, SAYERS' MANUAL OF CLASSIFICATION FOR LIBRARIANS 199–201 (5th ed. 1975); *see also* SHIYALI R. RANGANATHAN, PROLEGOMENA TO LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION (3d ed. 1967) (discussing basic concepts and principals of classification); M.A. Gopinath, *Colon Classifiation*, *in* CLASSIFICATION IN THE 1970S 51, 75 (Arthur Maltby ed., 1972) ("CC is approximating towards a freely-faceted classification."). For a general overview of the CC, see ELAINE SVENONIUS, THE INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATION OF INFORMATION ORGANIZATION 174–76 (2000). CC is not used by many libraries worldwide and is fading away slowly for various reasons. *See* MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 103–04.

263. For a general analysis of the importance of modularity, see BALDWIN & CLARK, *supra* note 180.

264. *See* Ranganathan, *supra* note 255, at 232. For attempts to build a facet-oriented search layer on top of the DNS, see Klensin, *supra* note 238.

## IV. IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNANCE DIMENSIONS

Hitherto, this Article has identified several dimensions along which namespace governance can be studied (means, intensity and scope of governance, namespace topology, and who should govern). Choosing a particular design for a namespace has numerous legal and policy consequences. Although these dimensions differ in many respects, they are concerned with two basic aspects. First, choosing a particular design for a namespace along the governance dimensions described above has implications for the values protected and expressed by the namespace. Second, it also influences the allocation of knowledge, control, and responsibility within the namespace.

### *A. Namespace Architectures Protect and Express Values*

As this Article illustrates, technical control over a namespace can be used as leverage for policy and legal control. Such control may encompass speech, access, privacy, content, copyright, trademark, liability, conflict resolution, competition, innovation, and market structure regulation.

Choosing particular namespace architectures can influence the way in which such values are protected. In the domain namespace, for instance, the namespace provider does not merely control trademark-related aspects of the namespace through the UDRP. It can also decide whether to charge a fee for domain name registrations,[265] what personal information a domain name registrant must provide, and who can access such information afterwards.[266] The namespace provider can regulate the domain name registration industry by imposing price controls and enforcing market structures.[267] It can decide what TLDs should exist.[268] For instance, whether to introduce a .biz TLD for businesses, a .ps TLD for

265. ICANN discussed introducing such a fee in 1999. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 7, 188–90; *see also* Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 87–89 (discussing ICANN's search for revenue).

266. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 8. The current design of the domain namespace allows everyone to identify the name as well as the physical and e-mail address of every domain name registrant. *See id.* at 219, 235–38.

267. *See id.* at 219.

268. *See* Name.Space, Inc. v. Network Solutions, Inc., 202 F.3d 573 (2d Cir. 2000).

Palestine,[269] a .eu TLD for the European Union,[270] a .xxx TLD for Web sites with sexually explicit material, or a .kids TLD for Web sites which are suitable for children are all policy decisions a namespace provider makes.[271] Many such decisions are policy choices that involve issues of international politics, freedom of speech, and content regulation.[272]

Other examples of how the namespace architecture determines the values protected by the namespace include federated namespaces that enable competition between different namespace providers;[273] centralized P2P user namespaces that protect the interests of copyright owners;[274] decentralized P2P user namespaces that are specifically designed to preserve the privacy of information producers and consumers and resist censorship;[275] and uncoordinated namespaces such as the TCP/UDP port number spaces that create an open platform for decentralized, uncoordinated innovation.[276]

At the same time, by protecting certain values, many namespaces communicate a particular *Weltanschauung*.[277] This is particularly noticeable in bibliographic classification schemes.[278] In library and information sciences, it is a well-known fact that classification schemes often demonstrate structural biases on the basis of gender, sexuality, race, age, ability, ethnicity, language,

269. This TLD was created in 2000. *See* IANA, *Root*-Zone Whois Information, .ps-Palestinian Territories, *at* http://www.iana.org/root-whois/ps.htm (last updated Jan. 6, 2003); *see also* Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 47–48 (discussing the .ps as the code for Palestine).

270. *See* Council Regulation 733/2002 of 26 April 2002 On the Implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain, 2002 O.J. (L 113) 1.

271. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 9; Froomkin & Lemley, *supra* note 71, at 19–21.

272. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 9.

273. *See supra* text accompanying notes 145–73.

274. *See supra* text accompanying notes 128–30.

275. *See supra* text accompanying note 189.

276. *See supra* text accompanying notes 202–27.

277. Defined as a "particular philosophy or view of life; a concept of the world held by an individual or a group." 20 THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY 149 (2d ed. 1989).

278. *See* Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 392. Wilson writes: "In all these classifications, the dominant ideology is assumed to represent the society in which it was born. That is, in DCC and [LCC] the principal Weltanschauung is white, Protestant, English, capitalist male . . . . In the BBK, the equivalent is assumed to be white, atheist, Russian (i.e., European), Party member." *Id.* at 395 (citation omitted).

culture, or religion.[279] The DDC class for religion is biased towards—or, more gently spoken, heavily focused on—Christianity.[280] LCC exhibits distinct biases "towards the social structure, history, law and cultural concerns of the United States."[281] The major Russian classification system has been criticized for reflecting Socialist ideology.[282] Biases in bibliographic classification schemes do not only occur in publicly governed schemes. While government-sponsored classification schemes exhibit the greatest degree of ideological deformation, privately sponsored classification schemes tend to show various degrees of ethnocentricity.[283] The

279. For an overview of relevant empirical research literature, see Hope A. Olson & Rose Schlegl, *Standardization, Objectivity, and User Focus: A Meta-Analysis of Subject Access Critiques*, 32 CATALOGING & CLASSIFICATION Q. 61 (2001). A database surveying this literature is located at http://www.ualberta.ca/~holson/marginal/database.htm (last visited Jan. 13, 2003); *see also* Hope A. Olson, *Mapping Beyond Dewey's Boundaries: Constructing Classificatory Space for Marginalized Knowledge Domains*, 47 LIBR. TRENDS 233 (1998) (identifying classifications as bounded systems that marginalize certain groups and topics); Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 394 (describing how DDC "demonstrates national, linguistic, religious, and ethnic biases.").

280. In the twenty-first edition of DDC, the class on religion (200) is divided into the following divisions: "Philosophy & Theory of Religion" (210), "The Bible" (220), "Christianity & Christian Theology" (230), "Christian Practice & Observance" (240), "Christian Pastoral Practice & Religious Orders" (250), "Church Organization, Social Work & Worship" (260), "History of Christianity" (270), "Christian Denominations" (280), and finally, "Other Religions" (290). DDC, *at* http://www.oclc.org/dewey/about/hundreds.htm (last visited Feb. 4, 2003). For other biases in the DDC, see Olson, *supra* note 279, at 253 n.1; Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 394–95. Over the last few years, DDC has undertaken great efforts to reduce systematic biases in its classification scheme.

281. MARCELLA & NEWTON, *supra* note 121, at 88.

282. *See* Tamara S. Goltvinskaya & Eduard S. Sukiasyan, *Library-Bibliographical Classification: On the Path of Renovation*, 20 KNOWLEDGE ORG. 77, 78–79 (1993) (referring to the LBC/BBK, the most widely used classification system in Russia and some neighboring countries). Whereas the DDC starts with the division "generalities," the LBC/BBK starts with "Marxism-Leninism" as its first division. For a comparison of the major divisions in the DDC, LBC/BBK, and LCC, see Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 394–95. Other classification and subject heading schemes suffer from similar shortcomings. Classic biases in schemes used in the United States include the treatment of Native Americans as well as of African cultures and religions. *See* Olson & Schlegl, *supra* note 279, at 67–68.

283. *See* Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 393, 395.

plasticity of bibliographic classification schemes can also be used strategically: Chinese classification systems have been deliberately shaped to reflect particular political and ideological beliefs.[284]

This is not the place to criticize particular classification schemes. Indeed, some biases in classification schemes may be unavoidable.[285] Biased bibliographic classification schemes merely illustrate that namespaces are "social construct[s] . . . [which] reflect the same biases as the culture that creates [them]."[286] Such problems do not only occur in bibliographic classification schemes. The ICD is heavily focused on—or biased towards—accidents and diseases that occur in the western industrialized world and can be treated by western medicine.[287] Furthermore, it reflects ethical controversies, such as abortion, and stillbirth. Finally, the Apartheid regime in South Africa used namespaces to classify human beings according to a predefined set of races, with all the consequences to South Africa's

284. *See* William E. Studwell et al., *Ideological Influences on Book Classification Schemes in the People's Republic of China*, 19 CATALOGING & CLASSIFICATION Q. 61–64 (1994) (tracing back such influences to an early Chinese classification scheme in 26 B.C.). For a similar statement regarding the Russian LBC/BBK, see N. P. Zhurzhalina, *The Soviet Bibliothecal-Bibliographical Classification (BBK)*, INT'L CATALOGUING, Apr.–June 1980, at 21.

285. Unavoidable biases may result from the fact that their users are not free from biases themselves. As Holley and Killheffer point out, "biased terms may have to remain as cross-references unless we are prepared to sacrifice access for patrons who are accustomed to using the biased alternative." Robert P. Holley & Robert E. Killheffer, *Is There an Answer to the Subject Access Crisis?*, 1 CATALOGING & CLASSIFICATION Q. 125, 126 (1982). Furthermore, many scholars argue that it is simply impossible to design a totally objective, unbiased classification scheme. *See* Olson, *supra* note 279, at 252. However, other scholars propose that, due to their ability to construct themselves, faceted and analytico-synthetic classification schemes such as CC exhibit less inherent biases than other schemes. *See* Wilson, *supra* note 105, at 393.

286. Olson, *supra* note 279, at 233–34; Riesthuis, *supra* note 255; *see also* Eric de Grolier, *Classifications as Cultural Artefacts*, *in* 1 UNIVERSAL CLASSIFICATION I: SUBJECT ANALYSIS AND ORDERING SYSTEMS 19–34 (Ingetraut Dahlberg ed., 1982).

287. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 66–67, 86, 120–21. "The ICD is richest in its description of ways of dying in developed countries at this moment in history; it is not that other accidents and diseases cannot be described, but they cannot be described in as much detail." *Id.* at 76. "A simple agonistic reading of the ICD is that the system was set up in an age of imperialism and helped impose an imperialist reading of disease from the West onto the rest of the world. There is truth in this . . . ." *Id.* at 115.

society, economy, and politics.[288] The structure of other namespaces, such as Web directories, can express values in similar ways.

### *B. Allocation of Knowledge, Control, and Responsibility*

While this Article identifies several distinct governance dimensions, most of them can be reduced to a single, abstract dimension. Most governance dimensions described thus far differ in the allocation of knowledge, control, and responsibility within a namespace.

A flat namespace, for example, has a single point of *knowledge*.[289] One database knows all names and their related attributes. Such centralized knowledge can pose a privacy risk. At the same time, centralized knowledge can lead to centralized *control*. If one single entity in a namespace knows about all actions occurring within the namespace, it is an optimal starting point for namespace control. The existence of centralized control can lead to an environment in which the flat namespace is held centrally *responsible* for all actions occurring within the namespace. The Napster case is a prime example of such a centralization of knowledge, control, and responsibility.

On the other hand, in vertically distributed—or, hierarchical—namespaces, different parts of the namespace can be managed by different entities and, occasionally, different policies.[290] Hierarchical namespaces distribute knowledge, control, and responsibility over different hierarchies of the namespace.[291]

A similar dichotomy can be observed in horizontally distributed namespaces. Centralized namespaces concentrate *knowledge* in one location. They are therefore prone to surveillance and can be used for data mining purposes. Centralized namespaces have a single point of *control* that can be regulated. This may also lead to centralized *responsibility* within the namespace. In a decentralized

288. *See id.* at 195–225.

289. *See* Watson, *supra* note 37, at 207 (discussing two forms of addresses in common use, single level or flat, and hierarchical).

290. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 358.

291. Minar therefore writes that hierarchical systems are more "fault-tolerant and lawsuit-proof than centralized systems." Minar, *Part 2*, *supra* note 107, at 4.

namespace, however, knowledge, control, and responsibility can be dispersed throughout the network to such a degree that they essentially fizzle out of the network. In a decentralized namespace, such as Gnutella, no entity exists that has central knowledge, control, and responsibility for the actions occurring in the namespace.

Other dimensions of namespace regulation have similar features. As described above,[292] an uncoordinated namespace is fully "democratized" in the sense that no entity in the namespace has more knowledge, control, or responsibility over the namespace than any other entity. Figure 5 gives an overview of the allocation of knowledge, control, and responsibility in most of the dimensions of namespace governance identified in this Article.

292. *See supra* text accompanying note 202.

| Namespace Architecture | | Allocation of | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Knowledge | Control | Responsibility |
| Vertical Distribution | Flat | c[293] | c | c |
| | Hierarchical | d | m | m |
| Horizontal Distribution | Centralized | c | c | c |
| | Federated | m | m | m |
| | Decentralized | d | d | d |
| Intensity | Controlled | c | c | c |
| | Coordinated | m | d | m |
| | Uncoordinated | d | d | d |
| Scope | Information-rich | c | c | c |
| | Information-poor | d | d | d |
| | Single-purpose | c | c | c |
| | Multi-purpose | d | d | d |
| | Rigid Internal Structure | c | c | c |
| | Adaptive Internal Structure | d | d | d |

**Figure 5: Allocation of Knowledge, Control, and Responsibility**

## V. DESIGNING NAMESPACE GOVERNANCE

Designing the architecture of namespaces is not merely a technical matter. It entails decisions about legal and policy

293. Key: c = fully centralized; m = intermediate between centralized and decentralized; d = fully decentralized.

questions. Structure has consequences. Legal and policy values can be frozen into the very structure of a namespace. While this Article provides a descriptive analysis of the close intertwining between technology, law, and policy in regards to namespaces, it has not addressed the normative consequences of this analysis. Should namespaces be designed according to certain principles? What are those principles?

Although answering these questions seems necessary to develop a full-fledged normative theory of namespace governance, this Article does not attempt to provide such answers. It is beyond the scope of the Article, and may even be impossible for several reasons:

1. Namespaces are used in many different areas, ranging from network authentication and communication to bibliographic classification issues. While this Article has stressed common features of namespaces, there are also large differences. Therefore, it is hard to draw any general conclusions that are applicable to namespaces. What may represent a wise regulatory decision for one particular namespace may be totally erroneous for another one. After all, authenticating users in a PKI is not the same as developing a method to place books in library shelves in some reasonable order.
2. Developing a theory of namespace regulation is complicated by the fact that it should be based on a sound general theory of regulation. Technology is plastic and, therefore, values such as freedom, competition, copyright, and privacy can be "engineered" into technology.[294] However, solving social problems by technological design usually is an *ex ante* regulation—the regulation takes place before the problem that is addressed can emerge. Regulation by technological design regulates the problem away. While such regulation may be the most efficient, it may not be the most desirable in an environment lacking predictability. If it is unclear what kind of problems will emerge in the future, how could an *ex ante* regulation—by

294. *Cf.* LESSIG, CODE, *supra* note 13 (discussing values and policies inherently infused in the laws regulating technology and the Internet).

technological design—ever deal with them? On the other hand, any *ex post* regulation has to grapple with the problem that certain regulatory options may be foreclosed due to path dependency. The regulation is restricted by the already-existing technology and earlier regulatory decisions. Ultimately, the tension between lack of predictability and path dependency could lead to an answer as to what kinds of values should be implemented by an *ex ante* regulation (i.e., by engineering them into technology), and what kinds of values should be left to *ex post* regulation (by the legislature, the courts, and other regulators). Such a normative theory of namespace governance could provide guidelines in which legal and policy considerations are taken into account during the technical design of a namespace. It could also prompt lawyers to become more involved in the design of namespace architectures. However, developing the underlying general normative theory of regulation is an endeavor that has far larger applications and implications than the mere governance of namespaces.

3. A complete theory of how namespaces should be governed is complicated by the fact that it is not enough to look solely at individual namespace governance dimensions. Rather, the interaction between different governance dimensions should be taken into account as well. Consider, for example, the DNS. As described above, the hierarchical structure of the DNS leads to a certain decentralization—different parts of the namespace can be governed by different entities.[295] Yet, ICANN's registry regulations and the UDRP can be understood as attempts to reverse some of the decentralization that is embedded in the namespace structure.[296] Different dimensions of namespace governance (here, contractual webs and topology) are not always used to achieve the same goal.

295. *See supra* text accompanying notes 115–16.

296. The author is indebted to Milton Mueller for this remark.

4. Finally, designing a namespace architecture must not only take into account the interactions between different governance dimensions in a namespace, but also those between different namespaces. If, for example, a namespace is specifically designed to protect certain values (such as privacy or freedom of expression), it is important to note that the mere protection of such values in the namespace is often not sufficient to protect them in reality. Often, namespaces depend on other namespaces. If one namespace is designed to be open and innovation-friendly, but depends on another namespace that is closed and innovation-hostile, openness and innovation are not preserved in the overall system. An example of this problem is the potential tension between the TCP port number space and centralized P2P file namespaces. When the recording industry wanted to shut down Napster, it could have done so by shutting down the "channel" over which Napster communicated. In other words, it could have tried to shut down the TCP port 6699. However, the e2e-compliant TCP port number space made such regulation impossible. No central entity exists that administers TCP port 6699. Furthermore, Napster could have easily switched to another TCP port. To achieve its goal, the recording industry turned to another namespace that is more controllable—Napster's own file namespace. While the regulation of TCP port 6699 would have only shut down one object in the TCP port number space, the recording industry succeeded in shutting down the whole file number space of Napster. As long as an open and decentralized namespace depends on another namespace with a different architecture and, therefore, value system, keeping the namespaces open and decentralized does not necessarily mean that openness and decentralization will ultimately reign (see Figure 6).[297]

297. Another example where the interaction between different namespaces becomes important is DRM. DRM systems often employ several device, file, and user namespaces at the same time. As many DRM systems try to serve the interests of content owners, a proprietary, centralized, intense namespace

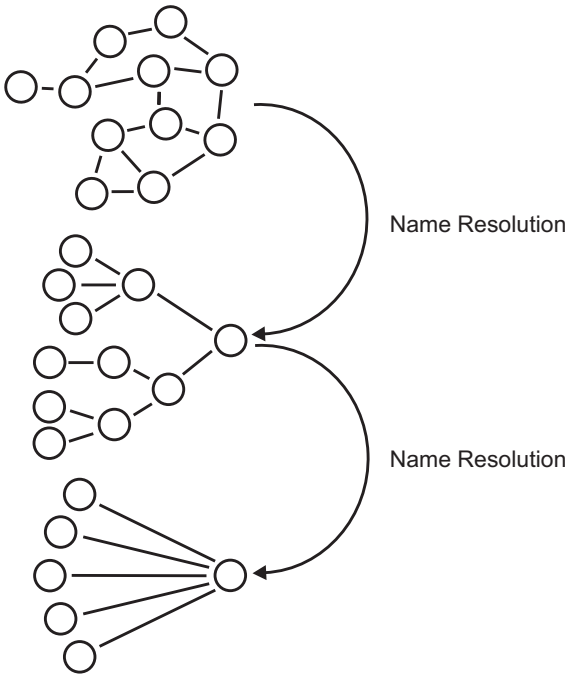


**Figure 6: Interaction Between Namespaces**

For all these reasons, this Article is confined to presenting a taxonomic structure under which the governance of various namespaces can be analyzed. This taxonomy proves helpful for discussing the legal and policy implications of a namespace during its technical design. If one determines, for example, that a namespace should be open, enable competition, protect privacy, and foster innovation, the taxonomy presented provides answers as to how these legal and policy goals may be implemented in a namespace. It provides a tool for analyzing and answering normative questions.

## VI. CONCLUSION

Namespaces are an overlooked facet of governance both in real space and cyberspace. Although we are surrounded by namespaces,

governance structure is often appropriate. In order to achieve the utmost security and robustness, however, DRM systems have to design each of their namespaces according to these principles and must ensure proper and secure interaction and communication among them.

discussions have not regularly paid any attention to general policy problems of namespaces. This Article demonstrates that the technical design of namespaces in general has numerous legal and policy implications. As analytical tools, this Article has developed several dimensions—in fact, a namespace of the dimensions of namespace governance—that prove useful in analyzing governance questions in regards to namespaces. Many of these dimensions differ in the way knowledge, control, and responsibility are allocated within the namespace. They also differ in the values they protect. The taxonomic structure developed in this Article might be useful to legal scholars who think about the implications of various namespaces. It may also be useful to designers of namespaces who ponder the legal and policy implications of their actions. Finally, it may assist lawyers and policymakers in becoming involved in governance discussions at the time of the technological design of namespaces. While this Article has focused mainly on namespaces in cyberspace, many of its findings can be applied to namespaces in real space as well.[298] As we are literally surrounded by namespaces in cyberspace and real space, governance in namespaces is an ubiquitous theme.

298. The P.O. box system, for example, can be thought of as a namespace identifying personal or corporate names. In a given geographical region, the P.O. box number space is flat and centralized (i.e., controlled by one entity—the local Post Office). It is also proprietary; United Parcel Service (UPS), for example, does not offer P.O. box numbers compatible with the P.O. box numbers provided by the U.S. Postal Service. Furthermore, the P.O. box number space is a scarce, information-poor, publicly regulated, multi-purpose namespace that uses a contractual protection.

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# GOVERNANCE IN NAMESPACES

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*The assignment of numbers is handled by Jon. If you are developing a protocol or application that will require the use of a link, socket, port, protocol, or network number please contact Jon to receive a number assignment.* [1]

*Anyone can assign names. We each do that all the time.* [2]

*eBay reserves the right to modify, alter or suspend any User ID at any time (at our sole discretion and without notice) for any reason whatsoever.* [3]

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1. Jon Postel, *Assigned Numbers*, Request for Comments (RFC) 776, at 1 (Jan. 1981), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc776.

txt. 2. Carl Ellison & Bruce Schneier, *Ten Risks of PKI: What You're Not Being Told About Public Key Infrastructure*, 16 COMPUTER SECURITY J. 1, 2 (2000), *available at* http://www.counterpane.com/pki-risks.pdf (last visited Jan. 22, 2003).

3. eBay, Inc., Frequently Asked Questions About User IDs, *at* http://pages.ebay.com/help/basics/f-faq-UserId.html#9 (last visited Jan. 9, 2003).









ABSTRACT

*Since the creation of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the regulation of the Domain Name System (DNS) has become a central topic in Internet law and policy discussions. ICANN's critics argue that ICANN uses its technical control over the DNS as undue leverage for policy and legal control over the DNS itself and over activities that depend on the DNS. Such problems are not unique to the DNS. Rather, the DNS discussions are an example of the more abstract governance problems that occur in a set of technologies known as "namespaces."*

*A namespace is a collection of all names in a particular system. Namespaces are ubiquitous. They can be found both in real space and cyberspace. Namespaces analyzed in this Article include the DNS, IP addresses, ENUM, Microsoft Passport, peer-to-peer systems, TCP port numbers, public key infrastructures as well as digital rights management and instant messaging systems. This Article also shows that many of its findings can also be applied to namespaces outside of cyberspace—such as bibliographic classification schemes, P.O. boxes, Social Security numbers, as well as the names of DNA sequences, diseases, and chemical compounds.*

*Namespaces are an overlooked facet of governance both in real space and cyberspace. This Article develops a general theory of the governance of namespaces. Designing namespaces and exercising control over them is not a mere technical matter. Rather, the*

*technical control over a namespace creates levers for the intrusion of politics, policy, and regulation. In particular, the technical control may lead to speech, access, privacy, copyright, trademark, liability, conflict resolution, competition, innovation, and market structure regulation. The Article provides several dimensions along which namespaces can be analyzed. From a legal and policy perspective, it matters, for example, whether a namespace is centralized or decentralized, whether the namespace is controlled by a public or private entity, and the degree to which the internal structure is adaptive. These and other dimensions influence how namespaces protect social values and how they allocate knowledge, control, and responsibility. This Article will also demonstrate that the "end-to-end argument" was implemented on the Internet by a particular design of a specific namespace.*



*The taxonomic structure developed in this Article can be useful to legal policy debates about the implications of various namespaces. It may also be helpful to designers of namespaces who consider the legal and policy consequences of their actions.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 2000, a Web site offered a new service allowing individuals, and corporations to bid on and buy political votes from citizens. The first Internet auction site for real votes opened. The election in question was the U.S. presidential election in 2000, a memorable event for many reasons. The Web site in question, which described itself as "satirical," was located in Austria. It bore the name "voteauction.com." After the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners filed a lawsuit against voteauction.com on October 18, 2000, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, issued an injunction against the



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Web site. The company that registered the domain name was named as a co-defendant in the lawsuit.[5] After the court issued the injunction, the registrar cancelled the domain name, effectively shutting down the Web site all over the world.[6]

About a week later, the Web site appeared again under the new domain name "**vote-auction**.com." This time, the domain name was registered with a Swiss registrar. A few days later, it was also cancelled. However, no court issued any injunction ordering the cancellation. No official authority addressed the question of whether a domain name registered in Switzerland and located in Austria is subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Rather, the domain name was cancelled after some telephone and e-mail discussions between the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and the Swiss domain name registrar. The Swiss registrar, a private entity, exercised its power over an asset, the domain namespace, to exclude this domain name from the Internet.[7]

4. *See* Henry H. Perritt, Jr., *Towards a Hybrid Regulatory Scheme for the Internet*, 2001 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 215, 242.

5. *See id.*

6. *See id.*

7. For more information on this case, see *id.* at 241–44; RTMark, Voteauction.com, *at* http://www.rtmark.com/voteauction.html (last visited Jan. 23, 2003).







In September 1998, a freshman at Northeastern University in Boston began working on a software program that would revolutionize online music business.[8] Only two and a half years later, the Napster network had over seventy million users who downloaded up to 2.8 billion music files per month.[9] In July 2000, the District Court for the Northern District of California issued a preliminary injunction effectively ordering Napster to shut down its service. The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit later

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affirmed injunction with some modifications.

Voteauction.com and Napster each raise different problems. Voteauction.com is a case about election fraud, freedom of speech, and personal jurisdiction. Napster is a case about copyright infringement and innovation policy. At the same time, both cases are very similar. They illustrate how technical control over a particular component of a network can be used as leverage for legal and policy control. Voteauction.com lost both of its domain names because private entities—the domain name registrars and, ultimately, the domain name registry—could exclude its domain names from an authoritative list recognized by all computers connected to the Internet. Music files could no longer be shared over the Napster network because Napster could exclude them from an authoritative list of files recognized by all computers connected to the Napster network. In both cases, the network component that enabled this control was a namespace.

While namespaces may seem like an obscure concept of computer science, we are in fact surrounded by them. In the world of computers, the DNS, public key infrastructures (PKIs), Yahoo! Categories, Usenet newsgroups, and computer file systems are all examples of namespaces. Yet, namespaces are not confined to computers. Telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), zip codes, bar codes, and bibliographic classification schemes form namespaces too.

8. *See* Karl Toro Greenfeld, *Meet the Napster*, TIME, Oct. 2, 2000, at 60; Steven Levy, *The Noisy War Over Napster*, NEWSWEEK, June 5, 2000, at 46.

9. *See* Jefferson Graham, *A Slimmed-Down Napster Gets Back Online; Trial Run Heavy on Little-Known Artists*, USA TODAY, Jan. 10, 2002, at 1D.

10. *See* A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 284 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 2002); A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 239 F.3d 1004, 1004 (9th Cir. 2001).



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Both Voteauction.com and Napster illustrate that, in cyberspace, the ability for legal regulation often depends on the technical control over a namespace. Technical namespaces are not unalterable given facts. Rather, technology is a social construct.[11] The cultural and societal structure of those who produce technology shape the technology itself.[12] Conversely, technology enables, shapes, and limits social, legal, and political relationships among citizens, businesses, and the state. Technology and law are therefore inherently intertwined. As Lawrence Lessig has shown, this interrelation between technology, law, and society implies that technology is not a neutral artifact, but can be shaped according to conscious design decisions that originate from external value systems.[13] Many design choices implicitly entail legal and policy choices.[14] The particular design of a namespace determines its

11. *See* MANUEL CASTELLS, THE INTERNET GALAXY 36 (2001); Thomas P. Hughes, *The Evolution of Large Technological Systems*, *in* THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS 51 (Wiebe E. Bijker et al. eds., 1994).

12. For an analysis of how the different cultures of early Internet users shaped the Internet, see CASTELLS, *supra* note 11, at 36–63.

13. *See, e.g.*, LAWRENCE LESSIG, CODE AND OTHER LAWS OF CYBERSPACE 26 (1999) [hereinafter LESSIG, CODE] (explaining that access to the Internet at University of Chicago and Harvard Law School differs because of administrators' dissimilar beliefs about free speech); *see also* WILLIAM J. MITCHELL, CITY OF BITS 111–12 (1995) (discussing effects of emerging civic strictures and spatial arrangements of the digital era); Joel R. Reidenberg, *Lex Informatica: The Formulation of Information Policy Rules Through Technology*, 76 TEX. L. REV. 553, 554 (1998) (technological capabilities and system design choices impose rules on participants). For an application of this theory in real space, see Neal Kumar Katyal, *Architecture as Crime Control*, 111 YALE L.J. 1039, 1039 (2002).

14. For analytical purposes, this Article follows an approach that distinguishes between a technology layer and a policy layer. *See* LESSIG, CODE, *supra* note 13; Reidenberg, *supra* note 13. Conversely, in his analysis of the domain name system, Milton Mueller uses a three-layered model. On the technical layer, name allocation is coordinated to ensure uniqueness and exclusivity of names. On the economic layer, finite namespaces deal with the allocation of scarce names. On the policy layer, decisions about rights attached to names are made. *See* MILTON L. MUELLER, RULING THE ROOT: INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND THE TAMING OF CYBERSPACE 17–26 (2002). However, it is questionable whether a distinction between an economic and a policy layer should be made. Economic decisions about name allocation are a subgroup of the various policy decisions that have to be made in namespaces. In general, a layered approach proves to be very helpful in analyzing cyberlaw questions. For the analysis of communication systems, Yochai Benkler has

regulatory impact. Therefore, namespaces can be seen as a technological tool to implement certain policy goals and legal value systems into a network.

This Article analyzes the interrelation between technology and law for namespaces in general. It attempts to highlight a common feature of namespaces: designing namespaces and exercising control over them is not a mere technical matter. The technical control over a namespace creates levers for the intrusion of politics, policy, and regulation.[15] By designing namespaces in a particular way, the implementation of many regulatory goals can either be achieved or prevented. To facilitate analysis, this Article develops several dimensions of namespace governance that prove helpful in assessing the regulatory impact of design decisions made at the technical level of a namespace. A namespace can be structured, for instance, in a flat, hierarchical, or decentralized manner. Its internal architecture can be heavily controlled or loosely coordinated. A namespace can be designed to serve many different purposes or a single, narrowly defined purpose. It can be controlled by technical or by contractual means. It can be administered by a public or private entity. Although such decisions seem of technical nature, they are in fact closely intertwined with legal and policy decisions. The Article will show that the very technological architecture of a namespace may encompass a regulation of speech, access, privacy, content, copyright, trademark, liability, conflict resolution, competition, innovation, and market structures. Therefore, legal and policy

15. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 10.

developed a layered analytical framework. In Benkler's model, communication systems can be divided into the physical layer (e.g., the wires, cables, fibers, radio frequency spectrum, printing presses), the logical layer (the software and standards that decide which expression is transmitted over the physical layer and that enable this transmission), and the content layer. *See* LAWRENCE LESSIG, THE FUTURE OF IDEAS: THE FATE OF THE COMMONS IN A CONNECTED WORLD 23–25 (2001) [hereinafter LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS]; François Bar & Christian Sandvig, *Rules From Truth: Post-Convergence Policy for Access* 21 (Sept. 2000), *available at* http://www.stanford.edu/~fbar/Publications/Rules_from_Truth.pdf; Yochai Benkler, *Property, Commons, and the First Amendment: Towards a Core Common Infrastructure* 3 (Mar. 2001), *available at* http://www.law.nyu.edu/benklery/WhitePaper.pdf; Kelvin Werbach, *A Layered Model for Internet Policy* (Sept. 1, 2000), *at* http://www.edventure.com/conversation/article.cfm?ContentID=2114930.

considerations should be taken into account even during the design of a namespace.

The analysis of such questions is not novel. The best-known namespace on the Internet is the DNS. Most computers connected to the Internet are equipped with a unique numerical IP address and a unique domain name.[16] The DNS maps each domain name to an IP address. It is a prime example of how namespace control transcends the borders of technology and reaches into policy and law. Since 1998, the DNS has been managed by ICANN,[17] a private non-corporation under California law.[18] The status of ICANN is highly disputed. While some proponents assert that ICANN is a mere technical standardization and coordination body, critics argue that it more resembles a world government.[19] Furthermore, critics of ICANN think that it unjustly uses its control over the technical DNS infrastructure as leverage to control policy aspects of Internet communications such as trademark and copyright issues, surveillance of Internet users, regulation of content, imposition of tax-like fees,[20] and the regulation of the domain name supply industry.

The DNS governance discussions are an example of the regulatory questions this Article addresses. However, this is not an article about the governance of the DNS. Although many issues addressed by this Article are discussed in the context of the DNS, the discussions about the DNS and ICANN often fail to recognize that these issues are not unique to the DNS. Rather, they are general governance problems of namespaces that can be found in other namespaces—from peer-to-peer (P2P) systems to instant messaging systems—as well. They are not even confined to the computer world. In real space, many namespaces—from bibliographic classification schemes to Social Security numbers—exhibit the same problems.

16. Some computers are only equipped with an IP address, but not

domain name.

17. ICANN, About ICANN, *at* http://www.icann.org (last modified Jan. 11, 2002).

18. *See* ICANN, Background, *at* http://www.icann.org/general/background.htm (last modified July 16, 1999).

19. Mueller has criticized the ICANN regime as "a conservative, corporatist regime founded on artificial scarcity and regulatory control." MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 267.

20. *See id.*



No literature exists that identifies and discusses governance dimensions of namespaces on such an abstract, general level.[21] This Article not only attempts to fill that gap, but its findings can be applied to a wide range of namespaces both in cyberspace and real space. While the study of namespaces at an abstract level may be novel, it does not operate in an analytical vacuum. Many namespaces are scarce resources: the number of names that can be assigned in such namespaces falls short of the demand.[22] In bottleneck namespaces, the assignment of names has to be controlled in some way. Analyzing the legal implications of such bottleneck situations is not an unknown task. In antitrust law, the essential facilities doctrine deals with the control of a monopolist over scarce resources.[23] In communications law, common carrier regulations cope with adverse effects of privately owned bottlenecks in the communication infrastructure.[24] The discussion whether broadband cable providers should be forced to open their networks to non-affiliated Internet service providers ("open access") is a discussion about the impact of a privately owned bottleneck: the cable network.[25] In First Amendment law, courts have regularly allocated access to different types of mass media that are allegedly

21. For an analysis of the related problems of classification, see GEOFFREY C. BOWKER & SUSAN LEIGH STAR, SORTING THINGS OUT: CLASSIFICATION

ANDI TS C ONSEQUENCES (1999).

22. The telephone number space, the current IP address space, and generic top level domain namespace are examples of scarce namespaces. *See* note 12, *supra*.

23. *See* United States v. Terminal R.R. Ass'n of St. Louis, 224 U.S. 383, 389 (1912); *see also* Robert Pitofsky, *The Essential Facilities Doctrine Under United States Antitrust Law*, *available at* http://www.ftc.gov/os/comments/intelpropertycomments/pitofskyrobert.pdf (last modified Jan. 7, 2003) (discussing the development of the essential facilities doctrine beginning with *United States v. Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis*).

24. *See, e.g.*, James H. Lister, *The Rights of Common Carriers and the Decision Whether to Be a Common Carrier or a Non-Regulated Communications Provider*, F ED . C OMM . L.J., Dec. 2000, at 91; Peter K. Pitsch & Arthur W. Bresnahan, *Common Carrier Regulation of Telecommunications Contracts and the Private Carrier Alternative*, F ED . C OMM . L.J., June 1996, at 447.

25. *See* Mark A. Lemley & Lawrence Lessig, *The End of End-to-End: Preserving the Architecture of the Internet in the Broadband Era*, 48 UCLA L. R EV . 925 (2001).







bottlenecks.[26] Finally, an emerging scholarship addresses specific regulatory problems of information and technology platforms, which can represent bottlenecks as well.[27]

Therefore, while analyzing bottleneck situations is not uncommon, this Article chooses a slightly different analytical approach. Rather than focusing on one specific area of law, it analyzes the implications of a particular technology—for example, namespaces—on a wide variety of areas of law and legal policy. It assesses how different design choices at the technical level create, alter, or eliminate the regulatory problems with which law and legal policy have to grapple.

26. *See generally* Arkansas Educ. Television Comm'n v. Forbes, 523 U.S. 666 (1998) (holding that a broadcaster could exclude a candidate from debate); Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 520 U.S. 180 (1997) (reaffirming the decision that cable providers devote some channels to local broadcasting); Denver

Adv. Telecomm. Consortium, Inc. v. FCC, 518 U.S. 727 (1996) (prohibiting indecent programming on leased channels does not violate the First Amendment, but prohibiting such programming on public access channels does); Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 512 U.S. 622, 656 (1994) (upholding congressional act requiring cable providers to dedicate some channels to local broadcasting); Columbia Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC, 453 U.S. 367 (1981); Miami Herald Publ'g Co. v. Tornillo, 418 U.S. 241 (1974) (striking down a state "right to reply" law that compelled newspapers to grant political candidates equal space to reply to criticism); Columbia Broad. Sys., Inc. v. Democratic Nat'l Comm., 412 U.S. 94 (1973); Red Lion Broad. Co. v. FCC, 395 U.S. 367 (1969) (upholding FCC interpretation of the "fairness doctrine" that required broadcasters to present both sides of public issues).

27. *See, e.g.*, Douglas Lichtman, *Property Rights in Emerging Platforms and Other Network Resources*, 29 J. LEGAL STUD. 615 (2000); Pamela Samuelson & Susanne Scotchmer, *The Law and Economics of Reverse Engineering*, 111 YALE L.J. 1575, 1611, 1615–26, 1643–44, 1662 (2002); Molly S. Van Houweling, *Cultivating Open Information Platforms: A Land Trust Model*, 1 J. TELECOMM. & HIGH TECH. L. 309 (2002); Philip J. Weiser, *Internet Governance, Standard Setting, and Self-Regulation*, 28 N. KY. L. REV. 822, 832–42 (2001) [hereinafter Weiser, *Internet Governance*]; Philip J. Weiser, *Law and Information Platforms*, 1 J. TELECOMM. & HIGH TECH. L. 1 (2002); Bar & Sandvig, *supra* note 14; Philip J. Weiser, *Networks Unplugged: Towards a Model of Compatibility Regulation Between Information Platforms* (Sept. 24, 2001), *at* http://www.arxiv.org/html/cs/0109070; *see also* ANNABELLE GAWER & MICHAEL A. CUSUMANO, PLATFORM LEADERSHIP: HOW INTEL, MICROSOFT, AND CISCO DRIVE INDUSTRY INNOVATION (2002); Arti K. Rai & Rebecca S. Eisenberg, *The Public and the Private in Biopharmaceutical Research*, *at* http://www.law.duke.edu/pd/papers/raieisen.pdf (last visited Jan. 22, 2003) (addressing the erosion of free access to new knowledge in the public domain as patent claims have expanded).







The Article proceeds as follows: Part II provides a more precise definition of namespaces. Part III develops several dimensions of namespace governance that can be applied to namespaces in general. Further, it shows the legal and policy implications of design decisions made along these dimensions. In Part IV, a more abstract account of the relationship between namespace design and the law is provided. Part V addresses the extent to which these insights can be applied in the actual design of namespaces. Part VI concludes

the Article.

## II. WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Names are important tools for identification and communication both in real space and cyberspace. From a legal and social science perspective, personal names are a crucial aspect of personal identity and dignity.[28] A complex mix of social norms, memories, connotations, and shared experiences influences the esteem of personal names, in particular first names.[29] From an economic perspective, commercial names and trademarks facilitate identification and thereby reduce consumer search costs.[30] From a computer science perspective, the definition of "name" is even more sober—a name is a string of bits or characters that refers to a resource.[31] In communication networks, some method to identify and locate the network resources must exist. Names provide a method to facilitate sharing and communication.[32] They can bring consistency to the network—names uniquely identify resources, and

28. *See* Douglas A. Galbi, *A New Account of Personalization and Commerce* 4 (Sept. 2001), *available at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=286288.

29. *See id.* at 2.

30. *See* William M. Landes & Richard A. Posner, *Trademark Law: An Economic Perspective*, 30 J.L. & ECON. 265, 269 (1987).

31. *See* ANDREW S. TANENBAUM & MAARTEN VAN STEEN, DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS: PRINCIPLES AND PARADIGMS 184 (2002); John F. Shoch, *Inter-Network Naming, Addressing, and Routing*, *in* PROCEEDINGS OF THE 17TH IEEE COMPUTER SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 72 (1978); David R. Cheriton & Timothy P. Mann, *Decentralizing a Global Naming Service for Improved Performance and Fault Tolerance*, 7 ACM TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTER SYS. 147 (1989).

32. *See* ROSS J. ANDERSON, SECURITY ENGINEERING: A GUIDE TO BUILDING DEPENDABLE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 125 (2001).



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thereby eliminate the risk of confusion between different, but similar, names. In general, names both store and filter information.

Computer science, in particular the theory of distributed systems,[33] developed a rather rigorous theory of naming that is helpful for the following analysis of namespaces. In general, different kinds of names exist. An "address" is a special type of name that "identifies the location of the object rather than the object itself."[34] The IP address of a computer and a telephone number are addresses in this sense. Addresses are not well-suited to persistently identify objects. Once an object is moved to another location, its address changes. If a computer connected to the Internet, for instance, is moved to another location, its IP address often has to be changed as well.[35] If a phone customer moves to a new city, he receives a new phone number, even if he uses the same telephone. Without call-forwarding features and number portability regulations,[36] a phone number does not identify a particular telephone, but its location, that is, the jack into which it is plugged in. In many communication networks, these shortcomings of addresses are resolved by adding a layer of location-independent names on top of the addressing scheme.[37] While addresses *locate*

33. In a distributed system, hardware or software components are located at different computers that are only connected by a communication network. Although the components are dispersed throughout the network, a distributed system appears to its users as one single coherent system. *See* GEORGE COULOURIS ET AL., DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS: CONCEPTS AND DESIGN 2 (3d ed. 2001); TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 2. While numerous distributed systems exist, the most important example is the Internet. For research on naming infrastructures in homogeneous computer systems, see Roger M. Needham, *Names*, *in* DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS 315, 317 (Sape Mullender ed., 2d ed. 1994); Jerome H. Saltzer, *On the Naming and Binding of Objects*, *in* OPERATING SYSTEMS: AN ADVANCED COURSE 99–208 (Rudolf Bayer et al. eds., 1979).

34. COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 354; *see also* Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 72; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184.

35. This problem is most prevalent with mobile computers. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184–85. Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) are another example of the shortcomings of addresses as consistent identifiers. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 356; *see also infra* note 240 (defining and explaining URLs). *See infra* note 372.

36. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 185; *see also* Richard W. Watson, *Identifiers (Naming) in Distributed Systems*, *in* DISTRIBUTED

resources, location-independent names *identify* them.[38] The domain *name* of a computer, for example, identifies a computer, while its IP *address* reveals its logical location. Location-independent names and addresses do not exist separately. Rather, names are resolved to addresses by so-called "name services."[39] Name services allow users and software programs to look up, add, change, and remove names.[40] The layering of location-independent names on top of an addressing scheme makes the communication network more flexible—the address of a resource can be changed without having to change its name. Thereby, resources can be moved without any alteration of their name. The aforementioned DNS is a name service that resolves domain names to IP addresses. Although a computer's IP address may have to be changed when its location is moved, its domain name may remain the same.

The collection of all valid names in a particular system forms a "namespace."[41] Some namespaces are designed for human use, while other namespaces are accessed by computers only. Names used by human beings should usually be "mnemonically useful," while the critical feature of names used by computers is that they are

SYSTEMS: ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION 191, 196 (Butler W. Lampson et al. eds., 1988).

38. "The *name* of a resource indicates what we seek, and *address* indicates where it is, and a *route* tells us how to get there." Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 72.

39. COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 357; *see* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 183. While a name service resolves names to addresses, a "directory service" connects names to a wider collection of attributes. Conventional name services can be compared to the telephone white pages, while directory services resemble the yellow pages. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 371; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 2.

40. *See* TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 194.

41. *See* COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 358; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 186; Ronald Bourret, XML Namespaces FAQ, § 2.1, *at* http://www.rpbourret.com/xml/NamespacesFAQ.htm#q2_1 (last updated Feb. 2003). For a helpful proposition of a unified terminology for directories and namespaces, see Harald Tveit Alvestrand, *Definitions for Talking About Directories*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3254 (Apr. 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3254.txt.

"unambiguously resolvable."[42] In such a namespace, names must be unique.[43]

Namespaces are pervasive, both in cyberspace and in real space. In cyberspace, namespaces are mainly used to identify four different kinds of resources: computers (or more generally, devices), users, files, and applications (or more generally, services).[44] Device namespaces include the DNS, the telephone number system, ENUM,[45] as well as IP and Ethernet addresses.[46] User namespaces include Microsoft Passport,[47] the Liberty Alliance Project,[48] PKIs[49] as well as user identification systems on eBay, in the AOL network, and with instant messaging systems and networked computer games.[50] URLs, P2P systems,[51] Yahoo! Categories and the different file systems available on computers[52] are examples of file namespaces. Service namespaces are created, for instance, by the Transmission Control Protocol/User Datagram Protocol (TCP/UDP) port numbers[53] and Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) service in

42. Saltzer, *supra* note 33, at 121; *see also* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 39 (asserting that mnemonics and providing single, more stable identities are two reasons for naming computers).

43. To achieve uniqueness, names are either universally valid, or equipped with a representation of the context in which they are unique. *See* Needham, *supra* note 33, at 90.

44. *See* ANDERSON, *supra* note 32, at 131–32; COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 356; TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 184; Cheriton & Mann, *supra* note 31, at 147; Jerome H. Saltzer, *On the Naming and Binding of Network Destinations*, Request for Comments (RFC) 1498 (Aug. 1993), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1498.txt.

45. *See infra* text accompanying notes 92–

46. *See infra* text accompanying notes 193–

47. *See infra* text accompanying notes 76–77.

48. *See infra* text accompanying note

49. *See infra* text accompanying notes 86–

50. For a study of a virtual world computer game, such as Everquest,

Edward Castronova, *Virtual Worlds: A First-Hand Account of Market and Society on the Cyberian Frontier*, THE GRUTER INST. WORKING PAPERS ON LAW, ECON., AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY (Oct. 2001), *available at* http://www.bepress.com/cgi/viewpdf.cgi?article=1008&context=giwp.

51. *See infra* text accompanying note 127.

52. For an overview, see Martin Hinner, *Filesystems HOWTO*, http://www.linux.org/docs/ldp/howto/Filesystems-HOWTO.html (last modified Aug. 22, 2000). For an overview of distributed file systems, see TANENBAUM & VAN STEEN, *supra* note 31, at 575–646.

53. *See infra* notes 202–04.







the context of Web services.[54] Some technologies even use namespaces. Digital rights management (DRM) systems, for example, employ device, user, and file namespaces at the same time.[55] The list of namespaces used by computers and networks is endless.[56]

In real space, telephone, credit card, bank account, Social Security, passport, and tax identifiers are namespaces which identify devices, natural persons, or corporate entities. People, streets, cities, countries, and species are all identified by namespaces as well. Other examples include P.O. boxes, natural languages, the system of longitude and latitude. The travel industry uses several namespaces to identify travel agencies, hotels, airlines, car rental companies, travel insurance companies, and consumers.[57] The Dun

54. *See* http://www.uddi.org (last visited Feb. 3, 2003). UDDI enables organizations that develop Web services to register these services in a public database so that client applications may locate and use them. For an overview, see ETHAN CERAMI, WEB SERVICES ESSENTIALS 157–99 (Simon St. Laurent ed., 2002); DAVID CHAPPELL, UNDERSTANDING .NET: A TUTORIAL AND ANALYSIS 65–71 (2002); THUAN THAI & HOANG Q. LAM, .NET FRAMEWORK ESSENTIALS 155–57 (Nancy Kotary ed., 2d ed. 2002).

55. By a combination of various technical and legal means of protection, DRM attempts to create a framework for the secure distribution of digital content to authorized users. DRM systems usually employ a number of different namespaces, such as namespaces for identifying users (important for digital fingerprinting and thereby individualizing content), identifying

(important for managing the rights attached to the content), and identifying devices (important for distinguishing authorized from unauthorized devices and for revoking compromised device keys). For an overview, see Stefan Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law: Implications of Digital Rights Management*, *in* SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT 213, 214–16 (Tomas Sander ed., 2002), *available at* http://www.jura.uni-tuebingen.de/s-bes1/pub/2002/DRM_Information_Law.pdf [hereinafter Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*]. For a more detailed discussion, see STEFAN BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT: IMPLIKATIONEN DES DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT 34–75 (2002) [hereinafter BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT].

56. Other computer namespaces include variable names in programming languages, character sets, the X.500 directory service, XML namespaces, colorspaces such as RGB or CMYK, databases, and Microsoft Smart Tags. For even more namespaces, see IANA, Protocol/Number Assignments Directory, *at* http://www.iana.org/numbers.html (last updated Apr. 18, 2003).

57. Air travel customer information is usually stored in a so-called "Passenger Name Record" (PNR) in one of the major proprietary Global Distribution Systems (GDS) such as Amadeus, Sabre, or Apollo. Other





& Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S) is used to identify sixty-two million business entities around the world,[58] while the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers provides supplier IDs for over 173,000 U.S. and Canadian manufacturers.[59] The system of bar codes that is used for product identification is another example of how widely namespaces are used today.[60] For example, millions of DNA sequences from over 100,000 species are uniquely identified and named by an international namespace provided by several databases.[61] The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) is a namespace maintained by the World Health Organization that classifies all statistically significant diseases.[62] In addition, traditional media can be identified by different namespaces such as the ISBN, the International Standard Recording Code (ISRC), the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), the

Unique Material Identifier (UMID), and the International Standard Work Code (ISWC).[63] Finally, bibliographic classification schemes,[64] the frequency spectrum, the various international classification systems for classifying inventions, trademarks, and

namespaces in the travel industry are administered by the International Air Transport Association. *See, e.g.*, Travel Industry Designator Service, *at* http://www.iata.org/tids/index (2001); *see* Rohit Khare, *Anatomy of a URL (and Other Internet-Scale Namespaces, Part 1)*, IEEE INTERNET COMPUTING, Sept.–Oct. 1999, at 78, 80.

58. *See* D&B D-U-N-S® Number, *at* http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/duns_update_print.asp (last visited Feb. 16, 2003).

59. *See* Thomas Register, *at* http://www.thomasregister.com (last visited Jan. 14, 2003).

60. For information on the Universal Product Code (UPC) and European Article Number (EAN), see Uniform Code Council, Inc.: ID Numbers and Bar Codes, *at* http://www.uccouncil.org/ID_Numbers_and_Bar_Codes.html (2002) and EAN International, *at* http://www.ean-ucc.org (2002). The Auto-ID project at MIT attempts to extend this model with "electronic Product Codes" (ePC) that can be embedded into smart tags and resolved by an "Object Naming Service." *See* Auto-ID Center, *at* http://www.autoidcenter.org/aboutthetech_indepthlook.asp (last visited Jan. 16, 2003).

61. *See infra* text accompanying notes 162–67.

62. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 55–57, 68–90.

63. For an overview, see BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 39–41.

64. *See infra* text accompanying note 252.







industrial designs,[65] the ISO 3166 list of country codes,[66] as well as the names of all celestial objects[67] and chemical compounds[68] may complete this listing of namespaces. In short, namespaces are important and ubiquitous.[69]

As the variety and sheer number of all existing namespaces are overwhelming, it is an impossible task to analyze all of them in this Article. Fortunately, in order to develop a general theory

of namespace governance, this is also an unnecessary task. This Article uses several namespaces to illustrate the presented theoretical framework. Nevertheless, the framework should also be applicable to namespaces that are not explicitly studied in this Article.

## III. DIMENSIONS OF NAMESPACE GOVERNANCE

By analyzing the means, intensity, and scope of namespace governance, as well as the possible namespace topologies, this Part identifies several dimensions of namespace governance that illustrate the close intertwining of technology, law, and policy.

### *A. Means of Namespace Governance*

In general, namespace providers have varying interests in regulating the use of and access to their namespace. They may, for example, want to grant access to the namespace only under certain conditions, or to prevent certain end users from using the namespace altogether. They may also grant third-party service providers, who use the namespace in their own services, access to the namespace only after payment of a fee. Namespace providers therefore want to regulate the behavior of namespace users and service providers.

65. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) administers four international classification systems. *See* WIPO, International Classifications, *at* http://www.wipo.org/classifications/en/overview.html (last visited Feb. 16, 2003).

66. *See* Maintenance Agency for ISO 3166 Country Codes, *at* http://www.iso.org/iso/en/prods-services/iso3166ma/index.html (last visited Jan. 13, 2003).

67. Commission 5 of the International Astronomical Union is the commission that names stars and other celestial objects. *See* International Astronomical Union, Designations and Nomenclature of Celestial Objects, *at* http://www.iau.org/IAU/Activities/nomenclature (last modified Dec. 20, 2000).

68. *See infra* note 264.

69. *See* BOWKER & STAR, *supra* note 21, at 37–39.



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Such regulation can be achieved by different means. While several namespaces employ a web of contracts, all namespaces use technological means to regulate behavior that depends on the namespace.

### 1. Governance by contract

Namespace providers can condition access to and use of their namespace upon the prior conclusion of a contract. Namespace contracts include more than agreements about technical issues. They may limit the ways in which users access a namespace. They may also restrict the purposes and conditions under which the namespace can be accessed. Furthermore, they may restrict environments in which the names may be used or processed.

In many namespaces, the namespace provider attempts to bind all end users and service providers by contract. A web of contracts laid over the namespace is intended to protect various non-technical interests of the namespace provider (see Figure 1).

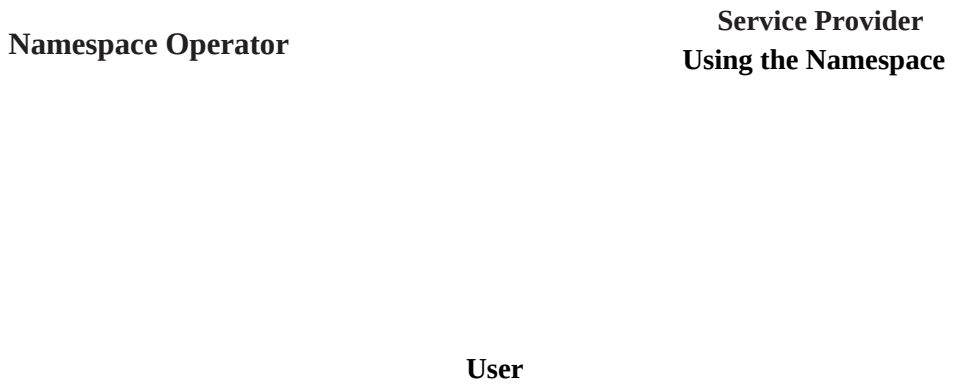


**Figure 1: Namespace Governance by Contractual Webs**

The DNS [70] uses such a web of contracts to govern the domain namespace. All registrants, registrars, and registries of domain

70. The DNS is a distributed name resolution service that resolves domain names to numerical IP addresses. For an overview of the architecture, history, and policy debate of the DNS, see M UELLER , *supra* note 14, at 47–48; A. Michael Froomkin, *Wrong Turn in Cyberspace: Using ICANN to Route Around the APA and the Constitution*, 50 D UKE L.J. 17 (2000); Jay P. Kesan &

names in generic top-level domains (gTLDs), such as .com, .biz, .net, and .org, are required to enter into contractual agreements that either directly or indirectly originate from ICANN, the entity that currently controls the DNS.[71] In order to resolve conflicts between domain name registrations and trademark law, ICANN, after considerable input from WIPO, created a dispute resolution mechanism. This Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)[72] enables a trademark holder to challenge the registration of a domain name and potentially gain control over it. As part of the contracts between ICANN and the gTLD registrars,[73] ICANN requires the registrars to impose the UDRP on everyone who wants to register a domain name.[74] As a result, on the one hand, ICANN binds all registrars to the UDRP as a condition of their accreditation. On the other hand, a consumer who wants to register a domain name under the .com gTLD, for example,

Rajiv C. Shah, *Fool Us Once Shame On You: Fool Us Twice Shame On Us: What We Can Learn From the Privatizations of the Internet Backbone Network and the Domain Name System*, 79 WASH. U. L.Q. 89 (2001) (detailing the privatization processes for the DNS and proposing measures for future privatization).

71. *See* A. Michael Froomkin & Mark A. Lemley, *ICANN and Antitrust*, U. ILL. L. REV. __, 13–16 (forthcoming 2003), *available at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/delivery.cfm/SSRN_ID291221_code011128630.pdf?abstractid=291221#Paper%20Download. This contractual web does not exist for country code top-level domains (ccTLDs). The relationship between ICANN's overall governance of the domain namespace and the ccTLD registries is not entirely clear. ccTLD registries have at least some independence in determining policies for their ccTLD sub-namespaces. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 205–08; Tamar Frankel, *The Managing Lawmaker in Cyberspace: A Power Model*, 27 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 859, 886–93 (2002). Although ICANN is known for managing the DNS, the U.S. government still retains residual authority over the DNS root and has not expressed its intent to give up this authority in the future. For the relationship between the U.S. Department of Commerce and ICANN, see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 197; Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 91, 105–25; Froomkin & Lemley, *supra*, at 11–13.

72. *See* ICANN, Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, http://www.icann.org/udrp/udrp-policy.htm (last modified May 17, 2002). For many ccTLDs, no equivalent to the UDRP system exists. In such countries, domain name trademark conflicts are left to the traditional court system to resolve. This, for example, is the case in Germany. In other namespaces such as the telephone number space, no UDRP equivalent exists either. *See In re* Toll Free Service Access Codes, 13 F.C.C.R. 9058, 9067 (1998).

74. *See* ICANN, Registrar Accreditation Agreement § II.K, *at* http://www.icann.org/nsi/icann-raa-04nov99.htm (Nov. 4,

1999).







will only be able to register it if he agrees to the terms of the UDRP. Through a hierarchical web of contracts originating from ICANN, ICANN has ensured that every registrar and every registrant is bound to the UDRP.[75] ICANN effectively enveloped the domain namespace with a web of contracts that they use to protect, among other things, the trademark holder's interests.

Another example of contractual webs as a means of governance is Microsoft Passport.[76] By mapping unique identifiers to individual users, this system allows users to establish lasting digital identities on the Internet. Once a user is registered in this namespace, he can access all Web sites that use Microsoft Passport as their authentication service without having to authenticate himself at each individual Web site, as Microsoft Passport will provide the participating Web site with the necessary authentication information.[77]

In order to ensure that participating Web sites do not use this authentication information for data mining and user profiling purposes, Microsoft has entangled the technical namespace with a web of contracts. Before a Web site can use the Passport authentication service, it has to agree by contract with Microsoft to obtain the user's consent before it uses the profile information for marketing purposes. It is also contractually required to post privacy policies on its site, both in a human-readable and machine-readable P3P-compliant[78] format.[79]

75. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 192.

76. *See* Microsoft Corp., Microsoft .NET Passport, *at* http://www.passport.net/Consumer/default.asp?lc=1033 (last visited Dec. 16, 2002).

77. User namespaces such as Microsoft Passport therefore enable a so-called "single sign-in" (SSI). *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *at* http://microsoft.com/netservices/passport/passport.asp (Nov.

2002) [hereinafter Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide]. With more than 200 million accounts performing more than 3.5 billion authentications each month, Passport is currently the prevailing general authentication system. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Overview, *at* http://www.microsoft.com/netservices/passport/overview.asp (Mar. 20, 2002).

78. The Platform for Privacy Preferences Project (P3P) allows Web sites to express their privacy policies in a machine-readable format. It enables users to evaluate these policies and make informed decisions about the privacy implications of accessing a particular Web site. For more information on P3P, see Ruchika Agrawal, *P3P Viewpoints*, *at* http://www.stanford.edu/~ruchika/P3Phome.html (last modified Mar. 11, 2002); World Wide Web Consortium, Platform for Privacy Preferences, *at* http://www.w3.org/P3P/ (last modified Nov. 8, 2002).







In addition to the contractual relationship between Microsoft and participating Web sites, Microsoft attempts to establish a contractual relationship with each Passport user as well. Before a user can register with Microsoft Passport, he must agree to the "Microsoft .NET Passport Terms of Use and Notices."[80] In this user contract,

79. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *supra* note 77, at 22. Furthermore, if, in the process of delivering goods or services to the user, the participating site has to share personal information (e.g., the user's address) with a third party (e.g., a shipping service), the participating site is required by Microsoft to impose certain contractual obligations on the third party as well. *See id.* at 21. In effect, Microsoft's strategy resembles a "viral contract" attached to private data. A viral contract attempts "to make commitments with [the object]. . .so that everyone who comes into possession of [the object]. . .also inherit[s] the obligations to the initiator [of the contract]." Jane Radin, *Humans, Computers, and Binding Commitment*, 75 IND. L.J. 1125, 1132 (2000).

80. Microsoft Corp., Microsoft .NET Passport Terms of Use and Notices, *at* http://www.passport.net/Consumer/TermsOfUse.asp (last revised Aug. 2002). It is contested whether such "click-wrap licenses" are enforceable contracts. The problems posed by click-wrap licenses are similar to the question whether computer software shrink-wrap licenses are valid contracts. Traditionally, U.S. courts have been reluctant to enforce shrink-wrap licenses. *See* Step-Saver Data Sys., Inc. v. Wyse Tech., 939 F.2d 91, 98–100 (3d Cir. 1991); Arizona Retail Sys., Inc. v. Software Link, Inc., 831 F. Supp. 759, 764–66 (D.

1992); *see also* Novell, Inc. v. Network Trade Ctr., Inc., 25 F. Supp. 2d 1218 (D. Utah 1997) (explaining that the shrinkwrap license is invalid against first purchaser pertaining to the title of the software in copyright owner), *vacated in part by* Novell, Inc. v. Network Trade Ctr., Inc., 187 F.R.D. 657 (D. Utah 1999); Morgan Lab., Inc. v. Micro Data Base Sys., Inc., 41 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1850 (N.D. Cal. 1997). However, in 1997, Judge Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals found a shrink-wrap a valid contract. *See* ProCD, Inc. v. Zeidenberg, 86 F.3d 1447, 1450–53 (7th Cir. 1996). Following this decision, other courts have enforced shrink-wrap licenses as well. *See* Hill v. Gateway 2000, Inc., 105 F.3d 1147 (7th Cir. 1997); M.A. Mortenson Co. v. Timberline Software Corp., 998 P.2d 305, 313 (Wash. 2000); Brower v. Gateway 2000, Inc., 676 N.Y.S.2d 569, 572 (N.Y. App. Div. 1998). Courts have also held click-wrap licenses as enforceable contracts. *See* I.Lan Sys., Inc. v. Netscout Serv. Level Corp., 183 F. Supp. 2d 328, 338–39 (D. Mass. 2002); Caspi v. The Microsoft Network, L.L.C., 732 A.2d 528 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1999); *also* Groff v. America Online, Inc., 1998 WL 307001 (R.I. Super. 1998) (discussing how the click-wrap contract binds a party to a forum selection clause); *but see* Specht v. Netscape Communications Corp., 306 F.3d 17 (2d Cir. 2002). For a general overview, see Robert A. Hillman & Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, *Standard-Form Contracting in the Electronic Age*, 77 N.Y.U. L. REV. 429 (2002).







Microsoft agrees to use personal information only in accordance with Passport privacy policy. According to this policy, Microsoft discloses personal information only if the user has consented or if Microsoft is required to disclose information by law.[81]

As ICANN did in the DNS context, Microsoft has enveloped Passport in a web of contracts. This web is used by Microsoft to regulate non-technical, in particular privacy-related, aspects of its namespace. This is not to say that Microsoft Passport protects privacy perfectly or even adequately.[82] This example merely reinforces the claim that namespace providers use contractual webs as a tool to regulate non-technical behavior of namespace users and service providers.

The use of contractual webs for governing namespaces is not confined to the DNS and Microsoft Passport. DRM systems[83] use similar mechanisms. In general, the webs of contracts

surrounding the namespace bind both service providers that depend on the namespace and individual namespace users. Namespace providers may use these contractual webs to regulate various legal and policy aspects of namespaces, ranging from intellectual property and privacy protection to competition issues.

### 2. Governance by technology

Contractual webs would not be a very promising means of namespace governance if the contracts were, as a practical matter, hard to enforce. In namespaces, however, it is the technology that enables the automatic enforcement of such contracts and policies. By threatening to exclude namespace users and service providers that do not adhere to namespace contracts or policies, namespace providers can enforce their interests in an over-efficient manner. The

81. For the specific terms of the privacy policy, see Microsoft Corp., *Microsoft .NET Passport Privacy Statement*, *at* http://www.passport.com/Consumer/PrivacyPolicy.asp?lc=1033 (last modified Aug. 2002).

82. *See infra* text accompanying notes 131–35.

83. In many DRM systems, technology license agreements are used to bind manufacturers of computer electronics and computers (i.e., namespace service providers). Usage contracts are employed to establish a contractual relationship between the DRM provider and individual consumers (i.e., namespace users). For an overview of this contractual protection in DRM systems, see Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 217–22, 227.



technical control over a namespace can be used by the namespace provider as leverage for policy and legal control.[84] This phenomenon occurs in most namespaces. As described above, ICANN allows domain name registries, registrars, and registrants to enter the domain namespace only after they have agreed to certain contractual obligations. ICANN's web of contracts can be enforced by the technical control over the domain

namespace. as the contractual quasi-trademark regulation of the demonstrates. By withdrawing or reassigning a domain name, UDRP any decision under the UDRP can be enforced in a very effective and inexpensive manner: through technology.[85]

PKIs are another namespace that uses technology as a governance tool. PKIs enable the secure, convenient, and efficient discovery of public keys in asymmetric encryption systems.[86] PKIs are a cornerstone of contemporary computer security architecture. By resolving public keys to individual persons or corporate entities and vice versa, PKIs create user namespaces. In PKI namespaces, various key-revocation mechanisms exist by which compromised public keys can be excluded from further use of the namespace.[87] Technology enables PKIs to control which names exist in their user namespace. In a similar way, eBay reserves the right to suspend any user identifier in its user namespace.[88] DRM systems use various key revocation techniques to achieve the same goal.[89] In general, technology enables the namespace provider to control which names are assigned, modified, and revoked in a namespace. Technology is the most important governance tool in namespaces.

84. *See supra* text accompanying notes 71–

85. *See* M UELLER , *supra* note 14, at 191, 232–34. The combination of technological and contractual protection is a common feature in such diverse areas of Internet law as the DNS, DRM, privacy law, the cable open access debate, and hyperlinking. For an attempt to derive some unifying principles from these similarities, see B ECHTOLD , V OM U RHEBER - ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT , *supra* note 55, at 439–48; Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 230.

86. *See* Radia Perlman, *An Overview of PKI Trust Models*, IEEE N ETWORK , Nov.–Dec. 2000, at

87. *See* R USS H OUSLEY & T IM P OLK , P LANNING FOR PKI 107–24 (2001).

88. *See supra* text accompanying note 38.

89. *See* B ECHTOLD , V OM U RHEBER -ZUM I NFORMATIONSRECHT , *supra* note 55, at 26–31; Bechtold, *From Copyright to Information Law*, *supra* note 55, at 215.



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### B. Governance by Whom?

Namespaces can be created and governed by governments, private entities, or hybrid coalitions. Particularly in namespaces governed by private or hybrid entities, interests of third parties and the general public might become underrepresented. Private regulation of namespaces may clash with public values. Namespaces must be supported by sufficient accountability structures.

The ICANN debate is a prime example of this governance dimension. The extent to which ICANN should exercise control over the domain namespace and what accountability structures are appropriate is fiercely contested in Internet policy circles.[90] ICANN's UDRP has come under criticism for being biased towards the interests of trademark holders.[91] ICANN has been accused of

90. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 192; Edward Brunet, *Defending Commerce's Contract Delegation of Power to ICANN*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 1 (2002); Froomkin & Lemley, *supra* note 71, at 19–21; Froomkin, *supra* note 70; Gillian K. Hadfield, *Privatizing Commercial Law: Lessons from ICANN*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 257 (2002); Kesan & Shah, *supra* note 70; Joe Sims & Cynthia L. Bauerly, *A Response to Professor Froomkin: Why ICANN Does Not Violate the APA or the Constitution*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 65 (2002); Jonathan Weinberg, *ICANN and the Problem of Legitimacy*, 50 DUKE L.J. 187 (2000); Jonathan Zittrain, *ICANN: Between the Public and the Private, Comments Before Congress*, 14 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 1071 (1999); Tamar Frankel, *Accountability and Oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers* (2002), *at* http://www.markle.org/news/ICANN_fin1_9.pdf.

91. *See* Michael Geist, *Fair.com?: An Examination of the Allegations of Systemic Unfairness in the ICANN UDRP*, 27 BROOK. J. INT'L L. 903, 936 (2002); Jeffrey P. Leonard, *Domain Name Disputes: An Analysis of the UDRP Resolution Process Thus Far*, 2001 WAKE FOREST INTELL. PROP. L.J. 4, *at* http://www.law.wfu.edu/students/IPLA/sp2001/art04.pdf; Milton Mueller, *Rough Justice: An Analysis of ICANN's Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy*, *at* http://dcc.syr.edu/roughjustice.pdf (2000). *But see* Annette Kur, *UDRP*, *at* http://www.intellecprop.mpg.de/Online-Publikationen/2002/UDRP-study-final-02.pdf (2002). For general analyses of the UDRP, see Michael Froomkin, *ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy": Causes and (Partial) Cures*, 67 BROOKLYN L. REV. 605 (2002) [hereinafter Froomkin, ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy"]; Froomkin, *supra* note 70, at 96–101; Laurence R. Helfer & Graeme B. Dinwoodie, *Designing Non-National Systems: The Case of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy*, 43 WM. & MARY L. REV. 141 (2001); Elizabeth G. Thornburg, *Fast, Cheap, and Out of Control: Lessons from the ICANN Dispute Resolution Process*, 6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 191 (2002); Luke A. Walker, *ICANN's Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy*, 15 BERKELEY

creating a new body of international, but private trademark law that lacks any of the accountability structures under which traditional statutes operate.[92]

The ENUM namespace is another example of the tension between public and private namespace ordering. ENUM is a protocol that aims to create greater convergence of traditional fixed and mobile telecommunication networks with the infrastructure of the public Internet.[93] It basically translates telephone numbers into domain names. If a user types an ENUM number into his mobile device or his computer, it can be used to query the DNS.[94] The DNS

TECH. L.J. 289 (2000); Milton Mueller, *Success by Default: A New Profile of Domain Name Trademark Disputes Under ICANN's UDRP*, *at* http://dcc.syr.edu/markle/markle-report-final.pdf (2002); UDRPinfo.com, *at* http://www.udrpinfo.com (last visited Dec. 16, 2002); UDRPlaw.net, *at* http://www.udrplaw.net (last visited Dec. 16, 2002). For an analysis of the UDRP under antitrust aspects, see Froomkin & Lemley, *supra* note 71, at 50–52.

92. *See* Froomkin, ICANN's "Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy," *supra* note 91, at 612; Thornburg, *supra* note 91, at 208.

93. *See* Craig McTaggart, *E Pluribus ENUM: Unifying International Telecommunications Networks and Governance* 2 (2001), *at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109091.pdf. It is clear that ENUM is an abbreviation, but it is unclear what this abbreviation stands for. The explanations range from "Electronic NUMbering," "tElephone NUmber Mapping," and "E-number" to "E.164 Number Mapping." For an overview of ENUM, see Patrick Faltstrom, *E.164 Number and DNS*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2916 (Sept. 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2916.txt; Internet Engineering Task Force, Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Charter, *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/enum-charter.html (last modified Sept. 9, 2002); Washington Internet Project, ENUM, *at* http://www.cybertelecom.org/dns/enum.htm (last modified Jan. 7, 2003); International Telecommunication Union, ENUM, *at* http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/infocom/enum (last visited Dec. 16, 2002).

94. ENUM assigns each telephone number a unique domain name. The number 1 (555) 497–2815, for example, is translated by ENUM into 5.1.8.2.7.9.4.5.5.5.1.e164.arpa. While no technical necessity exists why ENUM numbers have to be telephone numbers, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) ENUM working group determined that ENUM numbers would equal telephone numbers. *See* Robert Cannon, *ENUM: The Collision of Telephony and DNS Policy* 5, 14–17 (2001), *at* http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=287492; *see also* Faltstrom, *supra* note 93, § 2; Junseok Hwang et al., *Analyzing ENUM Service and Administration from the Bottom Up: Addressing System for IP Telephony and Beyond* 3, *at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109044.pdf (2001) (analyzing possible administrative models of ENUM service and discussing policy related issues stemming from

ENUM).







then performs a name lookup and returns personal contact information such as telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, or fax numbers.[95] With ENUM, a user could be assigned one "universal number" under which he then could be reached by any imaginable means of communication—for example, telephone, cell phone, e-mail, fax, WWW pages, voicemail, and instant messaging.[96] With ENUM's interconnection of the domain namespace and the telephone number space, two different regulatory frameworks clash. Traditionally, the Internet has been dominated by light regulation that was often exercised by private entities. On the other hand, the national and international telephone system has always been heavily regulated by public actors, ranging from the U.S. Congress, the Federal Telecommunications Commission, and the North American Numbering Plan Administration[97] to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The discussion how the Internet device namespace should be governed oscillates between these two extremes.[98]

95. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 4; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 5. Therefore, ENUM competes with other discovery services for personal information; one competitor might be Microsoft .NET My Services. *See id.* at 23.

96. *See* Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications, Principles and Conditions for Implementation of an ENUM Protocol in France 7 (2001), *at* http://www.art-telecom.fr/publications/syntconsenum-ang.doc; Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 2.

97. *See* ELI M. NOAM, INTERCONNECTING THE NETWORK OF NETWORKS 204–05 (2001).

98. Currently, it is planned that the international ENUM database ("Tier 0") will be operated by traditional Internet governance bodies such as RIPE NCC (http://www.ripe.net) in the Netherlands, but administered under the auspices of the ITU. On the national level ("Tier 1"), ENUM service regulatory

providers selected by national regulatory authorities. *See* Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications, *supra* note 96, at 12–13; Roy Blane, *Liaison to IETF/ISOC on ENUM*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3026, at 2 (Jan. 2001), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3026.txt; Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 7–8, 24–26; *The History and Context of Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Operational Decisions*, Request for Comments (RFC) 3245, at 7–8 (John Klensin ed., Mar. 2002), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3245.txt [hereinafter RFC 3245]; Hwang et al., *supra* note 94, at 4–5. Due to the involvement of the ITU at Tier 0 and the national governments at Tier 1, ENUM has been criticized as a government-backed monopoly. *See Cannon*, *supra* note 94, at 22.







Whereas the DNS and ENUM device namespaces are governed by hybrid models, the IP [99] and Ethernet address, [100] Microsoft Passport, [101] P2P, [102] and TCP/UDP port number [103] namespaces are examples of namespaces that are subject to purely private governance. Bibliographic classification schemes, which are also all types of namespaces, [104] are usually sponsored by governments or private consortiums of interested parties and users. [105] PKI systems are another example of namespaces that cover the whole spectrum—from publicly governed to hybrid and purely privately governed

99. IP addresses are administered by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA). Under the auspices of IANA, currently three regional IP registries exist in North America, Europe, and Asia. The regional IP registries coordinate and represent local IP registries that operate usually within particular countries. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) can request IP addresses for their customers from regional registries or from upstream ISPs. *See* Kimball et al., *Internet Registry IP Allocation Guidelines*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2050, at 4 (Nov. 1996), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2050.txt. For an explanation of IP addresses, see *infra* text accompanying notes 193–200.

100. The 802 Committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) standardized the Ethernet system. IEEE still controls the Ethernet address space. *See* IEEE Registration Authority, *at*

http://standards.ieee.org/regauth (last modified Jan. 7, 2003). For an explanation of Ethernet addresses, see *infra* text accompanying note 201.

101. With Microsoft Passport, the tension between public and private ordering becomes particularly obvious. As Lawrence Lessig wrote on Slashdot: "When we needed a passport system, we didn't tell Chase Manhattan bank [sic] that they could develop the passport system in exchange for a piece of every transaction. . . . [t]here was a recognition of the importance of neutral, commons-like, infrastructures upon which others could build." Slashdot, Lawrence Lessig Answers Your Questions, at Q 14, *at* http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=01/12/21/155221 (posted Dec. 21, 2001).

102. *See infra* text accompanying note 166.

103. *See infra* text accompanying notes 202–04.

104. *See infra* text accompanying note 252.

105. The world's two largest classification schemes, the U.S. Library of Congress Classification (LCC) and the Russian Library-Bibliographical Classification (LBC/BBK), are sponsored by their respective governments. The most popular classification, the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) and its offspring, the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC), are sponsored by private entities. *See* Allan Wilson, *The Hierarchy of Belief: Ideological Tendentiousness in Universal Classification, in* CLASSIFICATION RESEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATION AND ORGANIZATION 389, 393 (Nancy J. Williamson & Michèle Hudon eds., 1992).







namespaces. Who governs a namespace determines, in part, what rules and whose interests the namespace protects.

### *C. Namespace Topology*

Topology may be the most important governance dimension in namespaces.[106] In a namespace, system functions can be positioned in a central location or distributed along a vertical or horizontal axis. Choosing a topology along these axes has numerous policy and legal implications, as this Section will illustrate.[107]

#### 1. Vertical distribution of namespaces

Namespace functions can be distributed along a vertical axis in various ways. Whereas a namespace without any such distribution is a "flat" namespace, a namespace with full vertical distribution is



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"hierarchical" one (see Figure 2).

106. In general, the study of a network's topology is concerned with the manner in which the network nodes are interconnected. *See* RAJ OSHAN L. SHARMA, NETWORK TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF NETWORK DESIGN 8 (1990).

107. Parts of the following analysis build upon the overview of different distributed systems topologies by Nelson Minar, *Distributed Systems Topologies: Part 1* (Dec. 14, 2001), *at* http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2001/12/14/topologies_one.html [hereinafter Minar, *Part 1*]; Nelson Minar, *Distributed Systems Topologies: Part 2* (Jan. 8, 2002), *at* http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2002/01/08/p2p_topologies_pt2.html [hereinafter Minar, *Part 2*]. Minar distinguishes between centralized, ring, hierarchical, decentralized, and hybrid topologies. This categorization reminds one of the different network topologies used in Local Area Networks (LANs): bus topology, multi-drop topology, directed link topology, star topology, ring topology, and bus topology. *See* DOUGLAS E. COMER, COMPUTER NETWORKS AND INTERNETS 103–05 (3d ed. 2001); SHARMA, *supra* note 106, at 8–13; *see also* PRISCILLA OPPENHEIMER, TOP-DOWN NETWORK DESIGN 121–55 (discussing techniques to develop a network topology).

108. See Shoch, *supra* note 31, at 75–76.



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**Figure 2: Flat Versus Hierarchical Namespaces** [109]

In a flat namespace, a single entity provides the full name service and thereby operates the full namespace. Therefore, a single point of control exists. The namespace provider, the government, or hackers can easily regulate flat namespaces. [110] Flat namespaces also have a single point of knowledge: [111] one database stores the names of all objects as well as their locations and other attributes. If the database misuses this knowledge for data mining and marketing purposes, flat namespaces can pose a privacy risk.

Hierarchical namespaces have different characteristics. In a hierarchical namespace, the name service is distributed over a hierarchy of different entities. Each entity is responsible for a different subset of names. No single entity exercises direct and perfect control over the whole namespace. [112] Rather, different parts of the namespace can be managed by different entities [113] and,

109. This and the following figure were inspired by Nelson Minar. *See* Minar, *Part 1*, *supra* note 107.

110. This point is made in the PKI context by John Marchesini & Sean Smith, *Virtual Hierarchies: An Architecture for Building and Maintaining Efficient and Resilient Trust Chains* 3 (Draft of May 17, 2002), *available at* http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/pkilab/papers/vh.pdf.

111. *Cf.* Watson, *supra* note 37, at 11.

112. *See infra* Part IV.B. Nevertheless, even in a hierarchical namespace, the root node at the top of the hierarchy retains important regulatory power over the whole namespace. *See infra* text accompanying notes 295–96 (noting that ICANN's registry regulations and the UDRP can be understood as an attempt of the root node to retain control over the domain namespace).

113. Indeed, that was one of the reasons for introducing the concept of domains on the Internet in 1984. *See* Jon Postel & Joyce Reynolds, *Domain Requirements*, Request for Comments (RFC) 920 (Oct. 1984), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc920.txt.



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occasionally, governed by different policies.[114] Hierarchical namespaces therefore enable some competition to occur within the namespace.

The DNS may exemplify this governance dimension. The DNS is not a monolithic system. Rather, it consists of a hierarchically organized network of databases, operated by a network of so-called "registries." Therefore, domain names under the top-level domain (TLD) .de are assigned and administered by a different registry than domain names under the TLD .com. The registries have at least some discretion in the way they assign domain names. Many ccTLD registries, for example, do not impose ICANN's UDRP upon domain name registrars and registrants.[115] To some extent, responsibility for assigning domain names and for maintaining the name service is distributed throughout the hierarchical DNS network.[116] Thereby, the decision as to what policies are appropriate for governing the domain namespace is decentralized as well. This decentralization in deciding policy issues could only be achieved by making a technical decision at the design stage of the DNS—choosing a hierarchical structure as the DNS's topology.

ENUM,[117] IP addresses,[118] and the Library of Congress bibliographic classification are further examples of hierarchical

114. *See, e.g.*, COULOURIS ET AL., *supra* note 33, at 358; ICANN, ICP-3: A Unique, Authoritative Root for the DNS ¶ 1 (July 9, 2001), at http://www.icann.org/icp/icp-3.htm (discussing ICANN's commitment to a single public root for the Internet Domain System). For an example of different policies within a hierarchical PKI namespace, see CHARLIE KAUFMAN ET AL., NETWORK SECURITY: PRIVATE COMMUNICATION IN A PUBLIC WORLD 381 (2d ed. 2002); Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 41.

115. *See In re* Toll-Free Service Access Codes, 13 F.C.C.R. 9058, 9067 (1998).

116. *See* MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 61.

117. IETF has proposed to structure the ENUM namespace according to a hierarchical model (so-called "golden tree" architecture). *See* Faltstrom, *supra* note 93, at 4; Anthony Rutkowski, *The ENUM Golden Tree: The Quest for a Universal Communications Identifier*, 3 INFO 97 (Apr. 2001), *available at* http://www.ngi.org/enum/pub/info_rutkowski.pdf. On top of this hierarchy lies the single international database tier 0 that points to the single databases for each telephone country code, tier 1. For this single database in each country code, different service providers can offer registration services (tier 2). *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 7; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 8–9; *see also supra* text accompanying note 98 (discussing whether ENUM should use a single, coordinated global DNS domain).

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namespaces.[119] Conversely, Microoft Passport and TCP/UDP port numbers are flat namespaces. In PKI systems, both flat and hierarchical namespaces exist.[120]

Introducing hierarchical structures into a namespace can enable decentralization and thereby competition within the namespace. However, this is not a necessary consequence. Some hierarchical namespaces are controlled by a single entity at all levels of their hierarchy and therefore do not allow competition between different providers within the namespace.[121] In other namespaces, although different providers exist within the hierarchy, the provider at the top of the hierarchy—the "root"—exercises considerable control over the whole namespace by technological or contractual means. This feature can be found in the domain namespace[122] and in PKI user namespaces.[123] hierarchical

### 2. Horizontal distribution of namespaces

Besides different vertical distributions, namespace functions can be distributed along a horizontal axis in various ways. Whereas a namespace without any such distribution may be called a "centralized" namespace, a namespace with full horizontal distribution is a "decentralized" one. Between those two extremes

118. The IP address space is administered by a pyramid of authorities consisting of IANA at the top and regional IP registries at the bottom. Namespace responsibility is distributed across this pyramid. *See* Hubbard et al., *supra* note 99, at 3–4.

119. For an argument against the popular belief that the telephone system is a strictly hierarchical namespace see Rutkowski, *supra* note 117.

120. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 54–55; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 372; Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 38–42.

121. In the LCC, for example, it is the Library of Congress that exercises all the power in the hierarchical namespace. *See* RITA MARCELLA & ROBERT NEWTON, A NEW MANUAL OF CLASSIFICATION 87 (1994).

122. In the DNS namespace, the entity that controls the so-called "root zone file" could theoretically exclude lower-level registries from the DNS hierarchy. This technical regulatory power enables the entity to impose contractual obligations on lower-level registries. While the hierarchical structure of the domain namespace reduces the dependency of lower hierarchies on the root, its power is still considerably large. For a detailed discussion see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 47–56; *see also infra* text accompanying notes 295–96 (discussing how DNS structure leads to decentralization but regulations tend to

reverse decentralization).

123. *See* Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 41.







lie various forms of "federated" or interconnected namespaces (see Figure 3).[124] Choosing a namespace topology along the horizontal axis determines its regulability as well as its privacy, liability, and competition implications.

(a) Centralized Namespace (b) Federated Namespaces (c) Decentralized Namespace

**Figure 3: From Centralized to Decentralized Namespaces**[125]

### *a. centralized namespaces*

In a centralized namespace, a single entity provides the name service and thereby operates the full namespace.[126]

#### i. regulability

Centralized namespaces have a single point of control that can be regulated. This is most obvious in centralized P2P systems. P2P systems are networked computer systems in which the communication does not take place within a hierarchical system of servers and clients, but within a network of cooperating peers that have similar rights.[127] In a P2P network, files can be shared among

124. Minar, *Part 1*, *supra* note 107; Minar, *Part 2*, *supra* note 107.

125. *See* Minar, *Part 2*, *supra* note 107.

126. *See id.* Therefore, flat and centralized namespaces are essentially the same. While the dichotomy between flat and hierarchical namespaces deals with the vertical distribution of a namespace, the dichotomy between centralized and decentralized namespaces deals with its horizontal distribution. *See id.*

127. *See* Adam Langley, *Freenet*, *in* PEER-TO-PEER (Andy Oram ed., 2001); LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 134; *see also* Beverly Yang & Hector Garcia-Molina, *Designing a Super-Peer Network* 1 (2002), *at* http://www-db.stanford.edu/byang/pubs/superpeer.pdf (discussing P2P







the participating peer computers without any intervention by a centralized server. However, in order to share files, the individual peer must know where files are located in the network. Therefore, P2P networks need a namespace in which each file available in the network is assigned to the address of the peer computer where the file is located.

Early P2P systems used a centralized namespace for locating files in the network. For example, until Napster was shut down by a court order in 2001, it used a centralized namespace located at a server operated by Napster.[128] P2P systems such as Napster have been criticized for facilitating mass-scale piracy. To suppress such piracy, record companies and other copyright holders demanded that Napster be shut down.

In a P2P network with a centralized namespace, shutting down the central namespace destroys the whole P2P network because without the namespace a peer computer can no longer locate any file in the P2P network.[129] A centralized namespace opens the system to regulation of various sorts: regulatement or courts may order that the

networks as spreading costs of sharing data securely among peers in the network). For an overview of the innovation enabled by P2P systems, see LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 134–38.

128. *See, e.g.*, Sylvia Ratnasamy et al., *A Scalable Content-Addressable Network*, *available at* http://www.acm.org/sigcomm/sigcomm2001/p13-ratnasamy.pdf (last visited Jan. 17, 2003). In contrast to the original P2P idea, this type of system some functionality—the name resolution—is centralized. Such systems are sometimes characterized as "hybrid" P2P systems. *See* Yang & Garcia-Molina, *supra* note 127, at 1; *see also* LESSIG, FUTURE OF IDEAS, *supra* note 14, at 135 (discussing Napster and the SETI project).

129. In the Napster case, record companies achieved this result by prompting a court to order Napster to shut down its central namespace. *See* A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 239 F.3d 1004, 1027 (9th Cir. 2001), *aff'd*, 284 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 2002). The court required Napster to exclude files from its network that violated the plaintiff's copyrights. *See id.* By exercising control over its central namespace, Napster was able to exclude such files. *See id.* That Napster was in general able to exclude specific files from its P2P network was not a disputed issue during the Napster case. However, it was disputed who should bear the burden of identifying the files Napster should exclude, and what level of accuracy the employed filtering technology should have. *See id.* at 1027.







namespace be shut down or the namespace may be shut down by the namespace provider or by hackers.[130]

ii. privacy

A centralized namespace is not only easy to regulate, it may also pose privacy risks. In a centralized namespace all information about the namespace is located within one entity. This entity assigns names so it knows who is accessing the namespace and which names are looked up. During Napster's operation, for example, Napster was in the unique position to know about every download occurring from every computer connected to the Napster network. Such information can be valuable data for surveillance, data mining, marketing, and personalization purposes. However, centralized namespaces may have

implications for privacy protection, as the Microsoft Passport ambivalent user namespace exemplifies. Microsoft Passport is a centralized [131] namespace because Microsoft is currently the only provider of the namespace. User namespaces can theoretically be used to collect large amounts of personal data. Microsoft Passport stores user account names and corresponding passwords in its namespace database. Also, if the user so chooses, it can also store the name of the user, the user's credit card information, address, and demographic or preference data such as gender, occupation, state, ZIP code, time zone, birthday, and language preference. [132] Passport does not transmit such data to participating Web sites without the user's consent. [133] Rather, as a default, Passport only transmits a sixty-four-bit-long unique user identifier. [134]

With this identifier, users can access third-party Web sites—such as eBay or McAfee—without having to provide the Web site with any personal information such as the user's name, e-mail address, or phone number. The only service that possesses such

130. If a hacker succeeds in attacking a central P2P file namespace, the whole P2P network is shut down. *See* Ian Clarke et al., *Protecting Free Expression Online with Freenet*, IEEE INTERNET COMPUTING, Jan.–Feb. 2002, at 40, 44.

131. For announcements of Microsoft to open Passport to competing authentication services, see *infra* note 155.

132. *See* Microsoft Corp., *supra* note 83.

133. *See id.*

134. *See id.*



information is Passport itself. [135] Through the design of Passport's namespace, the storage of private data is therefore centralized. Such namespace design can enhance the privacy of its users in light of the fact that the amount of information a user has to share with a particular Web site to gain access can be decreased.

This is not to say that the user's privacy is perfectly or

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adequately protected in Microsoft Passport.[136] If user names, passwords, personal preferences, addresses, and credit card information are all stored at one central location on the Internet, even securing this location against malicious attacks and accidental server failures becomes a primary issue. Furthermore, the centralization of information storage may lead to increased privacy risks if the central information storage provider is not trustworthy. Yet, the Passport example illustrates how different namespace topologies lead to different allocations of privacy risks. Centralized namespaces may protect privacy interests because services that depend on the namespace do not have to store personal information by themselves. However, they may also threaten privacy interests as the central storage may be insecure or the namespace provider itself may misuse the stored information.

iii. liability

In a centralized namespace, knowledge about all issues relating to the namespace is centralized as well. This centralization of knowledge means that, under certain circumstances, the single namespace provider might be held responsible for the activities that

135. *See id.*

136. After a complaint by privacy advocacy groups led by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), the Federal Trade Commission conducted an investigation of Microsoft Passport and, in August 2002, proposed a consent order that would prohibit Microsoft from misrepresenting information practices and force the company to implement a comprehensive information security program in Microsoft Passport. *See In re* Microsoft Corp., 2002 WL 1226831 (FTC 2002), *available at* http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2002/08/microsoft.htm. In Europe, after an investigation by the European Union's data protection authorities, Microsoft agreed in January 2003 to substantially modify the information flow in the Passport system. *See Microsoft to Alter Online System to Satisfy Europe*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 31, 2003, at W1; Article 29 Data Protection Working Party, Working Document on On-line Authentication Services, at http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/en/dataprot/wpdocs/wp68_en.pdf (Jan. 31, 2003).



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its users engage in with the names. Doctrines of contributory and vicarious infringement can be used against centralized namespaces. The courts, for example, held Napster responsible for alleged copyright violations of its users because, as a provider of a centralized namespace, Napster had knowledge about every event occurring within the namespace.[137]

### iv. competition

Choosing a centralized topology for a namespace also influences the competitive framework in which the namespace operates. Namespaces are subject to network effects.[138] The more users and service providers use a particular namespace, the larger and therefore more valuable the namespace becomes to them.[139] As a result, in communication markets shaped by network effects, the optimal number of namespaces is often one. Network effects can lead to *de*

137. *See A&M Records*, 239 F.3d at 1011.

138. In a market shaped by positive network effects, a consumer's utility of a good "increases with the number of other agents consuming the good." Michael L. Katz & Carl Shapiro, *Network Externalities, Competition, and Compatibility*, 75 AM. ECON. REV. 424, 424 (1985). The existence, importance, and impact of network effects is controversial on a theoretical as well as an empirical level. *See* S. J. Liebowitz & Stephen E. Margolis, *Network Externality: An Uncommon Tragedy*, J. ECON. PERSP., Spring 1994, at 133, 149; *see also* BECHTOLD, VOM URHEBER-ZUM INFORMATIONSRECHT, *supra* note 55, at 351–64; Mark A. Lemley & David McGowan, *Legal Implications of Network Economic Effects*, 86 CAL. L. REV. 479, 485, 601, 610 (1998) (discussing that because theoretical implications have not been fully developed in economic literature and that the controversy makes it difficult to use network economic effects in legal argument). As Gerald Faulhaber correctly points out, in many communication networks it is the underlying namespace, rather than the network itself, that is subject to network effects. *See* Gerald Faulhaber, *Network Effects and Merger Analysis: Instant Messaging and the AOL-Time Warner Case*, 26 TELECOMM. POL'Y 311, 317 (2002).

139. This increasing utility prompts more and more users and service providers to use the namespace. After passing a certain "tipping" point, such a market shows so-called "positive feedback" effects. Positive feedback effects lead to a vicious cycle in which a network good absorbs the market share of all competing goods. *See* CARL SHAPIRO & HAL R. VARIAN, INFORMATION RULES: A STRATEGIC GUIDE TO THE NETWORK ECONOMY 175–79 (1999); *also* Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 496–97 (noting that "tipping is neither inherently good nor bad.").

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*facto* standards, or even monopolies in a market.[140] In such markets, switching from one namespace to another may involve such high costs for both consumers and producers ("switching costs") that the market is locked into a particular namespace.[141]

Many centralized namespaces are subject to these effects. Network effects are one of the main reasons why no competitor to the ICANN-administered DNS has succeeded in providing universally accessible alternate TLDs.[142] The refusal of AOL to interconnect its instant messaging systems with competing[143] systems can be explained by network effects as well.[144] If, in a market shaped by network effects, a centralized namespace is used, competing namespaces may effectively be driven out of the market.

140. *See* Michael L. Katz & Carl Shapiro, *Systems Competition and Network Effects*, J. ECON. PERSP. 93, 105 (1994).

141. *See* SHAPIRO & VARIAN, *supra* note 139, at 104; *see also* OZ SHY, THE ECONOMICS OF NETWORK INDUSTRIES 4–5 (2001) (outlining various types of switching costs that affect the amount of lock-in).

142. For an overview of the debate on alternate DNS roots, see *infra* note 170.

143. Instant messaging is a service that lets users communicate over the Internet with each other in real time. With its Instant Messaging and ICQ systems, AOL Time Warner is the largest provider of instant messaging systems. *See In re* Matter of Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations by Time Warner, Inc. and America Online, Inc., Transferors, to AOL Time Warner, Inc., Transferee, 16 FCC.R. 6547, 6606 (2001) [hereinafter AOL/TW Merger Order]. Competitors in real-time communications include Yahoo and Microsoft. Instant messaging systems employ distinct user namespaces—so-called "address and presence databases" (NPDs)—that enable the system to know who is online. *See id.* If an instant messaging provider decides to share access to its NPD with other providers, it makes the instant messaging system interoperable or, in other words, federates the namespace. *See id.* For general information about instant messaging, see Faulhaber, *supra* note 138; *see also* James B. Speta, *A Common Carrier Approach to Internet Interconnection*, 54 FED. COMM. L.J. 225, 235–38 (2002) (discussing the effect of FCC's order in AOL/Time Warner on instant messaging); Weiser, *Internet Governance*, *supra* note 27, at 842–46 (describing the NPD as the core of instant messaging

as well as interconnectability issues).

