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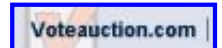
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... Among the Web sites facilitating online vote buying is www.voteauction.com, which has the stated goal of "bringing capitalism and democracy closer together ...

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... Then there was that whole **VoteAuction** scandal during the 2000 election. The original site is down, but the Waybackmachine comes ...

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... A second site, **Voteauction.com**, promised to collect votes by absentee ballot, verify and then mail them to the appropriate locations. ...

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... routinely vote) solemnly charged that the website "impugned the integrity of our electoral system." By the end of the day, the site, **voteauction.com**, was shut ...

[alt.society.conservatism](#) - Nov 4 2000, 3:48 pm by Dana - 1 message - 1 author

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... If it would't be too much effort, I could go downstairs and dig through the **voteauction** lawsuits. But i'm sure, I've read this phrase at least 10 times. ...

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... This is probably the only time I'll ever say this, but you're right, Fred :-)) The whole premise looks like a half-baked imitation of **voteauction.com**. ...

[rec.backcountry](#) - Oct 29 2000, 11:54 am by aps - 8 messages - 7 authors

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[soc.culture.cuba](#) - Oct 27 2000, 12:10 pm by ricardo a gonzalez - 1 message - 1 author

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... answer, not much). Darn, I can't find that Austrian-run "**voteauction**" site now. Oh, here's why, It was shut down. See. [http://www ...](http://www...)

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... But tell me, someone please tell me, how the f*** do I do this? My vote is all but worthless, even more so now that they shut **voteauction.com** down. ...

[comp.sys.apple2](#) - Aug 26 2000, 3:13 pm by **** * - 199 messages - 31 authors

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[alt.politics.bush](#) - Oct 23 2000, 11:32 am by johnz~ - 2 messages - 2 authors

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... of Elections Commissioners, sensitive about Chicago's reputation as a city where the dead vote, filed suit earlier this week against [Voteauction.com](#), which ...
[alt.religion.w-w-church-god](#) - Oct 18 2000, 7:35 pm by Janice Matchett - 1 message - 1 author

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[www.voteauction.com](#) Anyway, is this a travesty? ... If anyone wants to argue a property interest in the franchise, I'll listen, but [VoteAuction](#) ain't doing that. ...
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... Hans Bernhard said his holding company would operate [voteauction.com](#) outside the United States to circumvent federal and state laws that forbid purchasing and ...
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... But that said, for those who enjoy a bit of political satire, it might be worth checking out [Voteauction.com](#). Describing itself ...
[cmu.cs.general](#) - Aug 21 2000, 5:40 am by Missy Harvey - 1 message - 1 author

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... I remember the 2000 election, where there was a website called [voteauction.org](#) (there may have been a hphen in there somewhere), where people could put their ...
[alt.history.future](#) - Feb 4, 7:55 pm by Mike T. - 11 messages - 7 authors

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... There was a slightly different vote selling scheme on **voteauction.com**, but I think it has been shut down (at least it doesn't work show up in my browser anymore ...

[alt.anarchism](#) - Mar 14 2003, 12:39 pm by Constantinople - 43 messages - 19 authors

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... Zu Votetrader ein Artikel bei Telepolis: <http://www.heise.de/tp/deutsch/html/result.xhtml?url=/tp/deutsch/special/auf/8969/1.html&words=Voteauction> Hier ging ...

[de.soc.recht.misc](#) - Aug 20 2002, 6:49 am by Dirk Schumacher - 22 messages - 14 authors

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[alt.fan.rawilson](#) - Nov 7 2000, 2:12 am by justzisguyyouk...@my-deja.com - 1 message - 1 author

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... Following this post I will be testing the two separate URLs to see which is the culprit. Stay tuned. ==== 1. **VoteAuction** - "Bringing Democracy ...

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[THIS went through, so it must be that other site...](#)

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... Me: Um.. yeah. Imagine that.. a lawyer with a clue about tech things. She said she was fighting a losing battle for the office not to sue **voteauction**. ...

[alt.cosuard](#) - Nov 6 2000, 6:44 pm by Matthew Saylor - 5 messages - 4 authors

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... sluchac. Jest to odpowiedz na zamkniecie poprzez nakaz sedziowski na wniosek komisji wyborczej w Chicago serwera <http://Voteauction.com>

[pl.soc.polityka](#) - Nov 3 2000, 8:01 pm by patient - 1 message - 1 author

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Read the latest on **VoteAuction.com** by Mark Anderson of Wired. <http://www.wired.com/news/print/0,1294,39770,00.html> Deborah M Phillips ...

[alt.thebird](#) - Nov 1 2000, 4:20 pm by votingp...@aol.com - 1 message - 1 author

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... data/jk-23.10.00-008/ - Vermeintlicher Hack auf microsoft.com ein Scherz <http://www.ix.de/newsticker/data/hes-23.10.00-000/> - Anstatt **Voteauction.com** gibt ...

[japan.internet.domain](#) - Oct 31 2000, 10:41 am by Oleg - 1 message - 1 author

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Well, you're a bit of a plonker, aren't you? No address to find this wonderful article. Try [www.voteauction.com](#). The rationale is solid (for the US). ...

[nz.politics](#) - Nov 1 2000, 2:28 pm by Stuart Hawkins - 64 messages - 16 authors

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... examined. <... Yeah, the guys who started it (**VoteAuction.com**) up did it as a lark, IIRC, but were chased offshore by the Federales. ...

[wash.politics](#) - Oct 26 2000, 7:08 pm by Clave - 7 messages - 4 authors

[demand the immediate resignation of the mayor and police chief](#)

... Series Of Fall Successes *Cool Places: Red-Light Districts *Agencies tracking Web users despite restrictions *Broadband Could be Hackland ***Voteauction** Booth is ...

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... Hey, if you think that taking snide pot-shots at me to discourage people like me from voting is a good idea, you should head over to [voteauction.com](#). ...

[talk.politics.drugs](#) - Oct 23 2000, 6:37 am by Logical Pike - 337 messages - 43 authors

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... And in what way is being a "citizen" any guarantee of "democratic" rights?

[http://www.voteauction.com](#) Is this the product of a healthy democracy? ...

[alt.cyberpunk](#) - Oct 22 2000, 12:50 pm by spm1...@my-deja.com - 25 messages - 6 authors

[How much do I hear for 10,000 votes?](#)

His announcement prompted the Austrian owners of the site, [http://www.voteauction.com](#), to promise they would never reveal the identity of either their bidders ...

[alt.tv.star-trek.voyager](#) - Oct 18 2000, 9:13 am by Laura - 2 messages - 2 authors

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Hopefully y'all've heard of [http://www.Voteauction.com](#) It's kind of interesting.

The fun part comes in at a page they promote a form letter to candidates. ...

[or.politics](#) - Oct 18 2000, 11:43 am by bob johnson - 1 message - 1 author

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[alt.2600](#) - Oct 10 2000, 11:15 am by ~The Seventh Sign~ - 1 message - 1 author

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[http://voteauction.com/](#) -- {exile} {[http://www.freespeech.org/apophysis/](#)} A site that more-or-less comes out and asks you to sell your vote to foreign ...

[alt.gothic](#) - Oct 5 2000, 5:40 pm by Jhaerak Entrahvian - 4 messages - 2 authors

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... most people have decided in advance on electoral matters). An American site -- [http://www.voteauction.com](#) -- has the right idea. ...