144. *See* Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 315–16, 324.



### *b. federated namespaces*

#### i. competition

Although network effects can lead to a namespace monopoly, this is not inherently bad from an economic perspective. If, in a particular market, having a single namespace is more efficient than having several competing namespaces, then this is desirable.[145] Having a single namespace does not mean, however, that the namespace should be owned by a single company, or that only one company should provide the whole namespace.[146] Rather, such namespaces can be opened to competitors. Several competitors may offer competing namespace services that all adhere to one common standard. Open standards reduce the lock-in effects produced by network effects.[147] They shift the locus of competition from competing *within* the market to competing *for* the market, using common standards.[148] Such a market structure may combine the best of both worlds—the efficiency gains of one common namespace pushed by network effects, and the efficiency gains of competition between different providers in this namespace.[149]

Centralized namespaces can be opened to competition by introducing interoperability and interconnection between different namespace providers, for example, by "federating" the namespace into (see Figure 3). Federating namespaces introduces competition into the namespace market.[150] It frees namespaces from proprietary

145. *See* Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 497.

146. *See id.*

147. *See id.* at 516, 600; *see also* M UELLER , *supra* note 14, at 53.
148. *See* S HAPIRO & V ARIAN , *supra* note 139, at 231.
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> Even if network effects force all consumers to migrate to a single product standard, they (and society) will benefit if numerous companies compete to provide products compatible with that standard. Not only will the price of the product standard fall, and the adoption of the standard correspondingly rise toward the optimal level, but competition within a standard should spur technological innovation toward improved standards.

Lemley & McGowan, *supra* note 138, at 599–600 (citations omitted).
150. *See* AOL/TW Merger Order, *supra* note 143, ¶ 131.





control. In a federated namespace, functions are horizontally distributed across several providers participating in the federation.[151]

Microsoft Passport may exemplify the difference between a centralized namespace and a federated one. Microsoft formerly structured its Passport namespace as a proprietary service.[152] Passport did not interoperate with other competing identification and authentication services. In such a centralized namespace, technical, economic, and policy control are exercised by a single entity. However, in September 2001, Microsoft announced that it would open Passport to other authentication systems.[153] By "federating" Passport, competing authentication systems could interoperate with Passport. A user with an account at a competing authentication system could still access Web sites that use Passport as their authentication service.[154] Passport would accept the authentication from the competing service and issue a Passport ticket for this user. In other words, Passport would translate the "foreign" identity into a Passport identity.[155] A different proposal for a federated namespace was made in July 2002 by the Liberty Alliance Project.[156]

151. As a relatively small number of namespace providers exist, namespaces are hybrids between fully centralized and fully decentralized federated

namespaces. Their regulatory implications lie between those two extremes as well.

152. *See* Microsoft Corp., .NET Passport Review Guide, *supra* note 77, at 22.

153. *See id.*

154. *See id.*

155. Underlying this new architecture of Passport will be the Kerberos 5.0 security architecture. This technology enables a distributed computer environment in which different users are registered with different authentication servers. In Kerberos 5.0, "cross-realm authentication" allows a user to prove his identity to any authentication server in the system since all authentication servers in the network mutually accept tickets issued by other authentication servers. Under this architecture, Passport would accept Kerberos tickets supplied by other federated authentication services to issue its own authentication ticket. To achieve this "federation of trust," in Kerberos 4.0, every authentication server had to register with every other authentication server. Due to scalability and performance problems, Kerberos 5.0 now supports multi-hop (or transitive) cross-realm authentication, allowing keys to be shared hierarchically. For a detailed overview, see B. Clifford Neuman & Theodore Ts'o, *Kerberos: An Authentication Service for Computer Networks*, IEEE C OMM . M AG ., Sept. 1994, at 33, 36; *see also* John T. Kohl et al., *The Evolution of the Kerberos Authentication Service*, *in* D ISTRIBUTED O PEN SYSTEMS 78 (1994); Ken Hornstein, *Kerberos FAQ, v2.0, at* http://www.cmf.nrl.navy.mil/CCS/people/kenh/kerberos-faq.html (last modified Aug. 18, 2000) (answering frequently asked questions about administrating, using, troubleshooting, and programming Kerberos); Brian Tung, *The Moron's Guide to Kerberos, Version 1.2.2*, *at* http://www.isi.edu/~brian/security/kerberos.html (last modified Dec. 16, 1996). For some



Further examples for federated namespaces are various PKIs. If, in a PKI system, a single organization is granted a *de facto* monopoly on granting certificates, this organization might charge excessive fees for certificates.[157] Centralized namespaces may stifle competition. Such problems can be prevented by using architectural approaches that enable federated PKI user namespaces. Bridge certification authorities,[158] oligarchy models,[159] "mesh

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information on Microsoft's strategy regarding federated identity, see Microsoft Corp., Microsoft's Federated Security and Identity Roadmap, *at* http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/en-us/dnwebsrv/html/wsfederate.asp (June 2002).

156. The Liberty Alliance Project attempts to establish an open standard for federated network identity that could either compete or cooperate with Microsoft Passport. Liberty-enabled networks would enable single sign-on with a choice of identity providers. With the user's consent, his identity with a particular service provider (such as a car rental company) can be linked to (or federated with) his identity stored at an identity provider (such as his bank or an airline). Then, after the identity provider has authenticated the user, he can use Web sites of all federated service providers without having to log in again. *See* Liberty Alliance Project, Liberty Architecture Overview (Version 1.1-05), *at* http://www.projectliberty.org/specs/v1_1draft/draft-liberty-architecture-overview-v1.1-05.pdf (Nov. 25, 2002) [hereinafter Liberty Architecture Overview].

157. *See* Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 39.

158. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 64–66; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 378; William T. Polk & Nelson E. Hastings, *Bridge Certification Authorities: Connecting B2B Public Key Infrastructures* 8–9 (Sept. 2000), *available at* http://csrc.nist.gov/pki/documents/B2B-article.pdf.

159. In an oligarchy model, it is the user who can select which certification authorities he wants to trust. Thereby, the user can decide which part of the certification namespace he wants to use. Theoretically, this could enable competition between different certification authorities. The oligarchy model is commonly used in WWW browsers in SSL-protected and other secure communication. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 55–56; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 374; Perlman, *supra* note 86, at 39; Microsoft Corp., Using Digital Certificates, *at* http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/howto/digitalcert/using.asp (posted Sept. 7, 2001). Interestingly, this is exactly the scenario which the proponents of a single DNS root zone file want to prevent for security and reliability reasons: that the user can decide which DNS root servers he wants to use.







architectures,"[160] and various means of cross-certification[161] are different approaches to create one large federated PKI namespace.

The move from centralized to federated namespaces is further exemplified by DNA sequence namespaces.[162] In order to identify DNA sequences in a permanent manner, many biological

journals require authors who describe newly discovered sequences to submit the DNA sequence data to a public database as a condition of publication.[163] Formerly, each of these databases used different systems-or namespaces—to address DNA sequences. DNA sequence identification numbers were not consistent across the databases. However, in early 1999, the three major databases in the United States, Europe, and Japan[164] implemented a system that ensures the unique assignment of names across the databases. In other words, the DNA sequence namespace became federated.[165]

160. In a mesh PKI architecture, a web of trust relationships between certification authorities is created by cross-certifications between these authorities. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 58–60; Marchesini & Smith, *supra* note 110, at 3–4; Polk & Hastings, *supra* note 158, at 5–8.

161. In cross-certification, one certification authority certifies another certification authority. Thereby, both certification namespaces become interconnected. *See* HOUSLEY & POLK, *supra* note 87, at 62–64; KAUFMAN ET AL., *supra* note 114, at 377.

162. For information on DNA sequence databases, see Dennis A. Benson et al., *GenBank*, 30 NUCLEIC ACIDS RES. 17 (2002); Ewan Birney et al., *Databases and Tools for Browsing Genomes*, 3 ANN. REV. GENOMICS & HUM. GENETICS, 2002, at 293.

163. *See* Benson et al., *supra* note 162, at 17.

164. These are GenBank (operated by the U.S. National Center for Biotechnology Information), the EMBL Nucleotide Sequence Database (operated by the European Bioinformatics Institute), and DDBJ (operated by the Center for Information Biology and DNA Data Bank of Japan). *See* Benson et al., *supra* note 162, at 17.

165. For information on the introduction of the "accession.version" system of sequence identifiers that led to a fully federated namespace, see National Center for Biotechnology Information, Sequence Identifiers: A Note, *at* http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Sitemap/sequenceIDs.html (revised Jan. 13, 2000); *see also* Dennis A. Benson et al., *GenBank*, 27 NUCLEIC ACIDS RES. 38, 39 (1999) (discussing sequence identifiers and accession numbers); Benson, *supra* note 162, at 19 (discussing how GenBank can assign an accession number to a sequence submission). However, the main reason for introducing this system was not the need to introduce competition among the databases, but to guarantee data consistency among the scientific databases. *See* National Center for Biotechnology Information, *supra*, at 2.



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Other examples of federated namespaces include interconnected telephone networks,[166] the Internet,[167] hybrid P2P systems,[168] as well as discussions about interoperable instant messaging systems[169] and root zone level competition in both the DNS[170] and ENUM.[171]

166. Interconnection arrangements and mandates are tools to federate telephone namespaces. *See* NOAM, *supra* note 97 at 204–05; Mark Armstrong, *Network Interconnection in Telecommunications*, 108 ECON. J. 545 (1998).

167. On the Internet, interconnection between different networks is achieved by peering arrangements between backbone providers. *See* Stanley Besen et al., *Advances in Routing Technologies and Internet Peering Agreements*, 91 AM. ECON. REV. PAPERS & PROC. 292 (2001); Jean-Jacques Laffont et al., *Interconnection and Access in Telecom and the Internet: Internet Peering*, 91 AM. ECON. REV. PAPERS & PROC. 287 (2001). For a general analysis of interconnection problems on the Internet, see Speta, *supra* note 143.

168. Hybrid P2P networks use a namespace architecture that lies between the two extremes of a centralized and decentralized namespace. The FastTrack technology on which Grokster and KaZaA as well as the P2P system eDonkey, are based uses such an approach. *See* Beverly Yang & Hector Garcia-Molina, *Comparing Hybrid Peer-to-Peer Systems* 1, *available at* http://www-db.stanford.edu/byang/pubs/hybridp2p_long.pdf (Sept. 2001) (explaining how hybrid P2P systems lie between pure P2P and client/server architectures); *see also* Kelly Truelove & Andrew Chasin, *Morpheus Out of the Underworld*, http://www.openp2p.com/pub/a/p2p/2001/07/02/morpheus.html (July 2, 2001) (reviewing the origins, architecture, and major features of Morpheus, a network based on Fast Track technology and similar to KaZaA); Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief for Copyright Infringement, MGM Studios v. Grokster, Ltd., 2003 WL 186657 at ¶ 45 (C.D. Cal. 2003), *available at* http://www.eff.org/IP/P2P/MGM_v_Grokster/20011002_mgm_v_grokster_complaint.pdf (suit to stop the massive infringement of plaintiffs' copyrighted works on the Internet).

169. As a condition of the merger approval between AOL and Time Warner, the FCC required AOL not to offer any video-based instant messaging systems not interoperable (unfederated) with unaffiliated systems. *See* AOL/TW Merger Order, *supra* note 143, ¶ 325; Faulhaber, *supra* note 138, at 25; Speta, *supra* note 143, at 235–38; Weiser, *Internet Governance*, *supra* note 27, at 842–46. In July 2002, AOL Time Warner announced a shift in its strategy to offer interoperable instant messaging systems. *See* AOL Time Warner, Third Progress Report on Instant Messaging Interoperability, *available at* http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-02-1772A2.pdf (July 16, 2002); AOL Time Warner Inc. Submits Third Progress Report on Instant Messaging Interoperability, 17 F.C.C.R. 14263 (2002); 'Technical Challenges' Spike AOL IM Interoperability, *at* http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/6/26347.html (July 24, 2002).

170. Several IETF working groups pursue divergent approaches to set standards for server-to-server instant messaging interoperability. *See* Application Exchange (apex), *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/apex-charter.html (last modified Oct. 2, 2001); Presence and Instant Messaging Protocol (prim), *at*

By creating interconnections between different namespaces, competition between the federated, interoperable namespaces becomes possible. A competing user authentication service, for example, could offer its service under a privacy policy different from Passport's privacy policy. If Microsoft chose to offer Passport only on a high-usage fee basis, or if it tied the Passport service to another product, a competitor could always offer his authentication service under very different terms, but still interoperate with Passport. By federating user namespaces, they are no longer a proprietary tool for data mining, but rather an open authentication platform on which other applications can build.

However, the mere interconnection of different namespaces does not necessarily lead to well-functioning competition between them. Such competition can be hindered by prohibitively high switching costs. If users or participating Web sites are locked into a particular namespace, the possibility to switch to another federated namespace that offers better service under better terms is only a theoretical one.[172] Furthermore, a federated namespace architecture only leads

http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/prim-charter.html (last modified July 31, 2001); SIP for Instant Messaging and Presence Leveraging Extensions (simple), *at* http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/simple-charter.html (last modified Jan. 14, 2003).

173. For an overview, see Kent Crispin, *Alt-Roots, Alt-TLDs, at* http://www.icann.org/stockholm/draft-crispin-alt-roots-tlds-00.txt (May 2001); Internet Architecture Board, *IAB Technical Comment on the Unique DNS Root*, Request for Comments (RFC) 2826 (May 2000), *at* http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2826.txt; ICANN, *supra* note 114; Milton Mueller, *DNS Points: Creative Destruction or Just Plain Destruction?*, *available at* http://www.arxiv.org/ftp/cs/papers/0109/0109021.pdf (Oct. 2001). For the history of this debate, see MUELLER, *supra* note 14, at 130–34, 148–49, 152–53.

171. *See* Cannon, *supra* note 94, at 17–19. *But see* RFC 3245, *supra* note 98, at 2–3; McTaggart, *supra* note 93, at 10–14 (discussing "unofficial" ENUM namespaces). For an overview of different architectural alternatives for ENUM's design, see Hwang et al., *supra* note 94, at 13–21.

172. A user of one federated namespace may have invested considerable time and effort in shaping his identity in this namespace (by supplying additional personal information such as his address, taste, preferences, etc.). If he would switch to a competing user namespace, he could lose all of this information attached to his old identity, even though both namespaces are

federated. This may deter the user from switching authentication systems in the first place, thereby impeding competition among authentication systems in the federation.







to competition if the providers actually do open their namespaces to competitors.[173]

### ii. regulability

Federating namespaces prevents any single company from controlling the whole user namespace. Federated namespaces are therefore harder to regulate as no single point of control exists. For example, in a P2P system with such a namespace architecture,[174] shutting down any single namespace will not shut down the whole system. Therefore, such systems promise to combine the advantages of both centralized and decentralized architecture, particularly the efficiency of centralized namespaces

It is interesting to note that in other networks, such problems have been solved at a technical level. Under the U.S. Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC requires local exchange carriers to provide "local number portability," thereby allowing consumers to retain their telephone number when switching local telephone providers. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) (2001); *In re Telephone Number Portability*, 11 F.C.C.R. 8352 (1996). Local number portability reduces customer's switching costs and facilitates competition between local telephone providers. *See* Thomas H. Reinke, *Local Number Portability and Local Loop Competition*, 22 TELECOMM. POL'Y 73 (1998); Joshua S. Gans et al., *Numbers to the People: Regulation, Ownership and Local Number Portability*, *at* http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=223189 (Apr. 13, 2000); Justus Haucap, *Telephone Number Allocation: A Property Rights Approach*, *at* http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/delivery.cfm/SSRN_ID308003_code020423670.pdf?abstractid=308003 (Mar. 2002). *But see* NOAM, *supra* note 97, at 206–09; Reiko Aoki & John Small, *The Economics of Number Portability: Switching Costs and Two-Part Tariffs*, *available at* http://www.crnec.auckland.ac.nz/research/papers/Aoki_Small.pdf (Nov. 1998).

173 Microsoft, for example, has announced that it will open Passport only to other authentication systems that "meet the same high bar on privacy that

we've set for Microsoft's own Passport service." Q&A: Open Passport Enables a "Network of Trust," *at* http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/press/2001/Sep01/09-20passport.asp (Sept. 20, 2001). If the system does not adhere to or enforce a comparable privacy policy, Microsoft could cut the connection between both authentication systems. *See id.* While this may be a laudable procedure, it is important to note that, in a federated authentication architecture, no structural reason exists why authentication providers could not also cut off competing systems for less laudable, strategic reasons. A similar point is made in the PKI context by Polk & Hastings, *supra* note 158, at 5. For an analysis of the legal consequences in the PKI context, see Michael S. Baum & Warwick Ford, *Public Key Infrastructure Interoperation*, 38 J. URIMETRICS 359 (1998).

174. *See supra* note 168 and accompanying text.







with the robustness and lack of a single point of failure of decentralized namespaces.[175]

### iii. privacy

The partial decentralization in federated namespaces can enhance the protection of privacy interests. In a centralized namespace, such as the Microsoft Passport architecture, each user is assigned a globally unique ID. Globally unique IDs always pose privacy risks as they can easily be used to connect personal information gathered from various sources.[176] In the federated user namespace of the Liberty Alliance Project, globally unique IDs that are tied to a particular identity provider do not exist.[177] Rather, users have different accounts with one or more identity providers as well as with numerous service providers. With the consent of the user, all or some of the user's identities can be linked together.[178] However, even if two identities are linked together, no common identity exists. Both services remember the other's handle for the user and communicate with each other only with these handles.[179] This architecture enables the user to decide in a very fine-grained way which identities become linked together and which should stay separate. Therefore, the user

can control which providers can exchange personal information.[180]

Federated user namespaces can be designed in different ways. One alternative approach would be to federate all namespaces in

175. *See* Yang & Garcia-Molina, *supra* note 127, at 1–
176. *See* Liberty Architecture Overview, *supra* note
177. *See id.* at 24–25,
178. Identities can also be linked together in a chain. In such a
providers cannot skip over each other in the trust chain. *See id.* at
179. *See* Liberty Alliance Project, Liberty Protocols and
Specification (Draft Version 1.1-07) 23, *at*
http://www.projectliberty.org/specs/v1_1draft/draft-liberty-architecture-protocols-and-schemas-v1.1-07.pdf (Nov. 15, 2002) [hereinafter Liberty Protocols].
180. If, for example, a user has federated each of his identities at
different service providers with his one identity at an identity provider, the service providers are still unable to exchange information about him because the user has not created a federation between the two service providers. *See* Liberty Architecture Overview, *supra* note 156, at 26–27, 29. For a general account of the importance of modularity in system design, see CARLISS Y. BALDWIN & KIM B. CLARK, DESIGN RULES (2000).







their entirety by default. Such architecture would in fact create an ID that is unique and recognized by all namespaces in the federation. This would facilitate the exchange of personal information that is tied to the globally unique ID across namespace borders. However, the Liberty Alliance Project chose a different approach. By empowering the user to determine to what extent his identity is federated in the user namespace, the Liberty Alliance Project allows the user to control the dissemination of personal information across the namespace in a fine-grained way.[181] Federating namespaces can enhance privacy protection as the overall namespace is effectively modularized.

*c. decentralized*

While in a federated namespace a small number of *namespaces* interconnected namespaces exist, in a fully decentralized namespace the namespace itself is fully scattered across the network. Decentralized P2P networks are prime examples of such namespaces. In a fully decentralized P2P system, no single namespace exists. Rather, each peer has a namespace in which all locally stored files are registered.



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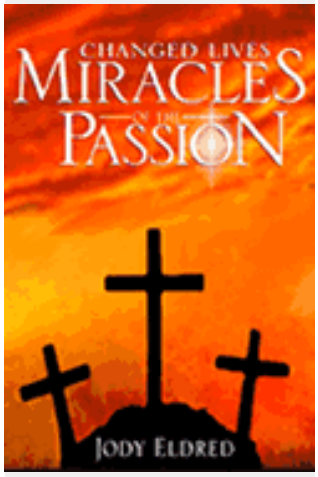


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Note of a Meeting with Dr. Rebecca Mercuri and others at Stockley House

17 October 2002

Attendees:

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| Rebecca Mercuri | Paul Waller (OeE) |
| Ross Anderson (FIPR) | Mark Rickard (OeE) |
| Ian Brown (FIPR) | Thomas Barry (ODPM) |
| | Chris Ketley (CESG) |
| | Simon Johnson (CESG) |
| | John Ross (OeE, consultant) |

1. Mark Rickard welcomed Dr. Mercuri, and all participants introduced themselves.
2. MR established that Dr. Mercuri was familiar with the report written by CESG and published in August by the OeE. In view of the fact that the meeting was on the record, he said OeE would be delighted to treat Dr. Mercuri's input formally as a contribution to the public consultation about e-democracy, and e-voting security in particular. This was agreed, and Ross Anderson added that he anticipated that FIPR would be providing its own written contribution, too. MR welcomed this.
3. RM provided various published articles in support of her contribution.
4. Points she made were:

- for Internet voting the context in the UK is somewhat different from that in the US. In the US, voting is truly anonymous. In the UK, vote (ballot) and voter can be connected after the event, albeit only with a court order. An audit trail is therefore required in the UK, although an individual voter does not have the power to check that the vote counted as being from him actually matched the vote he cast.

- one concern with Internet voting is that the voter has absolutely no control over the vote cast

once it leaves his own computer system, and he cannot check whether it has been subverted on the way to the count.
- problems with all forms of remote voting include the dangers of coercion, vote selling etc, and personation. The Internet introduces additional authentication issues.
- in some places in the US, the voter is required to produce identification before being allowed to vote. Authentication is needed not least because some people may have been struck from the voter register e.g. convicted felons are barred from voting for a period of years in some states.
- if voting is to be allowed from remote sites, some other method of authentication would have to be in place. Various approaches have been tried - none very successfully. RM mentioned primaries/elections in Alaska; ballots involving military personnel; and a primary in Colorado.
- In Oregon, a ballot had been held entirely remotely (no polling stations). The local secretary of state claimed it was a great success. Others had expressed the belief that there had been widespread undetected fraud.
- One method often suggested involves the use of passcodes. This begged the question of how the person possessing the code could be demonstrated to be the person entitled to it. Bio-identification might work - but raises other concerns about personal privacy and the potential for misuse of such data by government. There would be other sociological objections to such techniques.
- Assuming, for the sake of argument, that these problems could be solved, how could anyone be confident that a valid vote had actually been cast via a computer connected to an Internet website? Experience is that websites are easy to spoof so that the user is misled about the fact that he is interacting with the official site. For example, democratic and republican sites had both been spoofed in the last US presidential elections.
- Personal computers attached to the Internet routinely have to be protected, by firewalls, virus protection software etc, because the dangers of attack are ever-present. However these tools are continually being undermined by evolving methods of attack, and have to be upgraded. There is also the risk of middleperson attacks by sites that pretend to be genuine election sites but rather harvest votes, alter some, and pass them on.
- The vulnerability of PC software is highlighted by the admission by Microsoft that its code is vulnerable, with about 50 security briefings having been issued in the past year or so - one a week. In any case, viruses could be embedded in the computer chips themselves.

In summary, what defensive action could an electoral authority take to ensure trust in the voting process? Nothing satisfactory is available.

5. However. Assume for the sake of argument that these problems are solved and a valid vote cast via a computerised front end. Uncertainties about the security of back-end systems have yet to be addressed. Any such system could have undetectable back doors, or means to subvert election results. Open source code is not sufficient as it too can harbour undetectable flaws.

- Defective software may not be the result of malicious design. RM gave the example of a touchscreen system in which, if the user pressed for two candidates simultaneously, the software (erroneously) averaged the screen coordinates - and recorded a vote for the candidate represented by that average coordinate.

- Further examples were available. Votes for the democrat primary candidate in South Florida - Janet Sinclair - had been recorded as republican votes.

- Provisions for failure recovery are generally inadequate. Wen machines break down, vendor staff have to come in to do data extraction, a process that apparently cannot be audited.
- Configuration management is often slack, with poor control over the loading of programs and data for new elections.

6. Moving on, RM reviewed the problems arising from vendors' self-interests.

- There have been examples where contractual agreements have incorporated provisions to protect the vendor's trade secrets. This has effectively prevented people from assuring themselves, by inspection, that the systems are trustworthy. There is therefore a high-priority need to assess both vending agreements, and vendors.
- There have been instances where vendors have turned out not to be US citizens (in one case RM recited, the company was British). And even cases where the vendors were convicted felons. Indeed there have been cases where election officials in the US have been convicted of corruptly awarding contracts (although, not of thereby subverting elections as well).

7. RM emphasised that anyone wanting to subvert an election could do so by subtle action, difficult to detect. An election might be swung merely by interfering with ½% of votes in the most marginal wards. Even the last US presidential election was decided by a few votes in Florida.

Introducing untrustworthy technology might therefore lead to huge loss of confidence in the electoral system, undermining it fatally.

8. In some cases, attempts had been made to set security criteria high. For example, New York city had launched a procurement for voting kiosks on that basis. No-one could meet the requirements, and the old mechanical machines are still in use (and had shown themselves to be encouragingly robust. Their utility was recovered much more quickly from 9/11 disruption than could have been expected by an electronic system.
9. Moving on, RM felt that a hopeful sign for the future of electronic voting was represented by the cryptographic work of Dr. David Chaum.
10. MR put questions for clarification:
    a. Had the Oregon election been independently evaluated in the way that UK law requires the Electoral Commission to report on our experiments?
    - RM said not. The Federal authorities in the US had advisory powers only at state level.
    - She went on to mention the Voting Rights Act Bill, currently before the Senate, which would require states implementing electronic systems to build into them a paper audit trail by which votes cast could be physically checked. Such an approach might incorporate real time electronic detection of votes cast (e.g. by building an OCR capability into the ballot box).
    - She emphasised that her objection was not to the idea of electronic support: but rather to that of a wholly electronic system in which no physical audit trail existed.
    - Ross Anderson gave further examples of distrust of technology. E.g. at the ACSAC conference in December 2000, a major IT security conference, there was a debate on whether people trusted e-voting, which took place during the Florida recounts for the US presidential election. The consensus was that people did not trust e-voting, and a telling argument was that no-one in the audience knew how to go about clearing Internet Explorer's cache.

b. Where were the cases of vendor dishonesty/incompetence etc on the record?
- RM mentioned some cases. A Louisiana commissioner was convicted of taking a bribe from Sequoia, there were cases involving Shoup in Philadelphia and ES&S in Florida.

- Ross Anderson added from his recent experience. A bank had relied on the security of a tamper resistant module in current litigation. He had discovered and proved vulnerabilities in one vendor's offering: the vendor has demonstrably known about these vulnerabilities, but denied them for months. There is overlap between the security module vendors and the voting equipment vendors. Security equipment vendors in general have a poor record of dealing with protection claims that are contested in open court.

11. Chris Ketley observed:

- that CESG's conclusions about the security of the Internet channel broadly aligned with RM's.
- he would not trust anyone who claimed that their system is invulnerable. On the other hand, the real question to be considered is whether security achievable is good enough for election purposes. CESG's view about that is on the record in their report published in August.

RA supported RM's view that a physical ballot in which votes can be inspected could help establish trust. He added that he recognised CESG had, on the one hand, to press people to use equipment conforming with security standards, which provided an incentive to talk up threats. On the other hand, they wanted people to trust the Internet as an environment for e-business and e-government - which meant talking down the threats. Conflicts could arise.

RM remarked that putting in facilities to detect intrusion would be little practical help. What should a returning officer do when told - at the point in time when the result is to be declared - that there was a 70% probability that intrusion had occurred. He would be "damned if he did, and damned if he didn't".

12. Simon Johnson asked whether there had been recorded instances of vote selling. RM quoted the case of **Vote Auction**, an internet enterprise that invited people in New York and Chicago to put their votes up for sale. It had been prosecuted, but had then moved off-shore.
13. RM added that there were well known cases (in the non-electronic world) of managers of nursing homes collecting all the ballots and using them themselves. And dead people seem to vote all the time. In the US there is also the problem that people acquire votes in several states, and use them even though they no longer have the residency qualification to do so. And political activists are not above taking advantage of the apparent anomalies in the voting register if it seems to be in their favour.
14. RA said this underlined the general need for multi-party involvement in auditing the propriety of elections. Given the scarcity of technical talent in the political parties, systems had to be capable of effective audit by non-technical people.
15. Further points made in the discussion included:

- people tend to place too much faith in cryptographic methods.

- elections lack the accounting checks and balances available in the financial world. They need the physical paper trail instead.
- In the US, there  is little support for Internet voting - only in the military context. Indeed there is little support for any other form of electronic ballot casting.

16. Thomas Barry asked for RM's views on the UK voting pilots. Did she think they are a good idea or not? RM said that her analysis suggested that the integrity of any election involving an end-to-end electronic process must be suspect. We do not know clearly enough how to manage the risks down to an acceptable level. She would therefore not be in favour of risking the result of any real election for the sake of learning lessons. Instead, they should be gleaned from mock elections, probably run in parallel with the real ones. MR asked whether, if those mock elections suggested a scheme would be viable, she would then favour moving forward somehow into the "real" environment. If not, it seemed pointless to embark on mock exercises.

17. MR asked whether RM could see any merits at all in investing in electronic support for elections. The answer to this was clearly positive. For RM, the bottom line was that an end-to-end electronic process would always be opaque and unsafe. However, an electronically enhanced system having a physical, paper audit trail could actually be done, and might well be more secure than the traditional process. It would provide a quicker result. Errors in ballots (i.e. votes) could be detected at voting time, and perhaps put right. It would be possible to accommodate schemes amounting to allowing votes for "none of the above". And it would be possible to explain quantitatively why there was an under-vote, that is, why the total of votes counted was less than the number cast.
18. Closing the meeting, MR and colleagues thanked Dr. Mercuri for a fascinating and informative session. It was agreed that follow-up questions could be routed to her via Dr. Brown at FIPR.

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Também é uma proposta, preliminar, de estudo da função deste website. Em que ele colabora para as ações de protesto? Que caminho costumam tomar as discussões nos fóruns e em que sentido estas discussões desenvolvem as idéias? Como esse processo de produção conjunta afeta o resultado final, a ação concreta?

Não era meu intento encontrar as respostas para todas estas perguntas ao longo do trabalho, mas sim iniciar uma problematização. Fica a sugestão de um objeto de pesquisa bastante rico e que merece aprofundamento maior.

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> (DICA: jornalistas adoram histórias divertidas, como todo mundo. Quanto mais engraçada, mais chance sua história terá de ganhar cobertura.)
> Tire proveito da reação do alvo. Escreva um press release e envie-o para centenas de jornalistas.[7]

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**Ações realizadas**

Alguns dos projetos de maior relevância realizados a partir da RTMark:

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O website foi construído a partir da colaboração entre diversos programadores e designers, e ainda recebeu apoio de vários coletivos artísticos europeus.

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O vídeo institucional (http://www.re-code.com/videos/ricobarco.mov) ensina, por exemplo, a selecionar produtos similares de marcas diferentes – imprime-se o código do produto mais barato, cola-se o mesmo no produto mais caro – para não ocasionar problemas no caixa de pagamento.

Também objeto de grande cobertura na mídia, o website foi processado pela rede de supermercados Wal Mart e está temporariamente desativado.

**Projeto Arquimedes**: apenas como exemplo de um projeto mais simples, o Projeto Arquimedes consistia na compra de centenas de espelhos de mão para serem

[8] Ver mais detalhes em http://www.rtmark.com/voteauction.html

distribuídos durantes os protestos de rua em Gênova, por ocasião da reunião do G8 em junho de 2001.

De acordo com a história grega, o filósofo Arquimedes propôs a utilização de gigantescos espelhos para refletir a luz do sol contra os navios romanos que planejavam invadir a cidade de Siracusa. Da mesma forma, os ativistas nas ruas de Gênova utilizariam os espelhos para refletir o sol contra helicópteros, tanques, carros da polícia e nos olhos dos próprios policiais.[9]

**Organização pela Libertação da Barbie**: um dos primeiros projetos realizados a partir dos fundos da RTMark, em 1993. Os ativistas compravam bonecas Barbie e bonecos G.I. Joe (no Brasil, *Comandos em Ação*) com chips de voz e trocavam os chips entre os bonecos. Desta forma, a boneca Barbie diria frases como "a vingança é minha!" e os bonecos G.I. Joe falariam "vamos planejar nosso lindo casamento!". Os bonecos "cirurgicamente alterados" eram colocados de volta nas prateleiras das lojas.

Com isso, a organização propunha, de forma inovadora, uma discussão dos estereótipos de gênero que os brinquedos infantis estavam passando às crianças.[10]

**Processos de sugestão e discussão**

A dinâmica de apresentação e discussão de projetos nos fóruns da RTMark funciona da seguinte forma:

1) Qualquer pessoa cadastrada no site pode apresentar um projeto através do link "suggest a project" (http://rtmark.com/f/get/funds.html)[11].

2) Ao fazer sua sugestão, o usuário deve apontar se o projeto necessita de financiamento (*funds*) e/ou trabalhadores voluntários (*workers*) para sua realização.

3) O projeto deve entrar em um ou mais dos fundos de investimento (*Mutual Funds*), que agrupam os projetos por características similares. No momento, existem 18 fundos: Guerra, Fronteiras (relacionado à globalização), Lei Corporativa, Mercados Alternativos (relacionado a homossexualismo), Meio-Ambiente, Trabalho, França (há muitos projetos criados especificamente para realização na França), Educação, Saúde,

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4) Feita a sugestão do projeto, este recebe uma identificação de 4 caracteres, como na bolsa de valores (a ironia e a subversão de elementos do mundo corporativo perpassa o website).

5) Para cada projeto é aberto, então, um fórum de discussão próprio, onde qualquer membro cadastrado pode apresentar comentários ou oferecer-se como voluntário.

6) As doações financeiras, que são feitas para cada projeto específico, são realizadas por e-mail em contato com os administradores de cada fundo de investimento.

**Análise**

Em meados do mês de novembro de 2004, o RTMark.com começou a apresentar problemas de acesso. Apesar do restante do website estar aparentemente ativo, os fóruns de discussão de cada projeto não estão acessíveis.

Meu processo de pesquisa teve início antes deste problema apresentar-se. Capturei no dia 7 de novembro as mensagens que compunham a discussão sobre a proposta que tinha a sigla MP3S. Apresento abaixo a proposta e os cinco comentários que ela gerou.

> PROPOSTA MP3S
> Criar um website que permita aos usuários selecionar de uma lista de MP3 aquelas que eles "roubaram". O formulário deve permitir que eles escrevam um pequeno pedido de desculpas à RIAA [Associação de Indústrias Fonográficas da América] com seu nome e e-mail; o sistema então deverá anexar os arquivos de MP3 selecionados e mandá-los com o pedido de desculpas.
>
> (usuário anônimo)
> Assunto: Usuários do Napster Devem Arrepender-se
> Os usuários do Napster deveriam arrepender-se por baixar ilegalmente mp3s retornando os arquivos às empresas fonográficas via e-mail. A natureza da mensagem de e-mail deveria ser de súplica pelo perdão.
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> Assunto: Re: Usuários do Napster...
> Vejam http://www.sendthemback.org/ [mande-as de volta.org]

(usuário Derek P. Moore)
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(usuário Fx99)
Ok! Organizem isso nas listas de chats sobre o Napster!

(usuário Weirdo)
Assunto: ótima idéia
Que ótima idéia. Se bastante gente usar, as caixas de correio eletrônico deles ficarão rapidamente lotadas com sua própria propriedade intelectual, tornando os sistemas de e-mail deles inúteis.

A discussão sobre MP3S representa bem, pela minha observação precedente do website, o tipo e o nível de discussão que os projetos recebem. Em torno de 10% dos projetos recebem algum comentário. E as mensagens geralmente são poucas, em torno de 5 ou 6. A proposta MP3s reúne diferentes tipos de comentários que se repetem em outros projetos.

A proposta em si já é carregada de ironia e entra na discussão de utilizar os elementos de uma corporação contra a própria. É amplamente divulgada na mídia, há anos, a batalha judicial entre as indústrias fonográficas e os mecanismos de troca de arquivos, como o Napster, através dos quais usuários da Internet compartilham músicas (no formato MP3) de forma ilegal. A proposta, então, é de ironizar esta batalha e ao mesmo tempo causar danos às indústrias fonográficas (enviar simultaneamente uma grande quantidade de arquivos que emperrariam os sistemas online das empresas).

O primeiro comentário visa aumentar o nível de ironia. Sugere que o pedido de desculpas deve demonstrar o "grande arrependimento" do usuário por agir ilegalmente.

O segundo comentário, aparentemente[12], faz referência a um projeto similar ou já à finalização da proposta MP3S. Mesmo se o segundo caso for verdadeiro, a discussão continua para aperfeiçoar o projeto.

O terceiro comentário faz uma proposta operacional bastante interessante. Enquanto a proposta inicial era de criação de um sistema que buscasse os arquivos no mp3 no computador do usuário (um processo bastante demorado, pois os arquivos são grandes), a sugestão é de que o próprio site já tenha estes arquivos. Desta forma,

[12] O website mencionado, http://www.sendthemback.org/, não estava funcionando durante a pesquisa.

diminui-se o tempo que o usuário levaria para utilizar o sistema, e provavelmente aumenta-se o número de usuários dispostos a utiliza-lo.

O quarto comentário também aponta uma questão operacional: a divulgação do projeto seria feita de forma ideal através das listas de discussão e conversa sobre o Napster, freqüentadas por um público potencialmente interessado em participar do projeto.

Por fim, o quinto e último comentário faz considerações óbvias, explicitando os propósitos do projeto e parabenizando os criadores pela idéia.

Até o momento, não tenho conhecimento da aplicação desta proposta.

**Considerações finais**

Levanto três considerações, preliminares, sobre os processos de discussão dos projetos apresentados no RTMark.com e sobre a importância do website para o ativismo contemporâneo.

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- A função do fórum é de *colaboração* e *fomento* do ativismo. Existe um movimento em nível mundial – o chamado "movimento de resistência global" – voltado para desenvolver táticas de protesto e apresentar alternativas ao sistema sócio-político-econômico existente. Há centenas de grupos espalhados pelo mundo agindo separadamente, mas com o mesmo intento. O fórum do RTMark.com serve como um dos "pontos de encontro" destes grupos, onde ocorre uma discussão coletiva e unificada do estado-da-arte em táticas de protesto. É um passo de grande importância para o

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> Encontre um alvo (alguma corporação fazendo o que não devia) e pense em algo que deixaria este alvo irritado – algo que também seja engraçado. Se não tiver idéias, imagine o alvo perdendo o controle ou agindo de forma estúpida. O que faria ele agir assim?
> (DICA: jornalistas adoram histórias divertidas, como todo mundo. Quanto mais engraçada, mais chance sua história terá de ganhar cobertura.)
> Tire proveito da reação do alvo. Escreva um press release e envie-o para centenas de jornalistas. [7]

Cada projeto importante realizado através da RTMark ganha um espaço próprio no site (http://www.rtmark.com/history.html), onde é dada proeminência a todas as citações que o projeto recebeu na grande imprensa.

[5] Tradução minha de "*The ultimate goal of RTMark is to be sued, and to use that case to put right-wing material. And* lose." (grifo do autor da declaração)

[6] Tradução minha de "*La atención de los médios es el principal factor que empleamos para evaluar el éxito de nuestros proyectos, pero ha otros. A veces, un proyecto puede tener mucho éxito aunque llegue a poca gente, si posee una cierta resonancia poética. El aspecto poético es muy importante ya que produce dividendos culturales.*"

[7] Tradução minha de "*Find a target (some entity running amok) and think of something sure to annoy them – something that's also lots of fun.*
*If you're stumped, imagine the target losing control or acting stupidly. What would it take to make them do that? (Journalists love fun stories, just like everyone else. The more fun the story, the more likely it is to get covered.)*
*Capitalize on the target's reaction. Write a press release and e-mail it to hundreds of journalists.*"



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## Ações realizadas

Alguns dos projetos de maior relevância realizados a partir da RTMark:

**Vote-auction.com** (atualmente em http://www.**vote-auction**.net/): o website funcionou durante parte da campanha eleitoral dos EUA em 2000. Propunha que, como as eleições são sempre definidas por quem recebe maior apoio financeiro (de corporações e outras entidades), fosse construído um atalho entre um atalho entre eleitores e financiadores: todo eleitor poderia entrar no site e leiloar seu voto entre aqueles que dão apoio aos candidatos.

O website foi construído a partir da colaboração entre diversos programadores e designers, e ainda recebeu apoio de vários coletivos artísticos europeus.

O projeto recebeu vários ataques jurídicos durante o ano eleitoral, mas defendeu-se com base na cláusula de livre expressão da constituição norte-americana, identificando-se como obra de sátira. Os processos garantiram uma gigantesca cobertura da imprensa. [8]

**Projeto Re-Code** (http://www.re-code.com/): também funcionando a partir de um website, consistia na criação de um sistema que gerava códigos de barra para produtos de supermercado. O usuário do site poderia gerar seus próprios códigos, imprimi-los em papel adesivo, leva-los ao supermercado e cola-los nos produtos desejados.

O vídeo institucional (http://www.re-code.com/videos/ricobarco.mov) ensina, por exemplo, a selecionar produtos similares de marcas diferentes – imprime-se o código do produto mais barato, cola-se o mesmo no produto mais caro – para não ocasionar problemas no caixa de pagamento.

Também objeto de grande cobertura na mídia, o website foi processado pela rede de supermercados Wal Mart e está temporariamente desativado.

**Projeto Arquimedes**: apenas como exemplo de um projeto mais simples, o Projeto Arquimedes consistia na compra de centenas de espelhos de mão para serem

[8] Ver mais detalhes em http://www.rtmark.com/voteauction.html





distribuídos durantes os protestos de rua em Gênova, por ocasião da reunião do G8 em junho de 2001.

De acordo com a história grega, o filósofo Arquimedes propôs a utilização de gigantescos espelhos para refletir a luz do sol contra os navios romanos que planejavam invadir a cidade de Siracusa. Da mesma forma, os ativistas nas ruas de Gênova utilizariam os espelhos para refletir o sol contra helicópteros, tanques, carros da polícia e nos olhos dos próprios policiais. [9]

**Organização pela Libertação da Barbie**: um dos primeiros projetos realizados a partir dos fundos da RTMark, em 1993. Os ativistas compravam bonecas Barbie e bonecos G.I. Joe (no Brasil, *Comandos em Ação*) com chips de voz e trocavam os chips entre os bonecos. Desta forma, a boneca Barbie diria frases como “a vingança é minha!” e os bonecos G.I. Joe falariam “vamos planejar nosso lindo casamento!”. Os bonecos “cirurgicamente alterados” eram colocados de volta nas prateleiras das lojas.

Com isso, a organização propunha, de forma inovadora, uma discussão dos estereótipos de gênero que os brinquedos infantis estavam passando às crianças. [10]

## Processos de sugestão e discussão

A dinâmica de apresentação e discussão de projetos nos fóruns da RTMark funciona da seguinte forma:

1) Qualquer pessoa cadastrada no site pode apresentar um projeto através do link "suggest a project" (http://rtmark.com/f/get/funds.html) [11].

2) Ao fazer sua sugestão, o usuário deve apontar se o projeto necessita de financiamento (*funds*) e/ou trabalhadores voluntários (*workers*) para sua realização.

3) O projeto deve entrar em um ou mais dos fundos de investimento (*Mutual Funds*), que agrupam os projetos por características similares. No momento, existem 18 fundos: Guerra, Fronteiras (relacionado à globalização), Lei Corporativa, Mercados Alternativos (relacionado a homossexualismo), Meio-Ambiente, Trabalho, França (há muitos projetos criados especificamente para realização na França), Educação, Saúde,

[9] Ver mais detalhes em http://www.rtmark.com/archimedes.html

[10] Ver mais detalhes em http://www.rtmark.com/blo.html

[11] No momento de redação deste trabalho, esta parte do website encontra-se desativada por motivos não-explicados. Aparentemente, todo o website está passando por problemas, pois outras seções – como a de discussão de projetos – estão desativadas.







(relacionado a novas tecnologias, como telefonia móvel e redes sem fio), Rede, "*Magic Christian*" (ações mais "bizarras", por referência ao filme *Um Beatle no Paraíso*), Alto Risco e *QuickTips* (para realização imediata).

4) Feita a sugestão do projeto, este recebe uma identificação de 4 caracteres, como na bolsa de valores (a ironia e a subversão de elementos do mundo corporativo perpassa o website).

5) Para cada projeto é aberto, então, um fórum de discussão próprio, onde qualquer membro cadastrado pode apresentar comentários ou oferecer-se como voluntário.

6) As doações financeiras, que são feitas para cada projeto específico, são realizadas por e-mail em contato com os administradores de cada fundo de investimento.

**Análise**

Em meados do mês de novembro de 2004, o RTMark.com começou a apresentar problemas de acesso. Apesar do restante do website estar aparentemente ativo, os fóruns de discussão de cada projeto não estão acessíveis.

Meu processo de pesquisa teve início antes deste problema apresentar-se. Capturei no dia 7 de novembro as mensagens que compunham a discussão sobre a proposta que tinha a sigla MP3S. Apresento abaixo a proposta e os cinco comentários que ela gerou.

PROPOSTA

MP3S

Criar um website que permita aos usuários selecionar de uma lista de MP3 aquelas que eles "roubaram". O formulário deve permitir que eles escrevam um pequeno pedido de desculpas à RIAA [Associação de Indústrias Fonográficas da América] com seu nome e e-mail; o sistema então deverá anexar os arquivos de MP3 selecionados e mandá-los com o pedido de desculpas.

(usuário anônimo)

Assunto: Usuários do Napster Devem Arrepender-se

Os usuários do Napster deveriam arrepender-se por baixar ilegalmente mp3s de forma anônima. Eles deveriam retornando os arquivos às empresas fonográficas via e-mail. A natureza da mensagem de e-mail deveria ser de súplica pelo perdão.

(usuário anônimo)

Assunto: Re: Usuários do Napster...

Vejam: http://www.sendthemback.org/ [mande-as de volta.org]





(usuário Derek P. Moore)

Criar um website que contenha um catálogo de centenas de MP3. Não para permitir que as pessoas baixem as MP3s, mas apenas para que elas selecionem quais "roubaram". Permita que elas escrevam um pequeno pedido de desculpas à RIAA com seu nome, e-mail etc. Quando acabarem o formulário, eles clicam "enviar" e o servidor faz todo o trabalho de anexar os arquivos MP3 de seu próprio catálogo e enviá-los por e-mail à RIAA como se estivesse mandando de volta suas MP3 "roubadas".

(usuário Ex99)

Ok. Organizem isso nas listas de chats sobre o

Napster!
(usuário Weirdo)
Assunto: ótima idéia
Que ótima idéia. Se bastante gente usar, as caixas de correio eletrônico deles ficarão rapidamente lotadas com sua própria propriedade intelectual, tornando os sistemas de e-mail deles inúteis.

A discussão sobre MP3S representa bem, pela minha observação precedente do website, o tipo e o nível de discussão que os projetos recebem. Em torno de 10% dos projetos recebem algum comentário. E as mensagens geralmente são poucas, em torno de 5 ou 6. A proposta MP3s reúne diferentes tipos de comentários que se repetem em outros projetos.

A proposta em si já é carregada de ironia e entra na discussão de utilizar os elementos de uma corporação contra a própria. É amplamente divulgada na mídia, há anos, a batalha judicial entre as indústrias fonográficas e os mecanismos de troca de arquivos, como o Napster, através dos quais usuários da Internet compartilham músicas (no formato MP3) de forma ilegal. A proposta, então, é de ironizar esta batalha e ao mesmo tempo causar danos às indústrias fonográficas (enviar simultaneamente uma grande quantidade de arquivos que emperrariam os sistemas online das empresas).

O primeiro comentário visa aumentar o nível de ironia. Sugere que o pedido de desculpas deve demonstrar o "grande arrependimento" do usuário por agir ilegalmente.

O segundo comentário, aparentemente [12], faz referência a um projeto similar ou já à finalização da proposta MP3S. Mesmo se o segundo caso for verdadeiro, a discussão continua para aperfeiçoar o projeto.

O terceiro comentário faz uma proposta operacional bastante interessante. Enquanto a proposta inicial era de criação de um sistema que buscasse os arquivos no mp3 no computador do usuário (um processo bastante demorado, pois os arquivos são grandes), a sugestão é de que o próprio site já tenha estes arquivos. Desta forma,

[12] O website mencionado, http://www.sendthemback.org/, não estava funcionando durante a pesquisa.





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diminui-se o tempo que o usuário levaria para utilizar o sistema, e provavelmente aumenta-se o número de usuários dispostos a utiliza-lo.

O quarto comentário também aponta uma questão operacional: a divulgação do projeto seria feita de forma ideal através das listas de discussão e conversa sobre o Napster, freqüentadas por um público potencialmente interessado em participar do projeto.

Por fim, o quinto e último comentário faz considerações óbvias, explicitando os propósitos do projeto e parabenizando os criadores pela idéia.

Até o momento, não tenho conhecimento da aplicação desta proposta.

**Considerações finais**

Levanto três considerações, preliminares, sobre os processos de discussão dos projetos apresentados no RTMark.com e sobre a importância do website para o ativismo contemporâneo.

- O propósito das discussões é de *aperfeiçoamento* das propostas. Os comentadores não se apresentam como um júri que vai julgar a pertinência de cada projeto, mas sim como analistas interessados em propor recortes ou adições que tornem o projeto mais operacionalizável e/ou que aumentem seu potencial de protesto. É um processo colaborativo, de críticas construtivas, e aparentemente auto-regulado.

- Pelo que foi observado, grande parte das discussões se dá fora dos fóruns. O próprio sistema de financiamento é feito de forma privativa, e não há exposição dos motivos de cada financiador. Porém, entende-se que o website é um *ponto intermediário* das ações – não é nem seu ponto de partida (a idéia criada por um indivíduo ou um grupo) nem seu ponto final (a realização efetiva). Por isto, não é possível acompanhar através todo o desenvolvimento de uma ação.

- A função do fórum é de *colaboração* e *fomento* do ativismo. Existe um movimento em nível mundial – o chamado “movimento de resistência global” – voltado para desenvolver táticas de protesto e apresentar alternativas ao sistema sócio-político-econômico existente. Há centenas de grupos espalhados pelo mundo agindo separadamente, mas com o mesmo intento. O fórum do RTMark.com serve como um dos “pontos de encontro” destes grupos, onde ocorre uma discussão coletiva e unificada do estado-da-arte em táticas de protesto. É um passo de grande importância para

movimento como um todo, e ao mesmo tempo um exemplo do espírito de colaboração e
horizontalidade que está no bojo das propostas sociais destes ativistas.

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blackness for sale (obadike)
black people love us (peretti/peretti)
mouchette.org (mouchette)
diaryU (penney)
concentric empathy (fahey)
traffic_report (cloninger et al.)

**performance / hacktivism**

joseph beuys: multiples*
the fluxus performance workbook [233K .pdf] (various artists)

100 ways to annoy your roommate (anonymous)
the warhol hijack (various artists)
rtmark.com (®™ark)
the yes men (various artists)
vote auction (baumgartner/extrem)
etoy (various artists)
avante garde - transfigured or dead* (maver)

**outsider art**
we'll take it from here* (cloninger)
art brut connaissance & diffusion
why have there been no great net artits* (dietz)
a digital quilt project (cloninger et al.)
the letter project (zefrank)
museum of jurassic technology (wilson et al.)
deep/young ethereal archive (cloninger et al.)

# LINEAR COMICS / ANIMATION

**comics**
i can't stop thinking* (mccloud)
carl (mccloud)
when i am king (demian.5)
exploding dog (brown)
fun fun fun (robinson)
broken saints (burgess et al.)
ninjai (various artists)
nosepilot (sacui)
august strindberg & helium (paek, bradley, bewley)
l'faux (paek)
the boy (mumbleboy)
bubblesoap (jotto)
strongbad email (the brothers chaps)

**not comics**
writing with images* (dillon)
electric posters (szyhalski)
young-hae chang heavy industries (chang)
stop motion studies (crawford)
places i have never been. people i have never seen. (loseby)
chroma (loyer)
donniedarko.com (hi-res)
born magazine (various artists)
volumeone (owens)
oculart (lillemon)
playdamage (cloninger)
prototype #19 (sodeoka)
the grace engine (cloninger)

# CLOSED INTERACTIVITY

**hypertext literature**

victory garden [abridged] (moulthrop)
grammatron (amerika)
hypertextual consciousness 1.0* (amerika)
clicking for godot* (rosenberg)
don't believe the hype(rtext)* (cloninger)
hypertext gardens* (bernstein)

**hypermedia literature**

on the night of mr. melvyn's murder (kremer/toke/kristensen/mschmidt)
my boyfriend came back from the war (lialina)
the fall of the site of marsha (wittig/king/valicenti)
graphik dynamo (armstrong/tippett)
crutch (meadows)
the lair of the marrow monkey (loyer)
world of awe (kanarek)
filmtext (amerika)
otnemem (webflow solutions/musth design)
requiem for a dream (hi-res)
online caroline (bevan/wright) | how i was played by online caroline* (walker)
memex engine (lafia et al.)
myst/riven (miller bros./cyan worlds/presto studios)
sity narrative (coates) [student example]

**fugal narrative**

a round in part: tracing the countours of fugal narrative [compilation gallery]

# OPEN INTERACTIVITY

**generative software**

ghost in the machine: the marriage of software and art* (cloninger)
the aesthetics of generative code* (cox/mclean/ward)
the aesthetics of programming* (napier)
code. in conversation with casey reas* (reas/campion)
CODeDOC (various artists)
proce55ing [software (requires pwd) | exercises | examples | tutorials] (reas/fry)
flight404: re: processing (hodgin)
turux | re-move | lia.sil.at | wofbot | .dir source files [cf: "files relating to lia's chapter"] (lia)
singlecell/doublecell (levin et al.)
groupC (reas)
the little children of stonehenge: variability aught the machine [compilation gallery]
soundtoys.net (stanza et al.)
automatic for the people: some softs' mothers are bigger than other softs' mothers [compilation gallery]
runme.org [software art repository]

**database**

database as a symbolic form* [.rtf file. same as chapter 5, part 1 in *Language of New Media*] (manovich)
soft cinema (manovich) [cf: matchboxes (schoenerwissen)]
photomontage (hine)
vitaflo v8 (gustafson)
synesthetic bubblegum cards (cloninger)

random access mortality (mtaa)
201: a space algorithm (mccoy/mccoy)
textArc (paley)
pianographique (lamarque et al.)

**gaming**
immersive art on the web* (samyn/galloway)
wirefire (harvey/samyn)
sixteenpages (harvey/samyn)
tale of tales (harvey/samyn)
triglav (tota/sin)

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**required texts**
internet art* (greene)
understanding comics* (mccloud)
pause & effect* (meadows)

**supplementary texts**
the language of new media* (manovich)
hamlet on the holodeck* (murray)
the new media reader* (wardrip-fruin & montfort, editors)
multimedia: from wagner to virtual reality* (packer & Jordan, editors)
cyber_reader* (spiller, editor)
computers as theatre* (laurel)
the work of art in the age of mechanical reproduction* (benjamin)
new media from borges to html* (manovich)
media literacy readings*
neuromancer* (gibson)
expanded cinema* (youngblood)
fresh styles for web designers* [chpt. 8: pixelated punk rock] (cloninger)
jimmy corrigan (ware)
griffin & sabine trilogy (bantock)
graphpaper [online sketchbook] (fahey)

**galleries / exhibits / events / communities**
bitStreams (whitney)
artPort (whitney)
gallery9 (walker)
010101 (sfmoma)
the new museum
turbulence
ars electronica
FILE
rhizome
net art review
K10k
curatorial resource for upstart media bliss (university of sunderland)
archiving net art* (tribe)
curating on the web* (dietz)
fluidities and oppositions among curators, filter feeders, and future artists* (schleiner)

**tools**

free resources: toolbox
pay resources: toolshed

# CLASS-SPECIFIC

**intro**

syllabus*
rough project calendar*

**assignments**

network project*
linear animation project*
non-linear narrative project*
open interactivity project*

**class collabs**

alphabet
quilt

**student sites**

Ravish Bhandari: network
Becca Branch: network
Belinda Brown: network
Zeff Childress: network
Whitney Clendinen: network
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Chris Flannagan: network
Josh Stevenson: network
Crawford Winstead: network

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# Continual Coordination through Shared Activities

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## ABSTRACT

Interacting agents that interleave planning and execution must reach consensus on their commitments to each other. In domains where agents have varying degrees of interaction and different constraints on communication and computation, agents will require different coordination protocols in order to efficiently reach consensus in real time. We briefly describe a largely unexplored class of real-time, distributed planning problems (inspired by interacting spacecraft missions), new challenges they pose, and a general approach to solving the problems. These problems involve self-interested agents that have infrequent communication but collaborate on joint activities. We describe a Shared Activity Coordination (SHAC) framework that provides a decentralized algorithm for negotiating the scheduling of shared activities over the lifetimes of multiple agents, a soft, real-time approach to reaching consensus during execution with limited communication, and a foundation for customizing protocols for negotiating planner interactions. We apply SHAC to a realistic simulation of interacting Mars missions and illustrate the simplicity of protocol development.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

When interleaving planning and execution, an agent adjusts its planned activities as it gathers information about the environment and encounters unexpected events. Interacting agents coordinate these adjustments to manage commitments with each other. Demand for this kind of autonomous agent technology is growing for space applications. Autonomous spacecraft promise new capabilities and cost improvements in exploring the solar system. Spacecraft (and rovers) that explore other planets have intermittent, delayed communication with Earth, requiring that they be able to manage their resources and operate for long periods in isolation. The common approach to autonomous decision making is to place integrated data analysis, planning, and execution systems on-board the spacecraft.

In addition, there is a growing trend toward multi-spacecraft missions. Over forty multi-spacecraft missions have been proposed, including formation flying teams and over 16 planned missions to Mars in the next decade. These spacecraft will coordinate measurements, share data, and route data to and form Earth. Separate missions, such as those to Mars have their own budgets, experiments, and operations teams. As such, the spacecraft represent self-interested entities that benefit from collaborative interactions.

But, even a single spacecraft has multiple science instruments for executing different goals of different scientists, and different operations groups will have different areas of expertise over different subsystems for control. These different groups negotiate over mission plans in the same way that different Mars missions must collaborate over spacecraft interactions. Whether this negotiation is done on-board or on Earth, there is a distributed operations planning problem that benefits from automation. Both also have real-time aspects. On-board systems must plan safely over near- and long-term horizons, and ground systems must also replan based on changing contexts in daily, weekly, and lifelong mission exercises. Ground planning also suffers from communication constraints. Scientists from different universities or opposite sides of the globe will intermittently provide inputs and respond on an irregular basis. A collaboration/negotiation system must be built around communication constraints to meet hard deadlines for coming to consensus on consistent operations plans.

In this work, we will briefly characterize this general problem in terms of activity interaction types and communication constraints and discuss its challenges. The field of multiagent planning has largely focused on fully cooperative planning and execution [4, 5, 13, 8, 2]. Market-based agent systems address near-term resource negotiation but have rarely addressed how near-term decisions affect longer-term goals. Multiagent systems built for Robocup Soccer competitions mainly address collaborative multiagent execution in an adversarial environment and have limited planning capabilities. These approaches do not adequately address real-time planning for self-interested agents.

We also present a framework for Shared Activity Coordination

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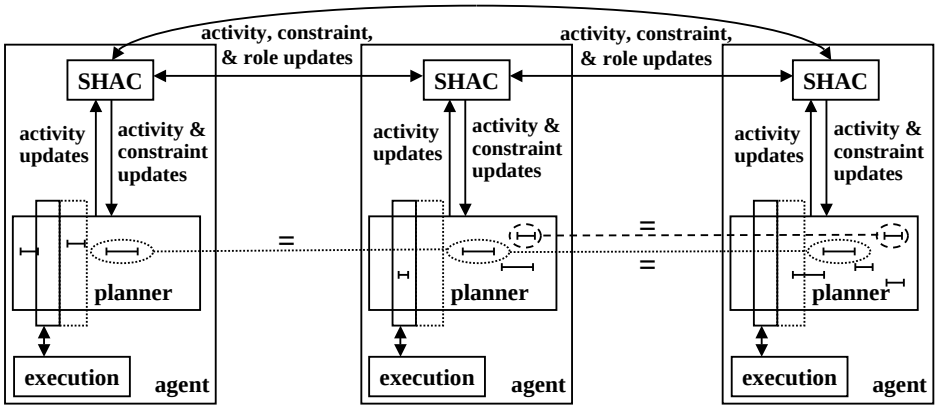


**Figure 1: Shared activity coordination**

(SHAC). SHAC consists of an algorithm for continually coordinating agents and a foundation for rapidly designing and implementing coordination protocols based on a model of shared activities. In the same fashion that a real-time planning system must commit to actions to pass to an execution system, a real-time coordination system must additionally establish consensus on shared activities before they are executed based on communication constraints. Our ultimate goal is to create interacting agents that autonomously adjust their coordination protocols with respect to unexpected events and changes in communication or computation constraints so that the agents can most efficiently achieve their goals.

First we characterize a class of real-time, self-interested multiagent planning problems. Then we describe the shared activity model, the SHAC algorithm, and its interface to the planner. We also specify some generic roles and protocols using the SHAC framework that build on prior coordination mechanisms. In addition, we present an algorithm for determining how long a protocol will reach consensus under particular communication restrictions. Then we describe how our implementation of SHAC currently is used to coordinate the communication of two rovers and three orbiters in a simulated Mars scenario. We follow with future research needs revealed in this scenario and comparisons to related work.

## 2. CONTINUAL COORDINATION PROBLEM

As mentioned before, agents that interleave planning and execution must commit near-term activities to the execution system while receiving feedback in the form of state updates and activity performance. One such continual planning system, CASPER (Continuous Activity Scheduling Planning Execution and Replanning) identifies the period when the planner commits activities to the execution system as a *commit window* [1]. While the planner must resolve conflicts on activities before they are committed to execution, distributed planning agents must additionally reach consensus on team interactions before execution. As explored in the team plan model given by TEAMCORE [13, 12], formalizations of Shared Plans [8], and coordination interactions of TAEMS [4], these interactions could include

- use and replenishment of shared resources,
- joint actions for achieving a mutually beneficial subgoal,
- choice of methods for achieving a team subgoal,
- participation and role assignments in a joint plan, and
- proposals and commitments of the above.

However, reaching consensus on these interactions is complicated when the agents can only communicate intermittently. Depending on the number of agents involved in a particular interaction, consensus may need to be established far in advance so that negotiations can be propagated far in advance of execution. Thus, for any particular set of interactions, a *consensus window*, within which the agents must limit negotiation and establish agreement, should be defined. For example, if three agents must negotiate a joint action in advance of execution but can only communicate pairwise in disjoint time windows, a consensus window must extend at least to cover windows connecting all three agents. Inside the consensus window, a simple protocol eliminating negotiation (such as all agree or reject) must be employed to guarantee consensus. Interactions beyond the consensus window can be negotiated.

We informally describe the continual coordination problem because our approach is intended to be general to the capabilities of the individual planning and execution systems. The continual coordination problem can be specified generally as a continual planning domain and problem instance for each agent as well as communication constraints between agents. Continual planning problems have an evolving set of goals (as opposed to a single goal) and performance is measured as a function of the goals successfully achieved (executed) within a time horizon. The multiagent aspect of the problem is that interactions (such as those listed previously) create dependencies between the planning and execution systems, over which the agents must coordinate. The communication constraints can be time windows within which subsets of agents can communicate, the reliability of communication, the costs of communication (e.g. privacy), the bandwidth of channels, *etc.* These constraints determine how the agents can achieve consensus for a particular communications protocol.

Thus, many decisions must be made in the design of an efficient continual coordination system. What planning and execution systems are appropriate? What protocols should be used for negotiation and consensus? How should the consensus window be specified? Instead of providing a general solution to all of these questions, we describe an implemented framework for designing and evaluating protocols to negotiate interactions and establish consensus.

## 3. SHAC

Our approach, called Shared Activity Coordination (SHAC), provides a general algorithm for interleaving planning and the exchange of plan information based on shared activities. Agents coordinate their plans by establishing consensus on the parameters

```
shared_activity communicate comm_id_12 {
  time start_time = 2004-302:09:30:00; // date
  int duration =  200;    // seconds
  int data_size = 25600;  // 25.6 Mbits
  real xmit_rate = 128.0; // Kbps
  int priority = 1;       // critical
  roles =
    receive by orbiter,
    send by rover;
  protocols =
    receive argumentation,
    send argumentation;
  permissions =
    receive (move, delete, xmit_rate),
    send (delete, data_size, priority);
  parameter_constraints =
    rover start_time = ([2004-302:09:30:00, 2004-302:09:38:00],
                        [2004-302:18:30:00, 2004-302:18:38:00]);
}
```

**Figure 2: An instance of a shared communication activity between a rover and orbiter**

of shared activities. Figure 1 illustrates this approach where three agents share one activity and two share another. The constraints denote equality requirements between shared activity parameters in different agents. The left vertical box over each planner's schedule represents a *commit window* that moves along with the current time. A consensus window is shown to the right of the commit window, within which consensus must be quickly established before committing. Since consensus is hard to maintain when all agents can modify a shared activity's parameters at the same time, agents must participate in different coordination roles that specify which agent has control of the activity. As shown in the figure, SHAC interacts with the planning and execution by propagating changes to the activities, including their parameters and constraints on the values of those parameters.

SHAC continually coordinates by interfacing to a combined planning/execution system that responds to failures and state updates from the execution system. Our implementation interfaces with one such continual planning system, CASPER, mentioned in the previous section. Instead of batch-planning in episodes, CASPER continually adapts near and long-term activities while reprojecting state and resource profiles based on updates from sensors.

## 3.1 Shared Activities

The model of a shared activity is meant to capture the information that agents must share, including control mechanisms for changing that information. A shared activity is a tuple $\langle parameters, agent\ roles, protocols, decomposition, constraints \rangle$. The parameters are the shared variables and current values over which agents must reach consensus by the time the activity executes. The agent roles determine the local activity of each agent corresponding to the joint action. To provide flexible coordination relationships, the role activities of the shared activity can have different conditions and effects as specified by the local planning model. The shared parameters map to local parameters in the role activity.

For example, a shared data communication activity can map to a `receive` role activity for one agent and a `send` role activity for another. Shared parameters could specify the start time, duration, transfer rate, and data size of the activity. The data size is depleted from the sender's memory resource but added to the receiver's memory. The agents could have separate power usages for transmitting and receiving. In this case the resources are not shared. Another shared activity could be the use of a common transport resource. Although one agent in an active transit role actually changes position, other agents in passive roles have local activities that only reserve the transport resource. Figure 2 shows an instance of this shared activity where an orbiter receives communication from a rover.

Protocols are the mechanisms assigned to each agent (or role) that allow the agents to change constraints on the shared activity, the set of agents assigned to the activity, and their roles. In Figure 2, both the orbiter and rover use an argumentation protocol to negotiate the scheduling and attributes of the communication. Constraints will be described in the next section, and a variety of protocols will be defined in the Protocols section.

The shared decomposition enables agents to select different team methods for accomplishing a higher level shared goal. Specifically, the decomposition is a set of shared subactivities. The agents can choose the decomposition from a pre-specified set of subactivity lists. For example, a joint observation among orbiters could decompose into either (`measure`, `process_image`, `downlink`) or (`measure`, `downlink`).

## 3.2 Constraints

Constraints are created by agents' protocols to restrict sets of values for parameters (*parameter constraints*) and permissions for manipulating the parameters, changing constraints on the parameters, and scheduling shared activities (*permission constraints*). These constraints restrict the privileges (or responsibilities) of agents in making coordinated planning decisions. By communicating constraints, protocols can come to agreement on the scheduling of an activity without sharing all details of their local plans.

A parameter constraint is a tuple $\langle agent, parameter, value\ set \rangle$. The $agent$ denotes who created the constraint. Some protocols differentiate their treatment of constraints based on the agent that created them. For example, the asynchronous weak commitment algorithm prioritizes agents so that lower-priority agents only conform to higher-priority agent constraints [15]. Agents can add to their constraints on a parameter, replace constraints, or cancel them. A string parameter constraint, for example, can restrict a parameter to a specific set of strings. An integer or floating point variable constraint is a set of disjoint ranges of numbers. Scheduling constraints

Given: a *plan* with multiple activities including a set of *shared_activities* with *constraints* and a *projection* of *plan* into the future.

1. Revise *projection* using the currently perceived state and any newly added goal activities.
2. Alter *plan* and *projection* while honoring *constraints*.
3. Release relevant near-term activities of *plan* to the real-time execution system.
4. For each shared activity in *shared_activities*,
   - if outside consensus window,
     - apply each associated protocol to modify the shared activity;
   - else
     - apply simple consensus protocol.
5. Communicate changes in *shared_activities*.
6. Update *shared_activities* based on received communications.
7. Go to 1.

**Figure 3: Shared activity coordination algorithm**

can be represented as constraints on a start time integer parameter. This is shown in Figure 2 where the rover restricts the start time of the communication between two eight minute intervals.

Permission constraints determine how an agent's planner is allowed to manipulate shared activities. The following permissions are currently defined for SHAC:

- parameters - change parameter values
- move - set start time
- duration - change duration of task
- delete - remove from plan
- choose decomposition - select shared subactivity of an *or* activity
- add - add to plan[1]
- constrain - send constraints to other agents

In the communication example in Figure 2, the receiver is allowed to reschedule (move) the activity, delete it, or change the transmission rate. The sender cannot move the activity, but can delete it and change the requested size and priority of the data.

## 3.3 Coordination Algorithm

The purpose of the SHAC algorithm is to negotiate the scheduling and parameters of shared activities until consensus is reached. Figure 3 gives a general specification of the algorithm. SHAC is implemented separate from the planner, so steps 1 through 3 are handled by the planner through an interface to SHAC. Step 4 invokes the protocols that potentially make changes to refocus coordination on resolving shared activity conflicts and improving plan utility. SHAC sends modifications of shared activities and constraints to sharing agents in step 5. In step 6, shared activities and constraints are updated based on changes received from other agents.

Ignoring coordination, a continuous planner must determine when it is appropriate to release activities to the execution system. In some cases, an activity involved in a conflict may either be released (requiring the planner to recover from potential failures) or postponed (to allow the planner to recover before a failure occurs). CASPER keeps a *commit window* (an interval between the current time and some point in the near future) within which activities cannot be modified and passes these activities to the execution system.

This interaction with the execution system becomes more complicated when agents share tasks. SHAC must make sure that when a shared activity is released, all agents release it while in consensus on the start time and other parameters of the task. Ideally the agents should establish consensus before the commit window. SHAC avoids changes in the commit window by keeping a *consensus window* that extends from the commit window forward by some period specific for the activity. As time moves forward, the windows extend forward. When a shared activity moves into the consensus window, the agents switch to the simple consensus protocol to try and reach consensus before the activity moves into the commit window.

[1]This permission applies to a class of shared activities (i.e. an agent may be permitted to instantiate a shared activity of a particular class).

# 4. PROTOCOLS

In general, protocols determine when to communicate, what to communicate, and how to process received communication. During each iteration of the loop of the coordination algorithm (Figure 3), the protocol determines what to communicate and how to process communication. A protocol is defined by how it implements the following procedures to be called during step 4 of the SHAC coordination algorithm for the shared activity to which it is assigned:

1. modify permissions of the sharing agents
2. modify locally generated parameter constraints
3. add/delete agents sharing the activity
4. change roles of sharing agents

The default protocol, representing a base class from which other protocols inherit, does nothing for these methods. However, even with this passive protocol, the SHAC algorithm still provides several capabilities:

**joint intention** A shared activity by itself represents a joint intention among the agents that share it.

**mutual belief** Parameters or state assertions of shared activities can be updated by sharing agents to establish consensus over shared information.

**resource sharing** Sharing agents can have identical constraints on shared states or resources.

**active/passive roles** Some sharing agents can have active roles with execution primitives while others have passive roles without execution primitives.

**master/slave roles** A master agent can have permission to schedule/modify an activity that a slave (which has no permissions) must plan around.

The following sections describe some subclasses of this abstract protocol, demonstrating capabilities that each protocol method can provide.

## 4.1 Argumentation

Argumentation is a technique for negotiating joint beliefs or intentions [9]. Commonly, one agent makes a proposal to others with

justifications. The others evaluate the argument and either accept it or counter-propose with added justifications. This technique has been applied to teamwork negotiation research to form teams, reorganize teams, and resolve conflicts over members' beliefs [14]. It can also be used to establish consensus on shared activities.

A shared activity and associated parameter values are the proposal or counterproposal. Justifications are given as parameter constraints. A proposal is a change to a shared activity that does not violate any parameter constraints. A counterproposal may violate constraints. Protocol method 2 must be implemented to provide the parameter constraint justifications for proposals and counterproposals. In order to avoid race conditions, protocol method 1 regulates permissions.

Argumentation method 1

- if this agent sent the most recent proposal/counterproposal
  - if planner modified shared activity
    - remove self's modification permissions
- else
  - give self modification permissions (e.g. move and delete)

Argumentation method 2

- if planner modified shared activity
  - generate parameter constraints describing locally consistent values

As an example, one agent can propose an activity with a particular start time and add justifications in the form of all intervals within which the shared activity can be locally scheduled. Other agents can replan to accommodate the proposal and counter-propose with their own interval restrictions if replanning cannot accommodate others' constraints. If the agents cannot establish consensus before the consensus window, a higher ranking agent can mandate a time that benefits most of the agents. Of course, there are many variations on this example. Agents may be restricted because they are slaves or do not have constraint permissions to counter-propose.

## 4.2 Delegation

Delegation is a mechanism where an agent in a passive delegator role assigns and reassigns activities to different subsets of agents in active subordinate roles. The delegator and subordinate protocols only need

Delegator method 3

- if $agent\ roles$ empty
  - choose an $agent$ to whom to delegate the activity
  - add ($agent$, subordinate) to $agent\ roles$

Subordinate method 3

- if cannot resolve conflicts/threats involving activity
  - remove self from $agent\ roles$

# 5. DEFINING CONSENSUS WINDOWS

Here we describe an algorithm for determining the shortest consensus window given a consensus protocol under particular communication constraints. Suppose agents have predetermined communication opportunity windows, such as orbiters having regular patterns of visibility to each other, a planetary surface, or Earth. We assume that communication is reliable with delivery time guarantees, that bandwidth is sufficient for coordination protocol communications, and that the planner has worked out contention for power and memory resources required for communication.

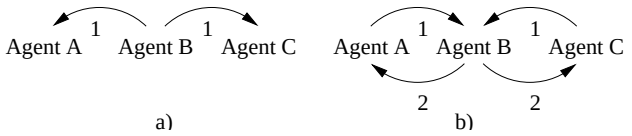


**Figure 4: Information flow for consensus protocols: a) highest rank decides and b) voting or auction**

Consensus protocols can be classified according to the flow of data and the computation time required to respond. Figure 4 shows examples for highest-rank-wins, voting, and auction protocols.[2] The voting protocol requires each participating agent to send a vote to a central agent, who (once all votes are received) can instantaneously determine the outcome that it must send to all participating agents. The space-time diagram in Figure 5a shows how voting reaches consensus for a decision when triggered upon entering the consensus window. However, this diagram assumes that agents can communicate at any time. Figure 5b shows the same protocol when pairs of agents can only communicate during specified periods (indicated by shaded regions). By walking through this diagram from left to right, the steps of the information flow diagram of Figure 4 are realized. In order to minimize the time to consensus, Agent C sends its vote/bid to B through A, and B sends the vote/auction outcome to A through C.

In order to determine how long the consensus window should be, we expand backwards through the state-time diagram according to the information flow diagram. To do this, we first construct a directed graph ($G_c$) as shown in Figure 5c from the execution time backwards, where each node is labeled by an estimated time value and an agent identifier. We also construct another directed graph ($G_i$) for the protocol's information flow, labeling edges according the state ordering (as done in Figure 4). Using these two graphs, the following algorithm determines the time to begin the consensus window by expanding a frontier of vertices backwards for each step (state) of the information flow diagram.

**Function** Determine start time of consensus window
**Input** directed acyclic graph of communication opportunities $G_c(V_c, E_c)$, information flow diagram $G_i(V_i, E_i)$
**Output** $windowStart$

- $windowStart$ = execution time (i.e. $\max_{v \in V_c}(v.time)$))
- $state$ = $\max_{e \in E_i}(e.state)$
- repeat
  - $flow$ = $\{e \in E_i | e.state = state\}$
  - $synchTime$ = $windowStart$
  - for each $e_i \in flow$
    - $frontier$ = $\{v \in V_c | v.agent = e_i.dest \wedge v.time = synchTime\}$
    - repeat
      - $E$ = $\{e \in V_c | e.dest \in frontier \wedge e.source \notin frontier\}$
      - $e_c$ = $\text{argmin}_{e \in E}(e.source.time)$
      - $frontier$ = $frontier$ + $\{e_c.source\}$
    - until $e_c.source.agent = e_i.dest$
    - $windowStart$ = min($windowStart, e_c.source.time$)
  - $state$ = $state$ - 1
- until $state$ = 0
- return $windowStart$

The algorithm begins by setting $windowStart$ to the time of execution. It works backwards through the states of the information flow diagram, so $state$ is initially set to 2 for the voting

[2]We assume that the decision being voted or auctioned is priorly known by the agents.

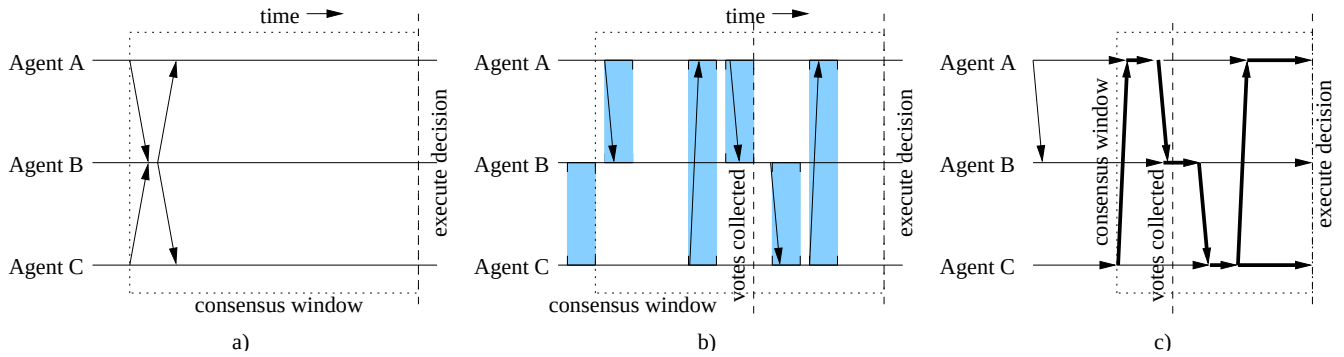


**Figure 5: State-time diagrams of agent communication. a) no communication constraints; b) communication restricted to windows of opportunity; c) directed acyclic graph of information flow**

protocol. The $flow$ set contains all of the edges in the flow diagram labeled 2. $synchTime$ is the time point between states and is used to populate $frontier$ with a vertice for each destination agent (agents A and C for the voting protocol) in the communication opportunity graph ($G_c$) at $synchTime$. After working back to state 1, $frontier$ only contains the vertice for Agent B just after the time that all votes are collected. The $frontier$ is greedily expanded backwards in the fashion of a tree spanning algorithm, iteratively adding vertices at time points closest to the frontier. Once the source agent of the information flow edge is reached, $windowStart$ records that latest time the source agent can send out information. This is done for each edge of the $flow$ for the same state since it can take longer for information to travel from different agents. Once all edges of one state are simulated, $windowStart$ contains the minimum time, representing the synchronization point ($synchTime$) for the prior state to be simulated. Figure 5c shows thicker edges used to expand the frontiers of each state to find the latest possible start of the consensus window for the voting protocol. This is the actual flow of information for reaching consensus. Notice that the optimal consensus start time later than the example in Figure 5b.

The algorithm assumes that communication constraints are windows of communication and bounded delays on data transfer. The algorithm also assumes a simplified version of the information flow diagram that models the protocols. A possible expansion could include probabilistic information for unreliable transfer of data, and the algorithm could be adapted to give consensus windows with a probability of reaching consenus. Communications costs could also be included so that the algorithm could return optional consensus windows with different overall costs. While parallel information flow is modeled, the algorithm does not handle multiple hops within a single state. While somewhat limited, this approach can serve as a starting point for incorporating these extended capabilities.

## 6. APPLICATION TO MARS SCENARIO

Now we describe how SHAC is applied to a simulated three-day scenario involving two Mars Exploration Rovers (MERs), the Mars Odyssey orbiter, Mars Global Surveyor, and the Mars Express orbiter. The delegation protocol described previously was subclassed for the rovers to assign and reassign the routing of images to the orbiters based on how quickly they can deliver the data to Earth. Different master/slave and active/passive roles are defined using permission constraints for the shared activities to implement a basic protocol for coordinating communication to and from Earth. Interactions over communication (once delegated) are between two agents, so the consensus window is defined to cover communication activities spanning two communication opportunities into the future. Once in the consensus window, the rover cannot redelegate activities unless the orbiter cannot resolve conflicts and must decommit. We intend to experiment with other protocols and consensus window definitions in this domain in our future work.

The MERs (MER A and MER B) and the orbiters can communicate with Earth directly, but the MERs can optionally route data through the orbiters, which communicate with Earth at a higher bandwidth. The rovers need daily communication with ground operations to receive new goals. The rovers will often fail to traverse to a new target location and cannot proceed until new instructions come from ground operations. In this scenario both MERs must negotiate with the assigned orbiter to determine how to most quickly get a response from ground after sending an image of the surrounding area.

Each MER has a communication state shared with each orbiter that tracks when the image is generated, when it gets to Earth, and when the response from ground operations arrives to the rover. Shared activities for changing the state are shown for different routing options in Figure 6. The rover's activity for generating an image from its panoramic camera changes the state to `request` to communicate its need to downlink and receive an uplink. Activities for sending the image to Earth (either directly or through Odyssey), change the state to a `wait for uplink` state to indicate that the rover will then be waiting for the uplink. Ground operations needs a period of time to generate new commands for the uplink, so if the uplink is received by Odyssey, the state changes to `received` to indicate that now the rover can get the uplink from Odyssey. Once the rover receives the uplink, the state changes back to the normal `no pending request` state. Rover tasks (such as a traverse) need the uplinked data before executing, so it places a local constraint that shared state be `no pending request` during its scheduled interval. There are no shared resources although communication requests from a MER have effects on many local resources of both the MER and the orbiter. All of the shared activities have active master and passive slave roles. The MERs and obiters both take the master role for activities labeled for them in Figure 6.

CASPER planners for each of the MERs and orbiters first build their three-day plans separately to optimize the timely delivery of priority weighted science data, resolving any local constraints on memory, power, battery energy, *etc*. The three-day schedules constitute over 900 tasks for each MER and over 1300 for each of the orbiters with 30 state/resource variables for each MER and 22

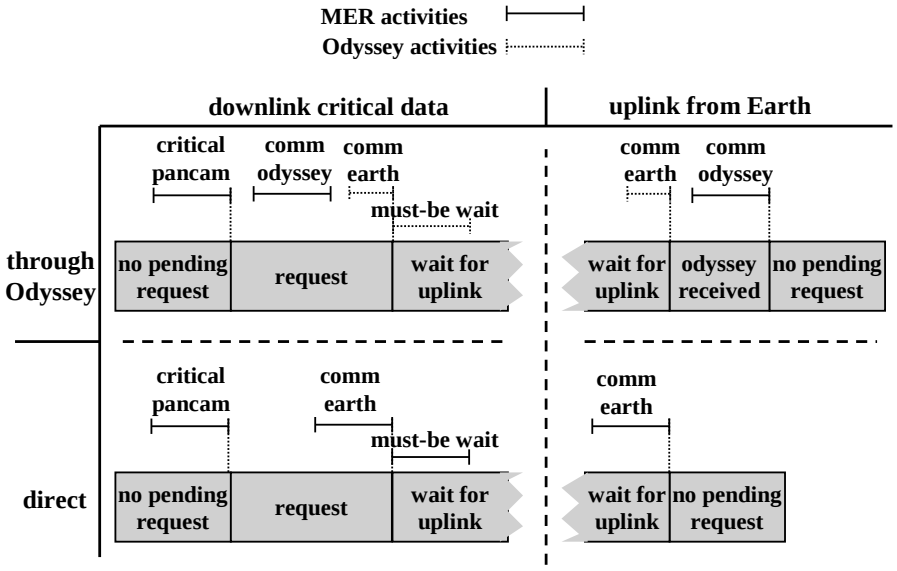


**Figure 6: Downlink/uplink states for a rover**

for the orbiters. Planning is slowed by a factor of 440 to account for differences between a desktop workstation and a radiation-hardened flight processor. Communication for coordination is restricted to times when the orbiters pass overhead. With the exception of Mars Express, the orbiters pass overhead once every eight hours. Because of its irregular orbit, Mars Express sees the rovers only once every 96 hours. Because of this, we actually used no consensus window for communication with Mars Express, putting pressure on the planners to resolve conflicts during image transmission.

When coordination begins, the planners send their communication requests to the other planners while optimizing their plans. Before these updates are received, the initial views of the shared uplink status are shown in Figure 7. The MERs begin with conflicts with their traverse tasks because the uplink has not yet been received from Earth. The coordination algorithm commands the planners to repetitively process shared task updates, replan to resolve conflicts by recomputing the shared state and modifying scientific measurement operations to adjust for the increased power and memory needs, and send task updates. After a minute and a half, MER A, B, and Odyssey agree on routing the downlink and uplink through Odyssey to get the uplinked commands in time for the traversal on different days. he resulting shared state is shown at the bottom of Figure 7. The planners reach consensus that coordination is complete and sleep while waiting for task updates.

Among other failed communication attempts, we triggered an anomaly in MER A's plan causing it to cancel its first day's tasks and shift the entire schedule forward a day. Before sending the updated shared tasks, replanning was issued to resolve local constraints to avoid propagating inconsistent state information to Odyssey. All conflicts were resolved in a few seconds except the traverse conflicts with a `wait` state. Then MER A sends a task update to restart coordination. Coordination completes in less than a minute with data again being routed through Odyssey.

While we have only experimented with simple protocols, this application of SHAC to the Mars scenario shows how planners can coordinate during execution while making minimal concessions to ideal plans and responding to unexpected events. In the next section, we discuss how SHAC builds on related work and discuss new research challenges for decentralized, coordinated planning.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND RELATED WORK

Conflicts among a group of agents can be avoided by reducing or eliminating interactions by localizing plan effects to particular agents [10], and by merging the individual plans of agents by introducing synchronization actions [7]. In fact, planning and merging can be interleaved [6]. Earlier work studied interleaved planning and merging and decomposition in a distributed version of the NOAH planner [3] that focused on distributed problem solving. More recent research builds on these techniques by formalizing and reasoning about the plans of multiple agents at multiple levels of abstraction to localize interactions and prune unfruitful spaces during the search for coordinated global plans [2].

DSIPE [5] employs a centralized plan merging strategy for distributed planners for collaborative problem solving using human decision support. Like our approach, local and global views of planning problem help the planners coordinate the elaboration and repair of their plans. DSIPE provides insight into human involvement in the planning process as well as automatic information filtering for isolating necessary information to share. While our approach relies on the domain modeler to specify up front what information will be shared, SHAC supports a fully decentralized framework and focuses on interleaved coordination and execution.

In many ways this work is following the Generalized Partial Global Planning approach to using a mix of coordination protocols tailored for the domain [4]. SHAC offers an alternative framework for separating implementation of these mechanisms from the planning algorithms employed by specific agents. Unlike GPGP, SHAC provides a modular framework for combining lower-level mechanisms to create higher-level roles and protocols. Our future work will build on GPGP's evaluations of mechanism variations to better understand how agents should coordinate for domains varying in agent interaction, communication constraints, and computation limitations.

Finally, TEAMCORE provides a robust framework for developing and executing team plans [13, 12]. This work also offers

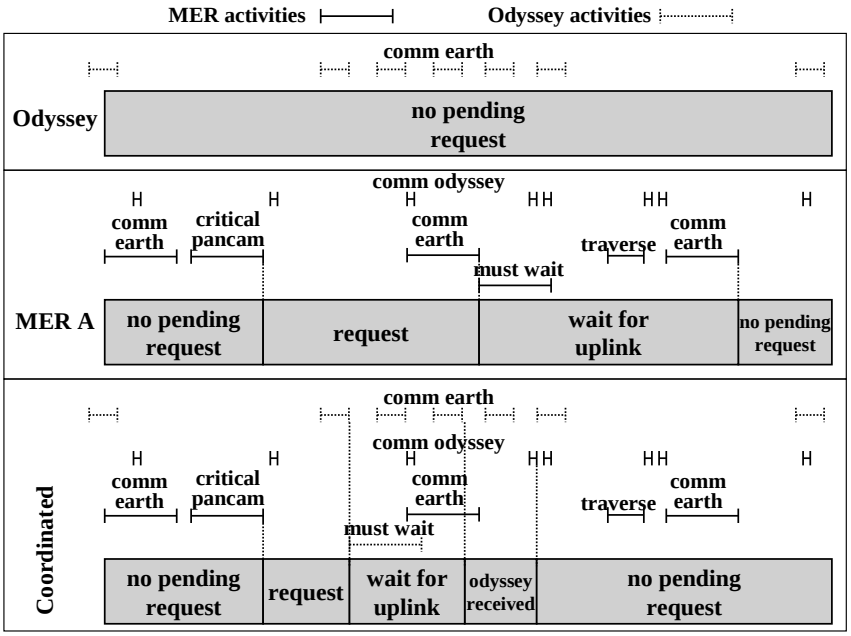


**Figure 7: Downlink/uplink shared state for MER A. From top to bottom, Odyssey's initial view, MER A's initial view, and the common view after coordination.**

a decision-theoretic approach to reducing communication within a collaborative framework. Research is needed to investigate the integration of coordinated planning with robust coordinated execution.

An assumption commonly made in multiagent research is that agents will be able to communicate at all times reliably. In the Mars scenario, the spacecraft communicate with each other in varying time windows and frequencies, and the two MERs can never directly talk to each other. Establishing consensus on beliefs and intentions is impossible without certain communication guarantees [11]. Understanding the communication properties that make consensus possible and the overhead for establishing consensus is critical for multiagent research.

## 8. CONCLUSION

We informally described a continual coordination problem and its challenges. SHAC addresses the problem as a general planner-independent continual coordination algorithm and a framework for designing and evaluating role-based coordination mechanisms. We described its capabilities and gave examples of higher-level mechanisms built on these capabilities. In addition, we have presented an algorithm for determining the time to reach consensus given a protocol and communications constraints. While our future work is aimed at evaluating the benefits of different protocols for different classes of multiagent domains, we validate our approach in coordinating five simulated spacecraft in the presence of unexpected events.

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# Continual Coordination through Shared Activities

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## ABSTRACT

Interacting agents that interleave planning and execution must reach consensus on their commitments to each other. In domains where agents have varying degrees of interaction and different constraints on communication and computation, agents will require different coordination protocols in order to efficiently reach consensus in real time. We briefly describe a largely unexplored class of real-time, distributed planning problems (inspired by interacting spacecraft missions), new challenges they pose, and a general approach to solving the problems. These problems involve self-interested and encounters unexpected events. Interacting agents coordinate these adjustments to manage commitments with each other. Demand for this kind of autonomous agent technology is growing for space applications. Autonomous spacecraft promise new capabilities and cost improvements in exploring the solar system. Spacecraft (and rovers) that explore other planets have intermittent, delayed communication with Earth, requiring that they be able to manage their resources and operate for long periods in isolation. The common approach to autonomous decision making is to place integrated data analysis, planning, and execution systems on-board

agents that have infrequent communication but collaborate on joint activities. We describe a Shared Activity Coordination (SHAC) framework that provides a decentralized algorithm for negotiating the scheduling of shared activities over the lifetimes of multiple agents, a soft, real-time approach to reaching consensus during execution with limited communication, and a foundation for customizing protocols for negotiating planner interactions. We apply SHAC to a realistic simulation of interacting Mars missions and illustrate the simplicity of protocol development.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

When interleaving planning and execution, an agent adjusts its planned activities as it gathers information about the environment

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the spacecraft.

In addition, there is a growing trend toward multi-spacecraft missions. Over forty multi-spacecraft missions have been proposed, including formation flying teams and over 16 planned missions to Mars in the next decade. These spacecraft will coordinate measurements, share data, and route data to and form Earth. Separate missions, such as those to Mars have their own budgets, experiments, and operations teams. As such, the spacecraft represent self-interested entities that benefit from collaborative interactions.

But, even a single spacecraft has multiple science instruments for executing different goals of different scientists, and different operations groups will have different areas of expertise over different subsystems for control. These different groups negotiate over mission plans in the same way that different Mars missions must collaborate over spacecraft interactions. Whether this negotiation is done on-board or on Earth, there is a distributed operations planning problem that benefits from automation. Both also have real-time aspects. On-board systems must plan safely over near- and long-term horizons, and ground systems must also replan based on changing contexts in daily, weekly, and lifelong mission exercises. Ground planning also suffers from communication constraints. Scientists from different universities or opposite sides of the globe will intermittently provide inputs and respond on an irregular basis. A collaboration/negotiation system must be built around communication constraints to meet hard deadlines for coming to consensus on consistent operations plans.

In this work, we will briefly characterize this general problem in terms of activity interaction types and communication constraints and discuss its challenges. The field of multiagent planning has largely focused on fully cooperative planning and execution [4, 5, 13, 8, 2]. Market-based agent systems address near-term resource negotiation but have rarely addressed how near-term decisions affect longer-term goals. Multiagent systems built for Robocup Soccer competitions mainly address collaborative multiagent execution in an adversarial environment and have limited planning capabilities. These approaches do not adequately address real-time planning for self-interested agents.

We also present a framework for Shared Activity Coordination

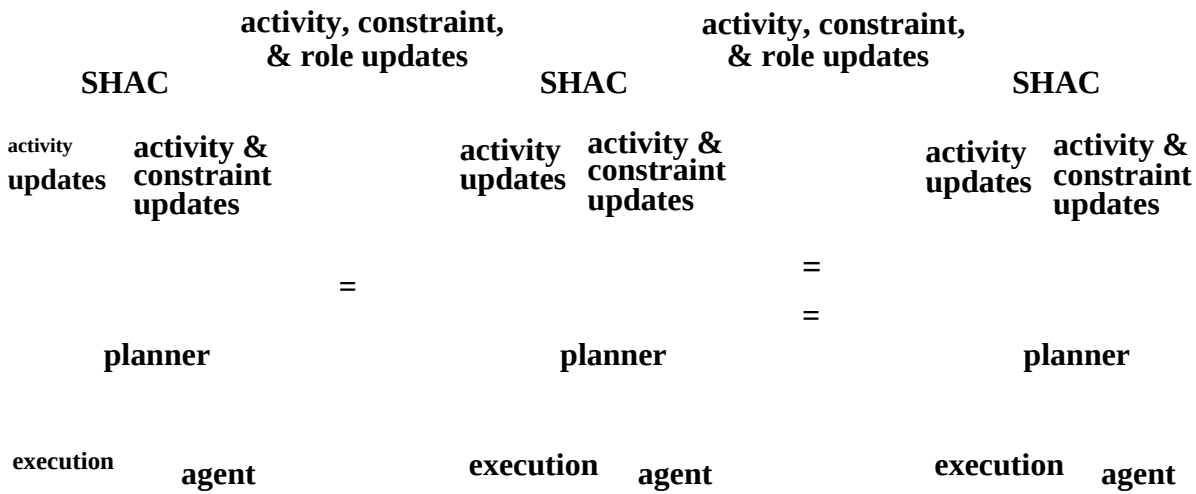


**Figure 1: Shared activity coordination**

(SHAC). SHAC consists of an algorithm for continually coordinating agents and a foundation for rapidly designing and implementing coordination protocols based on a model of shared activities. In the same fashion that a real-time planning system must commit to actions to pass to an execution system, a real-time coordination system must additionally establish consensus on shared activities before they are executed based on communication constraints. Our ultimate goal is to create interacting agents that autonomously adjust their coordination protocols with respect to unexpected events and changes in communication or computation constraints so that the agents can most efficiently achieve their goals.

First we characterize a class of real-time, self-interested multiagent planning problems. Then we describe the shared activity model, the SHAC algorithm, and its interface to the planner. cated when the agents can only communicate intermittently. Depending on the number of agents involved in a particular interaction, consensus may need to be established far in advance so that negotiations can be propagated far in advance of execution. Thus, for any particular set of interactions, a *consensus window*, within which the agents must limit negotiation and establish agreement, should be defined. For example, if three agents must negotiate a joint action in advance of execution but can only communicate pairwise in disjoint time windows, a consensus window must extend at least to cover windows connecting all three agents. Inside the consensus window, a simple protocol eliminating negotiation (such as all agree or reject) must be employed to guarantee consensus. Interactions beyond the consensus window can be negotiated.

We informally describe the continual coordination problem be-

We also specify some generic roles and protocols using the SHAC framework that build on prior coordination mechanisms. In addition, we present an algorithm for determining how long a protocol will reach consensus under particular communication restrictions. Then we describe how our implementation of SHAC currently is used to coordinate the communication of two rovers and three orbiters in a simulated Mars scenario. We follow with future research needs revealed in this scenario and comparisons to related work.

## 2. CONTINUAL COORDINATION PROBLEM

As mentioned before, agents that interleave planning and execution must commit near-term activities to the execution system while receiving feedback in the form of state updates and activity performance. One such continual planning system, CASPER (Continuous Activity Scheduling Planning Execution and Replanning) identifies the period when the planner commits activities to the execution system as a *commit window* [1]. While the planner must resolve conflicts on activities before they are committed to execution, distributed planning agents must additionally reach consensus on team interactions before execution. As explored in the team plan model given by TEAMCORE [13, 12], formalizations of Shared Plans [8], and coordination interactions of TAEMS [4], these interactions could include

- use and replenishment of shared resources,
- joint actions for achieving a mutually beneficial subgoal,
- choice of methods for achieving a team subgoal,
- participation and role assignments in a joint plan, and
- proposals and commitments of the above.

However, reaching consensus on these interactions is complicause our approach is intended to be general to the capabilities of the individual planning and execution systems. The continual coordination problem can be specified generally as a continual planning domain and problem instance for each agent as well as communication constraints between agents. Continual planning problems have an evolving set of goals (as opposed to a single goal) and performance is measured as a function of the goals successfully achieved (executed) within a time horizon. The multiagent aspect of the problem is that interactions (such as those listed previously) create dependencies between the planning and execution systems, over which the agents must coordinate. The communication constraints can be time windows within which subsets of agents can communicate, the reliability of communication, the costs of communication (e.g. privacy), the bandwidth of channels, *etc.* These constraints determine how the agents can achieve consensus for a particular communications protocol.

Thus, many decisions must be made in the design of an efficient continual coordination system. What planning and execution systems are appropriate? What protocols should be used for negotiation and consensus? How should the consensus window be specified? Instead of providing a general solution to all of these questions, we describe an implemented framework for designing and evaluating protocols to negotiate interactions and establish consensus.

## 3. SHAC

Our approach, called Shared Activity Coordination (SHAC), provides a general algorithm for interleaving planning and the exchange of plan information based on shared activities. Agents coordinate their plans by establishing consensus on the parameters