[ott.general](#) - Oct 5 2000, 11:58 am by Michael T. Richter - 1 message - 1 author

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[uk.local.southwest](#) - Sep 7 2000, 5:05 am by Guy Fawkes - 3 messages - 3 authors

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... just the way the politicians do. Maybe this is the way to get back at those bastards in Washington. <http://www.voteauction.com/>
[alt.computer.consultants](#) - Sep 3 2000, 12:19 pm by Dio - 1 message - 1 author

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Hans Bernhard said his holding company would operate **voteauction.com** outside the United States to circumvent federal and state laws that forbid purchasing and ...
[alt.america](#) - Aug 28 2000, 9:10 am by nhoop - 1 message - 1 author

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<http://www.rpi.edu/~baumgj/voteauction/> christa wessel <>
mailto:r...@duke.edu <> <http://www.duke.edu/~rist>
[alt.music.chapel-hill](#) - Aug 18 2000, 5:37 am by christa - 67 messages - 21 authors

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... What hypocrit"] **Voteauction.com**, the site taking bids by state, promises to collect votes by absentee ballot, [a process known to be used by the Democrats ...
[alt.politics.reform](#) - Aug 19 2000, 8:59 am by Robert Hewett - 1 message - 1 author

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Down on uk.misc street, the vibe from Andy Dingley is: The problem with the US constitution ...is probably this: <http://www.voteauction.com> Yes, there's ...
[uk.media.radio.bbc-r4](#) - Aug 19 2000, 9:02 pm by simon gray - 139 messages - 45 authors

[Vote of One US Citizen - NO RESERVE!](#)

... chicago.il.ameritech.net>: <http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=410721373> Cut out the middleman: <http://www.voteauction.com> -- Perfectly ...
[alt.comedy.standup](#) - Aug 17 2000, 9:43 am by Cos McCowboy - 2 messages - 2 authors

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[alt.politics.greens](#) - Nov 13 2000, 12:00 pm by Mark Dillon - 1 message - 1 author

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[alt.fan.rush-limbaugh](#) - Nov 7 2000, 10:30 pm by American_Liberty

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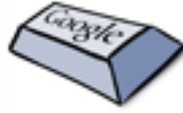


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August 31, 2004

Die ersten Tage

Bevor es nun in einer Stunde mit den ersten Kursen los geht, gibt's eine kurze Rekapitulation der ersten Tage. Mit einer Stunde Verspätung in Wien hab ich's in Paris in 15 Minuten zum Gate geschafft (mein Gepäck auch). Nach der Ankunft gleich geduscht und dann mit ein paar "exchange students" in die Stadt. Sonntag waren dann einige von den "Neuen" auf Lamma Island. Naja, was bleibt ist die Erinnerung an ein recht gutes Essen. Am Nachmittag/Abend war ich dann Polster und Bettzeug in Mong Kok kaufen. (das hätte selbst bei 57 kg (und somit 32 kg Übergepäck keinen Platz gehabt)) Montag und Dienstag hatte ich mit administrativen Dingen zu tun und habe auch noch ganz wichtige Dinge (Digital Camera) gekauft. Das Zimmer ist ok. Der chin. Mitbewohner auch. Das Wetter ist extrem schwül. Der Campus ziemlich gross. Es dürften hier ca 7000 Menschen leben. (vielleicht auch mehr) Die Chinesen sind jung, klein, schüchtern und untereinander aber sehr sehr laut. Heute hab ich glaub ich alle Kurse die ich zu belegen habe. Gestern ganz schnell einen Kurs gewechselt (Ökonometire), der mich aber eigentlich interessiert hätte - Ergebnis: Freitag ist frei --> habe also ca immer 3 Tage Zeit Kurzausflüge nach Vietnam, Kambodscha oder so zu machen.

@stefan: hoffe du bist auch gut angekommen

Nach einigen Tagen mit "blogging light" werd' ich mich jetzt am Riemen reissen und öfter was schreiben. (das nehm' ich mir zumindest vor)

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Electronic Voting Machines and Voteauction.com

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August 12, 2004

SZIGET FESTIVAL 2004 RECAP



7 days of partying at the Obudai Island in Budapest are over. It has been my first time there and I have had a blast. Words can hardly describe the atmosphere of people from all around Europe gathering in one place enjoying themselves, listening to great music and enjoying an abundance of "minor arts" performances.

Have a look at the [official site](#).

[At the Hungarian site some pictures can be found as well](#).

Reports and pictures in French can be found [here](#).


Some personal comments by M. Lang from my favourite radio station are to be found [here](#). [10 reasons why you should have been there](#). (in German however)

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An ideal day at a festival? (write some comments)

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The first days

Before it goes loosely now in one hour with the first courses, gibt's a short Rekapitulation of the first days. With one hour delay in Vienna ich's in Paris in 15 minutes to the gate created (my luggage also). After the arrival equivalent showered and then also a few "exchange students" into the city. Sunday were then some from the "new ones" on Lamma Iceland. Naja, which is the memory of a quite good meal remains. In the afternoon/evening I was then pad and bed things in Mong Kok buy (that would even have with 57 kg (and thus 32 kg over luggage no place had)) Monday and Tuesday had I with administrative things to do and also still completely important things (digital Camera) bought. The room is ok. Chin. Co-inhabitant also. The weather is extremely stifling. The Campus rather largely. Here approx. 7000 humans (perhaps also more) might live the Chinese are young, small, shyly and among themselves however very very loud. Today have I believe I all courses which I to occupy has. Yesterday completely fast a course changed (Oekonometire), which would however eigentlich have interested me - result: Friday is free --> has thus approx. always 3 days time of short trips to Viet Nam to make Kambodscha in such a way or.

@stefan: hope you arrived also good

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August 31, 2004

Die ersten Tage

Bevor es nun in einer Stunde mit den ersten Kursen los geht, gibt's eine kurze Rekapitulation der ersten Tage. Mit einer Stunde Verspätung in Wien hab ich's in Paris in 15 Minuten zum Gate geschafft (mein Gepäck auch). Nach der Ankunft gleich geduscht und dann mit ein paar "exchange students" in die Stadt. Sonntag waren dann einige von den "Neuen" auf Lamma Island. Naja, was bleibt ist die Erinnerung an ein recht gutes Essen. Am Nachmittag/Abend war ich dann Polster und Bettzeug in Mong Kok kaufen. (das hätte selbst bei 57 kg (und somit 32 kg Übergepäck keinen Platz gehabt)) Montag und Dienstag hatte ich mit administrativen Dingen zu tun und habe auch noch ganz wichtige Dinge (Digital Camera) gekauft. Das Zimmer ist ok. Der chin. Mitbewohner auch. Das Wetter ist extrem schwül. Der Campus ziemlich gross. Es dürften hier ca 7000 Menschen leben. (vielleicht auch mehr) Die Chinesen sind jung, klein, schüchtern und untereinander aber sehr sehr laut. Heute hab ich glaub ich alle Kurse die ich zu belegen habe. Gestern ganz schnell einen Kurs gewechselt (Ökonometrie), der mich aber eigentlich interessiert hätte - Ergebnis: Freitag ist frei --> habe also ca immer 3 Tage Zeit Kurzausflüge nach Vietnam, Kambodscha oder so zu machen.

@stefan: hoffe du bist auch gut angekommen

Nach einigen Tagen mit "blogging light" werd' ich mich jetzt am Riemen reissen und öfter was

schreiben. (das nehm' ich mir zumindest vor)

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Departure

Roughly 10 hours left until my departure to Hongkong.

Vienna - Paris - Hongkong. It will take me approx. 2 hours from the airport to HKUST.