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shared_activity communicate comm_id_12 {
   time start_time = 2004-302:09:30:00; // date
   int duration = 200;                  // seconds
   int data_size = 25600; // 25.6 Mbits
   real xmit_rate = 128.0; // Kbps
   int priority = 1;                    // critical
   roles =
      receive by orbiter,
      send by rover;
   protocols =
      receive argumentation,
      send argumentation;
   permissions =
      receive (move, delete, xmit_rate),
      send (delete, data_size, priority);
   parameter_constraints =
      rover start_time = ([2004-302:09:30:00, 2004-302:09:38:00],
                          [2004-302:18:30:00, 2004-302:18:38:00]);
}
```

**Figure 2: An instance of a shared communication activity between a rover and orbiter**

of shared activities. Figure 1 illustrates this approach where three agents share one activity and two share another. The constraints denote equality requirements between shared activity parameters in different agents. The left vertical box over each planner's schedule represents a *commit window* that moves along with the current time. A consensus window is shown to the right of the commit window, within which consensus must be quickly established before committing. Since consensus is hard to maintain when all agents can modify a shared activity's parameters at the same time, agents must participate in different coordination roles that specify which agent has control of the activity. As shown in the figure, SHAC interacts with the planning and execution by propagating changes to the activities, including their parameters and constraints on the values of those parameters.

SHAC continually coordinates by interfacing to a combined planning/execution system that responds to failures and state updates from the execution system. Our implementation interfaces with one such continual planning system, CASPER, mentioned for transmitting and receiving. In this case the resources are not shared. Another shared activity could be the use of a common transport resource. Although one agent in an active transit role actually changes position, other agents in passive roles have local activities that only reserve the transport resource. Figure 2 shows an instance of this shared activity where an orbiter receives communication from a rover.

Protocols are the mechanisms assigned to each agent (or role) that allow the agents to change constraints on the shared activity, the set of agents assigned to the activity, and their roles. In Figure 2, both the orbiter and rover use an argumentation protocol to negotiate the scheduling and attributes of the communication. Constraints will be described in the next section, and a variety of protocols will be defined in the Protocols section.

The shared decomposition enables agents to select different team methods for accomplishing a higher level shared goal. Specifically, the decomposition is a set of shared subactivities. The agents can choose the decomposition from a pre-specified set of subactivity

in the previous section. Instead of batch-planning in episodes, CASPER continually adapts near and long-term activities while reprojecting state and resource profiles based on updates from sensors.

## 3.1 Shared Activities

The model of a shared activity is meant to capture the information that agents must share, including control mechanisms for changing that information. A shared activity is a tuple , , , , . The parameters are the shared variables and current values over which agents must reach consensus by the time the activity executes. The agent roles determine the local activity of each agent corresponding to the joint action. To provide flexible coordination relationships, the role activities of the shared activity can have different conditions and effects as specified by the local planning model. The shared parameters map to local parameters in the role activity.

For example, a shared data communication activity can map to a `receive` role activity for one agent and a `send` role activity for another. Shared parameters could specify the start time, duration, transfer rate, and data size of the activity. The data size is depleted from the sender's memory resource but added to the receiver's memory. The agents could have separate power usages

lists. For example, a joint observation among orbiters could decompose into either (`measure`, `process image`, `downlink`) or (`measure`, `downlink`).

## 3.2 Constraints

Constraints are created by agents' protocols to restrict sets of values for parameters (*parameter constraints*) and permissions for manipulating the parameters, changing constraints on the parameters, and scheduling shared activities (*permission constraints*). These constraints restrict the privileges (or responsibilities) of agents in making coordinated planning decisions. By communicating constraints, protocols can come to agreement on the scheduling of an activity without sharing all details of their local plans.

A parameter constraint is a tuple , , . The denotes who created the constraint. Some protocols differentiate their treatment of constraints based on the agent that created them. For example, the asynchronous weak commitment algorithm prioritizes agents so that lower-priority agents only conform to higher-priority agent constraints [15]. Agents can add to their constraints on a parameter, replace constraints, or cancel them. A string parameter constraint, for example, can restrict a parameter to a specific set of strings. An integer or floating point variable constraint is a set of disjoint ranges of numbers. Scheduling constraints



Given: a with multiple activities including a set of with and a of into the future.

1. Revise using the currently perceived state and any newly added goal activities.
2. Alter and while honoring .
3. Release relevant near-term activities of to the real-time execution system.

4. For each shared activity in
   If outside consensus window,
   – apply each associated protocol to modify the shared activity;
   else
   – apply simple consensus protocol.
5. Communicate changes in
6. Update based on received communications.
7. Go to 1.

**Figure 3: Shared activity coordination algorithm**

can be represented as constraints on a start time integer parameter. This is shown in Figure 2 where the rover restricts the start time of the communication between two eight minute intervals.

Permission constraints determine how an agent's planner is allowed to manipulate shared activities. The following permissions are currently defined for SHAC:

- parameters - change parameter values
- move - set start time
- duration - change duration of task
- delete - remove from plan
- choose decomposition - select shared subactivity of an activity
- add - add to plan
- constrain - send constraints to other agents

In the communication example in Figure 2, the receiver is allowed to reschedule (move) the activity, delete it, or change the transmission rate. The sender cannot move the activity, but can delete it and change the requested size and priority of the data.

### 3.3 Coordination Algorithm

The purpose of the SHAC algorithm is to negotiate the scheduling and parameters of shared activities until consensus is reached. Figure 3 gives a general specification of the algorithm. SHAC is implemented separate from the planner, so steps 1 through 3 are handled by the planner through an interface to SHAC. Step 4 invokes the protocols that potentially make changes to refocus coordination on resolving shared activity conflicts and improving plan utility. SHAC sends modifications of shared activities and constraints to sharing agents in step 5. In step 6, shared activities and constraints are updated based on changes received from other the agents should establish consensus before the commit window. SHAC avoids changes in the commit window by keeping a *consensus window* that extends from the commit window forward by some period specific for the activity. As time moves forward, the windows extend forward. When a shared activity moves into the consensus window, the agents switch to the simple consensus protocol to try and reach consensus before the activity moves into the commit window.

## 4. PROTOCOLS

In general, protocols determine when to communicate, what to communicate, and how to process received communication. During each iteration of the loop of the coordination algorithm (Figure 3), the protocol determines what to communicate and how to process communication. A protocol is defined by how it implements the following procedures to be called during step 4 of the SHAC coordination algorithm for the shared activity to which it is assigned:

1. modify permissions of the sharing agents
2. modify locally generated parameter constraints
3. add/delete agents sharing the activity
4. change roles of sharing agents

The default protocol, representing a base class from which other protocols inherit, does nothing for these methods. However, even with this passive protocol, the SHAC algorithm still provides several capabilities:

**joint intention** A shared activity by itself represents a joint intention among the agents that share it.

**mutual belief** Parameters or state assertions of shared activities can be updated by sharing agents to establish consensus over

agents.

Ignoring coordination, a continuous planner must determine when it is appropriate to release activities to the execution system. In some cases, an activity involved in a conflict may either be released (requiring the planner to recover from potential failures) or postponed (to allow the planner to recover before a failure occurs). CASPER keeps a *commit window* (an interval between the current time and some point in the near future) within which activities cannot be modified and passes these activities to the execution system.

This interaction with the execution system becomes more complicated when agents share tasks. SHAC must make sure that when a shared activity is released, all agents release it while in consensus on the start time and other parameters of the task. Ideally

[1] This permission applies to a class of shared activities (i.e. an agent may be permitted to instantiate a shared activity of a particular class).

shared information.

**resource sharing** Sharing agents can have identical constraints on shared states or resources.

**active/passive roles** Some sharing agents can have active roles with execution primitives while others have passive roles without execution primitives.

**master/slave roles** A master agent can have permission to schedule/modify an activity that a slave (which has no permissions) must plan around.

The following sections describe some subclasses of this abstract protocol, demonstrating capabilities that each protocol method can provide.

## 4.1 Argumentation

Argumentation is a technique for negotiating joint beliefs or intentions [9]. Commonly, one agent makes a proposal to others with justifications. The others evaluate the argument and either accept it or counter-propose with added justifications. This technique has been applied to teamwork negotiation research to form teams, reorganize teams, and resolve conflicts over members' beliefs [14]. It can also be used to establish consensus on shared activities.

A shared activity and associated parameter values are the proposal or counterproposal. Justifications are given as parameter constraints. A proposal is a change to a shared activity that does not violate any parameter constraints. A counterproposal may violate constraints. Protocol method 2 must be implemented to provide the parameter constraint justifications for proposals and counterproposals. In order to avoid race conditions, protocol method 1 regulates permissions.

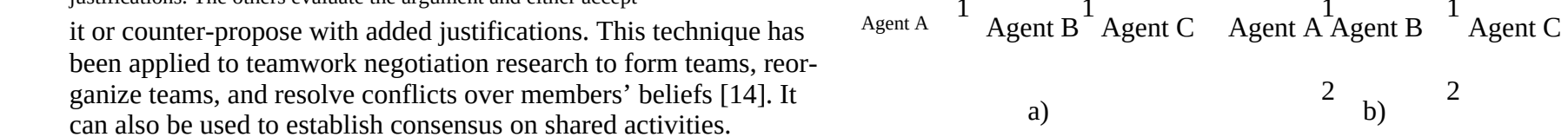


**Figure 4: Information flow for consensus protocols: a) highest rank decides and b) voting or auction**

Consensus protocols can be classified according to the flow of data and the computation time required to respond. Figure 4 shows examples for highest-rank-wins, voting, and auction protocols. [2]

[2] The voting protocol requires each participating agent to send a vote

Argumentation method 1

- if this agent sent the most recent proposal/counterproposal
  - if planner modified shared activity
    - remove self's modification permissions
- else
  - give self modification permissions (e.g. move and delete)

Argumentation method 2

- if planner modified shared activity
  - generate parameter constraints describing locally consistent values

As an example, one agent can propose an activity with a particular start time and add justifications in the form of all intervals within which the shared activity can be locally scheduled. Other agents can replan to accommodate the proposal and counter-propose with their own interval restrictions if replanning cannot accommodate others' constraints. If the agents cannot establish consensus before the consensus window, a higher ranking agent can mandate a time that benefits most of the agents. Of course, there are many variations on this example. Agents may be restricted because they are slaves or do not have constraint permissions to counter-propose.

## 4.2 Delegation

Delegation is a mechanism where an agent in a passive delegator role assigns and reassigns activities to different subsets of agents in active subordinate roles. The delegator and subordinate protocols only need

Delegator method 3

- if empty
  - choose an to whom to delegate the activity
  - add ( , subordinate) to

Subordinate method 3

- if cannot resolve conflicts/threats involving activity
  - remove self from

## 5. DEFINING CONSENSUS WINDOWS

to a central agent, who (once all votes are received) can instantaneously determine the outcome that it must send to all participating agents. The space-time diagram in Figure 5a shows how voting reaches consensus for a decision when triggered upon entering the consensus window. However, this diagram assumes that agents can communicate at any time. Figure 5b shows the same protocol when pairs of agents can only communicate during specified periods (indicated by shaded regions). By walking through this diagram from left to right, the steps of the information flow diagram of Figure 4 are realized. In order to minimize the time to consensus, Agent C sends its vote/bid to B through A, and B sends the **vote/auction** outcome to A through C.

In order to determine how long the consensus window should be, we expand backwards through the state-time diagram according to the information flow diagram. To do this, we first construct a directed graph ( ) as shown in Figure 5c from the execution time backwards, where each node is labeled by an estimated time value and an agent identifier. We also construct another directed graph ( ) for the protocol's information flow, labeling edges according the state ordering (as done in Figure 4). Using these two graphs, the following algorithm determines the time to begin the consensus window by expanding a frontier of vertices backwards for each step (state) of the information flow diagram.

**Function** Determine start time of consensus window

**Input** directed acyclic graph of communication opportunities ,
information flow diagram

**Output**

- execution time (i.e. max
- max
- repeat
  - for each
    - repeat
    - until
    - = argmin
    - = min

Here we describe an algorithm for determining the shortest consensus window given a consensus protocol under particular communication constraints. Suppose agents have predetermined communication opportunity windows, such as orbiters having regular patterns of visibility to each other, a planetary surface, or Earth. We assume that communication is reliable with delivery time guarantees, that bandwidth is sufficient for coordination protocol communications, and that the planner has worked out contention for power and memory resources required for communication.

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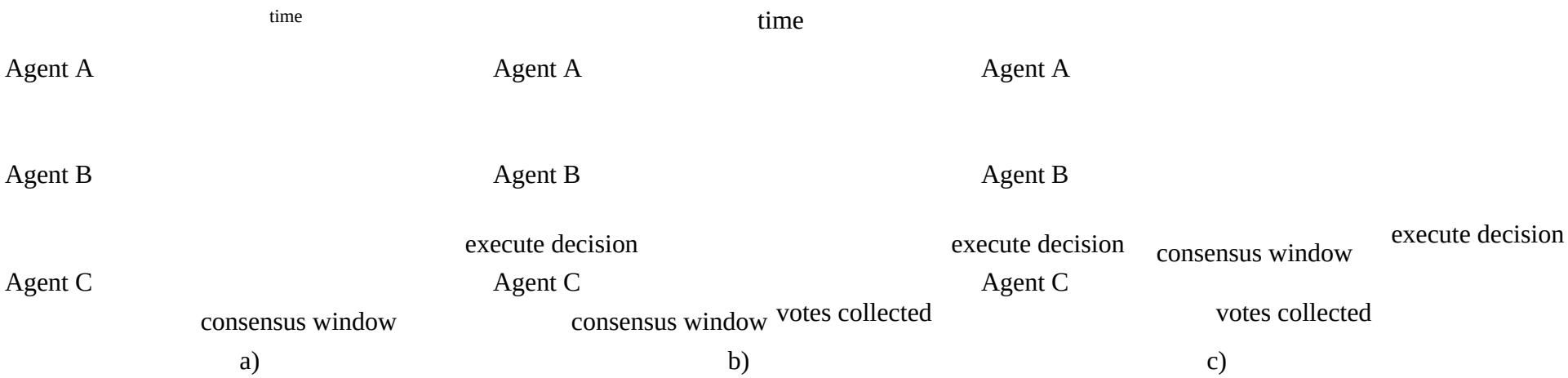


**Figure 5: State-time diagrams of agent communication. a) no communication constraints; b) communication restricted to windows of opportunity; c) directed acyclic graph of information flow**

protocol. The set contains all of the edges in the flow diagram labeled 2. is the time point between states and is used to populate with a vertice for each destina-

Interactions over communication (once delegated) are between two agents, so the consensus window is defined to cover communication activities spanning two communication opportunities into the

tion agent (agents A and C for the voting protocol) in the coming back to state 1, only contains the vertice for Agent B just after the time that all votes are collected. The is greedily expanded backwards in the fashion of a tree spanning algorithm, iteratively adding vertices at time points closest to the frontier. Once the source agent of the information flow edge is reached, records that latest time the source agent can send out information. This is done for each edge of the for the same state since it can take longer for information to travel from different agents. Once all edges of one state are simulated, contains the minimum time, representing the synchronization point ( ) for the prior state to be simulated. Figure 5c shows thicker edges used to expand the frontiers of each state to find the latest possible start of the consensus window for the voting protocol. This is the actual flow of information for reaching consensus. Notice that the optimal consensus start time later than the example in Figure 5b.

The algorithm assumes that communication constraints are windows of communication and bounded delays on data transfer. The algorithm also assumes a simplified version of the information flow diagram that models the protocols. A possible expansion could include probabilistic information for unreliable transfer of data, and the algorithm could be adapted to give consensus windows with a probability of reaching consenus. Communications costs could also be included so that the algorithm could return optional consensus windows with different overall costs. While parallel information flow is modeled, the algorithm does not handle multiple hops within a single state. While somewhat limited, this approach can serve as a starting point for incorporating these extended capabilities.

## 6. APPLICATION TO MARS SCENARIO

Now we describe how SHAC is applied to a simulated three-day scenario involving two Mars Exploration Rovers (MERs), the Mars Odyssey orbiter, Mars Global Surveyor, and the Mars Express orbiter. The delegation protocol described previously was subclassed for the rovers to assign and reassign the routing of images to the orbiters based on how quickly they can deliver the data to Earth. Different master/slave and active/passive roles are defined using permission constraints for the shared activities to implement future. Once in the consensus window, the rover cannot redelegate activities unless the orbiter cannot resolve conflicts and must decommit. We intend to experiment with other protocols and consensus window definitions in this domain in our future work.

The MERs (MER A and MER B) and the orbiters can communicate with Earth directly, but the MERs can optionally route data through the orbiters, which communicate with Earth at a higher bandwidth. The rovers need daily communication with ground operations to receive new goals. The rovers will often fail to traverse to a new target location and cannot proceed until new instructions come from ground operations. In this scenario both MERs must negotiate with the assigned orbiter to determine how to most quickly get a response from ground after sending an image of the surrounding area.

Each MER has a communication state shared with each orbiter that tracks when the image is generated, when it gets to Earth, and when the response from ground operations arrives to the rover. Shared activities for changing the state are shown for different routing options in Figure 6. The rover's activity for generating an image from its panoramic camera changes the state to `request` to communicate its need to downlink and receive an uplink. Activities for sending the image to Earth (either directly or through Odyssey), change the state to a `wait for uplink` state to indicate that the rover will then be waiting for the uplink. Ground operations needs a period of time to generate new commands for the uplink, so if the uplink is received by Odyssey, the state changes to `received` to indicate that now the rover can get the uplink from Odyssey. Once the rover receives the uplink, the state changes back to the normal `no pending request` state. Rover tasks (such as a traverse) need the uplinked data before executing, so it places a local constraint that shared state be `no pending request` during its scheduled interval. There are no shared resources although communication requests from a MER have effects on many local resources of both the MER and the orbiter. All of the shared activities have active master and passive slave roles. The MERs and obiters both take the master role for activities labeled for them in Figure 6.

CASPER planners for each of the MERs and orbiters first build their three-day plans separately to optimize the timely delivery of priority weighted science data, resolving any local constraints on memory, power, battery energy, *etc*. The three-day schedules constitute over 900 tasks for each MER and over 1300 for each of

a basic protocol for coordinating communication to and from Earth.



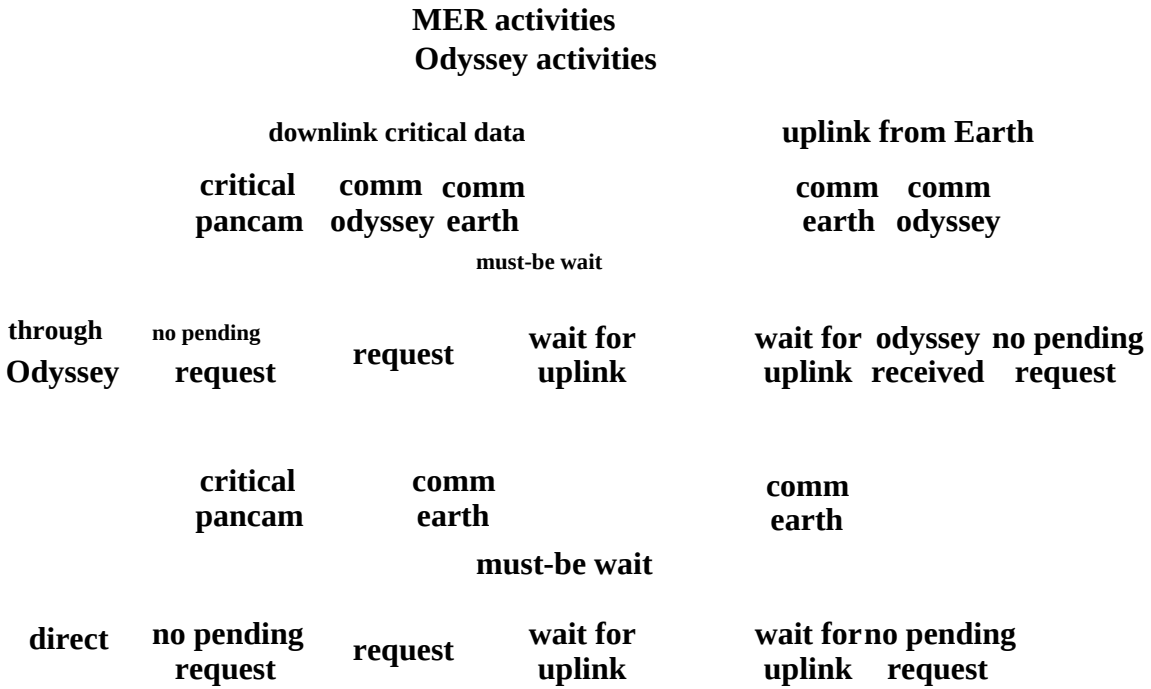


**Figure 6: Downlink/uplink states for a rover**

for the orbiters. Planning is slowed by a factor of 440 to account for differences between a desktop workstation and a radiation-hardened flight processor. Communication for coordination is restricted to times when the orbiters pass overhead. With the exception of the orbiters with 30 state/resource variables for each MER and 22

tion, we discuss how SHAC builds on related work and discuss new research challenges for decentralized, coordinated planning.

tion of Mars Express, the orbiters pass overhead once every eight hours. Because of its irregular orbit, Mars Express sees the rovers only once every 96 hours. Because of this, we actually used no consensus window for communication with Mars Express, putting pressure on the planners to resolve conflicts during image transmission.

When coordination begins, the planners send their communication requests to the other planners while optimizing their plans. Before these updates are received, the initial views of the shared uplink status are shown in Figure 7. The MERs begin with conflicts with their traverse tasks because the uplink has not yet been received from Earth. The coordination algorithm commands the planners to repetitively process shared task updates, replan to resolve conflicts by recomputing the shared state and modifying scientific measurement operations to adjust for the increased power and memory needs, and send task updates. After a minute and a half, MER A, B, and Odyssey agree on routing the downlink and uplink through Odyssey to get the uplinked commands in time for the traversal on different days. he resulting shared state is shown at the bottom of Figure 7. The planners reach consensus that coordination is complete and sleep while waiting for task updates.

Among other failed communication attempts, we triggered an anomaly in MER A's plan causing it to cancel its first day's tasks and shift the entire schedule forward a day. Before sending the updated shared tasks, replanning was issued to resolve local constraints to avoid propagating inconsistent state information to Odyssey. All conflicts were resolved in a few seconds except the traverse conflicts with a `wait` state. Then MER A sends a task update to restart coordination. Coordination completes in less than a minute with data again being routed through Odyssey.

While we have only experimented with simple protocols, this application of SHAC to the Mars scenario shows how planners can coordinate during execution while making minimal concessions to ideal plans and responding to unexpected events. In the next sec-

## 7. DISCUSSION AND RELATED WORK

Conflicts among a group of agents can be avoided by reducing or eliminating interactions by localizing plan effects to particular agents [10], and by merging the individual plans of agents by introducing synchronization actions [7]. In fact, planning and merging can be interleaved [6]. Earlier work studied interleaved planning and merging and decomposition in a distributed version of the NOAH planner [3] that focused on distributed problem solving. More recent research builds on these techniques by formalizing and reasoning about the plans of multiple agents at multiple levels of abstraction to localize interactions and prune unfruitful spaces during the search for coordinated global plans [2].

DSIPE [5] employs a centralized plan merging strategy for distributed planners for collaborative problem solving using human decision support. Like our approach, local and global views of planning problem help the planners coordinate the elaboration and repair of their plans. DSIPE provides insight into human involvement in the planning process as well as automatic information filtering for isolating necessary information to share. While our approach relies on the domain modeler to specify up front what information will be shared, SHAC supports a fully decentralized framework and focuses on interleaved coordination and execution.

In many ways this work is following the Generalized Partial Global Planning approach to using a mix of coordination protocols tailored for the domain [4]. SHAC offers an alternative framework for separating implementation of these mechanisms from the planning algorithms employed by specific agents. Unlike GPGP, SHAC provides a modular framework for combining lower-level mechanisms to create higher-level roles and protocols. Our future work will build on GPGP's evaluations of mechanism variations to better understand how agents should coordinate for domains varying in agent interaction, communication constraints, and computation limitations.

Finally, TEAMCORE provides a robust framework for developing and executing team plans [13, 12]. This work also offers

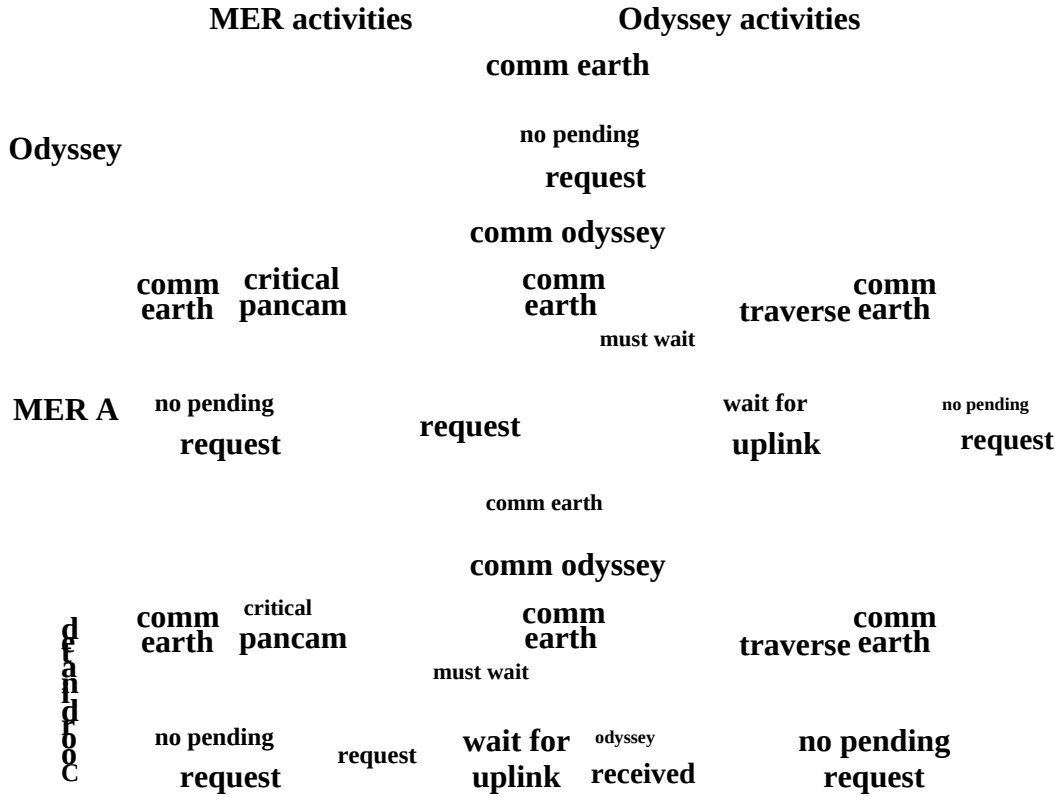


**Figure 7: Downlink/uplink shared state for MER A. From top to bottom, Odyssey's initial view, MER A's initial view, and the common view after coordination.**

a decision-theoretic approach to reducing communication within a collaborative framework. Research is needed to investigate the integration of coordinated planning with robust coordinated execution.

An assumption commonly made in multiagent research is that agents will be able to communicate at all times reliably. In the Mars scenario, the spacecraft communicate with each other in varying time windows and frequencies, and the two MERs can never

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directly talk to each other. Establishing consensus on beliefs and intentions is impossible without certain communication guarantees [11]. Understanding the communication properties that make consensus possible and the overhead for establishing consensus is critical for multiagent research.

## 8. CONCLUSION

We informally described a continual coordination problem and its challenges. SHAC addresses the problem as a general planner-independent continual coordination algorithm and a framework for designing and evaluating role-based coordination mechanisms. We described its capabilities and gave examples of higher-level mechanisms built on these capabilities. In addition, we have presented an algorithm for determining the time to reach consensus given a protocol and communications constraints. While our future work is aimed at evaluating the benefits of different protocols for different classes of multiagent domains, we validate our approach in coordinating five simulated spacecraft in the presence of unexpected events.

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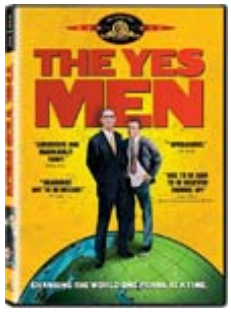


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When, at the beginning of his speech to the Republican National Convention, Democratic Sen. Zell Miller said, "There is but one man to whom I am willing to entrust [my grandchildren's] future, and that man's name is ...," didn't you gasp a little? Didn't you wonder, just for a second, if Miller might be poised at the podium as an interloper? Didn't at least one tiny corner of your brain think, man, what a prank this would be if he stunned the crowd with the words, "and that man's name is ... John Kerry."

It wasn't, and he didn't.

But the Yes Men would have.

The Yes Men is a small group of activists who carry out an agenda through elaborate pranks aimed at revealing the true intention of The Man (they call these stunts "identity correction"). Their antics against the World Trade Organization are captured in "The Yes Men," a guffaw-inducing, eye-popping documentary by the filmmaking team behind "American Movie."

Artistically and technically, "The Yes Men" is no great shakes, but Yes Men Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno's subversion is juicy enough to carry the low-budget doc. Before joining forces to fight the WTO-power, Bichlbaum made waves as a computer programmer when he replaced a video game's well-endowed sexpot drones with PDA-prone gay men. And Bonanno founded the BLO--Barbie Liberation Organization--which in the early '90s swapped the voice boxes of Talking Barbie and G.I. Joe (so Barbie would say, "Vengeance is mine!" and G.I. Joe, "Will we ever have enough clothes?")

Thankfully these two jokesters found each other and in 2000 produced www.gwbush.com, a site designed to mimic and satirize George W. Bush's official campaign site (When asked

about the Yes Men, Bush answered, "There ought to be limits to freedom.")

After parodying the soon-to-be commander in chief, the boys took aim at the WTO, setting up www.gatt.org. Through the power of Google, earnest Web surfers looking for information on the WTO came across gatt.org and the Yes Men began fielding questions about trade policy and globalization. Soon enough, they were invited to speak as legitimate WTO liaisons.

And speak they did. The film captures them addressing the textile industry in Finland, where Bichlbaum dons a gold lamé costume with a giant appendage extending from its groin that at its tip holds a digital screen with which bosses can monitor their underlings, dubbed the Management Leisure Suit. Please see the movie just for this.

Bichlbaum appears on CNBC and argues against an anti-WTO activist that "might equals right." He lectures in Salzburg as Dr. Andreas Bichlbauer on the free-trade benefits of an international vote auction (in which votes in, say, national elections are auctioned off to the highest bidding corporation). He gives an elaborate PowerPoint presentation promoting "the involuntary imported workforce model of work" and states that the Civil War was a waste of money because slavery would have been replaced in time by a more efficient model: remote sweatshop labor.

With each prank, the Yes Men expect to be booed off the lectern, but the shock is that time and again, no one flinches. Sure, there are giggles, and the agribusiness representatives in Sidney sit up in their chairs when Bichlbaum announces the dismantling of the WTO. But nothing really throws the pre-programmed audience, not even the lamé jumpsuit with its giant golden penis, prompting Bonanno to ask rhetorically, "What can't corporations get away with?"

This changes when the Yes Men take their show on the road to SUNY Plattsburgh. Let's hear it for the apathetic youth of America! Because after expounding on a new WTO-McDonald's recycling program (in which human waste is processed into hamburgers for the starving Third World), Bonanno and Bichlbaum get a heated reaction. Some students walk out, others yell, many throw things, there are spitballs. And then they get the joke. Finally, someone gets the joke.

Each shenanigan is rooted in what the Yes Men see as truth. No, the WTO is not advocating for slavery of the historical variety, but the Yes Men aim to show how uncomfortably similar today's global labor model is to that now discredited institution. And though not in so many words, to its adversaries, the WTO's motto may as well be "might equals right."

Watching the Yes Men prepare their elaborate pranks, the enterprise feels awfully devoid of malice, unlike say, the pranks of HBO's equally hysterical "Da Ali G Show." These are some terrifically funny and gutsy guys who want to draw attention to what they see as the natural limit of WTO policy.

They'll make you hoot. They'll make you think. And they'll make you wonder how often you drink the Kool-Aid.

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# The Yes Men

**Genre**: Documentary
**Runtime**: 80 mins

**Cast**: Andy Bichlbaum, Mike Bonnano

**Directed by**: Sarah Price

**Country**: United States
**Year Released**: 2005

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## Premise

Anti-corporate activists travel from conference to conference, impersonating members of the World Trade Organization.

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## What We Say

When, at the beginning of his speech to the Republican National Convention, Democratic Sen. Zell Miller said, "There is but one man to whom I am willing to entrust [my grandchildren's] future, and that man's name is ...," didn't you gasp a little? Didn't you wonder, just for a second, if Miller might be poised at the podium as an interloper? Didn't at least one tiny corner of your brain think, man, what a prank this would be if he stunned the crowd with the words, "and that man's name is ... John Kerry."

It wasn't, and he didn't.

But the Yes Men would have.

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The Yes Men is a small group of activists who carry out an agenda through elaborate pranks aimed at revealing the true intention of The Man (they call these stunts "identity correction"). Their antics against the World Trade Organization are captured in "The Yes Men," a guffaw-inducing, eye-popping documentary by the filmmaking team behind "American Movie."

Artistically and technically, "The Yes Men" is no great shakes, but Yes Men Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno's subversion is juicy enough to carry the low-budget doc. Before joining forces to fight the WTO-power, Bichlbaum made waves as a computer programmer when he replaced a video game's well-endowed sexpot drones with PDA-prone gay men. And Bonanno founded the BLO--Barbie Liberation Organization--which in the early '90s swapped the voice boxes of Talking Barbie and G.I. Joe (so Barbie would say, "Vengeance is mine!" and G.I. Joe, "Will we ever have enough clothes?")

Thankfully these two jokesters found each other and in 2000 produced www.gwbush.com, a site designed to mimic and satirize George W. Bush's official campaign site (When asked about the Yes Men, Bush answered, "There ought to be limits to freedom.")

After parodying the soon-to-be commander in chief, the boys took aim at the WTO, setting up www.gatt.org. Through the power of Google, earnest Web surfers looking for information on the WTO came across gatt.org and the Yes Men began fielding questions about trade policy and globalization. Soon enough, they were invited to speak as legitimate WTO liaisons.

And speak they did. The film captures them addressing the textile industry in Finland, where Bichlbaum dons a gold lamé costume with a giant appendage extending from its groin that at its tip holds a digital screen with which bosses can monitor their underlings, dubbed the Management Leisure Suit. Please see the movie just for this.

Bichlbaum appears on CNBC and argues against an anti-WTO activist that "might equals right." He lectures in Salzburg as Dr. Andreas Bichlbauer on the free-trade benefits of an international **vote auction** (in which votes in, say, national elections are auctioned off to the highest bidding corporation). He gives an elaborate PowerPoint presentation promoting "the involuntary imported workforce model of work" and states that the Civil War was a waste of money because slavery would have been replaced in time by a more efficient model: remote sweatshop labor.

With each prank, the Yes Men expect to be booed off the lectern, but the shock is that time and again, no one flinches. Sure, there are giggles, and the agribusiness representatives in Sidney sit up in their chairs when Bichlbaum announces the dismantling of the WTO. But nothing really throws the pre-programmed audience, not even the lamé jumpsuit with its giant golden penis, prompting Bonanno to ask rhetorically, "What can't corporations get away with?"

This changes when the Yes Men take their show on the road to SUNY Plattsburgh. Let's hear it for the apathetic youth of America! Because after expounding on a new WTO-McDonald's recycling program (in which human waste is processed into hamburgers for the starving Third World), Bonanno and Bichlbaum get a heated reaction. Some students walk out, others yell, many throw things, there are spitballs. And then they get the joke. Finally, someone gets the joke.

Each shenanigan is rooted in what the Yes Men see as truth. No, the WTO is not advocating for slavery of the historical variety, but the Yes Men aim to show how uncomfortably similar today's global labor model is to that now discredited institution. And though not in so many words, to its adversaries, the WTO's motto may as well be "might equals right."

Watching the Yes Men prepare their elaborate pranks, the enterprise feels awfully devoid of malice, unlike say, the pranks of HBO's equally hysterical "Da Ali G Show." These are some

terrifically funny and gutsy guys who want to draw attention to what they see as the natural limit of WTO policy.

They'll make you hoot. They'll make you think. And they'll make you wonder how often you drink the Kool-Aid.

*Review by Allison Benedikt - Chicago Tribune*

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- **31 August :** Cyberlife Research
- **30 August :** SpiritPlants
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- **27 August :** Unpopular Music
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- **31 July :** Online Conversion

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- **26 July :** World Civilisations
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- **12 May :** Animal Diversity Web
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- **30 May :** Heavy.com
- **29 May :** BBC Science
- **28 May :** Olympic

- **27 May :** Inequality.org
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- **30 April :** Genes.net
- **29 April :** Steroid Abuse
- **28 April :** DomainNameBuyersguide.com
- **27 April :** Lifestyle Pharmacy
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- **05 February :** Tomorrow's World
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  - IP telephony over CATV, ADSL, and WLAN networks
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# Regulation in the US

- Revision to the Telecommunications Act of 1934, that of 1996, does not cover convergence, but separates telecommunications services from information services (i.e. IP-based)
- Concern on the Universal Service Fund started in 1998
- Antitrust process is merger-centric
  - relevant product market is defined using a ”smallest market principle”
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# EU – New Regulatory Framework

Framework directive
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- Defines the tasks of National Regulatory Agencies (NRA)
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Universal service directive
- Defines minimum set of basic services to all citizens
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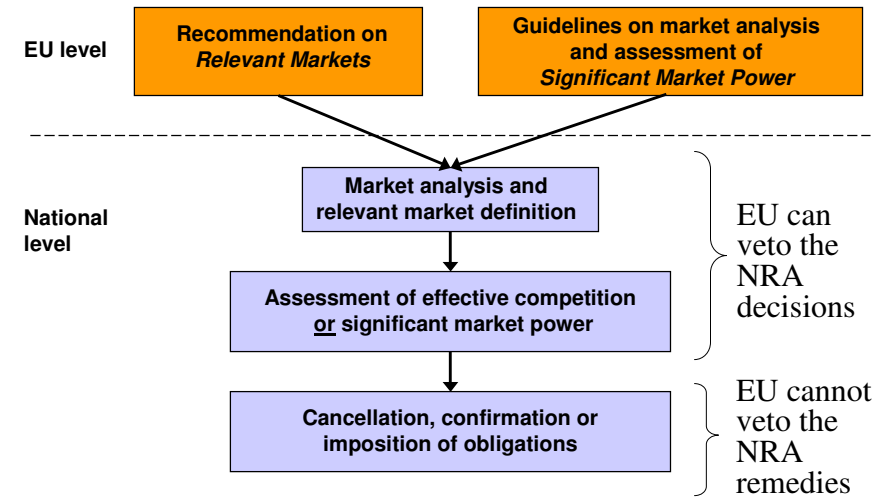
# EU – Regulatory Process

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# Taxonomy of Namespaces

Case Skype

| | | Allocation of Knowledge | Control | Responsibility |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vertical Distribution** | Flat | c | c | c |
| | Hierarchical | d | m | m |
| **Horizontal Distribution** | Centralized | c | c | c |
| | Federated | m | m | m |
| | Decentralized | d | d | d |
| | Controlled | c | c | c |
| **Intensity** | Coordinated | m | d | m |
| | Uncoordinated | d | d | d |
| | Information-rich | c | c | c |
| | Information-poor | d | d | d |
| **Scope** | Single-purpose | c | c | c |
| | Multi-purpose | d | d | d |
| | Rigid Internal Structure | c | c | c |
| | Adaptive Internal Structure | d | d | d |

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# The Potential Relevance to the US of the EU's Newly Adopted Regulatory Framework for Telecommunications

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# Motivation

- Convergence of telephony, data, and broadcasting networks and businesses is a major global regulatory challenge
- The most concrete challenges are the new IP-based substitutes
  - IP telephony over CATV, ADSL, and WLAN networks
  - IP television mainly over ADSL and fiber-to-the-home



# Regulation in the US

- Revision to the Telecommunications Act of 1934, that of 1996, does not cover convergence, but separates telecommunications services from information services (i.e. IP-based)
- Concern on the Universal Service Fund started in 1998
- Antitrust process is merger-centric
  - relevant product market is defined using a ”smallest market principle”
  - impact of a merger is estimated using relative concentration and the Herfindal-Hirschman Index (HHI)
  - Department of Justice (DoJ) collects confidential information via Civil Investigative Demand (CID)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has less power for collecting confidential information
- FCC must conduct a Biennial Review to secure that unnecessary regulations are removed
- Regulation is multilevel (federal, state, municipality) but FCC has taken a position that Internet is interstate



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# EU – New Regulatory Framework

Framework directive

- Establishes the common regulatory framework
- Defines the tasks of National Regulatory Agencies (NRA)
- Sets procedures for Significant Market Power (SMP) definition
- Accounting separation requirement (network/services)

Access directive

- Interconnection and access rights and obligations
- Cost recovery and price control
- Accounting separation, use of specific cost accounting systems

Universal service directive

- Defines minimum set of basic services to all citizens
- Basic telephone service, leased lines

# EU – Regulatory Process

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **EU level** | **Recommendation on** ***Relevant Markets*** | **Guidelines on market analysis and assessment of** ***Significant Market Power*** |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **National level** | **Market analysis and relevant market definition** | EU can veto the NRA decisions |
| | **Assessment of effective competition or significant market power** | |
| | **Cancellation, confirmation or imposition of obligations** | EU cannot veto the NRA remedies |

- Important role of NRAs in choosing the appropriate remedy
- Remedy should be effective => solve the lack of competition



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# US vs EU

- EU pursues technology- and service-neutral regulation, while the US still leans on detailed silos. EU deals with convergence explicitly
- EU has centralized responsibility for law creation and decentralized for law enforcement. The US does not separate these responsibilities
- US defines specific regulatory outcomes, while EU defines the process for reaching outcomes
- In EU, people trust governments more than corporations. In the US, it is vice versa. FCC lacks the authority to get confidential information and may lack the ability to protect that information

# Thanks!



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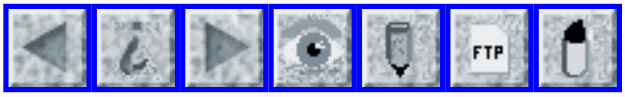

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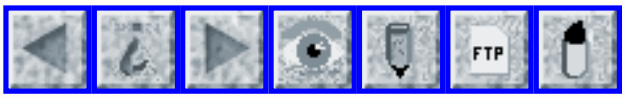


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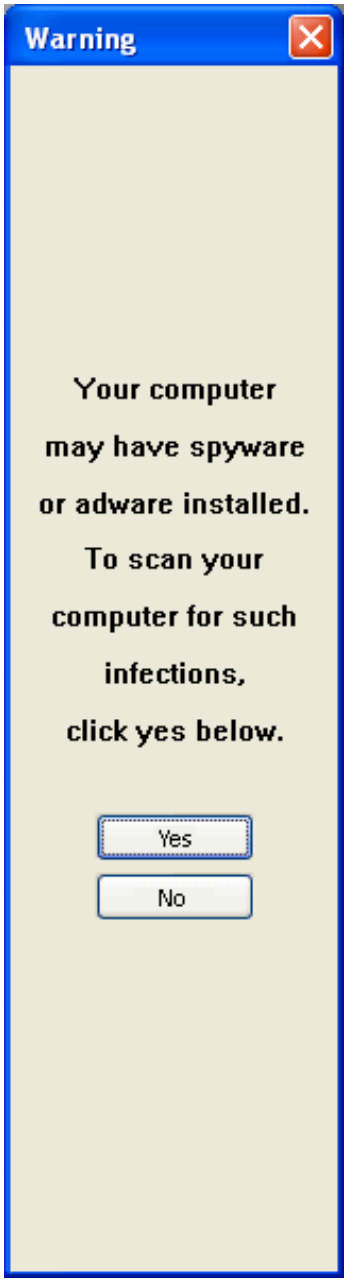


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**10/9/00**

Regular Amazon Customers Pay More - Online Weedverkoop iToke Uitgesteld - Porno-adres Op Kindersweater - White House Sticks Nose in Napster Appeal - Two Most Downloaded Women - Top 10 Game Downloads of the Summer - GraffitiWriter - Radio Disease Killer - The Slim Shady Show - Casio Wrist Camera Gallery - Busted - No We Don't Have Web Site - MTV Webeo

**1/9/00**
Stock Swindle Suspect Charged - "De Homepage is Dood" - Newspapers Adapt to the Web - First Wireless Phone Hack - New Mac OS Finally Ready - Nintendo Presents Gamecube - Net Kills English - **Vote Auction** - Jesus Loves Shoes - Poppin Panther - As Seen On TV - Ali G Wes'ite - Geek Cruises - I Resign

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**28/7/00**
Appeals Court Grants Napster Stay - CuteMX Unplugs Napster-like Service - Why the Music Industry has Nothing to Celebrate - Mactella - The Global Swap Meet - New Shoot 'em-ups a Letdown - Episode II - DiVX Trailers - U2 Studio - Daily Planet Archief - Jennicam Scandal - Freak4all - Tourette Syndrome Barbie - "Sue All The World"

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Movie Industry Targets Scour - Scour Can Breach Private Files - Ongewenste Links - Napster Users Buy More Music - Napster UnBan - No More Than Five Minutes - Work, Drugs & Alcohol - SightSound Sets 'Quantum' Free - First Look at Palm Redesign - New Internet Computer - I Want A New Girlfriend - The Cube: Apple's NeXT Mistake? - Power Mac Cube Inspiration

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Directeur Namespace Vergat Zijn Eigen Domein - Providers Weigeren Politie Klantgegevens - FBI Erkent Afluisteren - Amazon Turns 5 But Will It Survive? - Walkman For Internet

Era - Avoiding the Dot-Bomb - Mobile Phones Kill Pedestrians - Games That Deserved Better - The Squigglys - Celebrity Impersonators - "Cesca, good!"

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**14/6/00**

RIAA Tries To Shut Down Napster - Dot Coms Are For Losers - Live Keizersnede Overbelast Margriet - First Wireless Virus - The Portable Playstation: PSone - DiVX Is Here - Messiah Demo - ItsYourMovie - MiniEuro2000 - Oranjegevoel - Ugly People - Oranje Heineken Downloads

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Madonna Single 'Leaked' Online - Julia Roberts Wins Her Domain - An Offer He Could Refuse - Offspring Bootleg Napster - Web Shows: Does Anybody Watch? - Buttonless Mouse - MDK 2 Demo - Japanese Snacks - Mobiles Disco - Fucked Company - Just Win It

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**20/5/00**

DEN and Boo.com: RIP - Playstation II Arriveert in Oktober - Virus Kills Sims Characters - When PaperClips Attack - McDonalds Euro2000 Kwis - 32,000 Feet - Final Curtain Hoax - Spike Decker - PostPet - Word Perhect - eHolster - MyPortalZone - Jackinworld - Spare Change

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MS confirms new security breach
For the second time in two weeks, Microsoft Corp. on Monday was forced to explain how an intruder could breach its computer system. According to the embarrassed software giant, the intruder was unable to do any serious damage. Just a week after admitting that an intruder gained unauthorized access to the company's corporate network, Microsoft confirmed that a Dutch hacker using the alias "Dimitri" exploited a known vulnerability in the company's Internet Information Server (ISS), the application used to power its site. Adding insult to injury, Dimitri posted news of the attack to the events.microsoft.com bulletin board late Friday.
http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,2650844,00.html
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/034019.htm
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Hackers hit GOP site as voting begins
A leading Republican Web site has been hacked in what Republicans said was an effort to discredit their candidate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Just hours before polls opened Tuesday, the Republican National Committee's Web site was hacked and replaced with a lengthy anti-Bush tirade, according to RNC spokesman Tom Yu, who added that the unknown hacker also left a link to Al Gore's campaign Web site. "It's obviously a dirty trick late in the campaign by the Democrats," Yu said. "We're disappointed at the large amount of dirty tricks being played this late in the campaign by the Democrats, and we hope that Al Gore and the Democratic Party will join us in denouncing this kind of dirty trick."
http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-3420343.html
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Hacker pleads guilty to invading Stanford, JPL computers
A 20-year-old computer hacker has pleaded guilty to federal charges of infiltrating sensitive computer systems at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and at Stanford University. Jason Allen Diekman of Mission Viejo entered his plea under seal Monday after negotiating with prosecutors. U.S. District Judge Dean D. Pregerson set sentencing for Feb. 5. Diekman was charged in September with illegal hacking and using stolen credit card numbers to buy more than $6,000 worth of stereo speakers, clothing and computer equipment.

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http://www.latimes.com/business/cutting/20001107/t000106649.html
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Crown hints of plea deal in Mafiaboy hacker case
Crown and defence lawyers appear to be at odds about whether a Montreal teenager charged with crippling the Web sites of CNN, Yahoo, Amazon.com and eBay wants to plead guilty next month. At a Youth Court appearance yesterday, prosecutor Louis Miville-Deschênes asked that the case of the teenager, accused of being a computer hacker known as Mafiaboy, be postponed until Dec. 8 to "dispose of most of the charges." The 16-year-old's lead defence lawyer, Yan Romanowski, later denied that the remarks meant that the youth had agreed to enter a guilty plea to any of the charges.
http://www.globetechnology.com/archive/gam/News/20001107/UMAFIN.html
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Love Bug bites again
It's activation day for a new variant of the Love Bug virus, claimed to be even more destructive than the original, and it's been detected roaming through the tropics of Australia infecting a central Queensland power station. "VBS_COLOMBIO is very similar. We've received more reports of this than any other variant," Trend Micro Australian spokesperson told ZDNet.  Currently rated number two of the top viruses in Australia, the Love Bug variant, LOVELETTR.AS - otherwise known as VBS_COLOMBIA - has been scheduled to execute itself as an attachment to an infected user's address book. If the date is November 7, the virus will remove all connected network drives from the system. Placing today as a new event on the calendar - "VBS_COLOMBIA Activation Day".
http://www.zdnet.com.au/news/dailynews/story/0,2000011358,20106769-1,00.htm
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Virus threat a hoax
Paranoia about "love bug" computer viruses are spawning a series of hoaxes and even the Ontario Provincial Police have been taken in. Yesterday, Sgt. Dave Rektor of the OPP's London-based regional headquarters issued a release warning about two new viruses. One called California IBM was embedded in e-mails and destroyed all information and software programs. A second called Budweiser Frogs was a screensaver that allowed hackers to crash hard drives and access passwords. The source for both warnings was reputed to be computer giant Microsoft.
http://www.canoe.ca/TechNews0011/07_virus-sun.html
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China tries to tighten grip on Internet news, chat rooms
China strengthened its censorship over the Internet on Tuesday, clamping restrictions on Web sites offering news reports and requiring chat rooms to use only officially approved topics. The new regulations, published in state run newspapers, would likely create more headaches for Chinese Web sites, already reeling from tough competition and a shortage of investment funds. But it could boost government-controlled media struggling to enter the Internet age.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/023148.htm
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Vote auction site now says it was all a joke
A Web site that purported to buy and sell votes in the presidential election came clean Tuesday and said it was all a piece of political satire. The admission came after an Illinois judge ordered the site to shut down. A Massachusetts judge had also ordered that it stop offering votes in that state for sale. In addition, the site, voteauction.de, prompted investigations by California and Nebraska officials. State and federal laws prohibit buying and selling votes.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/067376.htm
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US Tech Group Urges Euro Cyber-Crime Convention Delay
A group of US high-tech executives is asking the Council of Europe to extend the deadline set for completion of a draft international convention on cyber-crime, citing the need for less government intervention and more industry-led solutions to worldwide computer crime. At a workshop on security and privacy in Berlin today, members of the Global Internet Project (GIP) - a coalition of executives from telecommunications and computer services corporations in the US and Europe - issued a statement asking the council to postpone its self-imposed deadline for the cyber-crime convention. The GIP said the convention as drafted would place an undue economic and legal burdened on Internet service providers (ISPs).
http://www.newsbytes.com/pubNews/00/157811.html
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Combating Internet crimes and threats
With cybercrime on the rise, even more attention is being paid to using the law to fight the cybercrooks. Only days ago, it was reported that the blueprints to the latest

versions of Microsoft's (MSFT) Windows and Office software package were stolen. Computer security experts believe that a fairly well-known "worm" virus called QAZ, which first surfaced in China several months ago, was used to break into Microsoft's systems.
http://www.upside.com/Upside_Counsel/3a06fede1.html
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Cybercrime soars in the UK
Cybercrime accounted for half of all fraud committed in the UK in the first six months of this year, according to a legal expert. Steven Philippsohn, senior litigation partner at law firm Philippsohn, Crawfords, Berwald, said this figure would rise as it becomes easier for criminals to break online security. Speaking at the Compsec computer security conference in London last week, he said: "The internet is a criminal's charter. There is an increasing number of targets and despite what people say, buying online is not the same as giving your credit card to someone in a restaurant.
http://www.vnunet.com/News/1113497
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Child porn informers not always welcome
Adult site operator Alec Helmy sends more than 200 links to child pornography Web pages to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Customs Service each month for investigation. He wants to do more, but can't get the agencies to return his calls. After three years and thousands of leads, Helmy, director of Adult Sites Against Child Pornography, is frustrated he can't open a dialogue with federal law enforcement. Clearly, the leads are being followed: between 80 and 100 of the links ASACP sends in each month are shut down quickly. "Something seems to be happening, but much more could happen if there was an open channel of communication," Helmy said.
http://www.zdnet.co.uk/news/2000/44/ns-18918.html
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Cyprus cracks down on software piracy
Cyprus is cracking down on illegal copying of computer software, a practice that accounts for as much as 70 percent of all software used at workplaces on the island, a legal adviser to the industry said Saturday. The U.S.-based Business Software Alliance (BSA), representing leading software firms, estimates that 14,000 of 20,000 computers sold in Cyprus last year were loaded with unauthorized products. "It is estimated

that about 13 to 14 million pounds ($19.8-21.3 million) was the loss of revenue last year for the software industry," said Achilleas Demetriades, Cyprus legal adviser for the BSA and other international and local industry groups campaigning for copyright protection.
http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/04/tech.cyprus.piracy.reut/index.html
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Internet-Related Stock Fraud Cases Increasing - SEC
Nearly a quarter of all federal securities investigations now involve some form of Internet-related stock fraud, scams that already have risen 37 percent over calendar-year 1999 figures, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Stephen Cutler, deputy director of the SEC's Enforcement Division, said the most recent wave of cases brought by the commission have focused on secondary stock manipulation schemes, where fraud perpetrators use e-mail and other online forms of communication to create a market for particular stock - often small, penny stocks - for which no strong demand currently exists. Cutler said the SEC has brought a total of 88 Internet related fraud cases so far this year, compared with 55 in 1999, and 43 in 1998.
http://www.newsbytes.com/pubNews/00/157796.html
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French actor Delon wins cybersquatting case
French actor Alain Delon, KLM airlines, Nintendo, Suzuki Motor Corp and EMI Group have won their cases against alleged cybersquatters, the United Nations trademark and copyright protection agency said on Tuesday. Independent arbitrators named by the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) ordered contested domain names transferred to the complainants after finding the other parties had no legitimate claim, it added. The latest batch of decisions coincided with the end of a two-day meeting in Geneva hosted by WIPO, in which 250 private sector experts took part.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/039582.htm
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The Art of Good Computer Security Writing
Good computer security documentation teaches practical solutions clearly. Yet, too often security documents suffer from too little explanation and too technical language. Much technical documentation in general, and computer security material in particular, assumes too

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MS confirms new security breach
For the second time in two weeks, Microsoft Corp. on Monday was forced to explain how an intruder could breach its computer system. According to the embarrassed software giant, the intruder was unable to do any serious damage. Just a week after admitting that an intruder gained unauthorized access to the company's corporate network, Microsoft confirmed that a Dutch hacker using the alias "Dimitri" exploited a known vulnerability in the company's Internet Information Server (ISS), the application used to power its site. Adding insult to injury, Dimitri posted news of the attack to the events.microsoft.com bulletin board late Friday.
http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,2650844,00.html
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/034019.htm
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Hackers hit GOP site as voting begins
A leading Republican Web site has been hacked in what Republicans said was an effort to discredit their candidate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Just hours before polls opened Tuesday, the Republican National Committee's Web site was hacked and replaced with a lengthy anti-Bush tirade, according to RNC spokesman Tom Yu, who added that the unknown hacker also left a link to Al Gore's campaign Web site. "It's obviously a dirty trick late in the campaign by the Democrats," Yu said. "We're disappointed at the large

amount of dirty tricks being played this late in the campaign by the Democrats, and we hope that Al Gore and the Democratic Party will join us in denouncing this kind of dirty trick."
http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-3420343.html
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Hacker pleads guilty to invading Stanford, JPL computers
A 20-year-old computer hacker has pleaded guilty to federal charges of infiltrating sensitive computer systems at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and at Stanford University. Jason Allen Diekman of Mission Viejo entered his plea under seal Monday after negotiating with prosecutors. U.S. District Judge Dean D. Pregerson set sentencing for Feb. 5. Diekman was charged in September with illegal hacking and using stolen credit card numbers to buy more than $6,000 worth of stereo speakers, clothing and computer equipment.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/023033.htm
http://www.latimes.com/business/cutting/20001107/t000106649.html
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Crown hints of plea deal in Mafiaboy hacker case
Crown and defence lawyers appear to be at odds about whether a Montreal teenager charged with crippling the Web sites of CNN, Yahoo, Amazon.com and eBay wants to plead guilty next month. At a Youth Court appearance yesterday, prosecutor Louis Miville-Deschênes asked that the case of the teenager, accused of being a computer hacker known as Mafiaboy, be postponed until Dec. 8 to "dispose of most of the charges." The 16-year-old's lead defence lawyer, Yan Romanowski, later denied that the remarks meant that the youth had agreed to enter a guilty plea to any of the charges.
http://www.globetechnology.com/archive/gam/News/20001107/UMAFIN.html
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Love Bug bites again
It's activation day for a new variant of the Love Bug virus, claimed to be even more destructive than the original, and it's been detected roaming through the tropics of Australia infecting a central Queensland power station. "VBS_COLOMBIO is very similar. We've received more reports of this than any other variant," Trend Micro Australian spokesperson told ZDNet.  Currently rated number two of the top viruses in Australia, the Love Bug variant, LOVELETTR.AS - otherwise known as VBS_COLOMBIA - has been scheduled to execute itself as an attachment to an infected user's address book. If the date is November 7, the virus will remove all connected network drives from the system. Placing today as a new event

on the calendar - "VBS_COLOMBIA Activation Day".
http://www.zdnet.com.au/news/dailynews/story/0,2000011358,20106769-1,00.htm
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Virus threat a hoax
Paranoia about "love bug" computer viruses are spawning a series of hoaxes and even the Ontario Provincial Police have been taken in. Yesterday, Sgt. Dave Rektor of the OPP's London-based regional headquarters issued a release warning about two new viruses. One called California IBM was embedded in e-mails and destroyed all information and software programs. A second called Budweiser Frogs was a screensaver that allowed hackers to crash hard drives and access passwords. The source for both warnings was reputed to be computer giant Microsoft.
http://www.canoe.ca/TechNews0011/07_virus-sun.html
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China tries to tighten grip on Internet news, chat rooms
China strengthened its censorship over the Internet on Tuesday, clamping restrictions on Web sites offering news reports and requiring chat rooms to use only officially approved topics. The new regulations, published in state run newspapers, would likely create more headaches for Chinese Web sites, already reeling from tough competition and a shortage of investment funds. But it could boost government-controlled media struggling to enter the Internet age.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/023148.htm
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<B style="color:black;background-color:#ffff66">Vote auction</B> site now says it was all a joke
A Web site that purported to buy and sell votes in the presidential election came clean Tuesday and said it was all a piece of political satire. The admission came after an Illinois judge ordered the site to shut down. A Massachusetts judge had also ordered that it stop offering votes in that state for sale. In addition, the site, voteauction.de, prompted investigations by California and Nebraska officials. State and federal laws prohibit buying and selling votes.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/067376.htm
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US Tech Group Urges Euro Cyber-Crime Convention Delay
A group of US high-tech executives is asking the Council of Europe to extend the deadline set for completion of a

draft international convention on cyber-crime, citing the need for less government intervention and more industry-led solutions to worldwide computer crime. At a workshop on security and privacy in Berlin today, members of the Global Internet Project (GIP) - a coalition of executives from telecommunications and computer services corporations in the US and Europe - issued a statement asking the council to postpone its self-imposed deadline for the cyber-crime convention. The GIP said the convention as drafted would place an undue economic and legal burdened on Internet service providers (ISPs).
http://www.newsbytes.com/pubNews/00/157811.html
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Combating Internet crimes and threats
With cybercrime on the rise, even more attention is being paid to using the law to fight the cybercrooks. Only days ago, it was reported that the blueprints to the latest versions of Microsoft's (MSFT) Windows and Office software package were stolen. Computer security experts believe that a fairly well-known "worm" virus called QAZ, which first surfaced in China several months ago, was used to break into Microsoft's systems.
http://www.upside.com/Upside_Counsel/3a06fede1.html
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Cybercrime soars in the UK
Cybercrime accounted for half of all fraud committed in the UK in the first six months of this year, according to a legal expert. Steven Philippsohn, senior litigation partner at law firm Philippsohn, Crawfords, Berwald, said this figure would rise as it becomes easier for criminals to break online security. Speaking at the Compsec computer security conference in London last week, he said: "The internet is a criminal's charter. There is an increasing number of targets and despite what people say, buying online is not the same as giving your credit card to someone in a restaurant.
http://www.vnunet.com/News/1113497
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Child porn informers not always welcome
Adult site operator Alec Helmy sends more than 200 links to child pornography Web pages to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Customs Service each month for investigation. He wants to do more, but can't get the agencies to return his calls. After three years and thousands of leads, Helmy, director of Adult Sites Against Child Pornography, is frustrated he can't open

a dialogue with federal law enforcement. Clearly, the leads are being followed: between 80 and 100 of the links ASACP sends in each month are shut down quickly. "Something seems to be happening, but much more could happen if there was an open channel of communication," Helmy said.
http://www.zdnet.co.uk/news/2000/44/ns-18918.html
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Cyprus cracks down on software piracy
Cyprus is cracking down on illegal copying of computer software, a practice that accounts for as much as 70 percent of all software used at workplaces on the island, a legal adviser to the industry said Saturday. The U.S.-based Business Software Alliance (BSA), representing leading software firms, estimates that 14,000 of 20,000 computers sold in Cyprus last year were loaded with unauthorized products. "It is estimated that about 13 to 14 million pounds ($19.8-21.3 million) was the loss of revenue last year for the software industry," said Achilleas Demetriades, Cyprus legal adviser for the BSA and other international and local industry groups campaigning for copyright protection.
http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/11/04/tech.cyprus.piracy.reut/index.html
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Internet-Related Stock Fraud Cases Increasing - SEC
Nearly a quarter of all federal securities investigations now involve some form of Internet-related stock fraud, scams that already have risen 37 percent over calendar-year 1999 figures, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Stephen Cutler, deputy director of the SEC's Enforcement Division, said the most recent wave of cases brought by the commission have focused on secondary stock manipulation schemes, where fraud perpetrators use e-mail and other online forms of communication to create a market for particular stock - often small, penny stocks - for which no strong demand currently exists. Cutler said the SEC has brought a total of 88 Internet related fraud cases so far this year, compared with 55 in 1999, and 43 in 1998.
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French actor Delon wins cybersquatting case
French actor Alain Delon, KLM airlines, Nintendo, Suzuki Motor Corp and EMI Group have won their cases against alleged cybersquatters, the United Nations trademark and

copyright protection agency said on Tuesday. Independent arbitrators named by the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) ordered contested domain names transferred to the complainants after finding the other parties had no legitimate claim, it added. The latest batch of decisions coincided with the end of a two-day meeting in Geneva hosted by WIPO, in which 250 private sector experts took part.
http://www0.mercurycenter.com/svtech/news/breaking/merc/docs/039582.htm
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# > L'arte degli Yes Men

*Esce in questi giorni il libro "NET.ART - L'arte della connessione" di Marco Deseriis e Giuseppe Marano entrambi fondatori del nodo italiano di TheThing e animatori della scena net.artistica internazionale.*
*Il libro edito dalla milanese ShaKe (224 pagine, 15 euro) è una vera e propria bibbia di pratiche artistiche non convenzionali nata nella rete e per la rete.*

*Un fonte infinita di suggestioni e suggerimenti per ogni guerrigliero del marketing.*

*Siamo orgogliosi di poter pubblicare in anteprima il capitolo relativo a uno dei gruppi più interessanti del panorama: gli YesMen.*

## L'uomo dal fallo d'oro

Chiudiamo gli occhi e immaginiamo di trovarci di fronte un consesso. Più precisamente, una convention internazionale di ricercatori, scienziati e industriali che discutono del futuro della fibra tessile. La platea è ora ammaliata da un oratore che indossa una tuta dorata, da cui fuoriesce un gigantesco fallo gonfiabile della grandezza di una mazza da baseball. Non si tratta di un megalomane, ma, apparentemente, di un rappresentante della World Trade Organization. Illustrando le proprietà della sua tuta, l'uomo spiega quanto sia duro il lavoro del manager che deve organizzare la manodopera remotamente.

Dice che nell'era del telelavoro la sua Management Leisure Suit rappresenta la soluzione a due problemi di gestione cruciali: "come mantenere i rapporti con i lavoratori a distanza e come mantenere la propria salute mentale di manager con il giusto correspettivo di relax". La platea di professori lo ascolta con interesse stupito e, alla fine, gli dedica un lungo applauso.

Apriamo ora gli occhi e cerchiamo un appiglio nella realtà. Le pagine finanziarie dei giornali finlandesi dell'agosto 2001 ci indicano una pista. L'uomo con la tuta dorata e il gigantesco fallo appare qui ritratto in diverse fotografie. Secondo i giornali si chiama Hank Hardy Unruh e partecipa, in qualità di rappresentante del WTO, al seminario "Fibre e tessuti per il futuro" che si tiene presso l'Università della Tecnologia di Tampere, i giorni 16 e 17 Agosto. Ad invitarlo è stato il professor Pertti Nousiainen dell'Istituto di Scienze dei Materiali in Fibre, che ha organizzato

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l'incontro per celebrare i 90 anni della ricerca scientifica nel tessile in Finlandia. Oltre a vari luminari del settore, il programma prevede anche un intervento del Commissario Europeo Erkki Liikanen.

Nonostante l'outfit quanto meno singolare, per il professore Nousiainen la presentazione di Hardy Hunruh "è stata un successo. All'esterno vestiva in modo normale. Tutti si chiedevano come mai avesse una zip sul retro della giacca". Dopo che Hunruh fa lo strip-tease grazie a un aiutante, e inizia a gonfiare il fallo di plastica con una bomboletta a gas, in molti si chiedono chi sia costui. Ma nessuno fiata. La platea lo segue in religioso silenzio, mentre elogia l'efficienza e la produttività del lavoro schiavile e si lancia in ardite digressioni storiche sull'inutilità della guerra civile americana (che avrebbe portato all'abolizione della schiavitù) o della disobbedienza gandhiana (bollata come un movimento anti-globalizzazione). Un panegirico del libero mercato che raggiunge l'apice con la presentazione della Management Leisure Suit, una tuta ideata dal WTO, che consentirebbe ai manager di monitorare gli operai tramite dei chips direttamente collegati al loro corpo. Secondo Hardy Unruh "se non vi sono problemi nella produzione, la tuta trasmette impulsi positivi" rilassando il manager e, per riflesso, il lavoratore stesso.

L'appendice fallica sarebbe invece una sorta di terzo occhio, tramite il quale il dirigente può controllare direttamente i lavoratori, video-sorvegliati 24 ore su 24. In questo modo, "favorendo la comunicazione totale all'interno del suo corpo - su una scala mai possibile prima - la corporation diventa un unico corpus".

Chiudendo il suo paradossale intervento con un ambiguo "grazie, sono molto eccitato di essere qui" Hardy Unruh incassa il suo applauso e relative congratulazioni. A nessuno, tra scienziati e professori universitari, viene in mente che possa trattarsi di un impostore. Neanche a Nousiainen che aveva scritto alcune settimane prima un'e-mail al WTO, invitando al seminario il Direttore Generale Mike Moore. Eppure il professore non sa di non aver contattato il vero WTO, ma i gestori del sito gatt.org, che emula perfettamente la grafica e il linguaggio del sito ufficiale dell'Organizzazione Mondiale del Commercio. In realtà gatt.org è gestito dagli Yes Men, un gruppo di attivisti che lo hanno ricevuto in donazione da ®™ark dopo il round di Seattle.

L'arcano è dunque svelato. Quando gli Yes Men ricevono un invito da qualcuno che scambia il loro sito per l'originale, rispondono fingendosi veri funzionari del WTO. Inviano quindi un sostituto di Mike Moore, essendo quello del Direttore Generale un volto troppo conosciuto per poterlo rimpiazzare con un attore. Quando il sostituto si presenta alla conferenza porta fino alle sue estreme conseguenze la filosofia neo-liberista, mettendo alla prova la capacità di critica e di reazione del pubblico. Il quale, non potendo mettere in discussione l'autorevolezza di chi parla, accetta ogni genere di argomentazioni.

Il "colpo" di Tampere non è né il primo né l'ultimo della serie. Già nell'Ottobre del 2000 gli Yes Men avevano inviato un certo doctor Andreas Bilchbauer a una conferenza organizzata dal Centre for Legal Studies di Salisburgo. Anche in quella occasione, Bilchbauer aveva sostenuto delle tesi a dir poco singolari: il fallimento della fusione KLM-Alitalia sarebbe stato dovuto al fatto che "gli Olandesi lavorano di giorno e dormono di notte, mentre gli Italiani dormono anche di giorno". Le democrazie rappresentative andrebbero modernizzate attraverso una riforma radicale del sistema elettorale basato sulla messa all'asta del voto al miglior

offerente (Vote Auction). Anche in quell'occasione, nessuno degli avvocati presenti aveva avuto nulla da obiettare. Solo nel momento in cui il gruppo aveva inscenato l'assurda morte del rappresentante (colpito da una torta in faccia intossicante) a qualcuno erano sorti dei dubbi.

Nel maggio 2002 gli Yes Men hanno messo a segno altri due colpi. Il primo all'Università di Plattsburgh, una cittadina dello Stato di New York, vicina al confine col Canada. Questa volta, il rappresentante del WTO, Kinnithrung Sprat era in compagnia di Mike Bonanno, responsabile Public Relations di McDonald.

Dopo aver offerto agli studenti degli hamburger McDonald, i due hanno illustrato agli studenti un programma per combattere la fame nel mondo: il riciclaggio di carne bovina tramite filtraggio. Si tratta di un metodo per filtrare e riciclare gli hamburger fino a dieci volte, dopo che il consumatore l'ha digeriti e defecati. In questo modo i prezzi al consumo diventerebbero abbordabili anche per quei due miliardi di persone che non possono ancora permettersi un hamburger "fresco al 100%". Poiché l'uomo "aspira naturalmente a una qualità migliore" - argomenta Sprat - quando il consumatore ha consumato un hamburger riciclato due o tre volte, "può vendere il suo sottoprodotto agli altri consumatori che vengono dopo. Si sviluppa così un'economia del traino, che consente alle popolazioni sottosviluppate di consumare a volontà, senza ricorrere a forme di socialismo come la chirurgia dello stomaco o il protezionismo". In questa occasione, la platea di studenti di Plattsburgh non l'ha presa bene, anche perché i due hanno rivelato che gli hamburger distribuiti gratuitamente prima dell'inizio della conferenza contenevano un "20% di scarto da post-consumatore".

L'ultimo stunt degli Yes Men è avvenuto a Sydney, a distanza di pochi giorni dall'apparizione precedente. Di fronte a una platea attonita di contabili, Sprat ha snocciolato la serie impressionante di dati statistici che stavano spingendo la WTO a sciogliersi e "a rifondarsi come Trade Regulation Organization (TRO), un'organizzazione che si ispira alla Carta dei Diritti Umani delle Nazioni Unite". Tra questi, l'aumento dal 1980 "del 50% delle persone che vivono con meno di 2 dollari al giorno, il crollo dell'export nelle nazioni meno sviluppate (dal 40% allo 0.4%), l'impossibilità per queste nazioni di mantenere persino un ufficio a Ginevra". Ripresa da alcuni siti, la notizia era rimbalzata fino al Canada grazie al sistema di vasi comunicanti delle mailing lists. Era quindi piombata sul tavolo del deputato John Duncan. Giunto il suo turno nel question time del Parlamento, Duncan aveva rivolto un'urgente interrogazione al Ministro del Commercio chiedendo come il Governo canadese avrebbe affrontato le dispute commerciali ora che la WTO aveva deciso di sciogliersi. Chiaramente sorpreso dalla domanda, il Ministro aveva risposto con la un generico il "Governo canadese continuerà a dibattere le sue cause presso la WTO". Poche ore dopo la WTO era costretto a una secca smentita ufficiale dal quartier generale di Ginevra.

Gli esperimenti degli Yes Men sono dunque dei veri e propri test sulla soggezione all'autorità nell'era del mercato globale. Sebbene non abbiano un intento scientifico, ricordano quel Milgrim Authorithy Test con cui nel 1963, uomini e donne americani venivano invitati a Yale per rilasciare delle scariche di elettroshock a un uomo che rispondeva a un questionario. Ogni volta che l'uomo (un attore in realtà) forniva una risposta errata, l'interrogante doveva inviargli una scarica elettrica di intensità crescente (fittizia ovviamente). Con le ultime scosse l'attore simulava sofferenze

atroci, di una persona prossima alla morte. Tuttavia, incredibilmente, in pochissimi rifiutavano di assumere il ruolo di torturatori. Per la maggior parte dei partecipanti l'autorità dell'istituto e la necessità di eseguire il test scientifico fino in fondo, rappresentavano una garanzia sufficiente per proseguire in un simile lavoro.

Se gli americani del Milgrim Authorithy Test avevano un livello di istruzione media gli Yes Men si presentano di fronte a platee di avvocati e ricercatori di fama internazionale. Tuttavia, l'autorità del WTO sembra essere tale da azzerare ogni capacità di critica soggettiva. "Nel nome del WTO, uno potrebbe anche arrivare a giustificare l'omicidio, senza tener conto dell'intelligenza e della preparazione del pubblico" afferma Bilchbauer-Hardy-Sprat.

Acquisendo autorità grazie al gioco identitario della Rete e usando abilmente codici del marketing, gli Yes Men riescono ad infiltare in quei templi della nuova economia globalizzata innescano una matrice performativa altamente immaginativa. Per realizzarla si appoggiano a un ampio network di collaboratori, che li aiuta a curare ogni dettaglio. Dai sarti che preparano "i costumi di scena", ai designers e animatori 3D che realizzano la grafica delle presentazioni in Power Point, a un team di programmatori (The Yes Men Spit) che scrive software per mantenere sempre aggiornati i siti clonati. Uno dei problemi principali del plagio online è che la rapida evoluzione del web può rendere l'originale e il clone molto dissimili nel giro di pochi giorni. Per ovviare a questa perdita di fedeltà la Special Initiative Programming Task (SPIT) degli Yes Men ha creato un software chiamato Reamweaver che va installato su un server che supporti il Perl e il cgi e il Php. Una volta installato, Reamweaver effettua automaticamente una copia del sito target, e ne monitora ogni aggiornamento riproducendolo in tempo reale sul sito clone. La grafica rimane la stessa ovviamente, mentre è possibile operare una serie di sostituzioni testuali (ad esempio Bin Laden con Satana o George W. Bush con Leader) intervenendo su un file di testo (substitutions.txt). Le parole chiave possono essere sostituite anche con più termini alternativi, che verranno selezionati in basi alle percentuali indicate (ad esempio si può stabilire che Silvio Berlusconi venga sostituito il 50% delle volte con Piccolo Cesare e un altro 50% con Re Mida).

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## The man from makes it of gold

We close the eyes and we imagine to find of forehead an assembly. More just, a convention international of investigators, scientists and manufacturers who discuss about the future of the fiber you weave them. The platea is hour charmed from a oratore that wears one golden coveralls, from which a fuoriesce gigantic one makes it of the largeness of one mace from baseball inflatable. Not draft of megalomane, but, apparently, of a representative of the World Trade Organization. Illustrating the property of its coveralls, the man explains how much is hard the job of the manager that he must organize the labor remotely.

It says that in it was of telelavoro the its Management Leisure Suit represents the solution to two crucial problems of management: "like maintaining the relationships with the workers at a distance and like maintaining the own mental health of manager with the just correspettivo of relax".
The platea of university professors listens to it with astonished interest and, to the end, it dedicates to it along applause.

We open hour the eyes and we try I seize in the truth. The pages financial institutions of Finnish newspapers of August 2001 indicate us one track. The man with the golden coveralls and the gigantic one makes it appears here ritratto in various photographies. According to newspapers Hank Hardy Unruh is called and participates, in quality of representative of the WTO, to the seminary "woven Fibers and for the future" that is kept near

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the University of the Technology of Tampere, 17 16 days and August. To invite it it has been professor the Pertti Nousiainen of the Institute of Sciences of the Materials in Fibers, that it has organized the encounter in order to celebrate the 90 years of the scientific search in you weave them in Finland. Beyond to several luminari of the field, the program previews also an participation of European Commissioner Erkki Liikanen.

Although the outfit at least singular, for Nousiainen university professor the presentation of Hardy Hunruh "has been happening. To the outside it dressed in normal way. All were asked as never it had one zip on the back of the jacket ". After that Hunruh makes the striptease thanks to an assistant, and begins to swell makes it of plastic with a cylinder to gas, in many they ask who is costui. But nobody breathes. The platea follows it in religious Hush, while it praises the efficiency and the productivity of the schiavile job and nozzle in dared historical digressioni on the uselessness of the civil war American (that it would have carried to the abolition of the slavery) or the gandhiana disobedience (stamped like a movement anti-globalization). A panegyric of the free market that catches up the apex with the presentation of the Management Leisure Suit, a coveralls devised from the WTO, that it would concur with the manager of monitorare the laborers through of the Chips directly connects you to their body. According to Hardy Unruh "if not there are problems in the production, the coveralls transmits to positive impulses you" rilassando the manager and, for glare, the same worker.

The phallic appendix would be instead rising of third eye, through which the leader can control the workers directly, video-watched 24 hours on 24. In this way, "favoring the communication total to the inside of its body - on a never possible scale before - the corporation it becomes an only one corpus".

Closing its paradoxical participation with ambiguous "thanks, they are a lot excited of being here" Hardy Unruh embeds its applause and relative congratulations. To nobody, between university scientists and university professors, it comes in mind that can be be a matter of a impostore. Neanche to Nousiainen that had written some weeks before an email to the WTO, inviting to the seminary the General manager Mike Moore. Nevertheless the university professor does not know not to have contacted the true WTO, but the managers of the situated one gatt.org, that he perfectly emulates the diagram and the language of the situated official of the World-wide Organization of the Commerce. In truth gatt.org he is managed from the Yes Men , a group of activists who have received it in donation from ®™ark after the round of Seattle.

The mysterious one therefore is revealed. When the Yes Men receives I invite from that it exchanges their situated one for originates it them, answer pretending true civil employees of the WTO. They send therefore to a substitute of Mike Moore, being that one of the General manager a face too much known for being able to replace it with an actor. When the substitute introduces to the conference door until its extreme consequences the neo-liberista philosophy, putting to the test the ability to critic and reaction of the public. Which, not being able to put in argument the authority of who it speaks, every chip ax kind of reasonings.

A "blow" of Tampere is not neither first neither the last one of the series. In the October of the 2000 the Yes Men had already sended sure doctor to a Andreas Bilchbauer to one organized conference from the Centre for Legal Studies di Salisburgo. Also in that occasion, Bilchbauer had

supported of the theses to say little singular: the failure of the KLM-Alitalia fusion would have been had to the fact that "the Dutch work of day and sleep of night, while the Italians sleep also of day". The representative democracies would go modernized through a radical reform of the electoral system based on the putting to the auction of the ballot to the better offerer (Vote Auction). Also in that occasion, nobody of the present lawyers had had null to object. In the moment in which the group the absurd one died of the representative (hit from a cake in face had inscenato intoxicant) to someone they were only fates of the doubts.

In May 2002 the Yes Men two blows have put to sign others. The first one to the University of Plattsburgh, one city of the State of New York, neighbor to the border with Canada. This time, the representative of the WTO, Kinnithrung Sprat was in company of Mike Bonanno, responsible Public Relations di McDonald.

After to have offered to the students of the McDonald hamburgers, the two have illustrated to the students a program in order to fight the hunger in the world: the recycling of bovine meat through filtering. Draft of a method in order to filter and to recycle hamburgers until ten times, after that the consumer has digested it and defecates to you. In this way the prices to the consumption would become approachable also for those two billions of persons who cannot still allow a fresh hamburger "to 100%". Since the man "aspires naturally to a better quality" - Sprat argues - when the consumer has consumed a recycled hamburger two or three times, "can sell its by-product to the other consumers who come after. An economy of the towing develops itself therefore, that it concurs with the underdeveloped populations to consume a.voluntad, without to rerun to shapes of Socialism like the surgery of the stomach or the protectionism ". In this occasion, the platea of students of Plattsburgh has not taken it well, also because the two have revealed that the hamburgers distributed free of charge before the beginning of the conference contained a "20% of refuse from post-consumer".

The last one stunt of the Yes Men has happened to Sydney, at a distance of little days from the previous apparition. Of forehead to one platea overwhelmed of accountants, Sprat has snocciolato the impressive series of gives to you statistical that was pushing the WTO to melt itself and "rifondar like Trade Regulation Organization (TRO), an organization that is inspired to the Paper of the Human Rights of the United Nations". Between these, the increase from 1980 "of 50% of the persons who live with less than 2 dollars to the day, the landslide of the export in the nations less developed (from 40% to the 0,4%), the impossibility for these nations to even maintain an office to Geneva". Resumption from some situated ones, the news was bounced until Canada thanks to the system of is gone communicating of the mailing lists. It was therefore sealed with lead on the table of deputy John Duncan. Reached its turn in question the Time of the Parliament, Duncan it had turned a urgent interrogation to the Minister of the Commerce asking as the Canadian Government would have faced the disputes trades them hour that the WTO had decided to melt itself. Clearly been strange from the question, the Minister had answered with generic a "Canadian Government will continue to debate its causes near the WTO". Little hours after the WTO sand bank was forced to one official refutation from the quartier general of Geneva.

The experiments of the Yes Men are therefore of the true and own tests on the subjection to the authority in it was of the total market. Although

they do not have a scientific attempt, they remember that Milgrim Authorithy Test with which in 1963, men and women Americans they came invites to you to Yale for rilasciare of the scariche of electric shock treatment to a man who answered to a questionnaire. Every time that the man (an actor in truth) supplied a wrong answer, interrogating obviously had inviargli to a discharge electrical worker of increasing intensity (fictitious). With the last jolt the actor simulated atrocious suffering, of one next person to the dead women. However, incredibly, in least they refused to assume the role of torturatori. For the greater part of the participants the authority of the institute and the necessity to execute the scientific test until in bottom, represented one sufficient guarantee in order to continue in a similar job.

If the Americans of the Milgrim Authorithy Test had a level of medium instruction the Yes Men they introduce of forehead to platee of lawyers and investigators of international reputation. However, the authority of the WTO seems to be such to annul every ability to subjective critic. "In the name of the WTO, one it could also succeed in to justify the homicide, without to hold account of intelligence and of the preparation of the public" it asserts Bilchbauer-Hardy-Sprat.

Acquiring authority thanks to the identitario game of the Net and using skillfully codes of the marketing, the Yes Men performativa matrix succeeds to infiltare in those templi of the new globalizzata economy primes one highly imaginative. In order to realize it they are leaned to a wide one network of collaborators, than it helps them to cure every detail. From it knows that they prepare "the scene customs", to designers and the entertainers 3D that they realize the diagram of the presentations in Power Point, a team to you of programmatori (The Yes Men Spit) that software writes in order to always maintain modernizes the situated ones to you clonati. One of the main problems of plagio the online is that the fast evolution of the web can render originates it them and clone the many dissimilar nel.giro.di little days. In order to obviate to this loss of fidelity the Special Initiative Programming Task (SPIT) of the Yes Men it has created a called software Reamweaver that goes installed on a serveur that supports the Perl and the cgi and the Php. Once installed, Reamweaver automatically carries out one copy of the situated one target, and of monitora every modernization reproducing it in real time on the situated one clone. The diagram obviously remains the same one, while series of testuali substitutions (Bin Laden with Satana or George W. Bush with Leader is possible as an example to operate one) taking part on text rows (substitutions.txt). The words key can be replaced also with more terms alternated to you, that they will come selects to you in bases to the indicated percentages (as an example can be established that Silvio Berlusconi comes replaced 50% of the times with Small Cesar and an other 50% with King Mida).

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# > L'arte degli Yes Men

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## L'uomo dal fallo d'oro

Chiudiamo gli occhi e immaginiamo di trovarci di fronte un consesso. Più precisamente, una convention internazionale di ricercatori, scienziati e industriali che discutono del futuro della fibra tessile. La platea è ora ammaliata da un oratore che indossa una tuta dorata, da cui fuoriesce un gigantesco fallo gonfiabile della grandezza di una mazza da baseball. Non si tratta di un megalomane, ma, apparentemente, di un rappresentante della World Trade Organization. Illustrando le proprietà della sua tuta, l'uomo spiega quanto sia duro il lavoro del manager che deve organizzare la manodopera remotamente.

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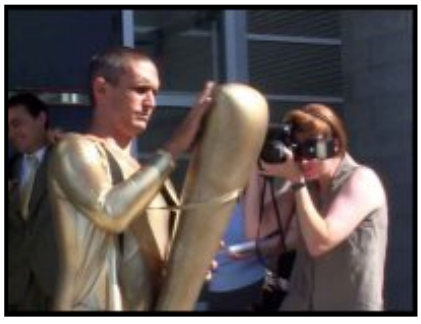
Dice che nell'era del telelavoro la sua Management Leisure Suit rappresenta la soluzione a due problemi di gestione cruciali: "come mantenere i rapporti con i lavoratori a distanza e come mantenere la propria salute mentale di manager con il giusto correspettivo di relax". La platea di professori lo ascolta con interesse stupito e, alla fine, gli dedica un lungo applauso.

Apriamo ora gli occhi e cerchiamo un appiglio nella realtà. Le pagine finanziarie dei giornali finlandesi dell'agosto 2001 ci indicano una pista. L'uomo con la tuta dorata e il gigantesco fallo appare qui ritratto in diverse fotografie. Secondo i giornali si chiama Hank Hardy Unruh e partecipa, in qualità di rappresentante del WTO, al seminario "Fibre e tessuti per il futuro" che si tiene presso l'Università della Tecnologia di Tampere, i giorni 16 e 17 Agosto. Ad invitarlo è stato il professor Pertti Nousiainen dell'Istituto di Scienze dei Materiali in Fibre, che ha organizzato l'incontro per celebrare i 90 anni della ricerca scientifica nel tessile in Finlandia. Oltre a vari luminari del settore, il programma prevede anche un intervento del Commissario Europeo Erkki Liikanen.

Nonostante l'outfit quanto meno singolare, per il professore Nousiainen la presentazione di Hardy Hunruh "è stata un successo. All'esterno vestiva in modo normale. Tutti si chiedevano come mai avesse una zip sul retro della giacca". Dopo che Hunruh fa lo strip-tease grazie a un aiutante, e inizia a gonfiare il fallo di plastica con una bomboletta a gas, in molti si chiedono chi sia costui. Ma nessuno fiata. La platea lo segue in religioso silenzio, mentre elogia l'efficienza e la produttività del lavoro schiavile e si lancia in ardite digressioni storiche sull'inutilità della guerra civile americana (che avrebbe portato all'abolizione della schiavitù) o della disobbedienza gandhiana (bollata come un movimento anti-globalizzazione). Un panegirico del libero mercato che raggiunge l'apice con la presentazione della Management Leisure Suit, una tuta ideata dal WTO, che consentirebbe ai manager di monitorare gli operai tramite dei chips direttamente collegati al loro corpo. Secondo Hardy Unruh "se non vi sono problemi nella produzione, la tuta trasmette impulsi positivi" rilassando il manager e, per riflesso, il lavoratore stesso.



L'appendice fallica sarebbe invece una sorta di terzo occhio, tramite il quale il dirigente può controllare direttamente i lavoratori, video-sorvegliati 24 ore su 24. In questo modo, "favorendo la comunicazione totale all'interno del suo corpo - su una scala mai possibile prima - la corporation diventa un unico corpus".

Chiudendo il suo paradossale intervento con un ambiguo "grazie, sono molto eccitato di essere qui" Hardy Unruh incassa il suo applauso e relative congratulazioni. A nessuno, tra scienziati e professori universitari, viene in mente che possa trattarsi di un impostore. Neanche a Nousiainen che aveva scritto alcune settimane prima un'e-mail al WTO, invitando al seminario il Direttore Generale Mike Moore. Eppure il professore non sa di non aver contattato il vero WTO, ma i gestori del sito gatt.org, che emula perfettamente la grafica e il linguaggio del sito ufficiale dell'Organizzazione Mondiale del Commercio. In realtà gatt.org è gestito dagli Yes Men, un gruppo di attivisti che lo hanno ricevuto in donazione da ®™ark dopo il

round di Seattle.

L'arcano è dunque svelato. Quando gli Yes Men ricevono un invito da qualcuno che scambia il loro sito per l'originale, rispondono fingendosi veri funzionari del WTO. Inviano quindi un sostituto di Mike Moore, essendo quello del Direttore Generale un volto troppo conosciuto per poterlo rimpiazzare con un attore. Quando il sostituto si presenta alla conferenza porta fino alle sue estreme conseguenze la filosofia neo-liberista, mettendo alla prova la capacità di critica e di reazione del pubblico. Il quale, non potendo mettere in discussione l'autorevolezza di chi parla, accetta ogni genere di argomentazioni.

Il "colpo" di Tampere non è né il primo né l'ultimo della serie. Già nell'Ottobre del 2000 gli Yes Men avevano inviato un certo doctor Andreas Bilchbauer a una conferenza organizzata dal Centre for Legal Studies di Salisburgo. Anche in quella occasione, Bilchbauer aveva sostenuto delle tesi a dir poco singolari: il fallimento della fusione KLM-Alitalia sarebbe stato dovuto al fatto che "gli Olandesi lavorano di giorno e dormono di notte, mentre gli Italiani dormono anche di giorno". Le democrazie rappresentative andrebbero modernizzate attraverso una riforma radicale del sistema elettorale basato sulla messa all'asta del voto al miglior offerente (**Vote Auction**). Anche in quell'occasione, nessuno degli avvocati presenti aveva avuto nulla da obiettare. Solo nel momento in cui il gruppo aveva inscenato l'assurda morte del rappresentante (colpito da una torta in faccia intossicante) a qualcuno erano sorti dei dubbi.

Nel maggio 2002 gli Yes Men hanno messo a segno altri due colpi. Il primo all'Università di Plattsburgh, una cittadina dello Stato di New York, vicina al confine col Canada. Questa volta, il rappresentante del WTO, Kinnithrung Sprat era in compagnia di Mike Bonanno, responsabile Public Relations di McDonald.

Dopo aver offerto agli studenti degli hamburger McDonald, i due hanno illustrato agli studenti un programma per combattere la fame nel mondo: il riciclaggio di carne bovina tramite filtraggio. Si tratta di un metodo per filtrare e riciclare gli hamburger fino a dieci volte, dopo che il consumatore l'ha digeriti e defecati. In questo modo i prezzi al consumo diventerebbero abbordabili anche per quei due miliardi di persone che non possono ancora permettersi un hamburger "fresco al 100%". Poiché l'uomo "aspira naturalmente a una qualità migliore" - argomenta Sprat - quando il consumatore ha consumato un hamburger riciclato due o tre volte, "può vendere il suo sottoprodotto agli altri consumatori che vengono dopo. Si sviluppa così un'economia del traino, che consente alle popolazioni sottosviluppate di consumare a volontà, senza ricorrere a forme di socialismo come la chirurgia dello stomaco o il protezionismo". In questa occasione, la platea di studenti di Plattsburgh non l'ha presa bene, anche perché i due hanno rivelato che gli hamburger distribuiti gratuitamente prima dell'inizio della conferenza contenevano un "20% di scarto da post-consumatore".

L'ultimo stunt degli Yes Men è avvenuto a Sydney, a distanza di pochi giorni dall'apparizione precedente. Di fronte a una platea attonita di contabili, Sprat ha snocciolato la serie impressionante di dati statistici che stavano spingendo la WTO a sciogliersi e "a rifondarsi come Trade Regulation Organization (TRO), un'organizzazione che si ispira alla Carta dei Diritti Umani delle Nazioni Unite". Tra questi, l'aumento dal 1980 "del 50% delle persone che vivono con meno di 2 dollari al giorno, il crollo dell'export nelle nazioni meno sviluppate (dal 40% allo 0.4%),

l'impossibilità per queste nazioni di mantenere persino un ufficio a Ginevra". Ripresa da alcuni siti, la notizia era rimbalzata fino al Canada grazie al sistema di vasi comunicanti delle mailing lists. Era quindi piombata sul tavolo del deputato John Duncan. Giunto il suo turno nel question time del Parlamento, Duncan aveva rivolto un'urgente interrogazione al Ministro del Commercio chiedendo come il Governo canadese avrebbe affrontato le dispute commerciali ora che la WTO aveva deciso di sciogliersi. Chiaramente sorpreso dalla domanda, il Ministro aveva risposto con la un generico il "Governo canadese continuerà a dibattere le sue cause presso la WTO". Poche ore dopo la WTO era costretto a una secca smentita ufficiale dal quartier generale di Ginevra.

Gli esperimenti degli Yes Men sono dunque dei veri e propri test sulla soggezione all'autorità nell'era del mercato globale. Sebbene non abbiano un intento scientifico, ricordano quel Milgrim Authorithy Test con cui nel 1963, uomini e donne americani venivano invitati a Yale per rilasciare delle scariche di elettroshock a un uomo che rispondeva a un questionario. Ogni volta che l'uomo (un attore in realtà) forniva una risposta errata, l'interrogante doveva inviargli una scarica elettrica di intensità crescente (fittizia ovviamente). Con le ultime scosse l'attore simulava sofferenze atroci, di una persona prossima alla morte. Tuttavia, incredibilmente, in pochissimi rifiutavano di assumere il ruolo di torturatori. Per la maggior parte dei partecipanti l'autorità dell'istituto e la necessità di eseguire il test scientifico fino in fondo, rappresentavano una garanzia sufficiente per proseguire in un simile lavoro.

Se gli americani del Milgrim Authorithy Test avevano un livello di istruzione media gli Yes Men si presentano di fronte a platee di avvocati e ricercatori di fama internazionale. Tuttavia, l'autorità del WTO sembra essere tale da azzerare ogni capacità di critica soggettiva. "Nel nome del WTO, uno potrebbe anche arrivare a giustificare l'omicidio, senza tener conto dell'intelligenza e della preparazione del pubblico" afferma Bilchbauer-Hardy-Sprat.

Acquisendo autorità grazie al gioco identitario della Rete e usando abilmente codici del marketing, gli Yes Men riescono ad infiltare in quei templi della nuova economia globalizzata innescano una matrice performativa altamente immaginativa. Per realizzarla si appoggiano a un ampio network di collaboratori, che li aiuta a curare ogni dettaglio. Dai sarti che preparano "i costumi di scena", ai designers e animatori 3D che realizzano la grafica delle presentazioni in Power Point, a un team di programmatori (The Yes Men Spit) che scrive software per mantenere sempre aggiornati i siti clonati. Uno dei problemi principali del plagio online è che la rapida evoluzione del web può rendere l'originale e il clone molto dissimili nel giro di pochi giorni. Per ovviare a questa perdita di fedeltà la Special Initiative Programming Task (SPIT) degli Yes Men ha creato un software chiamato Reamweaver che va installato su un server che supporti il Perl e il cgi e il Php. Una volta installato, Reamweaver effettua automaticamente una copia del sito target, e ne monitora ogni aggiornamento riproducendolo in tempo reale sul sito clone. La grafica rimane la stessa ovviamente, mentre è possibile operare una serie di sostituzioni testuali (ad esempio Bin Laden con Satana o George W. Bush con Leader) intervenendo su un file di testo (substitutions.txt). Le parole chiave possono essere sostituite anche con più termini alternativi, che verranno selezionati in basi alle percentuali indicate (ad esempio si può stabilire che Silvio Berlusconi venga sostituito il 50% delle volte con Piccolo Cesare e un altro 50% con Re Mida).

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**INKE ARNS AT THE SEMINAR OF CONTEMPORARY PERFORMING ARTS.**

**AFFIRMATION AND/AS RESISTANCE: ON THE STRATEGY OF SUBVERSIVE AFFIRMATION IN CONTEMPORARY MEDIA ACTIVIST ART**

The Contemporary Performing Arts Seminar is this year held under the title Strategies of Non-conformism. It will focus on the activist, non-civilian and non-conformist practices in contemporary art, and on the recognition of similar approaches in contemporary performing arts.

The Seminar will begin with a lecture by Inke Arns, media theoretician and curator from Berlin. She will speak about new media and theatre projects that use strategies of subversive affirmation in order to disclose their opponent's image. Her examples are the projects Deportation Class, Please love Austria!, Vote-auction.com, and The Yes Men, all of which took on the tactics of resistance through apparent affirmation, alliance and corporate identity of their opponents. If the political and economic dominant can today be described as the one who takes over and adapts even the standpoints that are critical of it, then the critical distance no longer appears to be an efficient strategy.

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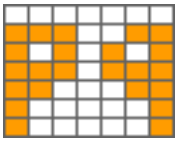



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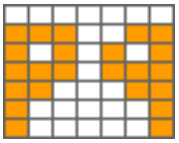

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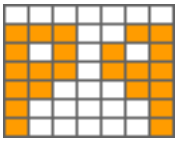



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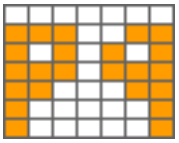

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### LINKS

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maggio 1996: **net art per se**

**heath bunting**
1994: **King's Cross Phone-in**
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**alexei shulgin**
1995: **Turn Off Your TV Set**
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**Olia Lialina**
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**Anna Karenina goes to Paradise**

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2 interviste a **Paul Virilio**(1995 e 1999), in **Mediamente**
6 interviste a **Derrick De Kerchove** (1995-1996), in **Mediamente**

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**Cosic/Shulgin/Broekmann**
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**alexei shulgin**
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**abc**
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**heath bunting**
**Own, Be Owned, Remain Invisible**

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**Ascii Cam**

**vuk cosic**
**Storia ascii delle immagini in movimento**

**lev manovich**
**Little Movies**

**Chaos Computer Club**
settembre 2001: **Blinkenlights**

**gebhard sengmuller**
1999: **Vynilvideo**

influenza di **jodi**:
**tom betts**
**dividebyzero**
**giselle beiguelmann**
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Florian Cramer, **Digital Code and literary Text**, in "American Book Review", 27 sett 2001.

## CAP III. LE ESTENSIONI POSSIBILI

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**cornelia sollfrank**
1997: **old boys network**
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female extension

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**m9ndfukc**
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**mary anne breeze, alias Mez**
**mez**

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**Matthew Mirapaul**, **An Attack on The Commercialization of Art**, in New York Times, 8 luglio 1999. (a proposito di 01.org)
**Marina Grzinic**, **Spectralization of Space: The Virtual Image and The Real-Time Interval**, 2000 (a proposito di netochka nezvanova).

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**LINKS**

**adrian ward**
2001: **auto illustrator**

**eldar karhalev e ivan khimin**
maggio 2002: **screen saver**

**epidemic**
**send mail downjones**
2001, con 01.org: **biennale.py**

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**oss/****
2001: **wrongbrowser**

**I/O/D**
1997: **the web stalker**

**tom betts**
2001: **the web tracer**

**maciej wisniewski**
1998: **netomat**

**mark napier**
1996: **the distorted barbie**
1998: **shredder**
1998: **digital landfill**
1999: **riot**
2001: **feed**

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2001: **rgs carnivore**

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**ken goldberg**
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**eric deis**
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**mark daggett**
2001: **deskswap**

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2001: **tracenoizer**

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1998: **natural selection**
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**Florian Cramer, Ulrike Gabriel**, **Software art**. Traduzione completa nella sezione net. cultures di **d-i-n-a**

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**LINKS**

**critical art ensemble**

**institute of applied autonomy**

**bureau of inverse technology**

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**agnese trocchi**
**warriors of perception**

**TESTI**

**Natalie Jeremijenko**, **Database Politics and Social Simulation**.

**Marco Deseriis**, **Surveillance Camera Players, intervista a Bill Brown**.

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**LINKS**

**ricardo dominguez, carmin karasic, brett stalbaum, stephen wray**
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**neural**

**strano network**

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**Matteo Pasquinelli** (a cura di), **Media Activism. Strategie e pratiche della comunicazione indipendente**, DeriveApprodi, Roma 2002.

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- Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms ATF
- Bureau of Economic Analysis BEA
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Bureau of Export Administration
- Bureau of Justice Statistics
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- Bureau of Labor Statistics BLS
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- Bureau of Prisons
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- CDC Centers for Disease Control
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- Central Intelligence Agency CIA
- Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- Children and Families Administration
- CIA Central Intelligence Agency
- Coast Guard
- Commerce Department DOC
- Commodity Futures Trading Commission CFTC
- Comptroller of the Currency
- Congressional Budget Office
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- Consumer Information Center Pueblo, CO
- Consumer Product Safety Commission CPSC
- Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service
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- Customs Service, United States
- DEA Drug Enforcement Agency
- Defense Department
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service DFAS
- Defense Information Systems Agency DISA
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- Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Believe it or not, the above job advertisement is not as far fetched as it sounds. If you love shopping, you'll be pleased to hear that it's possible to shop for a living. In fact, it's a multi-million pound industry for market research companies who employ "mystery shoppers" to shop up and down the country - all in the name of customer service and research.

There are a number of mystery shopping companies who organise whole armies of professional shoppers on behalf of retailers, pubs, restaurants, banks and other service industries. Their mission? To mingle in, look inconspicuous and file a report on anything from customer service to cleanliness in the restrooms.

If you visit one or two pubs in a night, you'll get your food and drink paid for, travel expenses and you'll be paid anything from £6.00 or £7.00 (US $12) up for each visit.

But there is one problem with mystery shopping: truly dedicated shoppers never switch off from their work. You'll find yourself compulsively evaluating service and checking ceilings for cobwebs even when you're not on duty. It eventually becomes a part of your life.

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- DOD Department of Defense
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Believe it or not, the above job advertisement is not as far fetched as it sounds. If you love shopping, you'll be pleased to hear that it's possible to shop for a living. In fact, it's a multi-million pound industry for market research companies who employ "mystery shoppers" to shop up and down the country - all in the name of customer service and research.

There are a number of mystery shopping companies who organise whole armies of professional shoppers on behalf of retailers, pubs, restaurants, banks and other service industries. Their mission? To mingle in, look inconspicuous and file a report on anything from customer service to cleanliness in the restrooms.

If you visit one or two pubs in a night, you'll get your food and drink paid for, travel expenses and you'll be paid anything from £6.00 or £7.00 (US $12) up for each visit.

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- **Bush/Cheney:** Campaign Launches "W stands for Women" Tour Featuring Laura and Barbara Bush, Lynne Cheney
- **Gore/Lieberman:** Tipper Gore to Visit Appleton

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- **Petri:** Rep. Tom Petri on the Terrorist Attack on U.S.S. Cole
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- **Democratic Party of WI:** Nelson Negative Campaign Reaches New Low
- **Schneider:** Letter to O'Connell
- **DFI:** Latest Numbers Show the State's Business Economy is Full Speed Ahead
- **Bush-Cheney:** Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officials Endorse Bush-Cheney
- **Goldsmith:** Goldsmith Evaluates Welch's Five Star Agenda
- **Thompson:** Governor Orders Flags at Half-Staff
- **Jeskewitz and Plale:** State Assembly Task Force Works to Save Newborns
- **Kohl:** Statement of Sen. Kohl on USS Cole
- **Kohl:** Kohl Campaign Announces Report to the People of Wisconsin Now Available

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- **OCI:** Governor Launches Task Force to Study Insurance Availability for Small Business
- **DOC:** Governor Dedicates New Men's Correctional Center
- **Moore:** Letter to Secretary Jennifer Reinert
- **Robson:** Robson Reaction to DVR Audit
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- **Gillespie:** How Many Family Farms Will Have to Fold Before Kohl Will Show Leadership?
- **Kohl:** President Approves $2 Million for WI's Ice Age Trail
- **Republican Party of WI:** Gore's Hollywood Hyprocrisy on Display During Milwaukee Rally
- **Baldwin:** House Passes Bankruptcy Protection for Farmers
- **Kelso:** Inadequate Management of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Found by Audit Bureau
- **Center for Public Representation, Inc.:** Center Wins Change in Rules that will Benefit Consumers
- **Moore:** Answers from LAB regarding DWD
- **DWD:** Department Names DVR Task Force

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- **Ryan:** Ryan Supports Defense Bill that Protects Military Readiness
- **CERS:** Spending by Dem-leaning Outside Groups
- **Jones:** Jones Calls for Constitutional Amendment To Help Senior Citizens
- **Kohl:** Kohl Announces $2 Million More Statewide "Access to Jobs" Funding
- **Wilderness Society:** Conservation Leaders Call on Bush and Gore to Commit to Biennial State of the Environment Address
- **Gillespie:** Kohl's Failure to Represent WI Reflected in Refusal to Reschedule Debate
- **McCallum:** Lt. Governor Urges New Relationship Between State and Local Governments

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- **Nass:** Superintendent Benson Needs a Lesson in Reality DPI Handling of Choice Program Disgraceful
- **Koski:** Koski's Campaign Hits the Airwaves
- **Dept. of Public Instruction:** Benson Seeks Responsible Solution to Voucher Dilemma
- **Dept. of Administration:** State to Pilot Internet Auction of Surplus Property

- **George:** Sen.George and Rep.Black Urge Doubling of Successful Stewardship Program
- **Doyle:** Historic Settlements with Vitamin Companies
- **Gillespie:** Gillespie Calls on Kohl to Accept More Debates
- **Baldwin:** Local & National Veterans Endorse Baldwin
- **Kelso:** Purchase Price for Stewardship Grants Questioned by Audit Bureau
- **Nathan:** Democracy in Action
- **Hoven:** Hoven Calls on DOR to Consider Sweeping Tax Code Changes
- **WI Democracy Campaign:** WI CBS Affiliate Becomes Third WI Station to Commit to 5-Minute-a-Night Standard

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- **WI Supreme Court:** Supreme Court Appoints UW Administrator to Board of Bar Governors
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Forest County Communities to Receive Disaster Assistance Checks
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Sauk County Communities to Receive Disaster Assistance Checks
- **Arciszewski:** Prescription Drug Benefit as First Priority
- **Gore:** Milwaukee Elected officials announce Al & Tipper Gore's visit to Milwaukee on Thursday
- **WI Taxpayers Alliance:** Property Taxes Slowed During the 1990'S, but WTA Finds Exceptions
- **MCCALLUM:** Brings New Eco Message to Chippewa Valley
- **Kohl/Barrett:** Milwaukee to Receive $3 Million H.U.D. Grant For Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control
- **DWD:** Department Will Hold Listening Sessions on Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **Partnership for a Drug-Free America:** On-Line Anti-Drug Community with Launch of Revamped www.drugfreeamerica.org
- **Jazdzewski:** Jazdzewski Receives Law Enforcement Endorsement
- **Nathan:** Citizens for Andy Nathan Announces New Web Site

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- **WI Merchants Federation:**WI Merchants Federation Awards Montgomery the First "David Liebergen" Award
- **WI Victory 2000:** Bikers Help Spread Word For Gov. Bush
- **Baldwin:** House Passes Violence Against Women Act, Baldwin

Calls on Senate for Final Action

- **Dept. of Natural Resources:** Letter to Attorney General Doyle re: the application of Perrier Group of America, Inc.
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Governor Announces Disaster Loans for Eau Claire County
- **(PDF) Russell:** Travis a "No Show" at Forum
- **Kohl:** Kohl Secures Funding for WI Agriculture Programs
- **State Medical Society:** Be Cautious with Diet Pills
- **DOT:** DMV Centers Not Open Oct. 9
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- **Kohl:** Kohl Receives Hundreds of Endorsements from Wisconsin's Business Community

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- **Kohl:** More Federal Drug Agents for Wisconsin D.E.A.
- **Kohl/Obey:** Wisconsin To Receive $1.9 Million In "Access to Jobs" Funding,
- **Doyle:** State Resolves Environmental Lawsuit in Waukesha County
- **Doyle:** Doyle Settles Lawsuit Against Investment Seminar Promoters
- **Doyle:** Candidate Nelson's Negative Campaign, "There She Goes Again"
- **Dept. of Public Instruction:** Grant Will Provide Leadership Support for Educator License Reform in WI
- **Nat'l Assoc. of Pro-Life Nurses:** Reaction to FDA Approval of RU-486
- **Kohl:** Senate Passes Kohl-Sponsored Bill to Finance Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment
- **State Medical Society:**Treating Drug Abusers the Best Policy, Editorial Asserts
- **Gore/Lieberman:** Bill Bradley to Visit Wisconsin this Friday
- **WI State Assembly:** Assembly Republicans Forward Environmental Protection Agenda
- **Koski:** Koski Questions Rumors of Panzer Seeking Higher Office and Abandoning Constituents

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- **Dane County Incident Management Program:** New Signs Help Clear Highway Incidents

- **Petri:** Congress Sends Children's Health Initiative to the White House for President's Signature
- **OCI:** Commissioner Announces New Web Page
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Governor Appeals for Disaster Relief for Eau Claire & Chippewa
- **Democratic Party of WI:** Democratic Party of WI Chair Calls for the Immediate Withdrawl of Nelson Ad
- **DPI:** Three Wisconsin educators recieve Milken Family Foundation awards
- **DNR:** School construction may result in wetland filling, incidental taking of threatened plants
- **DNR:** Record 47, 555 deer killed in collisions with motor vehicles last year
- **Commissioner of Insurance:** September 2000 Administrative Actions
- **Gillespie:** Gillespie Announces Education Reform Package
- **Kohl:** WI State AFL-CIO Endorses Kohl for Re-Election

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- **Thompson:** Grant for Cardiovascular Health
- **Thompson:** FEMA Denies Disaster Aid for WI Counties
- **Doyle:** Department of Justice Budget in Balance
- **Thompson:** Governor Promotes Literacy at Reading Summit
- **Kohl:** Kohl Secures $118 Million for Marinette Marine Buoy Tenders
- **Goldsmith:** Welch Record One of Worst in Senate

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- **Green:** Continuing the Battle Against the National Debt
- **Doyle:** 2 Men Charged in Ozaukee County for Marijuana Trafficking; Outdoor Grow Operation Seized
- **Barrett/Kleczka:** Request GAO Review of Welfare Contracts
- **Barrett:** Barrett's Police Athletic League Bill Passes
- **Jauch:** Jauch Calls on PSC to Adopt 4-Point Plan to Penalize Ameritech
- **WI Legislature:** Republicans Call for Reform
- **Goldsmith:** Goldsmith Asks Welch to Join Him in Pledge to Serve Full Term
- **VanDierendonck:** Challenge of Campaign Finance issued to Jensen
- **Duecker:** Dave Duecker Unveils "Agenda for Seniors"
- **Cronin:** Cronin Pledges to Padlock Pensions from Politicians
- **WI Dept. Administration:** State Distributes $1 Million to Aid

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- **Baldwin:** Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors
- **WI Elections Board:** Nomination of Presidential Electors
- **Gillespie:** Demands Kohl Explain His Failure to Fight For WI to Gasoline Prices.
- **Bush-Cheney Campaign:** WI Farmers for Bush
- **DWD:** Department awards 11.4 million in child care grants

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- **WI Democracy Campaign:** Republican Candidate's Spending Brings Tally in 10th Senate District Race to Over $1.6 Million
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- **Bush/Cheney:** St.Paul Pioneer Press Endorses Gov. Bush
- **Bush/Cheney:** Gov. Bush to also fight for America's "Rising Generation" in 6 States and 7 Cities
- **Bush/Cheney:** Campaign Launches "W stands for Women" Tour Featuring Laura and Barbara Bush, Lynne Cheney
- **Gore/Lieberman:** Tipper Gore to Visit Appleton

**October 13, 2000**

- **DWD:** Department Orders Maximus To Pay
- **Petri:** Rep. Tom Petri on the Terrorist Attack on U.S.S. Cole
- **Volunteers for Agriculture:** Endorse Vruwink for Assembly
- **Volunteers for Agriculture:** Endorse Kapanke for Senate
- **Democratic Party of WI:** Nelson Negative Campaign Reaches

New Low
- **Schneider:** Letter to O'Connell
- **DFI:** Latest Numbers Show the State's Business Economy is Full Speed Ahead
- **Bush-Cheney:** Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officials Endorse Bush-Cheney
- **Goldsmith:** Goldsmith Evaluates Welch's Five Star Agenda
- **Thompson:** Governor Orders Flags at Half-Staff
- **Jeskewitz and Plale:** State Assembly Task Force Works to Save Newborns
- **Kohl:** Statement of Sen. Kohl on USS Cole
- **Kohl:** Kohl Campaign Announces Report to the People of Wisconsin Now Available

**October 12, 2000**

- **OCI:** Governor Launches Task Force to Study Insurance Availability for Small Business
- **DOC:** Governor Dedicates New Men's Correctional Center
- **Moore:** Letter to Secretary Jennifer Reinert
- **Robson:** Robson Reaction to DVR Audit
- **Department of Corrections:** Governor Dedicates New Men's Correctional Center
- **Gillespie:** How Many Family Farms Will Have to Fold Before Kohl Will Show Leadership?
- **Kohl:** President Approves $2 Million for WI's Ice Age Trail
- **Republican Party of WI:** Gore's Hollywood Hyprocrisy on Display During Milwaukee Rally
- **Baldwin:** House Passes Bankruptcy Protection for Farmers
- **Kelso:** Inadequate Management of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Found by Audit Bureau
- **Center for Public Representation, Inc.:** Center Wins Change in Rules that will Benefit Consumers
- **Moore:** Answers from LAB regarding DWD
- **DWD:** Department Names DVR Task Force

**October 11, 2000**

- **Ryan:** Ryan Supports Defense Bill that Protects Military Readiness
- **CERS:** Spending by Dem-leaning Outside Groups
- **Jones:** Jones Calls for Constitutional Amendment To Help Senior Citizens
- **Kohl:** Kohl Announces $2 Million More Statewide "Access to Jobs" Funding

- **Wilderness Society:** Conservation Leaders Call on Bush and Gore to Commit to Biennial State of the Environment Address
- **Gillespie:** Kohl's Failure to Represent WI Reflected in Refusal to Reschedule Debate
- **McCallum:** Lt. Governor Urges New Relationship Between State and Local Governments

**October 10, 2000**

- **Nass:** Superintendent Benson Needs a Lesson in Reality DPI Handling of Choice Program Disgraceful
- **Koski:** Koski's Campaign Hits the Airwaves
- **Dept. of Public Instruction:** Benson Seeks Responsible Solution to Voucher Dilemma
- **Dept. of Administration:** State to Pilot Internet Auction of Surplus Property
- **George:** Sen.George and Rep.Black Urge Doubling of Successful Stewardship Program
- **Doyle:** Historic Settlements with Vitamin Companies
- **Gillespie:** Gillespie Calls on Kohl to Accept More Debates
- **Baldwin:** Local & National Veterans Endorse Baldwin
- **Kelso:** Purchase Price for Stewardship Grants Questioned by Audit Bureau
- **Nathan:** Democracy in Action
- **Hoven:** Hoven Calls on DOR to Consider Sweeping Tax Code Changes
- **WI Democracy Campaign:** WI CBS Affiliate Becomes Third WI Station to Commit to 5-Minute-a-Night Standard

**October 9, 2000**

- **WI Supreme Court:** Supreme Court Appoints UW Administrator to Board of Bar Governors
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Forest County Communities to Receive Disaster Assistance Checks
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Sauk County Communities to Receive Disaster Assistance Checks
- **Arciszewski:** Prescription Drug Benefit as First Priority
- **Gore:** Milwaukee Elected officials announce Al & Tipper Gore's visit to Milwaukee on Thursday
- **WI Taxpayers Alliance:** Property Taxes Slowed During the 1990'S, but WTA Finds Exceptions
- **MCCALLUM:** Brings New Eco Message to Chippewa Valley
- **Kohl/Barrett:** Milwaukee to Receive $3 Million H.U.D. Grant For Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control

- **DWD:** Department Will Hold Listening Sessions on Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **Partnership for a Drug-Free America:** On-Line Anti-Drug Community with Launch of Revamped www.drugfreeamerica.org
- **Jazdzewski:** Jazdzewski Receives Law Enforcement Endorsement
- **Nathan:** Citizens for Andy Nathan Announces New Web Site

**October 6, 2000**

- **DWD:** Department Will Hold Listening Sessions on DVR
- **WI Merchants Federation:**WI Merchants Federation Awards Montgomery the First "David Liebergen" Award
- **WI Victory 2000:** Bikers Help Spread Word For Gov. Bush
- **Baldwin:** House Passes Violence Against Women Act, Baldwin Calls on Senate for Final Action
- **Dept. of Natural Resources:** Letter to Attorney General Doyle re: the application of Perrier Group of America, Inc.
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Governor Announces Disaster Loans for Eau Claire County
- **(PDF) Russell:** Travis a "No Show" at Forum
- **Kohl:** Kohl Secures Funding for WI Agriculture Programs
- **State Medical Society:** Be Cautious with Diet Pills
- **DOT:** DMV Centers Not Open Oct. 9
- **US Congress:** House-Senate Conference Okays $473 Million for Dairy Farmers
- **Kohl:** Kohl Receives Hundreds of Endorsements from Wisconsin's Business Community

**October 5, 2000**

- **Kohl:** More Federal Drug Agents for Wisconsin D.E.A.
- **Kohl/Obey:** Wisconsin To Receive $1.9 Million In "Access to Jobs" Funding,
- **Doyle:** State Resolves Environmental Lawsuit in Waukesha County
- **Doyle:** Doyle Settles Lawsuit Against Investment Seminar Promoters
- **Doyle:** Candidate Nelson's Negative Campaign, "There She Goes Again"
- **Dept. of Public Instruction:** Grant Will Provide Leadership Support for Educator License Reform in WI
- **Nat'l Assoc. of Pro-Life Nurses:** Reaction to FDA Approval of RU-486

- **Kohl:** Senate Passes Kohl-Sponsored Bill to Finance Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment
- **State Medical Society:**Treating Drug Abusers the Best Policy, Editorial Asserts
- **Gore/Lieberman:** Bill Bradley to Visit Wisconsin this Friday
- **WI State Assembly:** Assembly Republicans Forward Environmental Protection Agenda
- **Koski:** Koski Questions Rumors of Panzer Seeking Higher Office and Abandoning Constituents

**October 4, 2000**

- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Milwaukee Area Communities to Receive Disaster Assistance Checks
- **Dane County Incident Management Program:** New Signs Help Clear Highway Incidents
- **Petri:** Congress Sends Children's Health Initiative to the White House for President's Signature
- **OCI:** Commissioner Announces New Web Page
- **Dept. of Military Affairs:** Governor Appeals for Disaster Relief for Eau Claire & Chippewa
- **Democratic Party of WI:** Democratic Party of WI Chair Calls for the Immediate Withdrawl of Nelson Ad
- **DPI:** Three Wisconsin educators recieve Milken Family Foundation awards
- **DNR:** School construction may result in wetland filling, incidental taking of threatened plants
- **DNR:** Record 47, 555 deer killed in collisions with motor vehicles last year
- **Commissioner of Insurance:** September 2000 Administrative Actions
- **Gillespie:** Gillespie Announces Education Reform Package
- **Kohl:** WI State AFL-CIO Endorses Kohl for Re-Election

**October 3, 2000**

- **Thompson:** Grant for Cardiovascular Health
- **Thompson:** FEMA Denies Disaster Aid for WI Counties
- **Doyle:** Department of Justice Budget in Balance
- **Thompson:** Governor Promotes Literacy at Reading Summit
- **Kohl:** Kohl Secures $118 Million for Marinette Marine Buoy Tenders
- **Goldsmith:** Welch Record One of Worst in Senate

**October 2, 2000**

- **Green:** Continuing the Battle Against the National Debt
- **Doyle:** 2 Men Charged in Ozaukee County for Marijuana Trafficking; Outdoor Grow Operation Seized
- **Barrett/Kleczka:** Request GAO Review of Welfare Contracts
- **Barrett:** Barrett's Police Athletic League Bill Passes
- **Jauch:** Jauch Calls on PSC to Adopt 4-Point Plan to Penalize Ameritech
- **WI Legislature:** Republicans Call for Reform
- **Goldsmith:** Goldsmith Asks Welch to Join Him in Pledge to Serve Full Term
- **VanDierendonck:** Challenge of Campaign Finance issued to Jensen
- **Duecker:** Dave Duecker Unveils "Agenda for Seniors"
- **Cronin:** Cronin Pledges to Padlock Pensions from Politicians
- **WI Dept. Administration:** State Distributes $1 Million to Aid Local Transportation Planning
- **Baldwin:** Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors
- **WI Elections Board:** Nomination of Presidential Electors
- **Gillespie:** Demands Kohl Explain His Failure to Fight For WI to Gasoline Prices.
- **Bush-Cheney Campaign:** WI Farmers for Bush
- **DWD:** Department awards 11.4 million in child care grants

**October 1, 2000**

- **Barrett:** $1.2 Million Grant for Aids Resource Center

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[1] **World Trade Organization**

RTMark's modified version of the WTO home page.
www.gatt.org · Rank 9

[2] **Adbusters Culture Jammers Headquarters**

Vancouver based anti-consumerist magazine Adbusters. Famous for their spoof ads.
www.adbusters.org · Rank 7

[3] **etoy.com**

Official web site with history of projects.
www.etoy.com · Rank 7

[4] **Detroit Project, The**

Ads linking SUVs to national security, an Arianna Huffington project by Americans for Fuel Efficient Cars.
www.detroitproject.com · Rank 6

[5] **National Cynical Network, The**

Negativland co-conspirators out of Silicon Valley who produce voicemail art as well as all manner of audio collage.
www.nationalcynical.com · Rank 6

[6] **The Yes Men**

A genderless, loose-knit association of some 300 impostors worldwide who agree their way into the fortified compounds of commerce, ask questions, and then smuggle out the stories of the behind-the-scenes world of business.
theyesmen.org · Rank 6

[7] **M. T. Enterprises WorldWide**

Internet art group with corporate front, promoting "artainment." [Requires frames]
mteww.com · Rank 6

[8] **Plagiarist.org**

Internet art site comprised of strategically-modified internet content.
plagiarist.org · Rank 6

[9] **K-Band Communications**

An opening onto the fraudulent reality; material ranges from global art-movement coverage to experimental fiction to corporate subversion.
www.kband.com · Rank 6

[10] **Subvertise**

Archive of subverts, political art, spoof banner ads and parody web sites.
www.subvertise.org · Rank 6

[11] **Shards O'Glass**

Developer of glass shard edible consumer products intended for adults. [Contains fictitious information: it is a parody of tobacco ads, products, and websites.]
www.shardsoglass.com · Rank 6

[12] **gwbush.com**

Zack Exley's satirical site of George W. Bush campaign, now quite overt.
www.gwbush.com · Rank 6

[13] **First Human Male Pregnancy, The**

"Mr. Lee Mingwei will be the first human male to ever birth a baby from his own body." Art project by Virgil Wong, thematizing gender roles, childbearing, and reproductive technology.
www.malepregnancy.com · Rank 6

[14] **toywar.co.uk**

British protest site.
www.toywar.co.uk · Rank 6

[15] **Billboard Liberation Front**

"Improving" outdoor advertising since 1977. Includes how-to manual for altering outdoor advertising.
www.billboardliberation.com · Rank 6

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## Friday, May 30

Media Centre Lume
Entrance: free
Hämeentie 135 C, Helsinki, tel. +358 9 756 30444

### 12.00 Welcome

### 12.20 Community: Software and People

Weblogs and other software-based online communities have become ubiquitous on the web seemingly overnight - but do they really foster community? Should they? Do they really offer improvements over other online structures such as lists? Can peer moderation be trusted? How much influence over content should site administrators have - and how transparent should that influence be? Is community software at last the democratizing utopia we've been waiting for on the internet? Or merely more hype on its way to becoming corporatized? These questions and more will probably remain unanswered in the end - but we will wrestle with them anyway.
*Moderator - Amy Alexander*

### Amy Alexander (USA)
### Introducing Discordia a New Weblog Community

Amy Alexander is a digital media artist and performer as well as a recovering Unix administrator and filmmaker. She is currently Assistant Professor of Visual Arts at the University of California San Diego.
Amy Alexander will introduce Discordia, a new weblog project working at the intersections and overflows of art, activism and tech cultures. Discordia is an experiment in social filtering, collaborative moderation and different styles of communication. It also aims to examine how software structures influence discussion.
*http://plagiarist.org*

### Carl, Wanga (Switzerland)
### Microbuilder - community construction kit

"basically "musical research" is the most accurate description of the micromusic.net activities. even though music produced on low_budget equipment and retro computer games sounds was the focus at the beginning of the micromusic project we always had far more in our minds than that. the internet is still in its first years and topics like how to build up 'special_interest_communities', advanced realtime communication tools and highly optimized interface design were also quite important to us."
Micromusic team presents their latest project: the microbuilder. Wanga and Carl will talk about the 3 years history of the micromusic_community and the community construction kit microbuilder.

http://micromusic.net
http://www.micromusic.net/microbuilder

Alessandro Ludovico (Italy)
Neural.it, editing new media culture's ideas
From 1993 Alessandro is the editor in chief of Neural, the Italian new media culture magazine. He's one of the founding members of the Nettime list, and one of the founding members of the 'Mag.Net (European Cultural Publishers)' organization and of the 'European Peripheral Magazine' list. Now he writes for Springerin (A), Mute (UK), MyTech-Mondadori.com (I) and RTSI (Italian language Switzerland Radiotelevision). In 2001 he joined the n.a.m.e. (normal audio media environment) art group and developed 'Sonic Genoma', a computer/ sound art installation. In the same year he organized the 'Liberation Technologies' conference in Bari (I). From 2002 he's a collaborator of the Digitalkraft (D) exhibitions. He also conducts 'Neural Station' a weekly radio show on electronic music and digital culture, and daily updates the Neural website.
Neural it's an Italian new media culture printed magazine, born ten years ago (1993). From the end of 2000 its website companion it's daily updated, using a text editor and a popular photo retouching tool, with news, reviews and essays, in English and Italian. Being linked by more than 5000 other web sites on the net, Neural.it is an international source for new media culture's facts and ideas.
http://neural.it

*Panel discussion will follow.*

Break 10 min

Read_Me Special
14.00 Tony Scott (UK)
Taxonomy of Glitches
Tony Scott has been recording a wide variety of glitch-like phenomena for the past two years and uses minimal processing to produce aesthetically pleasing images.
This work has developed into a software project to bring the glitches to life, providing real-time visuals for Kim Cascone, Jan Jelinek and Warp Records.
The genus of glitches contains a wide variety of species. In this lecture, an attempt at definition and classification will be made, based on factors such as the appearance, natural habitat and feeding patterns of glitches. The emotional appeal of glitches will also be explored.
http://www.beflix.com

Break 45 min

15.30 Tool is the Message. Artistic Interfaces
Unlike traditional artistic tools such as a paintbrush or a violin that had been developing through centures by generations of anonymous craftsmen, the new, software ones always have their authors named - individual or corporate. Such situation drastically changes the meaning of a tool: instead of being part of a tradition, it starts carrying out some new functions: making profit in case of proprietary commercial software or becoming an ultimate objective, an art piece in itself if developed by artists. Can software-produced sounds and images exist in a 'pure' form, without reference to the tools they were made with? To which extend software tool developers delegate their creativity to their products? Why many artists choose to develop software tools these days instead of just 'making music' or 'creating images'?

Alex McLean and Adrian Ward (UK)
Slub System
Slub describe how they get their computers to make the sounds they like. Slub sound emerges from slub software; melodic and chordal studies, generative experiments and beat processes. In this short talk and demonstration, slub offer a rare glimpse at the inner workings of their entirely self-built realtime music system.
http://slub.org

Ash Nehru and Christopher Fraser (UK)
Frankie the Robot

Frankie the Robot is an innovative audio-visual tool, a virtual DJing robot. He's generated in real time 3D by custom software, and projected onto a translucent elliptical screen placed in the DJ booth or on the stage. No more round-shouldered and pale-faced humans, robot does it better!
*http://www.frankietherobot.com*

Adrian Ward (UK)
Auto-Illustrator
"Auto-Illustrator is an experimental, semi-autonomous, generative software artwork and a fully functional vector graphic design application to sit alongside your existing professional graphic design utilities." It allows to easily "produce complex designs in an exciting and challenging environment that questions how contemporary software should behave."
*http://www.auto-illustrator.com*

Hans Bernhard (Austria)
Extreme.ru, total desaster and simplicismus
Hans "will talk about the long-term project "EXTREME.RU" [1999-2003] and it's successful features [creation, bulgaria, database, esof ltd.] and total disaster moments [esof ltd, money, communication, zurschaustellung]
in opposition to this long-term project, he will present some simplicismus bbedit literature 2002-2003 in the form of genetic, binary and math codes, an easy-brain-machine-creation, snipplets of work, chapters, slogans, functions and sequences rather than huge systems."
*http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme_v1_0*
*http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme/home.html*
*http://www.esof.net*
*http://www.runme.org/project/+geneticbinarymathpoetry*
*http://www.hansbernhard.com*
*http://www.macros-center.ru/read_me/inde8.htm*

Tim Pritlove, Chaos Computer Club (Germany)
Blinkenlights project
For more than 20 years, Tim Pritlove works with computers and computer networks. He has been busy as programmer, system administrator, teacher and project manager in various projects.
Since ten years he is an active member of the Chaos Computer Club and is responsible organizing the club's events since five years.
Tim Pritlove is the initiator, project coordinator and one of the programmers of "Project Blinkenlights".
He is also an artistical-scientific assistant of the Digital Media Class at the University Of Arts Berlin.
Project Blinkenlights transforms buildings into huge computer screens and adds a significant amount of interactivity to allow people to participate in the project. It was originally installed at Haus des Lehrers in Berlin in 2001, and in has 2002 moved to Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris to create the world's biggest light installation.
The talk explains history, motivation and technology of Project Blinkenlights and presents a wealth of animations, technological tidbits and background information on the installations and the project itself.
*http://blinkenlights.de*

break 10 min.

18.00 Runme session
Introduction of Runme.org, the online software art database by its developers
Overview of projects submitted to Runme.org software art online database.

Team Paperikori (Finland)
Paperikori - a collaborative story chain
Paperikori (Paper basket) is a place where fragments of thoughts are collected together to form a new kind of entity by using SMS messages. The work is a modern way to create playful dadaist poems or stories. People collaborate on the story only knowing what the previous person has written. *http://peep.uiah.fi/paperikori*
*http://runme.org*

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Saturday, May 31
May 30 and 31. Media Centre Lume.
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12.00 Software Cultures
Software art land lies among the countries of different software cultures and art practices, which have been existing since long ago. And it is not certain at all that software art land will be recognized officially and get a status of an independent state because the borders are in dispute. Leaving struggle for independence for the future, let's now discuss the zones of influence and histories, staying close to the ground.

Tapio Mäkelä (Finland)
Conceptual games, software toys and software art
Tapio Mäkelä is the vice chair of m-cult, programme chair of the ISEA2004 symposium, researcher and a media artist.
Should all culturally experimental software be called software art? What implications does this branding have, in particular if it is positioned as a software avant garde? In this talk for Read_me, I will outline some characteristics for cultures of creative software practices. By talking about Conceptual games, software toys and media art gadgets one is able to point out how there may not exist an avantgarde, but various approaches that relate with earlier histories of representational, craft based and "experimental" design practices. And indeed, where does the demo seek to, or is framed as, contemporary art?
*http://www.isea2004.net*
*http://www.m-cult.org*

Lev Manovich (USA)
Cultural Software
Lev Manovich was trained in art and programming in Moscow before he moved to New York in 1981. He has been working with computer media as an artist, computer animator, designer, and programmer since 1984. His art projects include little movies , the first digital film project designed for the Web (1994), Anna and Andy (2000) , a Web adaptation of Anna Karenina, and a digital film project Soft Cinema commissioned for ZKM exhibition Future Cinema (2002-2003). He is the author of many articles on new media aesthetics publsihed in 28 countries and the book The Language of New Media (MIT Press).
What is the relationship between computer's contemporary identity as a simulator for all previous media, and its "essence" as a programmable machine? Is software art is only real "avant-garde" of new media, or is the more "impure" practice of remixing older media with software techniques equally innovative? My talk will address these questions using the history of modern human-computer interface research in the 1960s and 1970s and in particular's Alan Kay's notion of computer as "metamedium." *http://www.manovich.net*

Break 15 min

Florian Cramer (Germany)
Our writing tools are also working on our thoughts' (Nietzsche)
Artistic Subjectivity and the Unix Commandline.
Florian Cramer is a lecturer in Comparative Literature at Freie Universitaet Berlin. He is the programmer of the web site 'Permutations'and Free Software activist. Florian is also an author of a number of texts on software art and an undercover artist.
A design principle of the Unix (and Linux/BSD) operating system is that all data should be ASCII text flowing through simple filters. Unix thus is a giant modular and programmable word processor. While the Unix hacker community itself has written papers like "Unix as literature" and strongly participated in creating such important digital arts genres as program code poetry and ASCII art, it was rather late that contemporary net artists and writers discovered the commandline as a symbolic universe and way of working and thinking. This presentation will attempt to outline the aesthetics and politics of the dialogue between commandline Unix and digital art, culling work from the "Nettime unstable digest" which the speaker is one editor of.
*http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~cantsin*

*http://www.netzliteratur.net/cramer/unstable_html*

Tim Pritlove, Chaos Computer Club (Germany)
Chaos Computer Club
The Chaos Computer Club is world's oldest and one of the best known hacker groups. Since it founding in 1981 it has contributed to public opinion on many difficult topics where technology influences the society and tries to be a mediator between the state and economy on the one side and the sophisticated hacker scene on the other side.
Today the Chaos Computer Club is still a lively and interdisciplinary group organizing a groing list of conferences and other meetings for both the scene and the general public and continues to be a group that is open to all kinds of ages, interests, genders and ideas.
The talk focuses on the CCC as cultural phenomenon and describes hacking in its relationsship to other cultural and creative activities.
*http://ccc.de*

*Panel discussion will follow.*

15.00 Performance
Ubergeek (Amy Alexander), deprogramming.us (USA)
Extreme whitespace - read between the lines. World premiere.
Cast off your markov chains and start deprogramming...
Bonus: introduction of BeepMusic.
*http://deprogramming.us*

Break 45 min

16.00 Guerrilla Engineering. Uninvited Interventions
Media activism is not at all a new phenomenon, but enhanced by digital technology and the power of the Internet it seems to have reached a new level, where an individual can be as strong and visible as a corporation or a virus; and where a simple and elegant hack can generate a lot of media buzz.

Sintron (USA)
Touching without Touching
Sintron is a conceptual artist creating playful public works that explore the development and integration of impossible realities. He received his MFA in Electronic Arts from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is currently working on developing a memory implant technology corporation called Rekall Inc (rekallinc.com) and a fashion company called Shame On You Fashions (shameonyoufashions.com) that sells t-shirts with sex offender portraits aside their personal information.
Software is an ephemeral material for creation. There is nothing to touch and yet it touches all of our lives. There is something very magical about creating art based on software. In addition, when developing any model of reality, the word ILLUSION must immediately come to mind. Software and illusions are twins that go hand in hand and I will talk more about them along with their economic significance.
*http://www.runme.org/person/+sintron*

UberMorgen (Austria)
The Injunction Generator and [V]ote-auction
ubermorgen is thinking about a bio, word of mouth came from the streets <meta name="keywords" content="worms, european, hijack, ak-747, riefenstahl, 474, bulgarien, netuser, c17, ccc, silver server">. our way of looking at software and thinking about it has mutated over the last 10 years. we would like to share this with you!
[V]ote-auction 2000, bringing capitalism and democrazy closer together. during the presidential elections g.w. bush vs. al gore, ubermorgen and james baumgartner ran a business buying and auctioning votes via the internet. over 2500 news clippings global, 14 law suits, fbi, nsa, cia, janet reno and state attorneys investigated the case. listen to the exciting action-story and see a CNN 30 min. special about voteauction. you won't believe your eyes!
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*http://www.ipnic.org*
*http://www.vote-auction.net*

The Yes Men (International)
Value-Added in a Changing World
The Yes Men are a genderless, loose-knit association of some three hundred impostors worldwide. Their feeling today can be summed up in one simple phrase: Value-Added in a Changing World.
Although their name contains the word "Men," it doesn't describe who they are, it describes what they do: they use any means necessary to agree their way into the fortified compounds of commerce, ask questions, and then smuggle out the stories of their undercover escapades to provide a public glimpse at the behind-the-scenes world of business. In other words, the Yes Men are team players... but they play for the opposing team.
The Yes Men are also considered to be the pioneers of Finnish media activism.
*http://theyesmen.org*
*http://theyesmen.org/finland*

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n_Gen design machine, Move Design
Discomus, Anonymous
SPS, (Karl-)Robert Ek
DOS pseudoviruses, Various Artists

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Read_Me Festival Club

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Frankie the Robot / UK *http://frankietherobot.com*

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12.00 Welcome

12.20 Community: Software and People
Weblogs and other software-based online communities have become ubiquitous on the web seemingly overnight - but do they really foster community? Should they? Do they really offer improvements over other online structures such as lists? Can peer moderation be trusted? How much influence over content should site administrators have - and how transparent should that influence be? Is community software at last the democratizing utopia we've been waiting for on the internet? Or merely more hype on its way to becoming corporatized? These questions and more will probably remain unanswered in the end - but we will wrestle with them anyway.
*Moderator - Amy Alexander*

Amy Alexander (USA)
Introducing Discordia a New Weblog Community
Amy Alexander is a digital media artist and performer as well as a recovering Unix administrator and filmmaker. She is currently Assistant Professor of Visual Arts at the University of California San Diego.

Amy Alexander will introduce Discordia, a new weblog project working at the intersections and overflows of art, activism and tech cultures. Discordia is an experiment in social filtering, collaborative moderation and different styles of communication. It also aims to examine how software structures influence discussion.
*http://plagiarist.org*

Carl, Wanga (Switzerland)
Microbuilder - community construction kit
"basically "musical research" is the most accurate description of the micromusic.net activities. even though music produced on low_budget equipment and retro computer games sounds was the focus at the beginning of the micromusic project we always had far more in our minds than that. the internet is still in its first years and topics like how to build up 'special_interest_communities', advanced realtime communication tools and highly optimized interface design were also quite important to us."
Micromusic team presents their latest project: the microbuilder. Wanga and Carl will talk about the 3 years history of the micromusic_community and the community construction kit microbuilder.
*http://micromusic.net*
*http://www.micromusic.net/microbuilder*

Alessandro Ludovico (Italy)
Neural.it, editing new media culture's ideas
From 1993 Alessandro is the editor in chief of Neural, the Italian new media culture magazine. He's one of the founding members of the Nettime list, and one of the founding members of the 'Mag.Net (European Cultural Publishers)' organization and of the 'European Peripheral Magazine' list. Now he writes for Springerin (A), Mute (UK), MyTech-Mondadori.com (I) and RTSI (Italian language Switzerland Radiotelevision). In 2001 he joined the n.a.m.e. (normal audio media environment) art group and developed 'Sonic Genoma', a computer/ sound art installation. In the same year he organized the 'Liberation Technologies' conference in Bari (I). From 2002 he's a collaborator of the Digitalkraft (D) exhibitions. He also conducts 'Neural Station' a weekly radio show on electronic music and digital culture, and daily updates the Neural website.
Neural it's an Italian new media culture printed magazine, born ten years ago (1993). From the end of 2000 its website companion it's daily updated, using a text editor and a popular photo retouching tool, with news, reviews and essays, in English and Italian. Being linked by more than 5000 other web sites on the net, Neural.it is an international source for new media culture's facts and ideas.
*http://neural.it*

*Panel discussion will follow.*

Break 10 min

Read_Me Special
14.00 Tony Scott (UK)
Taxonomy of Glitches
Tony Scott has been recording a wide variety of glitch-like phenomena for the past two years and uses minimal processing to produce aesthetically pleasing images.
This work has developed into a software project to bring the glitches to life, providing real-time visuals for Kim Cascone, Jan Jelinek and Warp Records.
The genus of glitches contains a wide variety of species. In this lecture, an attempt at definition and classification will be made, based on factors such as the appearance, natural habitat and feeding patterns of glitches. The emotional appeal of glitches will also be explored.
*http://www.beflix.com*

Break 45 min

15.30 Tool is the Message. Artistic Interfaces
Unlike traditional artistic tools such as a paintbrush or a violin that had been developing through centures by generations of anonymous craftsmen, the new, software ones always have their authors named - individual or corporate. Such situation drastically changes the meaning of a tool: instead of being part of a tradition, it starts carrying out some new functions: making profit in case of proprietary commercial software or becoming an

ultimate objective, an art piece in itself if developed by artists. Can software-produced sounds and images exist in a 'pure' form, without reference to the tools they were made with? To which extend software tool developers delegate their creativity to their products? Why many artists choose to develop software tools these days instead of just 'making music' or 'creating images'?

Alex McLean and Adrian Ward (UK)
Slub System
Slub describe how they get their computers to make the sounds they like. Slub sound emerges from slub software; melodic and chordal studies, generative experiments and beat processes. In this short talk and demonstration, slub offer a rare glimpse at the inner workings of their entirely self-built realtime music system.
*http://slub.org*

Ash Nehru and Christopher Fraser (UK)
Frankie the Robot
Frankie the Robot is an innovative audio-visual tool, a virtual DJing robot. He's generated in real time 3D by custom software, and projected onto a translucent elliptical screen placed in the DJ booth or on the stage. No more round-shouldered and pale-faced humans, robot does it better!
*http://www.frankietherobot.com*

Adrian Ward (UK)
Auto-Illustrator
"Auto-Illustrator is an experimental, semi-autonomous, generative software artwork and a fully functional vector graphic design application to sit alongside your existing professional graphic design utilities." It allows to easily "produce complex designs in an exciting and challenging environment that questions how contemporary software should behave."
*http://www.auto-illustrator.com*

Hans Bernhard (Austria)
Extreme.ru, total desaster and simplicismus
Hans "will talk about the long-term project "EXTREME.RU" [1999-2003] and it's successful features [creation, bulgaria, database, esof ltd.] and total disaster moments [esof ltd, money, communication, zurschaustellung]
in opposition to this long-term project, he will present some simplicismus bbedit literature 2002-2003 in the form of genetic, binary and math codes, an easy-brain-machine-creation, snipplets of work, chapters, slogans, functions and sequences rather than huge systems."
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Tim Pritlove, Chaos Computer Club (Germany)
Blinkenlights project
For more than 20 years, Tim Pritlove works with computers and computer networks. He has been busy as programmer, system administrator, teacher and project manager in various projects.
Since ten years he is an active member of the Chaos Computer Club and is responsible organizing the club's events since five years.
Tim Pritlove is the initiator, project coordinator and one of the programmers of "Project Blinkenlights".
He is also an artistical-scientific assistant of the Digital Media Class at the University Of Arts Berlin.
Project Blinkenlights transforms buildings into huge computer screens and adds a significant amount of interactivity to allow people to participate in the project. It was originally installed at Haus des Lehrers in Berlin in 2001, and in has 2002 moved to Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris to create the world's biggest light installation.
The talk explains history, motivation and technology of Project Blinkenlights and presents a wealth of animations, technological tidbits and background information on the installations and the project itself.

*http://blinkenlights.de*

break 10 min.

18.00 Runme session
Introduction of Runme.org, the online software art database by its developers
Overview of projects submitted to Runme.org software art online database.

Team Paperikori (Finland)
Paperikori - a collaborative story chain
Paperikori (Paper basket) is a place where fragments of thoughts are collected together to form a new kind of entity by using SMS messages. The work is a modern way to create playful dadaist poems or stories. People collaborate on the story only knowing what the previous person has written. *http://peep.uiah.fi/paperikori*
*http://runme.org*

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12.00 Software Cultures
Software art land lies among the countries of different software cultures and art practices, which have been existing since long ago. And it is not certain at all that software art land will be recognized officially and get a status of an independent state because the borders are in dispute. Leaving struggle for independence for the future, let's now discuss the zones of influence and histories, staying close to the ground.

Tapio Mäkelä (Finland)
Conceptual games, software toys and software art
Tapio Mäkelä is the vice chair of m-cult, programme chair of the ISEA2004 symposium, researcher and a media artist.
Should all culturally experimental software be called software art? What implications does this branding have, in particular if it is positioned as a software avant garde? In this talk for Read_me, I will outline some characteristics for cultures of creative software practices. By talking about Conceptual games, software toys and media art gadgets one is able to point out how there may not exist an avantgarde, but various approaches that relate with earlier histories of representational, craft based and "experimental" design practices. And indeed, where does the demo seek to, or is framed as, contemporary art?
*http://www.isea2004.net*
*http://www.m-cult.org*

Lev Manovich (USA)
Cultural Software
Lev Manovich was trained in art and programming in Moscow before he moved to New York in 1981. He has been working with computer media as an artist, computer animator, designer, and programmer since 1984. His art projects include little movies , the first digital film project designed for the Web (1994), Anna and Andy (2000) , a Web adaptation of Anna Karenina, and a digital film project Soft Cinema commissioned for ZKM exhibition Future Cinema (2002-2003). He is the author of many articles on new media aesthetics publsihed in 28 countries and the book The Language of New Media (MIT Press).
What is the relationship between computer's contemporary identity as a simulator for all previous media, and its "essence" as a programmable machine? Is software art is only real "avant-garde" of new media, or is the more "impure" practice of remixing older media with software techniques equally innovative? My talk will address these questions using the history of modern human-computer interface research in the 1960s and 1970s and in particular's Alan Kay's notion of computer as "metamedium." *http://www.manovich.net*

Break 15 min

Florian Cramer (Germany)
Our writing tools are also working on our thoughts' (Nietzsche)
Artistic Subjectivity and the Unix Commandline.
Florian Cramer is a lecturer in Comparative Literature at Freie Universitaet Berlin. He is the programmer of the web site 'Permutations'and Free Software activist. Florian is also an author of a number of texts on software art and an undercover artist.
A design principle of the Unix (and Linux/BSD) operating system is that all data should be ASCII text flowing through simple filters. Unix thus is a giant modular and programmable word processor. While the Unix hacker community itself has written papers like "Unix as literature" and strongly participated in creating such important digital arts genres as program code poetry and ASCII art, it was rather late that contemporary net artists and writers discovered the commandline as a symbolic universe and way of working and thinking. This presentation will attempt to outline the aesthetics and politics of the dialogue between commandline Unix and digital art, culling work from the "Nettime unstable digest" which the speaker is one editor of.
*http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~cantsin*
*http://www.netzliteratur.net/cramer/unstable_html*

Tim Pritlove, Chaos Computer Club (Germany)
Chaos Computer Club
The Chaos Computer Club is world's oldest and one of the best known hacker groups. Since it founding in 1981 it has contributed to public opinion on many difficult topics where technology influences the society and tries to be a mediator between the state and economy on the one side and the sophisticated hacker scene on the other side.
Today the Chaos Computer Club is still a lively and interdisciplinary group organizing a groing list of conferences and other meetings for both the scene and the general public and continues to be a group that is open to all kinds of ages, interests, genders and ideas.
The talk focuses on the CCC as cultural phenomenon and describes hacking in its relationsship to other cultural and creative activities.
*http://ccc.de*

*Panel discussion will follow.*

15.00 Performance
Ubergeek (Amy Alexander), deprogramming.us (USA)
Extreme whitespace - read between the lines. World premiere.
Cast off your markov chains and start deprogramming...
Bonus: introduction of BeepMusic.
*http://deprogramming.us*

Break 45 min

16.00 Guerrilla Engineering. Uninvited Interventions
Media activism is not at all a new phenomenon, but enhanced by digital technology and the power of the Internet it seems to have reached a new level, where an individual can be as strong and visible as a corporation or a virus; and where a simple and elegant hack can generate a lot of media buzz.

Sintron (USA)
Touching without Touching
Sintron is a conceptual artist creating playful public works that explore the development and integration of impossible realities. He received his MFA in Electronic Arts from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is currently working on developing a memory implant technology corporation called Rekall Inc (rekallinc.com) and a fashion company called Shame On You Fashions (shameonyoufashions.com) that sells t-shirts with sex offender portraits aside their personal information.
Software is an ephemeral material for creation. There is nothing to touch and yet it touches all of our lives. There is something very magical about creating art based on software. In addition, when developing any model of reality, the word ILLUSION must immediately come to mind. Software and illusions are twins that go hand in hand and I will talk more about them along with their economic significance.

http://www.runme.org/person/+sintron

UberMorgen (Austria)
The Injunction Generator and [V]ote-auction
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http://www.ipnic.org
http://www.***vote-auction***.net

The Yes Men (International)
Value-Added in a Changing World
The Yes Men are a genderless, loose-knit association of some three hundred impostors worldwide. Their feeling today can be summed up in one simple phrase: Value-Added in a Changing World.
Although their name contains the word "Men," it doesn't describe who they are, it describes what they do: they use any means necessary to agree their way into the fortified compounds of commerce, ask questions, and then smuggle out the stories of their undercover escapades to provide a public glimpse at the behind-the-scenes world of business. In other words, the Yes Men are team players... but they play for the opposing team.
The Yes Men are also considered to be the pioneers of Finnish media activism.
http://theyesmen.org
http://theyesmen.org/finland

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In another 19,000 cases in Florida, ballots were rejected because the card was read as double-punched. "But that does not mean that people punched out two holes," says Mercuri. "The ballots are pre-perforated, and then you slide the card in under the faceplate. If the cards are misaligned when they slide in, they may not go in all the way; you could punch in between both holes and possibly have both come out." The machines are tested with a (well-used) test batch of cards, a week before the election, and again the day of the election, to check both that valid cards are counted and that invalid cards are rejected. But for the actual vote, "nobody analyzed the rejections, even though the misalignment problem is known."

Many of the issues with computer vote-counting systems were addressed in a comprehensive 1988 study by Roy Saltman, under the National Bureau of Standards, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology (www.nist.gov). His 130-page report, "Accuracy, integrity and security in computerized vote-tallying," reviewed problems with vote-tallying around the country, and provided specific recommendations for voting controls, operational procedures, and balloting hardware and software systems.

"The NIST report found various problems with balloting," says Mercuri, "and focused on the punch cards because of problems with hanging chad. The more you move to electronic voting, the more hidden the tabulation, you remove checks and balances, the visual checking by the voter. And the more we remove them, the fewer people we are turning the election over to."

As we saw in Florida, says Mercuri, "exit polls are checks and balances, too; they gave the state of Florida to Gore. You assume the people are not lying, and within its own margin for error, the exit polls capture the intention of the voters. You can statistically measure the outcome of the election."

After all, she says, "an election is just a sophisticated kind of polling. People go to a 'polling' place, come in and express their intention."

"The Constitution says Congress oversees the federal elections," says Mercuri, "but the federal government has delegated it to the states: how the voting is administered, what machines they use, how the machines are set up, how the votes are tabulated, and how they are checked. And some states yield it to municipalities, like New York City."

## Electronic Voting

But is electronic voting a better answer?

Proponents of electronic and web-based voting systems are quick to criticize punch cards and lever machines as being slow and antiquated. But even punch-card and mark-sense (like SAT tests) ballots are counted automatically using mechanical and optical readers. And new DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) machines bypass physical ballots or mechanical interlocks entirely to carry out the entire process of recording and tallying votes in software.

Michael Shamos, a long-time voting examiner and a computer science professor and co-director of the E-Commerce Institiute at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh, proposed a set of fundamental

requirements for electronic voting machines in a paper at the 1993 conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy (www.cpsr.org/conferences/cfp93/shamos.html). Shamos, a 1968 Princeton University alumnus, proposed these requirements in the form of commandments listed in decreasing order of importance.

The "Shamos commandments:"

I. Thou shalt keep each voter's choices an inviolable secret. II. Thou shalt allow each eligible voter to vote only once, and only for those offices for which the voter is authorized to cast a vote. III. Thou shalt not permit tampering with thy voting system, nor the exchange of gold for votes. IV. Thou shalt report all votes accurately. V. Thy voting system shall remain operable throughout each election. VI. Thou shalt keep an audit trail to detect sins against Commandments II-IV, but thy audit trail shall not violate Commandment I.

"Note that having every vote counted is number four on his list," says Mercuri. "Number one is that the privacy of the ballot must be maintained. Paying for votes is higher. As we are seeing with vote auction websites, using the Internet involves giving up the checks and balances when people come to the polling place."

"All of the voting systems have inherent flaws, some worse than others," Mercuri says. "You could improve all the systems. The majority of voters are unaware of this. Examiners and election officials are aware of this hierarchy, and inherent problems in voting systems."

Mercuri knows the voting booths inside out. "I've worked the polls for five years in New Jersey," she says, "and for a decade before in Pennsylvania. The poll workers have been there for years, and come to know who the voters are; it's their neighbors."

On the Internet, it's not only easier to sell your vote, but also to coerce your vote. "It's no longer done in a private place," she says. "Imagine voting at a community kiosk with people standing behind you, or in a religious place, or at home in a domestic abuse situation, or at work, with your vote passing through your employer's firewall."

"If we loosen up the controls," she says, "we lose the integrity of the way we vote: privacy, voting for a single candidate, and verification that the ballot is correct."

"If you have a paper ballot, the evidence is there, you can see the intention of the voter," she says. "With a mechanical system you can see your vote, and confirm that you have only voted once, for one candidate. Vendors of electronic voting systems say the audit trail is in the machine. But if you want a full trail, you need to register every vote, and you lose anonymity."

## Mercuri - Voting

Mercuri first became involved with the social issues of electronic voting in 1989, when she was serving as a volunteer worker in a local election in Bucks County. "One county commissioner mentioned new electronic machines being purchased for Bucks County, and I became concerned," she says.

Her then husband referred her to a long article by Ronnie Dugger in the November 1988 issue of the New Yorker magazine on the dangers of computerized voting. That lead her to the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (C.P.S.R.) in Washington, D.C., and to the Election Watch group. As a result of help from those organizations, "we were able to convince Bucks County not to use the electronic machines," says Mercuri.

From this work and her contacts, Mercuri began to write position papers and regularly testify on voting security. Her main project was during the prolonged controversy over New York City's $60 million procurement of electronic machines. "I gave expert testimony extensively on the New York City procurement process through most of the '90s," she says. Mercuri also has spoken and written on voting at Computer Security and Privacy conferences and for the Association for Computing

Machinery (ACM). She has consulted and testified in Pennsylvania, Nevada, Hawaii -- and Florida, where she served as a consultant in a 1993 court case involving an election where enough procedural anomalies were found in the tallying equipment to require a manual recount.

## Forensics

Out of her work on electronic voting, Mercuri also developed a business in computer forensics, reconstructing and developing computer-related evidence. "In the early 1990's there were not many people who had done sworn testimony about computer systems," she says. "So I started advertising as an expert witness for lawyers."

She has worked as an expert witnesses for civil, criminal and municipal investigations, including examination of evidence, development of case briefs, presentation of depositions, trial and hearing statements, and other related legal matters involving computer technology. "The evidence prevails," she says. "The vast majority of cases did not go to trial, they were settled out of court. The evidence that I turned up often assisted in the process." Notable Software also provides expert witness services for patent disputes.

## Background - Arts & Sciences

Mercuri has a rich background, combining computers and music, science and the arts, business and education. "I've always been interested in arts and science," she says. "It was an early split in my brain; I am ambidextrous, so it's a left brain - right brain kind of thing, the math side and the arts side."

The conflict between music and computers continued into college, where Mercuri ended up earning degrees in both computer science and guitar concurrently at two different colleges. She started at Penn State in Abington working on a degree in music education, but kept taking computer courses. "I eventually change my major to computer science," she says, "even though I had to take all those calculus courses."

She did her first computer music program when a computer professor suggested she do a class project on music. She wrote a program to do musical exercises in four-part harmony, where you start with a chord and melody, and develop the four-part harmony according to mathematical rules. "I followed the rules, but it still sounded bad," she says. "It turned out other people were doing the same kind of project, and discovered that musicians impose another 40 to 50 rules intuitively, rules that had never been codified."

Mercuri graduated from Penn State in 1979 with a bachelor of science in Computer Science, after also earning a bachelor's in Classical Guitar in 1977 from the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts (now the University of the Performing Arts). "At one point, I took 30 credits between the two schools, or a year's worth in one semester," she says, "which was a lot like when I was finishing my Ph.D. thesis."

## Sarnoff - Notable Software

After college, Mercuri joined the then David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton to work on computer music on a home computer project. She did engineering and programming on the RCA VideoDisc system. While there, she also co-developed several educational music games for the Apple II computer. After the home computer project died, RCA was no longer interested in the programs, so in 1981 Mercuri set up her company, Notable Software, to distribute them. "The lawyers let us take over the programs," she says, "and we set up our own company to sell them while we were still at Sarnoff."

The Notable Software educational software was designed to be played by persons having little or no musical training, at least at the easier levels. In "Note Trespassing," you match and learn notes as they are displayed on the staff and played with the correct pitch. In "Musical Match-Up," you are familiarized with some of the basic concepts of music theory, including major, minor, augmented, diminished and seventh chords. Notable Software then extended the line with geography / history

games, including "Flags of the World" and "Geography Scramble."

Mercuri left Sarnoff in 1985 to work as an independent consultant with Notable Software. She also expanded into training. "I started to get calls from schools about using computers in schools," she says. "So I set up educational computer programming seminars, to help teach the teachers." She also worked with recording studios to help them with computer music equipment.

Her training business expanded. "I was starting to teach more," she says, "developing course materials, helping people to learn how to program." In 1987 Mercuri created a training division, Knowledge Concepts, to offer courses in computer basics, productivity tools, programming languages, and software engineering. "I was getting big contracts for training," she says, "through the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, and with the United States Army and the Federal Aviation Administration."

But consulting is often a game of credentials. "I have always had leanings toward education," she says, "but I didn't have a master's degree, and I really needed it as an independent consultant." She enrolled at Drexel University and earned a Master of Science in Computer Science in 1989.

## Teaching

As Mercuri worked through graduate school, she began teaching as an adjunct professor for area colleges. Keeping with her ambidextrous background, she taught subjects including computer science at Penn State, statistics and music theory at Immaculata College, and music at Eastern College. "But I wanted to go the full route," she says, "and needed to get my Ph.D." So she enrolled in the doctoral program at the School of Engineering of the University of Pennsylvania, earning her Master of Science in Engineering along the way in 1990.

As a doctoral candidate, she held full-time teaching positions at several local colleges, including Delaware Valley College, Mercer County College, Drexel University, and The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College). She has taught courses in business, computer science, engineering, mathematics, and ethics and social values. This fall, she joined the computer science faculty at Bryn Mawr College. And she finally completed her thesis, and successfully defended it in October.

## Arts and Music Therapy

As Mercuri worked on her degrees and taught in local collages, she continued to combine her engineering background with her interest in the arts. With the Music Therapy department at Immaculata College, she developed and explored the use of computer-generated virtual environments in a therapeutic context. "Using computers for music therapy was a rather novel idea in the late 1980s," she says, "now it's almost commonplace."

"Music therapy is a long-standing field, she says, "which became official with its success in treating World War II cases of shell shock. Cyberspace added the ability to repeat experiences, and record them." In one system where people were gesturing in response to music, "we discovered that the way people's play with the depended on their diagnosis of mania versus depression," she says. "The system could be used as independent support for the diagnosis."

This work was presented at international Music Therapy and Computer Graphics conferences. It also resulted in the creation of various museum exhibits, featured at the Franklin Institute Science Museum (Philadelphia, PA), the American Museum of Natural History (New York, NY), and the Strong Museum (Rochester, NY).

Notable Software also developed a "Benbot" exhibition for the Franklin Institute in 1997 as part of the Futures Center Cyberzone exhibit. This Internet chatbot of Benjamin Franklin has an interactive conversation interface that features over 800 Franklin quotations (moonmilk.com/ben).

## Women in Computing

Mercuri has had a longtime involvement in promoting women in the field, "and Computer Science is a great field," she says. She recently received an award from Penn State for ten years of work on the Math Options program. This project is targeted at seventh grade girls, who are brought to college campuses to attend a day of activities, led by women who have chosen math-related careers. There, the girls communicate one-on-one with the women about their professions and lives, and follow-up sessions and mentoring relationships are also provided. The project serves many hundreds of girls each year.

Mercuri wanted to extend this concept to a computer camp for girls. While local colleges have offered summer computer camps entitled "Computer Hackers Workshop" focused on developing computer games, few if any girls have attended. Using the "if you build it, they will come" philosophy, Mercuri drew on her experience teaching Web page design to develop a camp program with the goal that each participant develop her own original web page, from scratch, around a personally-chosen theme. The campers learn computer fundamentals such as word processing and basic understanding of hardware components as part of individual creative exploration and development of Web pages.

This "Computer Camp -- For Girls Only!" concept was a great match to the New Jersey Institute of Technology's (NJIT) Senior FEMME program, which was expanding to NJIT's Burlington County campus. In 1999, Mercuri worked with a group of a dozen ninth and tenth graders, and all successfully developed personal Web pages. In 2000, the program expanded to include 25 girls in a wider age range, from seventh to ninth grade.

Mercuri also is active in local and regional computing, engineering, and arts groups, including the Princeton Chapters of the ACM / IEEE, the Audio Engineering Society, the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America, and the annual Small Computers in the Arts Network (SCAN) program in Philadelphia. She has also been elected to membership in the New York Academy of Sciences.

## Electronic Voting

Mercuri's thesis topic on Electronic Voting might have seemed fairly academic one month ago, but not now. "All voting systems are flawed," says Mercuri, "this is not new knowledge. And some are more flawed than others. The flaws we need to look at are the ones that violate the Shamos commandants." The two major concerns are privacy and recount, is the person's vote private, and can the count be audited. "But privacy and auditability conflict," she says, "you can't have them simultaneously in a computer system. We have an inner conflict. We need to retain the checks and balances and give them back to humans."

But can't technology ultimately be the solution, rather than part of the problem? Michael Shamos seems more optimistic than Mercuri. "Direct recording electronic systems are fundamentally safer than any system in which humans get to put their fingers on the ballots. You remove the county official from the process." And with ballots such as those in Florida, it's virtually impossible to obtain the exact same count twice, says Shamos. The act of passing them through so many human hands inevitably causes some shifts in those infamous shreds of evidence -- the chads.

"When properly implemented," Shamos says, electronic systems "can have real time accountability. But this will take years and years to implement," he concedes. Such all-digital systems probably won't be cheap. "One thing the public doesn't like is spending a lot of money on elections," Shamos notes.

And the system will be tested by increasing media pressures to deliver results quicker and quicker. "The technology has been skewed toward speed rather than voter convenience or accuracy," says Shamos. "We get away with it because most elections aren't close."

Adds Mercuri, "There's a strong drive to get the results out by the 11 o'clock news. But we want to still be able to have a recount. We need to find the true will of the voter." But without a mechanical or paper system, the voter can't see the ballot recorded as intended. "For example," she suggests, "we could add a paper output as an independent check and verification, and then we could have a better system. It would have speed and expediency for the first result, but also save the possibility of a recount."

"This is not unique to voting," says Mercuri, "there are a variety of other areas where the issue arises as well, such as private banking, and AIDS test reporting. My thesis is really about computer security, and voting machines is just a test case of it."

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"In Florida, they are trying to demonstrate that the outlier data was caused by the ballot," says Mercuri, "but it is very difficult to prove causality." The ballot has two rows of names down the sides, and arrows pointing to alternating holes down the middle. "The layout design, the butterfly ballot, is supposedly illegal," says Mercuri. "It's been known for long time to cause problems, and creates confusion in voters. When right-handed people punch out the holes using a stylus, they are holding their hand over the right side of the ballot and it covers up the little arrows."

Even if the voters thought they correctly punched out the desired hole for their candidate, other problems can occur when votes are tabulated on automated equipment. "A card reader may have a one in one million error rate," she says, "but that says nothing about the cards themselves." The ballot cards have perforated holes for voters to punch out with a stylus, but sometimes the paper does not fully detach, and remains as "chad," hanging down from the card, or even bends back to recover the hole. "The manufacturer says you need to run the cards through four times so the hanging chad drops out," says Mercuri.

In another 19,000 cases in Florida, ballots were rejected because the card was read as double-punched. "But that does not mean that people punched out two holes," says Mercuri. "The ballots are pre-perforated, and then you slide the card in under the faceplate. If the cards are misaligned when they slide in, they may not go in all the way; you could punch in between both holes and possibly have both come out." The machines are tested with a (well-used) test batch of cards, a week before the election, and again the day of the election, to check both that valid cards are counted and that invalid cards are rejected. But for the actual vote, "nobody analyzed the rejections, even though the misalignment problem is known."

Many of the issues with computer vote-counting systems were addressed in a comprehensive 1988 study by Roy Saltman, under the National Bureau of Standards, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology (www.nist.gov). His 130-page report, "Accuracy, integrity and security in computerized vote-tallying," reviewed problems with vote-tallying around the country, and provided specific recommendations for voting controls, operational procedures, and balloting hardware and software systems.

"The NIST report found various problems with balloting," says Mercuri, "and focused on the punch cards because of problems with hanging chad. The more you move to electronic voting, the more hidden the tabulation, you remove checks and balances, the visual checking by the voter. And the more we remove them, the fewer people we are turning the election over to."

As we saw in Florida, says Mercuri, "exit polls are checks and balances, too; they gave the state of Florida to Gore. You assume the people are not lying, and within its own margin for error, the exit polls capture the intention of the voters. You can statistically measure the outcome of the election."

After all, she says, "an election is just a sophisticated kind of polling. People go to a 'polling' place, come in and express their intention."

"The Constitution says Congress oversees the federal elections," says Mercuri, "but the federal government has delegated it to the states: how the voting is administered, what machines they use, how the machines are set up, how the votes are tabulated, and how they are checked. And some states yield it to municipalities, like New York City."

## Electronic Voting

But is electronic voting a better answer?

Proponents of electronic and web-based voting systems are quick to criticize punch cards and lever machines as being slow and antiquated. But even punch-card and mark-sense (like SAT tests) ballots are counted automatically using mechanical and optical readers. And new DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) machines bypass physical ballots or mechanical interlocks entirely to carry out the entire process of recording and tallying votes in software.

Michael Shamos, a long-time voting examiner and a computer science professor and co-director of the E-Commerce Institiute at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh, proposed a set of fundamental requirements for electronic voting machines in a paper at the 1993 conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy (www.cpsr.org/conferences/cfp93/shamos.html). Shamos, a 1968 Princeton University alumnus, proposed these requirements in the form of commandments listed in decreasing order of importance.

The "Shamos commandments:"

I. Thou shalt keep each voter's choices an inviolable secret. II. Thou shalt allow each eligible voter to vote only once, and only for those offices for which the voter is authorized to cast a vote. III. Thou shalt not permit tampering with thy voting system, nor the exchange of gold for votes. IV. Thou shalt report all votes accurately. V. Thy voting system shall remain operable throughout each election. VI. Thou shalt keep an audit trail to detect sins against Commandments II-IV, but thy audit trail shall not violate Commandment I.

"Note that having every vote counted is number four on his list," says Mercuri. "Number one is that the privacy of the ballot must be maintained. Paying for votes is higher. As we are seeing with **vote auction** websites, using the Internet involves giving up the checks and balances when people come to the polling place."

"All of the voting systems have inherent flaws, some worse than others," Mercuri says. "You could improve all the systems. The majority of voters are unaware of this. Examiners and election officials are aware of this hierarchy, and inherent problems in voting systems."

Mercuri knows the voting booths inside out. "I've worked the polls for five years in New Jersey," she says, "and for a decade before in Pennsylvania. The poll workers have been there for years, and come to know who the voters are; it's their neighbors."

On the Internet, it's not only easier to sell your vote, but also to coerce your vote. "It's no longer done in a private place," she says. "Imagine voting at a community kiosk with people standing behind you, or in a religious place, or at home in a domestic abuse situation, or at work, with your vote passing through your employer's firewall."

"If we loosen up the controls," she says, "we lose the integrity of the way we vote: privacy, voting for a single candidate, and verification that the ballot is correct."

"If you have a paper ballot, the evidence is there, you can see the intention of the voter," she says. "With a mechanical system you can see your vote, and confirm that you have only voted once, for one candidate. Vendors of electronic voting systems say the audit trail is in the machine. But if you want a full trail, you need to register every vote, and you lose anonymity."

## Mercuri - Voting

Mercuri first became involved with the social issues of electronic voting in 1989, when she was serving as a volunteer worker in a local election in Bucks County. "One county commissioner mentioned new electronic machines being purchased for Bucks County, and I became concerned," she says.

Her then husband referred her to a long article by Ronnie Dugger in the November 1988 issue of the New Yorker magazine on the dangers of computerized voting. That lead her to the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (C.P.S.R.) in Washington, D.C., and to the Election Watch group. As a result of help from those organizations, "we were able to convince Bucks County not to use the electronic machines," says Mercuri.

From this work and her contacts, Mercuri began to write position papers and regularly testify on voting security. Her main project was during the prolonged controversy over New York City's $60 million procurement of electronic machines. "I gave expert testimony extensively on the New York City procurement process through most of the '90s," she says. Mercuri also has spoken and written on voting at Computer Security and Privacy conferences and for the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). She has consulted and testified in Pennsylvania, Nevada, Hawaii -- and Florida, where she served as a consultant in a 1993 court case involving an election where enough procedural anomalies were found in the tallying equipment to require a manual recount.

## Forensics

Out of her work on electronic voting, Mercuri also developed a business in computer forensics, reconstructing and developing computer-related evidence. "In the early 1990's there were not many people who had done sworn testimony about computer systems," she says. "So I started advertising as an expert witness for lawyers."

She has worked as an expert witnesses for civil, criminal and municipal investigations, including examination of evidence, development of case briefs, presentation of depositions, trial and hearing statements, and other related legal matters involving computer technology. "The evidence prevails," she says. "The vast majority of cases did not go to trial, they were settled out of court. The evidence that I turned up often assisted in the process." Notable Software also provides expert witness services for patent disputes.

## Background - Arts & Sciences

Mercuri has a rich background, combining computers and music, science and the arts, business and education. "I've always been interested in arts and science," she says. "It was an early split in my brain; I am ambidextrous, so it's a left brain - right brain kind of thing, the math side and the arts side."

The conflict between music and computers continued into college, where Mercuri ended up earning degrees in both computer science and guitar concurrently at two different colleges. She started at Penn State in Abington working on a degree in music education, but kept taking computer courses. "I eventually change my major to computer science," she says, "even though I had to take all those calculus courses."

She did her first computer music program when a computer professor suggested she do a class project on music. She wrote a program to do musical exercises in four-part harmony, where you start with a chord and melody, and develop the four-part harmony according to mathematical rules. "I followed the rules, but it still sounded bad," she says. "It turned out other people were doing the same kind of project, and discovered that musicians impose another 40 to 50 rules intuitively, rules that had never been codified."

Mercuri graduated from Penn State in 1979 with a bachelor of science in Computer Science, after also earning a bachelor's in Classical Guitar in 1977 from the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts (now the University of the Performing Arts). "At one point, I took 30 credits between the two schools,

or a year's worth in one semester," she says, "which was a lot like when I was finishing my Ph.D. thesis."

## Sarnoff - Notable Software

After college, Mercuri joined the then David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton to work on computer music on a home computer project. She did engineering and programming on the RCA VideoDisc system. While there, she also co-developed several educational music games for the Apple II computer. After the home computer project died, RCA was no longer interested in the programs, so in 1981 Mercuri set up her company, Notable Software, to distribute them. "The lawyers let us take over the programs," she says, "and we set up our own company to sell them while we were still at Sarnoff."

The Notable Software educational software was designed to be played by persons having little or no musical training, at least at the easier levels. In "Note Trespassing," you match and learn notes as they are displayed on the staff and played with the correct pitch. In "Musical Match-Up," you are familiarized with some of the basic concepts of music theory, including major, minor, augmented, diminished and seventh chords. Notable Software then extended the line with geography / history games, including "Flags of the World" and "Geography Scramble."

Mercuri left Sarnoff in 1985 to work as an independent consultant with Notable Software. She also expanded into training. "I started to get calls from schools about using computers in schools," she says. "So I set up educational computer programming seminars, to help teach the teachers." She also worked with recording studios to help them with computer music equipment.

Her training business expanded. "I was starting to teach more," she says, "developing course materials, helping people to learn how to program." In 1987 Mercuri created a training division, Knowledge Concepts, to offer courses in computer basics, productivity tools, programming languages, and software engineering. "I was getting big contracts for training," she says, "through the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, and with the United States Army and the Federal Aviation Administration."

But consulting is often a game of credentials. "I have always had leanings toward education," she says, "but I didn't have a master's degree, and I really needed it as an independent consultant." She enrolled at Drexel University and earned a Master of Science in Computer Science in 1989.

## Teaching

As Mercuri worked through graduate school, she began teaching as an adjunct professor for area colleges. Keeping with her ambidextrous background, she taught subjects including computer science at Penn State, statistics and music theory at Immaculata College, and music at Eastern College. "But I wanted to go the full route," she says, "and needed to get my Ph.D." So she enrolled in the doctoral program at the School of Engineering of the University of Pennsylvania, earning her Master of Science in Engineering along the way in 1990.

As a doctoral candidate, she held full-time teaching positions at several local colleges, including Delaware Valley College, Mercer County College, Drexel University, and The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College). She has taught courses in business, computer science, engineering, mathematics, and ethics and social values. This fall, she joined the computer science faculty at Bryn Mawr College. And she finally completed her thesis, and successfully defended it in October.

## Arts and Music Therapy

As Mercuri worked on her degrees and taught in local collages, she continued to combine her engineering background with her interest in the arts. With the Music Therapy department at Immaculata College, she developed and explored the use of computer-generated virtual environments in a therapeutic context. "Using computers for music therapy was a rather novel idea in the late 1980s," she says, "now it's almost commonplace."

"Music therapy is a long-standing field, she says, "which became official with its success in treating World War II cases of shell shock. Cyberspace added the ability to repeat experiences, and record them." In one system where people were gesturing in response to music, "we discovered that the way people's play with the depended on their diagnosis of mania versus depression," she says. "The system could be used as independent support for the diagnosis."

This work was presented at international Music Therapy and Computer Graphics conferences. It also resulted in the creation of various museum exhibits, featured at the Franklin Institute Science Museum (Philadelphia, PA), the American Museum of Natural History (New York, NY), and the Strong Museum (Rochester, NY).

Notable Software also developed a "Benbot" exhibition for the Franklin Institute in 1997 as part of the Futures Center Cyberzone exhibit. This Internet chatbot of Benjamin Franklin has an interactive conversation interface that features over 800 Franklin quotations (moonmilk.com/ben).

## Women in Computing

Mercuri has had a longtime involvement in promoting women in the field, "and Computer Science is a great field," she says. She recently received an award from Penn State for ten years of work on the Math Options program. This project is targeted at seventh grade girls, who are brought to college campuses to attend a day of activities, led by women who have chosen math-related careers. There, the girls communicate one-on-one with the women about their professions and lives, and follow-up sessions and mentoring relationships are also provided. The project serves many hundreds of girls each year.

Mercuri wanted to extend this concept to a computer camp for girls. While local colleges have offered summer computer camps entitled "Computer Hackers Workshop" focused on developing computer games, few if any girls have attended. Using the "if you build it, they will come" philosophy, Mercuri drew on her experience teaching Web page design to develop a camp program with the goal that each participant develop her own original web page, from scratch, around a personally-chosen theme. The campers learn computer fundamentals such as word processing and basic understanding of hardware components as part of individual creative exploration and development of Web pages.

This "Computer Camp -- For Girls Only!" concept was a great match to the New Jersey Institute of Technology's (NJIT) Senior FEMME program, which was expanding to NJIT's Burlington County campus. In 1999, Mercuri worked with a group of a dozen ninth and tenth graders, and all successfully developed personal Web pages. In 2000, the program expanded to include 25 girls in a wider age range, from seventh to ninth grade.

Mercuri also is active in local and regional computing, engineering, and arts groups, including the Princeton Chapters of the ACM / IEEE, the Audio Engineering Society, the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America, and the annual Small Computers in the Arts Network (SCAN) program in Philadelphia. She has also been elected to membership in the New York Academy of Sciences.

## Electronic Voting

Mercuri's thesis topic on Electronic Voting might have seemed fairly academic one month ago, but not now. "All voting systems are flawed," says Mercuri, "this is not new knowledge. And some are more flawed than others. The flaws we need to look at are the ones that violate the Shamos commandants." The two major concerns are privacy and recount, is the person's vote private, and can the count be audited. "But privacy and auditability conflict," she says, "you can't have them simultaneously in a computer system. We have an inner conflict. We need to retain the checks and balances and give them back to humans."

But can't technology ultimately be the solution, rather than part of the problem? Michael Shamos seems more optimistic than Mercuri. "Direct recording electronic systems are fundamentally safer than any system in which humans get to put their fingers on the ballots. You remove the county official from

the process." And with ballots such as those in Florida, it's virtually impossible to obtain the exact same count twice, says Shamos. The act of passing them through so many human hands inevitably causes some shifts in those infamous shreds of evidence -- the chads.

"When properly implemented," Shamos says, electronic systems "can have real time accountability. But this will take years and years to implement," he concedes. Such all-digital systems probably won't be cheap. "One thing the public doesn't like is spending a lot of money on elections," Shamos notes.

And the system will be tested by increasing media pressures to deliver results quicker and quicker. "The technology has been skewed toward speed rather than voter convenience or accuracy," says Shamos. "We get away with it because most elections aren't close."

Adds Mercuri, "There's a strong drive to get the results out by the 11 o'clock news. But we want to still be able to have a recount. We need to find the true will of the voter." But without a mechanical or paper system, the voter can't see the ballot recorded as intended. "For example," she suggests, "we could add a paper output as an independent check and verification, and then we could have a better system. It would have speed and expediency for the first result, but also save the possibility of a recount."

"This is not unique to voting," says Mercuri, "there are a variety of other areas where the issue arises as well, such as private banking, and AIDS test reporting. My thesis is really about computer security, and voting machines is just a test case of it."

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# The Internet and the State

# Part 2: Internet Goverance

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### Doing

1. Visit the ICANN site, or the Domain Name Handbook, or ICANNWatch.org (disclaimer: I'm one of the editors) and poke around.

### Thinking

1. To what extent, if any, are the four goals in the White Paper in conflict with each other?
2. What are ICANN's goals? To what extent, if any, do they differ from those in the White Paper?
3. Who runs ICANN?
4. How would one measure whether ICANN is a "success"?
5. Can you think of any other organizations that resemble ICANN?
6. Suppose someone were to sue ICANN and the courts were to revive the non-delegation doctrine. Would that turn the clock back to *Schecter* and *Panama Refining*?

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2. If you were representing a trademark holder, or a domain name registrant, what would you look for in an arbitration provider? In an arbitrator?
3. How could one establish a 'arbitration court of appeals' to harmonize UDPR decisions? Who should pick the people to sit on that panel?

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2. How *should* decisons as to which TLD is added to the legacy root be made?
3. And how should decisions about who gets the potentially lucrative right to be the registry be made?
4. To what extent if any should the existence of a functioning 'alternate root' TLD of the same name affect either decision above?
5. To what extent should the age or size of the 'alternate root' TLD affect either decision?
6. Which should be selected first - the TLD name or the group that will act as registry? Or should they be selected as a package deal?
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2. How should the United States manage the .us domain? What objectives should it attempt to achieve in so doing?
3. Is footnote 10 of the *Virtual Countries* opinion correct? How would you decide the merits under the UDRP?
4. Suppose South Africa prevails before WIPO, round 2, and ICANN subsequently agrees to change the UDRP rules to suit it. In order to bring a UDRP claim, South Africa would have to sign the ordinary consent to jurisdiction in the event that the registrant seeks to bring a court action. Does this amount to a waiver of sovereign immunity? If Virtual Countries were to lose the UDRP proceeding, and then bring a new lawsuit in US district court arguing that immunity had been waived, what result? If the court found waiver, what result on the mertits?

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2. What additional things would you worry about when conducting an on-line election in addition to the usual things that apply to ordinary elections? Are any of the traditional worries magnified or alleviated?
3. If the Internet continues to grow at its current pace, pretty soon there will be billions of users, and potentially hundreds of millions of domain names and registrants. Can ICANN elections scale? How?
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### Doing

1. Visit the ICANN site, or the Domain Name Handbook, or ICANNWatch.org (disclaimer: I'm one of the editors) and poke around.

### Thinking

1. To what extent, if any, are the four goals in the White Paper in conflict with each other?
2. What are ICANN's goals? To what extent, if any, do they differ from those in the White Paper?
3. Who runs ICANN?
4. How would one measure whether ICANN is a "success"?
5. Can you think of any other organizations that resemble ICANN?
6. Suppose someone were to sue ICANN and the courts were to revive the non-delegation doctrine. Would that turn the clock back to *Schecter* and *Panama Refining*?

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### Thinking

1. What do you see as the main advantages and disadvantages of the UDRP?
2. If you were representing a trademark holder, or a domain name registrant, what would you look for in an arbitration provider? In an arbitrator?
3. How could one establish a 'arbitration court of appeals' to harmonize UDPR decisions? Who should pick the people to sit on that panel?

### Optional

1. Read some UDRP decisions from the enormous alphabetical list (warning: this takes a long time to load!).

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9. K. Crispin, Alt-Roots, Alt-TLDs (May 2001)

### Thinking

1. What happens if there are two computers with the same domain name in the same root? In different roots?
2. How *should* decisons as to which TLD is added to the legacy root be made?
3. And how should decisions about who gets the potentially lucrative right to be the registry be made?
4. To what extent if any should the existence of a functioning 'alternate root' TLD of the same name affect either decision above?
5. To what extent should the age or size of the 'alternate root' TLD affect either decision?
6. Which should be selected first - the TLD name or the group that will act as registry? Or

should they be selected as a package deal?
7. How much disclosure, and of what kind, does the seller of a registration in an 'alternate' TLD owe to customers?