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Leistet Euren Beitrag! Mit 10 € das Leben einer Flüchtlingsfamilie für ein ganzes Monat finanzieren. "Über eine Million Menschen befinden sich im Sudan auf der Flucht. Die Vereinten Nationen bezeichnen die Situation in der Provinz Darfur als die zurzeit schlimmste humanitäre Krise weltweit. Hunderttausende sind durch die Regenzeit und den Hunger in den Flüchtlingslagern vom Tod bedroht. Beobachter sprechen von bisher 50.000 Mordopfern der marodierenden Dschandschawid-Milizen. Vergewaltigungen stünden auf der Tagesordnung, die offizielle Armee des Sudan sehe zu oder sei sogar beteiligt." (via [orf.at](#))

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Electronic Voting Machines and [Voteauction.com](#)

Quite recently I read something about the failures of electronic voting machines in use in the US 2004 elections. [Read about some events that occurred recently](#). In this context it is worthwhile to mention that "a democracy is a form of government in which ordinary citizens take part in governing, in contrast with a monarchy or oligarchy". "The word democracy originates from the Greek δημοκρατία from δημοσ meaning "the people", plus κρατειν meaning "to rule", and the suffix ία; the term therefore means Rule by the People". When I took lectures at the Institute of Cybernetics and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Vienna last year, in a guest lecture a "cyber-punk" or rather "cyber-artist" told us about his projects. Best of all was the presentation of his "**voteauction**.com" project. [Go there and check it out](#).

"[V]ote-auction.com is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. We provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free-market exchange."

" 50% of the voting age population routinely stays home on election day. Are they fed up with the system? Are they disappointed by the two major parties? Are they desensitized by the thousands of political ads they see on Television? [V]ote-auction.com will allow these voters to profit from their democratic capital. By offering their voting capital at auction, these traditionally non-voting citizens will be participating in the democratic process and the expanding economy." As you can read on the webpage, media coverage was intense. I just had to bring it up again, (it was great fun watching the CNN interview enhanced with his personal comments), because I think the project perfectly questions the two principles it seems to unite.

More on the artist, [here](#).

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August 17, 2004

Fahrenheit 9/11



Finally had time to see it. Pictures from Iraq were disturbing; scenes of mourning family were moving; soldiers combatting made me sick; so did the people who met at the conference ("exploring new-fields", or something); no comments on Bush, he is not worth it; nor is his "basis". Moore ends his "documentary" by quoting George Orwell "the war is waged by the ruling group against its own subjects . . . to keep the very structure of society intact". Well, definitely very biased and unbalanced. However maybe that is what the US need. November will show.

The system will not change.

[Michael Moore's website](#).

[The White House](#). Rather check out the sites of some leftist think tanks.

[The Carlyle Group](#), managing \$18.3 billion.

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August 12, 2004

SZIGET FESTIVAL 2004 RECAP



7 days of partying at the Obudai Island in Budapest are over. It has been my first time there and I have had a blast. Words can hardly describe the atmosphere of people from all around Europe gathering in one place enjoying themselves, listening to great music and enjoying an abundance of "minor arts" performances.

Have a look at the [official site](#).

[At the Hungarian site some pictures can be found as well.](#)

Reports and pictures in French can be found [here](#).

Some personal comments by M. Lang from my favourite radio station are to be found [here](#). [10 reasons why you should have been there](#). (in German however)

Sooner or later I will post the pictures my friends took at the festival.

An ideal day at a festival? (write some comments)

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During your time as an undergrad you were given a heavy dose of leftist and Marxist cultural and art one. You understand and believe in the premises of this philosophy, but have a hard time dealing with the practicality of it.

You understand and believe that all production involves the exploitation of labor, but there is no easy way out of this. There is no way outside of these systems exchange, save the already suspect "back to the land" yeoman farmer approach. Even one's own production involves the exploitation of one's own labor.

Personally you try to consume less, both as a political/economic stance (by consuming less, you have to sell your labor less,) and as an environmental stance (of fear of entropy.) Despite this approach, you realize that it doesn't solve the problems, it just to a certain degree moves you further from the center of the system. With all of these things you don't know if there is a viable way of change, when the system moves in the path of least resistance, and that path is constantly made easier. Despite this pessimism, you consistently vote in elections (registered as a Green Party voter.)

To a certain degree your work tries to address a this impasse. Even though you have problems with work that is just political, you try to make your work aware of these things, but not concerned with these things foremost.

You derive enormous pleasure from making things, and from the creative process. In part it wouldn't matter whether the product/process is a purely one, such as building a table, or purely frivolous and theoretical like this guide and the Exchange Program. Just the act of making and building provides you with the creative "art high" you art dependent on the.

You also love the mental play that happens in the process of making art and in the process of viewing art. You get pleasure thinking about art pieces and projects. It is one of the things that keeps you going. It is kind of like a mental puzzle for you to think about a work

alone, and its relationship to other elements and references.

Despite this impulse to make things and call them art, there are several factors but often make you think twice. You of problems with this incredibly romantic idea of the art object and artist as autonomous entities, even as you allow yourself to believe this thoroughly debunked notion. You constantly aware of the role of the art object as an elitist cultural tool, and as an economic tool. As a young artist you also concerned with the necessity of a professionalism that often vacates a work of its interest and pleasure.

You are also having problems with the conceptual/situationist edict that art must critique, or be social commentary (even as you do it yourself, even right now.) As you have arrived into an art historical institution that has thoroughly rewarded its proponents of institutional critique with gallery representation, grants and tenured positions. In a Foucaultian bent, you begin to think this system wants your protest as art, as it allows you (and your art ego) to be pacified so much easier. Though you say that, you are not sure that means you want to take your protest into the street, or that you want to turn your art toward a formalism.

There are several important influences on your beliefs and practice; 1970's performance art, feminist and queer theory, and Foucault's notion of discipline.

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Some of the things you don't like are,

Work that says it is going to do something real, but doesn't actually. Hypothetical projects that claim to be real. Vaporware.

Half-assed institutional critique. Situationist, or Marxist critique this primary goal is to end up

in the gallery, and not circumvent the gallery. (On occasion your work heads in this direction, which you don't like.)

Most current painting, especially the conservative reincarnations of past practices (especially minimalism) though often you like the original practice .

Aestheticization, and work that claims to not have a subject, or a purpose, when even claiming not to have a subject is a subject, and all work has a purpose even if only to build it that particular artists ego.

Your two primary interests in your practice right now, the Net as a virtual network which connects points in the physical world , and the status of the virtual/physical object in the art economy.

Right now you've been thinking a lot about the role of data visualization in current Net.Art practice, and its conservative relation to painting, and to the tools of corporate finance and engineering. You think the role of the data base in this practice is crucial, but you can't help see the conservatism and aestheticization in their process. In addition, these are some of the first computer pieces to be successfully marketed and sold in the art gallery system. Your thinking about writing a paper on the topic. Some of the projects are,

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Another thought which is been occupying you recently is the rather Fluxus question of the relationship between the unique/limited edition, the gift economy, and the non art process of distribution. Specifically, you have been wondering whether selling an item such as a CD-ROM or video for a "normal" price (normal as defined by the market of mass production) might be the most honest way of dealing with Art as commodity, rather than making 10 and selling them for artificially high art price (and keeping most people from being able to experience the object) or giving them away for free. Honest in the sense that the gift economy pretends there isn't a non financial return on the gift (name recognition value, cultural capital, etc.) In addition , you have noticed how there is currently no outlet for this practice; there is no viable Indy Rock in the art world. At least which you can think of immediately.

Besides this guide and the Exchange Program which it is part of, if you have been working on the idea of using e mail as a possible medium. In particular you been thinking about using large discussion lists, and also using spam. Spam, but not to sell anything. Originally you were thinking about sending out poetry and short stories on it, (not your own, if you

don't write poetry...) but now you are having second thoughts about that content.