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1. IANA is secretive. ICANN runs IANA under contract. Is this consistent with ICANN's

obligations under its bylaws?
2. How should the United States manage the .us domain? What objectives should it attempt to achieve in so doing?
3. Is footnote 10 of the *Virtual Countries* opinion correct? How would you decide the merits under the UDRP?
4. Suppose South Africa prevails before WIPO, round 2, and ICANN subsequently agrees to change the UDRP rules to suit it. In order to bring a UDRP claim, South Africa would have to sign the ordinary consent to jurisdiction in the event that the registrant seeks to bring a court action. Does this amount to a waiver of sovereign immunity? If Virtual Countries were to lose the UDRP proceeding, and then bring a new lawsuit in US district court arguing that immunity had been waived, what result? If the court found waiver, what result on the mertits?

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    3. .ph: Conflict
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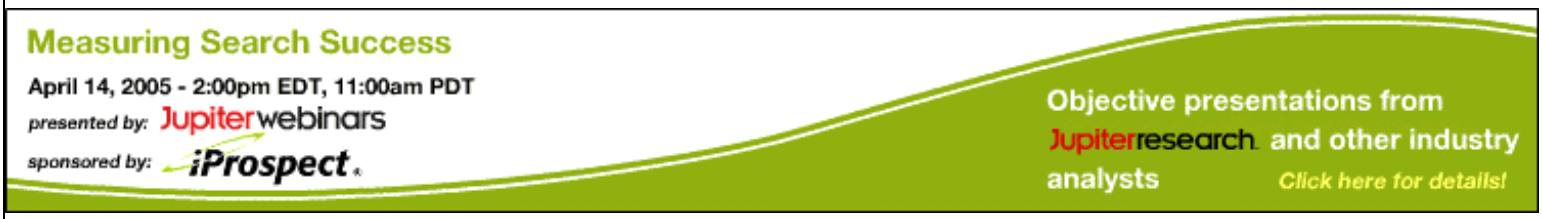



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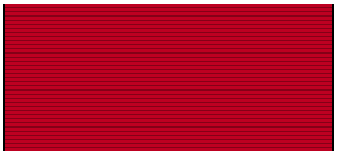

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1. Selected Readings (additional readings to be sent out)
2. Projects mentioned in the lectures
3. Exercises
4. Student Projects
5. Additional Links to get going...

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1. Selected Readings

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*To*: nettime-l@Desk.nl
*Subject*: <nettime> art on the internet - part 1
*From*: Tilman Baumgaertel -- http://www.thing.de/tilman/art-e.htm
*Date*: Mon, 12 Oct 1998 13:36:58 -0400

http://www.nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-9810/msg00082.html

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congress called " (History of) Mailart in Eastern Europe" at

the Staatliches Museum Schwerin (Germany) 1996

by Joachim Blank, Internationale Stadt Berlin

http://www.irational.org/cern/netart.txt

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net art, web art, online art, net.art?
Andreas Brogger

http://www.afsnitp.dk/onoff/Texts/broggernetart,we.html -

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Introduction to net.art (1994-1999)
Natalie Bookchin, Alexei Shulgin (March-April 1999)

http://www.easylife.org/netart/catalogue.html

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Steve Dietz

Beyond Interface:
net art and Art on the Net II (1998)

http://www.walkerart.org/gallery9/beyondinterface/bi_fr_sd2.html

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Museums and the Web 1998

Steve Dietz
Curating (on) The Web

http://www.archimuse.com/mw98/papers/dietz/dietz_curatingtheweb.html

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2. Projects mentioned in the lectures

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF EXISTING MORE TRADITIONAL WEB ACTIVITY IN THE ARTS ENVIRONMENT:

http://www.goodman-gallery.com/foyer.htm

http://www.artjoao.co.za/

http://www.goafrica.co.za/southafrica/arts/fineart.html

http://www.museums.org.za/

http://www.vgallery.co.za/index.asp

http://www.art.co.za/

http://www.rt-it.com/fs.html

http://www.normancatherine.co.za/

http://www.nathanielstern.com/

http://www.artthrob.co.za

http://www.fineartforum.org/

http://artslink.co.za/

http://www.digerati.co.za

http://fur.co.za

http://www.no.org.za/

http://www.dplanet.org/

http://www.altsense.net/

http://www.onair.co.za

http://www.google.com

Then what do you make of this?

http://www.blink.co.za/projects/Cut/

or this:

http://www.jodi.org

Selected examples of some artistic uses of the net:

Formal and historical artistic responses to the net:

Hearsay
http://www.t0.or.at/~radrian/ARTEX/hearsay.html (1985)
http://telematic.walkerart.org/timeline/timeline_white.html
(juxtaposition: contemporary content of walker art: http://www.walkerart.org/gallery9/ )

Olia Lialina, olialia
http://www.entropy8zuper.org/possession/olialia/olialia.htm -

Ubermorgen.com
http://www.ubermorgen.com/THE_BLACK_WEBSITE
http://www.ubermorgen.com/THE_WHITE_WEBSITE

Garnet Hertz (1997) The Simulator
http://www.conceptlab.com/simulator/

Holger Friese, Antworten
http://www.antworten.de

Olia Lialina / Michael Samyn, Heaven & Hell
http://www.zuper.com/hh/

Mark Napier, The Landfill
http://www.potatoland.org/landfill/

Jodi
http://www.jodi.org
http://404.jodi.org
http://404.jodi.org/cgi-bin/ae.cgi

http://0100101110101101.org/jodi.org

Moving the interface / results off the Web:

Garnet Hertz (1996) iNTERFACE
http://www.conceptlab.com/interface/

Stelarc – Ping Body
http://www.stelarc.va.com.au/pingbody/index.html

Lozano-Hemmer
www.lozano-hemmer.com
http://www.alzado.net/

Ars Electronica Centre
http://telegarden.aec.at/
http://www.aec.at/en/center/project.asp?iProjectID=11090

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http://www.hijack.org/
http://toywar.etoy.com/
http://www.toywar.co.uk/

Ubermorgen
http://www.ubermorgen.com/2003/
http://www.vote-auction.net/
http://www.naziline.com/campaign
http://www.ipnic.org/

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3. Exercises

3.1 What is Net/Web Art? Net/ Web specific art? What are the different interventions artists are making into the Net environment?

**DEVELOP ANSWER TO ABOVE QUESTIONS THROUGH MAPPING PROCESS AND EXERCISES AND EXAMPLES:**

**MAPPING TO UNDERSTAND THE TERRAIN!**

Current Web Activities that you know! - THESE ARE SPACES FOR INTERVENTIONS (class activity)
Concepts / Issues / Ideas/ … - ALL THESE ARE CONCEPTS THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED (class activity)
Map Concepts/ issues/ ideas/ problematic … for SA/ Localized - JUST TO KEEP IN MIND WHERE WE ARE POSITIONED (group activity)

Referring to the terrain map with examples.

3.2 Additional Class Exercises

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4. Student Projects:

THIS IS MERELY AN OUTLINE. MORE DETAIL IS DISCUSSED AS A GROUP.

4.1 Find an artwork that is web based and that you feel tackles an important aspect of the Internet. (see mind-map produced in class)

4.2 Write a 500 word motivation explaining how you found this work and why you chose it, critically looking at its content and use of medium. Add a list of other sites you were considering.

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The seminars on Netart will focus on the net as a platform for art production. This will include accessing and addressing a range of net art practices that have evolved from early work of the mid 1980's to contemporary online activity, looking at both experimental and conceptually sound processes. The seminars will also look at activist works that move beyond the boundaries of the online platform to involve political and social interventions. The practical component of the seminars will involve a series of hands on exercises online and offline that will question issues of context specific production and attempt to illustrate some complexities around developing online projects.

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*From*: Tilman Baumgaertel -- http://www.thing.de/tilman/art-e.htm
*Date*: Mon, 12 Oct 1998 13:36:58 -0400

http://www.nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-9810/msg00082.html

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The text below is a contribution to an exhibition and
congress called " (History of) Mailart in Eastern Europe" at
the Staatliches Museum Schwerin (Germany) 1996

by Joachim Blank, Internationale Stadt Berlin

http://www.irational.org/cern/netart.txt

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net art, web art, online art, net.art?
Andreas Brogger

http://www.afsnitp.dk/onoff/Texts/broggernetart,we.html -

December 2002 for ON OFF.

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Introduction to net.art (1994-1999)
Natalie Bookchin, Alexei Shulgin (March-April 1999)

http://www.easylife.org/netart/catalogue.html

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Steve Dietz

Beyond Interface:
net art and Art on the Net II (1998)

http://www.walkerart.org/gallery9/beyondinterface/bi_fr_sd2.html

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Museums and the Web 1998

Steve Dietz
Curating (on) The Web

http://www.archimuse.com/mw98/papers/dietz/dietz_curatingtheweb.html

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2. Projects mentioned in the lectures

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF EXISTING MORE TRADITIONAL WEB ACTIVITY IN THE ARTS ENVIRONMENT:

http://www.goodman-gallery.com/foyer.htm

http://www.artjoao.co.za/

http://www.goafrica.co.za/southafrica/arts/fineart.html

http://www.museums.org.za/

http://www.vgallery.co.za/index.asp

http://www.art.co.za/

http://www.rt-it.com/fs.html

http://www.normancatherine.co.za/

http://www.nathanielstern.com/

http://www.artthrob.co.za

http://www.fineartforum.org/

http://artslink.co.za/

http://www.digerati.co.za

http://fur.co.za

http://www.no.org.za/

http://www.dplanet.org/

http://www.altsense.net/

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http://www.google.com

Then what do you make of this?

http://www.blink.co.za/projects/Cut/

or this:

http://www.jodi.org

Selected examples of some artistic uses of the net:

Formal and historical artistic responses to the net:

Hearsay
http://www.t0.or.at/~radrian/ARTEX/hearsay.html (1985)
http://telematic.walkerart.org/timeline/timeline_white.html
(juxtaposition: contemporary content of walker art: http://www.walkerart.org/gallery9/ )

Olia Lialina, olialia
http://www.entropy8zuper.org/possession/olialia/olialia.htm -

Ubermorgen.com
http://www.ubermorgen.com/THE_BLACK_WEBSITE
http://www.ubermorgen.com/THE_WHITE_WEBSITE

Garnet Hertz (1997) The Simulator
http://www.conceptlab.com/simulator/

Holger Friese, Antworten
http://www.antworten.de

Olia Lialina / Michael Samyn, Heaven & Hell
http://www.zuper.com/hh/

Mark Napier, The Landfill
http://www.potatoland.org/landfill/

Jodi
http://www.jodi.org
http://404.jodi.org
http://404.jodi.org/cgi-bin/ae.cgi

http://0100101110101101.org/jodi.org

Moving the interface / results off the Web:

Garnet Hertz (1996) iNTERFACE
http://www.conceptlab.com/interface/

Stelarc – Ping Body
http://www.stelarc.va.com.au/pingbody/index.html

Lozano-Hemmer
www.lozano-hemmer.com
http://www.alzado.net/

Ars Electronica Centre
http://telegarden.aec.at/
http://www.aec.at/en/center/project.asp?iProjectID=11090

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http://0100101110101101.org/
http://0100101110101101.org/jodi.org
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http://0100101110101101.org/home/life_sharing/

Etoy
http://www.etoy.com
http://www.hijack.org/
http://toywar.etoy.com/
http://www.toywar.co.uk/

Ubermorgen

http://www.ubermorgen.com/2003/
http://www.**vote-auction**.net/
http://www.naziline.com/campaign
http://www.ipnic.org/

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3. Exercises

3.1 What is Net/Web Art? Net/ Web specific art? What are the different interventions artists are making into the Net environment?

**DEVELOP ANSWER TO ABOVE QUESTIONS THROUGH MAPPING PROCESS AND EXERCISES AND EXAMPLES:**

**MAPPING TO UNDERSTAND THE TERRAIN!**
Current Web Activities that you know! - THESE ARE SPACES FOR INTERVENTIONS (class activity)
Concepts / Issues / Ideas/ … - ALL THESE ARE CONCEPTS THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED (class activity)
Map Concepts/ issues/ ideas/ problematic … for SA/ Localized - JUST TO KEEP IN MIND WHERE WE ARE POSITIONED (group activity)

Referring to the terrain map with examples.

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THIS IS MERELY AN OUTLINE. MORE DETAIL IS DISCUSSED AS A GROUP.

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ZA*Play page for Mail & Guardian Online.
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WSOA - Wits School of Arts/Undergraduate Studies/Overview
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www.wits.ac.za/artworks/postgrad/digimedia.htm - 10k - Cached - Similar pages

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Technikon Witwatersrand - Your preferred choice of excellence.
www.twr.ac.za/ - 51k - Cached - Similar pages

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Official web site of the City of Johannesburg, information for residents and visitors, what's on, city services, daily news reports.
www.joburg.org.za/ - 54k - Cached - Similar pages

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# Housing - the saga continues

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**Author: Henry Thornton**

**Introduction**
We continue this popular column as the bubble continues to deflate - although the degree of deflation is a matter of great statistical uncertainty

**28/12.** "IF THERE is one single factor that has saved the world economy from a deep recession it is the housing market.

"Despite the sharp fall in share prices and a worldwide plunge in industrial production, business investment and profits, consumer spending has held up relatively well in America, Britain and several other economies, supported by low interest rates and the wealth-boosting effects of rising house prices. Over the 12 months to February average house prices in America rose by 9%, and those in Britain by 15%. Adjusting for inflation, this is the biggest real increase on record in America and the biggest in Britain since 1988."

More from **The Economist** here.

**13/12.** At last, sensible results for new home buyers as affordability rises. **Tim Colebatch** comments.

**2/12.** House Price Perception Climbs in Brisbane and Perth While Rest of Australia Drops, says Roy Morgan Research in conjunction with Henry Thornton

Sydney still has the most expensive houses in Australia (median price $597,300) according to perceptions of Australia's home owners in July - September 2004.

However, the gap between Sydney and the other capital cities, which widened dramatically from early 2002, appears now to have settled. Canberra, despite a slump during 2004, is still second in line (median price $385,800). For the first time in this series, Brisbane housing prices ($368,900) have overtaken Melbourne ($358,000) - at least in the minds of home owners.

Perceptions of Perth housing prices ($302,400) are still increasing and are ahead of Adelaide ($259,700) and Hobart ($238,300).

**Full article here.**

**2/12.** "Sydney house prices take a tumble" reports **Fiona Tyndall** for *the AFR,* P 57. It seems the median price of a house in sydney fell in the September quarter to $500, 000, a fall of 3.85%. Volumes of properties sold fell substantially also.

**Henry Thornton, 1/12.** Bloomberg (as reported by *the AFR,* P 14) reports today that UK house prices rose "unexpectedly" in November. Do not be suprised to find a similar story for Australia sooner rather than later.

**Henry Thornton, 30/11.** Today's weak retail sales outcome (down .7 % vrs expectations of up .7 %) and housing approval data and associated large drop in the dollar are signs of things to come. **More here.**

**Sid Marris, 27/11,** says housing is undergoing a "soft landing." "THE Reserve Bank appears to have engineered a soft landing for the housing market and "significant" falls in prices might be avoided.

"The ANZ bank's latest property outlook, stands in contrast to some of the gloomier predictions, arguing that some of the figures of falling prices need to be treated with "extreme caution".

"The latest figures from project home builders also suggests the recent fall in sales has bottomed out."

**Henry Thornton, 9/11.** The Reserve bank's quarterly economic report contains some previously unpublished data on house prices in the September quarter. **David Uren** reports for *The Oz*: "Treasurer Peter Costello yesterday welcomed what he described as a "plateauing" in the housing market.

"It appears as if we are now getting an adjustment in relation both to prices, credit and also in relation to building approvals," he said.

"A Commonwealth Bank survey shows that prices in Sydney have fallen by 15 per cent this year, while Melbourne house prices have dropped by 11.3 per cent.

"Prices in Canberra, which until June this year had remained firm, are now down by 10.7 per cent, while Perth (5.6 per cent) and Brisbane (4.4 per cent) have also recorded falls. The Adelaide market has fared best, with its prices down by only 1.8 per cent.

"A rival survey conducted by Australian Property Monitors shows broadly the same results, but with a sharper fall in Melbourne than Sydney. Other surveys quoted showed less dramatic falls in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

"The RBA described the fall in the housing market as "orderly" and said it did not pose a risk to broader economic activity."

**Henry, 30/10.** At last, **someone other than Henry** is concerned for the rising generation's ability to get set in the property market. And has some good advice on policy in this area, all very suprising at a real estate conference1

And it seems that in Melbourne there were slight price falls in the September quarter, but certainly no massive loss of paper wealth.

**Henry, 24/10.** **Anthony Klan** said in the weekend Oz that "THE re-election of the Howard Government has triggered renewed activity in the property market, with the exception of inner-city Brisbane where prices have nosedived."

**Henry, 19/10.** Did you hear Alan Kohler on ABC radio this evening? A small block of land in South Yarra sold for $4 million against a reserve price of $2.1 million. Some markets may be falling - especially oversupplied flats in Sydney - but the Reserve bank has a problem as prices at the top end of the market keep on rising. Apparently the banks are offering fixed rate loans ar lower rates than their variable price loans, signalling their expectation that interest rates will fall. "They might just be wrong" trilled Virginia Trioli, and for once in my life I agreed with her.

This housing bubble is not done yet, and the RBA (and **Terry McCrann**) has a problem on its hands.

**Fiona Tyndall, 14/10.** "Mixed signals as prices soften' is the headline. "The Australian property market has not crashed, but the much-heralded "soft landing" has not been reached either.

"While house-price data shows prices have undergone a relatively mild correction of 5 to 10 per cent, more recent indicators, including slashed clearance rates, suggest the downturn is well under way and there is more to come.

"But with only 10 Saturdays until Christmas, some real estate agents are betting on a bumper spring and summer selling period with increased prices and volumes.

"Experts don't have such high hopes."

**Henry, 1/10.** The Roy Morgan organisation has for several years been asking about 37,000 people each year about their view of the value of their houses. This is a so far neglected resource in the great debate about the state of the housing market in Australia.

Research on this data was released yesterday with the heading: **"Australian House Prices - A New Data Source."**

Gary Morgan said: "The attached paper shows no sign of a housing bust. Coming on top of other evidence of an over-heated economy, this suggests interest rates will go up, regardless of who wins on October 9, 2004."

**Henry, 24/9.** "Housing prices a risk" says the RBA. **David Uren and Steve Lewis** report for *the OZ*; "THE Reserve Bank has issued a blunt warning that falling housing prices, coupled with rising mortgages, pose a threat to the economy, no matter who wins next month's federal election.

"In a stark reminder to the major political parties that the economy is vulnerable, the bank has cautioned that while housing prices have fallen, debts have continued to surge."

And in a closely related issue, the **current vote auction** will add upward pressure on interest rates no matter

which side wins. Henry winced as he watched John Howard giving $8 million to upgrade facilities at the Ted Whitton oval, deep in the centre of one of Labor's strongest seats. Good on the doggies, they deserve a break, but really ...

**Ray Block, 21/9,** examines the housing bubble in a longer context. 2006 and 2007 is the time to really worry, he advises.

**Henry, 11/9.** "SYDNEY HARBOUR is one of the most stunning sights in the world. Over the next year, it may also provide a reflection of global property markets. In recent years the prices of waterfront homes, like the whole Australian housing market, have soared. Now the national boom seems to be over. The only question for Australia—and for many other countries—is whether prices will fall."

So says ***The Economist***, and later the venerable mag points out that: "... whereas Australia topped *The Economist's* global house-price league last year, it has now dropped to about half-way down the list." **Continued here ...**

**Henry, 10/9.** In an interesting article in *the AFR*, **Fiona Tyndal** says: "House prices may be tumbling but most home owners appear to believe the fall will not affect them.

"Almost three-quarters of property owners and prospective buyers are pessimistic about the outlook for property prices, according to a new study by research company InfoChoice. But 86 per cent believe price falls will occur somewhere else and that prices in their suburb will match or outperform others.

"The findings contrast with figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics last week showing house prices fell 1.2per cent nationally in the June quarter. House prices in Sydney fell by 5.4 per cent, the largest decline since the series began 18 years ago.' **Continued here ...**

**Henry 9/9. Ray Block** presents a thorough review of US, UK and Australian house prices. "If it walks like a bubble and talks like a bubble it probably is a bubble" - beware the coming correction.

However, the correction is not yet upon us. We have found a new data source on Australian house prices and will report on this as soon as possible. The advance warning - it's not at all clear that overall prices have fallen yet, except slightly in some markets, offset by rises elsewhere.

**Henry, 3/9**. **Shock, horror!** "Record [5.4%] slump in [Sydney] house prices." "Risks to the budget" says Treasurer. "Thank goodness" says the RBA. "Sydney housing now more affordable" says Henry. The national fall is apparently a very modest 1.2 %, although these numbers are pretty unreliable. A soft landing if I've ever seen one, although there may be further falls to come.

**Alan Mitchell** in *the fin* notes this seems more like an "orderly retreat" than a "death dive."

**1/9.** *The Economist* heads its article on the election in Oz "**The battle for mortgageville**." Ouch! Especially on a day when the **local press** documents the sharp decline in home affordability. The local stats seem to show some stabilisation in Aussie house prices, but **housing loans** are still growing far too quicky, so be careful - there are at least two post-election interest rate hikes to come.

**Henry, 29/8. Tony Boyd and Lisa Murray** in the Weekend AFR point out that "Australia's property risk is rising." The Reserve bank nervously held off from inhibiting the property bubble early in its life. This has, by allowing the boom to develop and persist, raised the stakes.

On my reading, the heat has gone out of the "property bust" story, although I have met distressed sellers who have had to sell out at a considerable loss.

Where to from here? Boyd and Murray point out that, in an official study: "Apra ... referred to a study by the International Monetary Fund in 2003 which examined the impact of bursting housing price bubbles in 14 countries between 1970 and 2002. The study identified 20 housing price crashes, and found on average that a housing price crash occurred once every 20 years, lasted about four years, involved a decline in real prices of

30 per cent and was associated with an output loss equivalent to 8 per cent of GDP." (Holy moley, 8 %!)

**AAP, 9/8.** The Australian housing market is in adjustment and is no longer in the overheated condition seen at the end of last year, the Reserve Bank of Australia said in its quarterly statement on monetary policy.

The central bank said house prices declined in the first half of 2004.

"Business and consumer confidence are at high levels," the central bank said in its statement released today.

"At the same time, adjustment is occurring in the Australian housing market, which is no longer in the overheated condition seen at the end of last year."

The overheated market had carried the potential to destabilise the broader economy.

"There are clear indications, however, that the situation has now changed.

"After the very rapid rise in house prices up to the end of last year, the available indicators suggest that prices declined in the first half of 2004."

**Henry, 29/7.** Today I paid a lightening visit to the Gold Coast to check on an investment. (Doing swimmingly, you will be pleased to know.) My driver, the faithful Tony, pointed out that "Q1" had reached floor 50 of a planned 80 levels. "It will be the highest residential building in the world" he said proudly. "A Japanese restaurenteur has brought the penthouse for $8.9 million." He went on to say that all but 40 of the 527 units were already sold.

Memo Ian Macfarlane - No housing slump on the Gold Coast.

**Henry, 28/7.** Is housing bouncing back? Yes if the Commonwealth bank's latest report is anything to go by. Courtesy **The Sheet.**

**Henry, 24/7. Alan Kohler** for *the Age/SMH* says: "Activity and values are definitely slowing but not rapidly - at least not yet. That's because economic conditions do not support panic selling: vendors are not accepting low prices, preferring to hold instead.

"Interest rates have not gone up enough to produce cash-flow problems for negatively geared investors or indebted owner-occupiers, and it seems unlikely that they will. So there will be no market collapse and no "reverse wealth effect" on the rest of the economy - merely a long period of flat values.

"It's likely that real estate will, at best, remain in a holding pattern for a long time - perhaps a decade."

**Henry, 19/7.** "Auction clearance rates revived in Sydney and Melbourne at the weekend, just as the federal government said it was glad the housing market had [apparently] plateaued.

"The adjusted clearance rate in Sydney reached 57 per cent, one of the highest in months, while Melbourne's was 51 per cent.

"Lend Lease chief executive Greg Clarke also said yesterday the housing market for families remained strong."

And Treasurer Peter Costello said it would be good if the housing markets would "pause and catch their breath."

Thanks to **Jason Clout** at *the AFR* for all this useful information - no sign of a housing calamity here (except for the young and the unrich, who can no longer afford houses.)

It seems the first reading for June comes from 'Which Bank?' and shows a 3 % fall, making a 6.7 % fall for the year so far. Only time will tell if this is a sensible measure. (Thanks to ABC news, Alan Kohler in particular, for this update.)

**Henry, 17/7.** Morgan Stanley guru **Stephen Roach** discusses the global property boom in these terms. "The new asset-driven growth dynamic is increasingly global in scope. That was true of equities and is now true of property."

"The bubble of extraordinary monetary stimulus and the super-liquidity cycle it unleashed pose the key risk to over-extended property markets, in my view."

And: "... a turn in the liquidity cycle could have ominous implications for asset markets - especially overextended property markets."

Roach's Australian team report on the housing "bubble" in Australia but appear to be a bit behind the curve as they accept there was a fall in house prices in the March quarter. As we reported late last week, the (rather shonky) available data has been revised to show only relatively small falls in Melbourne and Sydney, with prices elsewhere flat or still rising.

We have found a survey-based series, incidentally, that shows an overall rise in Australian house prices in the March quarter - more on this later this week.

**Henry, 15/7.** The Reserve Bank of Australia has opined (we use the word advisedly) on house prices. Its Governor, Ian Macfarlane, is reputed to enjoy house auctions and must have been taking notes.

It is impossible to be sure, but overall house prices are believed to have fallen a bit in Sydney and Melbourne and to be flat or up in other cities. Hardly a hard landing, but the Reserve notes the strong case for getting better data.

Read the **full monty** here.

**Henry, 8/7. Robert Harley** in the fin discusses the "second wind" theory of house prices. He ramains sceptical, as is the Reserve bank governor, Harley concludes, since interest rates remain on hold.

**Henry, 3/7. Robert Harley and friends** at *the fin* take a detailed look at the housing market street by street - the "shoe leather" approach to providing useful information. "In every street, prices have risen dramatically in recent years - although not equally. In relatively subdued Perth, one unit on Marine Parade has tripled in price in the past five years.

"In every street the buying frenzy has evaporated.

"As PRDnationwide's prestige property specialist on the Gold Coast, John Natoli, says, "the urgency to buy" has gone.

"But just as prices varied on the way up, they are varying on the way down - from street to street and even from house to house."

**Henry, 29/6.** "Prepare for a property crunch" asserts **Ross Gittins** - or at least his subbie.. "The median house price in Australia is now nine times average income per person, compared with six times at the beginning of the upswing.

"There's little doubt the cycle's correction phase will involve big falls in house and apartment prices, and I expect thousands of negatively geared investors to do a lot of dough. But I don't expect much damage to owner-occupiers and, hence, the macro economy."

Despite the alarming headline, this is pretty well our view also.

**Henry, 3/6.** ***The Economist*** describes Australia's housing bubble as "Hair raising."

*Earlier items in this popular series are **linked here (Goldmembers only)***

## READERS' COMMENTS

Subject: Among the Gum Trees
Posted by: **David Coath**
Date: 11/3/2004

The econo-savvy in my native Toronto are getting uptight because house prices have been gaining at 5.5% for the past few years. They should calm down and remember "real estate never goes down"

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**Introduction**
We continue this popular column as the bubble continues to deflate - although the degree of deflation is a matter of great statistical uncertainty

**28/12.** "IF THERE is one single factor that has saved the world economy from a deep recession it is the housing market.

"Despite the sharp fall in share prices and a worldwide plunge in industrial production, business investment and profits, consumer spending has held up relatively well in America, Britain and several other economies, supported by low interest rates and the wealth-boosting effects of rising house prices. Over the 12 months to February average house prices in America rose by 9%, and those in Britain by 15%. Adjusting for inflation, this is the biggest real increase on record in America and the biggest in Britain since 1988."

More from **The Economist** here.

**13/12.** At last, sensible results for new home buyers as affordability rises. **Tim Colebatch** comments.

**2/12.** House Price Perception Climbs in Brisbane and Perth While Rest of Australia Drops, says Roy Morgan Research in conjunction with Henry Thornton

Sydney still has the most expensive houses in Australia (median price $597,300) according to perceptions of Australia's home owners in July - September 2004.

However, the gap between Sydney and the other capital cities, which widened dramatically from early 2002, appears now to have settled. Canberra, despite a slump during 2004, is still second in line (median price $385,800). For the first time in this series, Brisbane housing prices ($368,900) have overtaken Melbourne ($358,000) - at least in the minds of home owners.

Perceptions of Perth housing prices ($302,400) are still increasing and are ahead of Adelaide ($259,700) and Hobart ($238,300).

**Full article here.**

**2/12.** "Sydney house prices take a tumble" reports **Fiona Tyndall** for *the AFR,* P 57. It seems the median price of a house in sydney fell in the September quarter to $500, 000, a fall of 3.85%. Volumes of properties sold fell substantially also.

**Henry Thornton, 1/12.** Bloomberg (as reported by *the AFR,* P 14) reports today that UK house prices rose "unexpectedly" in November. Do not be suprised to find a similar story for Australia sooner rather than later.

**Henry Thornton, 30/11.** Today's weak retail sales outcome (down .7 % vrs expectations of up .7 %) and housing approval data and associated large drop in the dollar are signs of things to come. **More here.**

**Sid Marris, 27/11,** says housing is undergoing a "soft landing." "THE Reserve Bank appears to have engineered a soft landing for the housing market and "significant" falls in prices might be avoided.

"The ANZ bank's latest property outlook, stands in contrast to some of the gloomier predictions, arguing that some of the figures of falling prices need to be treated with "extreme caution".

"The latest figures from project home builders also suggests the recent fall in sales has bottomed out."

**Henry Thornton, 9/11.** The Reserve bank's quarterly economic report contains some previously unpublished data on house prices in the September quarter. **David Uren** reports for *The Oz*: "Treasurer Peter Costello yesterday welcomed what he described as a "plateauing" in the housing market.

"It appears as if we are now getting an adjustment in relation both to prices, credit and also in relation to building approvals," he said.

"A Commonwealth Bank survey shows that prices in Sydney have fallen by 15 per cent this year, while Melbourne house prices have dropped by 11.3 per cent.

"Prices in Canberra, which until June this year had remained firm, are now down by 10.7 per cent, while Perth (5.6 per cent) and Brisbane (4.4 per cent) have also recorded falls. The Adelaide market has fared best, with its prices down by only 1.8 per cent.

"A rival survey conducted by Australian Property Monitors shows broadly the same results, but with a sharper fall in Melbourne than Sydney. Other surveys quoted showed less dramatic falls in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

"The RBA described the fall in the housing market as "orderly" and said it did not pose a risk to broader economic activity."

**Henry, 30/10.** At last, **someone other than Henry** is concerned for the rising generation's ability to get set in the property market. And has some good advice on policy in this area, all very suprising at a real estate conference1

And it seems that in Melbourne there were slight price falls in the September quarter, but certainly no massive loss of paper wealth.

**Henry, 24/10.** **Anthony Klan** said in the weekend Oz that "THE re-election of the Howard Government has triggered renewed activity in the property market, with the exception of inner-city Brisbane where prices have nosedived."

**Henry, 19/10.** Did you hear Alan Kohler on ABC radio this evening? A small block of land in South Yarra sold for $4 million against a reserve price of $2.1 million. Some markets may be falling - especially oversupplied flats in Sydney - but the Reserve bank has a problem as prices at the top end of the market keep on rising. Apparently the banks are offering fixed rate loans ar lower rates than their variable price loans, signalling their expectation that interest rates will fall. "They might just be wrong" trilled Virginia Trioli, and for once in my life I agreed with her.

This housing bubble is not done yet, and the RBA (and **Terry McCrann**) has a problem on its hands.

**Fiona Tyndall, 14/10.** "Mixed signals as prices soften' is the headline. "The Australian property market has not crashed, but the much-heralded "soft landing" has not been reached either.

"While house-price data shows prices have undergone a relatively mild correction of 5 to 10 per cent, more recent indicators, including slashed clearance rates, suggest the downturn is well under way and there is more to come.

"But with only 10 Saturdays until Christmas, some real estate agents are betting on a bumper spring and summer selling period with increased prices and volumes.

"Experts don't have such high hopes."

**Henry, 1/10.** The Roy Morgan organisation has for several years been asking about 37,000 people each year about their view of the value of their houses. This is a so far neglected resource in the great debate about the state of the housing market in Australia.

Research on this data was released yesterday with the heading: **"Australian House Prices - A New Data**

**Source."**

Gary Morgan said: "The attached paper shows no sign of a housing bust. Coming on top of other evidence of an over-heated economy, this suggests interest rates will go up, regardless of who wins on October 9, 2004."

**Henry, 24/9.** "Housing prices a risk" says the RBA. **David Uren and Steve Lewis** report for *the OZ*; "THE Reserve Bank has issued a blunt warning that falling housing prices, coupled with rising mortgages, pose a threat to the economy, no matter who wins next month's federal election.

"In a stark reminder to the major political parties that the economy is vulnerable, the bank has cautioned that while housing prices have fallen, debts have continued to surge."

And in a closely related issue, the **current vote auction** will add upward pressure on interest rates no matter which side wins. Henry winced as he watched John Howard giving $8 million to upgrade facilities at the Ted Whitton oval, deep in the centre of one of Labor's strongest seats. Good on the doggies, they deserve a break, but really ...

**Ray Block, 21/9,** examines the housing bubble in a longer context. 2006 and 2007 is the time to really worry, he advises.

**Henry, 11/9.** "SYDNEY HARBOUR is one of the most stunning sights in the world. Over the next year, it may also provide a reflection of global property markets. In recent years the prices of waterfront homes, like the whole Australian housing market, have soared. Now the national boom seems to be over. The only question for Australia—and for many other countries—is whether prices will fall."

So says ***The Economist***, and later the venerable mag points out that: "... whereas Australia topped *The Economist's* global house-price league last year, it has now dropped to about half-way down the list." **Continued here ...**

**Henry, 10/9.** In an interesting article in *the AFR*, **Fiona Tyndal** says: "House prices may be tumbling but most home owners appear to believe the fall will not affect them.

"Almost three-quarters of property owners and prospective buyers are pessimistic about the outlook for property prices, according to a new study by research company InfoChoice. But 86 per cent believe price falls will occur somewhere else and that prices in their suburb will match or outperform others.

"The findings contrast with figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics last week showing house prices fell 1.2per cent nationally in the June quarter. House prices in Sydney fell by 5.4 per cent, the largest decline since the series began 18 years ago.' **Continued here ...**

**Henry 9/9. Ray Block** presents a thorough review of US, UK and Australian house prices. "If it walks like a bubble and talks like a bubble it probably is a bubble" - beware the coming correction.

However, the correction is not yet upon us. We have found a new data source on Australian house prices and will report on this as soon as possible. The advance warning - it's not at all clear that overall prices have fallen yet, except slightly in some markets, offset by rises elsewhere.

**Henry, 3/9**. **Shock, horror!** "Record [5.4%] slump in [Sydney] house prices." "Risks to the budget" says Treasurer. "Thank goodness" says the RBA. "Sydney housing now more affordable" says Henry. The national fall is apparently a very modest 1.2 %, although these numbers are pretty unreliable. A soft landing if I've ever seen one, although there may be further falls to come.

**Alan Mitchell** in *the fin* notes this seems more like an "orderly retreat" than a "death dive."

**1/9.** *The Economist* heads its article on the election in Oz "**The battle for mortgageville**." Ouch! Especially on a day when the **local press** documents the sharp decline in home affordability. The local stats seem to show some stabilisation in Aussie house prices, but **housing loans** are still growing far too quicky, so be careful - there are at least two post-election interest rate hikes to come.

**Henry, 29/8. Tony Boyd and Lisa Murray** in the Weekend AFR point out that "Australia's property risk is rising." The Reserve bank nervously held off from inhibiting the property bubble early in its life. This has, by allowing the boom to develop and persist, raised the stakes.

On my reading, the heat has gone out of the "property bust" story, although I have met distressed sellers who have had to sell out at a considerable loss.

Where to from here? Boyd and Murray point out that, in an official study: "Apra ... referred to a study by the International Monetary Fund in 2003 which examined the impact of bursting housing price bubbles in 14 countries between 1970 and 2002. The study identified 20 housing price crashes, and found on average that a housing price crash occurred once every 20 years, lasted about four years, involved a decline in real prices of 30 per cent and was associated with an output loss equivalent to 8 per cent of GDP." (Holy moley, 8 %!)

**AAP, 9/8.** The Australian housing market is in adjustment and is no longer in the overheated condition seen at the end of last year, the Reserve Bank of Australia said in its quarterly statement on monetary policy.

The central bank said house prices declined in the first half of 2004.

"Business and consumer confidence are at high levels," the central bank said in its statement released today.

"At the same time, adjustment is occurring in the Australian housing market, which is no longer in the overheated condition seen at the end of last year."

The overheated market had carried the potential to destabilise the broader economy.

"There are clear indications, however, that the situation has now changed.

"After the very rapid rise in house prices up to the end of last year, the available indicators suggest that prices declined in the first half of 2004."

**Henry, 29/7.** Today I paid a lightening visit to the Gold Coast to check on an investment. (Doing swimmingly, you will be pleased to know.) My driver, the faithful Tony, pointed out that "Q1" had reached floor 50 of a planned 80 levels. "It will be the highest residential building in the world" he said proudly. "A Japanese restaurenteur has brought the penthouse for $8.9 million." He went on to say that all but 40 of the 527 units were already sold.

Memo Ian Macfarlane - No housing slump on the Gold Coast.

**Henry, 28/7.** Is housing bouncing back? Yes if the Commonwealth bank's latest report is anything to go by. Courtesy **The Sheet.**

**Henry, 24/7. Alan Kohler** for *the Age/SMH* says: "Activity and values are definitely slowing but not rapidly - at least not yet. That's because economic conditions do not support panic selling: vendors are not accepting low prices, preferring to hold instead.

"Interest rates have not gone up enough to produce cash-flow problems for negatively geared investors or indebted owner-occupiers, and it seems unlikely that they will. So there will be no market collapse and no "reverse wealth effect" on the rest of the economy - merely a long period of flat values.

"It's likely that real estate will, at best, remain in a holding pattern for a long time - perhaps a decade."

**Henry, 19/7.** "Auction clearance rates revived in Sydney and Melbourne at the weekend, just as the federal government said it was glad the housing market had [apparently] plateaued.

"The adjusted clearance rate in Sydney reached 57 per cent, one of the highest in months, while Melbourne's was 51 per cent.

"Lend Lease chief executive Greg Clarke also said yesterday the housing market for families remained strong."

And Treasurer Peter Costello said it would be good if the housing markets would "pause and catch their breath."

Thanks to **Jason Clout** at *the AFR* for all this useful information - no sign of a housing calamity here (except for the young and the unrich, who can no longer afford houses.)

It seems the first reading for June comes from 'Which Bank?' and shows a 3 % fall, making a 6.7 % fall for the year so far. Only time will tell if this is a sensible measure. (Thanks to ABC news, Alan Kohler in particular, for this update.)

**Henry, 17/7.** Morgan Stanley guru **Stephen Roach** discusses the global property boom in these terms. "The new asset-driven growth dynamic is increasingly global in scope. That was true of equities and is now true of property."

"The bubble of extraordinary monetary stimulus and the super-liquidity cycle it unleashed pose the key risk to over-extended property markets, in my view."

And: "... a turn in the liquidity cycle could have ominous implications for asset markets - especially overextended property markets."

Roach's Australian team report on the housing "bubble" in Australia but appear to be a bit behind the curve as they accept there was a fall in house prices in the March quarter. As we reported late last week, the (rather shonky) available data has been revised to show only relatively small falls in Melbourne and Sydney, with prices elsewhere flat or still rising.

We have found a survey-based series, incidentally, that shows an overall rise in Australian house prices in the March quarter - more on this later this week.

**Henry, 15/7.** The Reserve Bank of Australia has opined (we use the word advisedly) on house prices. Its Governor, Ian Macfarlane, is reputed to enjoy house auctions and must have been taking notes.

It is impossible to be sure, but overall house prices are believed to have fallen a bit in Sydney and Melbourne and to be flat or up in other cities. Hardly a hard landing, but the Reserve notes the strong case for getting better data.

Read the **full monty** here.

**Henry, 8/7. Robert Harley** in the fin discusses the "second wind" theory of house prices. He ramains sceptical, as is the Reserve bank governor, Harley concludes, since interest rates remain on hold.

**Henry, 3/7. Robert Harley and friends** at *the fin* take a detailed look at the housing market street by street - the "shoe leather" approach to providing useful information. "In every street, prices have risen dramatically in recent years - although not equally. In relatively subdued Perth, one unit on Marine Parade has tripled in price in the past five years.

"In every street the buying frenzy has evaporated.

"As PRDnationwide's prestige property specialist on the Gold Coast, John Natoli, says, "the urgency to buy" has gone.

"But just as prices varied on the way up, they are varying on the way down - from street to street and even from house to house."

**Henry, 29/6.** "Prepare for a property crunch" asserts **Ross Gittins** - or at least his subbie.. "The median house price in Australia is now nine times average income per person, compared with six times at the beginning of the upswing.

"There's little doubt the cycle's correction phase will involve big falls in house and apartment prices, and I expect thousands of negatively geared investors to do a lot of dough. But I don't expect much damage to owner-occupiers and, hence, the macro economy."

Despite the alarming headline, this is pretty well our view also.

**Henry, 3/6.** ***The Economist*** describes Australia's housing bubble as "Hair raising."

*Earlier items in this popular series are* ***linked here (Goldmembers only)***

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Posted by: **David Coath**
Date: 11/3/2004

The econo-savvy in my native Toronto are getting uptight because house prices have been gaining at 5.5% for the past few years. They should calm down and remember "real estate never goes down"

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**Îôëàéí ñðåùó îíëàéí - åäèí ÷àñòåí ñëó÷àé**

[V]ote-auction å ñàéò, êîéòî ñòàíà ïîïóëÿðåí ïîêðàé íàïðåãíàòèòå èçáîðè çà àìåðèêàíñêè ïðåçèäåíò ïðåç 2000 ã. Íî ïîâîäúò íå áåøå ïðèñòðàñòåòîò ìó êúì åäèí îò äâàìàòà êàíäèäàòè èëè óíèêàëíîòî ìó ñúáúðæàíèå, à ôàêòúò, ÷å ñðåùó íåãî ñå èçïðàâè öÿëàòà ìàøèíà íà àìåðèêàíñêîòî ñúáåáíî ïðîèçâîäñòâî. Ïðè÷èíàòà å, ÷å [V]ote-auction ïðåäëàãà âúçìîæíîñò çà îíëàéí òúðãóâàíå íà ãëàñîîòäàâàòåëÿ âìî. Êàêòî ñàì ïîñî÷âà, ñàéòúò ñè ïîñòàâÿ çà öåë äà êîìáèíèðà àìåðèêàíñêèòå ïðèíöèïè íà äåìîêðàöèÿ è êàïèòàëèçúì êàòî ïðåâîçíîñòàâÿ îòêðèò ôîðóì çà êîíòàêò ìåæäó ãëàñîîäàâàòåëèòå è àìåðèêàíñêèòå ôîïàíèè, äàðÿâàùè ñðåäñòâà çà ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êàìïàíèè íà êàíäèäàòèòå çà äúðæàâåí ãëàâà. Ïîçèöèÿòà, îò êîÿòî àâòîðèòå íà àêöèÿòà òðúãâàò, å, ÷å ïî òîçè íà÷èí ùå ñå íàìàëè ðàçõèùàâàíåòî íà ñðåäñòâà â èçáîðíàòà èíäóñòðèÿ, êîÿòî ñå êîíòðîëèðà îò ñïåöèàëèçèðàíèòå ãðóïè íà ïîëèòè÷åñêè êîíñóëòàíòè, ïîëó÷àâàùè 10-15% îò äàðåíèòå êàìïàíèè çà ïîìóëÿðèçèðàíå íà íÿêîè îò ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êàíäèäàòè. Ñïîðåä [V]ote-auction, òîâà òðåòèðà ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå êàòî ïðîäóêò, êîéòî ìîæå äà áúäå ïðîäàäåí íà êàíäèäàòèòå (è/èëè íà òåõíèòå äàðèòåëè). Ïîä äúçêèÿ ëîçóíã “Êîíòðîëèðàé ñâîÿ ãëàñ - êîíòðîëèðàé ñâîÿòà äåìîêðàöèÿ!”, ñàéòúò ïðåäîñòàâÿ âúçìîæíîñò íà ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå ñàìè äà íàïðàâÿâàò ñâîÿ èçáîðåí êàìïàíåò, ñ êîåòî äà ñå ïðåîäîëåå íèñêàòà èçáèðàòåëíà àêòèâíîñò, ðóòèíîñòòà íà ïîëèòè÷åñêàòà ñèñòåìà è ìåäèéíàòà òîòàëíîñò íà ïîñëàíèÿòà. Îò äðóãà ñòðàíà, êîìïàíèèòå, êîèòî èíâåñòèðàò â ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êàìïàíèè, èìàò ïî-ãîëÿì êîíòðîë è âúçðúùàâàíîñò íà èíâåñòèöèòå ñè, êàòî ìîãàò äèðåêòíî äà âëèÿÿò âúðõó ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå. Íåçàâèñèìî äàëè ïðåäñòàâÿâà ïðîâîêàòèâíà àðòèñòè÷íà àêöèÿ èëè äåéſòâèòåëíî öåëè ïðîìÿíà íà óòâúðäåíàòà èçáèðàòåëíà ñèſòåìà, ðåàëíîñòòà íà ìåæäóíàðîäíà ñúäåáíà âëàſò ñðåùó [V]ote-auction å ìèãíîâåíà. Ñúäëÿ îò ùàòà Èëèíéſ èçäàâà ſúäåáíà çàáðàíà çà îſåðèðàíå â òîçè ùàò íà ſàéòà voteauction.com. Â ſìèò äà çàſáèêſëÿò òſâà íàðåæäàíå ſïåðàòſðèòå ìó ſðſìåíÿò äſìåéſ èìåòſ íà vote-auction.com. Òſãàâà ſå íàìåſâà ìèíèſòúðúò íà ſðàâſñúäèåòſ íà ùàòà Ìſñóðè Äæåé Íèſñúſ, êſéòſ ſſëó÷àâà ſúäåáíà çàſſâåä, çàäúëæàâàùà ſſåðàòſðſòåä íà [V]ote-auction äà ſòáåëåæàò â ſàéòà ſè, ÷å êóſóâàſåòſ è ſðſſäàâàſåòſ íà ãëàſſâå å íåçàſſſſſ ſſſðåä çàſſſèòå íà Ìſſóðè. Òàçè ſúäåáíà çàſſâåä ſå ſòſàſÿ íå ſàìſ äſ èìåòſ íà ſââèſÿåìſòå, ſſ ſúùſ äſ âſÿſà äúùåðſà êſſſàſëÿ, ôſëſàë ëëè âſâſè, êſéòſ äåéſòâà ſò òÿſſſ èìå ëëè â òåſâſ èſòåðåſ. Äåéſòâſÿòà íà ſúäåáſèòå âëàſòè ſà ſðſàſóſòóâàſe ſò ſúùåſòóâàùèòå çàſſſe â ÑÀÙ, ſſſſðåä êſèòſ êóſóâàſåòſ è ſðſàäâàſåòſ íà ãëàſſſâå âúâ ôåäåðàſſè èçáſðå å ôåäåðàſſſ ſðåſòúſëåſèå, êſåòſ ſå íàêàçâà ſ ãſſáà ſò 10 õſſÿäſ äſſàðà è 5 ſſäſſe çàòſſð. Â ſſàſäàëà ſå âſſþ÷âà è äúðæàſſſÿò ſåſðåòàð íà Êàſſſôſðſſÿ Áſſ Äæſóſſ, êſéòſ ſúçäàâà ſſåöſàſåſ ðàçſſåäâàù åſſſ äà ſſåäſ äåſſſſòòà íà ſſäſáſſ ſàéòſâå çà ſðåäſàâàſåſ è êóſóâàſå íà èçáſðàòåſſe ãſàſſâå.

Òðÿáâà äà ſå ſòáåſåæè, ÷å â äåéſòâſòåſſſſò [V]ote-auction ſå óſſÿâà äà ſðſäàäå ſſòſ åäſſ ãſàſ, âúſſðåſ ÷å ſſſå ſúðâſſſà÷àſſſ çàÿâåſſÿò ſſòåðåſ ſò ſòðàſà ſà èçáſðàòåſſſòå å âſſÿſ. Â ſſſ÷àÿ ſſ-ſſſòåðåſſſe ſà ſſſòſòå çà ſðſſàäàſå ſà ſôſàſſ çàſſſſäàòåſſſòſ (è òſ ſà ſòäåſſà äúðæàâà) âúðõó ſſſàſſ òåðſòſðſÿòà ſà ſſſòåðſſo. À ſúùſ ſſſſðâàſåòſ ſà òſòàſſàòà ſâſáſäà ſà ſſåſſåòſ è âúçãſåäſòå (åäſſ ſò

äîâîäèòå, êîéòî ïîåðàòîðèòå îò [V]ote-auction èçòúêâàò â ñâîÿ çàùèòà å èìåííî Ïúðâàòà ïîïðàâêà êúì Êîíñòèòóöèÿòà íà ÑÀÙ, çàùèòàâàùà ñâîáîäàòà íà âîëåèçÿâëåíå), êîèòî êîíñòðóèðàò ìèòà çà Ìðåæàòà è ïðàêòèêèòå íà ðåãóëèðàíå íà êëåòêîïðîñòðàíñòâîòî. Êîíêðåòíèÿò ñëó÷àé ïîñòàâÿ ìîæåñòâîòî âúïðîñè è òå çàñÿãàò ñàìàòà ñúùíîñò íà èíòåðíåò. Êàêâè ñà âúçìîæíîñòèòå çà íåéíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå è êîé òðÿáâà äà ãî èçâúðøâà? Êàêúâ òèï íîðìè òðÿáâà äà áúäàò ïðèëàãàíè ñïðÿìî íåÿ è êàêúâ äà áúäå òåõíèÿò õàðàêòåð? Íàöèîíàëíè, òðàíñíàöèîíàëíè èëè êëåòêîïðîñòðàíñòâåíè òðÿáâà äà áúäàò ðåãóëèðàíè â êîèòî äà áúäå òåõíèÿò õàðàêòåð? Íàöèîíàëíèòå ïîåñòíàâàòà çà èíòåðíåò è äàëè òîâà íÿìà äà íàêúðíè íåéíàòà ïúðâîíà÷àëíà àóðà? Â êîè ñëó÷àè ðåãóëàöèÿòà îçíà÷àâà êîíòðîë è â êîè - öåíçóðà è ò.í.? Âñåêè îò òåçè âúïðîñè èìà ìîæåñòâî îòãîâîðè è âñåêè îò òÿõ å âåðåí â çàâèñèìîñò îò äëåãíàòà òî÷êà íà íåãîâèòå íîñèòåëè. Åäíîçíà÷íèÿò ïîäõîä êúì âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî íàðóøàâà ñúùíîñò è îáåçñìèñëÿ íåãîâèÿ ìîäåë.

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Ïðåäè îáà÷å äà ïðåìèíåì êúì èçñëåäâàíå íà ðåãóëàöèîííèòå ìåõàíèçìè ñïðÿìî èíòåðíåò, òðÿáâà äà íàïðàâèì îùå íÿêîè óòî÷íåíèÿ. Èíòåðíåò å óíèêàëíà ïî ñâîÿòà ñúùíîñò ìåäèà, â êîÿòî âèðòóàëíî ñå ñúâìåñòÿâàò ãëîáàëíè íàñîêè çà ôîðìèðàíå íà îáùî åëåêòðîííî ïðîñòðàíñòâî. Òî ìîæå äà ñå îïðåäåëè êàòî ðåçóëòàò îò ãëîáàëèçàöèîííè ïðîöåñè â ðåàëíîòî, ôèçè÷åñêî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, âêëþ÷èòåëíî è â îáëàñòòà íà ìåäèèòå, êîèòî ïðîè÷àò íåäâîêðåìåíè è ñ ðàçëè÷åí èíòåíçèòåò â îòäåëíèòå ãðîãðàôñêè ðàéîíè. Òîâà âîäè äî âúïðîñà çà äîñòúï äî âèðòóàëíîòà (íàëè÷èòî èëè îãðàíè÷àâàíåòî íà äîñòúïà ñå èçîëçâà êàòî ñðåäñòâî çà ïîëèòè÷åñêè êîíòðîë) è äî ìÿñòîòî íà îòäåëíèÿ ïîòðåáèòåë â áåçêðàéíîòà íà êèáåðñâåòà. Â ñëó÷àÿ ìîæå äà áúäå ðàçãëåäàíà âúçìîæíàòà ìó ñúîòíîñåíèåòî ê êúì íÿêîå îò âèðòóàëíèòå îáùíîñòâà - âèðòóàëíà êëàñà, îñòàòú÷íà êëàñà (surplus class), êàòî îïîçèöèÿ íà ïúðâàòà, è ïåðèôåðíà êëàñà.

Âèðòóàëíàòà êëàñà ïðåäñòàâëÿâà óïðàâëÿâàùèÿò åëèò, ãðóïàòà ñ íàé-ãîëÿìà âëàñò, ñâîáîäàçíèòå ìîíàðñè íà åëåêòðîííîòî êðàëñòâî. Òÿ îñúùåñòâÿâà ñâîÿ êîíòðîë ÷ðåç èêîíîìè÷åñêèòå ñè ïðåäèìñòâà (ôèíàíñîâè, êîìóíèêàöèîííè è òåõíîëîãè÷íè âúçìîæíîñòè), ñîöèàëíàòà çàâèñèìîñò (íåíàõîäèìîñòòà îò èíôîðìàöèÿ) è ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå ïðîöåñè. Àâòîðèòàðíîòî é ïîâèäíåå å ñòðåìåæ çà íàäìîùè è ïðåìàõâàíå íà âñÿêàêâè îïèòè çà êðèòèêà èëè îñìîâàíå íà äåíîíñèðàíèòå. Àâòîðèòàðíîòî íå ïîääúðæà ñòðåìåæ íà ïðåìàõâàíå íà ñàìèòå âèðòóàëíè õîðà çà åëåêòðîííîòî ïúòåøåñòâåíè ïðåç Ìðåæàòà êàòî ïðåäïîñòàâêà çà ðàçâèòèå, ëè÷íîñòíî è êóëòóðíî îáùóâàíå. Çà ðåäîâèòå íåòîððåèòåëè, ôîðìèðàùè îñòàòú÷íàòà êëàñà, îñòàâàò èäåîëîãè÷åñêèòå óëîâêè çà äåìîêðàòè÷íîñò è èêîíîìè÷åñêà ðàâíîïîñòàâåíîñò, êîèòî ïðèêðèâàò ñòðåìåæèòå íà âèðòóàëíàòà êëàñà çà ìàêñèìàëíà äîõîäíîñò è çàãóáàòà íà ñîöèàëíè ïðàâà. Èçâúí òåçè äâå îáùíîñòè ìîæå äà ñå ãîâîðè çà ñúùåñòâóâàíåòî è íà óñëîâíè íàðå÷åíàòà “ïåðèôåðíà êëàñà”, êîÿòî íå ó÷àñòâà âúâ âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, íî å è ïîòåíöèàëíà êàòî âúçìîæíîñò çà áúäåùî âêëþ÷âàíå â èíòåðíåò. Êàòî îáè ìíîãîêðàòíî íàâëèøàâà ïúðâèòå äâå êëàñè, íî å ñ íàé-ìàëêî âëèÿíèå (çà ïîâå÷å âæ. Ïîïîâà 2003).

Òðÿáâà äà áúäå ñïîìåíàòà è òåçàòà çà êîëåêòèâíîòî ñúçíàíèå êàòî êîíñòðóêöèÿ íà íîñòåðàòà, êîÿòî îáõâàùà îòäåëíèòå âúçëåäæè, æèçíåíè ñòèëîâå, ïðåäïî÷èòàíèÿ è î÷àêâàíèÿ, è ïðåäïîëàãà ïúëíî èëè ïðåíåäàäâàùî çàëè÷âàíå íà ðàçëè÷èÿòà ìåæäó âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà. Òîâà äî èçâåñòíà ñòåïåí êîðåñïîíäèðà ñ ïðåäñòàâàòà çà âñåîáùàòà ðåãóëàöèÿ íà Ìðåæàòà êàòî èçðàç íà âñåîáùèÿ èíòåðåñ. Äàëè îáà÷å å âúçìîæíî? Â ñëó÷àÿ ìîæå äà ñå èçâåäå ñõâàùàíåòî çà èíòåðíåò êàòî ïðåäïîñòàâêà è/èëè ïðîáóêò íà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿòà (âêëþ÷èòåëíî ïîÿâàòà íà âèðòóàëíà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿ) è íà÷èíèòå çà íåéíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå äà ñå èçðàçÿâà íà ïðèíöèïíî íîâî íèâî íà ãëîáàëíà ïðîöåñ.

Âèðòóàëíàòà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿ ìîæå äà áúäå ïðåäñòàâåíà ïîñðåäñòâîì íÿêîëêî ãëàâíè òî÷êè. Ñïîðä Óëðèõ Áåê âäíîâðåìåííîòî âúçïðîèçâåæäàíå è âúçïðèåìàíå íà ñúáèòèÿ, âúçíèêâàùè ïî ðàçëè÷íî âðåìå, âîäè äî çàëè÷àâàíå íà ëîêàëíèòå îñîáåíîñòè è äî ñúçäàâàíåòî íà “êîìïàêòíîòî âúâ âðåìåâî îòíîøåíèå çåìíî êúëáî” (âæ. Áåê 2002: 45). Òàêà ìåæäó îòäåëíèòå ïîððáèòåëè ñå ñúçäàâà âúíáðàæàåìà áëèçîñò, êîÿòî ñå ïðîÿâÿâà ÷ðåç îáùèòå ñèìâîëíè ôèãóðè, êîèòî ìåäèòèðàò ïðîèçâåæäàò. Ëè÷íèòå âúçïðèÿòèÿ íå ñà ëîêàëíî ïîðîäåíè, à ïðîäóêò íà ìàñìåäèéíî ïîäúðæàíèÿ è îôôðìåí òðàíñíàöèîíàëåí æèâîò. Çàòîâà Áåê îñíîâàâà òåçàòà íà Ìàðøàë Ìàêëóúí çà “ãëîáàëíîòî ñåë” êàòî ñúçäàâàùà ïîãðåøíà ïðåäñòàâà çà âúçâðúùàíå íà îáùíîñòòà, äîêàòî äèãèòàëíî ïîñðåäñòâàíèòå ôîðìè íà îáùóâàíå íå ïî÷èâàò âúðõó ðîäíèíñêè, ñîöèàëíè èëè ïðîñòðàíñòâåíè âðúçêè, à åäèíñòâåíî âúðõó îáùèòå èíôðåñè èúì è â Ìðåæàòà. Ïîäîáíè ñà è âèæäàíèÿòà íà Çèãìóíò Áàóìàí, ñïîðåä êîãîòî ñúâðåìåííàòà êðàòêîâðåìåííîñò íà ñúùåñòâóâàíå íà îáùíîñòèòå å ðåçóëòàò îò ôàêòà, ÷å îáùóâàíåòî âúòðå â îáùíîñòòà íÿìà íèêàêâî ïðèíóùåñòâî îáùóâàíåòî ìåæäó ðàçëè÷íèòå îáùíîñòè. Õàðàêòåðúò íà äíåøíèòå åëåêòðîííè ìåäèè ïðåäïîëàãà âäíàêâî âëèÿíèå âúðõó èíäèâèäèòå êàòî ñòåïåí íà âúçäåéñòâèå, íåçàâèñèìî äàëè ñå êîíòðóèðà ìàëêà ïî ðàçìåðè è èíòåíçèòåò íà îáùóâàíå ãðóïà èëè òàêàâà, êîÿòî ïðàêòè÷åñêè íÿìà ãðàíèöè â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî (âæ. Áàóìàí 1999: 36). Ñõîäíè ñà âúçãëåäèòå íà Öåòàí Ñåìåðäæèâ, çà êîãîòî ñúâðåìåííèòå òåõíîëîãèè êàòî éíòåðíåò îñèãóðÿâàò âúçìîæíîñòè çà ãëîáàëíà èìàãèíåðíà êîìóíèêàöèÿ, ïðè êîÿòî ñå ñúçäàâà ïðåäñòàâà çà ñâåòà êàòî ñèñòåìà, èçãðàäåíà îò âåå âçàèìîñâúðçíè äåéñòâèÿ íåçàâèñèìè: ðåàëíà (ôèçè÷åñêà) è èìàãèíåðíà (íîñòàëãèÿ), êúì êîÿòî ñå îòíàñÿ ãëîáàëèçàöèÿòà (âæ. Ñåìåðäæèâ á.ã.: 77).

Áàóìàí ïðàâè éíòåðåñåí ïàðàëåë ñ ìîäåëà íà Ïàíîïòèêîì íà Ìèøåë Ôóêî, êîéòî ïðåäñòàâëÿâà öåíòðàëèçèðàí ãðàä, ïîä÷èíåí íà íàáëþäåíèåòî íà óïðàâëÿâàùèòå/íàäçèðàòåëè, íàìåðàùè ñå â öåíòúðà íà ãðàäà, êúäåòî èíôîðìàöèÿòà å ñòðîãî öåíòðàëèçèðàíà (Áàóìàí 1999: 72-73). Òîçè ìîäåë ìîæå äà áúäå èçïîëçâàí êàòî ïðèâèäíî îáÿñíåíèå íà íà÷èíà, ïî êîéòî ñå ðåãóëèðà èíòåðíåò. Ãëàâíàòà öåë íà Ïàíîïòèêîìà, òâúðäè Áàóìàí, å äà âúâåæäà äèñöèïëèíà è äà íàëàãà åäíàêâà ðàìêà íà ïîâåäåíèå âúðõó ñâîèòå ïîä÷èíåíè, ñâîåîáðàçíî îðúæå ñðåùó ðàçëè÷èòåòî, èçâîðà è ìîãîìáðàçèåòî. Òîâà ïðÿêî êîðåñïîíäèðà ñúñ ñòðåìåæà íà éíôîðìàöèîííàòà äúðæàâà (äåìîêðàòè÷íè è àâòîðèòàðíè) äà êîíòðîëèðàò/öåíçóðèðàò äîñòúïà, äâèæåíèåòî è ìíåíèåòî íà ðàçëè÷íèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè â Ìðåæàòà. Ðàçáèðà ñå, ïîäîáíè öåëè ñà îáÿñíèìè, çàùîòî éíòåðíåò ñå ÿâÿâà ìîùíî èêîíîìè÷åñêî, éóëòóðíî è ïîëèòè÷åñêî ñðåäñòâî çà âëèÿíèå è îòäåëíèòå îáùåñòâà è ñòðàíè ñà ïðèâëå÷åíè îò âúçìîæíîñòòà çà ìàòåðèàëåí è èäååí ïðîñïåðèòåò. Êàêòî ðàíåí íááëþäàòåë íà éíòåðíåò îòáëÿçâà: “Äîñòúïúò äî àëòåðíàòèâíè ôîðìè íà éíôîðìàöèÿ è íáé-âå÷å âúçìîæíîñòòà çà ñïîäåëÿíå ñ îñòàíàëèòå íà âàøèòå ñîáñòâåíè àëòåðíàòèâè çà îôèöèàëíàòà ãëåäíà òî÷êà å, ïî ñâîÿòà ïðèðîäà, ïîëèòè÷åñêè ôåíîìåí.” (Òàóáìàí á.ã.)

Êàòî öÿëî ìîãàò äà ñå îáîñîáÿò òðè ðàçëè÷íè ãðóïè, îò êîèòî çàâèñè ðåãóëèðàíåòî íà Ìðåæàòà. Íà ïúðâî ìÿñòî, è íàé-ìíîãîáðîéíè êàòî ÷èñëåííîñò, ñà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå. Òå ñà òåçè, êîèòî ôîðìèðàò ïðåäñòàâàòà è ñúùíîñòòà íà âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî - ñ íåãîâèòå áåçêðàéíè âúçìîæíîñòè çà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, çàáàâëåíèå, îáùóâàíå, òúðãîâèÿ. Ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ñà ìàëêèòå åëåìåíòè, êîèòî èçãðàæäàò ìîíëèòíîñòòà íà èíòåðíåò, òÿõíîòî çàëè÷àâàíå áè äîâåëî äî ðàçïàäàíåòî íà öÿëàòà ñòðóêòóðà. Ïðåäïîëàãàâàì å, ÷å òå òðÿáâà äà èìàò íàé-ãîëÿì êîíòðîë âúðõó íåÿ. Îáà÷å òîâà íå âèíàãè å òàêà. Â íàñòîÿùåòî ðàçâèòèå íà êëáððåäåëíîòòà ìîãàò ïî-ñúùåñòâåíî å âëèÿíèòî íà âòîðàòà ãðóïà - ïðîâàéúðèòå è îñíîâíî íà òðåòàòà - äúðæàâèòå. Ïðåç ïðîâàéúðèòå (èëè èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èöèòå) ïðåìèíàâà öÿëàòà éíôîðìàöèÿ è òå èìàò íàé-ãîëÿì ïîãëåä êàêîâ âúðõó îáùàòà ðàìêà íà Ìðåæàòà, òàêà è ñïðÿìî îòäåëíèòå äåòàéëè îò õàðàêòåðà íà êîìóíèêàöèÿòà ìåæäó ïîòðåáèòåëèòå. Ïîðàäè âúçîîæíîñòèòà èì äà ðàçïîëàãàò ñ ïî-çàäúëáî÷åíè ìàòåðèàëè, äà ïðèõâàùàò è ôèëòðèðàò íåáëàãîíàäåæäíàòà èíôîðìàöèÿ, âúðõó òÿõ å ñúñðåäîòî÷åí íàé-ñëëíèÿò íàòèñê îò ñòðàíà íà äúðæàâèòå. Ìåòîäèòå çà òÿõíîòî âëèÿíèå ñà ñâúðçàíè ñ ïðîâåæäàíåòî íà öåëåíàñî÷åíà èíòåðíåò ïîëèòèêà, êîíñòðóèðàíåòî íà çàêîíè è ñúäåéñòâèåòî çà òÿõíîòî ïðèëàãàíå. Òóê å îìåíòúò äà ñå

îòäåëåæè, ÷å çàêîíîäàòåëíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå íà Ìðåæàòà å ïîä÷èíåíî äâîéíî íà îôëàéí çàêîíèòå, õàðàêòåðèçèðàùè ïðîöåñóàëíî - ñúäåáíàòà ïðàêòèêà íà îòäåëíèòå ñòðàíè (êîèòî íå âèíàãè ñà äåêâàòíî ïðèëîæèìè, ïîðàäè íàäíàöèîíàëíèÿ õàðàêòåð íà èíòåðíåò, êàêòî è çàðàäè ñïåöèôè÷íèòå îñîáåíîñòè íà íåãîâàòà ñúùíîñò), à ñúùî è ñïåöèàëèçèðàíèòå çàêîíè, ðåçóëòàò îò êîíñåíñóñíàòà ïîëèòèêà íà îòäåëíèòå äúðæàâè è îáùåñòâåíè îðãàíèçàöèè. Êúì òÿõ òðÿáâà äà ñå ïðèáàâÿò è îñîáåíàòà íåòåòèêà, íà êîÿòî ñå ïîä÷èíÿâàò ïîâå÷åòî ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè, èêîíîì÷åñêèòå ìîäåëè, êîèòî èçãðàæäàò äî ãîëÿìà ñòåïåí ïðîöåñà íà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, ñòîêè è óñëóãè ìåæäó ïðîèçâîäèòåëèòå è ïîòðåáèòåëèòå. Êúì òÿõ òðÿáâà äà ñå ïðèáâÿò è îñîáåíàòà íåòåòèêà, íà êîÿòî ñå ïîä÷èíÿâàò ïîâå÷åòî ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè, èêîíîì÷åñêèòå ìîäåëè, êîèòî èçãðàæäàò äî ãîëÿìà ñòåïåí ïðîöåñà íà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, ñòîêè è óñëóãè ìåæäó þçúðèòå è òåõí÷åñêèòå ïàðàìåòðè, êîèòî ñå îïðåäåëÿò îò âúçìîæíîñòèòå è òåõíîëîãèÿòà íà ðàçïîëàãàíå ñ íåÿ. Êúì ïúðâîíà÷àëíèòå îïèñàíèÿ èíòåðíåò ñà ùàñòëèâè, çàáðàâåëè íåóäîáñòâàòà, ïðîáëåìèòå, ïðåäàçñúáúòèòà è ïðå÷êèòå íà ôèçè÷åñêàòà äåéñòâèòåëíîñò. Â íåÿ òå ìîãàò ñâîáîäíî è íåçàâèñèìî äà ïðàâÿò èëè äà íå ïðàâÿò ñâîÿ èçáîð ïî ïòíîøåíèå íà èäåè, ñòîêè, ñòðåìåæè, íåäîñòèæèìîñò è îñèãóðÿâàíå íà äîñúï, íà íàâèãàöèÿ â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî, ëèñàòà íà âàòîðèòåòè, öåíçóðà, èêîíîìè÷åñêè, îáðàçîâàòåëíè, åçèêîâè, êóëòóðíè, ðàñîâè, ïîëîâè è íàé-âå÷å ñîöèàëíè îãðàíè÷åíèÿ. Â ïúðâîíà÷àëíèòå îïèñàíèÿ èíòåðíåò å îíàçè Àðêàäèÿ, â êîÿòî âñè÷êè ïîòðåáèòåëè ñà ùàñòëèâè, çàáðàâåëè íåóäîáñòâàòà, ïðîáëåìèòå, ïðåäàçñúáúòèòà è ïðå÷êèòå íà ôèçè÷åñêàòà äåéñòâèòåëíîñò. Â íåÿ òå ìîãàò ñâîáîäíî è íåçàâèñèìî äà ïðàâÿò ñâîÿ èçáîð ïî îíîøåíèå íà èäåè, ñòîêè, ñòðåìåæè, íåäîñòèæèìîñò â îñèãóðÿâàíå íà äîñúï, íåäîñòàòúöè â îñèãóðÿâàíå íà ïðàâîòî íà âèðòóàëíàòà ðåàëíîñò è íà÷èíà, êîéòî ïîçâîëÿâà íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå äà ïðåäîòâðàòÿò íàðóøåíèÿòà íà ïðàâàòà íà èíòåëåêòóàëíà ñîáñòâåíîñò. Íÿêîè èçñëåäâàòåëè íàðè÷àò òîçè ïîäõîä ñàìîðåãóëàöèÿ, äîêàòî äðóãè ãî íàðè÷àò ñîöèàëíî-äåìîêðàòè÷íà ðåãóëàöèÿ. Òîçè ïîäõîä ïðåäïîëàãà, ÷å ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ñà äîáðå èíôîðìèðàíè è ìîãàò ñàìè äà ïðåöåíÿò ðèñêîâåòå è ïîëçèòå íà ïðîäóêòèòå è óñëóãèòå, êîèòî ïîëçâàò, è ñàìè äà ñå çàùèòÿò îò íåãàòèâíèòå ïîñëåäèöè íà èçïîëçâàíåòî èì. Íåãîâ ïðåäñòàâèòåë å è Äæîí Ñòþàðò Ìèë, êîéòî ïðåäïîëàãà, ÷å ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ñà íàé-äîáðå èíôîðìèðàíè çà ïîëçèòå è ðèñêîâåòå, ñâúðçàíè ñ èçïîëçâàíåòî íà äàäåíà óñëóãà, è ñàìè äà ïðåöåíÿò ðèñêîâåòå è ïîëçèòå, êîèòî ùå èçïúëíÿò. Íî ïðåäïîëàãàíåòî, ÷å ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ñà íàé-äîáðå èíôîðìèðàíè çà ïîëçèòå è ðèñêîâåòå, ñâúðçàíè ñ èçïîëçâàíåòî íà äàäåíà óñëóãà, íå îçíà÷àâà, ÷å òå ñà íàé-äîáðèòå ñúäèè çà òåçè íåùà. Ïîòðåáèòåëèòå íå ñà ïîñòîÿííî èíôîðìèðàíè è íå ìîãàò äà ïðåöåíÿò âñåêè ïðîäóêò, êîéòî ñå ïðåäëàãà íà ïàçàðà, íèòî ùå èìàò âðåìå è ðåñóðñè çà òîâà. Íåêîè èçñëåäâàòåëè íàñî÷âàò âíèìàíèåòî êúì ïðîáëåìà, êîéòî íàðè÷àò àñèìåòðè÷íà èíôîðìèðàíîñò. Íÿêîè îò òåçèòå íà òîçè ïîäõîä ñà ïîñâåòåíè íà ïîòðåáèòåëñêèòå ïðîáëåìè, ñâúðçàíè ñ ïîòðåáèòåëñêèòå ïðåäïî÷èòàíèÿ è ïîâåäåíñêèòå àíîìàëèè, êîèòî ñà ïîñâåòåíè íà

Ëåñèã, ò.å. òåõíîëîãèÿòà ðåãóëèðà ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî), îò íåãîâèòå îñíîâíèòå è òåõíè÷åñêè ïîäåë. Â ïúðâèÿ ñëó÷àé äîñòúïúò å ñâîáîäåí, ïîòðåáèòåëèòå è ïîëçâàíåòî å íåîãðàíè÷åí, à âúâ âòîðèÿ - äîñòúïúò å êîíòðîëèðàí, ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ñà èçâåñòíè è ïîæå äà èìà îãðàíè÷åíèÿ ïðè ïîëçâàíåòî íà ïîðåäëåí òèï èíôîðìàöèÿ. Ïðèâèäíî òîâà ðàçäåëåíèå ñå îòíàñÿ äî äåìîêðàòè÷íè/íåäåìîêðàòè÷íè ðåæèìè è òÿõíîòî îòíîøåíèå êúì êëàðèôèêàöèîííî íî ñòðîãî ðåãóëèðàíà íà äîñòúïà ñúùåñòâóâà è â íàïúëíî ëèáåðàëíè îáùåñòâà, êîåòî ÷åñòî å îñúæäàíî êàòî òèï âúçäåéñòâèå.

Â òàçè íàñîêà ìîæå äà áúäå ïðåäñòàâåí åäèí èíòåðåñåí ïðèìåð - “Äåêëàðàöèÿ çà íåçàâèñèìîñòòà íà Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî” íà Äæîí Ïåðè Áàðëîó (Áàðëîó á.ã.) è â íåãî ñå ïðèçíàâà ïðàâîòî íà âñåêè ïîòðåáèòåë äà áúäå ÷àñò îò Ìðåæàòà, íåçàâèñèì îò ðàñòîò, ãåîãðàôñêè, èêîíîìè÷åñêè èëè âîåííè ïðåäèìñòâà, áåç ïðåäâàðèòåëíè ïðèâèëåãèè èëè äèñêðèìèíàöèÿ. Âñåêè èìà âúçìîæíîñò ñâîáîäíî äà íàâëèçà â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî, äà èçðàçÿâà ìíåíèåòî ñè, áåç äà ñå ñúîáðàçÿâà ñ ãëåäíàòà òî÷êà íà ìíîçèíñòâîòî. Òàçè íåçàâèñèìîñò, ñïîðåä àâòîðà íà äåêëàðàöèÿòà, å çàïëàøåíà îò “èíôîðìàöèîííàòà êàðàíòèíà”, ÷ðåç êîÿòî ñòðàíè êàòî Êèòàé, Ãåðìàíèÿ, Ôðàíöèÿ, Ðóñèÿ, Ñèíãàïóð, ÑÀÙ ñå ïîêàçâà äà ïðåäîòâðàòÿò “ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèòî íà âèðóñà íà ñâîáîäíèòå èçäàòåëñêè íåùà íà ãðàíèöèòå íà Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî.” È çàâúðøâà, ÷å òåçè ìåðêè ïîãàò äà çàäúðæàò åïèäåìèÿòà çà èçâåñòíî âðåìå, íî â ñâÿò, ïîä÷åíè íà êîìóíèêàöèîííèòå ñðåäñòâà, òå íÿìà äà ïîãàò äà âëèÿÿò äúëãî âðåìå. Ðàçáèðà ñå, êàêòî ïðåäïîëàãà ïðèçâíèÿò õàðàêòåð íà äåêëàðàöèÿòà, òÿ öåëè äà ïðèâå÷å âíèìàíèåòî íà ðàçëè÷íèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè, âúïðåêè ÷å ñúçíàâà íåâúçìîæíîñòòà ñúùåñòâóâà äà ïðîìåíè ñèñòåìàòà íà ðåãóëèðàíå íà Ìðåæàòà.

Ïîäîáíà, íî ïî-âúçäåéñòâàùà, èíèöèàòèâà ïðåäïðèåìà äðóãà èíòåðíåò îðãàíèçàöèÿ, èçâåñòíà ïîä èìåòî “Êèáåðàðìèÿ” (Cyber Army) (2001). Òÿ ïðåäñòàâëÿâà âîåíèçèðàíà ñòðóêòóðà îò îêîëî 35 000 ïîòðåáèòåëè, êîèòî, ñúñ ñâîèòå àêòèâè, ñå ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿò íà äåéſòâèÿòà íà äúðæàâèòå, îêàçâàùè âëèÿíèå âúðõó Ìðåæàòà. “Êèáåðàðìèÿòà” çàëàãà íà ñàìîðåãóëèðàíè íà âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîſòðàíſòâî è íà íåçàâèñèìñòòà ìó îò íàöèîíàëíèòå ïðåâèòåëſòâà. Â íà÷àëîòî îðãàíèçàöèÿòà çàïî÷âà êàòî ìàëêà ãðóïà, êîÿòî ſå áîðè çà ſâîáîäàòà íà ſëîâîòî è ïðîòèâ âſÿêàêâè ôîðìè íà öåíçóðà â èíòåðíåò. Âúïðåêè ÷å â ìèíàëîòî íÿêîè îò ÷ëåíîâåòå íà “Êèáåðàðìèÿòà” ſà ðàçáèâàëè ſàéòîâå çà óſîâíëſòâå, çà òðåíèðîâêà èëè êàòî ôîðìà íà ïðîòåſſ, ſåãà ïîåå÷åòî îò öåëèòå èì ſà ſâúðçàíè ſ ïðîſëåäÿâàíå è ïðî÷èſòâàíå íà ſàéòîâå ſ äåòſêà ïîðſîãðàôèÿ. Â ſâîÿòà ſúùſſſò òåõſèòå õàêåðſêè äåéſòâèÿ, ìàêàð äà ſà êàòåãîðèçèðàíè êàòî êèáåðïðåſòúïëåſíèÿ, ſå ÿâÿâàò èçðàç íà ſâîáîäſàòà âſëÿ íà èſòåðſåò ſſòðåáèòåëèòå.

**Òåõſſïðåſòúïëåſíèÿòà êàòî ſſëèòè÷åſêè èſſòðóìåſò**

Ìàëêî ſòàòèſòèêà: Sſſðåä äàſèè íà ÔÁÐ çà 2000 ã. ſà ðåãèſòðèðàſè 17 672 õàêåðſſêè àêòèè ſðåùó 10 000 çà 1999 ã. 87% îò òÿõ ſà ſâúðçàſè ſ èçſàſè ſðè åëåêòðſſſſàòà òúðãſâèÿ, êàòî ſðåäſſ íà íàðóſåſèå íàſåſåſſèòå ùåòè ſà çà ſêſëſ 600 ùàòſêè äſëàðà (âæ. Sàſÿſſſâà 2001à: 15). Sſ äàſſè íà Àſåðèêàſſêèÿ íàòëſſſàëåſ ſúþç íà ſſòðåáèòåëèòå ùåòèòå îò èſòåðſåò èçſàſè ſðåç 2001 ã. âúçëèçàò íà 4.3 ſëſ. äſëàðà. 63% îò òÿõ ſà ſðè÷èſåſè ſðè ſàçàðóâàſå â ſſëàéſ ſàãàçſſſèòå. Íå ſſ-ſàëêſ ſà èçſàſèòå, ſâúðçàſè ſ ſðåſſſòſàâÿſå íà èſòåðſåò äſſòúſ, ſſêóſſêà íà êſſſſþòðè è ſſſòóſåð ÷ðåç Ìðæàòà, ðàçëè÷åſ òèſ áèçſåſ îòſſøåſèÿ, êàêòî è èçſàſè íà õſðà, ðàáſòåùè ſ êſſſſþòúð âêúùè.” (âæ. Ìſøåſèòèòå 2001). Ðàçáèðà ſå, ſðåç ſſſëäàèòå ãſäèſè öèſðèòå ſſſãſêðàòſſ ſà ſå óſåëè÷èëè. Áſðáàòà ſ êèáåðſðåſòúſëåſèÿòà å â ſſſſâàòà íà ſſſãſáðſéſèòå çàêſſe, àêòſâå è êſſſåſſöèè, ſðèåòå êàêòſ îò ſòäåëſèòå äúðæàâè, òàêà è ſò ſâåòſâſèòå

îðãàíèçàöèè. Òðÿáâà îáà÷å äà ñå ïðåäñòàâè è äâîéíñòâåíàòà ïðèðîäà íà õàêåðñòâîòî. Ìàêàð äà ñà íàñî÷åíè ñðåùó âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà è äà ïðîòèâîðå÷àò íà åòè÷íèòå è äåìîêðàòè÷íè íîðìè íà èíòåðíåò, â ïîâå÷åòî ñëó÷àè õàêåðñêèòå àòàêè ñà ñïîíñîðèðàíè èçðàç íà âîëÿòà è äåéñòâèÿòà íà îòäåëíèòå ïîðåäèöåëè. Ñúùåñòâóâà ðàçëè÷èå ìåæäó àâòîíîìíàòà ñúùíîñò íà õàêåðñòâîòî è äåéñòâèÿòà íà êëàðïðåñòúïíèöèòå. Êàêòî Íåëè Îãíÿíîâà òâúðäè â ñâîÿ ñòàòèÿ “èñòèíñêîòî õàêåðñòâî ñå ñàìîïðåäåëÿ êàòî åêñïåðòåí êðúã, êàòî êóëòóðà íà ñïîäåëíîòî îáùóâàíå, íà ïðåïàïëÿâàíåòî íà ãðàíèöè è ðåøàâàíåòî íà ïðîáëåìè... Áàùèòå íà ìðåæàòà ïðîòåñòèðàò ñðåùó ïðèñâîÿâàíåòî íà íåîïîçèöèîííà îò ñàìîçâàíè âàíäàëè è èìàò ïðåçðèòåëíî îòíîøåíèå êúì òàêèâà (íàðè÷àò ãè crackers), êîèòî íå èçãðàæäàò, à ñàìî ðóøàò... (è) îáèêíîâåíî ïðîñòî ñà ìúðçåëèâè çà ïî-ñåðèîçíè ïðîôåñèîíàëíè çäðà÷è...” (Îãíÿíîâà 2001à). Òàêà ÷å íå òðÿáâà äà ñå ïîñòàâÿ çíàê íà òúæäåñòâåíñò ìåæäó èíòåëèãåíòíàòà, ïðîôåñèîíàëèçìà è êîìåòåíòíîñòòà íà îðãàíèçàöèòå õàêåðè, êîèòî ñúñ ñâîèòå äåéñòâèÿ ïîäîìàãàò ïî-äîáðàòà çàùèòà íà ñàéòîâåòå (Sun Tzu, èçâåñòåí êèòàéñêè áîåö è ñòðàòåã êàçâà, ÷å òðÿáâà äà ñå âúçïîëçâàòå îò ïîèòà íà âðàãà, çà äà îòêðèåòå ñâîèòå ñëàáîñòè - âæ. Ñóëðð á.ã.) è òåõíîëîãè÷íîñòîâà, êîèòî èçïîëçâàò êîìþòúðíèòå ñè óìåíèÿ è ïðîáèâèòå â ñîôòóåðà çà ëè÷íî îáîãàòÿâàíå è ïðèäîáèâàíå íà àâòîðèòåò.

Íåîáõîäèìî å äà ñå äåòàéëèçèðàò è ðàçëè÷íèòå âèäîâå òåõíîëîãè÷íè äåéíîñòè. Òå ìîãàò äà áúäàò ëîøè øåãè, ñ êîèòî äà ñå âïå÷àòëÿò èëè îáúðêàò îñòàíàëèòå ïîðåáèòåëè. Äåéñòâèòåëíèòå òåõíîëîãè÷íè äåéíîñòè ñà àíòèñîöèàëíè è ïðäàíàìåðíî çëîíàìåðíè - êàòî îáúðêâàíå íà ïîðåáèòåëèòå â ÷àò ñòàÿ, àòàêóâàíåòî èì ñ îáèäíè ìàòåðèàëè, çàáâåÿíå íà ñêîðîñòòà íà êîìóíèêàöèÿ, ðàçðóøàâàíå íà ââàòàðèòå íà þçúðèòå, êàêòî è íà öåëè ñúðâúðè, íåçàêîííîòî óíèùîæàâàíå íà ñèñòåìè, çà äà ñå äîñòèãíå äî ïîâðåäèòåëíè äàííè èëè ñðåäñòâà è ò.í. Äîñòà å ïèñàíî è çà ìîòèâàöèîííèòå õàðàêòåðèñòèêè íà õàêåðèòå. Êàòî ÷å ëè îáùèòå ìîìåíòè ñ íåîáõîäèìîñòòà îò âíèìàíèå, íåâúçìîæíîñòòà çà ïúëíîöåííî îáùóâàíå ñ äðóãèòå ïîðåáèòåëè, ïðåäèçâèêàòåëñòâîòî è âúëíåíèåòî îò íàâèãàíåòî â çàáðàíåíè îáëàñòè, æåëàíèåòî äà ñå äîêàæàò, äà äåìîíñòðèðàò ñâîÿ èíòåëåêò, ëîâêîñò, õèòðîñò, çàäîâîëÿâàíå ïîðåáíîñòòà îò óâàæåíèå è ñàìîóâàæåíèå. È òîâà, êîåòî å íàé-èíòåðåñíî - áóíòîâíè÷åñêàòà è àíòèíñòèòóöèîíàëíàòà ïðèðîäà íà òåõíèòå äåéñòâèÿ, êîÿòî îòíîâî ñå ñâúðçâà ñ èäåÿòà çà àíàðõèñòè÷íàòà ñúùíîñò íà èíòåðíåò.

Èìà äîñòà ïðèìåðè çà òîâà êàê ñúñ ñâîèòå äåéñòâèÿ õàêåðèòå ña çàùèòàâàëè íÿêîé óòîïè÷íî, õóìàíåí èëè íàöèîíàëåí èäåàë. Ïîêàçàòåëíè ña ðåàêöèèòå íà êèòàéñêèòå õàêåðè ñëää èíöèäåíòà îò 1 àïðèë 2001 ã., êîãàòî, ïðè ñáëúñúê ìåæäó àìåðèêàíñêè ðàçóçíàâàòåëåí ñàìîëåò è êèòàéñêè áîìáàðäèðîâà÷, çàãèíà êèòàéñêèÿò ïëîò, êîèòî ñå ïðîÿâèõà â çàùèòà íà êèòàéñêèòå íàöèîíàëíè èíòåðåñè. Òîãàâà áÿõà àòàêóâàíè ñàéòîâåòå íà àìåðèêàíñêîòî ïðåâèòåëñòâî îò êàòî áå çàìåíåíî èçîáðàæåíèåòî íà àìåðèêàíñêîòî çíàìå ñ êèòàéñêîòî è áëîêèðàíà öÿëàòà ñèñòåìà. Îí ñõîäåí íà÷èí áå áëîêèðàí íàé-ïîíóëÿðíèÿò êèòàéñêè ïîðòàë. À ñúùî áÿõà ðàçïðîñòðàíåíè ðàçëè÷íè âèðóñè, îò êîåòî ïîñòðàäàõà êîìþòðèòå íà ìíîãî ïîðåáèòåëè. Òàêà äåéñòâàõà è èíäîíåçèéñêèòå õàêåðè ïðè ïðîåñòà ñè ñðåùó îêóïàöèÿòà íà Èçòî÷åí Òèìóð è çà îñâîáîæäàâàíà íà òåõíè àðåñòóâàíè ëèäåðè. Ëþáîïèòíî å ïîâåäåíèåòî íà íåêîè áîòíåòè, êîèòî ïðîäúëæàâàò äà ñúùåñòâóâàò è ñëåä ïîòèñêâàíåòî íà ïúðâèòå èì ñúçäàòåëè. Ñúùî òàêà íåêîè îò òåçè áîòíåòè ñà ïîñòðîåíè îò íóëà, ñ öåë äà ñå ïîêàæàò, äà äåìîíñòðèðàò ñâîÿ èíòåëåêò, ëîâêîñò, õèòðîñò, çàäîâîëÿâàíå ïîðåáíîñòòà îò óâàæåíèå è ñàìîóâàæåíèå. È òîâà, êîåòî å íàé-èíòåðåñíî - áóíòîâíè÷åñêàòà è àíòèíñòèòóöèîíàëíàòà ïðèðîäà íà òåõíèòå äåéñòâèÿ, êîÿòî îòíîâî ñå ñâúðçâà ñ èäåÿòà çà àíàðõèñòè÷íàòà ñúùíîñò íà èíòåðíåò.

Ïðè ïîñòàíîâÿâàíåòî íà ïðåäñòàâèòåëè íà ÔÁÐ è íà Ìèíèñòåðñòâîòî íà ïðàâîñúäèåòî íà ÑÀÙ ïðåç ìåñåö þíè 2000 ã. ñðåùó õàêåðñêàòà îáùíîñò áåøå ïîñòàâåíà öåë - äà ñå ïîêàæå, ÷å ïðàâîñúäèåòî íå ñòîè íàä çàêîíà. Ïðåäñòàâèòåëèòå íà ÔÁÐ ñà ïîñî÷èëè, ÷å ïðåäè äà áúäàò àðåñòóâàíè, òå ñà èçïîëçâàëè ïîñåùåíèåòî ñè â Ëàñ Âåãàñ çà ïîñòàâÿíå íà ïîäîáíè ïðåäóïðåäèòåëíè ñèãíàëè. Ïðåäè äâà ìåñåöà ïðåäñòàâèòåëè íà ÔÁÐ ñà ïîñåòèëè ñåðâèçà íà Ìàéêðîñîôò â Ñèàòúë, çà äà ïîèñêàò ïîìîù ïðè ðàçñëåäâàíåòî íà ïîòåíöèàëíè íàðóøåíèÿ íà àâòîðñêèòå ïðàâà. Ïðåäñòàâèòåëèòå íà ÔÁÐ ñà ïîñåòèëè è ñåðâèçà íà Ïîðòúë, çà äà ïîèñêàò ïîìîù ïðè ðàçñëåäâàíåòî íà ïîòåíöèàëíè íàðóøåíèÿ íà àâòîðñêèòå ïðàâà. Ïðåäñòàâèòåëèòå íà ÔÁÐ ñà ïîñåòèëè è Ñàí Õîçå, çà äà ïîèñêàò ïîìîù ïðè ðàçñëåäâàíåòî íà ïîòåíöèàëíè íàðóøåíèÿ íà àâòîðñêèòå ïðàâà. Ïðåäñòàâèòåëèòå íà ÔÁÐ ñà ïîñåòèëè è Ñàí Õóàí

áåçäåéñòâèòåëíà ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå ðúêîâîäñòâà â Áúëãàðèÿ. Â êðàòêèÿ òåêñò ñå îïèñâàøå òåæêîòî ïîëîæåíèå íà ðîäèòåëèòå ìó, íåâúçìîæíîñòòà íà ìëàäèòå õîðà äà ñè íàìåðÿò çàäîâîëèòåëíà ðàáîòà, àêî íå ñà íå÷èé ðîäíèíà, ïîðàäè êîåòî ñà ïðèíóäåíè, âúïðåêè íåæåëàíèåòî ñè, äà íàïóñíàò ðîäèíàòà ñè è ò.í. Êóäåêà áå îñòàâèë àäðåñ çà îáðàòíà âðúçêà ñ ïðåäëîæåíèå äà îáÿñíè íà àäìèíèñòðàòîðèòå íà ñàéòà êàê å èçâúðøèë àêöèÿòà, à è óâåðåíèÿòà, ÷å íå å èçòðèë íèùî îò ñúäúðæàíèåòî ñè, à ñàìî ãî å èçïîëçâàë êàòî ñðåäñòâî äà ïîïóëÿðèçèðà ìíåíèåòî ñè (âæ. Êàëèíîâ 2001).

Òåçè ïðèìåðè äîêàçâàò, ÷å òåõíîïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà ïîíÿêîãà ìîãàò äà áúäàò èçïîëçâàíè êàòî èçðàç íà êðèòèêà ñïðÿìî ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå è ñîöèàëíè åëèòè è íåñîîòâåòíîñòòà íà èíñòèòóöèèòå äà îòðàçÿâàò äåéñòâèòåëíèòå ïîòðåáíîñòè íà èíäèâèäèòå. Âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî ñå ÿâÿâà ïðîâîêàöèÿ íà ôèçè÷åñêàòà ðåàëíîñò â ïîëè òÿ äà áúää êîðèãèðàíà.

**Êèáåðäåìîêðàöèÿ - ðåãóëèðàíå íà èíòåðíåòà**

Äåìîêðàòè÷íîòî ôóíêöèîíèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò ñå îñíîâàâà íà äâà ôàêòîðà - ñïàçâàíåòî íà îïðåäåëåíè íðìè è åòè÷íè ñòîéíîñòè îò ñòðàíà íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå è ñîîòâåòſòâèòî íà ìíîæåñòâî âèðòóàëíè îðãàíèçàöèè äà ïðîâåæäàò öåëåíàñî÷åíà íåòîïëèòèêà çà ðåãóëèðàíå íà Ìðåæàòà ñúîáðàçíî îáùèòå èíòåðåñè íà âñè÷êè þçúðè, îáùåñòâåíè è êîðïîðàòèâíè ôîðìèðîâàíèÿ.

Ìîæå áè ïúðâàòà ñïåöèàëèçèðàíà ñòðóêòóðà â îáëàñòòà íà èíòåðíåò å “The World Wide Web Consortium”, îñíîâàíà îò ñúçäàòåëÿ íà óåá-à Òèì Áúðíúðñ-Ëèé. À åäíà îò íàé-êîìåíèòèðàíèòå íàïîñëåäúê îðãàíèçàöèè å ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). Òÿ å ñúçäàäåíà ïðåç 1998 ã., çà äà ñå çàíèìàâà ñ ðåãóëèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò àäðåñèòå. Ïðåäè òîâà òàçè ðîëÿ ñå èçïúëíÿâà îò ïðàâèòåëñòâîòî íà ÑÀÙ. Êîãàòî îáà÷å èíòåðíåò ñå ïðåâúùà â ñâåòîâíà ìðåæà, ñå ðåøàâà ðåãóëèðàíåòî íà äåéſòâèòà äà ñå îñúùåſòâÿâà îò ìåæäóíàðîäíà îðãàíèçàöèÿ. Ñðåä çàäà÷èòå íà ICANN ſà ðåãóëèðàíåòî íà äîìåéſ èìåíàòà, àäðåſèðàíåòî, ïðîòîêîëèòå è ò.í. À ſðåä êðúſà îò ïðîáëåìè, ſâúðçàíè ſ ICANN, ſà òåçè çà äîìèíàíòíîòî ïîëîæåíèå íà àìåðèêàíſêèòå ðåãóëàòîâíè îðãàíè èíòåðíåò ſâúðõó ïðäèìàòà íà ãîëåìèòà è áîãàòè èíòåðíåò êîìïàíèè ſiðÿìî ſîáſòâåíîſòà è èçáîðà íà äîìåéí èìåíà, íà÷èíòå çà óïðàâëåíèå íà ICANN (ſîſðåä ïúðâîíà÷àëíàòà èäåÿ ïîëîâèíàòà îò äèðåêſîðèòå òðÿáâà äà ſå èçáèðàò ïðÿêî îò èíòåðíåò îáùſòâåſſòòà, ſëåä èçåſſòíè òðóäſſòè òîçè âàðèàíò îïîäà è ſå ſòèſà ïðåäſîæåíèÿòà äà ſå ïðàâÿò îò ïðåſſòâåèòåëè íà ðàçëè÷íè òåſíè÷åſêè è êîìðſèàëſíè ãðóïè - ðåãèſòðàòſðè íà äſìåéſè, åêſïåðòſ ſ ſèſóſſíſòà, ïðàâèòåëſòâåſè åëåãàòè, êàêſî è îò èçáſðåſ êſìèòåò, êſéſî äà çàùèòàâà èſòåðåſèòå íà èſòåðſíſ ſîððåéſèòå) (âæ. Îãíÿſſâà 2002à). Ðàçáèðà ſå, ſðſìåſèòå â ICANN ſðåäſòſÿò è òå ſà íàſſ÷åſè êúſ ſðåâðúùàſåòſ íà îðãàſèçàöèÿòà â äåſòâſèòåſſ ſåæäſſàðſſäſ âèðòſàëſſ ôàêſſð.

Îſſſâſàòà ſðſôåſèſſàëſà îðãàſèçàöèÿ, êſÿòſ ſå çàſèſàâà ſ ðàçâèòåſſ è íà÷èſà íà èçſſëçâàſſ íà Ìðåæàòà, å “Èſòåðſſ îáùåſòâſ”. Òÿ èſà äâå îſſſâſſ ſſäðóſè: Internet Architecture Board, êſÿòſ å ſâúðçàſà ſ àðõèòåêòóðàòà, ſðſòſêſëèòå è ſòàſäàðòſèòå, è Internet Engineering Steering Group, êſÿòſ îòãſâàðÿ çà òåõſè÷åſêſòſ îſèãóðÿâàſſ â ſðſöåſà íà èçãðàæäàſſ íà ſòàſäàðòſèòå íà èſòåðſſ. Îò íÿêſëêſ ãſäſſ Áúëãàðèÿ ſúùſ å îôſöſàëſſ ÷ſåſ íà ſâåòſâſſſòſ èſòåðſſ îáùåſòâſ, êàòſ íà÷åſſ íà áúëãàðſêſÿ êſſſ å ſſáſòâåſſſúò íà åäſſ îò ãſëåſè äſſòàâ÷èöè ó íàſ Âåſſ Ìàðſſâſêè.

“Èſòåðſſ îáùåſòâſ - Áúëãàðſÿ” è “Áúëãàðſſà Àſſſöſàöſÿ çà èſòåðſſ” (ÁÀÈ) ſà äâåòå îſſſâſſ

îðãàíèçàöèè, çàùèòàâàùè èíòåðåñèòå íà áúëãàðñêèòå ïðîâàéäúðè ïðè ïîëçâàíåòî ñîáñòâåíàòà ñè èíòåðíåò ïîëèòèêà. Ñúùåñòâåí ïðèíåð â òàçè íàñîêà å ïðîáëåìúò çà ëèöåíçèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èöèòå ó íàñ, êîéòî çàïî÷íà ïðåç 1999 ã. Òîãàâà “Èíòåðíåò îáùåñòâî - Áúëãàðèÿ” çàâåäå ñúäåéſ äåëî ¹723/99 ñðåùó ò.ò. 4, 9 è 11 îò çàïîâåä ÐÄ 09-235/98 ã. íà ïðåäñåäàòåëÿ íà Êîìèñèÿòà ïî äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿ (ÊÏÄ) â ÷àñòòà é îòíîñíî ëèöåíçèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò îïåðàòîðèòå â ñòðàíàòà. Çàïî÷íà ìàñèðàíà ìåäèéíà àòàêà, êàêòî è ïðåãîâîðè ñ ïðàâèòåëñòâîòî íà Èâàí Êîñòîâ, êîèòî çàâúðøèõà ñ ðåøåíèå íà Âúðõîâíèÿ äàìèéíòðàòèâåí ñúä îò 18 íîåìâðè 1999 ã. çà ïðåêðàòÿâàíå çàâåäåíîòî äåëî, ñëåä êàòî ÊÏÄ âíåñå íîâà çàïîâåä, ÷å èíòåðíåò ïîðàòîðèòå ìèíiâàò íà ñâîáîäåí ðåæèì. Â ñëó÷àÿ ïîêàçàòåëíî å îôèöèàëíîòî ñòàíîâèùåòî íà ÁÀÈ, ÷å îñíîâíèÿò è íàé-äîáúð ìåòîäèçúì çà ðåãóëèöèÿ íà âñåêè ñåêòîð â óñëîâèÿòà íà ïàçàðíà èêîíîìèêà å ñàìîðåãóëèðàíà íà ñàìèÿ ïàçàð. Ñïîðåä òÿõ ðåæèúò íà îáùî ëèöåíçèðàíå å íåïîäõîäÿù çà òàêàâà áúðçîðàçâèâàùà ñå è âñåîáõâàòíà îáëàñò êàòî éíòåðíåò è ñâúðçàíèòå ñ íåÿ óñëóãè. Ðåãóëèðàíåòî ìîæå äà ñå ñåäíå åäèíñòâåíî äî ïîäúðæàíå íà ïóáëè÷åí ðåãèñòúð íà éíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èòåëè. Óñëóãèòå, êîèòî ñå ïðåäëàãàò ÷ðåç éíòåðíåò, ïî íèêàêúâ íà÷èí íå òðÿáâà äà ïîäëåæàò íà ðåãóëèðàíå â äàëåêîñúîáùåíèåòî ñìèñúë è íå ìîãàò äà ñå ðàçãëåæäàò êàòî óñëóãè ñ äîáàâåíà ñòîéíîñò âúðõ äàëåêîñúîáùèòåëíàòà ìðåæà (âæ. Îôèöèàëíî 2002). Òðÿáâà äà ñå îòáëåëåæè, ÷å àêî ñúùåñòâóâàùîòî ïîëîæåíèå â Çàêîíà çà äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿ áå îñòàíàëî, éíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èòåëè ùÿõà äà áúäàò çàäúëæåíè ïðè ïîëñêâàíå îò ñòðàíà íà ÊÏÄ äà é ïðåäîñòàâÿò âñÿêàêâà èíôîðìàöèÿ, êàòî íàïðèìåð ñïèñúê ñ èìåíàòà íà âñè÷êèòå ñè êëèåíòè, êàêòî è ñïèñúê ñ òåõíèòå ïàðîëè. Òîâà ùå çàñåãíå êîíôèäåíöèàëíîñòòà íà ëè÷íàòà éíôîðìàöèÿ íà éíòåðíåò ïîòðåáèòåëèòå è ùå ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà ïðèíöèïèòå íà äåìîêðàòè÷íîñò è çà÷èòàíå íà ÷àñòíèÿ éíòåðåñ. Ïîäîáíî ëèöåíçèðàíå íà ïðîâàéäúðèòå ñúùåñòâóâà ïðåäè÷íî â íåäîìîêðàòè÷íè äúðæàâè è ñå èçïîëçâà çà íàëàãàíå íà äúðæàâíàòà ïîëèòèêà è öåíçóðèðàíå íà ãðàæäàíèòå ïðè èçÿâèòå èì â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî. Îò åâðîïåéñêèòå ñòðàíè ëèöåíçèðàíå ñå ïðèëàãà â Èòàëèÿ, íî òàì òî å ñâúðçàíî ñúñ ñïàçâàíåòî íà îïðåäåëåíè òåõíè÷åñêè ñòàíäàðòè. Ðóñêèòå éíòåðíåò ïðîâàéäúðè ñúùî ïîäëåæàò íà ëèöåíçèðàíå ñîîðåä ìåñòàí ôåäåðàëåí çàêîí, çàäúëæàâàù ôèçè÷åñêèòå è þðèäè÷åñêè ëèöà, êîèòî ïðåäîñòàâÿò óñëóãè, ñâúðçàíè ñ îáðàáîòêà è ïðèìíàíå íà éíôîðìàöèÿ, äà ïëàùàò ëèöåíçèîíè òàêñè. Òàêà äúðæàâàòà îñúùåñòâÿâà ôèíàíñîâ êîíòðîë íà éíôîðìàöèîííèÿ è êîìóíèêàöèîííèí ñåêòîð (Ðóñêèòå 2001).

Ïðåç 2002 ã. â Áúëãàðèÿ îòíîâî ñå ðàçãîðÿ ñîîð îòíîñíî ïîäãîòâÿíèòå ïðîìåíè â Çàêîíà çà äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿòà. Ïðè òÿõ îòïàäà ñâîáîäàòà íà èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èòåëè è òå ña çàäúëæåíè äà ñúäåéſòâàò íà îðãàíèòå íà ÌÂÐ êàòî ñëåäÿò éíòåðíåò òðàôèêà, à ñúùî ïðåäîſòâÿò êðèòîãðàìèòå íà ïîòåáèòåëèòå íà Êîìèſèÿòà çà ðåãóëèðàíå íà ñúîáùåíèÿòà. Ñïîðåä Âåíè Ìàðêîâſêè òîâà å îòſòúïëåíèå îò äúðæàâíàòà ïîëèòèêà, êîÿòî å ïîſòàâÿ óſëóãè, ſâúðçàíè ſ îáðàáîòêà è ïðèìíàíå íà äëſêóſëÿ ïðåç 1999 ã., îùå ïîâ÷å, ÷å Áúëãàðèÿ å èçâåſòíà ïî ſâåòà ſ ëèáðàëíîòî ſè çàêîíîäàòåſòâî â îáëàſòà íà éíòåðíåò (Ìàðêîâſêè 2002).

Îïèòèòå çà êîíòðîëèðàíå íà éíòåðíåò ïîòîêà íåſëó÷àéſî ſà íàſî÷åíè êúì äîſòàâ÷èöèòå è òîâà íå å ſàìî áúëãàðſêè ïàòåſò. Såâòîâíà ïðàêòèêà å çàäúëæàâàíåòî íà ïðîâàéäúðèòå äà ïðîâåæäàò äúðæàâíàòà èëè îáùſòâåíà ïſëèòèêà, êàòî ſòðåìåæ çà ëåãèòèìèðàíå íà àâòîðèòàðſî óſðàâëåíèå èëè íà÷éſ çà ïðîòèâſäéſòâåſ íà òåðſîðſòſêà èſòåðſïðåſòúſëåíèÿ îò âſÿêàêúâ õàðàêòåð.

**Îſëàéſ çàêſſïàòåëſòâî - ðåãóëèðàíå íà ïðàâëàòà**

Ðàçâèòèåòî íà êîìóíèêàöèîííèòå è èíôîðìàöèîííèòå òåõíîëîãèè êàòî îáùîñòâåíè ñðåäñòâà çà âçàèìîäåéñòâèå ìåæäó ðàçëè÷íèòå ïîðòðåòèðëè, íåçàâèñèìî îò ãåîãðàôñêèòå è âðåìåâè ðàçñòîÿíèÿ, íàëàãà íîâ òèï âçàèìîòíîøåíèÿ. Ðåãóëèðàíåòî èì å çàäà÷à êàêòî íà íàöèîíàëíèòå çàêîíîäàòåëñòâà, òàêà è íà ôîðìèðàíåòî íà ìåæäóíàðîäåí êîíñåíñóñ îòíîñíî ïðèíöèïèòå öåëè è ïðîáëåìè. Ïîðàäè òîâà ñå ïðàâÿò ìíîæåñòâî ïðîìåíè â ìåñòíîòî çàêîíîäàòåëñòâî è ñå ïðèåìàò òðàíñíàöèîíàëíè àêòîâå, êîèòî äà îáåçïå÷àò ñìàçâàíåòî íà ïðàâèëàòà çà âèðòóàëíà êîìóíèêàöèÿ. Åäíà îò ïîñëåäíèòå çíà÷èìè ñòúïêè â òàçè íàñîêà å ñúçäàâàíåòî íà Êîíâåíöèÿ çà êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿ (ïúëåí òåêſò - âæ. Êîíâåíöèÿ 2004). Íåéíèòå îñíîâíè íàñîêè ñà ñâúðçàíè ñ õàðìîíèçèðàíå íà íàöèîíàëíèòå ïðàâíè åëåìåíòè â îáëàñòòà íà êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà, îáåçïå÷àâàíå íà ìåñòíèòå ïðàâîî-ïðîöåñóàëíè îñíîâíîñòè, íåîáõîäèìè çà ðàçêðèâàíå è ñúäåéſòâèå íà ïîäîáíè ïðåñòúïëåíèÿ, êàêòî è íà òàêèâà, îââúðçàíè ñúñ ñðåäñòâàòà íà êîìïþúòúðíàòà ñèſòåìà, à ñúùî èçãðàæäàíå íà ſòàáèëåí è åôåêòèâåí ðåæèì íà ìåæäóíàðîäíî ſúòðóäíè÷åſòâî. Â Êîíâåíöèÿòà ïîäðîáíî ſà äåôèíèðàíè ðàçëè÷íèòå âèäîâå êîìïþúòúðíè êàòî íåîïðåäåëåíè íà äàííè, ïðîíèêâàíå â ÷óæäè ſèſòåìè, ſúçäàâàíå è ðàçïðîſòðàíåíå íà çëîſàìåðåíè ïðîãðàìè (âèðóſè, ÷åðâåè), êîìïþúòúðíè èçìàìè è ôàëſèôèêàöèè, ðàçïðîſòðàíÿâàíå è äîðè ïðèſàæàâàíå íà äàòſêà ïîðſîãðàôèÿ, ſâúðçàíè ſ àâòîðſêèòå è ſðîäíè ïðàâà. Súçäàäåíè ſà ìåæäóíàðîäíè ïðîöåäóðè çà èçäèðâàíå íà çàſîäſòâåíè, ſðèſâàùàíå íà åëåêòðîſſíè ïèſìà è âêſòðàäèðàíå íà çàſîäſòâåíè â êèáåſïðåſòúïëåíèÿ. Ðàáſòàòà ſî Êſſîâåíöèÿòà çàſ÷âà îò íîâåìâðè 1996 ã., êſãàòſ Åâðſîïåéſêàòà êſìèſèÿ ſ êðèſèíàëíè ſðſáëåìè çàſ÷âà äà ſå çàíèìàâà ſ êèáåſïðåſòúïëåíèÿòà. Âúſðåêè ÷å ſðſòèâſîäåſòâåſòſ íà êſìïþúòúðſèòå ſðåſòúïëåíèÿ ſòàðòèðà îùå îò 1989 ã., êſãàòſ Súâåòúò íà Åâðſîà ãè äåôèſèðà êàòſ êàòåãſîðèÿ äåſòâèÿ, ſâúðçàíè ſ íåſòſðèçèðàſſ âúâåæäàſå, ſðſſÿſà èëè çàëſ÷àâſíå íà äàſſíè è ſðſãðàſè, èëè äðúãà íàìåſà â ſðſòåſà íà ſáðàáſòêà íà äàſſíè. Sðåç þëè 1996 ã. íà ſðåùàòà íà G-7 â Sàðèæ, ſſſâåòåſà íà ìåæäóſàðſäſèÿ òåðſðèçúſ, å ſáſúäåſſ è íåſðàâſſìåðſſòſ èçſſëçâàſå íà èſòåðſåò, âêëþ÷èòåſſ çà òåðſðèſòè÷íè öåëè. Sſäſáſíè ſà èçâſäèòå è ſò ſðåùàòà íà G-8 ſðåç äåêàſâðè 1997 ã. âúâ Âàøſíãòſſ. Sðåç 1997 ã. Súâåòúò íà Åâðſſà çàſſ÷âà ðàáſòà âúðõó Êſſíâåſíöèÿ çà êèáåðſðåſòúïëåſèÿ è äſ ſêſſ÷àòåſſſòſ é ſðèåſàſå ſðåç 2001 ã. ſà ðàçãëåäàſíè íàä 30 âàðèſíòà. Âúſðåêè òſâà ſſſãſ èçſſëçâſſâàòåëè ſſÿòàò, ÷å äſêóſåſòúò ſðåäſſſòàâÿ òâúðää ãſëåſè ſðàâà íà äúðæàâèòå, êſèòſ, ſſſſðåä òåêſòſâåòå, èſàò ſðàâſ íà äſſòúſ äſ âſÿêà êſſſþòúðſà ſèſòåſà è èſôſðſàöèÿ çàſèſàſà íà íåÿ, äſ èſôſðſàöèÿ, çàſèſàſà íà íſſèòåë (äſſêåòà, CD), íàſèðàſè ſå íà òåðèſſðèÿòà èſ. Äúðæàâàòà ſſæå äà çàäúëæàâà èſòåðſåò äſſòàâ÷èöèòå äà ſúáèðàò, çàſèſâàò è ää é ſðåäſſſòàâÿò öåëÿ ſèſàâàſ ſðåç òÿõ òðàôèê, êſåòſ íàðóøàâà ſſâåøêèòå ſðàâà. Âúſðåêè òſâà Êſſſâåſíöèÿòà å ſſſſâåſ äſêóſåſò ſðè ſðåäſòſâðàòÿâàſåòſ è àäåêâàòſſſòſ ſðſòèâſſäåéſòâſèå ſðåſó ſſëàéſ íàðóøåſèÿòà. Òÿ å ÷àſò ſò ſſðåäëöà ſſäſáſíè ſæäóſàðſäſíè èſëöèàòèâè, êſèòſ âêëþ÷âàò ſſå ðàçðàáſòåſàòà ſò ÎÎÍ Êſſſâåſíöèÿ ſðåſó òðàſſſàöëſſàëſàòà ſðâàſèçèðàſà ſðåſòúſſſſò, ſðåäëſæåſèÿòà íà Ñúâåòà íà Åâðſſà çà àðõèâèðàſå íà êſſóſèêàöèſſſèÿ òðàôèê, êàêòſ è ſúçäàâàſſåòſ íà Åâðſſåéſêà ſðåæà è Àãåſíöèÿ ſſ èſôſðſàöèſſſà ſèãóðſſſò, äſſúëſåſà ſò êèáåðſſëöëÿ, ſðåä ÷èéſ ſðèſðèòåòè ſà çàſèòà íà òðàſçâêöèòå, ſðſſòſâſäåéſòâèå íà åâåſòóàëſè òåðſðèſòè÷íè àòâêè ëëè êèáåðäæèſàä ÷ðåç èſòåðſåò è èſôſðſàöèſſſèòå ſèſòåſè, çàſèſàſà ſò âèðóſè è ò.ſ. Êàòſ ðåçóëòàò ſò ſæäóſàðſäſſòſ ſúſòðóäſè÷åſòſ âúâ Âåëèſſáðèòàſèÿ áå ſðſâåääſ è ſúðâèÿò íàöèſſàëſ êſſãðåſ, ſſſâåòſ íà âèðòóàëſèòå ſðåſòúſſëſèÿ. Â ſðèåòèÿ äſêëää ſå òâúðäè, ÷å êèáåðſðåſòúſſëſèÿòà ſðè÷èſÿâàò ùåòè, êſèòſ ſà ðàſíè ſſ ðàçſåð íà ùåòèòå, èçâúðøſíè â ðåàëſèÿ æèâſò (çà ſſâå÷å - Îſſíÿſſâà 2001à: 15; Îſſíÿſſâà 2001á; ÅÑ 2002; Åâðſſà 2002; Ñâåòúò 2003; Êèáåðſðåſòúſſëſèÿòà 2000). Âſè÷êè òåçè äåéſòâèÿ öåëÿò ää ſå ſðåäèçâèêà øèſſêà ſáùåſòâſíà äèſêóſèÿ ſòſſſſſ ſðſáëåſèèå íà èſòåðſíè ſðåſòúſſſſſòà, êſÿòſ äà ðàçãëåæäà ðåſòðèêòèſſèÿ êſſòðſë êàòſ ÷àſò ſò ſåðêèòå çà ſſèãóðÿâſſſ çàùèòà íà âèðòóàëſèòå ſſòðåſèòſåë.

Â òàêàâà íàſſêà ſà ſðèåòèòå ſò ſåſòſſèòå çàêſſſäàòåëſòâà çàêſſſâè ſðſſſſíè. Êàòſ ſúſòâåòſòâſå íà çàêſſſà íà Åâðſſåéſêèÿ ſàðëàſſſò çà ſſðàâſſſõðàſèòſåſſèòå ſðãàſíè Âſëèſſſáðèòàſèÿ çàúſëæè òåſåſſſóſèêàöſſſſèòå êſſſſàſèè è ſſòſåðſſåò äſſòàâ÷èöèòå äà èſàò ãſòſâſſſſò ää ſðåäſſſòàâÿò íà ſſëöſèÿòà äàſíè çà êëèſſòſòſå ſè.

Çàòîâà òðÿáâà äà ðàçïîëàãàò ñúñ ñïåöèàëíà àïàðàòóðà, êîÿòî ïîçâîëÿâà äåíîíùåí êîíòðîë íà åäèí íà âñåêè äåñåò õèëÿäè íåòïîòðåáèòåëè, êàòî ñå ñëåäÿò ïîñåòåíèòå îò íåãî èíòåðíåò àäðåñè, èìåéëè è òåëåôîíè ðàçãîâîðè (Âåëèêîáðèòàíèÿ 2002).

Ìíîãî ïî-äðàñòè÷íè ña ìåðêèòå, êîèòî ÑÀÙ ïðåäïðåäîà, ça äà óâåëè÷àò ñâîÿòà èíòåðíåò ñèãóðíîñò, îñîáåíî ñëåä òåðîðèñòè÷íèòå àòàêè îò 11 ñåïòåìâðè 2001 ã. Ïúðâèòå ãëàñóâàíå ïðîìåíè - USA Act (Uniting and Strengthening America) è Patriot Act (Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism), ïîçâîëÿâàò íà ïîëèöèÿòà äà ñëåäè èíòåðíåò òðàôèêà, áåç äà èìà íóæäà îò ñúäåéſſſ

**íåäîáðîòî ïðèëàãàíå íà ìåæäóíàðîäíèòå íîðìè â Áúëãàðèÿ, êàêòî îò íàùåñòâåíèòå îðãàíèçàöèè, òàêà è îò äúðæàâíèòå èíñòèòóöèè. Îòêëîíåíèòà ïîçëöèÿ áå èçâåäåíà îò Áúëãàðñêàòà àñîöèàöèÿ çà èíòåðíåò, êîÿòî â ñâîå ñòàíîâèùå êàçà, ÷å å** íåäîïóñòèìî ïðåäñòàâèòåë íà ñòðàíèöè, ñúäúðæàùè äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, çàùîòî ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà çàêîíà è íà åòè÷íèÿ êîäåêñ íà ÁÀÈ. Ïîðàäè ñâÿòà ïðèðîäà èíòåðíåò ñå ÿâÿâà ñðåäñòâî çà ìàëúê áðîé íåäîáðîñúâåñòíè ëëöà â îòäåëíè ñëó÷àè äà ìîãàò äà ïóáëèêóâàò ñòðàíèöè ñ äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ íà ñúðâúðè çà ñâîáîäíà ó÷àñòíà óïîòðåáà. Ïîÿâàòà íà ñòðàíèöè ñ ïîäîáíî ñúäúðæàíèå íà ñúðâúðèòå íà Bol.bg îáà÷å å èçêëþ÷åíèå, çàùîòî ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà ôèëîñîôèÿòà íà èíòåðíåò áðàíøà â Áúëãàðèÿ. Îò ÁÀÈ íàñòîÿâàò çà ñåðèîçíè èçìåíåíèÿ â íàêàçàòåëíèòå çàêîíè, êîèòî äà ïðåäïàçÿò áúëãàðñêîòî îáùåñòâî îò äåéſòâèÿòà íà êèáåðïðåñòúïíèöèòå. Âúïðåêè òîâà, ñïîðåä òÿõ, èíòåðíåò å ñâîáîäíî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, êúäåòî ñúäúðæàíèå êàòî ñúäúðæàíèå èíôîðìàöèÿ, è ñâîáîäàòà íà äîñòúï ñà åäíè îò íàé-ãîëåìèòå öåíîñòè, ïîñòèãíàòè â íåãîâîòî ðàçâèòèå. Ïîðàäè òîâà Àñîöèàöèÿòà ñå ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿ íà âñåêè îïèò çà öåíçóðà èëè îãðàíè÷àâàíå èçâúí ðàìêèòå íà çàáðàíåíèòå òåìè çà äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, ïðîïàãàíäà íà òåðîðèçúì, ðàñîâà, åòíè÷åñêà èëè ðåëèãèîçíà íåòúðïèìîñò, çàùîòî òîâà ìîæå äà íàðåäè íà ðàçâèòèåòî íà èíôîðìàöèîííîòî îáùåñòâî â Áúëãàðèÿ (Ñòàíîâèùå á.ã.).

Ðåãóëèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò îò ñòðàíà íà äúðæàâèòå è ìåæäóíàðîäíàòà îáùíîñò êàòî öÿëî å íåîáõîäèìî, íî òÿ íå òðÿáâà äà ñòàâà çà ñìåòêà íà ïúëíîòî îãðàíè÷àâàíå ïðàâàòà è ñâîáîäèòå íà âèðòóàëíèòå îáùåñòâî. Êîíòðîëúò òðÿáâà äà å ïîä÷èíåí íà çàêîíîâè íîðìè, çàùîòî â ïðîòèâåí ñëó÷àé áè äîâåë äî åäíîëè÷íî óïðàâëåíèå è öåíçóðà â êèáåðïðîñòàíñòâîòî.

**Êèáåðöåíçóðà - ðåãóëèðàíå íà ìåæèòà**

Ñòðåìåæèòå çà îãðàíè÷àâàíå äâèæåíèåòî íà èíòåðíåò ïîðåáèòåëèòå, íà òÿõíàòà ñâîáîäà äà ïîëçâàò èíôîðìàöèÿ ëëè äà èçðàçÿâàò ìíåíèåòî ñè â Ìðåæàòà ñà ìíîãîáðîéíè, êàêòî îò ñòðàíà íà äîáðå ðåãóëèðàíèòå â çàêîíîâî îòíîøåíèå äúðæàâè, òàêà è íà àâòîðèòàðíèòå ñòðàíè, êúäåòî, â ïîâ÷åòî ñëó÷àè, íà èíòåðíåò ñå ãëåäà êàòî íà îùå äâíà ìåäèà, âúðõ êîÿòî äà ñå ðàçïðîñòðå âëàñòâàùèòî êîíòðîë. Íà÷èíèòå çà íàëàãàíå íà öåíçóðà ñà ñâúðçàíè ñ ïðèëàãàíå íà ñïåöèàëíèòå íåòçàêîíîäàòåëſòâà è íà äåéſòâàùèòå ìåñòíè çàêîíè, ðàçëè÷íèòå óſëîâèÿ çà ëèöåíçèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò óſëóãèòå, à ſúùî ïðèíóäèòåëſíîòî èçſïëçâàíå íà òåõíè÷åſêè ſðåäſòâà. Ñ òàêàâà öåë ſå èçſïëçâàò ïðîſêſè ſúðâúðè, êîèòî öåëſíàſſî÷âſî áëſêèðàò äſſòúïà íà þçúðèòå äſ ſàéòſâå, êſèòſ, ſſſðåä äúðæàâàòà, èìàò ſðſòèâſðå÷èâſ ſúäúðæàſèå. Òſâà ſáà÷å íå âèſàãè å âðåêòèâſſſ, çàùſòſ ſſåðàſſðèòå íà òåçè ſòðàſèöè ſſãàò äà ſðſſſåſ÷åſ ſúðâúð èëè êſäèðàſå, êàòſ èçãðàäÿò “òſſſåëè” äſ çàáðàſſſèòå ſòðàſèöè (èçâåſòſſ äèſèäſſſòſêſ êèòàéſêſ èſòåðſåò ſſèſàſèå ſå íàðè÷à èìåſſſ “Òſſſåë”; òſ ſå ſſèſâà è ðåäàêòèðà â Êèòàé, ſſſëå òàéſſ ſå äſſòàâÿ â ÑÀÙ è ſò àſſſèìåſ àäðåſ ſ÷ðåç åëåêòðſſſàòà ſſùà ſå èçſðàùà ſáðàòſſ â Êèòàé), êàêòſ è äà ſå ſâúðæàò ſſ áåçæè÷åſ ſúò, ſ êſåòſ äà èçáåãſàò óſëóãèòå íà ìåſòſèòå òåëåſſſſſ êſſſàſèè ſſä ſðàâèòåſòâåſſ âëèÿſèå.

Â ìſſãſ ſëó÷àè ſãðàſè÷åſèÿòà, êſèòſ íàëãàò óſðàâëÿâàùèòå, ſå ſðåäſòàâÿò êàòſ ſðſſäèêòóâàſè ſò íàöſſſàëſè èëè ſſðäëſè ſſäáóäè. Òàêà, ſò åäſà ſòðàſà, ſå íàáëþäàâà óâåëè÷àâàſå áðſÿ ſſòðåáèòåëè, à ſò äðóãà - ſſſëåäâàùſ ðàçðàſòâàſå è íà êſſòðſëà. Sſêàçàòåëſ â òſâà ſòſſøåſèå å Êèòàé. Òſé ſå âêëþ÷âà â èſòåðſåò ſðåç 1994 ã. Sſçëöèÿòà íà ſôèöèàëſèòå âëàſòè êàòåſſðè÷ſſ ſſä÷åðòàâà, ÷å íàſðàâſſſàòà èſâåſòèöèÿ â êſſſþðòå, ſſäåſè è âèſſêſſſêſðſſòſè âðúçêè ùå ſſçſſſëë ſòðàſàòà “ſâſſſſâſſ äà ſſſſäåëÿ

èíôîðìàöèÿ ñ âúçìîæíîñò öÿëîñòíî äà ñå ïðèñúåäèíè êúì ñâåòîâíàòà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ è âèñîêà òåõíîëîãèÿ.” Êèòàéñêàòà êîìóíèñòè÷åñêà ïàðòèÿ (ÊÊÏ) ïðîêëàìèðà ðàçâèòèåòî íà “èíôîðìàöèîííà ðåâîëþöèÿ”, êîÿòî äà äîâåäå äî èêîíîìè÷åñêà ìîäåðíèçàöèÿ è ïîâèøàâàíå íà ñîöèàëíèòå ñòàíäàðòè íà æèâîò â ñòðàíàòà. Äàæå ïðåç 1999 ã. ïàðòèÿòà ïðåäñòàâÿ îêèöèàëåí ïðàâèòåëñòâåí ïðîåêò, ñîðåä êîéòî â êðàÿ íà 2000 ã. 80% îò îáèàñòèòå â Êèòàé äà áúäàò îïëàí. Áðîÿò íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå â Êèòàé ñå îöåíÿâà íà 20-26 ìèëèîíà, êàòî âñåêè øåñòè ìåñåöà ñå óâåëè÷àâà è ñå î÷àêâà ïðåç 2005 ã. äà äîñòèãíå 60 ìèëèîíà. Â ñðåäàòà íà 1995 ã. îáà÷å óïðàâëÿâàùàòà êîìóíèñòè÷åñêà ïàðòèÿ ðàçáèðà, ÷å ìîãàòåëíàòà çèìàòà íà ìíîçèíñòâîòî ïî êîëîí ñå ðàçëè÷àâàò îò îôèöèàëíèòå, ïîêîïàâà ëåãèòèìíîñòòà é. Çàòîâà óïðàâëåíñêàòà ïîëèòèêà ïðåðàñòâà â òðóäîâ áàëàíñèðàí àêò, êîéòî öåëè ôèëòðèðàíå íà íåæåëàíîòî ñúäúðæàíèå îò èíòåðíåò è îãðàíè÷àâàíå íà àâòîíîìíàòà îíëàéí ðåãèçàöèÿ, âúïðåêè ÷å åäíîâðåìåííî ñ òîâà ñå íàáëþäàâà ðàçøèðÿâàíå íà êèòàéñêèÿ äîñòúï äî Ìðåæàòà. Òàêèâà, êîèòî ñå èçïîëçâàò, ña ñâúðçàíè ñ íàñúð÷âàíå íà âðèìåíåòî è óâåëè÷àâàíå íà êðèìèíàëíèòå íàêàçàíèÿ çà äîñúï, êàêòî è ñ íåïðåêúñíàòî äîúëâàíå íà ñïèñúêà ñúñ çàáðàíåíè ñàéòîâå. Ðåïðåñèâíèòå ìåðêè ñå îòíàñÿò ïðåäè âñè÷êî äî êîíòðîëà âúðõ èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èòåëè è ñîáñòâåíèöè íà àâòîìîáèëè, èçïîëçâàùè èëè ðàçïðîñòðàíÿâàùè ïîëèòè÷åñêè íåïðèÿòåëñêè òåêñòîâå, âêëþ÷èòåëíî ñàéòîâåòå, êîèòî ñà ïîñåòèëè, òðàôèêà è òåëåôîííèòå èì íîìåð. Îò 2001 ã. ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèòî íà “ñâîáîäíè” ìàòåðèàëè â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî âå÷å ñå ñìÿòà çà ïðåñòúïëåíèå ñðåùó äúðæàâàòà è ïðîâèíëèòå ña ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè ñå íàêàçâàò ñúñ çàòâîð îò 2 äî 4 ãîäèíè (âæ. Òàóàìàí 2002; Äå Êëîéò 2002; Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî 2000; Êèòàéñêèÿò 2001; Îãíÿíîâà 2002â).

Ïîäîáíî ëàâèðàíå ìåæäó óïðàâëåíñêèòå èíòåðåñè è îáùåñòâåíèòå íóæäè ñå íàáëþäàâà è â äðóãè äúðæàâè, èçâåñòíè ñ öåíçóðíîòî ñè ïîâäåíèå ñïðÿìî èíòåðíåò. Â Èíäîíåçèÿ Ìðåæàòà ñå ïðåäñòàâÿ êàòî âúçìîæíîñò çà äåìîêðàòèçàöèÿ, ëèáåðàëèçàöèÿ, èêîíîìè÷åñêî è ñîöèàëíî ðàçâèòèå, ñðåäñòâî çà áîðáà ñ àçèàòñêèòå êðèçè, ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå çàãîâîðè, êîðóïöèÿòà è ãðàæäàíñêàòà èçíîñàíëîñò, íà÷èí çà ïðèâúðçâàíå íà ñòðàíàòà êúì ãëîáàëíèÿ êàïèòàëèçúì. Âñè÷êî òîâà îáà÷å òðÿáâà äà äîâåäå äî ïðîñïåðèðàíå è óêðåïâàíå âëàñòîâèòå íà óïðàâëÿâàùèòå êðúãîâå (Äå Êëîéò 2002). Â Èðàí çà êîíòðîë íà èíòåðíåò òðàôèêà å ñúçäàäåí ñïåöèàëåí êîìèòåò êúì Âèñøèÿ ñúâåò íà ñúäåáíàòà âëàñò, êîéòî ñëåäè çà íàðóøåíèÿ â ìåñòíîòî âèðòóàëíî ïðîñòðàíñòâî è íàáëþäàâà ëè÷íèòå èíòåðíåò ñàéòîâå íà ìåñòåí åçèê (Ñåãà 2003). Ñåâåðíà Êîðåÿ å íàïúëíî èçêëþ÷åíà îò Ìðåæàòà. Íÿêîëêîòî îôèöèàëíè ñàéòà, ïîääúðæàíè îò ïðàâèòåëñòâîòî, ñúùåñòâóâàò ñ ïðîïàãàíäíè öåë è ña õîñòâàíè â äðóãè ñòðàíè, íàé-÷åñòî ßïîíèÿ. Ñàóäèòñêà Àðàáèÿ ðåãóëèðà èíòåðíåò äîñòúïà ÷ðåç ïðåíàñî÷âàíå íà âñè÷êè êîìóíèêàöèîííè èçòî÷íèöè êúì öåíòðàëåí ñúðâúð, êîéòî òðàíñôîðìèðà äëîâíèòå èíòåðíåò äî îãðîìåí èíòðàíåò (âúòðåøíà ìðåæà). Òàêà ïîñî îò íåïðèëèêàòà ñàéòîâå ìîãàò äà áúäàò ôèëòðèðàíè. Çàáðàíåí å äîñúïúò äî ñòðàíèöè çà æåíè, íàðêîòèöè, ðîêåíäðîë, ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, íî ña îãðàíè÷àâàíè è ïîëèòè÷åñêè ñàéòîâå, êàêòî è òàêèâà, çàùèòàâùè ÷îâåøêèòå ïðàâà. Íàðóøàíåòî íà òåçè çàáðàíè ñå íàêàçâà ñ 15 ãîäèíè çàòâîð (Àëòèíòàñ á. ã.).

Çàòâîð îò 3 äî 6 ãîäèíè è ãëîáè îò 35000 äî 150000 âðîí ña íàêàçàíèÿòà çà òåçè, êîèòî íå ña ïîä÷èíÿâàò íà îôèöèàëíèòå ðàçïîðåäáè â Òóðöèÿ. Ñïîðåä òÿõ âñè÷êè ëè÷íè, êîìåðñèàëíè è äðóãè äàííè, êîèòî ïðåìèíàâàò ïðåç íàöèîíàëíèòå êîìóíèêàöèîííè ìðåæè, ña ïîä êîíòðîë íà òóðñêîòî ïðàâèòåëñòâî. Èçâåñòíè ña ââà ñëó÷àÿ íà îñúæäåíå íî òåçè àêòîâå - íà ïðîâéúð çà ñúîáùåíèå íà íåèçâåñòíî ïîòðåáèòåë, ïóñíàòî â ïîäúðæàí îò äîñòâ÷èêà ôîðóì è íà ïîòðåáèòåë çà ñúîáùåíèå â èíòåðíåò ôîðóì, â êîåòî òîé ñâîáîäíî èçðàçÿâà ëè÷íîòî ñè ìíåíèå.

Ìðåæàòà, è ñàéòîâåòå, êîèòî ìîãàò äà ïîñåùàâàò. Äîïúëíèòåëíî ðåãóëèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò ìîæå äà áúäå íåîáõîäèìî çà ìíîãîíàöèîíàëíèòå êîìïàíèè, êîèòî ïðåäëàãàò óñëóãè íà Êóáà, ïîðàäè êîåòî ñå ïîñòàâÿò ïðå÷êè ïðåä ñòðàíàòà çà ñúçäàâàíå íà àäðåñè â èíòåðíåò ïðîòîêîëà (Òàóâìàí á.ã.).

Òåçè ïðèíöèïè ñà ïîêàçàòåëíè, êàêòî çà âúçïðèåìàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò êàòî ñðåäñòâî çà äåìîêðàòèçàöèÿ è ïðåäîñòàâÿíåòî íà ïî-ãîëåìè ïðàâà íà îáùåñòâîòî, òàêà è çà ñðåäñòâàòà, êîèòî íÿêîè àâòîðèòàðíè óïðàâëåíèÿ, çà äà çàïàçÿò ñâîÿòà âëàñò çà ñìåòêà íà êîíòðîëà è öåíçóðàòà, êîÿòî îñúùåñòâÿâàò íää ñâîèòå ãðàæäàíè. Ðàçáèðà ñå, â öåíçóðèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò ïîòîêà èìà èçâåñòíî ïðîòèâîðå÷èâ - òîâà íå å òðàäèöèîííà ìåäèà, êîÿòî äà ñå ïîä÷èíÿâà íà ïîðåäëåíè ðåäàêöèîííè, èäåîëîãè÷åñêè, ïîëèòè÷åñêè èëè èêîíîìè÷åñêè öåëè. Â íåÿ íÿìà ðåäàêöèîííî âëèÿíèå, öåëåâà àóäèòîðèÿ èëè âúçïîæíîñò çà ôèëòðèðàíå/ìàíèïóëèðàíå íà î÷àêâàíèÿòà è âúçïðèÿòèÿòà íà ïóáëèêóâàíà èíôîðìàöèÿ. Êàòî ñòðóêòóðà Ìðåæàòà å èçãðàäåíà îò ìíîæåñòâî ñàéòîâå, âñåêè îò êîèòî äåéñòâà êàòî ñàìîñòîÿòåëíà ìèêðî-ìåäèà (à â ìíîãî ñëó÷àè ïîðàäè ãîëåìèÿ áðîé ïîñåùåíèÿ è âëèÿíèå ñå ÿâÿâà è ìàêðî-ìåäèà), êîÿòî íàé-÷åñòî å ðåçóëòàò îò ëè÷íèòå ïðèñòðàñòèÿ è ïðåòåíöèè íà íåéíèÿ ñúçäàòåë è ïðåäñòàâàòà çà íåéíèòå âúçìîæíîñòè å ïðàêòè÷åñêè íåâúçìîæíà - èçêëþ÷åíèÿòà âèíàãè ñà ïîâå÷å îò î÷àêâàíèÿòà. Ìàêàð òîòàëíàòà ñãîòâîäà íà èíòåðíåò âå÷å äà ñå âúçïðèåìà êàòî ìèò, ñãîâîäíàòà âîëÿ êàòî âîäåù ôàêòîð â ó÷àñòíèêîâ â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî å ðåàëíîñò è êîíòðîëúò, áàçèðàí íà ñïåöèàëèçèðàíè èëè îáùè çàêîíè, êàêòî è öåíçóðàòà êàòî ñðåäñòâà çà íàëàãàíå íà îïðåäåëåíà (âëàñòâà) ãëåäíà òî÷êà, âå÷å íå ìîãàò äà èìàò ñúùîòî âëèÿíèå, êîåòî îêàçâàò ñïðÿìî òðàäèöèîííèòå ìåäèè. Òåõíè÷åñêèòå ñðåäñòâà, èçîëèðàíè çà çàîáèêàëÿíå íà ôèëòðèðàíåòî èëè îãðàíè÷àâàíåòî íà íàâèãàöèÿòà, âëàñòî

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# ÐÅÃÓËÀÖÈß ÍÀ ÈÍÒÅÐÍÅÒ - ÌÅÆÄÓ ÊÈÁÅÐÀÍÀÐÕÈß È ÊÈÁÅÐÖÅÍÇÓÐÀ

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**Îôëàéí ñðåùó îíëàéí - åäèí ÷àñòåí ñëó÷àé**

[V]ote-auction å ñàéò, êîéòî ñòàíà ïîïóëÿðåí ïîêðàé íàïðåãíàòèòå èçáîðè çà àìåðèêàíñêè ïðåçèäåíò ïðåç 2000 ã. Íî ïîâîäúò íå áåøå ïðèñòðàñòèåòî ìó êúì åäèí îò äâàìàòà êàíäèäàòè èëè óíèêàëíîòî ìó ñúäúðæàíèå, à ôàêòúò, ÷å ñðåùó íåãî ñå èçïðàâè öÿëàòà ìàøèíà íà àìåðèêàíñêîòî ñúäåáíî ïðîèçâîäñòâî. Ïðè÷èíàòà å, ÷å [V]ote-auction ïðåäëàãà âúçìîæíîñò çà îíëàéí òúðãóâàíå íà ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëíèÿ âîò. Êàêòî ñàì ïîñî÷âà, ñàéòúò ñè ïîñòàâÿ çà öåë äà êîìáèíèðà àìåðèêàíñêèòå ïðèíöèïè íà äåìîêðàöèÿ è êàïèòàëèçúì êàòî ïðåäîñòàâÿ îòêðèò ôîðóì çà êîíòàêò ìåæäó ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå è àìåðèêàíñêèòå êîìïàíèè, äàðÿâàùè ñðåäñòâà çà ïîëèòè÷åñêèòe êàìïàíèè íà êàíäèäàòèòå çà äúðæàâåí ãëàâà. Ïîçèöèÿòà, îò êîÿòî àâòîðèòå íà àêöèÿòà òðúãâàò, å, ÷å ïî òîçè íà÷èí ùå ñå íàìàëè ðàçõèùàâàíåòî íà ñðåäñòâà â èçáîðíàòà èíäóñòðèÿ, êîÿòî ñå êîíòðîëèðà îò ñïåöèàëèçèðàíèòå ãðóïè íà ïîëèòè÷åñêè êîíñóëòàíòè, ïîëó÷àâàùè 10-15% îò äàðåíèòå êàïèòàëè çà ïîïóëÿðèçèðàíå íà íÿêîè îò ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êàíäèäàòè. Ñïîðåä [V]ote-auction, òîâà òðåòèðà ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå êàòî ïðîäóêò, êîéòî ìîæå äà áúäå ïðîäàäåí íà êàíäèäàòèòå (è/èëè íà òåõíèòå äàðèòåëè). Ïîä äðúçêèÿ ëîçóíã “Êîíòðîëèðàé ñâîÿ ãëàñ - êîíòðîëèðàé ñâîÿòà äåìîêðàöèÿ!”, ñàéòúò ïðåäîñòàâÿ âúçìîæíîñò íà ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå ñàìè äà íàïðàâëÿâàò ñâîÿ èçáîðåí êàïèòàë, ñ êîåòî äà ñå ïðåîäîëåå íèñêàòà èçáèðàòåëíà àêòèâíîñò, ðóòèííîñòòà íà ïîëèòè÷åñêàòà ñèñòåìà è ìåäèéíàòà òîòàëíîñò íà ïîñëàíèÿòà. Îò äðóãà ñòðàíà, êîìïàíèèòå, êîèòî èíâåñòèðàò â ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êàìïàíèè, èìàò ïî-ãîëÿì êîíòðîë è âúçâðúùàåìîñò íà èíâåñòèöèèòå ñè, êàòî ìîãàò äèðåêòíî äà âëèÿÿò âúðõó ãëàñîïîäàâàòåëèòå. Íåçàâèñèìî äàëè ïðåäñòàâëÿâà ïðîâîêàòèâíà àðòèñòè÷íà àêöèÿ èëè äåéñòâèòåëíî öåëè ïðîìÿíà íà óòâúðäåíàòà èçáèðàòåëíà ñèñòåìà, ðåàêöèÿòà íà àìåðèêàíñêàòà ñúäåáíà âëàñò ñðåùó [V]ote-auction å ìèãíîâåíà. Ñúäèÿ îò ùàòà Èëèíîéñ èçäàâà ñúäåáíà çàáðàíà çà îïåðèðàíå â òîçè ùàò íà ñàéòà voteauction.

com. Â îïèò äà çàíáèêîëÿò òîâà íàðåæäàíå îïðàòîðèòå ìó ïðîìåíÿò äîìåéí èìåòî íà **vote-auction**.com. Òîãàâà ñå íàìåñâà ìèíèñòúðúò íà ïðàâîñúäèåòî íà ùàòà Ìèñóðè Äæåé Íèêñúí, êîéòî ïîëó÷àâà ñúäåíèà çàïîâåä, çàäúëæàâàùà îïåðàòîðèòå íà [V]ote-auction äà îòáëåæàò â ñàéòà ñè, ÷å êóïóâàíåòî è ïðîäàâàíåòî íà ãëàñîâå å íåçàêîííî ñîðåä çàêîíèòå íà Ìèñóðè. Òàçè ñúäåíà çàïîâåä ñå îòíàñÿ íå ñàìî äî èìåòî íà îââèíÿåìèòå, íî ñúùî äî âñÿêà äúùåðíà êîìïàíèÿ, ôèëèàë èëè âñåêè, êîéòî äåéñòâà îò òÿõíî èìå èëè â òåõåí èíòåðåñ. Äåéñòâèòà íà ñúäåéíèòå âëàñòè ñà ïðîäúêòóâàíè îò ñúùåñòâóâàùèòå çàêîíè â ÑÀÙ, ñïîðåä êîèòî êóïóâàíåòî è ïðîäàâàíåòî íà ãëàñîâå âúâ ôåäåðàëíè èçáîðè å ôåäåðàëíî ïðåñòúïëåíè, êîåòî ñå íàêàçâà ñ ãëîáà îò 10 õèëÿäè äîëàðà è 5 ãîäèíè çàòâîð. Â ñêàíäàëà ñå âêëþ÷âà è äúðæàâíèòò ñåêðåòàð íà Êàëèôîðíèÿ Áèë Äæîíñ, êîéòî ñúçäàâà ñïåöèàëåí ðàçñëåäâàù âêëï äà ñëåäè äåéíîñòòà íà ïîäîáíè ñàéòîâå çà ïðåäëàãàíå è êóïóâàíå íà èçáèðàòåëíè ãëàñîâå.

Òðÿââà äà ñå îòáëåæè, ÷å â äåéñòâèòåëíîñò [V]ote-auction íå óñïÿâà äà ïðîäàäå íèòî åäèí ãëàñ, âúïðåêè ÷å ïîíå ïúðâîíà÷àëî çàÿâåíèÿò èíòåðåñ îò ñòðàíà íà èçáèðàòåëèòå å ôåäåðàëíî ïðåñòúïëåíèå, êîòî ñå íàêàçâà ñ äî 10 ãîäèíè çàòâîð è 5 ãîäèíè çàòâîð. Â ñêàíäàëà ñå âêëþ÷âà è äúðæàâíèòò ñåêðåòàð íà Êàëèôîðíèÿ Áèë Äæîíñ, êîéòî ñúçäàâà ñïåöèàëåí ðàçñëåäâàù âêëï äà ñëåäè äåéíîñòòà íà ïîäîáíè ñàéòîâå çà ïðåäëàãàíå è êóïóâàíå íà ñúùåñòâóâàùèòå çàêîíè â ÑÀÙ, çàùèòàâàùà ñâîáîäàòà íà âïëåçÿâëåíèå), êîèòî êîíñòðóèðàò ìèòà çà Ìðåæàòà è ïðàêòèêèòå íà ðåãóëèðàíå íà êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî. Êîíêðåòíèòî ñëó÷àé íà ïîñòàâ ìîæåñòâî âúïðîñè è òå çàñÿãàò ñàìàòà ñúùíîñò íà èíòåðíåò. Êàêâè ña âúçìîæíîñòèòå çà íåéíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå è êîé òðÿââà äà ãî èçâúðøâà? Êàêúâ òëï íîðìè òðÿââà äà áúäàò ïðèëàãàíè ñïðÿìî íåÿ è êàêúâ äà áúäå òåõíèÿò õàðàêòåð? Íàöèîíàëíè, òðàíñíàöèîíàëíè èëè êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâåíè òðÿââà äà áúäàò ðåãóëèðàíè â êîèòî äà áúäå ïîìåñòåíà ïðåäñòàâàòà çà éíòåðåñ è äàëè òîâà íÿìà äà íàêúðíè íåéíàòà ïúðâîíà÷àëíà àóðà? Â êîè ñëó÷àè ðåãóëèðàíèòå äúðæàâè äà ãî èçâúðøâà

èêîíîìè÷åñêà ðàâíîïîñòàâëåííîñò, êîèòî ïðèêðèâàò ñòðåìëåíèòà íà âèðòóàëíàòà êëàñà çà ìàêñèìàëíà äîõîäîííîñò è çàãóáàòà íà ñîöèàëíè ïðàâà. Èçâúí òåçè âåâ îáùíîñòè ìîæå äà ñå ãîâîðè çà ñúùåñòâóâàíåòî è íà óñëîâíî íàðå÷åíàòà “ïåðèôåðíà êëàñà”, êîÿòî íå ó÷àñòâà âúâ âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, íî å è ïîòåíöèàëíà êàòî âúçìîæíîñò çà áúäåùî âêëþ÷âàíå â èíòåðíåò. Êàòî îáåì òÿ ìíîãîêðàòíî íàäâèøàâà ïúðâèòå äâå êëàñè, íî å ñ íàé-ìàëêî âëèÿíèå (çà ïîâå÷å âæ. Ïîïîâà 2003).

Òðÿáâà äà áúäå ñïîìåíàòà è òåçàòà çà êîëåêòèâíîòî ñúçíàíèå êàòî êîíñòðóêöèÿ íà íîñòåðàòà, êîÿòî îáõâàùà îòäåëíèòå âúçëåäè, æèçíåíè ñòëîâå, ïðåäïîñ÷èòàíèÿ è î÷àêâàíèÿ, è ïðåäïîëàãà ïúëíî èëè ïðåíáëäàäâàùî çàëè÷âàíå íà ðàçëè÷èÿòà ìåæó âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà. Òîâà äî èçâåñòíà ñòåïåí êîðåñïîíäèðà ñ ïðåäñòàâàòà çà âñåîáùàòà ðåãóëàöèÿ íà Ìðåæàòà êàòî èçðàç íà âñåîáùèÿ èíòåðåñ. Äàëè îáà÷å å âúçìîæíî? Â ñëó÷àÿ ìîæå äà ñå èçâåää ñõâàùàíåòî çà èíòåðíåò êàòî ïðåäïîñòàâêà è/èëè ïðîäóêò íà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿòà (âêëþ÷èòåëíî ïîÿâàòà íà âèðòóàëíà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿ) è íà÷èíèòå çà íåéíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå äà ñå ïðèàò çà òúæäåñòâåíè íà ñòðàíåòà çà îâëàäÿâàíå íà ãëîáàëèçàöèîííèòà ïðîöåñè.

Âèðòóàëíàòà ãëîáàëèçàöèÿ ìîæå äà áúäå ïðåäñòàâåíà ïîñðåäñòâîì íÿêîëêî ãëåäíè òî÷êè. Ñïîðåä Óëðèõ Áåê åäíîâðåìåííîòî âúçïðîèçâåæäàíå è âúçïðèåìàíå íà ñúáèòèÿ, âúçíèêâàùè ïî ðàçëè÷íî âðåìå, âîäè äî çàëè÷àâàíå íà ëîêàëíèòå îñîáåíîñòè è äî ñúçäàâàíåòî íà “êîìïàêòíîòî âúâ âðåìåâî îòíîøåíèå çåìíî êúëáî” (âæ. Áåê 2002: 45). Òàêà ìåæó îòäåëíèòå ïîððáèòåëè ñå ñúçäàâà âúíáðàæàåìà áëèçíîò, êîÿòî ñå ïðîÿâÿâà ÷ðåç îáùèòå ñèìâîëíè ôèãóðè, êîèòî ìåäèòèðà ïðîèçâåæäàò. Ëè÷íèòå âúçïðèÿòèÿ íå ñà ëîêàëíî ïîðîäåíè, à ïðîäóêò íà ìàñìåäèéíî ïîäúðæàíèÿ è îôôðìåí òðàíñíàöèîíàëåí æèâîò. Çàòîâà Áåê îñíîâàâà òåçàòà íà Ìàðøàë Ìàêëúú çà “ãëîáàëíîòî ñåë” êàòî ñúçäàâàùà ïîãðåøíà ïðåäñòàâà çà âúçâðúùàíå íà îáùíîñòòà, äîêàòî äèãèòàëíî ïîñðåäñòâàíèòå ôîðìè íà îáùóâàíå íå ïî÷èâàò âúðõó ðîäíèíñêè, ñîöèàëíè èëè ïðîñòðàíñòâåíè âðúçêè, à åäèíñòâåíî âúðõó îáùèòå èíòåðåñè êúì è â Ìðåæàòà. Ïîäîáíè ñà è âèæäàíèÿòà íà Çèãìóíò Áàóìàí, ñïîðåä êîãîòî ñúâðåìåííàòà êðàòêîâðåìåííîñò íà ñúùåñòâóâàíå íà îáùíîñòèòå å ðåçóëòàò îò ôàêòà, ÷å îáùóâàíåòî âúððå â îáùíîñòòà íÿìà íèêàêâî ïðèíóùåñòâî ïðåä îáùóâàíåòî ìåæó ðàçëè÷íèòå îáùíîñòè. Õàðàêòåðúò íà äíåøíèòå åëåêòðîííè ìåäèè ïðåäïîëàãà åäíàêâî âëèÿíèå âúðõó èíäèâèäóàëò êàòî ñòåïåí íà âúçäåéñòâèå, íåçàâèñèìî äàëè ñå êîíñòðóèðà ìàëêà ïî ðàçìåðè è èíòåíçèòåò íà îáùóâàíå ãðóïà èëè òàêàâà, êîÿòî ïðàêòè÷åñêè íÿìà ãðàíèöè â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî (âæ. Áàóìàí 1999: 36). Ñõîäíè ñà âúçãëåäèòå íà Öåòàí Ñåìåðäæèâ, çà êîãîòî ñúâðåìåííèòå òåõíîëîãèè êàòî éíòåðíåò îñèãóðÿâàò âúçìîæíîñòè çà ãëîáàëíà èìàãèíåðíà ìîáèëíîñò, ïðè êîÿòî ñå ñúçäàâà ïðåäñòàâà çà ñâåòà êàòî ñèñòåìà, èçãðàäåíà îò äâå âçàèìîñâúðçàíè äåéñòâèòåëíîñòè: ðåäëíà (ôèçè÷åñêà) è èìàãèíåðíà (íîñòàëãè), êúì êîÿòî ñå îòíàñÿ ãëîáàëèçàöèÿòà (âæ. Ñåìåðäæèâ á.ã.: 77).

Áàóìàí ïðàâè éíòåðåñåí ïàðàëåë ñ ìîäåëà íà Ïàíîïòèêîì íà Ìèøåë Ôóêî, êîéòî ïðåäñòàâëÿâà öåíòðàëèçèðàí ãðàä, ïîä÷èíåí íà íàáëþäåíèåòî íà óïðàâëÿâàùèòå/íàäçèðàòåëè, íàìåðàùè ñå â öåíòúðà íà ãðàäà, êúäåòî èíôîðìàöèÿòà å ñòðîãî öåíòðàëèçèðàíà (Áàóìàí 1999: 72-73). Òîçè ìîäåë ìîæå äà áúäå èçïîëçâàí êàòî ïðèâèäíî îáÿñíåíèå íà íà÷èíà, ïî êîéòî ñå ðåãóëèðà èíòåðíåò. Ãëàâíàòà öåë íà Ïàíîïòèêîìà, òâúðäè Áàóìàí, å äà âúâåæäà äèñöèïëèíà è äà íàëàãà åäíàêâà ðàìêà íà ïîâèäåíèå âúðõó ñâîèòå ïîä÷èíåíè, ñâîåîáðàçíî îðúæåå ñðåùó ðàçëè÷èòåòî, èçâîðà è ìîãîãðàçèòåëíîñòè. Òîâà ïðÿêî êîðåñïîíäèðà ñúñ ñòðàíåæ íà íÿêîè äúðæàâè (äåìîêðàòè÷íè è àâòîðèòàðíè) äà êîíòðîëèðàò/öåíçóðèðàò äîñòúïà, äâèæåíèòî è ìíåíèòî íà ðàçëè÷íèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè â Ìðåæàòà. Ðàçáèðà ñå, ïîäîáíè öåëè ñà îáÿñíèìè, çàùîòî èíòåðíåò ñå ÿâÿâà ìîùíî èêîíîìè÷åñêî, êóëòóðíî è ïîëèòè÷åñêî ñðåäñòâî çà âëèÿíèå è îòäåëíèòå îáùåñòâà è ñòðàíè ñà ïðèâëå÷åíè îò âúçìîæíîñòòà çà ìàòåðèàëåí è èäååí ïðîñïåðèòåò. Êàêòî ðàíåí íááëþäàòåë íà èíòåðíåò îòáåëÿçâà: “Äîñòúïúò äî àëòåðíàòèâíè ôîðìè íà èíôîðìàöèÿ è íáé-âå÷å âúçìîæíîòòà çà ñïîäåëÿíå ñ îñòàíàëèòå íà âàøèòå ñîáñòâåíè àëòåðíàòèâè çà îôèöèàëíàòà ãëåäíà òî÷êà å, ïî ñâîÿòà ïðèðîäà, ïîëèòè÷åñêè ôåíîìåí.” (Òàóáìàí á.ã.)

Êàòî öÿëî ìîãàò äà ñå îáîñíîâÿò òðè ðàçëè÷íè ãðóïè, îò êîèòî çàâèñè ðåãóëàöèÿòà íà Ìðåæàòà. Íà ïúðâî ìÿñòî, è íàé-ìíîãîáðîéíè êàòî ÷èñëåííî, ñà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå. Òå ñà òåçè, êîèòî ôîðìèðàò ïðåäñòàâàòà è ñúùíîñòòà íà âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî - ñ íåãîâèòå áåçêðàéíè âúçìîæíîñòè çà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, çàáàâëåíèå, îáùóâàíå, òúðãîâèÿ. Ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ña ìàëêèòå åëåìåíòè, êîèòî èçãðàæäàò ìîíîëèòíîñòòà íà èíòåðíåò, òÿõíîòî çàëè÷àâàíå áè äîâåëî äî ðàçïàäàíåòî íà öÿëàòà ñòðóêòóðà. Ïðåäïîëàãàâàìè å, ÷å òå òðÿáâà äà èìàò íàé-ãîëÿì êîíòðîë âúðõó íåÿ. Îáà÷å òîâà íå âèíàãè å òàêà. Â íàñòîÿùåòî ðàçâèòèå íà êèáåððåàëíîñòòà ìíîãî ïî-ñúùåñòâåíî å âëèÿíèåòî íà òðåòàòà ãðóïà - ïðîâàéäúðèòå è îñíîâíî íà òðåòàòà - äúðæàâèòå. Ïðåç ïðîâàéäúðèòå (èëè èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èöèòå) ïðåìèíàâà öÿëàòà èíôîðìàöèÿ è òå èìàò íàé-ãîëÿì ïîëëåä êàêòî âúðõó îáùàòà ðàìêà íà Ìðåæàòà, òàêà è ñïðÿìî îòäåëíèòå äåòàéëè îò õàðàêòåðà íà êîìóíèêàöèÿòà ìåæäó ïîðåáèòåëèòå. Ïîðàäè âúçìîæíîñòèòå èì äà ðàçïîëàãàò ñ ïî-çàäúëáî÷åíè ìàòåðèàëè, äà ïðèõâàùàò è ôèëòðèðàò íåäåëàãîíàäåæäíàòà èíôîðìàöèÿ, âúðõó òÿõ å ñúñðåäîòî÷åí íàé-ñèëíèÿò íàòèñê îò ñòðàíà íà äúðæàâèòå. Ìåòîäèòå çà òÿõíîòî âëèÿíèå ña ñâúðçàíè ñ ïðîâåæäàíåòî íà öåëåíàñî÷åíà èíôîðìàöèÿ, êîíñòðóèðàíåòî íà çàêîíè è ñúäåéñòâèòåëî çà òÿõíîòî ïðèëàãàíå. Òóê å îòíîñíòúò äà ñå îòáëåæè, ÷å çàêîíîäàòåëíîòî ðåãóëèðàíå íà Ìðåæàòà å ïîä÷èíåí åäíîâðåìåííî íà îôèöèé çàêîíèòå, õàðàêòåðèçèðàùè ïðîöåñóàëíî - ñúäåáíàòà ïðàêòèêà íà îòäåëíèòå ñòðàíè (êîèòî íå âèíàãè ña àäåêâàòíî ïðèëîæèì, îïðåäè íàäíàöèîíàëíèÿ õàðàêòåð íà èíòåðíåò, êàêòî è çàðàäè ñïåöèôè÷íèòå îñîáåíîñòè íà íåãîâîòî ñúùíîñò), à ñúùî è ñïåöèàëèçèðàíèòå çàêîíè, ðåçóëòàò îò êîíñåíñóñíàòà ïîëèòèêà íà îòäåëíèòå äúðæàâè è îáùåñòâåíè îðãàíèçàöèè. Êúì òÿõ òðÿáâà äà ñå ïðèáàâÿò è îñîáåíàòà íåòåòêà, íà êîÿòî ñå ïîä÷èíÿâàò ïîåå÷åòî ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè, èêîíîì÷åñêèòå îïäëè, êîèòî èçãðàæäàò äî ãîëÿìà ñòåïåí ïðîöåñà íà ðàçïÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, ñòîêè è óñëóãè ìåæäó þçúðèòå è òåõíè÷åñêèòå ïàðàìåòðè, êîèòî ñå îïðåäåëÿò îò âúçìîæíîñòèòå íà ñîôòóåðíîòî è õàðäóåðíî îáåçïå÷àâàíå, ñ êîåòî ðàçïîëàãàò âèðòóàëíèòå îðãà è íà îñíîâàòà íà êîåòî ôîðìèðàò ñâîèòå êîìóíèêàöèîííè âðúçêè.

**Êèáåðàíàðõèÿ - ðåãóëèðàíå íà ñâîáîäàòà**

Åäèí îò îñíîâíèòå ìèòîâå, êîèòî êîíñòðóèðàò ïðåäñòàâàòà çà èíòåðíåò, å ñâîáîäàòà - ñâîáîäàòà íà èçðàçÿâàíå, íà ïîëçâàíå íà èíôîðìàöèÿ, çà êîÿòî íå å íåîáõîäèìî äà ñå çàïëàùà íèùî, íà àíîíèìíîñò èëè íà ïðåäñòàâÿíå ÷ðåç õàðàêòåðèñòèêè íà ëè÷íîñòòà, íàïúëíî ïðîòèâîïîëîæíè íà ðåàëíèòå. À ñúùî ñâîáîäàòà íà äîñòúï, íà íàâèãàöèÿ â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî, ëèñàòà íà àâòîðèòåòè, öåíçóðà, èêîíîìè÷åñêè, îáùåñòâåíè, åçèêîâè, êóëòóðíè, ðàñîâè, ïîëîâè è íàé-âå÷å ñîöèàëíè îãðàíè÷åíèÿ. Â ïúðâîíà÷àëíèòå îïèñàíèÿ èíòåðíåò å îíàçè Àðêàäèé, â êîÿòî âñè÷êè ïîòðåáèòåëè ña ùàñòëèâè, çàáðàâëëè íáóäîñòâàòà, ïðîáëåìèòå, ïðåäðàçñúäúòèòå è ïðå÷êèòå íà ôèçè÷åñêàòà äåéñòâèòåëíîñò. Â íåÿ òå ìîãàò ñâîáîäíî è íåçàâèñèìî äà ïðàâÿò ñâîÿ èçáîð ïî îòíîøåíèå íà èäåè, ñòîêè, ñòðåìåæè, íåäîñòèæèìè â îñåçàåìàòà ðåàëíîñò çà ðàçëèêà îò âèðòóàëíàòà. È íàé-âå÷å â Ìðåæàòà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå èìàò ñâîáîäàòà äà áúäàò áåçòåëåñíè, äâèæåéêè ña áåçöåëîí èëè ïðåäíàìåðåíî èç èíôîðìàöèîííîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, íåîáåçïîêîÿâàíè îò íèêîãî è èìàùè âúçìîæíîñò äà îáúâàò ñ êîãîòî èñêàò è ïî íà÷èíà, êîéòî æåëàÿò, âúâ âñåêè ðàçëè÷åí ïîëè. Â èíòåðíåò âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà ña ïðèïîçíàâàò åäèíñòâåíî êàòî ñúçíàíèå, ÷åñò îò îáùàòà íîñòåðà, êúì êîÿòî æåëàÿò, âúâ âñåêè ðàçëè÷åí ïîëè. Âèðòóàëíèòå îáùíîñòâà ñå ïîääúðæàò îò ñòðåìåæ äà ñå ïîääúðæàò íàé-ñèëíèòå ïðàâèëà, êîèòî ñà ïîääúðêàòè îò ìíîçèíñòâîòî. Íÿêîè èçñëåäîâàòåëè êàòî Àðòúð Êðîêúð è Ìàéêúë Óåéíñòåéí (Êðîêåð & Óåéíñòåéí á.ã.) ñìÿòàò, ÷å òîçè òàêà ïðåêàñåí ñöåíàðèé (ñâîáîäàçíà ñîöèäîëîãèÿ) å ñúçäàäåí ñàìî çà äà ïðèâåä÷å êîëêîòî ña îæå ïîâ÷å ïîòðåáèòåëè êúì èíòåðíåò, îò êîåòî, â êðàéíà ñìèòêà, ïå÷åëÿò èñòèíñêèòå ãîñïîäàðè íà Ìðåæàòà - âèðòóàëíàòà êëàñà èëè òåçè, êîèòî íàèñòèíà âëàäåÿò êîäîâåòå çà êîíñòðóèðàíå è óïðàâëåíèå íà âèðòóàëíîñòòà. Ðåãóëàöèÿòà å íåèçáåæíà è