In addition, you are working on a parallel email piece with a group of other artists in which you are going to send out emails that will be both to and from someone (e.g. set the header so that it reads from: someone@hotmail.com to: someone@hotmail.com though the x-from will read the name of the user-agent on the server it is sent out from.) You are planning on sending out messages talking about the governments recent legislative infringements on electronic privacy, surveillance, and political dissent.

Your working on a group show proposal with a group of other artists. In the idea for the show is that you would build an archive of works and travel from one destination to the other curating different shows from the same set of 100-150 works. The goal is to have this take place in a year-and-a-half. Meetings are usually on Wednesday evenings, and the location will be announced in each e-mail.

In the past two years you have launched the following web projects.

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Michael Mandiberg, Freelance Conceptual Artist

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Hickman provided a copy of the e-mail from Joker.com that said that domain was taken offline "by order of Staatsanwaltschaft Dusseldorf," the public prosecutor's office.

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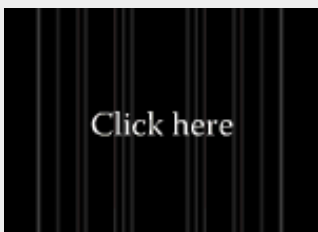
"The German government has shut Ogrish.com - one of the biggest shock internet sites around - down through Joker.com," Dan Klinker, the founder of Sterling, Virginia-based Ogrish.com, said in an email message on Tuesday. "Ogrish.com is currently being hosted on Ogrish.prohosters.com." In hopes of finding a more free speech-friendly locale, Klinker said he has tried to transfer the domain away from Joker.com to a US registrar but the transfer has not taken place yet.

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"The German government has shut Ogrish.com - one of the biggest shock internet sites around - down through Joker.com," Dan Klinker, the founder of Sterling, Virginia-based Ogrish.com, said in an email message on Tuesday. "Ogrish.com is currently being hosted on Ogrish.prohosters.com." In hopes of finding a more free speech-friendly locale, Klinker said he has tried to transfer the domain away from Joker.com to a US registrar but the transfer has not taken place yet.

Chuck Gomes, a vice president at VeriSign, which runs the dot-com registry, said he is not familiar with the Ogrish.com dispute but the transfer could be in the middle of the standard five-day process. If Joker.com refused to comply with the transfer request, Gomes said, "We would only take [such] a step if there was some violation of the terms of the agreement that we have with the registrar. We wouldn't unilaterally take it away from them."

"Joker.com's dealings with its customers are basically governed by the usual rules that govern business dealings," said a spokeswoman for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which licenses registrars including Joker.com. "So it can permit or deny the transfer between registrants, if that's permitted by its contract and the applicable law."

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- The final presidential debate was to be held on schedule in St. Louis despite the plane crash that killed Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan (D), his son, and an aide. They were headed to a campaign event for Carnahan's hotly contested race for the US Senate against Republican incumbent John Ashcroft. Beyond the personal implications of the accident, Carnahan's death three weeks before election day was an apparent setback to the Democratic Party's bid to win back the Senate, which the Republicans control 54-46.

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No US agency conducted security checks on the contractors hired to provide harbor services for the USS Cole in Yemen, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing government sources. An official said the Navy takes reasonable safety steps but also relies on the host country to provide security, the newspaper reported. It added that the Cole had a special security plan before reaching the port of Aden. Seventeen sailors were killed aboard the ship last Thursday in a surprise bomb attack.

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A few minutes later I was able to speak up and tell them that they were describing [TDP](#). Among other things, TDP is intended to be exactly what the man from the White House described - a "hub" to facilitate the creation of e-democracy and e-government [Open/Free software](#). I had said that it doesn't make sense for 50 state governments, plus however many provincial, national, continental and local governments to all be building basically the same pieces of software from scratch. Everyone is - very inefficiently - re-inventing the wheel. It makes more sense to create one application with 95% of the functionality needed by everyone, then

everyone adds their own 5% of customized functionality. This makes much more sense economically and in other ways, too.

I stayed after and was able to have good discussions with Steve Clift and Owen Ambur. I had wanted to speak with some of the others, but they got out the door before I was able to.

22 Oct 2000 »

I just finished up writing an article on [VoteAuction.com & The Whack-A-Mole Defense](#). I also put together some quotes and links explaining the [Whack-A-Mole](#) technique. Been up all night working on this. It's 8:00am, time to get some sleep.

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Last week I attended an [e-Voting Workshop](#) here in Washington DC. It was sponsored by the [Internet Policy Institute](#) and featured a panel with quite a lot of big guns (big credentials) on it. Big credentials don't impress me much, competence and contribution does. This panel, however, produced some excellent dialog on the topics of e-voting and Internet voting.

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Just like most of the panel discussions that I've been to over the past nine months, this one was an introductory-level look at Internet Voting. Information-wise, they tend to be pretty worthless for people like myself who work with this stuff every day. However, they're a great place to network and meet new people who work in the same problem space.

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omniCleaner

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In many sub-networks of the Internet, as in schools, universities, public libraries or simple dial-up connections, access to information is restricted. This happens for example by blocking blacklisted URLs with 'unwanted information' through a proxy, setting up manipulated DNS servers that direct requests to addresses different from the ones users originally intended, or totally suppressing certain communication protocols.

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"It is new, long and colorful.

"I was always attracted with free background collections. Especially with 'outerspace' and 'night sky and stars' backgrounds. Not those where you can see real Mars, Jupiter or Ursa Major. But ones with black, dark red, dark purple, dark green for space and light crumbs or kitchy animated stars for constellations and planets. And I always wanted to use them in my projects but they never fitted to my ideas.

"This is the tragedy of outerspace backgrounds. they are magnificent, but they dont fit to any idea. They never did. Private home pages, programs of cinema, pathfinder image gallery - everything was wrong case. Even starships dont look authentic. Because it is wrong to hang pictures on the sky and there are no letters in outerspace. And even if there were letters in outer space it would be impossible to read them. i-dots and stars or % and meteors are too easy to confuse.

"If you ever designed anything, you know that Outerspace background looks good only if nothing else is placed on it. If you ever were asked to redesign a page made in the end of 20th century the first thing you did was to remove starbck.gif.

"Outerspace can contain only another outerspace. Star backgrounds deserved to come to foreground. This is what i wanted to make in Some Universe. Plus to show that there is still chance for beauty outside flash and interaction is possible without clicking."

Anticipating your other questions:

"I took me almost two months to create The Most Beautiful Page on the web. Last three weeks of February and first three weeks of March 2002. Images were copied from free background collections. Iframes, Frames, Tables and HR were used to construct universe. I devote it to heike, a student, who shares my love to tables and starships; to dragan, who does not need such text to understand why and how things are made. And it is for your browser. What ever you use you will be able to see something."

omniCleaner

AUTHOR	Dragan Espenschied, Alvar Freude
URL	http://www.omnicleaner.com

In many sub-networks of the Internet, as in schools, universities, public libraries or simple dial-up connections, access to information is restricted. This happens for example by blocking blacklisted URLs with 'unwanted information' through a proxy, setting up manipulated DNS servers that direct requests to addresses different from the ones users originally intended, or totally suppressing certain communication protocols.

An important thing for this blocking to work is that it works in secret. As soon as it is widely known that information is blocked at all or even which particular information is blocked, the demand for this unwanted information will rise. When the goal is to completely wipe out information, every hint that this information exists at all threatens this goal.

However, wiping out information makes no sense. While information by itself can not do any harm, hiding it is very likely to be harmful. As most of the time the blocking is motivated politically, morally or monetarily, it is highly doubtful that hiding it from a part of internet users is more effective than to critically deal with it and educate the users about different views/laws/contexts concerning the content in question. Hiding information is just a very easy and lazy technical solution, and at the same time stupefies users.

To give users a chance to check by themselves if their networks blocks or manipulates information, ODEM has developed a software that compares data received from certain addresses in different networks that are known to be unfiltered. People inside different networks can download and run a program that tests the access possibilities of their network. The collected information will go into a database and be published on mirrored websites. This will give an insight into which networks block which kind of content or communication channels, and which give free access.

People who are responsible for blocking means of information exchange should be pressured to justify their doings and the information that is subject to blocking should be critically discussed. As soon as a filtered Internet becomes the standard, the huge social and political potential of the medium, namely free communication, will be destroyed.

The project will not be limited to the Kingdom of Piracy exhibition, and will not run solely on the server set up for the exhibition. Instead the software was designed to be installed on several servers and networks to allow a better quality of cross-checking. After the KOP exhibition, the project will be continued as a division of ODEM.

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"The only thing that prevents people downloading whole movies on the Net is bandwidth in the local loop ... It is not technological issues that prevent it, it is business and political issues which slow it down."

- PETER COCHRANE, Chief Technologist at BT

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,2637274,00.html>

...although we always *say* it's technological problems otherwise Oftel would - hey, is this thing on?

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carnage ensues

Stuff the polls, ye sons of freedom! In a week when the www.voteauction.com moved offshore (a site almost as refreshingly honest as the Danish www.theburglar.com , but not quite as mercenary as its sister www.rentasoldier.com), and George W Bush suggested that the Columbine murders were caused by a child's "heart turn[ing] dark as a result of being on the Internet", it's good to see one US-centric election approximate to decent result. Sure, the ICANN European poll was decidedly bent toward Germany and their candidate, Chaos Computer Club's ANDY MUELLER-MAGUHN, but the surprise hit in the West was KARL "I remember when this was all Arpanet" AUERBACH, who knocked out Lawrence Lessig in the final round. Possibly this was due to his arcane knowledge of pre-IP protocols, but we think mainly due to his incredibly commonsense approach to the whole DNS mess. Like the man says, this Net thing can bear *millions* of TLDs before it falls over, and the only way to smack the value out of the few we fight over now is by opening the namespace floodgates. 'Course, that's not what the lawyers hired to keep the NSI et al's hoarded domains want to hear. But when they go "wah wah wah, not listening" in future ICANN discussions, at least there's a chance that the meetings will be open enough for us to hear their wails.

<http://www.cavebear.com/ialc>

- hmm. he does *look* kind of bearish.

<http://www.iol.ie/~kooltek/>

- more polls that don't go as planned

<http://planetquake.com/politicalarena/>

- we want Karl and Andy skins!

So, the NTK staff are settling down to watch the Saturday

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Microsoft
SourceNotSoSafe,
Blitzkriegs and
Vint C

afternoon transmission of "Team Knight Rider" when, in the Carlton TV area at least, it's replaced by a kids' gameshow called SWAP TEAM, where youngsters compete to win a futuristic currency called SwapIts, in what seems to be a Metal Gear-themed redesign of "The Crystal Maze". Nothing untoward in that, perhaps, unless these are the very same SwapIts that are used to broker deals at newly launched toy-exchange site <http://www.swapitshop.com> - a suspicion fuelled further by the appearance of a Swapitshop link on the show's own site, <http://www.swap-team.co.uk/>, and, indeed, a Swapitshop ad during the half-time break. Might that not be a direct contravention of the ITC rule that "No undue prominence may be given in any programme to a commercial product or service" - whether in the form of conventional programme sponsorship, paid product placement, or just promising to give them a mention in return for a pair of boxing gloves and a bike?

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Demons of the
present, Demons
of our past, and
the Devil's
Gameboy Music

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http://www.itc.org.uk/regulating/prog_reg/prog_code/section_10.asp

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Hot swapping,
Christianity
mocking, hats
made of bread

http://www.itc.org.uk/regulating/prog_reg/prog_code/section_10.asp
- Ner-ner ner-ner ner! You've - got - an - undue - prominence!
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,16012,00.html>

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Rights, wrongs,
and Meiji Choco
Baby

- "We are not in market for hype", says TIMES INTERFACE, in same issue that...
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,16028,00.html>

- ...an all-in-one fax/copier/printer "could change the way we do business"

The Observer, 2000-10-08. John Arlidge reports: "Ten years ago Berners-Lee wrote the electronic code that enables computers across the world to 'talk' to each-other down a telephone line. The internet was born and has grown from a single website to more than 800,000,000, with e-commerce, chatrooms and email transforming the way we work, shop, do business, socialise and relax." Okay, we know that sometimes we can be a bit picky about the technical details, so we'll cut this down to one question. Why the quotes around "talk"? Does this mean everything else (like "ten years ago", "electronic code", "down" a "telephone line", "internet was born", "grown from a single website", "more than 800,000,000") *isn't* some over-stretched flight-of-fancy metaphor? Or is this weird quotation reversal, whereby actually "talk" is the only word that makes any kind of sense? Yep, it's time for another NTK competition. Send your the "best" "examples" of Internet "explanations" from the "proper" media, and win some kind of "prize".

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Another riot,
another Perl
conference,
another bloody
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Exciting new
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old battles,
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same length, more
self-indulgent

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berating the obvious

SUNDAY TIMES journalists create creature "97% human, 3% pig":

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/sti/2000/10/08/stifgnaus01001.html>

... BUDWEISER spam 850 addresses with Blair Witch 2 ticket offer - by pasting them all into "To:" field. No-one's (yet) caused endless WHAZZUP? chain by hitting "Reply to all"... my MIND - is GOING: <http://www.ntk.net/2000/10/13/dohhal.jpg> ...

THUS Ops manager complains about Scottish connectivity for FREESERVE: <http://x72.deja.com/getdoc.xp?AN=677159239> ... what about the HUMAN RIGHT not to do *anything* we don't want to?

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going back to our
roots

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RIP tide turns,
bizarre bounces,
everybuddy!

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Forking Microsoft,
Kinakuta near
Southend, the
continuity
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BT's CUT pasting,

<http://www.shout99.com/contractors/showarticle.pl?id=4574> ...

MP3 NEWS <http://uk.fc.yahoo.com/m/mp3.html> also includes

updates on Rio Tinto's DIAMOND MINE... <http://uk.clust.com/>

product catalogue "goes live in August 2000" - waiting for all

the other buying clubs to go bust at the same time?... FALCO!

<http://www.pheasnt.demon.co.uk/MUDGE/ISS25/INDEX25.HTM> - who'd

have seen that coming, eh?... <http://www.sonypsx2.com/> points

to... <http://www.perlscripters.com/> ... MIR to IPO: one market

crash you don't want to see... backwards-compatibility,

MICROSOFT-style: http://www.ntk.net/2000/10/13/IE2_screen.gif

... children's LAN parties: "there is blood", reports ABC:

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/GoodMorningAmerica/GMA001009Computer_parties.html

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goto's considered non-harmful

"Is There Anything New About The New Economy?" asks the (sold

out) GUARDIAN UNLIMITED debate on Tuesday, though we reckon

they'd get some rather more radical definitions of the phrase

"new economy" if they asked anyone at tomorrow's ANARCHIST

BOOKFAIR (Sat 2000-10-14, Conway Hall, London WC1). As well as

numerous slickly-organised Powerpoint presentations on direct

action and the like, there's Rob Newman doing some alternative

comedy ("You know the inherently exploitative nature of

international globalisation? That's *you*, that is"), while

The Stewart Home Society [see NTK 2000-03-31] will attempt to

subvert the subversives by using the event to make "flaming

hats" and "sex dolls" out of bread.