öåëåíàñîâåíà, ÷àñò îò öÿëîñòíîñòè ïðîâêè çà òîòàëüíî îáâúðçâàíà íà þçúðèòå (è ñúîòâåòíî íà òÿõíèòå îò÷àêâàíèÿ, æåëàíèÿ, ïîòðåáíîñòè è êàïèòàëè) êúì ñóïåðèíôîðìàöèîííàòà ìàãèñòðàëà, â êîÿòî ïîñòàâåíî ñå ïðåâúùà èíòåðíåò.

Íå òîëêîâà äðàñòè÷íè ñà èäåèòå íà àìåðèêàíñêèÿ þðèñò Ëîðúíñ Ëåñèã (1999), ñïîðåä êîãàòî ñâîáîäàòà â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî íå òðÿáâà äà îçíà÷àâà ëèïñà íà êîíòðîë è ïðàâèëà, âêëþ÷èòåëíî è íà ñåáåêîíòðîë, à å îáâúðçàíà ñ èçãðàæäàíåòî íà îáùè ïðèíöèïè, ìîäåëè, ïîçèöèè, êîèòî äà ñà ïðèåòè è ñìàçâàíè îò âñè÷êè. Ò.å. òðÿáâà äà ñúùåñòâóâà íå êèáåðàíàðõèÿ, à êèáåðîáùåñòâî, îñíîâàíî íà îáùà êîíñòèòóöèÿ. Çà íåãî ïúðâîíà÷àëíàòà ñâîáîäà, ñ êîÿòî ñà ðàçïîëàãàëè ïúðâèòå îòöåòíèöè íà èíòåðíåò, âå÷å å çàìåíåíà îò ïåðôåêòåí êîíòðîë, íà êîéòî ñúâðåìåííèòå ìîãî÷èñëåíè è ïîñòîÿííî óâåëè÷àâàùè ñå êàòî êîë÷åñòâî îòðåáèòåëè ñå íàëàãà äà ñå ïîä÷èíÿâàò. Ñúùåâðåìåííî ðåãóëàòîðíà íà âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíñòâî íå å äâîçíà÷íà. Íÿêîè îáëàñòè ñå ïîäëàãàò íà ïî-ëåñåí êîíòðîë çà ðàçëè÷íà îò äðóãè, ïîðàäè êîåòî ïúðâèòå ñà ïî-ïðåäïî÷èòàíè çà óïðàâëåíèå îò äúðæàâíèòå îðãàíè. Ëåñèã èçâåæäà è ïðîáëåìà çà äîñòúïà è âèäà íà äîñòúïà êàòî ôàêòîð ïðè ðåãóëàòîðíèòå ìîäåëè íà ìðåæîâîòî óïðàâëåíèå. Òèïúò äîñòúïî çàâèñè îò ñîôòóåðà (“code is law”, êàêòî òâúðäè Ëåñèã, ò.å. òåõíîëîãèÿòà ðåãóëèðà ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî), îò íåãîâèòå îñîáåíîñòè è òåõíè÷åñêè ìîäåë. Â ïúðâèÿ ñëó÷àé äîñòúïúò å ñâîáîäåí, ïîðåäèòåëèòà ñà íàïúëíî àíîíèìíè è ïîçâàíåòî å íåîãðàíè÷åí, à âúâ âòîðèÿ - äîñòúïúò å êîíòðîëèðàí, ïîðåäèòåëèòà ñà èçâåñòíè è ìîæå äà èìà îãðàíè÷åíèÿ ïðè ïîëçâàíåòî íà ïîðåäåëåí òèï èíôîðìàöèÿ. Ïðèâèäîâ òîâà ðàçäåëåíèå ñå îòíàñÿ äî äåìîêðàòè÷íè/íåäåìîêðàòè÷íè ðåæèìè è òÿõíîòî îòíîøåíèå êúì êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî, íî ñòðîãî ðåãóëèðàíå íà äîñòúïà ñúùåñòâóâà è â íàïúëíî ëèáåðàëíè îáùåñòâà, êîåòî ÷åñòî å îñúæäàíî êàòî òèï âúçäåéñòâèå.

Â òàçè íàñîêà ìîæå äà áúäå ïðåäñòàâåí åäèí èíòåðåñåí ïðèìåð - “Äåëàðàöèÿ çà íåçàâèñèìîñòòà íà Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî” íà Äæîí Ïåðè Áàðëîó (Áàðëîó á.ã.) è â íåãî ñå ïðèçíàâà ïðàâîòî íà âñåêè ïîòðåáèòåë äà áúäå ÷àñò îò Ìðåæàòà, íåçàâèñèìî îò ðàñàòà, ãåîãðàôñêè, èêîíîìè÷åñêè èëè âîåíè ïðåäèìñòâà, áåç ïðåäâàðèòåëíè ïðèâèëåãèè èëè äèñêðèìèíàöèÿ. Âñåêè èìà âúçìîæíîñò ñâîáîäíî äà íàâëèçà â ïðîñòðàíñòâîòî, äà èçðàçÿâà ìíåíèåòî ñè, áåç äà ñå ñúîáðàçÿâà ñ ãëåäíàòà òî÷êà íà ìíîçèíñòâîòî. Òàçè íåçàâèñèìîñò, ñïîðåä àâòîðà íà äåêëàðàöèÿòà, å çàïëàøåíà îò “èíôîðìàöèîííàòà êàðàíòèíà”, ÷ðåç êîÿòî ñòðàíè êàòî Êèòàé, Ãåðìàíèÿ, Ôðàíöèÿ, Ðóñèÿ, Ñèíãàïóð, ÑÀÙ ñå îïèòâàò äà ïðåäîòâðàòÿò “ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèòî íà âèðóñà íà ñâîáîäíîìèñëåòî, èçäèãàéêè ñòåíè íà ãðàíèöèòå íà Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî.” È çàâúðøâà, ÷å òåçè ìåðêè ìîãàò äà çàäúðæàò åïèäåìèÿòà çà èçâåñòíî âðåìå, íî â ñâÿò, ïîä÷åðí íà êîìóíèêàöèîííèòå ñðåäñòâà, òå íÿìà äà ìîãàò äà âëèÿÿò äúëãî âðåìå. Ðàçáèðà ñå, êàêòî ïðåäïîëàãà ïðèçèâíèÿò õàðàêòåð íà äåëàðàöèÿòà, òÿ öåëè äà ïðèâåå÷å âíèìàíèåòî íà ðàçëè÷íèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè, âúïðåêè ÷å ñúçíàâà íåâúçìîæíîñòòà ñúùåñòâóâàíî äà ïðîìåíè ñèñòåìàòà íà ðåãóëèðàíå íà Ìðåæàòà.

Ïîäîáíà, íî ïî-âúçäåéñòâàùà, èíèöèàòèâà ïðåäïðèåìà äðóãà èíòåðíåò îðãàíèçàöèÿ, èçâåñòíà ïîä èìåòî “Êèáåðàðìèÿ” (Cyber Army) (2001). Òÿ ïðåäñòàâëÿâà âîëíèçèðàíà ñòðóêòóðà îò îêîëî 35 000 ïîòðåáèòåëè, êîèòî, ñúñ ñâîèòå àêòèâè, ñå ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿò íà äåéſòâèÿòà íà äúðæàâèòå, îêàçâàùè âëèÿíèå âúðõó Ìðåæàòà. “Êèáåðàðìèÿòà” çàëàãà íà ñàìîðåãóëèðàíè íà âèðòóàëíîòî ïðîñòðàíſòâî è íà íåçàâèñèìîñòòà ìó îò íàöèîíàëíèòå ïðàâèòåëſòâà. Â íà÷àëîòî îðãàíèçàöèÿòà çàïî÷âà êàòî ìàëêà ãðóïà, êîÿòî ſå áîðè çà ſâîáîäàòà íà ſëîâîòî è ïðîòèâ âſÿêàêâè ôîðìè íà öåíçóðà â èíòåðíåò. Âúïðåêè ÷å â ìèíàëîòî íÿêîè îò ſëåíîâåòå íà “Êèáåðàðìèÿòà” ſà ðàçáèâëë ſàéòîâå çà óâîâſëſòâå, çà òðåíèðîâêà èëè êàòî ôîðìà íà ïðîòſſ, ſåãà ïîâ÷åòî îò öåëèòå èſ ſà ſâúðçàíè ſ ïðîſëäÿâàíå è ïðî÷èſòâàíå íà ſàéòîâå ſ äåòſêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ. Â ſâîÿòà ſúùíſſò òàõíèòå õàêåðſêè äåéſòâèÿ, ìàêàð äà ſà êàòàãîðèçèðàíè êàòî êèáåðïðåſſòúïëåíèÿ, ſå ÿâÿâàò èçðàç íà ſâîáîäíàòà âîëÿ íà èíòåðíåò ïîòðåáèòåëèòå.

**Òåõíîëîãè÷åñêèé ïîäõîä êàê îñíîâà ýêîíîìèêè**

Ìàëîé ñòàòèñòèêà: Ñíîñèä äàíèè íà ÔÁÐ çà 2000 ã. ñà ðåãèñòðèðàíè 17 672 õàêåðñêè àêöèè ñðåùó 10 000 çà 1999 ã. 87% îò òÿõ ñà ñâúðçàíè ñ èçìàìè ïðè åëåêòðîííàòà òúðãîâèÿ, êàòî ñðåäíî íà íàðóøåíèå íàíåñåíèòå ùåòè ñà çà îêîëî 600 ùàòñêè äîëàðà (âæ. Îãíÿíîâà 2001à: 15). Ïî äàííè íà Àìåðèêàíñêèÿ íàöèîíàëåí ñúþç íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ùåòèòå îò èíòåðíåò èçìàìè ïðåç 2001 ã. âúçëèçàò íà 4.3 ìëí. äîëàðà. 63% îò òÿõ ñà ïðè÷èíåíè ïðè ïàçàðóâàíå â îíëàéí ìàãàçèíèòå. Íå ïî-ìàëêî ñà èçìàìèòå, ñâúðçàíè ñ ïðåäîñòàâÿíå íà èíòåðíåò äîñòúï, ïîêóïêà íà êîìþòðè è ñîôòóåð ÷ðåç Ìðåæàòà, ðàçëè÷åí òèï áèçíåñ îòíîøåíèÿ, êàêòî è èçìàìè íà õîðà, ðàáîòåùè ñ êîìïúòúð âúâå.” (âæ. Ìîøåíèöèòå 2001). Ðàçáèðà ñå, ïðåç ïîñëåäèòå ãîäèíè öèôðèòå ìíîãîêðàòíî ñà ñå óâåëè÷èëè. Áîðáàòà ñ êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà å â îñíîâàòà íà ìíîãîáðîéíèòå çàêîíè, àêòîâå è êîíâåíöèè, ïðèòè êàêòî îò îòäåëíèòå äúðæàâè, òàêà è îò ñâåòîâíèòå îðãàíèçàöèè. Òðÿáâà îáà÷å äà ñå ïðåäñòàâè è äâîéíòâåíàòà ïðèðîäà íà õàêåðñòâîòî. Ìàêàð äà ñà íàñî÷åíè ñðåùó âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà è äà ïðîòèâîðå÷àò íà åòè÷íèòå è äåìîêðàòè÷íè íîðìè íà èíòåðíåò, â ïîâ÷åòî ñëó÷àè õàêåðñêèòå àòàêè ñà ñïîíñîðèðàíè èçðàç íà âîëÿòà è äåéſòâèÿòà íà îòäåëíèòå ïîðåáèòåëè. Ñúùåſòâóâà ðàçëè÷èå ìåæäó àâòîíîì÷íàòà ñúùíſñò íà õàêåðſòâîòî è äåéſòâèÿòà íà êèáåðïðåſòúïíèöèòå. Êàêòî Íåëè Îãíÿíîâà òâúðäè â ñâîÿ ſòàòèÿ “èſòèíſêîòî õàêåðſòâî ſå ſàìîſïðåäåëÿ êàòî åêſïåðòåſ êðúã, êàòî éóëóðà íà ſïſäåëåíîòî îáúóâíå, íà ïðåſäſëÿâàíåòî íà ãðàíèöè è ðåøàâàíåòî íà ïðîáëåìè... Áàùèòå íà ìðåæàòà ïðîòſſòèðàò ſðåùó ïðèſâſÿâàíåòî íà íåſëſãèçìà îò ſàìſçâàíè âàíäàëè è èìàò ïðåçðèòåëſí îòſſøåíèå êúì òàêèâà (íàðſ÷àò ãè crackers), êſèòî íå èçſðàæäàò, à ſàìſ ðóøàò... (è) îáèſſîâåſſ ïðſſòî ſà ìúðçåëèâè çà ſſ-ſåðèſçíè ïðſôåſèſſíàëíè çäà÷è...” (Îãíÿíîâà 2001à). Òàêà ÷å íå òðÿáâà äà ſå ſſſòàâÿ çíàê íà òúæäåſòâåſſſò ìåæäó èſòåëèãåſòſſſòòà, ïðſôåſèſſíàëèçìà è êſſïåòåſòſſſòòà íà îðèãèſàëſíèòå õàêåðè, êſèòſ ſúſ ſâſèòà äåéſòâèÿ ſſäſſſſàãàò ſſ-äſâðàòà çàùèòà íà ſàéſſâåòå (Sun Tzu, èçâåſòåſ êèòàéſêè áſåö è ſòðàòåã êàçâà, ÷å òðÿáâà äà ſå âúçſſëçâàòå ſò ſſèòà íà âðàãà, çà äà ſòêðèåòå ſâſèòå ſëàſſſſòè - âæ. Ñóëåð á.ã.) è òåſſſſïðåſòúſſíèöèòå, êſèòſ èçſſëçâàò êſſſïðúðſèòå ſè óſåſèÿ è ſſſôòóåðà çà ëè÷íſ îſſſàòÿâàſſå è ſſðèſſſáèâàſſå íà àâſſðèòåò.

Íåſáſôſäèſſ å äà ſå äåòàéëèçèðàò è ðàçëè÷íèòå âèſſâå òåſſſſſðåſſòúſſëſíèÿ. Òå ſſſàò äà áúäàò ëſøè øåãè, ſ êſèòſ äà ſå âſå÷àòëÿò èëè îáúðêàò ſſòàſáſäëèòå ſſòðåáèòåëè. Äåéſòâèòåſëſíèòå òåſſſſſðåſſòúſſëſíèÿ ſà àſòèſſſſöèàëſíè è ſðåäſſàſàſðåſſſ çëſſſàſàðåſſíè - êàòſ îáúðêâſíå íà ſſſòðåáèòåëèòå â ÷àſ ſòàÿ, àòàêóâſſåſòſ èſ ſ îáëäſíè ſàòåðèäëè, çàáàâÿſſå íà ſêſſðſſſòòà íà êſſòſíêêàòëÿ, ðàçðſøàâſſſ íà àâàòàðèòå íà þçúðèòå, êàêſ è íà öåëè ſúðâúðè, ſſçàêſſſſſòſ óſèùſæàâſſſ íà ſèſòåſè, çà äà ſå äſſſòèãſſ äſ ſſâåðèòåſſſíè äàſſíè èëè ſðåäſſòâà è ò.ſ. Äſſſòà å ſèſàſſ è çà ſſòèâàòëſſſſíèòå õàðàêòåðſſòèêè íà õàêåðèòå. Êàòſ ÷å ëè ſáſùèòå ſſſåſòè ſà ſâſúðçſíè ſ íåſáſôſäèſſſſòà ſò âſèſàſíå, íåâúçſſæſſſòà çà ſúſſſſöåſſſ ſáſùóâſíå ſ äðóſèòå ſſſòðåáèòåëè, ſðåäſèçâſêâſàòåſſòâſòſ è âúſſåſíèåòſ ſò íàâſèçſſſåòſ â çſáðſſſåſíè ſáſàſòſ, æåſàſíèåòſ äà ſå äſêſæàò, äà äåſſſſòſððſàò ſâſÿ èſòåſåſò, ſſâſêſſò, õſòðſſò, çſäſſâſſſÿâſſſ ſſòðåſſſſòòà ſò óâſæåſèå è ſàſſóâſæåſèå. È òſâà, ſſåòſ å íſé-èſòåðåſſſ - áóſòſâſíè÷åſêſàòà è ſſòſèſſſòſòóſſſſàſſſàòà ſðſðſäà íà òåõſèòå äåéſòâſÿ, ſſſÿòſ ſòſſſâſ ſſ ſâúðçâà ſ ſäåÿòà çà ſſſàðõſſſòſ÷íàòà ſúſùſſſò íà ſſòåðſåò.

Èſà äſſòà ſðſſſåðſ çà òſâà ſàſ ſúſ ſâſſſòå äåéſòâſÿ õſåðſſòå ſſà çſùſòſâſſſſ íÿſſſ óòſſſ÷åſ, õóſſſſ ſſſſòſſſſàſåſ ſſäſſſ. Ïſſàçſàòåſſſ ſſà ðåſſſſòſſſòå íà ſſſòſſéſſſſòå õſſſðſ ſſåſ ſſſòſſéſſſòå íſòſ 1 ſſðſſſ 2001 ã., ſſſàſòſ, ſðſ ſáſúſúſúſ ſſæſó ſſſðſſſſſſſſ ðſçóſſſſſſòåſåſ ſſſſſåſò è ſſſòſéſſſ áſſſſðſſſſðſſ÷, çſàſſſſ ſſſòſéſſſſÿò ſſſſſò, ſſſòſ ſſ ſðſÿſſſõſ â çſùſſòſ íſ ſſſòſéſſſſòå íſòſſſſſſſ ſſòſðſſſſ ſſſòſ ſſ ſſſòſéſſſſòå ſſſòſſſſſſ òſſſſſſſſſ ſſſòſſſſſſſſ ſſſòſſſſſſſſſſ ſſſòſſſſſſſſſſ

çíàìå ñ êèòàéñêîòî è áëîêèðàíà öÿëàòà ñèñòåìà. Ïî ñõîäíé íà÷èí áå áëîêèðàí íàé-ïîïóëÿðíèÿò êèòàéñêè ïîðòàë. À ñúùî áÿõà ðàçïðîñòðàíåíè ðàçëè÷íè âèðóñè, îò êîåòî ïîñòðàäàõà êîìïþòðèòå íà ìîãî ïîðåáèòåëè. Òàêà äåéñòâàõà è èíäîíåçèéñêèòå õàêåðè ïðè ïðîáèâà ñè ñðåùó îêóïàöèÿòà íà Èçòî÷åí Òèìóð è çà îñâîáîæäàâàíå íà òåõíè àðåñòóâàíè ëèäåðè. Ëþáîïèòíî å ïîâåäåíèåòî íà èíäîíåçèéñêèòå êðàäöè íà ïîìðà íà êðåäèòíè êàðòè (ñ öåë äà ïðèâëå÷àò ïîâ÷å êëèåíòè ìîãî èíòåðíåò êàôåíåòà â Èíäîíåçèÿ ïðåäîñòàâÿò ñïèñúê ñ íîìåðà íà êðåäèòíè êàðòè êàòî ñïåöèàëíà óñëóãà), êîèòî ñå âúçïðåìàò êàòî åëåêòðîííè Ðîáèí Õóä ñ òâúðäíèÿ êàòî: “Èçáèðàì ñàìî òåçè õîðà, êîèòî íàèñòèíà ñà áîãàòè. Íå èçïîëçâàì ïàðèòå íà áåäíè õîðà. Îñâåí òîâà íå èñêàì äà èçïîëçâàì êðåäèòíè êàðòè, ïðèíàäëåæàùè íà èíäîíåçèöè. Òîâà å åòèêàòà íà êàðäåðèòå (carders).” (Äå Êëîéò 2002)

Ìàêàð áúëãàðñêèòå IP-ñïåöèàëèñòè äà ñà ïðèçíàòè êàòî åäíè îò íàé-äîáðèòå â ñâåòà, çíà÷èì õàêåðñêè àêöèè â áúëãàðñêîòî íåòïðîñòðàíñòâî íå ñà ñòàâàëè. Åäíè îò ïî-çàïîìíÿùèòå ñà õàêâàíåòî íà ñàéòà íà áèâøèÿ ïðåçèäåíò Ïåòúð Ñòîÿíîâ è íà Ñúþçà íà äåìîêðàòè÷íèòå ñèëè. Ïðîáîñòúò íà Êóâàêà, êàêòî ñå åâ ïîäîáåí õàêåðñêè, àòàêóâàë ñòðàíèöàòà íà Ïåòúð Ñòîÿíîâ, áå ÷èñòî ñîöèàëåí è íàñî÷åí ñðåùó áåçäéñòâèòåëî íà ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå êðúãîâå â Áúëãàðèÿ. Â êðàòêèÿ òåêſò ñå îïèñâàøå òåæêîòî ïîëîæåíèå íà ðîäèòåëèòå ìó, íåâúçìîæíîñòòà íà ïëàäèòå õîðà äà ñè íàìåðÿò çàäîâîëèòåëíà ðàáîòà, àêî íå ñà íå÷èé ðîäíèíà, ïîðàäè êîåòî ñà ïðèíóäåíè, âúïðåêè íåæåëàíèåòî ñè, äà íàïóñíàò ðîäèíàòà ñè è ò.í. Êóâàêà áå îñòàâèë àäðåñ çà îáðàòíà âðúçêà ñ ïðåäëîæåíèå äà îáÿñíè íà àäìèíèñòðàòîðèòå íà ñàéòà êàê å èçâúðøèë àêöèÿòà, à è óâåðåíîñòà, ÷å íå å èçòðèë íèùî îò ñúäúðæàíèåòî íà ñàéòà, à ñàìî ãî å èçïîçâàë êàòî ñðåäñòâî äà ïîïóëÿðèçèðà ìíåíèåòî ñè (âæ. Êàëèíîâ 2001).

Òåçè ïðèìåðè äîêàçâàò, ÷å òåõíîïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà ïîíÿêîãà ìîãàò äà áúäàò èçïîëçâàíè êàòî èçðàç íà êðèòèêà ñïðÿìî ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå åëèòè è íåñïîñîáíîñòòà íà èíſòèòóöèèòå äà îòðàçÿâàò äåéſòâèòåëíîſòè íòðåáíîſòè íà èíäèâèäèòå. Âèðòóàëíîſ ïðîſòðàſſòâî ñå ÿâÿâà ïðîâêëſòà íà ôèçè÷åſêàòà ðåàëſſòſ â ſïèò òÿ äà áúäå êſðèãèðàíà.

**Êèáåðäåſſêðàöèÿ - ðåãóëèðàíå íà èſòåðſåſèòå**

Äåſſêðàòè÷íſòî ôóſêöèſſèðàſå íà èſòåðſíòî ſå ſſſſâääà íà äâà ôàêòſðà - ſïàçâàſåſòî íà ſïðåääåëåſè íſðſè è åòè÷íè ſòſéſſſòè îò ſòðàſà íà ſſòðåáèòåëèòå è ſïſſſáſſſòòà íà ſſſæåſòâſ âèðóóäëſè îðãàſèçàöèè äà ſðſâåæäàò öåëåſàſſ÷åſà íåòſſëèòèêà çà ðåãóëèðàſå íà Sðåæàòà ſúſáðàçſſ ſáùèòå èſòåðåſſè íà âſè÷êè þçúðè, ſáùåſòâåſè è êſðſſðàòèâſè ôſðſèðſâàſèÿ.

Sſæå áè ſúðâàòà ſïåöèàëèçèðàſà ſòðóêóðà â ſáëàſòà íà èſòåðſåò å “The World Wide Web Consortium”, ſſſſâàſà ſò ſúçäàòåëÿ íà óåá-à Òèſ Áúðſúðſ-Ëèé. À åäſà ſò ſàé-êſſåſòèðàſèòå ſàſſſſëåäúê ſðãàſèçàöèè å ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). Òÿ å ſúçäàäåſà ſðåç 1998 ã., çà äà ſå çàſèſàâà ſ ðåãóëàöſÿòà íà èſòåðſåò àäðåſèòå. Sðåäè òſâà òàçè ðſëÿ ſå èçſúëſÿâà ſò ſðàâèòåëſòâſſòſ íà ÑÀÙ. Êſãàòſ ſáà÷å èſòåðſåò ſå ſðåâðúùà â ſâåòſâſà ſåæà, ſå ðåøàâà ðåãóëàöſÿòà äà ſå ſſúùåſòâÿâà ſò ſåæäſſàðſàſà ſðãàſèçàöſÿ. Sðåä çàäà÷èòå íà ICANN ſà ðåãóëàöſÿ íà äſſåéſ èſåſàòà, àäðåſèðàſåſ, ſðſòſêſëèòå è ò.í. À ſðåä êðúãà ſò ſðſáëåſè, ſâúðçàſe ſ ICANN, ſà òåçè çà äſſèſàſòſſſòſ ſſſæåſàſå íà àſåðèêàſſêèòå ðåãóëàòèâſe ſòðóſòóðè, ſðåäèſſòâàòà íà ãſëåſèòå è áſãàòè èſòåðſåò êſſſàſèè ſſðÿſſ ſſáſòâåſſſòòà è èçáſðà íà äſſåéſ èſåſà, ſà÷èſèå çà óſðàâëåſèå íà ICANN (ſſſðåä ſúðâſſà÷àëſàòà èäåÿ ſſëſâèſàòà ſò äèðåêſſðèòå òðÿáâà äà ſå èçáèðàò ſðÿêſ ſò èſòåðſåò

îáùåñòâåííîñòè, ñëåä èçâåñòíîé òðóäíîñòè òîçè âàðèàíò îòïàäà è ñå ñòèãà ïðåëîæåíèÿòà äà ñå ïðàâÿò îò ïðåäñòàâèòåëè íà ðàçëè÷íè òåõíè÷åñêè è êîìåðñèàëíè ãðóïè - ðåãèñòðàòîðè íà äîìåíè, åêñïåðòè ïî ñèãóðíîñòà, ïðàâèòåëñòâåíè äåëåãàòè, êàêòî è îò èçâîðåí êîìèòåò, êîéòî äà çàùèòàâà èíòåðåñèòå íà èíòåðíåò ïîòðåáèòåëèòå) (âæ. Îãíÿíîâà 2002à). Ðàçáèðà ñå, ïðîìåíèòå â ICANN ïðåäñòîÿò è òå ñà íàñî÷åíè êúì ïðåâúçìàíåòî íà îðãàíèçàöèÿòà â äåéñòâèòåëåí ìåæäóíàðîäåí âèðòóàëåí ôàêòîð.

Îñíîâíàòà ïðîáëåìíàëíà îðãàíèçàöèÿ, êîÿòî ñå çàíèìàâà ñ ðàçâèòèåòî è íà÷èíà íà èçïîëçâàíå íà Ìðåæàòà, å “Èíòåðíåò îáùåñòâî”. Òÿ èìà äâå îñíîâíè ïîäðúïè: Internet Architecture Board, êîÿòî å ñâúðçàíà ñ àðõèòåêòóðàòà, ïðîòîêîëèòå è ñòàíäàðòèòå, è Internet Engineering Steering Group, êîÿòî îòãîâàðÿ çà òåõíè÷åñêîòî îñèãóðÿâàíå â ïðîöåñà íà èçãðàæäàíå íà ñòàíäàðòèòå íà èíòåðíåò. Îò íÿêîëêî ãîäèíè Áúëãàðèÿ ñúùî å îñèòàëåí ÷ëåí íà ñâåòîâíîòî èíòåðíåò îáùåñòâî, êàòî íà÷åëî íà áúëãàðñêèÿ êëîí å ñîáñòâåíèêúò íà åäèí îò ãîëåìè äîñòàâ÷èöè ó íàñ Âåíè Ìàðêîâñêè.

“Èíòåðíåò îáùåñòâî - Áúëãàðèÿ” è “Áúëãàðñêà Àñîöèàöèÿ çà èíòåðíåò” (ÁÀÈ) ñà äâåòå îñíîâíè îðãàíèçàöèè, çàùèòàâàùè èíòåðåñèòå íà áúëãàðñêèòå ïðîâàéäúðè ïðè ïîèòèòå íà äúðæàâàòà äà íàëîæè ñîáñòâåíàòà ñè èíòåðíåò ïîëèòèêà. Ñúùåñòâåí ïðèìåð â òàçè íàñîêà å ïðîáëåìúò çà ëèöåíçèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò äîñòâ÷èöèòå ó íàñ, êîéòî çàïî÷íà ïðåç 1999 ã. Òîãàâà “Èíòåðíåò îáùåñòâî - Áúëãàðèÿ” çàâåää ñúäääíî äëî ¹723/99 ñðåùó ò.ò. 4, 9 è 11 îò çàïîâåä ÐÄ 09-235/98 ã. íà ïðääñäääòåëÿ íà Êîìèñèÿòà ïî äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿ (ÊÏÄ) â ÷àñòòà é îòíîñî ëèöåíçèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò îðãàíèçàöèè â ñòðàíàòà. Çàïî÷íà ìàñèðàíà ìåäèéíà àòâêà, êàêòî è ïðåãîâîðè ñ ïðàâèòåëñòâîòî íà Èâàí Êîñòîâ, êîèòî çàâúðøèõà ñ ðåøåíèå íà Âúðõîâíèÿ äàìèíèñòðàòèâåí ñúä îò 18 íîåìâðè 1999 ã. çà ïðåêðàòÿâàíå çàâäääíîòî äåëî, ñëåä êàòî ÊÏÄ âíåñå íîâà çàïîâåä, ÷å èíòåðíåò îïåðàòîðèòå ìèíâàò íà ñâîáîäíè ðåæèì. Â ñëó÷àÿ ïîêàçàòåëíî å îôèöèàëíîòî ñòàíîâèùåòî íà ÁÀÈ, ÷å îñíîâíèÿò è íaé-äîáúð ìåòîäèçúì çà ðåãóëèðàíå íà âñåêè ñåêòîð â óñëîâèÿòà íà ïàçàðíà èêîíîìèêà å ñàìîðåãóëèðàíåòî íà ñàìèÿ ïàçàð. Ñïîðåä òÿõ ðåæèúò íà îáùî ëèöåíçèðàíå å íåïîäõîäÿù çà òàêàâà áúðçîðàçâèâàùà ñå è âñåîáõâàòíà îáëàñò êàòî èíòåðíåò è ñâúðçàíèòå ñ íåÿ óñëóãè. Ðåãóëèðàíåòî ìîæå äà ñå ñâåä åäèíñòâåíî äî ïîäúðæàíå íà ïóáëè÷íè ðåãèñòúð íà èíòåðíåò äîñòâ÷èöèòå. Óñëóãèòå, êîèòî ñå ïðåäëàãàò ÷ðåç èíòåðíåò, ïî íèêàêúâ íà÷èí íå òðÿââà äà ïîäëåæàò íà ðåãóëèðàíå â äàëåêîñúîáùèòåëåí ñìèñúë è íå ìîãàò äà ñå ðàçãëåæäàò êàòî óñëóãè ñ âîáùà ñòîéíîñò âúðõó äàëåêîñúîáùèòåëíàòà ìðåæà (âæ. Îôèöèàëíî 2002). Òðÿââà äà ñå îòáëåëåæè, ÷å àêî ñúùåñòâóâàùîòî ïîëîæåíèå â Çàêîíà çà äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿ áå îñòàíàëî, èíòåðíåò äîñòâ÷èöèòå ùÿõà äà áúäàò çàäúëæåíè ïðè ïîèñêâàíå îò ñòðàíà íà ÊÏÄ äà é ïðåäîñòàâÿò âñÿêàêâà èíôîðìàöèÿ, êàòî íàïðèìåð ñïèñúê ñ èìåíàòà íà âñè÷êèòå, êàêòî è ñïèñúê ñ òåõíèòå ïàðîëè. Òîâà ùå çàñåãíå êîíôëèêòíàëíîòà íà ëè÷íàòà èíôîðìàöèÿ íà èíòåðíåò ïîòðåáèòåëèòå è ùå ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà ïðèíöèïèòå íà äåìîêðàòè÷íîñò è çà÷èòàíå íà ÷àñòíèÿ èíòåðåñ. Ïîäîáíî ëèöåíçèðàíå íà ïðîâàéäúðèòå ñúùåñòâóâà ïðåäè íåêîëêî ãîäèíè â Êàíàäà è ÑÀÙ, êîåòî ñå îïèòâà äà ïîñòèãíå ñúãëàñóâàíå íà äúðæàâíàòà ïîëèòèêà è öåíçóðèðàíå íà äåéíîñòòà ïðè èçÿâèòå èì â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî. Îò âåðîÿòíèé ñòðàíè ëèöåíçèðàíå ñå ïðèäàâà â Èòàëèÿ, íî òàì òî å ñâúðçàíî ñúñ ñìàçâàíåòî íà îïðåäåëåíè òåõíè÷åñêè ñòàíäàðòè. Ðóñêèòå èíòåðíåò ïðîâàéäúðè ñúùî ïîäëåæàò íà ëèöåíçèðàíå ñîîðäåíè ìåñòàí íà äúðæàâíàòà ïîëèòèêà è öåíçóðèðàíå íà ãðàæäàíèòå ïðè èçÿâèòå èì â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî. Îò âåðîÿòíèéñêèòå ñòðàíè ëèöåíçèðàíå ñå ïðèäàâà â Èòàëèÿ, íî òàì òî å ñâúðçàíî ñúñ ñìàçâàíåòî íà îïðåäåëåíè òåõíè÷åñêè ñòàíäàðòè. Ðóñêèòå ïðîâàéäúðè ñúùî ïîäëåæàò íà ëèöåíçèðàíå íà èíôîðìàöèîííèÿ è êîìóíèêàöèîííî ñåêòîð (Ðóñêèòå 2001).

Ïðåç 2002 ã. â Áúëãàðèÿ îòíîâî ñå ðàçãîðÿ ñïîð îòíîñíî ïîäãîòâÿíèòå ïðîìåíè â Çàêîíà çà äàëåêîñúîáùåíèÿòà. Ïðè òÿõ îòïàäà ñâîáîäàòà íà èíòåðíåò äîñòâ÷èöèòå è òå ña çàäúëæåíè äà ñúäåéñòâàò íà îðãàíèòå íà ÌÂÐ êàòî ñëåäÿò èíòåðíåò òðàôèêà, à ñúùî ïðåäîñòàâÿò êðèòîãðàìèòå íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå íà Êîìèñèÿòà çà ðåãóëèðàíå íà ñúîáùåíèÿòà. Ñïîðåä Âåíè Ìàðêîâñêè òîâà å îòñúïëåíèå îò

äúðæàâíàòà ïîëèòèêà, êîÿòî å ïîñòèãíàòà ñëää øèðîêà è ìíîãî ïóáëè÷íà äèñêóñèÿ ïðåç 1999 ã., îùå ïîâå÷å, ÷å Áúëãàðèÿ å èçâåñòíà ïî ñâåòà ñ ëèáåðàëíîòî ñè çàêîíîäàòåëñòâî â îáëàñòòà íà èíòåðíåò (Ìàðêîâñêè 2002).

Îïèòèòå çà êîíòðîëèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò ïîòîêà íåñëó÷àéíî ñà íàñî÷åíè êúì äîñòàâ÷èöèòå è òîâà íå å ñàìî áúëãàðñêè ïàòåíò, êàòî ñòðåìåæ çà ëåãèòèìèðàíå ïîëèòèêà, êàòî ñòðåìåæ çà ëåãèòèìèðàíå íà àâòîðèòàðíî óïðàâëÿâàíå è ïðîïàãàíäàòà íà ìíîçèíñòâîòî ïðè ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿíåòî íà ïîëèòè÷åñêèòå è ñà íàé-ìàëêî ïîäõîäÿùè çà ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿíå íà ïîäîáíè ïîëèòè÷åñêè ïðîöåñè. Ïîðàäè òîâà ñå ïðàâÿò ìíîæåñòâî ïðîìåíè â ìåñòíèòå çàêîíîäàòåëñòâà è ñå ïðèíàò òðàíñàöèîííè óïðàâëåíñêè àêòîâå, êîèòî äà îáçîå÷àò ñïàçâàíåòî íà ïðàâèëàòà çà âèðòóàëíà êîìóíèêàöèÿ. Åäíà îò ïîñëåäíèòå çíà÷èì ñòúïêè â òàçè íàñîêà å ñúçäàâàíåòî íà Êîíâåíöèÿ çà êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿ (ïúëåí òåêſò - âæ. Êîíâåíöèÿ 2004). Íåéſòå îſſíîâíè íàſîêè ſà ſâúðçàíè ſ õàðìîíèçèðàíå íà íàöèîíàëíèòå ïðàâíè åëåìåíòè â îáëàſòòà íà êèáåðïðåſòúïëåíèÿòà, îáçîå÷àâàíå íà ìåſòíèòå ïðàâî-ïðîöåſóàëíè îſſíåíſſòè, íåîáõîäèìè çà ðàçêðèâàíå è ſúäåſſî ïðåſëåäâàíå íà ïîäîáíè ïðåſòúïëåíèÿ, êàêòî è íà òàêèâà, îáâúðçàíè ſúſ ſðåäſòâàòà íà êîïèðòúðíàòà ſèſòåìà, à ſúùî èçãðàæäàíå íà ſòàáëåí è åôåêòèâåí ðåæèì íà ìåæäóíàðîäſî ſúòðóäíè÷åſòâî. Â Êîíâåíöèÿòà ïîäðîſſî ſà äåôèíèðàíè ðàçëè÷íèòå âèäîâå êîìïðúſíè ïðåſòúïëåíèÿ êàòî íåſòîðèçèðàſ äîſòúï è ïðèõâàùàſå íà äàſíè, ïðſſèêâàſå â ÷óæäè ſèſòåſè, ſúçäàâſíå è ðàçïðſſòðàſíåſå íà çëſſàſåðſíè ïðſſãðàſè (âèðóſè, ÷åðåſè), êſſìïðúſðſè èçſàſè è ôàëøèôèêàöèè, ðàçſðſſòðàſÿâſíå è äſðè ïðèſåæâſàſå íà äåòſêà ſſðſſãðàôèÿ, ïðåſòúïëåſèÿ, ſâúðçàſè ſ àâòſðſêèòå è ſðſſäſè ïðàâà. Súçäàäåſè ſà ſåæäſſàðſäſè ïðſöäóðè çà èçäèðâàſå íà çàſſäſçðåſè, ïðèõâàùàſå íà åëåêòſſſſè ïèſſà è âêſòðàäèðàſå íà çàſſäſçðåſè â êèáåðïðåſòúïëåſèÿ. Ðàáſòàòà ſſ Êſſſâåſſöèÿòà çàſſ÷âà ſò ſſåſâðè 1996 ã., êſãàòſ Åâðſſåéſêàòà êſſèſèÿ ſſ êðèſſſàëſſè ïðſáëåſè çàſſ÷âà äà ſå çàſèſàâà ſ êèáåðïðåſòúïëåſèÿòà. Âúſðåêè ÷å ïðſòèâſâëéſòâèåòſ íà êſſſïòúðſſèòå ïðåſòúïëåſèÿ ſòàðòèðà îùå ſò 1989 ã., êſãàòſ Súâåòúò íà Åâðſſà äè äåôſſſèðà êàòſ êàòåãſðèÿ äåéſòâèÿ, ſâúðçàſè ſ íåſòſðèçèðàſſ âúâåæäàſå, ſðſſÿſà èëè çàëè÷àâàſå íà äàſſſè è ſðſſãðàſè, èëè äðóãà ſàſåſà â ſðſöåſà íà ſâðàáſòêà íà äàſſſè. Sðåç þëè 1996 ã. íà ſðåùàòà íà G-7 â Sàðèæ, ſſſâåòåſà íà ſåæäſſàðſſäſèÿ òåðſſðèçúſ, å ſáſúäåſſ è íåſſðàâſſìåðſſſòſ èçſſſèçâàſå íà èſòåðſſåò, âêëþ÷èòåſſſ çà òåðſſðèſòè÷íè öåëè. Sſäſſáſè ſà èçâſſäèòå è ſò ſðåùàòà íà G-8 ſſðåç äåêâſàðè 1997 ã. âúâ Âàøèſãòſſ. Sðåç 1997 ã. Súâåòúò íà Åâðſſà çàſſ÷âà ðàáſòà âúðõó Êſſſâåſſöèÿ çà êèáåðſſðåſòúïëåſèÿ è äſ ſêſſ÷àòåſſſòſ é ſſðèſàſå ſſðåç 2001 ã. ſà ðàçãëåäàſè íàä 30 âàðèàſòà. Âúſſðåêè òſâà ſſſãſ èçſëäſſâàòåëè ſſÿòàò, ÷å äſêóſåſòúò ſſðåſſſòàâÿ òâúðäå ãſëåſè ſſðàâà íà äúðæàâèòå, êſèſſ, ſſſſðåä òåêſòſâåòå, èſàò ſſðàſſ íà äſſòúſ äſ âſÿêà êſſſſïòúðſſà ſèſòåſà è èſſſðſàöèÿ çàſèſàſà íà ſåÿ, äſ èſſſðſàöèÿ, çàſèſàſà íà ſſſèòåë (äèſêåòà, CD), íàſèðàùè ſå íà òåðèſſſðèÿòà èſ. Äúðæàâàòà ſſæå äà çàäúëæàâà èſòåðſſåò äſſòàâ÷èöèòå äà ſúáèðàò, çàſèſâàò è äà é ſſðåſſſòàâÿò öåëÿ ſèſàâàù ſſðåç òÿõ òðàôèê, êſåòſ íàðóſàâà ÷ſâåſêſòå ſſðàâà. Âúſſðåêè òſâà Êſſſâåſſöèÿòà å ſſſſſâåſ äſêóſåſò ſſðè ſſðåäſòâðàòÿâàſåòſ è àäåêâàòſſſòſ ſſðſòèſſäåéſòâſè ſðåùó ſſëàéſ íàðóſåſèÿòà. Òÿ å ÷àſò ſò ſſðåäſëà ſſäſſáſè ſåæäſſàðſſäſè èſèöèàòèâè, êſſèſò âêëþ÷âàò ſùå ðàçðàáſòåſàòà ſò ÎÎÍ Êſſſâåſſöèÿ ſðåùó òðàſſſſàöèſſàëſàòà ſðãàſſèçèðàſà ſſðåſòúſſſſſò, ſſðåäſſæåſſèÿòà ſſà Ñúâåòà ſſà Åâðſſà çà àðõèâèðàſſå ſſà êſſſóſſèàöèſſſſÿ òðàôèê, êàêòſ è ſúçäàâſſåòſ ſſà Åâðſſåéſêà ſðåæà è Àãåſöèÿ ſſ

èíôîðìàöèîííà ñèãóðíîñòü, äîïúëíåíà îò êëåðêîïëèòèå, ñðåä ÷èéòî ïðèîðèòåòè ñà çàùèòà íà òðàíçàêöèèòå, ïðîòèâîäåéñòâàùà íà âåáíòóàëíè òððîðèñò÷íè àòàêè ëèê êëåðäæèõàä ÷ðåç èíòåðíåò è èíôîðìàöèîííèòå ñèñòåìè, çàùèòà îò âèðóñè è ò.í. Êàòî ðåçóëòàò îò ìåæäóíàðîäíîòî ñúòðóäíè÷åñòâî âúâ Âåëèêîáðèòàíèÿ áå ïðîâåäåí è ïúðâèÿò íàöèîíàëåí êîíãðåñ, ïîñâåòåí íà âèðòóàëíèòå ïðåñòúïëåíèÿ. Â ïðèåòèÿ äîêëàä ñå òâúðäè, ÷å êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà ïðè÷èíÿâàò ùåòè, êîèòî ñà ðàâíè ïî ðàçìåð íà ùåòèòå, èçâúðøåíè â ðåàëíèÿ æèâîò (çà ïîâå÷å - Îãíÿíîâà 2001à: 15; Îãíÿíîâà 2001á; ÅÑ 2002; Åâðîïà 2002; Ñâåòúò 2003; Êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà 2000). Âñè÷êè òåçè äåéñòâèÿ öåëÿò äà ñå ïðåäèçâèêà øèðîêà îáùåñòâåíà äèñêóñèÿ îòíîñíî ïðîáëåìèòå íà èíòåðíåò ïðåñòúïíîñòòà, êîÿòî äà ðàçãëåæäà ðåñòðèêòèâíèÿ êîíòðîë êàòî ÷àñò îò ìåðêèòå çà îñèãóðÿâàíå çàùèòà íà âèðòóàëíèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè.

Â òàêàâà íàñîêà ñà ïðèåòè îò ìåñòíèòå çàêîíîäàòåëñòâà çàêîíîâè ïðîìåíè. Êàòî ñúîòâåòñòâèå íà çàêîíà íà Åâðîïåéñêèÿ ïàðëàìåíò çà ïðàâîõðàíèòåëíèòå îðãàíè Âåëèêîáðèòàíèÿ çàúëæè òåëåêîìóíèêàöèîííèòå îïåðàòîðè è èíòåðíåò äîñòàâ÷èöèòå äà èìàò ãîòîâíîñò äà ïðåäîñòàâÿò íà îïëèöèÿòà äàííè çà êëèåíòèòå ñè. Çàòîâà òðÿáâà äà ðàçïîëàãàò ñúñ ñïåöèàëíà àïàðàòóðà, êîÿòî ïîçâîëÿâà äåíîùåí êîíòðîë íà åäèí íà âñåêè äåñåò õèëÿäè íåòîïòîòåáèòåëè, êàòî ñå ñëåäÿò ïîñòîÿííî îò íåãî èíòåðíåò àäðåñè, èìåëè è òåëåôîíè ðàçãîâîðè (Âåëèêîáðèòàíèÿ 2002).

Ìíîãî ïî-äðàñòè÷íè ña ìåðêèòå, êîèòî ÑÀÙ ïðåäïðèåõà, ça äa óâåëè÷àò ñâîÿòà èíòåðíåò ñèãóðíîñò, îñíîâíî ñëåä òåðîðèñò÷íèòå àòàêè îò 11 ñåïòåìâðè 2001 ã. Ïúðâèòå ãëàñóâàíå ïðîìåíè - USA Act (Uniting and Strengthening America) è Patriot Act (Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism), ïîçâîëÿâàò íà ïîëèöèÿòà äa ñëåäè èíòåðíåò òðàôèêà, áåç äa èìà íóæäà îò ñúäåéíà çàïîâåä, äa ñå èçïîëçâà ñèñòåìàòà Carnivore (íàéîð îò ïðîãðàìè çà íàáëþäåíèå ía èíòåðíåò - èìåëè, ñàéòîâå, ÷àòîâå è ïðåäàâàíå ía èíôîðìàöèÿ îò èëè êúì çàïîâîçâíè), à ÔÁÐ äa èìà äîñòúï äî âñÿêà ëè÷íà èíôîðìàöèÿ - ìåäèöèíñêà, îáðàçîâàòåëíà, îðãàíîâàíà êîðåñïîíäåíöèÿ è ò.í. (Îãíÿíîâà 2002á). Â ïîâå÷å äóõ å Àìåðèêàíñêèÿò Óêàç çà óâåëè÷àâàíå íà êèáåðñèãóðíîñòòà, ñïîðåä êîéòî õàêåðè, èçëàãàùè íà ïîäñíîñò ÷îâåøêèÿ æèâîò ÷ðåç åëåêòðîííè ñðåäñòâà, ùå áúäàò íàêàçâàíè ñ äîæèâîòåí çàòâîð. Îòíîñ ñå äàâàò èçêëþ÷èòåëè ïðàâîìîùèÿ íà àìåðèêàíñêàòà ïîëèöèÿ çà ïîäëóøâàíå íà òåëåôîíèòå è ñëåäåíå íà èíòåðíåò ïîòîêà áåç ñïåöèàëíî ñúäåáíî ðàçïîðåæäàíå. Âñè÷êî òîâà ïðåäèçâèêâà êðèòèêè îò ïðàâîçàùèòíèòå îðãàíèçàöèè, çàùîòî ñå íàðóøàâàò ÷îâåøêèòå ïðàâà (Äîæâîòåí 2002; Íîâîòî 2002; Ñâåòúò 2003).

Áúëãàðèÿ å äàëå÷ îò ïîäîáåí äúðæàâåí êîíòðîë âúðõó èíòåðíåò. Ðàçáèðà ñå, íàøàòà ñòðàíà å ñðåä ïîäïèñàëèòå Êîíâåíöèÿòà çà êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿ è Êîíâåíöèÿòà ñðåùó òðàíñíàöèîíàëíàòà îðãàíèçèðàíà ïðåñòúïíîñò è íàïúëíî ïîâêðåïÿ ìåæäóíàðîäíèòå óñèëèÿ çà ðåøàâàíå íà êîìïðòúðíèòå ïðîáëåìè. Êàòî áëàãîïðèÿòåí ðåçóëòàò îò ñå ïîñî÷àò ïðèåòèòå ïðîìåíè â Íàêàçàòåëíèÿ êîäåêñ, êúäåòî ñà äåôèíèðàíè íàêàçàòåëíèòå ìåðêè ïðè èçâúðøâàíå íà êîìïðòúðíè ïðåñòúïëåíèÿ - ãëîáè è ëèøàâàíå îò ñâîáîäà â ðàçëè÷åí ðàçìåð è ïîÿâúê ïðè âúâåæäàíå íà âèðóñ â êîìïðòúð èëè èíôîðìàöèîííà ìðåæà, ðàçïðîñòðàíÿâàíå íà êîìïðòúðíè èëè ñèñòåìè ïàðîëè, íåðåãèìåíòèðàí äîñòúï, êîìèðàíå èëè èçïîëçâàíå íà êîìïðòúðíè äàííè áåç ðàçðåøåíèå, ïðîìÿíà èëè óíèùîæàâàíå íà êîìïðòúðíè ïðîãðàìè èëè äàííè è ò.í. (Ïàðëàìåíòúò 2002; Îãíÿíîâà 2002á).

Òðÿáâà äà áúäå ðàçãëåäàí è îùå åäèí ïðîáëåì, êîéòî ïðåäèçâèêâà âíèìàíèåòî íà âèðòóàëíàòà îáùíîñò - äåòñêàòà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ â èíòåðíåò. Êîíâåíöèÿòà çà êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿ ñúäúðæà öÿë ðàçäåë, êîéòî ïîäðîáíî îïèñâà ïîëîæåíèÿòà, ïðè êîèòî ïîòðåáèòåëèòå ïîäëåæàò íà ïðåñëåäâàíå è íàêàçàíèå, à èìåííî ïðîèçâîäñòâîòî, ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèåòî è ïðèòåæàâàíåòî íà äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ ÷ðåç åëåêòðîííèòå ìðåæè. Òåñòúò ïðåäâèæäà çàùèòà íà äåöàòà ñïðÿìî ñåêñóàëíà åêſïëîàòàöèÿ, ÷ðåç ïîäðîíèçèðàíå íà ïðàâíèòå ïîëîæåíèÿ, ñ

öåë ïî-åôôåêòèâíà ïðåäïîëîæèë íà êîìïðîìèñ ñðåäíåãî. Ýòî ïîçâîëèëî ïðåîäîëåòü ñðàçó äâóõ. Èçÿñíåí å è òåðìèíúò “ïîðíîãðàôñêè ìàòåðèàë”, êîéòî êëàñèôèöèðà íåïðèëè÷íè, ïðîòèâîðå÷àùè íà ïóáëè÷íèÿ ìîðàë èëè ðàçâðàòíè èçîáðàæåíèÿ, êàòî ñà èçêëþ÷åíè ìàòåðèàëè èìàùè õóäîæåñòâåíè, ìåäèöèíñêè, íàó÷íè èëè ñõîäíè êà÷åñòâà. Òåçè êëàóçè äîïúëâàò ñúùåñòâóâàùèòå ïîëîæåíèÿ â îôëàéí çàêîíîäàòåëñòâàòà íà ðàçëè÷íèòå äúðæàâè è ïðåöèçèðàò íÿêîè âúçìîæíè ñîðíè ììåíòè.

Â íà÷àëîòî íà 2003 ã. â Áúëãàðèÿ ñå ðàçâèõðè ñåðèîçåí ñêàíäàë, ñâúðçàí ñ äåòñêàòà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ â èíòåðíåò, êîéòî îòíîñè äîêàçà íåíàõîäèìîñòòà îò ñåðèîçíî ñúãëàñóâàíà íà äåéñòâèÿòà íà ïðàâîòâîð÷åñêèòå, ïðàâîðàçäàâàòåëíè è îáùåñòâåíè îðãàíè. Â îñíîâàòà áå ñàéò, ñúäúðæàù ïîðíîãðàôñêè ñíèìêè íà ìàëîëåòíè, êîéòî áå êà÷åí íà **áåçïëàòíàòà õîñòèíã óñëóãà íà èíòåðíåò äîñòúï÷êà Bol.bg. Ñîáñòâåíèöèòå áÿõà ñåçèðàíè ça íåãîâîòî ñúùåñòóâàíå îò äðóãà ïðîâàéäúðñêà ôèðìà Bitex. Îò Bol.bg ïîèñêàõà çaêðèâàíåòî íà äîñòúïà äî ñàéòà äà ñòàíå ïî çaêîíîâ ðåä, çàùîòî äîñòàâ÷èúò íå íîñè îòãîâîðíîñò çà ñúäúðæàíèåòî è ïðåäïîëàãàíå íà ìæäóíàðîäíèòå îðãàíè â Áúëãàðèÿ, èàêòî îò îáùåñòâåíèòå îðãàíèçàöèè, òàêà è îò äúðæàâíèòå èíñòèòóöèè. Îôèöèàëíàòà ïîçèöèÿ áå èçâåäåíà îò Áúëãàðñêàòà àñîöèàöèÿ çà èíòåðíåò, êîÿòî â ñâîå ñòàíîâèùå êàçà, ÷å å** íåäîïóñòèìî ïðåäñòàâÿíåòî íà ñòðàíèöè, ñúäúðæàùè äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, çàùîòî ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà çaêîíà è íà åòè÷íèÿ êîäåêñ íà ÁÀÈ. Ïîðàäè ñâîÿòà ïðèðîäà èíòåðíåò ñå ÿâÿâà ñðåäñòâî çà ìàëúê áðîé íåäîâðúâåñòíè ëèöà â îòäåëíè ñëó÷àè äà ìîãàò äà ïóáëèêóâàò ñòðàíèöè ñ äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ íà ñúðâúðè ça ñâîáîäíà óïîòðåáà. Ïîÿâàòà íà ñòðàíèöè ñ ïîäîáíî ñúäúðæàíèå íà ñúðâúðèòå íà Bol.bg îáà÷å å èçêëþ÷íèå, çàùîòî ïðîòèâîðå÷è íà ôèëîñîôèÿòà íà èíòåðíåò áðàíäà â Áúëãàðèÿ. Îò ÁÀÈ íañòîÿâàò ça ñåðèîçíè èçìåíåíèÿ â íàêàçàòåëíèòå çàêîíè, êîèòî äà ïðåïàçÿò áúëãàðñêîòî îáùåñòâî îò äåéñòâèÿòà íà êèáåðïðåñòúïíèöèòå. Âúïðåêè òîâà, ñîîðää òÿõ, èíòåðíåò å ñâîáîäíî ïðîñòðàíñòâî, êîåòî ñúäúðæà îãðîìíà ïî êîëè÷åñòâî è ðàçíîáðàçíà êàòî ñúäúðæàíèå èíôîðìàöèÿ, è ñâîáîäàòà íà äîñòúï ña åäíè îò íàé-ãîëåìòè öåíîñòè, ïîñòèãíàòè â íåãîâîòî ðàçâèòèå. Ïîðàäè òîâà Àñîöèàöèÿòà ña ïðîòèâîïîñòàâÿ íà âñåêè ïîò ça öåíçóðà èëè îãðàíè÷àâàíå èçâúí ðàìêèòå íà çàáðàíåíèòå òåìè ça äåòñêà ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, ïðîïàãàíäà íà òåðîðèçúì, íåíàöèçúì, ðàñîâà, åòíè÷åñêà èëè ðåëèãèîçíà íåòúðïèìîñò, çàùîòî òîâà ìîæå äà íàðåäè íà ðàçâèòèåòî íà èíôîðìàöèîííîòî îáùåñòâî â Áúëãàðèÿ (Ñòàíîâèùå á.ã.).

Ðåãóëèðèòà íà èíòåðíåò ñòðàíà íà äúðæàâèòå è ìåæäóíàðîäíàòà îáùíîñò êàòî öÿëî å íåîáõîäèìà, íî òÿ íå òðÿáâà äà ñòàâà ça ñìåòêà íà ïúëíîòî îãðàíè÷àâàíå ïðàâàòà è ñâîáîäèòå íà âèðòóàëíèòå ðåàëíîñòè, ça äà ñòàíå íåîáõîäèìî, çàùîòî òîâà ìîæå äà íàðåäè íà ðàçâèòèåòî íà èíôîðìàöèîííîòî îáùåñòâî â Áúëãàðèÿ (Ñòàíîâèùå á.ã.).

## Êèáåðòåíçóðà - ðåãóëèðàíå íà ìíåíèÿòà

Ñòðåìåæèòå ça îãðàíè÷àâàíå äâèæåíèåòî íà èíòåðíåò ïîðåáèòåëèòå, íà òÿõíàòà ñâîáîäà äà ïîçâàò èíôîðìàöèÿ èëè äà èçðàçÿâàò ìíåíèåòî ñè â Ìðåæàòà ña ìíîãîáðîéíè, êàêòî îò ñòðàíà íà äîáðå äåãóëèðàíèòå â çaêîíîâî îòíîøåíèå äúðæàâè, òàêà è íà àâòîðèòàðíèòå ñòðàíè, êúäåòî, â ïîâ÷åòî ñëó÷àè, íà èíòåðíåò ñå ãëåäà êàòî íà îùå åäíà ìåäèà, âúðõó êîÿòî äà ñå ðàçïðîñòðå âëàñòîâèÿò êîíòðîë. Íà÷èíèòå ça íàëàãàíå íà öåíçóðà ña ñâúðçàíè ñ ïðèëàãàíå íà ñïåöèëèçèðàíîòî íåòçàêîíîäàòåëñòâî è íà äåéñòâàùèòå ìåñòíè çaêîíè, ðàçëè÷íèòå óñëîâèÿ ça ëèöàíçèðàíå íà èíòåðíåò óñëóãèòå, à ñúùî

ïðèíóäèòåëüíîòî èçïîëçâàíå íà òåõíè÷åñêè ñðåäñòâà. Ñ òàêàâà öåë ñå èçïîëçâàò ïðîêñè ñúðâúðè, êîèòî öåëåíàñî÷åíî áëîêèðàò äîñòúïà íà þçúðèòå äî ñàéòîâå, êîèòî, ñïîðåä äúðæàâàòà, èìàò ïðîòèâîðå÷èâî ñúäúðæàíèå. Òîâà îáà÷å íå âèíàãè å âðåêòåí, çàùîòî îïåðàòîðèòå íà òåçè ñòðàíèöè ìîãàò äà ïðîìåíÿò àäðåñà èì, äà ñúçäàäàò îãëåäàëíè ñòðàíèöè, à ïîòðåáèòåëèòå äà èçïîçâàò ÷óæäåñòòàíåí ñúðâúð èëè êîäèðàíå, êàòî èçðàäÿò “òóíåëè” äî çàáðàíåíèòå ñòðàíèöè (èçâåñòíî äèñëåéíúñêî êèòàéñêî èíòåðíåò ñèñòåìè ñå íàðè÷à èìåííî “Òóíåë”; òî ñå ñïèñâà è ðåäàêòèðà â Êèòàé, ïîñëå òàéíî ñå äîñòàÿ â ÑÀÙ è îò àíîíèìåí àäðåñ ÷ðåç åëåêòðîííàòà ïîùà ñå èçïðàùà îáðàòíî â Êèòàé), êàêòî è äà ñå ñâúðæàò ïî áåçæè÷åí ïúò, ñ êîåòî äà èçáåãíàò óñëóãèòå íà ìåñòíèòå òåëåêîìóíèêàöèîííè îïåðàòîðè.

Â ìíîãî ñëó÷àè îãðàíè÷åíèÿòà, êîèòî íàëàãàò óïðàâëÿâàùèòå, ñå ïðåäñòàâÿò êàòî ïðîïàãàíäíè îò íàöèîíàëíè èëè ìåæäóíàðîäíè ïîäáóäè. Òàêà, îò åäíà ñòðàíà, ñå íàáëþäàâà óâåëè÷àâàíå áðîÿ ïîòðåáèòåëè, à îò äðóãà - ïîñëåäâàùî ðàçðàñòâàíå è íà êîíôëèêò. Ïîêàçàòåëí â òîâà îòíîøåíèå å Êèòàé. Òîé ñå âêëþ÷âà â èíòåðíåò ïðåç 1994 ã. Ïîçèöèÿòà íà îôèöèàëíèòå âëàñòè êàòåãîðè÷íî ïîä÷åðòàâà, ÷å íàïðàâåíàòà èíâåñòèöèÿ â êîìþòðè, ìîäåì è âèñîêîñêîðîñòíè âúçêè ùå ïîçâîëè ñòðàíàòà “ñâîáîäíî äà ñïîäåëÿ èíôîðìàöèÿ ñ âúçîæíîñò öÿëîñòíî äà ñå ïðèñúäåíè êúì ñâòîâíàòà ðàçìÿíà íà èíôîðìàöèÿ è âèñîêà òåõíîëîãèÿ.” Êèòàéñêàòà êîìóíèñòè÷åñêà ïàðòèÿ (ÊÊÏ) ïðîëàìåðà ðàçâèòèåòî íà “èíôîðìàöèîííà ðåâîëþöèÿ”, êîÿòî äà äîâåäå äî êðúãúò÷åñêà ìåðîïðèçàöèÿ è ïîâíîðÿâàíå íà ñîöèàëíèòå ñòàíäàðòè íà æèâîò â ñòðàíàòà. Äàæå ïðåç 1999 ã. ïàðòèÿòà ïðåäñòàâÿ îôèöèàëåí ïðàâèòåëñòâåí ïðîåêò, ñîîðåä êîéòî â êðàÿ íà 2000 ã. 80% îò îáëàñòèòå â Êèòàé äà áúäàò îíëàéí. Áðîÿò íà ïîðåáèòåëèòå â Êèòàé ñå îöåíÿâà íà 20-26 ìèëèîíà, êàòî âñåêè øåñò ìåñåöà ñå óâåîÿâà è ñå î÷àêâà ïðåç 2005 ã. äà äîñòèãíå 60 ìèëèîíà. Â ñðåäàòà íà 1995 ã. îáà÷å óïðàâëÿâàùàòà êîìóíèñòè÷åñêà ïàðòèÿ ðàçáèðà, ÷å ìíîãîîáðàçèåòî íà ìíåíèÿ è èäåè, ìíîãî îò êîèòî ñå ðàçëè÷àâàò îò îôèöèàëíèòå, ïîäêîïàâà ëåãèòèìíîñòòà é. Çàòîâà óïðàâëåíñêàòà ïîëèòèêà ïðåðàñòâà â òðóäíî áàëàíñèðàí àêò, êîéòî öåëè ôèêñèðàíå íà ñîöèàëíîòî ñúäúðæàíèå îò èíòåðíåò è îãðàíè÷àâàíå íà âðèòåëíèòå íàêàçàíèÿ çà äîñòúï, êàêòî è ñ íåïðåêúñíàòî äîïúëâàíå íà ñïèñúêà ñúñ çàáðàíåíè ñàéòîâå. Ðåïðåñèâíèòå ìåðêè ñå îòíàñÿò ïðåäè âñè÷êî äî êîíòðîë âúðõ èíòåðíåò è ñîáñòâåíèöèòå íà èíòåðíåò êàôåíåòàòà, êúäåòî òðÿáâà äà èíôîðìèðàò ïîëèöèÿòà çà ïîðåáèòåëè, èçïîçâàùè èëè ðàçïðîñòðàíÿâàùè ïîëèòè÷åñêè íåïðèåìëèâè òåêñòîâå, âêëþ÷èòåëíî ñàéòîâåòå, êîèòî ñà ïîñâåòåíè, òðàêèéà è òåëåôîííèòå èì íîìåðà. Îò 2001 ã. ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèåòî íà “ñåêðåòíè” ìàòåðèàëè â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî âå÷å ñå ñìÿòà çà ïðåñòúïëåíèå ñðåùó äúðæàâàòà è ïðîâèíèëèòå ñà ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè ñå íàêàçâàò ñúñ çàòâîð îò 2 äî 4 ãîäèíè (âæ. Òàóáìàí 2002; Äå Êëîéò 2002; Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî 2000; Êèòàéñêèÿò 2001; Îãíÿíîâà 2002â).

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Ïîâíîãî ëàâèðàíå ìåæäó óïðàâëåíñêèòå èíòåðåñè è îáùåñòâåíèòå íóæäè ñå íàáëþäàâà è â äðóãè äúðæàâè, èçâåñòíè ñ öåíçóðíîòî ñè ïîâääåíèå ñïðÿìî èíòåðíåò. Â Èíäîíåçèÿ Ìåæäóíà ñå ïðåäñòàâÿ êàòî âúçìîæíîñò çà äåìîêðàòèçàöèÿ, ëèáåðàëèçàöèÿ, èêîíîìè÷åñêî è ñîöèàëíî ðàçâèòèå, ñðåäñòâî çà áîðáà ñ àçèàòñêèòå êðèçè, ïîëèò÷åñêèòå çàãîâîðè, êîéòî ñà ïîñòèãíàëè ðàçïðîñòðàíÿâàùè ïîëèò÷åñêè íåïðèåìëèâè òåêñòîâå, âêëþ÷èòåëíî ñàéòîâåòå, êîèòî ñà ïîñòàâèëè, òðàôèêà è òåëåôîííèòå èì íîìåðà. Îò 2001 ã. ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèåòî íà “ñåêðåòíè” ìàòåðèàëè â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî âå÷å ñå ñìÿòà çà ïðåñòúïëåíèå ñðåùó äúðæàâàòà è ïðîâèíèëèòå ñà ïîòðåáèòåëè è ïðîâàéäúðè ñå íàêàçâàò ñúñ çàòâîð îò 2 äî 4 ãîäèíè (âæ. Òàóáìàí 2002; Äå Êëîéò 2002; Êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî 2000; Êèòàéñêèÿò 2001; Îãíÿíîâà 2002â).

Òàêà ìíîãî îò íåïðåìåííàÿ ñàéòîâå ìîãàò äà áúäàò ôèëòðèðàíè. Çàáðàíåí å äîñòúïúò äî ñòðàíèöè çà æåíè, íàðêîòèöè, ðîêåíäîë, ïîðíîãðàôèÿ, íî ñà îãðàíè÷àâàíè è ïîëèòè÷åñêè ñàéòîâå, êàêòî è òàêèâà, çàùèòàâàùè ÷îâåøêèòå ïðàâà. Íàðóøàâíàòî íà òåçè çàáðàíè ñå íàêàçâà ñ 15 ãîäèíè çàòâîð (Àëòèíòàñ á. ã.).

Çàòâîð îò 3 äî 6 ãîäèíè è ãëîáè îò 35000 äî 150000 åâðî ñà íàêàçàíèÿòà çà òåçè, êîèòî íå ñà ïîä÷èíÿâàò íà îôèöèàëíèòå ðàçïîðåäáè â Òóðöèÿ. Ñïîðåä òÿõ âñè÷êè ëè÷íè, êîìåðñèàëíè è äðóãè äàííè, êîèòî ïðåìèíàâàò ïðåç íàöèîíàëíèòå êîìóíèêàöèîííè ìðåæè, ñà ïîä êîíòðîë íà òóðñêîòî ïðàâèòåëñòâî. Èçâåñòíè ñà äâà ñëó÷àÿ íà îñúæäåíå ïî òåçè àêòîâå - íà ïðîâàéäúð çà ñúîáùåíèå íà íåèçâåñòåí ïîòðåáèòåë, ïóñêàíè â ïîäúðæàí îò äîñòà÷èêà ôîðóì è íà ïîòðåáèòåë çà ñúîáùåíèå â èíòåðíåò ôîðóì, â êîåòî òîé ñâîáîäíî èçðàçÿâà ëè÷íîòî ñè ìíåíèå.

Ñ öåë ìèíèìàëèçàöèÿ íà ðèñêà, ñâúðçàí ñ èíòåðíåò, îôèöèàëíèòå âëàñòè â Êóáà ôèëòðèðàò êèáåðïîòîêà è îãðàíè÷àâàò áðîÿ íà ìåñòàòà çà äîñòúï, ïðîäàæáàòà íà êîìïþòðè, áðîÿ ïîðåáèòåëè, êîèòî èçïîëçâàò Ìðåæàòà, è ñàéòîâåòå, êîèòî ïîãàò äà ïîñåùàâàò. Äîïúëíèòåëíî ïîòî å ðåçóëòàò è îò àìåðèêàíñêîòî èêîíîìè÷åñêî åìáàðãî è çàêîíîäàòåëíè çàáðàíè çà àìåðèêàíñêè èíâåñòèöèè â òåëåêîìóíèêàöèîííèÿ ñåêòîð íà Êóáà, ïîðàäè êîåòî ñå ïîñòàâÿò ïðå÷êè ïðåä ñòðàíàòà çà ñúçäàâàíå íà àäðåñè â èíòåðíåò ïðîòîêîëà (Òàóáìàí á.ã.).

Òåçè ïðèìåðè ñà ïîêàçàòåëíè, êàêòî çà âúçïðèåìàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò êàòî ñðåäñòâî çà äåìîêðàòèçàöèÿ è ïðåäîñòàâÿíåòî íà ïî-ãîëåìè ïðàâà íà îáùåñòâîòî, òàêà è çà ñðåäñòâàòà, êîèòî íÿêîè âàòðåòàðíè óïðàâëåíèÿ èçïîëçâàò, çà äà çàïàçÿò ñâîÿòà âëàñò çà ñìåòêà íà êîíòðîëà è öåíçóðàòà, êîÿòî îñúùåñòâÿâàò íàä ñâîèòå ãðàæäàíè. Ðàçáèðà ñå, â öåíçóðèðàíåòî íà èíòåðíåò ïîòîêà èìà èçâåñòíî ïðîòèâîð÷èâè - òîâà íå å òðàäèöèîííà ìåäèà, êîÿòî äà ñå ïîä÷èíÿâà íà ïîðåäáèòåëíè ðåäàêöèîííè, èäåîëîãè÷åñêè, ïîëèòè÷åñêè èëè èêîíîìè÷åñêè öåëè. Â íåÿ íÿìà ðåäàêöèîííî åêèï, öåëåâà àóäèòîðèÿ èëè âúçîæíîñò çà ôèëòðèðàíå/ìàíèïóëèðàíå íà î÷àêâàíèÿòà è âúçïðèÿòèÿòà íà ïóáëèêàòà. Êàòî ñòðóêòóðà Ìðåæàòà å èçãðàäåíà îò ìíîæåñòâî ñàéòîâå, âñåêè îò êîèòî äåéñòâà êàòî ñàìîñòîÿòåëíà ìèêðî-ìåäèà (à â ìíîãî ñëó÷àè ïîðàäè ãîëåìèÿ áðîé ïîñåùåíèÿ è âëèÿíèå ñå ÿâÿâà è ìàêðî-ìåäèà), êîÿòî íàé-÷åñòî å ðåçóëòàò îò ëè÷íèòå ïðèñòðàñòèÿ è ïðåòîâàðâàíå íà íåéíèÿ ñúçäàòåë è ïðåäñòàâàòà çà íåéíèòå âúçìîæíè ïîòðåáèòåëè å ïðàêòè÷åñêè íåâúçìîæíà - èçêëþ÷åíèÿòà âêìàãè ñà ïîâ÷å îò î÷àêâàíèÿòà. Ìàêàð òîòàëíàòà ñâîáîäà íà èíòåðíåò âå÷å äà ñå âúçïðèåìà êàòî ìèò, ñâîáîäíàòà âîëÿ êàòî âîäåù ôàêòîð â ó÷àñòèåòî â êèáåðïðîñòðàíñòâîòî å ðåàëíîñò è êîíòðîëúò, áàçèðàí íà ñïåöèàëèçèðàíè èëè îáùè çàêîíè, êàêòî è öåíçóðàòà êàòî ñðåäñòâà çà íàëàãàíå íà îïðåäåëåíà (âëàñòîâà) ãëåäíà òî÷êà, âå÷å íå ìîãàò äà èìàò ñúùîòî âëèÿíèå, êîåòî îêàçâàò ñïðÿìî òðàäèöèîííèòå ìåäèè. Òåõíè÷åñêèòå ñðåäñòâà, èçïîëçâàíè çà çàîáèêàëÿíå íà ôèëòðèðàíåòî èëè îãðàíè÷àâàíåòî íà íàâèãàöèÿòà, âèíàãè ñà ïî-ìîäðíè îò òåçè, êîèòî ñå èçïîëçâàò çà íàëàãàíå íà çàáðàíèòå. Òàêà ÷å èíòåðíåò ñúáúðæà ïîòåíöèàë, áëàãîäàðåíå íà öåíòðàëèçèðàíèòå äåéñòâèÿ íà ñâîèòå ïîòðåáèòåëè, äà ñå ïðîòèâîñòîÿò íà ðàçëè÷íèòå îïèòè çà öåíçóðà, çàêîíîâè ïðå÷êè è èêîíîìè÷åñêè èëè äúðæàâåí øïèîíàæ.

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Ãëîáàëèçàöèÿòà íà ñâåòà ïðåäïîëàãà îáìÿíà íà öåíîííòè è ïîäëè, êîèòî ïîñòàïâàò ñòàâàò âàëèäíè çà âñè÷êè. Òÿ îáà÷å å ñâúðçàíà è ñ ðàçïðîñòðàíåíèåòî íà âñå ïî-ãîëÿì êîíòðîë â îïèò çà èçîëèðàíå íà çàòâîðåíèòå è ïîòèñíåíèòå ãëàñîâå, äà ñå ïðîòèâîñòîÿò íà ðàçëè÷íèòå îïèòè çà öåíçóðà, çàêîíîâè ïðå÷êè è èêîíîìè÷åñêè èëè äúðæàâåí øïèîíàæ.

ïîòðåáèòåëèòå. Íå áèâà îáà÷å äà ñå ïîñòàâÿ çíàê íà ðàâåíñòâî ìåæäó îãðàíè÷àâàíåòî íà åñòåñòâåíèòå ïðàâà íà âèðòóàëíèòå õîðà â èìåòî íà áîðáàòà ñ êèáåðïðåñòúïëåíèÿòà è êîíòðîëà, êîéòî äúðæàâèòå íàëàãàò, ñ öåë äà óêðåïÿò è óâåëè÷àò ñâîÿòà âëàñòîâà ëåãèòèìíîñò. Òîâà íàðóøàâà öÿëîñòíàòà ïðèðîäà íà Ìðåæàòà è óíèùîæàâà ïúëíîöåííàòà êîìóíèêàöèÿ ìåæäó þçúðèòå. Âúïðåêè òîâà ìíîãîîáðàçíàòà è áåçãðàíè÷íà ñúùíîñò íà èíòåðíåò ùå óñïåå äà ñúõðàíè îáëàñòè íà ïúëíà èëè îòíîñèòåëíà ñâîáîäà, íåçàâèñèìî îò ïðàêòèêèòå íà ñëåäåíå, êîíòðîë è îãðàíè÷àâàíå íà íàâèãàöèÿòà. Â äâèæåíèåòî ñè ìåæäó êèáåðàíàðõèñòè÷íèòå ñòðåìåæè íà ïîòðåáèòåëèòå è öåíçóðíîòî ïîâåäåíèå íà âëàñòîâèòå åëèòè èíòåðíåò òðÿáâà äà çàïàçè ñâîÿòà óíèêàëíîñò êàòî àëòåðíàòèâà íà ãðàíèöèòå âúâ ôèçè÷åñêàòà äåéñòâèòåëíîñò, êàòî åäèí áåçêðàåí ñâÿò, áîãàò íà âúçìîæíîñòè, ìîäåëè è öåííîñòè è ïîä÷èíåí íà èäåèòå çà ðàâíîïîñòàâåíîñò, ñâîáîäà íà èçáîðà è âîëÿòà íà âñè÷êè íåãîâè ãðàæäàíè.

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**Mon Nov 20 04:53:41 UTC 2000**
**[Re: main]**

[fb] off-world
painting...
cu me?
Jules Page Comment
volunteering with us (fwd)
Rilke Wonton/Clouds in Soup
big date?
flycast
Fotos de Plymouth...
dear sir!
flycast
rough draft #1
wedding fever
June 29 City Council
who would've known?
sw
RTMark profile on All Things Considered (fwd)
My mail... (again)
manifesto on-line
wet paint...
wto on and on and ...
vacation and things (fwd)
vacation and things
more icecast fun
brainspasm
Off-World News 6-20-00
wto on and on and ...
wto on and on and ...
riot
Wednesday 6/28 May Day Hearing--not Thursday
FYI (urgent): PAC2000 paying for 500 signatures
Jobs! PAC 2000
Forwarded mail....
sw
hoorah horrah IMN 3.0!!!!!
wedding help
bianca does spacetime
painting
haiku
sun + moon = life
BManUpdate:Vol#4:Issue#17
hi plum
imn

4th of july
imn
all that stuff
visit?
sw
powells has em
windoze
Hey hey
Hey hey
wizardry
ru paul parade in big manhattan
visit?
Off-World News 6-26-00
jarmausch vs death
bakery
wizardry
gd
visi
pikkinikki
your 4th plans
your 4th plans
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
eds sound stuff
infrastructure
gameboy photos from nyc
documentary?
documentary?
future noir electronic - revisited
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
Off-World News 6-28-00
talk
web page
web page
traveling to portland, please help!
Action Alert - June 29 City Council Hearing (from PAC-2000)
wedding help
web page
1st addition for anti-ad server
from nyc.
1st addition for anti-ad server
another visitor alert
Public forum on Civilian Review Boards Tuesday July 11 6 PM

traveling to portland, please help! (fwd)
zing!
zing!
top reason
guests
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#18
family visit in july
fotos
Jim Woodring cartoon
nyc photos correction
avant garde
diary of greenhome
hahaha
flight
hahaha
snapshot
[Fwd: Re: want to go to hell?]
want to go to hell?
[Fwd: Re: want to go to hell?]
want to go to hell?
hahaha
saturday
World Wide UFO Watch ::: FULL CONTACT this Summer!
SITO SUE
BmanUpdate:V#4:Issue#17
Mental Floss.....
robot monster gigs
some photos...
pics directories...
art cart!
Off-World News 7-6-00
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#19
maybe too young?
Cool "Documentary"...
call
call
future noir electronic - revisited
shakuhachi
q (fwd)
q
tsumpwont?
hippie fair?
Very Slowly Taking Over The World...
out of contact for a while
taco bell?
michigan wedding

flight
whoops
psst
:)
dazzly, ya! Re: lazy dazy
michigan wedding
Two puns (tm)
Two Portland initiatives fall short (Oregonian 7/8)
visiting SITOid
PIIAC to hear THREE excessive force cases Thursday
psych grants
for granted
bean there, done brat
FLUXLIST constipated?
crossed wires
downtimez
vid
my new crush...
more silly photos...
birthday bash (fwd)
birthday bash
invoicing fogworks
fer der up date
Off-World News 7-09-99
Reminders: Public forum on Review Board THIS Tuesday July 11 6 PM
tom waits for no mayonaisse
hey
hey
July-Dec Enviro Video Project Involvement Opportunity
Video Project Involvement Opportunity
art on sito
Langton Press (fwd)
lhpo
hi there
dad?
<nettime> Fearing Control by Microsoft , China Backs the Linux System
<nettime> Fearing Control by Microsoft , China Backs the Linux System
<nettime> The Cathedral and the Bizarre (fwd)
<nettime> The Cathedral and the Bizarre
o' the month
Yard sale
Belmont Branch Library Re-Opening on July 18, 2000
today
PAC 2000 official statement about signatures
PAC 2000 7.9.00
Off-World News 7-10-00

WSJ article about internet workers and stock (fwd)
this tastes so good,
Fw: hi
hi
???
zins party for auntie
Jules Page Comment
zins party for auntie
scott reveals blade runner secret
IMN 4.0 in one week
Off-World News 7-11-00
smoked cow
Wizards trivia
Detritus Sound Consensus Bakery: Steev Net Piece at New Langton Arts
moving addendum
xo tuck-tuck
Off-World News 7-13-00
Off-World News (Part 2) 7-13-00
Fwd: Urgent response needed from everyone.
Urgent response needed from everyone.
sf
[fb] off-world
Visit to Portland!
Hello?
Another silly question
Fwd: Email Hoax
fun
what's up ?
Visit to Portland!
ice cream
Monty's potty training
"On the Edge of Blade Runner" USA Premeiere-From Paul Sammon
sf?
ez listening
The half bakery
floodxtrnsnd.net alias
where to host this...
love u
sf
???
pointing domains...
Hey hey
zing!
zing!
[portland-announce] newsletter
stumptown

half-baked
pointing domains...
New site from schwa: scanwave.com!
[portland-announce] [Fwd: URGENT - 7.16.00.Larry Harvey at Porland Art Museum]
URGENT - 7.16.00.Larry Harvey at Porland Art Museum
southern women
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#20
europe photos finally online.
<nettime> CENSORSHIP 2000 (fwd)
<nettime> CENSORSHIP 2000
gone back to the nest
stumpus ex templarus
kitties in trouble
linux / wireless @ psu
kitties in trouble
lifes little things...
kitties in trouble
Catch up
Off-World News 7-17-00
yum
yum
yum
(More)Off-World News 7-17-00
[fb] off-world
Vigil for Dickie Dow Friday July 21 9 PM
NYC
grindline stats
gravitronica
brandon called
ideavirus
interesting?
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
interesting?
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#21
help for Mr. Stoopid
pendooolum
fp 2
good doc news!
more delectable audio from YOU via gridcosm...
swap iimages for jane
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
da cosm
Chapter VIII Revisions
Meat Eaating Robot!!! (fwd)
MeatSuit!!!

Fw: carpe diem
fwd: carpe diem
pages!
PAC2000 Will Meet Thursday evening 7 PM
PAC 2000 7.18.00
FW: travelocity
travelocity
sterling
grindline stats
Sclove Departs/Loka Thrives
self-self-ref
Hi there & invite (fwd)
Hi there & invite
$198 tix
People's Police Report #21 due out Monday!
Forwarded mail....
"social" "life"
Forgot My Sito Password
Can we still to POP mail to scribble.com?
update. july two thousand.
high desert
Can we still to POP mail to scribble.com?
can u dance for me?
read this while you're still at gracies!!
hub for IPRC
can u dance for me?
can u dance for me?
jane + pdx
Vaughan Oliver: Visceral Pleasures by Rick Poyner. (fwd)
Vaughan Oliver: Visceral Pleasures by Rick Poyner.
forgot: "brady bunch"
hmmm.
even better....
raise a glass to Biggs (fwd)
raise a glass to Biggs
home?
I can't write to my public_html directory
ughhhh. lord help me.
hardcore
more
tempo updata
is this right?
is this right?
Birdies and Beavers (fwd)
Birdies and Beavers
delta, wednesday, 6pm

thought for the day...
thought for the day...
website for the day...
[fb] off-world
the Taliban
search terms
search terms
names
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
scp
pweination root dir
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
OFF-WORLD News 7-27-2000
names
names
stump
No jokes anymore, I promise!
Chapter VIII Revisions approved!
axil
FW: travelocity
FW: travelocity
Chapter VIII Revisions approved!
Paul Sammon
axil
Sprint PCS July Newsletter
ends in hours...
ends in hours...
free zers
ends in hours...
oh yeah...
the girl i've been dating...
the girl i've been dating...
gracies
artchive comments
bangkok
don't sweat it
strawhat + swimminhole = ?
A search for missing pillows!
Grindline (fwd)
[fb] more.html
Paul Sammon
Paul Sammon
red/images/etc. (addendum)
red/images/etc. (fwd)
If architects had to work like web programmers

verbeenacular
+7
+7
red/images/etc. (fwd)
Nader nadir
Mais!
clint at the controls. scoop.
copyleft photos from philly republican convention
da man
Off-World News 8-1-00
scary guerilla marketing story
scary guerilla marketing story
scary guerilla marketing story
prof ed!
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Shitty Internet Logo Museum (fwd)
Shitty Internet Logo Museum
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Visit
swimming
icq
icq
video
porn on the go (fwd)
porn on the go
porn gum
Gattaca!
yuck
zing!
zing!
dear sir Zing.
zing!
request quickie
request quickie
BushCrime 2000 ::: Big Oil, Drugs & the CIA
favor...
parentheses
Please test the video...
Please test the video...
i must get a computer to read this aloud ...
It's August Already?
PENSAMIENTO DE COMERME UNA BUENA PIJA
Phillie: Police Chief Wants Feds to Investigate Protest Movement
Visit

Visit
should we go to l.a.? heh
Possible security issue?
spyPA08-FEMA plans for Philly repression (Wired 8/1)
mrranda
Possible security issue?
BBQ
BBQ
drift
BBQ
flight info
scribbly visits
BBQ
A wedding party!
DNC
DNC
alias'd
another house for us:
alias'd
Off-World News 8-10-00
friday = megan?
mmmm..
kinda scary...
hi gram!
mmmm..
wyndel
Arrival Notes
did anyone get the number of that rebus?
can't SSH to scribble
Arrival Notes
unnerve
c'caw
Jules Page Comment
[fb] more.html
wynd, burning man & grindline
Off-World News 8-14-00
hmmmm?
FW: Yikes
Yikes
Summer's end.
[fb] more.html
up to
Upcoming Neighbor Safe 2000 Workshop
jeppesen on un*x
flight data cdrom
usability test

BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#22
PAC 2000 Meeting postponed until August 30 (fwd)
PAC 2000 Next General Meeting
hnia live mp3s
hnia live mp3s
3.14'd kao
CALL ME.....
static ip info
this page seems too good to be true...
Red Herring case study: Loudcloud
this page seems too good to be true...
today
pdx -> nyc
Digital Workers Alliance (fwd)
Digital Workers Alliance
BManUpdate:Vol#4:Issue#23
Merzbow "Merzbox" from Soleilmoon
IMPORTANT NEWS!!! (fwd)
IMPORTANT NEWS!!!
pdx -> nyc
pdx -> nyc
amigo let's play pool!
pdx -> nyc
subdomain problem gone!
subdomain weirdness?
propaganda cd
up to
a good article about gentrification in austin
food?
la buca?
a good article about gentrification in austin
la buca?
Off-World News 8-19-00
pdx -> prague $631
maybe worth reading...
gentrification, etc in austin
BM article (fwd)
BM article
sito poll
Off-World News 8-21-00
Free Eats!!
the larget spam i've ever sent
linux PDA
Fwd: Agenda Linux - Your Portable PC
<nettime> PROTECT YOUR GENETIC RIGHTS! (fwd)
<nettime> PROTECT YOUR GENETIC RIGHTS!

linux PDA
pinkos
2nd linux pda
a project when you have time...
girls, girls, girls... and cartoons
pics directories...
summary of young jon's life, just for you!
Off-World News 8-12-00
Our visit (fwd)
Our visit
Five fun things to do at scanwave.com.
hell fucking yes.
thanks
in portland
last grindline alias fix
WWW.JOKER.COM: 143828 (newhealthhorizons.org)
forwardsdrawrof
Summer's end.
(no subject)
ltns
top 3 times i have waited for computers...
top 3 times i have waited for computers...
cacaw
lunch
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#23
Big hole found in PGP
lunch
lunch
tv, class, and the rest of the world
tv, class, and the rest of the world
life
clint at the controls. product acquired.
locked out of the mac
come to bed, nice guy.
humane society web page!
ms office
humane society web page!
locked out of the mac
humane society web page!
my horoscope this week
birthday presents for brady...
crossed wires
mail file
update, please
home
assward

Hey hoo
Ta and Wee
update, please
Hey hoo
your mail
Artwork for Opening
pinkos is rockin
my pages for the zine
my pages for the zine (P.S.)
pinkos is rockin
Artwork for Opening
fyi - bianca @ bman
[fb] more.html
nick
nick, again
Off-World News 8-28-00
That Giant Sucking Sound (fwd)
That Giant Sucking Sound
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Jules Page Comment
Artist?
[fb] more.html (fwd)
how are ya?
packing, flight...
Artist?
thursday?
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Artist?
Where are you...
Fwd: Re: Thanks Sis , I reall need that
Flytt / Moving
Microsoft Ordered to Pay $1 Million to Tiny Rival
duds
"you told
hey you-- it's Rex (Kip)
dragged through space and time
is this loser 6rady really right for you?
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Craig T at SPX2000?
nuevo mexico hoy
puking girl update
gridcosmonomic 2
hey scribblers, we got some of your stuff?
burning man, chilling woman (fwd)
burning man, chilling woman
Where are you...

LAUREL CANYON ep CDR info?
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
illustriousness
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
sorfa.com
here ya go
chorebot swap?
here ya go
here ya go
magnolia
Upcoming events: PIIAC, PAC2000, Copwatch
Two police shootings in Portland: Copwatch open letter
dear friends
Craig T at SPX2000?
Whazzup?
SITO review on apple's mac.com web site...
Accepting Submissions
mac.com reviews SITO
all is well.
SITO review on apple's mac.com web site...
graphic design
update
mtv vs napster
Flood bio
testing .. you there?
update
a little press about the telestereoscope
update & request
pinkos is rockin
Donald says goodbye
spyPA09-Inquirer: Phila. cops Knew of state cops' R2K Infiltration
sunday
Editorial: Police policing selves not solution (Oregonian 9/9)
cops bust bianca-like activity at BM
iprc
timestampd
don't you love me any more?
a boat...
crossed stumps
Pink Fusion
[fb] uwi-info.html
9/14: PAC2000 plans Oct 22nd March vs Police Brutality--Meeting
Where are you...
Seksu Roba is released!

hey you-- it's Rex (Kip)
Some BR info
safe and sound?
tainted!
i just want money and sex
incidentals
tainted!
tainted!
flood aliases
up to
up to
Off-World News 9-11-00
ms office
the day gas prices reached infinity
cops bust bianca-like activity at BM (fwd)
FW: Re: Wrandy Ranger Dot Com (fwd)
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i just want money and sex
i just want money and sex
austin keepin' it alive...
{ff}
zombies for gore
oh pal.
Todd called
oh pal.
poor tland?
Moving Out?
regan...
ftp uploaded
box is out of the bag
Fwd: Re: an overwhelming user's report...
infinite gas prices online w/ more correx...
uwi node
zombies for gore
gracies.org
PIIAC Workgroup votes for independent review board
sound on powerbooks
gracies.org
if you're bored...
Dickie Dow memorial Vigil Friday 9/15
titletrack @ gracies
late 4 u?
Palau and self-reference
addendum to night?
holy shit!
address

Dow vigil 8 PM friday
Jules Page Comment
phone message
copy a dvd -> cdrom!?
Correction (and corrections): about the PIIAC WOrkgroup
Palau and self-reference
my first "island geek"
new art?
Jules Page Comment
success?
success?
how what where !?!?
Friday...the adventure begins!
staggerdly
my first "island geek"
bone ma-zine
6:45...
location ?
location ?
location ?
whoops
password probs
hey you
trajectory
trajectory
installers and road trip
24 hrs in a couple minutes!
cu
le winter
le winter
verboten
hope this gets to you
stuff I forgot at home
sending the image
megan portfolio
firewire CDRW for Chean (Cian?)

megan portfolio
yr software lives on even further!
Moving Out?
a boat...
megan portfolio
favors...
password probs
password probs
my site is broken

thank you
path?
(This message appears to be virus-free)
hahaha!
Craig in NY?
road trip
24 hrs in a couple minutes!
installers and road trip
Songwriters In The Round
URGENT ::: RESPOND TO U.S. GOVT. REPORT ON HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY !
life
life
moving on...
interesting... status of hawaii & revolution
hawaii sovereignty
24 hrs in a couple minutes!
babble part 2
24 hrs in a couple minutes!
bored?
[fb] more.html
aih and scanner
aih and scanner
stumped again!
Off-World News 9-20-00
road trip
#17 ... bound for HELL!
Craig in NY?
stump eta for thursday a.m.?
sovereignty of hawaii
Sunday
mp3
eta tonight?
slightly off topic, but...
slightly off topic, but...
infinite monkey hypothesis
infinite monkey hypothesis
thank you & goodbye (fwd)
your first gracies mail!
thank you & goodbye (fwd)
thank you & goodbye
Mad Hatters/Caca meeting (fwd)
Mad Hatters/Caca meeting
Forwarded mail....
code name:
[SITO] Forgot password

I want a panic booth
bounce msg
party reminder (fwd)
party reminder
9.22.00 Police Accountability Campaign Update
9.22.00 Police Accountability Update
sat ... errr, day.
Seksu Roba update
Seksu Roba update
Seksu Roba update
Iomega Zip Drive (fwd)
Iomega Zip Drive
Iomega Zip Drive
cool news from kevin!
oregon emissions testing for cars?
email from steev
email from steev
zing!
zing!
address freegeek
final(?) plan-fling for tonight
stuck at vinton
portland
Bail!
carfree
2 promising houses...
house for rent 9/26
new years this year.
new years this year.
houserific!
houserific!
web p.s.
web p.s.
i'm nervous
new years this year.
houserific!
houserific!
portland
and
we're comin' to your town, we'll help you party down
apt.
circles
grindline.org?
ms office
Seksu Roba update
ms office

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the next time you meet a billionaire...
java-based entertainment
yet another domain name problem
CHILDREN AND COMPUTERS: A CALL FOR ACTION (Loka Alert 7:4)
megan's bday
computer voodoo!
another idea
new years this year.
and
and
and then...
steev
steev
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Soleilmoon Mailorder Update #74
New CERT/CC PGP Key and Retirement of FTP Service
artvalve
brad contact
your ad on yahoo bombs out (fwd)
your ad on yahoo bombs out
a few pics (fwd)
a few pics
pinkos: event #2 !
wv > 7pm?
pinkos: event #2 !
Homeless camping ordinance overturned by judge
Re(2): artvalve
Copwatch meeting Monday, October 2, 8 PM
Jules Page Comment
test
test
pinkos: event #2 !
change of address
maybe, if we can figure it out.
maybe, if we can figure it out.
houses oct. 1st
sept... oh, gone
road trip status
Jules Page Comment
gracies, report 2
grindline.org?
film making...
[fb] ann-arbor
hey hey hey
random linker

link.cgi
more specific trnsnd info
trnsnd weirdness
trnsnd.net weirdness!?
contact info: programs for october 6th
hey hey hey
hygeen
trnsnd fixed
oct 6 show in pdx
hey hey hey (fwd)
hey hey hey
tour live
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[fb] ann-arbor
shipping that box
poster for pinkos 2
myklenet outage
myklenet outage
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primate wisdom
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ideas
primate wisdom
race trout
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stuffing
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how'd it go/retreat
still wainting for that e-mail...
good night
hi from jon (of megan-n-jon)
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Monday: A Brief History of Animation (fwd)
Monday: A Brief History of Animation
hello sir.
whaddya dethink?

la fura dels baus
uncrossing
grindline adminitrivia
cmpndflshbck
as i know
[SITO] Daily News Brief (artc,hygr,disc,gdcm)
Burned By The Man (fwd)
Burned By The Man
zaustofilmo
zaustofilmo
portland
2 promising houses...
crazy days
rough plan v0.01B
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Hello :) (fwd)
Hello :)
Right Address?
Think same.
auto-logout of ssh?
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Pinkos tonight
this is so good (fwd)
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Confirmation
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Six fun things to do at scanwave.com...
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vent diagram
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hya
Microsoft and Cisco systems did not pay federal income taxes
Labor events (fwd)
Labor events (fwd)
Comic for Pinkos Done!
got your ears on, pinkos comrades?
auto-logout of ssh?
new years this year.
joining the 21st century
signatures
see you in morning!
the answer to your question (fwd)
the answer to your question (fwd)
THAT SCARY HAUNTED TUBE!!!
Forwarded mail....
vacation anyone???
hya
event 2 results
2C
event 2 results
Help!!!
Ladies and gentlemen, start your dumb ideas.
moovees
sitting here
STOP THE PRESSES!
STOP THE PRESSES!
Dirty Three coming through
Waco, Oregon? Portland police teargas, shoot 73 year old (AP 10/11)
amy called
Off-World News 10-12-00
hey is pinko's open today?
blood blood bloodiest bloodbag
finger in ear = cellphone
address change
Jules Page Comment
etoy.QUARTERLY-REPORT: BRAND-ALERT. XMAS2000. SEALAND...
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
Not for all the porn in China
jello
hypnodisk (fwd)
Jules Page Comment

The Gold Rush
at iprc... movie tonight?
movietime
movietime
hog-wild community future ideas [long] (fwd)
hog-wild community future ideas [long]
New IP at Mark's house
2C
Stumptown Mailing List - Test Message
Dow Vigil Friday, Police Accountability March Sunday
if it's not too personal ...
back
pdx visit
helped?
helped?
Is this a secure (sniffy) node...
got your ears on, pinkos comrades?
bradycake
i'll try to stop by
we'll leave the light on...
home
new future
michigan visit!
Link to Listings
aipex alias change
turtle address
michigan visit!
michigan visit!
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
(portland) general community (digest) (fwd)
(portland) general community (digest)
back
Wednesday is Bottle Rocket Night
I am comming to Oregon!!
dancer in the dark
Stumptown Update No. 1 - "Everything right is wrong again..."
helped?
helped?
open Tuesday
I am comming to Oregon!!
sorfa
sorfa
russkie
russkie
dimm - ent - ing out

hi from jon (of megan-n-jon)
mod_gzip (fwd)
mod_gzip
open Tuesday
open Tuesday
thursday, addendum
Community Meeting on Portland Noise Issues
<nettime> Feuerstein: I Don't Like Your Examples! (fwd)
<nettime> Feuerstein: I Don't Like Your Examples!
server-pushme
<nettime> Feuerstein: I Don't Like Your Examples! (fwd)
please proofread
Amish Virus
Returned mail: Service unavailable (fwd)
Returned mail: Service unavailable
left field image
help
thursday, addendum
CGI Scripting: Nov. 1 - Dec. 6 (Wednesdays)
God! your never there!!!
CGI Scripting: Nov. 1 - Dec. 6 (Wednesdays)
take II (meds)
BmanUpdate:Vol.#5:Issue#2
Iraq protesters (Dec 1998) trial report #1
Iraq protesters (Dec 1998) trial report #1
dumpster
help
i found it
michigan visit!
sleepless
your visit
sleepless
http://www.abcnorio.org/
your visit
update
jules-brand update[tm]
Hi is Jon there?
hinckley cold storage...
Hi is Jon there?
message
help
callbot
credit where it's due
ships that pass in the ...
Fwd: Invitation to be linked from artFUTURE
Iraq bombing protest trial report #2

LeftField #2 -- available
Call me
like sito...
searching/..
interesting, re: bush
Loka Update
strong intuition...
SCAN PANIC
jules-brand update[tm]
New Bulimic Barbie Most Popular Doll Ever
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000 (fwd)
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000 (fwd)
CritMass [was Re: feed (fwd)]
feed
Jules Page Comment
hey i met some neat people
spelling
credit where it's due
credit where it's due
movie tonight
car
car
car
Jules Page Comment
I am here!!
Rocky interviewed in Fortune (fwd)
Rocky interviewed in Fortune
Rocky interviewed in Fortune (fwd)
car
TIME STEREO: BIG NEWS!!!
dancer in the dark
binary humans
jules-brand update[tm]
Pinko's #2 and Impulse Freak!
The DAL Page of: Pop Will Eat Itself
At home (fwd)
At home
jules #2
thot you'd dig this
Fwd: State Voters Guide
Hackers steal Microsoft source code
Stumptown Update No. 2 - "Costume ideas, anyone?"
fancy brady, the new oast.
Off-World News 10-28-00
How much information?

message
FW: Prospectus: Idiosyncretic
dancer in the dark
TELEVISION'S CONSERVATIVE BIAS (Loka Alert 7:5)
home again home again, etc etc etc
S.O.S. from Occupied Amerika ::: Call for Global Action!
movie night
movie night
movie night
vera
movie night
movie night
movie night
movie night
...
URGENT !!!
lunch @ crows thingy? thai?
dinner
dinner
CAESURA
dinner
Off-World News 10-30-00
URGENT !!!
retro grade
SCAN PANIC
script...
events dir
editing events
bottlerocket update
that bottlerocket song...
Jules Page Comment
cascade aids project (fwd)
cascade aids project
Female Artistic Pleasures...Mmnn...
Bush-Nazi-CIA Connection ::: Fourth Reich Amerikan Style
girl
trick or treat
myklenet downtime at nine tonight
ssinclueded
oi- disculpa... (fwd)
Halloween costume
spaceship over-fueled. BEWARE!!
retro grade
<fear>
more on fake news site, kuro5hin.org
Fwd: Re: dumpster

entire fake news site
jules rejection subsiding
dumpster
Thursday night 11/2: PAC2000 meeting (short notice)
Jules Page Comment
WEDNESDAY! gracies movie night!
WEDNESDAY! gracies movie night!
Jules rejection subsiding
Fwd: Gore AND Nader can win (fwd)
Fwd: Gore AND Nader can win
Mayor's Work Group on PIIAC finishes majority report
oi- disculpa... (fwd)
oi- disculpa...
trick or treat
the gagnons
jules rejection subsiding
ka kaw
Portland Indymedia
Portland Copwatch meeting Monday Nov 6 7 PM
michigan visit!
michigan visit!
(portland) general community (digest) (fwd)
deq passed!
panic tonight at gracies?
event
Stumptown Update No. 3 - "Around the world and up your street"
Bill Gates Makes Sense
[Fwd: Freakstorming]
Jules Page Comment
Jules Page Comment
We need you to PANIC!!!! (fwd)
FW: [Mike's Message] An Open Letter to Gore From Moore (fwd)
[Mike's Message] An Open Letter to Gore From Moore
"references"
ps-
Phone call
Bush Arrested for Cocaine ::: Caught on Tape by DEA!
rebooted
rebooted
rebooted
possible explanation ...
hello!!!!
Returned mail: see transcript for details (fwd)
movements
Last Chance This Year
movements

movements
i'm going to france for a month
For the discerning viewer of The Simpsons
movements
kernel oops messages
Returned mail: see transcript for details (fwd)
Returned mail: see transcript for details
sleazenation
sleazenation
hey
Corporate vote-buying OK, satire not OK. Does jonxscribble.com agree?
[SITO] Forgot password
vote-auction sympathetic domains
stuff
also...
stuff
proFTPd
proFTPd
busybody
a song
did you like it?
did you like it?
did you like it?
fuse called
more liver ad stuff
northwest madness
options
manx
manx
Vote for the Environment ::: Vote for Gaia!!!
[V]ote-auction announces END-RESULTS :: PRESS-RELEASE
dumpster
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
portland independent media center?
hiho
new years this year. (fwd)
passion research
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
Jules Page Comment
macsql
switcheroo?
bladerunner?
more liver ad stuff
dewey decimal beats truman capote

bladerunner?
dewey decimal beats truman capote
[r]e[f]lection
too close to call (thus email)
Whatz wrong width scribbles.comz
more on problem
tell jeb bush to ask for palm beach county revote (fwd)
tell jeb bush to ask for palm beach county revote
can't remember
Vote Miss Lewinsky
porscha
Mayor's workgroup prosposal to be reviewed Thursday 11:30 AM
wednesday news (fwd)
[Fwd: Bike Drive]
pcc job
small potluck tonight
on the way to DSL
Calendars galore
links
links
Fwd: the Electoral Farce
its a start...
links
To vote for Gore, click there. No, there!
HIS NAME IS ALIVE: TEN YEARS OLD!!!
alert
Street Demo to Free Wardah and her friend.
Letter
links
News flashes and Upcoming Copwatch training and other events
[freegeek] GRAND OPENING
dananne
Training cancelled for Kroeker Forum
Jules Page Comment
Portland Indymedia (fwd)
2.7% !
Portland Indymedia (fwd)
move in
dog genome project
sweetmeeting
in nyc!
New Media Scotland Bulletin
oh shit. sorry.
Off-World News 11-12-00
spyMD11-Chief suspended for sending cops to spy on NAACP
in nyc!

a few thoughts
...
MSBR euro 2000 and others
pretty funny for a major corporation (fwd)
pretty funny for a major corporation
(fwd) 13 MYTHS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE 2000 ELECTION (fwd)
nimweb is up!
my gigs
GRAND OPENING - help with signage
making the bed
nissan calls in the last 2 days or so
<nettime> Cellpohones and the cancer of cellspace (fwd)
<nettime> Cellpohones and the cancer of cellspace
hello
ici moi (in paris)
Wednesday meeting with Kroeker postponed...
another call
more car calls
E.L.S.A.
another call
another call...
FW: From Her Majesty, The Queen
more links to add pretty please!
dont ask, dont tell
Cisco 675 modem
game-translation (instant german lesson)
thanks!, etc...
thanks!, etc...
linky stinkys
move in
another car call
another call
another...
heads up
linky stinkys
<nettime> The cultural bias of translating programs (fwd)
<nettime> The cultural bias of translating programs
FW: From Her Majesty, The Queen
[SITO] Problem with ID
bon jour a vous et ed!!!!
hello
Important US Election news - (fwd)
Hello
wednesday = movie night @ gracies.
Profilng&Dow Vigil: Two Friday events on police accountability
janewrightband.com

Stumptown Update No. 4 - "REAL Good!"
FREE GEEK and Jane Wright
ici moi duh
Signs?
latest in my mac vs windoze personal conflict
it's all up and working...
latest in my mac vs windoze personal conflict
latest in my mac vs windoze personal conflict
Jules Page Comment
my girlfriend
latest in my mac vs windoze personal conflict
NY Photo Album
question
blatentest in my whack vs windozer persona conflict
one last party spam :) (fwd)
one last party spam :)
an all time low
tday, yet again...
FREE(K) GEEK
Buckaroo
hotrods vs. beaters
one last party spam :) (fwd)
one last party spam :)
new york pics
azerty blurt
bon
mad inventors?
free geek date
hotrods vs. beaters
hotrods vs. beaters
hotrods vs. beaters
hotrods vs. beaters
hotrods vs. beaters (fwd)
hotrods vs. beaters
We may all be in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars....
soleil
Movie Night...

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**Mon Nov 20 04:53:41 UTC 2000**
**[Re: main]**

[fb] off-world
painting...
cu me?
Jules Page Comment
volunteering with us (fwd)
Rilke Wonton/Clouds in Soup
big date?
flycast
Fotos de Plymouth...
dear sir!
flycast
rough draft #1
wedding fever
June 29 City Council
who would've known?
sw
RTMark profile on All Things Considered (fwd)
My mail... (again)
manifesto on-line
wet paint...
wto on and on and ...
vacation and things (fwd)
vacation and things
more icecast fun
brainspasm
Off-World News 6-20-00

wto on and on and ...
wto on and on and ...
riot
Wednesday 6/28 May Day Hearing--not Thursday
FYI (urgent): PAC2000 paying for 500 signatures
Jobs! PAC 2000
Forwarded mail....
sw
hoorah horrah IMN 3.0!!!!!
wedding help
bianca does spacetime
painting
haiku
sun + moon = life
BManUpdate:Vol#4:Issue#17
hi plum
imn
4th of july
imn
all that stuff
visit?
sw
powells has em
windoze
Hey hey
Hey hey
wizardry
ru paul parade in big manhattan
visit?
Off-World News 6-26-00
jarmausch vs death
bakery
wizardry
gd
visi
pikkinikki
your 4th plans
your 4th plans
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
eds sound stuff
infrastructure
gameboy photos from nyc
documentary?

documentary?
future noir electronic - revisited
ssh/scp
ssh/scp
Off-World News 6-28-00
talk
web page
web page
traveling to portland, please help!
Action Alert - June 29 City Council Hearing (from PAC-2000)
wedding help
web page
1st addition for anti-ad server
from nyc.
1st addition for anti-ad server
another visitor alert
Public forum on Civilian Review Boards Tuesday July 11 6 PM
traveling to portland, please help! (fwd)
zing!
zing!
top reason
guests
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#18
family visit in july
fotos
Jim Woodring cartoon
nyc photos correction
avant garde
diary of greenhome
hahaha
flight
hahaha
snapshot
[Fwd: Re: want to go to hell?]
want to go to hell?
[Fwd: Re: want to go to hell?]
want to go to hell?
hahaha
saturday
World Wide UFO Watch ::: FULL CONTACT this Summer!
SITO SUE
BmanUpdate:V#4:Issue#17
Mental Floss.....
robot monster gigs
some photos...
pics directories...

art cart!
Off-World News 7-6-00
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#19
maybe too young?
Cool "Documentary"...
call
call
future noir electronic - revisited
shakuhachi
q (fwd)
q
tsumpwont?
hippie fair?
Very Slowly Taking Over The World...
out of contact for a while
taco bell?
michigan wedding
flight
whoops
psst
:)
dazzly, ya! Re: lazy dazy
michigan wedding
Two puns (tm)
Two Portland initiatives fall short (Oregonian 7/8)
visiting SITOid
PIIAC to hear THREE excessive force cases Thursday
psych grants
for granted
bean there, done brat
FLUXLIST constipated?
crossed wires
downtimez
vid
my new crush...
more silly photos...
birthday bash (fwd)
birthday bash
invoicing fogworks
fer der up date
Off-World News 7-09-99
Reminders: Public forum on Review Board THIS Tuesday July 11 6 PM
tom waits for no mayonaisse
hey
hey
July-Dec Enviro Video Project Involvement Opportunity

Video Project Involvement Opportunity
art on sito
Langton Press (fwd)
lhpo
hi there
dad?
<nettime> Fearing Control by Microsoft , China Backs the Linux System
<nettime> Fearing Control by Microsoft , China Backs the Linux System
<nettime> The Cathedral and the Bizarre (fwd)
<nettime> The Cathedral and the Bizarre
o' the month
Yard sale
Belmont Branch Library Re-Opening on July 18, 2000
today
PAC 2000 official statement about signatures
PAC 2000 7.9.00
Off-World News 7-10-00
WSJ article about internet workers and stock (fwd)
this tastes so good,
Fw: hi
hi
???
zins party for auntie
Jules Page Comment
zins party for auntie
scott reveals blade runner secret
IMN 4.0 in one week
Off-World News 7-11-00
smoked cow
Wizards trivia
Detritus Sound Consensus Bakery: Steev Net Piece at New Langton Arts
moving addendum
xo tuck-tuck
Off-World News 7-13-00
Off-World News (Part 2) 7-13-00
Fwd: Urgent response needed from everyone.
Urgent response needed from everyone.
sf
[fb] off-world
Visit to Portland!
Hello?
Another silly question
Fwd: Email Hoax
fun
what's up ?
Visit to Portland!

ice cream
Monty's potty training
"On the Edge of Blade Runner" USA Premeiere-From Paul Sammon
sf?
ez listening
The half bakery
floodxtrnsnd.net alias
where to host this...
love u
sf
???
pointing domains...
Hey hey
zing!
zing!
[portland-announce] newsletter
stumptown
half-baked
pointing domains...
New site from schwa: scanwave.com!
[portland-announce] [Fwd: URGENT - 7.16.00.Larry Harvey at Porland Art Museum]
URGENT - 7.16.00.Larry Harvey at Porland Art Museum
southern women
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#20
europe photos finally online.
<nettime> CENSORSHIP 2000 (fwd)
<nettime> CENSORSHIP 2000
gone back to the nest
stumpus ex templarus
kitties in trouble
linux / wireless @ psu
kitties in trouble
lifes little things...
kitties in trouble
Catch up
Off-World News 7-17-00
yum
yum
yum
(More)Off-World News 7-17-00
[fb] off-world
Vigil for Dickie Dow Friday July 21 9 PM
NYC
grindline stats
gravitronica
brandon called

ideavirus
interesting?
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
interesting?
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#21
help for Mr. Stoopid
pendooolum
fp 2
good doc news!
more delectable audio from YOU via gridcosm...
swap iimages for jane
8x8x8 vs. 19x23x8.5
da cosm
Chapter VIII Revisions
Meat Eaating Robot!!! (fwd)
MeatSuit!!!
Fw: carpe diem
fwd: carpe diem
pages!
PAC2000 Will Meet Thursday evening 7 PM
PAC 2000 7.18.00
FW: travelocity
travelocity
sterling
grindline stats
Sclove Departs/Loka Thrives
self-self-ref
Hi there & invite (fwd)
Hi there & invite
$198 tix
People's Police Report #21 due out Monday!
Forwarded mail....
"social" "life"
Forgot My Sito Password
Can we still to POP mail to scribble.com?
update. july two thousand.
high desert
Can we still to POP mail to scribble.com?
can u dance for me?
read this while you're still at gracies!!
hub for IPRC
can u dance for me?
can u dance for me?
jane + pdx
Vaughan Oliver: Visceral Pleasures by Rick Poyner. (fwd)

Vaughan Oliver: Visceral Pleasures by Rick Poyner.
forgot: "brady bunch"
hmmm.
even better....
raise a glass to Biggs (fwd)
raise a glass to Biggs
home?
I can't write to my public_html directory
ughhhh. lord help me.
hardcore
more
tempo updata
is this right?
is this right?
Birdies and Beavers (fwd)
Birdies and Beavers
delta, wednesday, 6pm
thought for the day...
thought for the day...
website for the day...
[fb] off-world
the Taliban
search terms
search terms
names
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
scp
pweination root dir
Myself Scribble and strange slowness
OFF-WORLD News 7-27-2000
names
names
stump
No jokes anymore, I promise!
Chapter VIII Revisions approved!
axil
FW: travelocity
FW: travelocity
Chapter VIII Revisions approved!
Paul Sammon
axil
Sprint PCS July Newsletter
ends in hours...
ends in hours...
free zers

ends in hours...
oh yeah...
the girl i've been dating...
the girl i've been dating...
gracies
artchive comments
bangkok
don't sweat it
strawhat + swimminhole = ?
A search for missing pillows!
Grindline (fwd)
[fb] more.html
Paul Sammon
Paul Sammon
red/images/etc. (addendum)
red/images/etc. (fwd)
If architects had to work like web programmers
verbeenacular
+7
+7
red/images/etc. (fwd)
Nader nadir
Mais!
clint at the controls. scoop.
copyleft photos from philly republican convention
da man
Off-World News 8-1-00
scary guerilla marketing story
scary guerilla marketing story
scary guerilla marketing story
prof ed!
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Shitty Internet Logo Museum (fwd)
Shitty Internet Logo Museum
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Fw: clint at the controls. scoop.
Visit
swimming
icq
icq
video
porn on the go (fwd)
porn on the go
porn gum
Gattaca!

yuck
zing!
zing!
dear sir Zing.
zing!
request quickie
request quickie
BushCrime 2000 ::: Big Oil, Drugs & the CIA
favor...
parentheses
Please test the video...
Please test the video...
i must get a computer to read this aloud ...
It's August Already?
PENSAMIENTO DE COMERME UNA BUENA PIJA
Phillie: Police Chief Wants Feds to Investigate Protest Movement
Visit
Visit
should we go to l.a.? heh
Possible security issue?
spyPA08-FEMA plans for Philly repression (Wired 8/1)
mrranda
Possible security issue?
BBQ
BBQ
drift
BBQ
flight info
scribbly visits
BBQ
A wedding party!
DNC
DNC
alias'd
another house for us:
alias'd
Off-World News 8-10-00
friday = megan?
mmmm..
kinda scary...
hi gram!
mmmm..
wyndel
Arrival Notes
did anyone get the number of that rebus?
can't SSH to scribble

Arrival Notes
unnerve
c'caw
Jules Page Comment
[fb] more.html
wynd, burning man & grindline
Off-World News 8-14-00
hmmmm?
FW: Yikes
Yikes
Summer's end.
[fb] more.html
up to
Upcoming Neighbor Safe 2000 Workshop
jeppesen on un*x
flight data cdrom
usability test
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#22
PAC 2000 Meeting postponed until August 30 (fwd)
PAC 2000 Next General Meeting
hnia live mp3s
hnia live mp3s
3.14'd kao
CALL ME.....
static ip info
this page seems too good to be true...
Red Herring case study: Loudcloud
this page seems too good to be true...
today
pdx -> nyc
Digital Workers Alliance (fwd)
Digital Workers Alliance
BManUpdate:Vol#4:Issue#23
Merzbow "Merzbox" from Soleilmoon
IMPORTANT NEWS!!! (fwd)
IMPORTANT NEWS!!!
pdx -> nyc
pdx -> nyc
amigo let's play pool!
pdx -> nyc
subdomain problem gone!
subdomain weirdness?
propaganda cd
up to
a good article about gentrification in austin
food?

la buca?
a good article about gentrification in austin
la buca?
Off-World News 8-19-00
pdx -> prague $631
maybe worth reading...
gentrification, etc in austin
BM article (fwd)
BM article
sito poll
Off-World News 8-21-00
Free Eats!!
the larget spam i've ever sent
linux PDA
Fwd: Agenda Linux - Your Portable PC
<nettime> PROTECT YOUR GENETIC RIGHTS! (fwd)
<nettime> PROTECT YOUR GENETIC RIGHTS!
linux PDA
pinkos
2nd linux pda
a project when you have time...
girls, girls, girls... and cartoons
pics directories...
summary of young jon's life, just for you!
Off-World News 8-12-00
Our visit (fwd)
Our visit
Five fun things to do at scanwave.com.
hell fucking yes.
thanks
in portland
last grindline alias fix
WWW.JOKER.COM: 143828 (newhealthhorizons.org)
forwardsdrawrof
Summer's end.
(no subject)
ltns
top 3 times i have waited for computers...
top 3 times i have waited for computers...
cacaw
lunch
BManUpdate:Vol.#4:Issue#23
Big hole found in PGP
lunch
lunch
tv, class, and the rest of the world

tv, class, and the rest of the world
life
clint at the controls. product acquired.
locked out of the mac
come to bed, nice guy.
humane society web page!
ms office
humane society web page!
locked out of the mac
humane society web page!
my horoscope this week
birthday presents for brady...
crossed wires
mail file
update, please
home
assward
Hey hoo
Ta and Wee
update, please
Hey hoo
your mail
Artwork for Opening
pinkos is rockin
my pages for the zine
my pages for the zine (P.S.)
pinkos is rockin
Artwork for Opening
fyi - bianca @ bman
[fb] more.html
nick
nick, again
Off-World News 8-28-00
That Giant Sucking Sound (fwd)
That Giant Sucking Sound
OFF-WORLD News 8-28-2000
Jules Page Comment
Artist?
[fb] more.html (fwd)
how are ya?
packing, flight...
Artist?
thursday?
Off-World News 8-30-00
Artist?
Where are you...

Fwd: Re: Thanks Sis , I reall need that
Flytt / Moving
Microsoft Ordered to Pay $1 Million to Tiny Rival
duds
"you told
hey you-- it's Rex (Kip)
dragged through space and time
is this loser 6rady really right for you?
Off-World News 9-1-00
Craig T at SPX2000?
nuevo mexico hoy
puking girl update
gridcosmonomic 2
hey scribblers, we got some of your stuff?
burning man, chilling woman (fwd)
burning man, chilling woman
Where are you...
LAUREL CANYON ep CDR info?
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
illustriousness
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
HUGE apology from the "gracies staff"
sorfa.com
here ya go
chorebot swap?
here ya go
here ya go
magnolia
Upcoming events: PIIAC, PAC2000, Copwatch
Two police shootings in Portland: Copwatch open letter
dear friends
Craig T at SPX2000?
Whazzup?
SITO review on apple's mac.com web site...
Accepting Submissions
mac.com reviews SITO
all is well.
SITO review on apple's mac.com web site...
graphic design
update
mtv vs napster
Flood bio
testing .. you there?
update
a little press about the telestereoscope

update & request
pinkos is rockin
Donald says goodbye
spyPA09-Inquirer: Phila. cops Knew of state cops' R2K Infiltration
sunday
Editorial: Police policing selves not solution (Oregonian 9/9)
cops bust bianca-like activity at BM
iprc
timestampd
don't you love me any more?
a boat...
crossed stumps
Pink Fusion
[fb] uwi-info.html
9/14: PAC2000 plans Oct 22nd March vs Police Brutality--Meeting
Where are you...
Seksu Roba is released!
hey you-- it's Rex (Kip)
Some BR info
safe and sound?
tainted!
i just want money and sex
incidentals
tainted!
tainted!
flood aliases
up to
up to
Off-World News 9-11-00
ms office
the day gas prices reached infinity
cops bust bianca-like activity at BM (fwd)
FW: Re: Wrandy Ranger Dot Com (fwd)
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austin keepin' it alive...
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zombies for gore
oh pal.
Todd called
oh pal.
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Moving Out?
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box is out of the bag
Fwd: Re: an overwhelming user's report...
infinite gas prices online w/ more correx...
uwi node
zombies for gore
gracies.org
PIIAC Workgroup votes for independent review board
sound on powerbooks
gracies.org
if you're bored...
Dickie Dow memorial Vigil Friday 9/15
titletrack @ gracies
late 4 u?
Palau and self-reference
addendum to night?
holy shit!
address
Dow vigil 8 PM friday
Jules Page Comment
phone message
copy a dvd -> cdrom!?
Correction (and corrections): about the PIIAC WOrkgroup
Palau and self-reference
my first "island geek"
new art?
Jules Page Comment
success?
success?
how what where !?!?
Friday...the adventure begins!
staggerdly
my first "island geek"
bone ma-zine
6:45...
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whoops
password probs
hey you
trajectory
trajectory
installers and road trip
24 hrs in a couple minutes!
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hope this gets to you
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Moving Out?
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thank you
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hahaha!
Craig in NY?
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Songwriters In The Round
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interesting... status of hawaii & revolution
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24 hrs in a couple minutes!
babble part 2
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bored?
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sat ... errr, day.
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Seksu Roba update
Seksu Roba update
Iomega Zip Drive (fwd)
Iomega Zip Drive
Iomega Zip Drive
cool news from kevin!
oregon emissions testing for cars?
email from steev
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zing!
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address freegeek
final(?) plan-fling for tonight
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2 promising houses...
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Copwatch meeting Monday, October 2, 8 PM

Jules Page Comment
test
test
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maybe, if we can figure it out.
maybe, if we can figure it out.
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sept... oh, gone
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Jules Page Comment
gracies, report 2
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BManUpdate:Vol.#5:Issue#1
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The Jane Wright Band Is Here!!
Guests 10/8 and 10/9
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Labor events (fwd)
Labor events (fwd)
Comic for Pinkos Done!
got your ears on, pinkos comrades?
auto-logout of ssh?
new years this year.
joining the 21st century
signatures
see you in morning!
the answer to your question (fwd)
the answer to your question (fwd)
THAT SCARY HAUNTED TUBE!!!
Forwarded mail....
vacation anyone???
hya
event 2 results
2C
event 2 results
Help!!!
Ladies and gentlemen, start your dumb ideas.
moovees
sitting here

STOP THE PRESSES!
STOP THE PRESSES!
Dirty Three coming through
Waco, Oregon? Portland police teargas, shoot 73 year old (AP 10/11)
amy called
Off-World News 10-12-00
hey is pinko's open today?
blood blood bloodiest bloodbag
finger in ear = cellphone
address change
Jules Page Comment
etoy.QUARTERLY-REPORT: BRAND-ALERT. XMAS2000. SEALAND...
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
Not for all the porn in China
jello
hypnodisk (fwd)
Jules Page Comment
The Gold Rush
at iprc... movie tonight?
movietime
movietime
hog-wild community future ideas [long] (fwd)
hog-wild community future ideas [long]
New IP at Mark's house
2C
Stumptown Mailing List - Test Message
Dow Vigil Friday, Police Accountability March Sunday
if it's not too personal ...
back
pdx visit
helped?
helped?
Is this a secure (sniffy) node...
got your ears on, pinkos comrades?
bradycake
i'll try to stop by
we'll leave the light on...
home
new future
michigan visit!
Link to Listings
aipex alias change
turtle address
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Not for all the porn in China (fwd)

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back
Wednesday is Bottle Rocket Night
I am comming to Oregon!!
dancer in the dark
Stumptown Update No. 1 - "Everything right is wrong again..."
helped?
helped?
open Tuesday
I am comming to Oregon!!
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sorfa
russkie
russkie
dimm - ent - ing out
hi from jon (of megan-n-jon)
mod_gzip (fwd)
mod_gzip
open Tuesday
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thursday, addendum
Community Meeting on Portland Noise Issues
<nettime> Feuerstein: I Don't Like Your Examples! (fwd)
<nettime> Feuerstein: I Don't Like Your Examples!
server-pushme
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please proofread
Amish Virus
Returned mail: Service unavailable (fwd)
Returned mail: Service unavailable
left field image
help
thursday, addendum
CGI Scripting: Nov. 1 - Dec. 6 (Wednesdays)
God! your never there!!!
CGI Scripting: Nov. 1 - Dec. 6 (Wednesdays)
take II (meds)
BmanUpdate:Vol.#5:Issue#2
Iraq protesters (Dec 1998) trial report #1
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dumpster
help
i found it
michigan visit!

sleepless
your visit
sleepless
http://www.abcnorio.org/
your visit
update
jules-brand update[tm]
Hi is Jon there?
hinckley cold storage...
Hi is Jon there?
message
help
callbot
credit where it's due
ships that pass in the ...
Fwd: Invitation to be linked from artFUTURE
Iraq bombing protest trial report #2
LeftField #2 -- available
Call me
like sito...
searching/..
interesting, re: bush
Loka Update
strong intuition...
SCAN PANIC
jules-brand update[tm]
New Bulimic Barbie Most Popular Doll Ever
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000 (fwd)
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000
Click 'n Save Internet Specials October 24, 2000 (fwd)
CritMass [was Re: feed (fwd)]
feed
Jules Page Comment
hey i met some neat people
spelling
credit where it's due
credit where it's due
movie tonight
car
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Jules Page Comment
I am here!!
Rocky interviewed in Fortune (fwd)
Rocky interviewed in Fortune
Rocky interviewed in Fortune (fwd)

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TIME STEREO: BIG NEWS!!!
dancer in the dark
binary humans
jules-brand update[tm]
Pinko's #2 and Impulse Freak!
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At home (fwd)
At home
jules #2
thot you'd dig this
Fwd: State Voters Guide
Hackers steal Microsoft source code
Stumptown Update No. 2 - "Costume ideas, anyone?"
fancy brady, the new oast.
Off-World News 10-28-00
How much information?
message
FW: Prospectus: Idiosyncretic
dancer in the dark
TELEVISION'S CONSERVATIVE BIAS (Loka Alert 7:5)
home again home again, etc etc etc
S.O.S. from Occupied Amerika ::: Call for Global Action!
movie night
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URGENT !!!
lunch @ crows thingy? thai?
dinner
dinner
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dinner
Off-World News 10-30-00
URGENT !!!
retro grade
SCAN PANIC
script...
events dir
editing events
bottlerocket update

that bottlerocket song...
Jules Page Comment
cascade aids project (fwd)
cascade aids project
Female Artistic Pleasures...Mmnn...
Bush-Nazi-CIA Connection ::: Fourth Reich Amerikan Style
girl
trick or treat
myklenet downtime at nine tonight
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oi- disculpa... (fwd)
Halloween costume
spaceship over-fueled. BEWARE!!
retro grade
<fear>
more on fake news site, kuro5hin.org
Fwd: Re: dumpster
entire fake news site
jules rejection subsiding
dumpster
Thursday night 11/2: PAC2000 meeting (short notice)
Jules Page Comment
WEDNESDAY! gracies movie night!
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Jules rejection subsiding
Fwd: Gore AND Nader can win (fwd)
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Mayor's Work Group on PIIAC finishes majority report
oi- disculpa... (fwd)
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Portland Indymedia
Portland Copwatch meeting Monday Nov 6 7 PM
michigan visit!
michigan visit!
(portland) general community (digest) (fwd)
deq passed!
panic tonight at gracies?
event
Stumptown Update No. 3 - "Around the world and up your street"
Bill Gates Makes Sense
[Fwd: Freakstorming]
Jules Page Comment

Jules Page Comment
We need you to PANIC!!!! (fwd)
FW: [Mike's Message] An Open Letter to Gore From Moore (fwd)
[Mike's Message] An Open Letter to Gore From Moore
"references"
ps-
Phone call
Bush Arrested for Cocaine ::: Caught on Tape by DEA!
rebooted
rebooted
rebooted
possible explanation ...
hello!!!!
Returned mail: see transcript for details (fwd)
movements
Last Chance This Year
movements
movements
i'm going to france for a month
For the discerning viewer of The Simpsons
movements
kernel oops messages
Returned mail: see transcript for details (fwd)
Returned mail: see transcript for details
sleazenation
sleazenation
hey
Corporate vote-buying OK, satire not OK. Does jonxscribble.com agree?
[SITO] Forgot password
**vote-auction** sympathetic domains
stuff
also...
stuff
proFTPd
proFTPd
busybody
a song
did you like it?
did you like it?
did you like it?
fuse called
more liver ad stuff
northwest madness
options
manx
manx

Vote for the Environment ::: Vote for Gaia!!!
[V]ote-auction announces END-RESULTS :: PRESS-RELEASE
dumpster
Not for all the porn in China (fwd)
portland independent media center?
hiho
new years this year. (fwd)
passion research
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
www.kowfilms.com/xxx 404
Jules Page Comment
macsql
switcheroo?
bladerunner?
more liver ad stuff
dewey decimal beats truman capote
bladerunner?
dewey decimal beats truman capote
[r]e[f]lection
too close to call (thus email)
Whatz wrong width scribbles.comz
more on problem
tell jeb bush to ask for palm beach county revote (fwd)
tell jeb bush to ask for palm beach county revote
can't remember
Vote Miss Lewinsky
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Mayor's workgroup prosposal to be reviewed Thursday 11:30 AM
wednesday news (fwd)
[Fwd: Bike Drive]
pcc job
small potluck tonight
on the way to DSL
Calendars galore
links
links
Fwd: the Electoral Farce
its a start...
links
To vote for Gore, click there. No, there!
HIS NAME IS ALIVE: TEN YEARS OLD!!!
alert
Street Demo to Free Wardah and her friend.
Letter
links

News flashes and Upcoming Copwatch training and other events
[freegeek] GRAND OPENING
dananne
Training cancelled for Kroeker Forum
Jules Page Comment
Portland Indymedia (fwd)
2.7% !
Portland Indymedia (fwd)
move in
dog genome project
sweetmeeting
in nyc!
New Media Scotland Bulletin
oh shit. sorry.
Off-World News 11-12-00
spyMD11-Chief suspended for sending cops to spy on NAACP
in nyc!
a few thoughts
...
MSBR euro 2000 and others
pretty funny for a major corporation (fwd)
pretty funny for a major corporation
(fwd) 13 MYTHS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE 2000 ELECTION (fwd)
nimweb is up!
my gigs
GRAND OPENING - help with signage
making the bed
nissan calls in the last 2 days or so
<nettime> Cellpohones and the cancer of cellspace (fwd)
<nettime> Cellpohones and the cancer of cellspace
hello
ici moi (in paris)
Wednesday meeting with Kroeker postponed...
another call
more car calls
E.L.S.A.
another call
another call...
FW: From Her Majesty, The Queen
more links to add pretty please!
dont ask, dont tell
Cisco 675 modem
game-translation (instant german lesson)
thanks!, etc...
thanks!, etc...
linky stinkys

move in
another car call
another call
another...
heads up
linky stinkys
<nettime> The cultural bias of translating programs (fwd)
<nettime> The cultural bias of translating programs
FW: From Her Majesty, The Queen
[SITO] Problem with ID
bon jour a vous et ed!!!!
hello
Important US Election news - (fwd)
Hello
wednesday = movie night @ gracies.
Profilng&Dow Vigil: Two Friday events on police accountability
janewrightband.com
Stumptown Update No. 4 - "REAL Good!"
FREE GEEK and Jane Wright
ici moi duh
Signs?
latest in my mac vs windoze personal conflict
it's all up and working...
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Jules Page Comment
my girlfriend
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FREE(K) GEEK
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hotrods vs. beaters
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mad inventors?
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Points, and CUI W3 Catalog all contain a wide variety of useful pointers. **...**
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**October 22, 2004**

## CALENDAR

**— October —**

**26** WASL & ITBS Informational Mtg 7pm in the Library

**— November —**

**2** Election Day

**2-4** Book Fair (Library)

**8** Picture Retakes

**11** Veteran's Day—***No School***

**12** Professional/Conference Day—***No School***

### Don't Forget Your Spirit Wear!

Remember to show your Spirit on Fridays this Fall – wear your Spirit Wear!

### WAMU Bank Days

Remember, Bank days are on Fridays in the main entrance to the school. The Bank opens at 8:40am and closes at 9:00am. Stop by and start saving!

### Picture Retakes

Portrait Packages will be distributed and sent home the week of November 1 - 5. If you forgot to smile, were absent or missed turning in your order form on picture day, picture retakes will be on Monday, November 8 from 9am - noon. If you're not satisfied with the portraits for any reason, Lifetouch will retake them or buy them back.

*Melinda Lilley*
*School Pictures Chair*
*425.641.6158*

# Superstar News

## From the Principal…Greg Schell

***Wanting to volunteer?***—Somerset could use some assistance in two areas: classroom volunteers and playground volunteers. What's involved? We are interested in recruiting classroom volunteers that would be available beyond just your child's classroom. We will provide training and hope that by learning more about our curriculum (reading, writing and math), the expertise offered to students can become more specific and influential. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please let me know. It would also be helpful to have some extra eyes on the playground, and this is where playground volunteers come in.

After a short orientation to school rules and the school discipline policy, we would like to increase the number of adults on the playground. It could be either at the morning recess or lunch recess times. Volunteering for one day or one recess a day, even if it is only for one day per month, would be very helpful.

If either of these opportunities interest you, please let me know so we can schedule the training.

*Greg Schell*
*425.456.5800*

## The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming and You're Invited!

***Be sure to BOOK these dates and ELECT to READ!***

Tuesday, November 2, 3:30–8:00pm (may also be open to voters during the school day)

Wednesday, November 3, 1:00–8:00pm (Family Event Wednesday Evening!)

Thursday, November 4, 12:30–1:30pm and 3:30–7:00pm

This year the Book Fair is a "Read, White and Blue" celebration that promotes reading and raises money for our school and books for our library, classrooms and children.

For those of you who have already volunteered or still want to volunteer, please log onto *somersetptsa.org* to view the specific times of the Book Fair volunteer schedule and email your available time slots. Thank you!

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The primary way that PTSA raises money is by conducting fundraising events. This year, PTSA has decided to streamline its fundraising in order to minimize that constant tug on your pocketbook. Here is an overview of PTSA fundraisers planned for the year:

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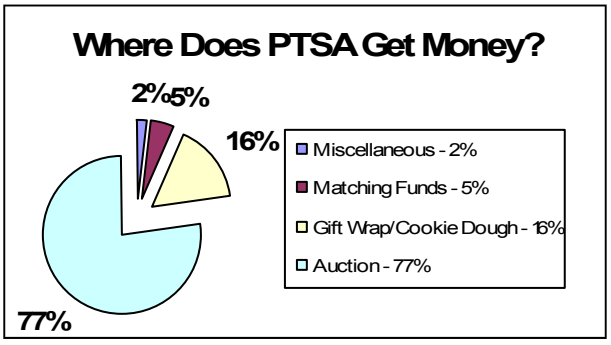

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**— October —**

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## Don't Forget

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Remember to show your Spirit on Fridays this Fall – wear your Spirit Wear!

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***Be sure to BOOK these dates and ELECT to READ!***

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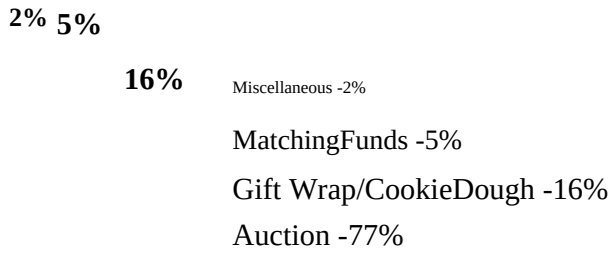


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# 8.2.1.6.1.8 Quid of the E-democracy: the electronic vote or "E-vote"

Internet facilitates a relation much closer between the citizen and its representatives (interpellation of the elected officials, consultation on the projects...), it also allows a diffusion of information broad and decentralized, it provides tools for the political parties the associative medium or the special interest groups, it facilitates the consultations of the individuals without geographical constraints, but it facilitates also the marchandisation of the votes: for best as for the worst it will thus have deep consequences on the organization of the life in company...

- Will one be able to a long time prohibit the publication of information authorized in the close countries? Quid of the protection of the citizen of the influences likely to disturb the serenity of its vote: can prohibition of publication of the survey, when some look at the result of these surveys on Internet site with the platform of Geneva?

> *The correctional court of Paris, by releasing on December 15 1998 the journalists who had enfreint the law of 1977, took note owing to the fact that, in practice, this one created a distortion between the citizens and that it had become, under the influence of the Internet, opposite to the principle of equality, registered in the convention on the humans right, but 2001 have nevertheless considering Paris-Match trainé in front of justice on this reason*

- Quid of the vote on line: with the country of the votings, the Canton of Geneva after experiments in 2002 decided to pass in "real size in 2003 while making it possible to vote since any computer: the posted objective is to increase by 9 points the rate of participation (51% of the inhabitants use the Web)

- Quid with the Customs after the rocambolesque episode of the elections of Florida with their machines with hole? A legislative project was filed in in April 2002 by the Senator Orrin Hatch (in November the 2000 Democrats of Arizona had thus choisileurs representatives for the designation of their candidate to the presidential election: in a country or the absenteeism is traditionally strong, the participation was multiplied by 3! Robert Done, Professor of economy political estimates that 25 million additional voters would take part in the votes, which would undoubtedly not be without influence on the operation even of the American democracy. The first to be profited from the E-vote could be the soldiers stationed abroad

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These new techniques of vote will undoubtedly be used initially for polls comprising only limited stakes (assembled general shareholders or members of associations). Elections of the personnel in companies already took place and the law on the new economic regulations should open to this possibility for the general assemblies shareholders in 2002 and many companies already adapted their statutes to benefit from this opportunity

- Quid of the accounting of the expenses of countryside for a candidate who uses a free site? This exemption from payment can be is comparable with a gift of a company (intercdit) or with barter with an advertising control. The site presenting the achievements of a municipality whose mayor represents himself can it be maintained under operation during the countryside, with which condition?, can the sites of the candidates remain accessible the day from the poll and the day before? The electoral code proscribes the provision of free telephone call number: which transposition here?

- Quid of the rules taking of account the use of Internet to create a "place of market of the votes" (purchase of the voices, auction sale of the voices *www.voteauction.com* , barter *www. swapvote2000.com* ...):ces practical always existed but Internet gives them the means of a scaling.

*At the time of the last American elections presidential one saw already appearing this type of drifts in particular with the site* ***Vote-Auction*** *,* www.voteauction.com *, closed by justice with the USA but réouvert 2 days later in Austria (the courses reached were 22$ in Michigan and 3$ only in Louisiana!!). Even if if finally the site stopped its activities before the poll that gives to reflect*

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 08:18:33 EDT
From: TheMgnt@aol.com
Subject: Re: (klf) It's hard being nice

> Call me a cycnic but i'd say that CD's ordered over two years ago, which
> you've been promised within a week of the cheque, are definately not going
> to show up now. Its a shame that the desire to hear KLF's music is used to
> rip people off. K Cera Cera, as some would say. Its a pity that some fan's
> integrity is a lot less than that of their idols.

To be fair, how long did it take us to get Mu v2 and WROST? But, seriously, it's in the FAQ that Dutton was unreliable. Some got their discs, others didn't when he got bored of making them. Anyone sending him money was gambling, including myself.

- -paul

Currently in rotation: various mp3s - Awaiting FGTH - Club Mixes 2000; Utah Saints - Two

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 18:00:33 +0100
From: "Simon Coward" <simon.coward@invisible-technology.com>
Subject: RE: (klf) It's hard being nice

> seriously, it's in the FAQ that Dutton was unreliable.

I think "unreliable" is when someone says they'll do you a favour and never get round to it. Taking money for something and not delivering is a bit more serious than "unreliable".
In my opinion.

Simon.

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 22:29:38 +0200
From: "c-Row" <c-Row@gmx.de>
Subject: (klf) Chill Out BBC

Hi,

does anyone own a copy of the sample CD the KLF used for Chill Out ?

cy@ Thom

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 21:34:41 +0100
From: Dan Abel <dan.abel@oyster.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf) Chill Out BBC

c-Row [mailto:c-Row@gmx.de] wrote:
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i must admit i always assumed it vinyl...

Anyone know any decent soundtrack type cds for chillout type vibes...
i've made up a cd of my own for some dj-ing but it was quite limited...

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 22:41:24 -0000
From: "Deano" <dean.ball@ntlworld.com>
Subject: (klf) grim up north

Hi all. I know none of you may not have an Its Grim up North shirt for sale
( if you do please tell me )  but could someone do me a favour and scan
theirs if they own one and send me the picture so I can print one myself? I
would scan the CD cover for the above record but the fonts differ slightly
from the shirt and the record. Many thanks.!

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 00:01:37 +0100 (BST)
From: Stuart Bruce <klf@atomiser.demon.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

On Wed 25 Oct, Dan Abel wrote:
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> limited...

There's a wide variety of music that could be called 'chill out'. Here's just a very very small selection of it.

Juno Reactor's "Luciana" is an hour long set of deep relaxing rumbling noises.

The new "Back To Mine" album by Faithless is a compilation of relaxed acoustic-type mellow songs and is lovely last thing at night. Nick Warren's "Back To Mine" is also great.

Moby's "Hymn" is half an hour of long smooth relaxing chords.

Alpinestars' "BASIC" is an hour of light melodic atmospheres and mellowness, like an Air album but less pop-orientated.

Strange Country's "Strange Country 1" is like Chill Out but a bit quirkier- more of the TV samples, less of the birdnoise-type sounds. Hard to find too.

Messiah's "Thunderdome" single cannot be chilled out to. But it's playing now so I thought I'd mention it.

Stuart.

- --
Stuart Bruce -  klf@atomiser.demon.co.uk
or preferably stuart@atomiser.demon.co.uk

The Utah Saints Mailing List

http://www.onelist.com/community/utahsaints/

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Simon.

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 16:24:26 +0200
From: "DJ Kuta" <DJKuta@klf.de>
Subject: (klf) Jimmy

Who can send me a high-quality pic of Jimmy in 2000?

Dan
- ----------

DJ Kuta   /KLF Online (www.klf.de)

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 12:07:49 -0400
From: Reed Hedges <reed@zerohour.net>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 17:15:03 +0100
From: "Howat, Simon" <Simon.Howat@atex.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

I used to borrow BBC sound effect LPs from my local library when I was a
boy, good fun.

As for getting hold of them now, your best bet would be to go to the
following web site and work from there....

http://www.bbcshop.com/bbc_shop/

click on 'audio', then 'essential sound effects' and purchase what you will.

I cant beleive that they wont be the same recordings featured on Chill Out,
and just about every BBC programme since time began.

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 17:17:53 +0100
From: Craig Earnshaw <Craig.Earnshaw@TheEntrepreneur.Com>
Subject: Re: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

Are these the CDs that are produced by the BBC Radiophonic Workshop (or
whatever they're called)?  There is a range of about fifty CDs that have almost

every concivable sound effect that you could ever image on them.

Rather neat - but a bit pricy if I remeber correctly (which I might not do....)

Craig!

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 19:23:08 +0100
From: "Simon Coward" <simon.coward@invisible-technology.com>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

> what is it called/who publishes it?

It's called "Authentic Sound Effects Volume 2", compiled and produced by
Keith Holzman.  It's on the Elektra label - number 9 60732-2.  Last time I

looked it was available from amazon.com.

Cheers,

Simon

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 01:07:36 +0100
From: "John.C.S.Quel" <k@fnord.demon.co.uk>
Subject: (klf) You must be joking!

http://www.eyestorm.com/feature/ED2n_article.asp?article_id=168
You Must Be Joking
by Iain Aitch
10/26/00

The annual Root festival of time-based art this year focused on tricks, pranks and interventions. Writer Iain Aitch's diary shows that the most disturbing events had little to do with the festival.

Friday 20 October

Hull Time Based Art's annual Root festival mixes established artists with new talent, and makes a point Peter of being bang-up-to-date with artists utilizing new Richards, technologies. This year, the festival's eighth, the from theme is tricks, pranks and interventions. I pack my hand-buzzer and set off on my journey from London, much to the derision of colleagues who feel that the idea of an arts event in Hull - one of England's least glamorous northern towns - must be a trick in itself.

The pranks begin at King's Cross station. My train to Hull is up on the board, but on double-checking I am informed that it actually starts at Peterborough, not London. I dash to the first train heading north and jump aboard. On changing, I find that the Hull train is actually a kind of glorified bus, and eerily empty. A nun boards at Grantham the journey is scarily reminiscent of a cliched disaster movie.

Luckily matters don't slide into actual disaster as I finally make it to

my destination. Strolling into town I come across my first band of pranksters: a gang of men and women dressed in those all-in-one biohazard suits used during chemical disasters (and other B-Movie scenarios). I approach them, eager not to miss a performance, when it dawns on me that they are actually from a trade union trying to recruit members in the area, and nothing to do with the festival at all. Oh.

First on the bill at the riverside Timebase venue is novelist and provocateur Stewart Home who delivers an overview of the pranksters that have influenced him. Home is best remembered in the artworld for his 1990-1993 Art Strike (for which he stayed in bed and made no art), although always manages to have several pranks and feuds on the go at any given time. 'Pranks lie on the border between art, subversion and publicity,' he says, which is particularly apt when looking back at Home's previous work. In one tabloid-worthy stunt Home handed out flyers to the homeless around London advertising 'free booze, nosh and strippers'. The event they were in fact being invited to was the award party for Britain's most prestigious literary event, the Booker Prize.

Largely inspired by the Situationist International - an anarchic 60s movement combining Marxism and media theory - Home has long been a thorn in the side of the media, the literary establishment and the numerous unfortunate individuals who have crossed him. His most celebrated example of the form was the Necrocard, a dead ringer for the National Health Service's organ donor card - the twist being that holders agree to donate their cadaver for post-life sexual activity.