<http://freespace.virgin.net/anarchist.bookfair/>

- assuming it's not blockaded by reactionary direct-action

<http://www.stewarthomesociety.org/>

- notorious troublemakers (even by anarchist standards)

<http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/neweconomy/>

- Smartarse answer: "Well, yes - it doesn't make any money"

Don't you feel oddly violated when the ICA starts digging up

your most precious teenage memories, running a retro arcade,

blathering about how "Computer games are having a pervasive

impact on our culture", and making you want to visit their

stupid GAMES - INTO THE REAL conference (10am, Sat 2000-10-14,

London, UKP16) just to shout "No, games AREN'T cool - not

compared to the things I really did think were cool back then,

like Iron Maiden" in their goateed new-media faces? Anyway,

because they're looking at "work which originated from or was

influenced by computer games developments", there won't even

be any real programmers there, though the usual roll-call

includes the lovely JC "Joystick Nation" HERZ (like all three

"Bits" presenters rolled into one), EDWARD "Playing Fields"

WATSON, and famed publicity-shy recluse PETER "ex-Bullfrog"

MOLYNEUX.

<http://www.ica.org.uk/newmedia/games/>

- "composer of the music for Tomb Raider 1-3". Ta-da-DAAAA!

<http://www.ica.org.uk/talk/111179/>

- though Matt "Yahoo Serious" Jones recommends John Maeda, on Thu

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sufficiently advanced technology : the gathering

What we should be doing this week is an in-depth review of

Divas(TM), and
Palm Elite

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AboveNet not
above it, our own
mail trojan

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more Microsoft,
but no "Webbies",
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Paul.

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RIPPING the
mickey, Observer
redux, and the
Opera show

BIND 9's new security features (with nifty DNS-based distributed key management) and Python 2.0b1 (with nifty new licensing). But instead, we'll just offload a backlog of Palm goodies, in the somewhat desperate hope that you haven't all traded them in for iPAQs yet. First up: the continuing saga of IMETRO, the underground route planner that includes every tube from Newcastle to Kyoto. Still has some weird bugs in it - NTK's Silicon Valley offices are nine minutes away from Berkeley, somehow - but probably worth the download in beam-trading potential alone. And for those of you who crave more Web-page-grabbers, and have already eaten up all the sites accessible via SITESCOOPER (the *official* NTK ripper), you might want to experiment with MALSYNC, an AvantGo compatible conduit for Unix, or the more general PLUCKER HTML reader which has been around for yonks and works on Windows and OS/2. Unless you're too busy playing with the multiple processor capabilities of Bind and porting all your old lisp code to Python, you big fat geek show-offs.

<http://sitescooper.org>

- hey, stick us in your man page and you'd be official too

<http://pluck.gnu-designs.com/>

- so many grabbers, so few synonyms for "grab"

<http://home.worldnet.fr/~patriceb/Technique/iMetro/Metro-en.html>

- le metro est arrive

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hasta la altavista

scary new candidate for seven-headed BEAST OF REVELATIONS:

<http://darryn-reeds.tripod.com/S-Club-7-secrets.html> ... JULIE

"First Tuesday" MEYER not the unfeeling Randian we implied:

<http://users.ap.net/~sheva51/memory.html#m-o> ... IDLER imitate

ONION: <http://www.idler.co.uk/pc/html/dotcom.html> ... BLAIR

WITCH SCHOOL PROJECT: <http://surrealist.custard.org/lego/dead/>

... foul language, body piercing, killing Christ - it's THE

BIBLE: <http://shanmonster.bla-bla.com/rants/rant61b.html> - vs

<http://www.jokesonline.org/> ... never "show your working"

again: <http://www.cecm.sfu.ca/projects/ISC/ISCmain.html> ...

NIELSEN RATING: X - <http://www.oasisproductions.net/jake/fear/>

... <http://www.whitelead.com/jrh/screenshots/> - SimDiana,

SimRodneyKing... new AIBO is PROGRAMMABLE UPSKIRT CAMERA:

<http://www.aibo-europe.com/en/features/index03.html> ... life

imitates TVGOHOME: <http://www.365television.com/production/>

... well, they sound just like typical ORACLE 8i applications

to us: http://www.ora.com/news/feuerstein_1000.html ... and

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'PG' for mild language, violence and drugs use): Dan Aykroyd, Gillian "X Files" Anderson, and fellow ginger Eric Stoltz - together at last!...

FEAR OF A BLANK NAPSTER>> obviously the time comes when you've downloaded every record you ever owned (or wanted to own) (or just heard on the radio) (or whatever), so we've taken to populating our "Hot List" with tracks that either weren't released over here, or no-one heard of them when they did: BELLATRIX's "Jediwannabe" - the Icelandic Star Wars-themed hybrid of Hole's "Celebrity Skin" and Amii Stewart's "Knock On Wood"; BT's ranting big-beat workout "Never Gonna Come Back Down" from the soundtrack of "Gone In 60 Seconds"; DYNAMITE HACK's acoustic cover of NWA's "Boys In The Hood"; and, in the retro dept, BILLY BRAGG's 1986 B-side spoken word version of "Don't Walk Away Renee". Oh, and if you want to hear ROBBIE WILLIAMS say "sodomy", you need the 4:45 version of "Kids" - not the 4:46 version from Kylie's album or the 3:32 edit from what seems to be the US release... speaking of censorship, it's a fine line between sexism and sexy: GEORGE OVERTON noted that CYPRESS HILL "aren't allowed to say 'bitch' in their vid of 'You Can't Get the Best of Me'", despite MEREDITH BROOKS having had a major airplay hit in 1997 with a song with "Bitch" as its title... Top Of The Pops didn't bleep Ali G's "punani" from the beginning of MADONNA's "Music", even though MTV did, implying that you need a certain degree of MTV-viewing sophistication to be offended by it... while MATHEW "KUJI" BEVAN enthused that Radio 1 left "the umpteen 'Shit's in" EMINEM's ace "Stan" (sample comes from Dido's "Thank-You", 3:45, not as good), even when playing at 10am - yet alleged that MTV cut the word "trees" from WYCLIFFE AND THE ROCK's "It Doesn't Matter", suspecting "garden full of trees" to be an oblique drugs reference. He found the track's computer voice saying 'It doesn't matter' "awfully reminiscent" of "the Amiga speech synthesiser"... his mind warped by endless analogies between our modern internet and the Victorian telegraph, TOM STANDAGE proposed a variation on our usual soundalikes game, arguing: "Lots of TV ads were obviously storyboarded with a particular track, but when it came to getting permission to use it, it was either too expensive or refused altogether. So then the agency gets someone to throw together a similar-sounding rip-off at the same tempo that sounds the same to the suits anyway". He cites such well-researched examples as "some crappy car ad that was obviously supposed to have 'Kashmir' (or PUFF DADDY's version thereof) but now has a rip-off version instead; a cosmetics ad that used to have FIONA APPLE but now has an imitation; and - well, no doubt you know of far more examples than I do". Well, not off the top of our heads, Tom, but we're open to suggestions - this could be the new playing "Dark Side Of The Moon" over "The Wizard Of Oz"!... and finally, Idler regular MATTHEW DE ABAITUA spotted child techno-prodigy DANIEL PEMBERTON [see NTK 2000-09-08] "at this year's Big Chill, gadding about clad in a white boiler suit, decorated with hand-stencilled Ghostbusters logo. His DJ set brought much-needed humour to the peaceful yet somewhat earnest festival. When he fluffed a mix, he leapt three feet in the air and yelped like a startled comedy cat". Have *you* witnessed Daniel Pemberton - or Toby Slater, or David McCandless even - in a novelty DJ performance, while dressed as a 1980s film character? If so, let us know - we're ready to believe you...

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Gridlock, Antitrust,
Adpop

namespace floodgates. 'Course, that's not what the lawyers hired to keep the NSI et al's hoarded domains want to hear. But when they go "wah wah wah, not listening" in future ICANN discussions, at least there's a chance that the meetings will be open enough for us to hear their wails.

<http://www.cavebear.com/ialc>

- hmm. he does *look* kind of bearish.

<http://www.iol.ie/~kooltek/>

- more polls that don't go as planned

<http://planetquake.com/politicalarena/>

- we want Karl and Andy skins!

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Microsoft
SourceNotSoSafe,
Blitzkriegs and
Vint C

So, the NTK staff are settling down to watch the Saturday afternoon transmission of "Team Knight Rider" when, in the Carlton TV area at least, it's replaced by a kids' gameshow called SWAP TEAM, where youngsters compete to win a futuristic currency called SwapIts, in what seems to be a Metal Gear-themed redesign of "The Crystal Maze". Nothing untoward in that, perhaps, unless these are the very same SwapIts that are used to broker deals at newly launched toy-exchange site

<http://www.swapitshop.com> - a suspicion fuelled further by the

appearance of a Swapitshop link on the show's own site,

<http://www.swap-team.co.uk/>, and, indeed, a Swapitshop ad

during the half-time break. Might that not be a direct

contravention of the ITC rule that "No undue prominence may be

given in any programme to a commercial product or service" -

whether in the form of conventional programme sponsorship,

paid product placement, or just promising to give them a

mention in return for a pair of boxing gloves and a bike?

http://www.itc.org.uk/regulating/prog_reg/prog_code/section_10.asp

- Ner-ner ner-ner ner! You've - got - an - undue - prominence!

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,16012,00.html>[2000-10-06](#)

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Rights, wrongs,
and Meiji Choco
Baby

- "We are not in market for hype", says TIMES INTERFACE, in same issue that...

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/0,,16028,00.html>

- ...an all-in-one fax/copier/printer "could change the way we do business"

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iPoint, you Barley

The Observer, 2000-10-08. John Arlidge reports: "Ten years

ago Berners-Lee wrote the electronic code that enables

computers across the world to 'talk' to each-other down a

telephone line. The internet was born and has grown from a

single website to more than 800,000,000, with e-commerce,

chatrooms and email transforming the way we work, shop, do

business, socialise and relax." Okay, we know that sometimes

we can be a bit picky about the technical details, so we'll

cut this down to one question. Why the quotes around "talk"?

Does this mean everything else (like "ten years ago",

"electronic code", "down" a "telephone line", "internet was

born", "grown" from a single website", "more than

800,000,000") *isn't* some over-stretched flight-of-fancy

metaphor? Or is this weird quotation reversal, whereby

actually "talk" is the only word that makes any kind of

sense? Yep, it's time for another NTK competition. Send your

the "best" "examples" of Internet "explanations" from the

"proper" media, and win some kind of "prize".

http://www.observer.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,6903,379162,00.html

- and no cheating, you hacks

<http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,4070482,00.html>

- although mild plagiarism

http://www.salon.com/business/col/shalit/2000/09/30/olympic_ads/index1.html

- is permitted

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Exciting new
redesign, same
old battles,
consume.net[2000-09-01](#)

MiniNTK #8
same length, more
self-indulgent

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berating the obvious

[2000-08-25](#)

MiniNTK #7
going back to our
roots

SUNDAY TIMES journalists create creature "97% human, 3% pig":
<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/sti/2000/10/08/stifgnaus01001.html>

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MiniNTK #6
Yog-Soggoth
Summer Special

... BUDWEISER spam 850 addresses with Blair Witch 2 ticket offer - by pasting them all into "To:" field. No-one's (yet) caused endless WHAZZUP? chain by hitting "Reply to all"... my MIND - is GOING: <http://www.ntk.net/2000/10/13/dohhal.jpg> ... THUS Ops manager complains about Scottish connectivity for FREESERVE: <http://x72.deja.com/getdoc.xp?AN=677159239> ... what

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TheirNameHere.
com, Demonic
Possession,
DNScon

about the HUMAN RIGHT not to do *anything* we don't want to? <http://www.shout99.com/contractors/showarticle.pl?id=4574> ...

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Bango, NetSol-io,
All around my
Barley-o

MP3 NEWS <http://uk.fc.yahoo.com/m/mp3.html> also includes updates on Rio Tinto's DIAMOND MINE... <http://uk.clust.com/> product catalogue "goes live in August 2000" - waiting for all the other buying clubs to go bust at the same time?... FALCO! <http://www.pheasnt.demon.co.uk/MUDGE/ISS25/INDEX25.HTM> - who'd have seen that coming, eh?... <http://www.sonypsx2.com/> points to... <http://www.perlscripters.com/> ... MIR to IPO: one market crash you don't want to see... backwards-compatibility, MICROSOFT-style: http://www.ntk.net/2000/10/13/IE2_screen.gif

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RIP, MP3s,
Klingon - are we
seeing a pattern
yet?

... children's LAN parties: "there is blood", reports ABC:
http://abcnews.go.com/onair/GoodMorningAmerica/GMA001009Computer_parties.html

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goto's considered non-harmful

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#161
MAPS vs ORBS
vs GOD vs SATAN

"Is There Anything New About The New Economy?" asks the (sold out) GUARDIAN UNLIMITED debate on Tuesday, though we reckon they'd get some rather more radical definitions of the phrase "new economy" if they asked anyone at tomorrow's ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR (Sat 2000-10-14, Conway Hall, London WC1). As well as numerous slickly-organised Powerpoint presentations on direct action and the like, there's Rob Newman doing some alternative comedy ("You know the inherently exploitative nature of international globalisation? That's *you*, that is"), while The Stewart Home Society [see NTK 2000-03-31] will attempt to subvert the subversives by using the event to make "flaming hats" and "sex dolls" out of bread.

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RIP vs. Free
Speech, Hellfire,
Galeon

<http://freespace.virgin.net/anarchist.bookfair/>

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Free as in beer,
borag thungg
rebels, mad pride

- assuming it's not blockaded by reactionary direct-action
<http://www.stewarthomesociety.org/>

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Slack genes, fake
Tates,
transhuman vamps

- notorious troublemakers (even by anarchist standards)
<http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/neweconomy/>

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#157
Monopoly Dot Net,
Gremlins in the
'froups, more
Tech Nicks

- Smartarse answer: "Well, yes - it doesn't make any money"

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#156
RIP tide turns,
bizarre bounces,

Don't you feel oddly violated when the ICA starts digging up your most precious teenage memories, running a retro arcade, blathering about how "Computer games are having a pervasive impact on our culture", and making you want to visit their stupid GAMES - INTO THE REAL conference (10am, Sat 2000-10-14, London, UKP16) just to shout "No, games AREN'T cool - not compared to the things I really did think were cool back then, like Iron Maiden" in their goateed new-media faces? Anyway, because they're looking at "work which originated from or was influenced by computer games developments", there won't even be any real programmers there, though the usual roll-call includes the lovely JC "Joystick Nation" HERZ (like all three

everybuddy!