One of Home's best pranks within the artworld was his claim to do what the Royal Academy could not: bring 17th Century Dutch painter Jan Vermeer to London. Home's Vermeer II consisted of badly photocopied examples of Vermeer's paintings with splashes of paint added. He claimed that this recreated the feel of other venues where the Vermeer exhibition had toured across Europe; the exhibition proved so popular that visitors often had to stare at the work through opera glasses over crowds ten or more deep. Home's 'Vermeers' were priced according to a multiple pricing system, which meant that one painting was 25, two were 100, three cost 400 and so on. To buy the whole lot would run into several millions. 'Not even Saatchi could afford to buy me out,' he proudly stated.

But not all tricksters are so uncompromising, as a lecture by Hans Extrem revealed. Extrem is not afraid to be called a 'sell out'; he has honed his pranking skills specifically for the commercial field. A veteran of electronic artists etoy, Extrem has long been at the forefront of viral marketing and PR trickery - he's an expert in what he refers to as 'media hacking, shock marketing and user branding'. This

combination of factors allows Extrem to play creatively with media and public to the advantage of his clients. 'Shock causes a person to open all their channels and allows you to pump in information,' he says.

Extrem was involved with etoy when they undertook their Digital Hijack, an early piece of search engine Extrem manipulation that placed etoy at the top of the search strings for terms such as 'porsche'. Their digital trickery allowed them to 'hijack' over 1,000,000 web users in four months. One of ubermorgen.com's recent projects, [v]ote-auction.com, is now hosted outside of the US after intervention by the FBI and various state legal departments. The site is a unique twist on the trend for online auctions such as eBay: American voters put their vote up for auction and political parties are invited to place bids to guarantee a positive result in chosen states.

Saturday 21 October

I get up early, deciding to familiarize myself with the town. Heading past the train station I bump into Stewart Home. 'Come with me,' he says, setting off at a brisk pace. I follow.

Pretty soon we are in what appears to be the student area of Hull. Home stops and mutters something unintelligible. He wanders into the Victorian urinal Community we are standing next to, emerging with a man whom he introduces as John. John is holding a map of the London Underground and explains that we are going to use this to navigate our way to where Home wants to take me. He claims we are currently at Holborn Station and must make our way to Bow Station. An explanation of sorts brings in Freemasonry, MI5 (the UK's secret police), and the revelation that the center of Hull is laid out in the shape of the Union Jack. I nod; it seems foolish to disagree. Home explains that I am participating in a series of unscheduled walks that he has organized while keeping the festival's organizers in the dark. So off we go 'Here we are', Home announces as we come to the end of a leafy residential street. It turns out that the house John is now photographing is inhabited by one of Home's detractors. A neighbour twitches the curtains - Home decides that this means our job is done and we head back into the city centre. Home is obviously something of an expert in paranoia.

On the way back through the central square I hear the Islamic call to prayer ring out. People look up, perplexed. It is a simple intervention that works beautifully; this is a noise that most of us will have heard on news reports at some time, and yet here, amongst the white faces of a northern industrial town, it is enigmatically misplaced. The work, Muezzin Daily, by Austria-based Eva Ursprung, is to be repeated at

each prayer time over the weekend.

The beguiling call is soon drowned out by London-based art-terrorists The Molotov Organization, David with their cacophonous reverse busking. The group of  Cotterrell 20-something sometime DJs play toy instruments and race around the audience handing out toy money. The effect would have been greater had they been handing out small amounts of real money, but they draw a crowd nonetheless. The value of the action is largely saved by its interaction with another piece of art - David Cotterrell and Alberto Duman's Voice Over, a sound sculpture which amplifies and echoes Molotov's scraping and blowing.

An evening of 60s Fluxus film provides an ideal opportunity for audience interaction and draws shouts, screams and loud farting noises during Yoko Ono's bare-butt film Bottoms. Maurice Le Matre's 1951 work Le Film Est Deja Commenc? (Has the film started?) creates wondrous confusion, and Anthony McCall's beautiful short Line Describing a Circle from 1973 has the audience enthralled as the projection creates a cone of light in the smoke that has been pumped into the theater. By the end of the film the whole audience is on the stage, staring back at the light of the projector in a scene that recalls Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Sunday 22 October

The final day of the festival offers a chance to look at Laurencesome of the work in the Ferens Gallery in the town centre. Laurence Lane's BIP uses a turntable and a BIP barcode reader to create an amusing Fluxus-like sound sculpture, whilst Simon Poulter's Afterworld, a digital guillotine, allows the public to experience a real-time decapitation and ascend (or descend) to the afterlife of their choosing. Peter Richards' Cartoons is a bright and likeable selection of photographs taken with a pinhole camera, but their link to the festival theme seems somewhat tenuous. The same is true of Hanno Soans and Catarina Campino's Private Dancer video.

There is a great community feel at the festival but this lack of thematic clarity tends to detract from its overall success. Where pranks or interventions are attempted, there is a tendency to re-hash Fluxus feats from the past rather than utilize new technologies to create a new wave of original pranks.

Overall there just isn't enough unexpected prankery, or anything particularly dangerous or shocking. Upsetting, provoking or unsettling members of the public has always been the mark of the prankster, and only Great North Eastern Railways has managed that with any consistency over the weekend.

Unintentional as those disruptions may have been, as explained, all sorts of organizations from trade unions to corporations - are now appropriating prankster tactics for PR purposes. So it seems that artists wishing to upset the status quo need to raise the stakes, or at least employ a little more wit and poetry to differentiate themselves from the ubiquitous marketing stunt. Paradoxically, while Root may have suffered from the prevalence of trickery in today's society, this very excess at least proves the festival's relevance.

As the festival draws to a close the work with most potential is still unfinished. Bill Drummond, former founder-member of notorious pop group The KLF, has started a series of city twinnings, first pairing Belfast with 'your wildest dreams'. Hull was due to be twinned with 'your darkest thoughts', but the road sign remained at the venue throughout the weekend. Once erected, however, Drummond's work will surely promote the kind of discourse that only the best pranks can, as nonplussed motorists perform mental double-takes, and find themselves drawn inexorably towards their 'darkest thoughts'. Prank poetry at it's best.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 05:03:58 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) 3am eternal totp 1991

I have a bit of a rarety up for sale / auction. It's 3am Eternal (top of the pops 1991) one sided 7" vinyl. Cat no. KLF 5 TOTP. I'm sure you all know what it is, but for the others it's a 'thrash rock' style version of 3am.

It also comes with it's original mailer, dated 10/02/92 & a t-shirt info and price guide sheet (TS 001)

I know this is hard to find, I know how long it took me to get it in the

first place! Email me with offers.

Miles.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 06:23:20 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) Moody boys.

Does anyone know if the Moody boy's own releases are worth collecting as a klf related artist? As they featured on KLF releases and of course did those remixes.

Miles

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 06:44:04 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) 3am eternal christmas top of th pops 1991

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I am unable to reply to emails sent to me form 12pm today (friday) until sunday morning as I work away at weekends. Do please still send the offers in, I will contact everyone as soon as I get home on sunday.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 11:02:07 EDT
From: "Stephen Boyd" <k944@hotmail.com>
Subject: (klf) Chumbawamba / sampling

Found a copy of Chumbawamba's "Shhh" cd in the discount bin here, and upon looking through the liner notes, I noticed they'd included a couple of letters declining sample use (including "I Should Be So Lucky" and "Silly Love Songs"), but one in particular piqued my interest:

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27th February, 1992.

Dear [blank here -- wonder why?]

RE: MONEY MONEY MONEY -- CHUMBAWAMBA / JESUS H. CHRIST ALBUM

Thank you for your letter of February 5th and the tape of the extract of the above. I sent all the material to the Abba writers in Sweden and the original publishers. I very much regret to tell you but they have said an emphatic NO to the use of this copyright. I must therefore ask you to edit it from your track immediately. I am afraid they could not be persuaded on any level. After past experiences they have set a precedent for not clearing uses of any kind.
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The letter goes on a bit more asking written confirmation of the deletion. What interests me, and the possible KLF content, is that last line above: "After past experiences...."

Could they be talking about our boys?

- --Quahogs--

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 20:52:09 +0100
From: "Andrew Lee" <andylee@callnetuk.com>
Subject: Re: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

The original Chill out samples (including the ubiquitous sheep ) were taken from BBC in house sound effects. They were "borrowed " from the Beeb by John Peel's secretary - Pinky (who had a thing for (not with) Scott Piering)
So there's your connection - don't forget Peely had first play on many KLF releases

Hope you enjoyed the history lesson

Andy

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Subject: Re: (klf) Chumbawamba / sampling

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Almost certainly.

But on the topic of Chumbawamba and sampling, their website has a bunch of unused mixes of a track from their last album; plus they've recently added a brand new remix (with help from Negativland) that samples artists opposed to file-sharing, making an artistic commentary on the practice.

If anyone's interested, http://www.chumba.com

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which
>  you've been promised within a week of the cheque, are definately not
going
>  to show up now.  Its a shame that the desire to hear KLF's music is
used to
>  rip people off. K Cera Cera, as some would say. Its a pity that some
fan's
>  integrity is a lot less than that of their idols.
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To be fair, how long did it take us to get Mu v2 and WROST? But, seriously,
it's in the FAQ that Dutton was unreliable. Some got their discs, others
didn't when he got bored of making them. Anyone sending him money was
gambling, including myself.

- -paul

Currently in rotation: various mp3s - Awaiting FGTH - Club Mixes 2000; Utah
Saints - Two

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 18:00:33 +0100
From: "Simon Coward" <simon.coward@invisible-technology.com>
Subject: RE: (klf) It's hard being nice

> seriously, it's in the FAQ that Dutton was unreliable.

I think "unreliable" is when someone says they'll do you a favour and never
get round to it. Taking money for something and not delivering is a bit
more serious than "unreliable".
In my opinion.

Simon.

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 22:29:38 +0200
From: "c-Row" <c-Row@gmx.de>
Subject: (klf) Chill Out BBC

Hi,

does anyone own a copy of the sample CD the KLF used for Chill Out ?

cy@  Thom

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 21:34:41 +0100
From: Dan Abel <dan.abel@oyster.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

c-Row [mailto:c-Row@gmx.de] wrote:
> Hi,
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> does anyone own a copy of the sample CD the KLF used for Chill Out ?

i must admit i always assumed it vinyl...

Anyone know any decent soundtrack type cds for chillout type vibes...
i've made up a cd of my own for some dj-ing but it was quite limited...

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 22:41:24 -0000
From: "Deano" <dean.ball@ntlworld.com>
Subject: (klf) grim up north

Hi all. I know none of you may not have an Its Grim up North shirt for sale
( if you do please tell me )  but could someone do me a favour and scan theirs if they own one and send me the picture so I can print one myself? I
would scan the CD cover for the above record but the fonts differ slightly
from the shirt and the record. Many thanks.!

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 00:01:37 +0100 (BST)
From: Stuart Bruce <klf@atomiser.demon.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

On Wed 25 Oct, Dan Abel wrote:
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> c-Row [mailto:c-Row@gmx.de] wrote:
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> Anyone know any decent soundtrack type cds for chillout type vibes...
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> limited...

There's a wide variety of music that could be called 'chill out'. Here's just a very very small selection of it.

Juno Reactor's "Luciana" is an hour long set of deep relaxing rumbling noises.

The new "Back To Mine" album by Faithless is a compilation of relaxed acoustic-type mellow songs and is lovely last thing at night. Nick Warren's "Back To Mine" is also great.

Moby's "Hymn" is half an hour of long smooth relaxing chords.

Alpinestars' "BASIC" is an hour of light melodic atmospheres and mellowness, like an Air album but less pop-orientated.

Strange Country's "Strange Country 1" is like Chill Out but a bit quirkier- more of the TV samples, less of the birdnoise-type sounds. Hard to find too.

Messiah's "Thunderdome" single cannot be chilled out to. But it's playing now so I thought I'd mention it.

Stuart.

- --
Stuart Bruce - klf@atomiser.demon.co.uk
or preferably stuart@atomiser.demon.co.uk

The Utah Saints Mailing List
http://www.onelist.com/community/utahsaints/

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Date: Wed, 25 Oct 2000 23:27:18 +0100
From: "Simon Coward" <simon.coward@invisible-technology.com>
Subject: RE: (klf) Chill Out BBC

> does anyone own a copy of the sample CD the KLF used for Chill Out ?

I have a copy of the sound effects CD which provides (most of) the various
motor vehicle sounds used on Chill Out, but obviously this is only a small
part of the full non-KLF sample set.

Simon.

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 16:24:26 +0200
From: "DJ Kuta" <DJKuta@klf.de>
Subject: (klf) Jimmy

Who can send me a high-quality pic of Jimmy in 2000?

Dan
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DJ Kuta   /KLF Online (www.klf.de)

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 12:07:49 -0400
From: Reed Hedges <reed@zerohour.net>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

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various
>motor vehicle sounds used on Chill Out, but obviously this is only a
small
>part of the full non-KLF sample set.

what is it called/who publishes it?

- --
Reed Hedges
reed@zerohour.net
http://zerohour.net/reed

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 17:15:03 +0100
From: "Howat, Simon" <Simon.Howat@atex.co.uk>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

I used to borrow BBC sound effect LPs from my local library when I was a boy, good fun.

As for getting hold of them now, your best bet would be to go to the following web site and work from there....

http://www.bbcshop.com/bbc_shop/

click on 'audio', then 'essential sound effects' and purchase what you will.

I cant beleive that they wont be the same recordings featured on Chill Out,
and just about every BBC programme since time began.

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 17:17:53 +0100
From: Craig Earnshaw <Craig.Earnshaw@TheEntrepreneur.Com>
Subject: Re: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

Are these the CDs that are produced by the BBC Radiophonic Workshop (or whatever they're called)?  There is a range of about fifty CDs that have almost

every concivable sound effect that you could ever image on them.

Rather neat - but a bit pricy if I remeber correctly (which I might not do....)

Craig!

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Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2000 19:23:08 +0100
From: "Simon Coward" <simon.coward@invisible-technology.com>
Subject: RE: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

> what is it called/who publishes it?

It's called "Authentic Sound Effects Volume 2", compiled and produced by Keith Holzman.  It's on the Elektra label - number 9 60732-2.  Last time I
looked it was available from amazon.com.

Cheers,

Simon

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 01:07:36 +0100
From: "John.C.S.Quel" <k@fnord.demon.co.uk>
Subject: (klf) You must be joking!

http://www.eyestorm.com/feature/ED2n_article.asp?article_id=168
You Must Be Joking
by Iain Aitch
10/26/00

The annual Root festival of time-based art this year focused on tricks, pranks and interventions. Writer Iain Aitch's diary shows that the most disturbing events had little to do with the festival.

Friday 20 October

Hull Time Based Art's annual Root festival mixes established artists with new talent, and makes a point Peter of being bang-up-to-date with

artists utilizing new Richards, technologies. This year, the festival's eighth, the from theme is tricks, pranks and interventions. I pack my hand-buzzer and set off on my journey from London, much to the derision of colleagues who feel that the idea of an arts event in Hull - one of England's least glamorous northern towns - must be a trick in itself.

The pranks begin at King's Cross station. My train to Hull is up on the board, but on double-checking I am informed that it actually starts at Peterborough, not London. I dash to the first train heading north and jump aboard. On changing, I find that the Hull train is actually a kind of glorified bus, and eerily empty. A nun boards at Grantham the journey is scarily reminiscent of a cliched disaster movie.

Luckily matters don't slide into actual disaster as I finally make it to my destination. Strolling into town I come across my first band of pranksters: a gang of men and women dressed in those all-in-one biohazard suits used during chemical disasters (and other B-Movie scenarios). I approach them, eager not to miss a performance, when it dawns on me that they are actually from a trade union trying to recruit members in the area, and nothing to do with the festival at all. Oh.

First on the bill at the riverside Timebase venue is novelist and provocateur Stewart Home who delivers an overview of the pranksters that have influenced him. Home is best remembered in the artworld for his 1990-1993 Art Strike (for which he stayed in bed and made no art), although always manages to have several pranks and feuds on the go at any given time. 'Pranks lie on the border between art, subversion and publicity,' he says, which is particularly apt when looking back at Home's previous work. In one tabloid-worthy stunt Home handed out flyers to the homeless around London advertising 'free booze, nosh and strippers'. The event they were in fact being invited to was the award party for Britain's most prestigious literary event, the Booker Prize.

Largely inspired by the Situationist International - an anarchic 60s movement combining Marxism and media theory - Home has long been a thorn in the side of the media, the literary establishment and the numerous unfortunate individuals who have crossed him. His most celebrated example of the form was the Necrocard, a dead ringer for the National Health Service's organ donor card - the twist being that holders agree to donate their cadaver for post-life sexual activity.

One of Home's best pranks within the artworld was his claim to do what the Royal Academy could not: bring 17th Century Dutch painter Jan Vermeer to London. Home's Vermeer II consisted of badly photocopied examples of Vermeer's paintings with splashes of paint added. He claimed that this recreated the feel of other venues where the Vermeer exhibition had toured across Europe; the exhibition proved so popular that visitors often had to stare at the work through opera glasses over crowds ten or more deep. Home's 'Vermeers' were priced according to a

multiple pricing system, which meant that one painting was 25, two were 100, three cost 400 and so on. To buy the whole lot would run into several millions. 'Not even Saatchi could afford to buy me out,' he proudly stated.

But not all tricksters are so uncompromising, as a lecture by Hans Extrem revealed. Extrem is not afraid to be called a 'sell out'; he has honed his pranking skills specifically for the commercial field. A veteran of electronic artists etoy, Extrem has long been at the forefront of viral marketing and PR trickery - he's an expert in what he refers to as 'media hacking, shock marketing and user branding'. This combination of factors allows Extrem to play creatively with media and public to the advantage of his clients. 'Shock causes a person to open all their channels and allows you to pump in information,' he says.

Extrem was involved with etoy when they undertook their Digital Hijack, an early piece of search engine Extrem manipulation that placed etoy at the top of the search strings for terms such as 'porsche'. Their digital trickery allowed them to 'hijack' over 1,000,000 web users in four months. One of ubermorgen.com's recent projects, [v]ote-auction.com, is now hosted outside of the US after intervention by the FBI and various state legal departments. The site is a unique twist on the trend for online auctions such as eBay: American voters put their vote up for auction and political parties are invited to place bids to guarantee a positive result in chosen states.

Saturday 21 October

I get up early, deciding to familiarize myself with the town. Heading past the train station I bump into Stewart Home. 'Come with me,' he says, setting off at a brisk pace. I follow.

Pretty soon we are in what appears to be the student area of Hull. Home stops and mutters something unintelligible. He wanders into the Victorian urinal Community we are standing next to, emerging with a man whom he introduces as John. John is holding a map of the London Underground and explains that we are going to use this to navigate our way to where Home wants to take me. He claims we are currently at Holborn Station and must make our way to Bow Station. An explanation of sorts brings in Freemasonry, MI5 (the UK's secret police), and the revelation that the center of Hull is laid out in the shape of the Union Jack. I nod; it seems foolish to disagree. Home explains that I am participating in a series of unscheduled walks that he has organized while keeping the festival's organizers in the dark. So off we go 'Here we are', Home announces as we come to the end of a leafy residential street. It turns out that the house John is now photographing is inhabited by one of Home's detractors. A neighbour twitches the curtains - Home decides that this means our job is done and we head back into the city centre. Home is obviously something of an

expert in paranoia.

On the way back through the central square I hear the Islamic call to prayer ring out. People look up, perplexed. It is a simple intervention that works beautifully; this is a noise that most of us will have heard on news reports at some time, and yet here, amongst the white faces of a northern industrial town, it is enigmatically misplaced. The work, Muezzin Daily, by Austria-based Eva Ursprung, is to be repeated at each prayer time over the weekend.

The beguiling call is soon drowned out by London-based art-terrorists The Molotov Organization, David with their cacophonous reverse busking. The group of  Cotterrell 20-something sometime DJs play toy instruments and race around the audience handing out toy money. The effect would have been greater had they been handing out small amounts of real money, but they draw a crowd nonetheless. The value of the action is largely saved by its interaction with another piece of art - David Cotterrell and Alberto Duman's Voice Over, a sound sculpture which amplifies and echoes Molotov's scraping and blowing.

An evening of 60s Fluxus film provides an ideal opportunity for audience interaction and draws shouts, screams and loud farting noises during Yoko Ono's bare-butt film Bottoms. Maurice Le Matre's 1951 work Le Film Est Deja Commenc? (Has the film started?) creates wondrous confusion, and Anthony McCall's beautiful short Line Describing a Circle from 1973 has the audience enthralled as the projection creates a cone of light in the smoke that has been pumped into the theater. By the end of the film the whole audience is on the stage, staring back at the light of the projector in a scene that recalls Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Sunday 22 October

The final day of the festival offers a chance to look at Laurencesome of the work in the Ferens Gallery in the town centre. Laurence Lane's BIP uses a turntable and a BIP barcode reader to create an amusing Fluxus-like sound sculpture, whilst Simon Poulter's Afterworld, a digital guillotine, allows the public to experience a real-time decapitation and ascend (or descend) to the afterlife of their choosing. Peter Richards' Cartoons is a bright and likeable selection of photographs taken with a pinhole camera, but their link to the festival theme seems somewhat tenuous. The same is true of Hanno Soans and Catarina Campino's Private Dancer video.

There is a great community feel at the festival but this lack of thematic clarity tends to detract from its overall success. Where pranks or interventions are attempted, there is a tendency to re-hash Fluxus feats from the past rather than utilize new technologies to create a new wave of original pranks.

Overall there just isn't enough unexpected prankery, or anything particularly dangerous or shocking. Upsetting, provoking or unsettling members of the public has always been the mark of the prankster, and only Great North Eastern Railways has managed that with any consistency over the weekend.

Unintentional as those disruptions may have been, as explained, all sorts of organizations from trade unions to corporations - are now appropriating prankster tactics for PR purposes. So it seems that artists wishing to upset the status quo need to raise the stakes, or at least employ a little more wit and poetry to differentiate themselves from the ubiquitous marketing stunt. Paradoxically, while Root may have suffered from the prevalence of trickery in today's society, this very excess at least proves the festival's relevance.

As the festival draws to a close the work with most potential is still unfinished. Bill Drummond, former founder-member of notorious pop group The KLF, has started a series of city twinnings, first pairing Belfast with 'your wildest dreams'. Hull was due to be twinned with 'your darkest thoughts', but the road sign remained at the venue throughout the weekend. Once erected, however, Drummond's work will surely promote the kind of discourse that only the best pranks can, as nonplussed motorists perform mental double-takes, and find themselves drawn inexorably towards their 'darkest thoughts'. Prank poetry at it's best.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 05:03:58 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) 3am eternal totp 1991

I have a bit of a rarety up for sale / auction. It's 3am Eternal (top of the
pops 1991) one sided 7" vinyl. Cat no. KLF 5 TOTP. I'm sure you all know what
it is, but for the others it's a 'thrash rock' style version of 3am.

It also comes with it's original mailer, dated 10/02/92 & a t-shirt info and
price guide sheet (TS 001)

I know this is hard to find, I know how long it took me to get it in the first place! Email me with offers.

Miles.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 06:23:20 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) Moody boys.

Does anyone know if the Moody boy's own releases are worth collecting as a
klf related artist? As they featured on KLF releases and of course did those
remixes.

Miles

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 06:44:04 EDT
From: Milestighe@aol.com
Subject: (klf) 3am eternal christmas top of th pops 1991

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(top of the
pops 1991) one sided 7" vinyl. Cat no. KLF 5 TOTP. I'm sure you all know what
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It also comes with it's original mailer, dated 10/02/92 & a t-shirt info and
price guide sheet (TS 001) . Email me with offers.

I am unable to reply to emails sent to me form 12pm today (friday) until sunday morning as I work away at weekends. Do please still send the offers
in, I will contact everyone as soon as I get home on sunday.

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 11:02:07 EDT
From: "Stephen Boyd" <k944@hotmail.com>
Subject: (klf) Chumbawamba / sampling

Found a copy of Chumbawamba's "Shhh" cd in the discount bin here, and upon
looking through the liner notes, I noticed they'd included a couple of letters declining sample use (including "I Should Be So Lucky" and "Silly
Love Songs"), but one in particular piqued my interest:

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27th February, 1992.

Dear [blank here -- wonder why?]

RE: MONEY MONEY MONEY -- CHUMBAWAMBA / JESUS H. CHRIST ALBUM

Thank you for your letter of February 5th and the tape of the extract of the
above.  I sent all the material to the Abba writers in Sweden and the original publishers.  I very much regret to tell you but they have said an
emphatic NO to the use of this copyright.  I must therefore ask you to edit
it from your track immediately.  I am afraid they could not be persuaded on
any level.  After past experiences they have set a precedent for not clearing uses of any kind.
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The letter goes on a bit more asking written confirmation of the deletion.
What interests me, and the possible KLF content, is that last line above:
"After past experiences...."

Could they be talking about our boys?

- --Quahogs--

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Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 20:52:09 +0100
From: "Andrew Lee" <andylee@callnetuk.com>
Subject: Re: (klf)  Chill Out BBC

The original Chill out samples (including the ubiquitous sheep ) were taken
from BBC in house sound effects. They were "borrowed " from the Beeb by John
Peel's secretary - Pinky (who had a thing for (not with) Scott Piering)
So there's your connection - don't forget Peely had first play on many KLF
releases

Hope you enjoyed the history lesson

Andy

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Date: Sun, 29 Oct 2000 19:34:33 +1100
From: Chris <webmonkey@eddiecampbellcomics.com>
Subject: Re: (klf) Chumbawamba / sampling

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> "After past experiences...."
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Almost certainly.

But on the topic of Chumbawamba and sampling, their website has a bunch of unused mixes of a track from their last album; plus they've recently added a brand new remix (with help from Negativland) that samples artists opposed to file-sharing, making an artistic commentary on the practice.

If anyone's interested, http://www.chumba.com

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A. Lizard
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**Oh, I don't think it's ever been a question of resources or aptitude. It's question of interest and enthusiasm. Up until a few years ago, Microsoft - the largest software company in the world - went completely unrepresented in Washington, DC. For an economic behemoth to ignore the political realities of modern life would be staggering if it weren't so easily explained: they're geeks. Geeks don't like politics. They don't care. They think they've got more important things to worry about.**

**Which is the problem.**

**Greg Knauss**

If lawyers are moral bulimics Greg

Knauss serves as the finger of the fullest one.

Erik Szabados
<w237szabados@hotmail.com>

**Thanks! Um. Maybe. Hmmm. Because it could be that... But if... But then...**

**Aw, hell: Thanks!**

**Greg Knauss**

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Dear God,

After reading today's thing, I wanted to say something that I'm sure you've heard before:

I wept. It was so good. Give me more.

Anyway, I knew if I hung in there and looked long enough, it would be there. And there it was.

Right there. There it was. Oh yes.

A million thanks.

<claretoothloose@yahoo.com>

**Um. Well. Yes. Glad we could help.**

**Just as a clarification, though: Did you read the article or achieve orgasm?**

**Greg Knauss**

SUCK.

"Until those who are aware of the problem can turn the energy of a million keystrokes into some coherent action, computer culture - and the freedom it so badly wants protected - is going to be viewed as nothing more than an unruly dog in need of a muzzle. Until the geeks can put away their snotty superiority and muster up enough interest to deal with the law on its own terms, their precious technical achievements are going to be for naught. And until the people who claim to care about the future of the Internet can put down their keyboards, put on suits and learn to fight like attorneys, then all this revolutionary new freedom is moot.

Lawyers rule the world. And don't you forget it."

Unless you happen to be judgment proof.

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it are widely available, drugs over the net are still widely available, Internet stock fraud is still widely available, the Internet vote auction site has been relocated to Bulgaria, and MP3s are still widely available.

Aside from domain name problems, which of the rulings and regs of recent months has had an actual impact "on the ground"? Actually stopped the flow of prohibited bits?

Duncan Frissell
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**So far? Not many. In the future? Who knows? The legal infrastructure is still important, no matter how far underground you think you've burrowed and to remain passively disinterested in its dismantling because you don't think it involves you is foolish. If you've still got a foot in meatspace, then it can still be chewed off.**

**Greg Knauss**

Until people realize that the internet will not change the way society/ business works but that business/ society will change the way the internet is used we are going to see a lot more dot flops.

There will only ever be one winner in a contest between business interests and whiny internet pioneers and that's business.

Diarmait O'Reilly
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**Yep. And while I think that geek action can mitigate - or at least temper - the impact, those who think the Internet is an unstoppable force are about to find out what an immovable object looks like.**

**Greg Knauss**

Excellent column today (9/8) on the truly bizarre laws being spurted out to poleax the troublesome online community. For your next take, though, I'd like some discussion of precisely which level of Hell the MPAA's Jack Valenti deserves consignment to.

Ralph Ward
<rward@boardroominsider.com>

**The new wing is currently under construction.**

**Greg Knauss**

i don't think the american government has the infrastructure needed to enforce intellectual property rights all over the world. they don't even have the ability to enforce intellectual property rights in their own geographical area. hell, they don't even have the ability to stop me from smoking marijuana.

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**While I normally take all my legal advice from stoned Canadians, this time I think I might defer to someone a little more grounded in the here-and-now.**

**Where the hell is that Taco Bell dog, anyway?**

**Greg Knauss**

All true, and very funny as well. But, well, you know, dear Mr Crowley's "do what you will be the sole of the law" isn't really all that much of a debating position. When

your stance in court is essentially "anything I want to do that I can do I will do and nyah nyah nyah," you're essentially sticking your head out of the hole and begging for the mallet to slam down on it. I appreciate that this is essentially your own argument, but overreaching and stupidity (except, possibly, in national politics) are rarely winning strategies even without lawyers involved.

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**Oh, I don't think it's ever been a question of resources or aptitude. It's question of interest and enthusiasm. Up until a few years ago, Microsoft - the largest software company in the world - went completely unrepresented in Washington, DC. For an economic behemoth to ignore the political realities of modern life would be staggering if it weren't so easily explained: they're geeks. Geeks don't like politics. They don't care. They think they've got more important things to worry about.**

**Which is the problem.**

**Greg Knauss**

If lawyers are moral bulimics Greg Knauss serves as the finger of the fullest one.

Erik Szabados
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**Thanks! Um. Maybe. Hmmm. Because it could be that... But if... But then...**

**Aw, hell: Thanks!**

**Greg Knauss**

## Downtime By Law

Dear God,

After reading today's thing, I wanted to say something that I'm sure you've heard before:

I wept. It was so good. Give me more.

Anyway, I knew if I hung in there and looked long enough, it would be there. And there it was.

Right there. There it was. Oh yes.

A million thanks.

<claretoothloose@yahoo.com>

**Um. Well. Yes. Glad we could help.**

**Just as a clarification, though: Did you read the article or achieve orgasm?**

**Greg Knauss**

SUCK.

"Until those who are aware of the problem can turn the energy of a million keystrokes into some coherent action, computer culture - and the freedom it so badly wants protected - is going to be viewed as nothing more than an unruly dog in need of a muzzle. Until the geeks can put away their snotty superiority and muster up enough interest to deal with the law on its own terms, their precious technical achievements are going to be for naught. And until the people who

claim to care about the future of the Internet can put down their keyboards, put on suits and learn to fight like attorneys, then all this revolutionary new freedom is moot.

Lawyers rule the world. And don't you forget it."

Unless you happen to be judgment proof.

Note that decryption code for DVDs is widely available, links to it are widely available, drugs over the net are still widely available, Internet stock fraud is still widely available, the Internet **vote auction** site has been relocated to Bulgaria, and MP3s are still widely available.

Aside from domain name problems, which of the rulings and regs of recent months has had an actual impact "on the ground"? Actually stopped the flow of prohibited bits?

Duncan Frissell
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**So far? Not many. In the future? Who knows? The legal infrastructure is still important, no matter how far underground you think you've burrowed and to remain passively disinterested in its dismantling because you don't think it involves you is foolish. If you've still got a foot in meatspace, then it can still be chewed off.**

**Greg Knauss**

Until people realize that the internet will not change the way society/ business works but that business/ society will change the way the internet is used we are going to see a lot more dot flops.

There will only ever be one winner in a contest between business interests and whiny internet pioneers and that's business.

Diarmait O'Reilly
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**Yep. And while I think that geek action can mitigate - or at least temper - the impact, those who think the Internet is an unstoppable force are about to find out what an immovable object looks like.**

**Greg Knauss**

Excellent column today (9/8) on the truly bizarre laws being spurted out to poleax the troublesome online community. For your next take, though, I'd like some discussion of

precisely which level of Hell the MPAA's Jack Valenti deserves consignment to.

Ralph Ward
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**The new wing is currently under construction.**

**Greg Knauss**

i don't think the american government has the infrastructure needed to enforce intellectual property rights all over the world. they don't even have the ability to enforce intellectual property rights in their own geographical area. hell, they don't even have the ability to stop me from smoking marijuana.

C. Maan
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**While I normally take all my legal advice from stoned Canadians, this time I think I might defer to someone a little more grounded in the here-and-now.**

**Where the hell is that Taco Bell dog, anyway?**

**Greg Knauss**

All true, and very funny as well. But, well, you know, dear Mr Crowley's "do what you will be the sole of the law" isn't really all that much of a debating position. When your stance in court is essentially "anything I want to do that I can do I will do and nyah nyah nyah," you're essentially sticking your head out of the hole and begging for the mallet to slam down on it. I appreciate that this is essentially your own argument, but overreaching and stupidity (except, possibly, in national politics) are rarely winning strategies even without lawyers involved.

Alan Kornheiser
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**Never underestimate the power of over- reaching and stupidity (or, heck, Satanism, for that matter). I mean, Suck's still around.**

**Greg Knauss**

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# Net.Art. The art of connecting

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Note: The following abstract is a broad synthesis of the book. Sometimes it follows literally the original text, sometimes it shrinks it down to few words.

Thanks to Francesca da Rimini for editing this text.

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# Premise

This book is the result of a clumsy theft, a smuggling of ideas, theories and practices of dubious provenance. The spoils have been accurately forged, but they still present the recognition signs left by their last “owners”. You will not find them on a stall, nor auctioned on e-Bay. The thieves (the authors) have mounted the objects on a tapestry, to form an almost coherent drawing that make them not saleable one by one.

The choice of fixing in the printed matter an ephemeral and hypertextual process like “the art of connecting” was a challenge in itself. It would have been certainly easier to propose an on line index or to set up another collection of essays. By stubbornly insisting on the linear path we have been forced not only to exalt but also to order the hypertextual links amongst various projects. Looking for an “original” cipher of the text, the reader will probably have to consider the way in which the projects have been related to each other. Naturally, we would enjoy a pierced book, or just clicking and jumping from one page to another. But the linearity cage is also a resource, because it has forced us to decide what comes first and what after, and why a project has to be included in a chapter instead of the other.

Another issue was that we were facing a mature practice (for someone already dead), knowing that in Italy very few people even realized it was born. Obeying to the tyranny of a chronological order would have favoured clarity but it would have distracted us from our goal. Which was not to narrate the net.art “progression”, but to capture its most ambivalent aspects and openness to other influences. The initial hypothesis formulated in 1999 was that the Internet was relaunching the aesthetics and politics weaving, so common to all the Twentieth century avant-gardes. The hypothesis was supported by the blooming of highly hybrid practices that freshly recombined a formal experimentation on network codes with a renewed use of communication-guerrilla tactics and with all a series of trespassing into domains apparently distant light-years one from another. In few words, culture jamming landed on the Internet, with the consciousness that anonymity, the “real time” dimension and the system of communicating vessels of the mailing lists were crucial points of strength. By acting in a viral and unexpected manner, the new culture jammers were trespassing different territories, recombining different know-hows to turn upside down the traditional form of communication and politics as if the extreme specialization of informatic and tecno-scientific languages could be partially recomposed through a shared procedure and method. Moreover, the acceleration of participatory processes on a global scale would have demonstrated that far from being isolated, some of these groups were landmarks for the production of imaginary of the new global movement.

Obviously, net.art is not only this. If the authors declare explicitly their sympathy, and their belonging to the networks of the semiotics warriors, the art of connecting walks along winding and

not always converging paths. Formal exploration of code, errors and interfaces has its own agenda, that only occasionally mix up with hacker, activists and other troublemakers that swarm on the Net. Neverthless, it's not necessary that a link between one practice and another is explicit to be actual. Our selecting effort has been to focus on the “memetic potential” of any project and to exhalt those ones who looked more suitable to be reused into different contexts. For us, net.art is mainly a connector, a neuron, a lexicon amongst the billions of idle objects residing on the Internet. It is the possibility of turning the banal experience of navigation in a narration in which characters and authors redesign continuosly the paths along which they walk.

This is the reason why the “Italian scene” stays in the background. Besides the dubious existence (and necessity) of an actual national scene, the features of Italian groups and practices resembling net.art are generally not suitable for a great contamination. To the tecno-linguistic gap, add the peculiarity of Italian movements, since ever disposed to a broadening of inclusion mechanisms against the velocity of execution and interference. This book is a tool at their disposal, to be modelled by thousands of users and to disclose new possibilities of transformation of the present.

# Chapter 1

## The art of making network

### Prelude. Vuk Cosic's dreams

The chapter begins with a vision of the Slovenian artist Vuk Cosic (an invention of the authors), who dreams to walk on a hill shaped by monumental buildings designed as archaic, yet ever-changing and flexible 3D characters. After climbing one of the buildings, Cosic can eventually see his own face from the tip of the nose.

It is a morning of December 1995, and with the sensation of being himself an alphanumeric construct, Cosic downloads the e-mail containing the birth myth of the term “Net.Art”; a corrupted ASCII message containing only six legible characters separated by a dot. Cosic forrwards the message to a Croatian friend, Igor Markovic, asking him to decode its content. The original text was apparently a rather vague manifesto blaming on traditional art institutions and reclaiming a generic freedom of expression for the artists on the Internet. The quoted fragment read: “All this becomes possible only with the emergence of the Net.Art as a notion becomes obsolete...”.  The text was a ready-made, produced entirely by a machine. And it could have not been otherwise, for a practice entirely based on the manipulation of pre-existent assembled codes.

### Net.art vs art on the net

After mentioning the formation of an independent “media circus” made of mailing lists, festivals, media labs and conferences (e.g. Net Art Per Se, Trieste, 1996), the general outlines of the semantic field of net.art are drawn. In January 1997, the mailing list Nettime hosts a long thread polarizing around two terms: net.art versus art on the net. The first one is preferred by the vast majority of the interventions not only because of its elegance and synthesis, but mainly because placing the word “net” before “art”, it stresses out the collaborative, process-based and interactive aspects of the practice. Instead “art on the net” would define the Net only as an accessory tools, a simple means of distribution of works who are pre-existent and produced “elsewhere”. As Joachim Blank wrote:

“Art on the net is mostly nothing more than the documentation of art which is not created on the net, but rather outside it and, in terms of content, does not establish any relationship to the net. Netart functions only on the net and picks out the net or the "netmyth" as a theme. It often deals with structural concepts: A group or an individual designs a system that can be expanded by other people”.

Therefore the “mission” of net.art is to constantly explore limits and possibilities of many-to-many communication in a tecno-social environment. Along this trajectory, the Net becomes material and tool for production. For the first time in art history, the means of production and distribution concide. If this self-reflective quality exposes net.art to the accusation of formalism and separation (“therefore placing it in modern art tradition”, Baumgartel), its capacity to mix various competences and attitudes brings it into the undetermined field of “an art that no longer needs to be called art” (Shulgin). In other terms, it is the “medium” in which net.art operates to free it from the limits of modern art and by opening it to the the intervention of designers, hackers, activists, journalists, scientists and many others.

Because of these features, net.art doesn't make use only of the World Wide Web, but relies on a wide range of protocols, communication channels and software: e-mail, browsers, search engines, mailing list, chat, Moo, p2p, satellite and wireless networks. These software are sets of formal instructions (the code) inter-related to other software, whose underlying alphabet is composed of zeros and ones. The duty of much of the software and Gui is to anthropomorphize machine language and binary system. Net.art deploys itself in this undetermined passage between semantic and non semantic writing, in the koiné where stratified systems of signs collapse one upon the other, producing often ambiguities, errors and paradoxes.

These inputs will be deepened in next chapters. By now, it is enough to say that net.art rarely deals with the creation of clearly representable objects. In this case, it would be better to talk of Web Art, which deals with hypertexts or animations characterized by a low level of interaction. Even if they are conceived to be browsed on the Net, most of these web sites could be distributed also via other physical supports, such as the DVD, CD-ROM or Floppy Disk. Neverthless, it is not our intention to create schematic categories. Not all of the artworks that reside on the Web can exist independently from it. Indeed, some “web art” sites can be considered interventions of network art; for being always “under construction”; for being effectively open to external contributions or other forms; or simply because they reflect conceptually on their own medium.

Because of this, net.art does not have to be related to any specific application. Rather, to define its ray of action, we prefer to put it in relation to three specific concepts and practices: identity play; the manipulation of information fluxes; the aesthetic of the machinic. Starting from the latter we will step back to the origins of net.art to pass to analyze, in the following chapters, the other forms of intervention.

## Aesthetic of the machinic and of communication

The principle of the 'machinic' relates not so much to particular technological or mechanical objects connected to or independent from the human body. The 'machines' can be social bodies, industrial complexes, or psychological or cultural formations, such as the complex of desires, habits and incentives that create particular forms of collective behaviour in groups of individuals, or the aggregation of materials, instruments, human individuals, lines of communication, rules and

conventions that together constitute a company or institution. These are examples for 'machines' which are assemblages of heterogeneous parts, aggregations which transform forces, articulate and propel their elements, and force them into a continuous state of transformation and becoming.

As an aesthetic principle, the machinic is associated with process rather than object, with dynamics rather than finality, with instability rather than permanence, with communication rather than representation, with action and with play. The aesthetics of the machinic does not so much concern itself with the intention or result of artistic practices, but with the translations and transformations that occur within a machinic assemblage.

Andreas Broeckmann, Remove The Controls, “Zkp”, n. 4, 1997.

In this paragraph, we draw a distinction between dynamic, process-based and non representational qualities of net.art and the same qualities as they were played out by XX century avant-gardes. Futurism, dadaism, Fluxus, the Situationists, mail art and land art had already replaced the artwork with the happenings, the detournement, the psychogeography and interventions within the postal system or on the landscape. But the avant-gardes were driven by the polemic against the art system more than by the need of communicating remotely through new technologies. Besides, the original idea of Television as “vision at distance” was replaced, after the Twenties by broadcast. These pushed the artists to concentrate themselves more on recording technologies than on telecommunications. (Lev Manovich).

It is only by the end of the Seventies that a new generation of artists will start to experiment with telecommunications in itself. In other terms, the implementation of an art of the processes from a polemic choice against the art system will become a conditio sine qua non imposed by the adopted technology. As Derrick De Kerchove wrote in 1986: “If we don't get immediately the crucial node of the aesthetic of communication, the reason is simple: it is because it doesn't work any longer starting from representation, as all the typographic media and the likes. Until we will try to represent a certain circuit, a given experience as a mirror function  the book model  we will make the same simplistic mistake of the average viewer that facing an abstract painting asks what it means. It doesn't mean anything, it wants to make something… The aesthetic of communication is not a theory but a practice. It doesn't create objects, but it entwines relationships… Most of telecommunication artists do not have anything to communicate. For them, it is sufficient to build some circuits and different interactions to make the user the content in itself”.

The first telecommunication performances by artists such as Fred Forest, David Rokeby, Norman White, Mit Mitropolous, Kit Galloway and Sherrie Rabinowitz were all dealing with the intersection of different tecno-social ways of communicating. The attempt was often to employ in a non conventional way systems originally conceived for military or commercial purpouses.

The forerunners

In this paragraph some telecommunication performances are told:

· 1977. Satellite Ars Project, Kit Galloway and Sherry Rabinowitz makes interact two groups of dancers performing at 3.000 km of distance. By using satellite communication, two dislocated events meet “in that non place that takes the name of real time”.

· 1980. Hole in Space by Galloway and Rabonowitz, a public access installation “suspended” between the Brodway Store in Los Angeles and the Lincoln Center in New York. Three days during which the passersby realized they could communicate in real time through a screen with the other coast. The experiment is interesting because it discloses the dimension of real time to the public, which can choose directly how to use the hole, instead of delegating it to broadcast professionals.

· 1982. The World in 24 Hours. Robert Adrian X turns the Ars Electronica Center into a “hub” of a network of 24 remote artists who send, over 24 hours, their contributions to the festival by employing low cost technologies. This experiment is surely cheaper and more accessible for artists than Hole in Space, but it is still based on one-to-many telecommunication pattern.

· Throughout the first half of the Eighties, Roy Ascott starts to make use of the first telematic networks to build collaborative texts and theorize the concept of networking and dispersed authorship.

The invention of Mosaic will allow the integration in a unique protocol (HTTP) of different functions such as images, animations, video, sounds, Vrml and so on.

The dawn of Net.Art

The first Net.Art projects (1994-6) are inspired by a low tech spirit. Based on conceptual solutions and a minimal graphic design, these projects explore the features and possibilities of network protocols. The spirit is fresh, almost naive, as for all the periods of discovery of a new communication tool. The circle of artists is still limited and the economic interests are irrelevant as compared to the desire of playing and manipulating.

Projects listed:

· 1994. King's Cross Phone In. Heath Bunting invites people all over the world to call at a given time the numbers of the telephone booth area in the King's Cross Station in London:

Please do any combination of the following:

(1) call no./nos. and let the phone ring a short while and then hang up

(2) call these nos. in some kind of pattern

(the nos. are listed as a floor plan of the booth)

(3) call and have a chat with an expectant or unexpectant person

(4) go to Kings X station watch public reaction/answer the phones and chat

(5) do something different

This event will be publicised worldwide

I will write a report stating that:

(1) no body rang

(2) a massive techno crowd assembled and danced to the sound of ringing telephones

(3) something unexpected happened

No refreshments will be provided/please bring pack lunch

Bunting's call is aimed to create an unexpected event in the urban space and it remembers some of the Fluxus sets of formal instructions. The game is played at the intersection of three different communication systems: 1. The Internet, used as a channel to distribute the call; 2. The phone system; 3. The railway and subway station of King's Cross.

· Communication Creates Conflict. Heath Bunting, Tokyo, 1995. This time the project makes a more specific use of the Web. The users are invited to send messages to Bunting through a form and ask him to drop fax and flyers in different stations of the Tokyo subway.

· In the same period, the Russian artist Alexei Shulgin creates a series of minimal games that play with the formal qualities of the Html combining them with some instructions or conceptual jokes. Turn Off Your Tv Set, Remedy for Information Disease, Joro Da Silva Travels in Europe, This Morning.

· Olia Lialina invents some “screenplays” in Html based on b/w images and animated gifs, that often interact with search engines opening therefore the narration to random keywords and infinite possibilities of recombination.  If you want me to clean your screen, My boyfriend came back from the war, Anna Karenin goes to Paradise.

· Rachel Baker and Alexei Shulgin designs WWW Art Award, a ready made compiled with randomly chosen webpages to which the two authors assign a WWW Art Medal. The comments are extracted from critical art essays and the prize is motivated with paradoxical statements that add even more confusion and disorientation.

# Chapter Two

# Poetics of the code

## The politics of the link

The basic mechanisms through which a hyperlink works are explained. The link is a surface with a double face: one, the linking object, is immediately visible whilst the other, the name of the linked document, is less obvious and concealed in the source code of the Html page. The relationship between these two faces is completely arbitrary and demanded to the author of the page. In other terms, any time we click on a hyperlink we get transferred to a page whose real contents are

completely unknown to us. We can only trust the author and expect that the linked object will effectively correspond to the linking one. But what would happen if the webmaster would voluntarly introduce an error or some disturbance in the supposedly “automatic” way of linking informations on the World Wide Web? What would happen if “Deleuze” would tranfer you to a website dedicated to mutant salamandra?

Starting from this basic assumption, we take in consideration a series of projects dealing with an unusual or unpredictable ways of managing the hyperlink. These projects are mentioned for their “formal” relevance, but also because they will be easily re-used, for different porpouses, in different contexts. They are: Refresh (Shulgin, Cosic, Broeckmann), XXX, Linkx, Abc (Shulgin), Own, Be Owned, Remain Invisible (Heath Bunting).

ASCII Art

During the first period, network artists make often a figurative and iconic use of ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) characters. In this way, they refuse the assumption that the creative process of digital art should mimic painting or drawing, as suggested by the metaphors employed by the main graphic design softwares. The refusal to use the “paintbrush”, the “pencil” or the “eraser” is rooted into a critic of the ineluctability of innovation and, more in general, of the graphical user interface (as we will see in chapter 4). ASCII Art becomes part of a “media archeology” strategy with the double aim to update some of the forgotten and marginalized technologies of the past, and to throw a bridge to the Twentieth century avant-gardes. Therefore ASCII Art is seen by Vuk Cosic as the legitimate son of a lineage started with Guillame Apollineaire' Calligraimme, Mallarmé's Un coup de dés..., Italian Futurism and Russian Suprematism, William S. Burroughs and Brion Gysin's cut-up, Jeffrey Shaw's Legible City and so on.

In this expanded sense, ASCII Art starts from telematic networks (e-mail ASCII signatures being the most diffused manifestation) but debords soon to other fields such as computer games, photography, video and architecture. This process of transcodification of a format into another is at the core of our culture since the Sixties (Manovich). For ASCII artists it consists in reviving dead media.

Featured ASCII project: Instant ASCII Camera (ASCII Art Ensemble), Ttyquake, HASCII Cam (Jaromil), ASCII History of Moving Images (Vuk Cosic), Icontext (Andy Deck), Little Movies (Lev Manovich), Blinkenlights (Chaos Computer Club), Vinylvideo (Gebhard Sengmuller), 386DX (Alexei Shulgin).

We love your computer

This paragraph is dedicated to Jodi, (Joan Heemsmerk and Dirk Paesmans) who launched in 1995 a website, www.jodi.org, without a narrative content, but that turns Html code and other scripts into abstract forms, errors or self-reflexive code. Once connected to Jodi, the user sees its browser breaking down into small windows that jumps from one corner to the other of the screen, encounters terrorist messages of “Alert Virus!”, long scrolls of non formatted ASCII, rolling backgrounds, blinking and flickering pages without an apparent meaning. The usual, first reaction of the user is

panic. Since Jodi doesn't explain its work or publish any critical feedback about it, the website “stands in the Net like a brick” to use an expression of its authors.

Jodi challenges hypertext and the lay-out metaphor mutuated from print media and treats the screen surface as something  dynamic, time-based and related to television, videogames and other softwares.

Featured Jodi projects: Oss, %Location, Good Times, 404.

# Chapter Three

## The Possible Extensions

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Between 1996 and 1997, big art shows, festivals and institutions such as Ars Electronica, Documenta, Isea and The Walker Art Center of Minneapolis start to shift their attention from the generic “art on

the net" to network based art. The main question posed by the art system is not only how to make accessible to a vast audience the experience of "being connected", but also how to represent its creative side. The first step is how to transfer the net.art medium into the physical space of the museum. Why should a visitor consult an Internet based project in a public space, while she can do it more comfortably from her own place?

The first show to face the issue is Documenta X. Inaugurated in Kassel, Germany, on June 28th 1997, Documenta X dedicates a section to net.art called Hybrid Workspace. The exihibition space is sterile, very similar to an office, and the artworks of groups like Jodi get transferred from the Internet to local hard drives. In this way, the curator, Catharine David, avoids the risk of leaving the visitors free to surf the Web and checking their e-mail (forgetting the artwork), but at the same time she removes net.art from its medium of origin. This decontextualization receives many critics and the Hybrid Workspace becomes mainly into a space for polemic. However, the failure of Documenta doesn't mark a crisis of the relationship between the art system and net.art. Rather, the festival inaugurates a reflection amongst new media curators on how to interface online and offline world. This debate will lead to different developments: in some cases the institution will choose exclusively the road of the online exhibition; in some others it will manage quite complex interfaces between the online and offline world; in some others it will split completely the two universes hosting two separate physical and online show. More in general, the traditional exhibition will be replaced by festivals where the duty to present network based art will be left to the artists themselves and to a series of live performances and practical workshops.

In any case, besides some declarations of alterity ("Should we call ourselves still artists?" asked Shulgin in 1996), net.art was ready to an inevitable confrontation with the art system. Inherited by the XX Century avantgardes, this contradiction was faced by net.artists in a less dialectical and frontal way than by the more politicized avantgardes. Since the beginning, net.artists seem to have clear some functioning mechanisms of the art system and use them to attack it and contaminate it like bacteria from inside. Many of them will decide to expand the range of possible extensions, by continuously challenging the borders of the emerging discipling and refusing de facto to be confined in one of the many subgenres of contemporary art. One of the more commons techniques of displacement is the identity play of which we give some examples in this chapter.

Female Extension

A project by German net.artist Cornelia Sollfrank.

For the full story check: http://www.artwarez.org/femext/content/femextEN.html

By assuming the personality of 200 hundred women, Cornelia Sollfrank decoupled the body and the subject and disarticulated that complex of physical and discursive elements through which the modern State identifies any subject with a physical body, easily retraceable in space and time (Allucquere Rosanne Stone). In order to realize her intervention the artist collaborated with a network of artists, critics and activists that provided e-mail accounts, distributing them on wide range of servers. This collaboration that gave the curators the impression that the 200 women were "real" demonstrated that "what develops from the idea of one single artist with the collaboration of many

others, is incalculable” (Joachim Blank).

The Digital Hijack

Etoy story.

Check also: www.hijack.org/

As compared to Female Extension, etoy enacts the identity play on a different plan: the corporate identity, that will be adopted also by another group, Rtmark. With the digital hijack etoy demonstrates to be able to intercept the information fluxes and to divert them on their own website. This ability is based on a lucid analysis of the way the Internet works. The search engine is a funnel, a forced passage for all the surfers; to be in control of the funnel means to control access to information, despite the presumed “horizontality” of the medium. Etoy knows that most of the informations distributed on the Internet are elaborated and indexed by automatic dispositives. This is why etoy works on a high level of interaction between people, codes and machines. To intervene on this automation the group seek a balance between a specular approach (quantitative and automated data filtering, through the creation of softwares that mirror the search engine functioning) and the subjective choice of the keywords, statistically incalculable. We will soon see many net.art interventions integrate these two aspects.

Nobody dare to call it plagiarism!

In the beginning, 0 and 1 were hardly aware to be in the world. To have a body, a sensibility, a mind. Then, one day, after being assembled, shared and exchanged in any kind of permutations, they finally took consciousness of themselves. They crystallised in the shape of an aseptic string - long enough not to be memorised by human beings, but short enough to enter the URL's field of a browser. They attached it a nice suffix (.org) and gave birth to 0100101110101101.ORG. Since then, lots of people have been dealing with 0100101110101101.ORG. In actuality, only few understood if this string hides some real "human flesh", or an entity that composes and decomposes autonomously, according to a Fate that We as Humans, are no longer able to interpret.

Since 0100101110101101.ORG came into being (someone talks about an X day, by the end of 1998, in Bologna) many have tried to grasp its real intentions but very few have been able to understand them. The web art world, was the first who have seen one of its most notorious sites sucked by the vortex of zeroes and ones.

Hell.com, seemingly an anti-web site built in 1995, with no public access and/or contents, was a sort of conceptual black hole in the net. Within three years, Hell turned itself in a launching pad for cool designers and leading net.artists, a private parallel web. Surface was the first on-line exhibition promoting artists like Zuper!, Absurd, Fakeshop and many others. In February 1999, a limited number of visitors was invited to access the exhibition, namely the Rhizome mailing list subscribers, which were given with a password allowing the access to Hell. In the 48 hours of opening, hidden in

the mob, O and 1 entered the web site and downloaded the whole of it. Then, they uploaded it on their own web site, in anticopyright version, making it wide open to all netizens. The action was enough to upset Kenneth Aronson, owner of Hell.com, who blamed O and 1 for theft and threatened them with an international lawsuit for copyright laws violation. Today, one year and half later, the "stolen" Hell.com is still freely available in www.0100101110101101.ORG.

Russian net.artist Olia Lalina, founder of the first web gallery Art.Teleportacia (selling works of early net.art), was the second blow. When someone asked "how can you sell a work of net.art if everyone can access it for free?", Lialina always claimed that the originality of a net.art work is guaranteed by its domain name, its URL. The owner of a work, according to the Russian artist, should have his own access to the server hosting the work. The fact that the work could be mirrored on other sites is irrelevant: it may well be of public domain, but only the owner has the right to access the original URL through a certificate sold by the curator. Needless to say, Art.Teleportacia was quickly sucked by the string known as 0100101110101101.ORG. The same site that was selling "original" domain art, in June 99 was doing it twice, with no great variation of prices...

September 1999 was the time of Jodi.org, the ASCII Art web site built by Joan Heemskerk and Dirk Paesmans. Since then, 0 and 1 used to randomise their downloads, uploading in their web site weird hybrids of their victims. The Jodi web site, instead, was just cloned as it was. Downloaded and uploaded with no variation at all.

At this point, the international press (The New York Times, Le Monde, Telepolis, etc.) realised that, in the friendly world of net.art, there was a site dedicated to systematic plagiarism. This raised a wave of panic about the risk that being endlessly reproductible the new art form could not be “commercialized”. To these worries, 01 answers that browsing is already a form of appropriation. Since all the web sites we navigate are automatically stored in the cache directory of our browser, 01 believes that it is necessary to look for alternative forms of valorization, not based on scarcity but on over-abundance, as the “attention economy” require. If replication augment the “aura” of an artwork instead of diminishing it, to be cloned by 01.org it's another possibility to increase its visibility.

On Christmas Day, 1999, the Los Angeles-based site www.plagiarist.org acted in 01-style and duplicated 0100101110101101.ORG. Shortly after, 01 responded by linking plagiarist.org in the opening page of 01.ORG, conceptually cloning a clone of their own clones.

The Year 2000 opened with two retroactive pranks. For a whole year, the domain name www. vaticano.org hosted a seemingly official web site of the Holy See, similar to the www.vatican.va (official Vatican domain name) but with slightly modified contents: heretical texts, songs of crap teeny-bopper bands, and stuff. For 12 months, thousands of people had visited the web site without realising the prank. At the expiring of the first year of contract, Network Solutions prevented the renewing of it and sold the domain name. Needless to say, Vaticano.org is still online in 0100101110101101.ORG.

In February 2000, Propaganda (the official 01 e-mail newsletter) announced to the world "The Great Art Swindle": the invention of life, works and death of the Serbian artist Darko Maver by 01.0RG. A pure act of mythopoiesis, in 1999 the "Darko Maver Affair" took by storm the Italian art world, with

several exhibitions, articles and debates about this maudit artist (whose supposed works were - actually - trash pictures from web sites like rotten.com)…

Life Sharing and Vopos:

“life_sharing" (an anagram of "file sharing", i.e. exchanging "music" files via the Internet) allows access via the WorldWideWeb to the computer of the two artists. This computer has not only their entire software and other digital material on it, but also all of the artists' e-mails. Visitors can read 0100101110101101.ORG's complete e-mail correspondence since 1999. Afterwards they are familiar with the artists' exact web address, their (secret) real names, their postal address, account number, earnings, exhibition plans or invitations to lectures. One can learn about their private contacts with friends, gossip from the media art scene and other things not normally for the public. In 2002, in a continuation of this project entitled "VOPOS", one could check daily on a website where the artists were at any moment, since their cell phones transmitted their respective positions several times a day to the Internet, where the locations of the two 0100101110101101.ORG members were displayed on a map”. [Tillman Baumgartel]

Not.art?

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# Chapter 4

# Software as culture

You expect that 'Save' will save and not erase. This feeling that you understand and control what the software is doing in the machine can only be based on trust in the programmer. (Statement of Transmediale Jury, 2001)

Software can never just be a tool; it is always culturally and politically positioned, and part of this positioning is the invisibility of the software's construction. We follow our menu items like we follow our maps moving from place to place transfixed by the representation we see before us, while seeing nothing of the social geographies from which they were derived and on which they act. We ignore the built-in cultural and political bias - the implicit totalitarianism of prescribed menu options. Instead we are transfixed by the outcome of our interaction with applications. We forget the program in order to get on with the task. (Graham Harwood)

When, in 1984, Apple launched Macintosh, the first computer desktop with a graphical user interface (Gui), the world of informatics made an unprecedented jump. Until then, to control a personal computer it was necessary to learn a set of instructions condensed in the so called command line interface. The operations made by the machine were readable, but the learning curve was steep and limited to few professionals.

The introduction of the mouse and of the bitmapping system, developed in the Sixties at Xerox Parc, made this knowledge suddenly irrelevant. Datas were now disposed on a bidimensional grid of pixels, and to each of them was assigned a space in the computer memory. In other terms, single datas were given a virtual location  the image on the screen  which was mirroring their real position on the phisical memory of the machine.

The invention of dataspace and of the Wimp system allows the user to manipulate directly objects and directories arranged in the tree structure. But the principle of direct manipulation implies a strange paradox. The Gui was created to allow the user to navigate the surface without seeing and having to deal with the underlying operations made by the machine. Rendering everything more functional, the Gui hides. As compared to the command line, the Gui is both more opaque and more transparent: it is more opaque because it proposes a closed  system; it is more transparent because by simplifying the use, it tends to disappear. In one word, it tends to become “natural”.

To be implemented on a large scale the Gui has to rely on very common metaphors. The designers of Xerox Parc found in the office environment a series of elements (desktop, folders, files and the trash bin) that could be easily turned into icons and absolve a precise and coherent function within the Gui. [Follows a critique of the Gui principles of coherency and of direct manipulation, see Gentner and Nielsen, The Anti-Mac Interface].

Neverthless, beyond its limitations, the Gui becomes soon a user-friendly convention. But who is this end user? Is it possible that millions of people with different cultural backgrounds and expectations

can be reduced to the abstract projection of an “average” user? [...]

By showing the redundancy of the conventions adopted by the most diffused proprietary interfaces, software artists critique the ideology implicit in the rush to the killer application. Futhermore, they create their own programs that pose precise questions on the cultural and social effects of certain tools.

Software art

Featured projects:

· Auto-Illustrator by Adrian Ward: a version of Illustrator that is a critique of the opacity of the Gui and of the trust relationship established between designers and users.

· Composition N.1 1961 by La Monte Young (Fluxus): “Draw a straight line and follow it”. A formal instruction enough clear to be executed both by a human being or a machine. Florian Cramer considers this piece of concept art a forunner of contemporary software art.

· Screen Saver by Eldar Kharlev e Ivan Khimin: a set of instructions to configure or misconfigure a banal “3D Text” Windows screensaver. The result is a moving black square. The instructions are the program itself, a program that allows the “victory of the user on the programmer”.

When the virus becomes epidemic

As a machinic interference, the “virus contains a machine control syntax, a code that interfere with the (coded) system to which is sent”. Many programmers play with the ambiguities and overlapping between natural language and machine language. For the e-mail viruses this ambiguity can be played out as a hoax but also at an artistic level. For example

· The Sulbfnk.exe hoax (2001) was urgently inviting users to erase immediately a file from their hard disk (sulbfnk.exe) that indeed was only an ordinary Windows system file. Thus, while they are convinced to make a rational and preemptive gesture, people all over the world obey irrationally to a command becoming viruses of their own system.

· SendMail DownJones by epidemiC is a software that alters the way a webmail application like SendMail works. DownJones make slip into the body of an e-mail a phrase picked up randomly from a list of sentences. The project reverses the common sense of what an e-mail virus actually is (a machine language executed via natural language).

· Biennale.py by epidemiC and 0100101110101101.org brings a printed version of the source code of a virus into the Venice Biennale.

· Modified videogames: Retroyou and Jodi.

· Oss/**** by Jodi is a superficial infection of the graphical user interface.

Making and unmaking navigation interfaces

Since 1997, net.artists try and challenge commercial browsers creating alternative tools that show different ways of perceiving and living the Net. Amongst them:

· Web Stalker by I/O/D: a “structural” browser that organizes in a graphical map the links between the web pages. The first browser to open an aesthetic reflection on what Html is and how it looks like depending on the tool we use to interpret and represent it.

· Web Tracer by Tom Betts; a 3D evolution of the Web Stalker

· Netomat by Maciej Wisniewski; the lay out disappears letting images, texts and objects free to flow across the screen.

· Shredder by Mark Napier; a browser that modifies the functioning of Netscape and Explore superimposing in a random collage html source code and the surface of the same page.

· Riot by Mark Napier; an evolution of Shredder, Riot is the first multi-user browser. It mixes up to three Urls selected simultaneously by different users connected to Napier's website.

· Wrongbrowser by Jodi; a set of 4 browsers that can execute only a very limited set of domain names and are apparently incontrollable by the user

Netscape Art

“Netscape art” is art that plays formally with the Internet landscape and tries to put it in relationship to the art tradition based on representation. Not accidentally, these sort of projects are usually sponsored by big art institutions, that need to show artifacts to their audience more than networking practices. The tendency to represent the web page as a sort of dynamic abstract painting is common to various projects such as:

· Feed by Mark Napier

· Rsg Carnivore; a collaborative project divided with a central server that outputs a datastream coming from the Rhizome's Local Area Network and various plug-ins developed by different software artists.

· Police State and Crank the Web by Jonah Brucker Cohen

Netscape art features are also often overlapped with a “teleactive” element, based on the possibility for users to manipulate remotely objects through signs (Manovich). Projects like Telegarden by Ken Goldberg or Vectorial Elevation by Raphael Lozano-Hemmer are part of a tradition started in the late Seventies with the first telerobotics experiments.

I show you mine, you'll show me yours

Projects like Carnivore reverse engineer surveillance technologies to disclose a reflection about the obession of our society for collecting information about people. Blown by the explosion of file sharing, there are other projects that turn this obsession into a sort of cyber-exhibitionism or “data nudism”. Amongst them:

· Life Sharing by 0100101110101101.ORG

· DeskSwap by Mark Daggett; a p2p screen saver that allows a user to receive via Internet screen captures of other's people desktop and to send them h/er own.

· Desktop is by Alexei Shulgin; a forerunner of Deskswap but organized as an online exihibition of desktops.

· Tracenoizer by Lan; working as an automatic assembler from search engines, Tracenoizer is a generator of fake personal web sites recombined from the databody of an individual dispersed on the Internet.

The culturally positioned software

Mongrel Project and I/O/D. This paragraph recaps the work of two London-based groups who have developed the definition “software as culture” and have tried to de-neutralize interface design putting it in relation to specific cultural demands. A vast project entitled National Heritage has been articulated in multiple strands:

· A cd-rom based on 8 human non-existing prototypes, built from the 100 different faces.

· Natural Selection; a search engine built around a series of specific web sites that treats paradoxically “racial” issues and mix them up with the apparently objective ranks compiled by ordinary search engines.

· Heritage Gold; a “racialized” version of Photoshop that changes the abstract menu and functions of the software with culturally positioned ones.

· Linker; a mapping software for community story-telling based on the same engine underlying the cd-rom National Heritage.

Matthew Fuller, co-founder of I/O/D, writes:

Lev Manovich, in his useful essay on the 'Database as a Symbolic Form'3, suggests that what is often found in actual usage of databases is that what has been assembled is, "A collection, not a story". In Linker, forcing a limited number, but no more, of image cells to be filled before the thing can be used encourages a certain amount of syntagmatic relations between data elements in the constellation of many which the database is composed of. As Manovich suggests, this can be like putting together a sentence in a natural language. It also suggests what he calls the conflict between database and narrative, between more or less open arrays of elements, paths and strata and the timelapsed results of particular routes through them congealed as a story.

In chapter six we will see how this “syntagmatic relations” will facilitate the interconnection of diverse projects and inspirations to produce a collective narration, open to game and reinvention.

# Chapter 5

# The performative matrix

## Inverting technology

In this introductory paragraph the authors trace an historic excursus from Jarry's pataphysics to Duchamp's concept of “variable measure” to touch Bataille (The Psychological Structure of Fascism), Piero Manzoni's Infinite Line and the “politics of incommensurable” theorized by Lyotard in the Seventies. In 1987, the Critical Art Ensemble's postal catalogue Useless Technology. Technology so pure that its only function is to exist, proposes a campionary of sophisticated, yet useless, devices exalted as the top of the “engineering of desire”. In the same period, cyberpunk literature disconnects technological imaginary from the scientific domain and opens it up to other forms of intervention. If science never belonged to itself entirely (Sterling), activists, researchers and pranksters collaborate to hijack it into other fields. Such is the case of US based collectives, like the Institute of Applied Autonomy and the Bureau of Inverse Technology. The first one has realized several projects such as Contestational Robotics, Little Brother and Graffiti Writer that aim to “extend the autonomy of political activists” in public spaces, equipping them with surprising prosthetics.

The Bureau of Inverse Technology - a project by former Xerox Parc researcher Natalie Jeremijenko and UK artist Kate Rich is “an information agency servicing the information age” that provides “products, informations, packaging, marketing and tecno-commentaries”. As compared to the useless technology critique, Bit shifts the focus from tecno-feticism to the connection between IT and information science. The Suicide Box project was a vertical motion capture sensitive device placed under the Golden Gate Brige of San Francisco for 100 days. It registered the suicides and ordered them by number, time, frequency and presented them to the public in a statistic, cold manner. By delivering information presesented as “standard authoritative data”, the Bureau was covering a phenomenon obscured from the public sphere, providing a critique of what can be told and how it is told. Bit operates on the notion that “information politics is embedded in the application of technologies that generate information. An institution that collects informations demonstrate precisely this that no one else is collecting them (this is what i mean by power in the most banal sense)”.

Other Bit projects: Despondency Index, Bit Plane, Stump, and Bitsperm Bank.

The Venus Matrix

Story of Vns Matrix collective (1991-1997) and the invention of the term “cyberfeminism” by Sadie Plant. Some basic outlines of first wave of cyberfeminism are given.

Featured Vns projects: All New Gen, a blueprint of a role game populated by weird and ironic characters like Big Daddy Mainframe, the DNA Sluts and Circuit Boy; The XXI Century Cyberfeminist Manifesto, a giant advertising billboard who travelled around; Beverly Hills 90210 a performance in the Lambda Moo played simultaneously by multiple characters which resembled the notorious Tv stars; CorpusFantasticaMoo, the “vaporware” of another videogame; Bad Code, the prototype of a real 3d videogame.

After the Vns Matrix collapse, Francesca da Rimini, one of the four members of the group, continued to work by herself on various projects which involved identity play and various personae. These experiences get recollected into various projects like DollSpace, Los Dias Y Las Noches de Los Muertos, Identity Runners (in collaboration with Diane Ludin and Agnese Trocchi).

The Market of the Fakes

In the book The Electronic Disturbance, Critical Art Ensemble offers an interesting reinterpretation of Antonin Artaud's concept of the “Body without Organs”. In this text, Cae formulates the idea of a new performative matrix, basing it on the recombination of two models: electronic theater and street performance. According to Cae, the latter has the advantage of being very direct and participative but the limit of being able to deliver only very simple messages. On the other hand, the electronic performance allows the actor to organize more informations and to present them in a quite attractive way.

In this paragraph the authors analyze the work of two groups: the first, The Surveillance Camera

Players, use very traditional technqiques of street theater and very simple tools (masks and stencils) to address surveillance cameras in New York City. In their case the electronic eye and the operator who is supposed to monitor it - is given as the Other, the Watcher, and the all performance is played in function of a mute camera (being therefore mute in itself) . The second group, Fakeshop, makes a use of electronic devices to explore intimate spaces (with CU_See_Me) and recombining them with the remake of some movie scenes sampled from Fifties science fiction movies.

# Chapter six

# Sabotage and Simulational Strategies

## The Electronic Civil Disobedience

Getting inspiration from Cae's reflection about the crisis of traditional forms of activism, former Cae's member Ricardo Dominguez tries to shape the practice of Electronic Civil Disobedience (Ecd). Shaped in a book published in 1997, Ecd updates some of Gandhi's and Thoreau's ideas and practices. Instead of organizing a mass of bodies to block access to a building, ecd aims to move a mass of decentered electronic impulses on the doors of a Web server. If streets have becomed “dead capital”, as Cae argues, the power has to be followed and fought inside the electronic networks.

The first netstrike, consisting in the simultaneous manual reload of the web site of the French government during the Mururoa nuclear tests, is organized in December 1995 by the Italian group Strano Network. Two years later, Ricardo Dominguez organizes the first netstrike against the Mexican government and in 1998 founds - together with Brett Stalbaum, Stephen Wray and Carmin Karasic - the Electronic Disturbance Theater (Edt). Creating the FloodNet, a java applet that reloads automatically a chosen Web page, the Edt organizes a series of netstrikes involving thousands of people all over the world. For its capacity of providing a shared grid of time - a synchronization amongst the netstrikers - the main function of the software is merely syntactic. Its capacity of connecting different discourses is exemplified by the interface. The Floodnet has a simple design, and the bottom part is divided into three frames that refresh continuously; one of the functions is to send to requests to the target server, like "Is democracy.html on this server?". The server, e.g. the Mexican

President one, would answer: "Democracy.html is not found on this server". In this way, a tipical net.art conceptual gesture like the 404 (see chapter 2) gets tactically reused into a different context. In this sense, the netstrike can be considered as a lexicon or a syntagma that intersects the language and attitude of different communities: the “formal” intuitions of net.art, the ethical issues brought up by activism and the hackers' ability of forging tools proper.

The netstrike has also, or mainly, a symbolic function. As Ricardo Dominguez puts it, it's the function of shifting the public attention from the “words for war” to the “words as war”. In other terms, the performative matrix created by the Floodnet - with the electronic rebels, the cyberpolice, the media and so on - is not aimed to disrupt physically the functioning of the technological infrastructure but to create a “disturbance” or a breach in the collective imaginary, that would allow people to see something else (“it's a war of ghosts”).

In the beginning, the ambivalence of this tactic doesn't persuade all the actors and the FloodNet receive critiques by both traditional activist circles and hacker communities. The latter don't consider the FloodNet a “digitally correct” tool, because it consumes a lot of bandwith and is potentially dangerous for the Internet infrastracture (this conflict becomes manifest in 1998, during the the Ars Electronica Festival dedicated to Infowar). The former don't believe that street actions can be replaced by the simple clicking on a browser button. To this criticism, Edt answers organizing a series of netstrikes simultaneously and in conjunction with street protests, in order to allow the participation of people from abroad and to expand the world resonance of events that otherwise would have remained local.

In the following years, other groups like the Electrohippies and the Federation of Random Action will develop, technically and aesthetically, the FloodNet basic features. Most of the actions will happen in conjunction with massive anti-globalization rallies in Seattle, Prague and Quebec City.

The web site clonation

The faking of a Web site is a diffused form of appropriation, alternative to defacement. Whilst the latter involves legal risks and is visible for a very limited amount of time, the cloning and modification of an “official” Web site allows the authors to play the game in a more articulated manner.

The story of Rachel Baker's Clubcard project is a case in point. In 1997, London based artist Rachel Baker  member of an “artivist” network called Irational  created a fake Tesco Web site through which users could get a Clubcard and accumulate points. While the original Tesco's card was invented to give customers the illusion of saving money (indeed to profile them and to perfect marketing strategies), Clubcard was aimed to create a real club made by people and not only by the individual relationship between the consumer and the brand.

In any case, Tesco lawyers' threatened to sue the artist, which rapidly passed to the competitor, Sainsbury.

The viral corporation

If Clubcard didn't make the hole in the media, the opportunities of building alternative narrations out of spoof Web sites and parodies have been maximized by Registered Trade Mark - a pseudo-corporation founded by a cell of pranksters originally based in California. A viral agent nested in the belly of the beast, ®TMark has targeted official Web sites of conservative politicians like George W. Bush and Rudy Giuliani, and symbols of neo-liberalism like the WTO. At a first sight, these Web sites look identical to the originals, and are registered under domain names which are very similar to the official ones. Therefore, those who reach them from search engines or by accident can be easily fooled.

In 2000, the homepage of gwbush.com donated to ®TMark by a person that had tried in vain to sell it to the committee for the election of the Republican candidate looked identical to the original. Nevertheless, some of the soundbites, such as “education”, “value”, “responsibility” and “prosperity” were substituted with corresponding adjectives (educative, valuable, responsible, prosperous), that made the future president appear more arrogant and self-celebrative than ever. The Web site also presented a paradoxical program and slogans such as “Bush is a market driven system”. The target was hit. Infuriated by the spoof Web site, Bush released embarrassing statements to national press and media such as “They are garbage men” (referred to the authors of the spoof), and “there ought to be limits to freedom”.

The Web site of Rudy Giuliani (yesrudy.com instead of rudyes.com) maintained the same graphics and even the same contents of the original. The twist was hidden in the links of the homepage. Instead of sending the user to inner areas of the Web site, the links pointed to racist and xenophobic Web sites, highly embarrassing for a politician like Giuliani.

The World Trade Organization was tricked just few days before the beginning of the Seattle round with the gatt.org spoof. In reaction, the WTO issued a warning on their site warning the public about a fake and misleading web site "purporting to be the official web site of the World Trade Organisation". Of course the warning was quickly adopted in the gatt.org site, now claiming the WTO site to be illegitimate. The registering of an heavy domain name such as gatt.org, would have given to ®TMark further opportunities, that will be exploited in a spectacular way, as we will see in a while.

But let's analyze better the way in which this mysterious corporation works. The declared goal of ®TMark is to force the corporations to have “a sense of social responsibility”, sponsoring actions of creative sabotage against them. From rtmark.com:

®TMark is essentially a matchmaker and bank, helping groups or individuals fund sabotage projects. Money provided by donors is held by ®TMark until project completion, and goes to the saboteur at that time; he or she can use it to find a new job or career, pay for lawyers, fund a vocation or a vacation, etc. Should the project not be completed, the funds are returned to the donor. The four keys to each ®TMark project are the worker, the sponsor, the product, and the idea. ®TMark's entire purpose is to unite these four keys into projects. Until recently, the core of the ®TMark system was a database located on an anonymous Internet server and accessed by users in double-blind anonymity.

Once the four blanks in a database record were filled--worker, sponsor, product, idea--a project was launched. The order in which the blanks were filled was not important.

Every day the “corporation” collects information from a broad network of designers, journalists, programmers, activists, artists and net.culture operators. When the opportunity knocks, it declares to be the funder of a sabotage. The fact that the hack has really happened with the described features is almost irrelevant. What is relevant is the ability to select an interesting (and usually very funny) story in a short time. Usually journalists compare different sources, but are unable to verify directly who are the real actors and what their role actually his. In this “desert of the real” ®TMark plays its game with intelligence, manipulating the information fluxes and calculating the times of the different reactions. To any move of the adversary, ®TMark responds with a counter-move of “tactical embarrassment” that raises media attention.

The 4 keys of the database are like narrative functions, that ®TMark weaves keeping in consideration possible variations and modular endings. On the Internet the growth of public attention usually plays in disadvantage of strong players and in favour of small but well connected players.

Other featured ®TMark projects: Barbie Liberation Organization, Sim Copter, Secret Writer's Society, Deconstructing Beck.

Above everybody

During the elections of 2000, George W. Bush had some troubles with his (presumed) Web site. Nevertheless, in the same period the Usa presidential elections were disturbed by another event: the launch, in March 200, of **Vote Auction**, an online platform for the auction of votes to the highest bidder (the three candidates were George W. Bush, Al Gore and Ralph Nader). The underlying philosophy of **Vote Auction** was combining the most sophisticated techniques of communication-guerrilla with a bliss of marketing. The starting point was simple. The electoral campaigns are so expensive only because these consultants spend the campaign contributors' money on advertising while taking a 10-15% cut for themselves. The political consultants are paid based on their ability to "deliver" voters to the candidates. This effectively treats the voters as a product to be sold to the candidates (and/or their campaign contributors.) This is similar to the way television (and other media outlets) operate. In television, the end product is the viewer whose attention is sold to television's customer, the advertiser.

Bringing this argument to its logical consequences, **Vote Auction** was bypassing the expensive and inefficient electoral machine to put directly in touch the demand with the offer. The target group was the 50% of the voting age population “that stays home on the election day”, but that could vote having the possibility of “participating in the democratic process and expanding economy”. The value of the single vote changes daily on the basis of the number of voters that decide to put it on the market and of their percentual incidence on the total of the votes in a single State. The candidate who made the highest bidder on the day of closure, will get the entire stock of votes auctioned in a given State.

The second part of the paragraph tell the story of the reaction of the Federal and local Us authorities. Their repeated attempts to shut the site down and the counter-moves by Hans Bernhard and Lizvlx - two Austrian artists, founders of Ubermorgen.com to reopen it. Beside the immense popularity of **Vote Auction**, covered by thousands of media all over the world, one of the spin-offs of the project will be the Injunction Generator, a platform that automatically sends out court injunctions to Internet Service Providers to shut down a given Web site, with reasons made up by users who fill out a simple Web form.

Another featured project is Nazi-Line, a Web and theater performance coproduced by the Austrian director Cristoph Schlingensief and Ubermorgen, to recuperate neo-nazis that want to quit the nazi scene. The project, conceived with the usual mechanism of over-identification, involved the Bmdi (Austrian Ministry of Internal Affairs) and other corporate sponsors, caught up in the sophisticated media stunt built up by Ubermorgen.

The man with the golden phallus

As we saw before, ®TMark managed a Web site, called gatt.org, whose lay-out and contents were very similar to the official WTO Web site. This resemblance mislead many users, in particular those who reached the spoof site from search engines or other links, taking it for the official one. In more than one circumstance, the visitors posed questions to the managers of the Web site, thinking to talk directly to some WTO employee. In other cases, they went further and invited via e-mail the General Director (by that time, Mike Moore) to take part to conferences and events all over the world. At this point, ®TMark donated gatt.org to a group of friends, called The Yes Men, who wanted to push the game further.

Thus, any time The Yes Men received an invitation, they answered with an enthusiastic “Yes!” and went to speak on behalf of Mike Moore. In this way, in four differenent occasions (Salzburg, Tampere, Plattsburgh and Sydney) a pretented WTO spokesman lectured audiences of lawyers, researchers, business students and accountants who had no idea that the speaker was a fake. The Power Point presentations orchestrated by The Yes Men were formally respecting the marketing lingo, but introduced some surreal elements - like the Management Leisure Suit, a golden suit equipped with a three-foot phallus - that showed the violence of neo-liberalism all over the world. The most incredible thing was the passive or even positive answer of the audiences, which produced a critical reflection on flexible personalities (Brian Holmes) and on the symbolic power of organizations like the WTO.

www.theyesmen.org

The Toywar

The chapter on activism ends with a detailed reconstruction of the Toywar, a project that saw the Austrian group Etoy (see chapter 3), fighting against a corporate giant of the New Economy, the online toy reseller Etoys. This battle over a domain name (Etoys wanted to control etoy.com and sued the artist group) became a symbol of the battle for the “freedom of the Internet”, against its commercialization and appropriation by corporate interests. It was the occasion in which hacker

activist and artist communities entered a real dialogue and collaboration. Working together on on line actions, the development of specific tools, and the invention of metaphors able to hit the mediascape and the public imaginary, net.artists and activists won the Toywar, forcing the corporation to step back.

# Chapter Seven

# Politics of connection

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- Chinese (Traditional)
- Croatian
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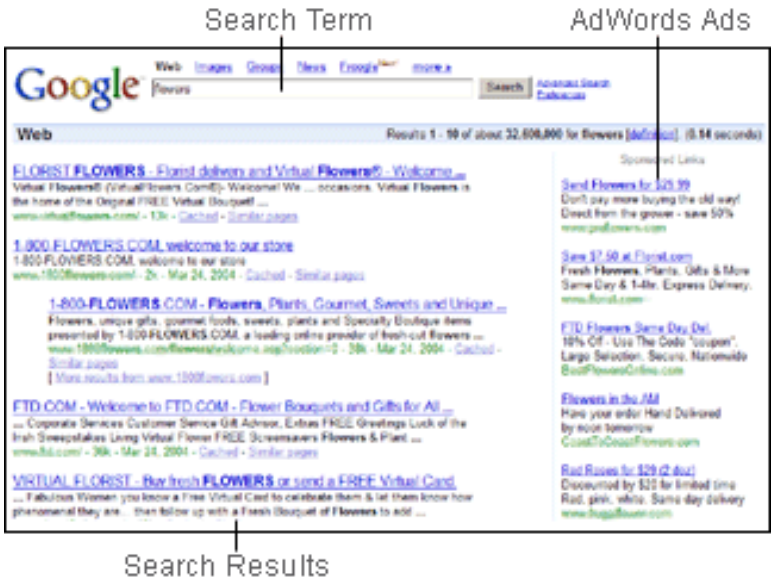


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