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Forking Microsoft,
Kinakuta near
Southend, the
continuity
continuum

"Bits" presenters rolled into one), EDWARD "Playing Fields" WATSON, and famed publicity-shy recluse PETER "ex-Bullfrog" MOLYNEUX.

<http://www.ica.org.uk/newmedia/games/>

- "composer of the music for Tomb Raider 1-3". Ta-da-DAAAA!

<http://www.ica.org.uk/talk/111179/>

- though Matt "Yahoo Serious" Jones recommends John Maeda, on Thu

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BT's CUT pasting,
Divas(TM), and
Palm Elite

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sufficiently advanced technology : the gathering

What we should be doing this week is an in-depth review of BIND 9's new security features (with nifty DNS-based distributed key management) and Python 2.0b1 (with nifty new licensing). But instead, we'll just offload a backlog of Palm goodies, in the somewhat desperate hope that you haven't all traded them in for iPAQs yet. First up: the continuing saga of IMETRO, the underground route planner that includes every tube from Newcastle to Kyoto. Still has some weird bugs in it - NTK's Silicon Valley offices are nine minutes away from Berkeley, somehow - but probably worth the download in beam-trading potential alone. And for those of you who crave more Web-page-grabbers, and have already eaten up all the sites accessible via SITESCOOPER (the *official* NTK ripper), you might want to experiment with MALSYNC, an AvantGo compatible conduit for Unix, or the more general PLUCKER HTML reader which has been around for yonks and works on Windows and OS/2. Unless you're too busy playing with the multiple processor capabilities of Bind and porting all your old lisp code to Python, you big fat geek show-offs.

<http://sitescooper.org>

- hey, stick us in your man page and you'd be official too

<http://pluck.gnu-designs.com/>

- so many grabbers, so few synonyms for "grab"

<http://home.worldnet.fr/~patriceb/Technique/iMetro/Metro-en.html>

- le metro est arrive

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#149

BTOwnedworld,
RIPpy no-mates,
and Mayday alerts

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hasta la altavista

scary new candidate for seven-headed BEAST OF REVELATIONS:

<http://darryn-reeds.tripod.com/S-Club-7-secrets.html> ... JULIE

"First Tuesday" MEYER not the unfeeling Randian we implied:

<http://users.ap.net/~sheva51/memory.html#m-o> ... IDLER imitate

ONION: <http://www.idler.co.uk/pc/html/dotcom.html> ... BLAIR

WITCH SCHOOL PROJECT: <http://surrealist.custard.org/lego/dead/>

... foul language, body piercing, killing Christ - it's THE

BIBLE: <http://shanmonster.bla-bla.com/rants/rant61b.html> - vs

<http://www.jokesonline.org/> ... never "show your working"

again: <http://www.cecm.sfu.ca/projects/ISC/ISCmain.html> ...

NIELSEN RATING: X - <http://www.oasisproductions.net/jake/fear/>

... <http://www.whitelead.com/jrh/screenshots/> - SimDiana,

SimRodneyKing... new AIBO is PROGRAMMABLE UPSKIRT CAMERA:

<http://www.aibo-europe.com/en/features/index03.html> ... life

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Info insecurity,
Sigue Sigue
Sputnik - and Yoz

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if at all; this movie may challenge or complicate your young child's separation of fantasy and reality, [...] especially when they try to separate fact from fiction with regards to the theory of evolution)... Jet-Li doesn't exactly come across as a younger, sprightlier Jackie Chan in straight-to-video-ish pseudo-Hong-Kong wirework actioner ROMEO MUST DIE (imdb: afro-american / body-landing-on-car / chinese-american / helicopter / jailbreak / gang / interracial-romance / hong-kong / san-francisco / impalement / interracial / x-rayed-skeleton / chinese-mafia / video-game / asian-american / amazing-grace-hymn / betrayal / desert-eagle / martial-arts / real-estate / murder / revenge)... and not much mirth, oddly, in tragic-love period drama THE HOUSE OF MIRTH (<http://www.bbfc.co.uk>: Passed 'PG' for mild language, violence and drugs use): Dan Aykroyd, Gillian "X Files" Anderson, and fellow ginger Eric Stoltz - together at last!...

FEAR OF A BLANK NAPSTER>> obviously the time comes when you've downloaded every record you ever owned (or wanted to own) (or just heard on the radio) (or whatever), so we've taken to populating our "Hot List" with tracks that either weren't released over here, or no-one heard of them when they did: BELLATRIX's "Jediwannabe" - the Icelandic Star Wars-themed hybrid of Hole's "Celebrity Skin" and Amii Stewart's "Knock On Wood"; BT's ranting big-beat workout "Never Gonna Come Back Down" from the soundtrack of "Gone In 60 Seconds"; DYNAMITE HACK's acoustic cover of NWA's "Boys In The Hood"; and, in the retro dept, BILLY BRAGG's 1986 B-side spoken word version of "Don't Walk Away Renee". Oh, and if you want to hear ROBBIE WILLIAMS say "sodomy", you need the 4:45 version of "Kids" - not the 4:46 version from Kylie's album or the 3:32 edit from what seems to be the US release... speaking of censorship, it's a fine line between sexism and sexy: GEORGE OVERTON noted that CYPRESS HILL "aren't allowed to say 'bitch' in their vid of 'You Can't Get the Best of Me'", despite MEREDITH BROOKS having had a major airplay hit in 1997 with a song with "Bitch" as its title... Top Of The Pops didn't bleep Ali G's "punani" from the beginning of MADONNA's "Music", even though MTV did, implying that you need a certain degree of MTV-viewing sophistication to be offended by it... while MATHEW "KUJI" BEVAN enthused that Radio 1 left "the umpteen 'Shit's in" EMINEM's ace "Stan" (sample comes from Dido's "Thank-You", 3:45, not as good), even when playing at 10am - yet alleged that MTV cut the word "trees" from WYCLIFFE AND THE ROCK's "It Doesn't Matter", suspecting "garden full of trees" to be an oblique drugs reference. He found the track's computer voice saying 'It doesn't matter' "awfully reminiscent" of "the Amiga speech synthesiser"... his mind warped by endless analogies between our modern internet and the Victorian telegraph, TOM STANDAGE proposed a variation on our usual soundalikes game, arguing: "Lots of TV ads were obviously storyboarded with a particular track, but when it came to getting permission to use it, it was either too expensive or refused altogether. So then the agency gets someone to throw together a similar-sounding rip-off at the same tempo that sounds the same to the suits anyway". He cites such well-researched examples as "some crappy car ad that was obviously supposed to have 'Kashmir' (or PUFF DADDY's version thereof) but now has a rip-off version instead; a cosmetics ad that used to have FIONA APPLE but now has an imitation; and - well, no doubt you know of far more examples than I do". Well, not off the top of our heads, Tom, but we're open to suggestions - this could be the new playing "Dark Side Of The Moon" over "The Wizard Of Oz"!...

and finally, Idler regular MATTHEW DE ABAITUA spotted child techno-prodigy DANIEL PEMBERTON [see NTK 2000-09-08] "at this year's Big Chill, gadding about clad in a white boiler suit, decorated with hand-stencilled Ghostbusters logo. His DJ set brought much-needed humour to the peaceful yet somewhat earnest festival. When he fluffed a mix, he leapt three feet in the air and yelped like a startled comedy cat". Have *you* witnessed Daniel Pemberton - or Toby Slater, or David McCandless even - in a novelty DJ performance, while dressed as a 1980s film character? If so, let us know - we're ready to believe you...

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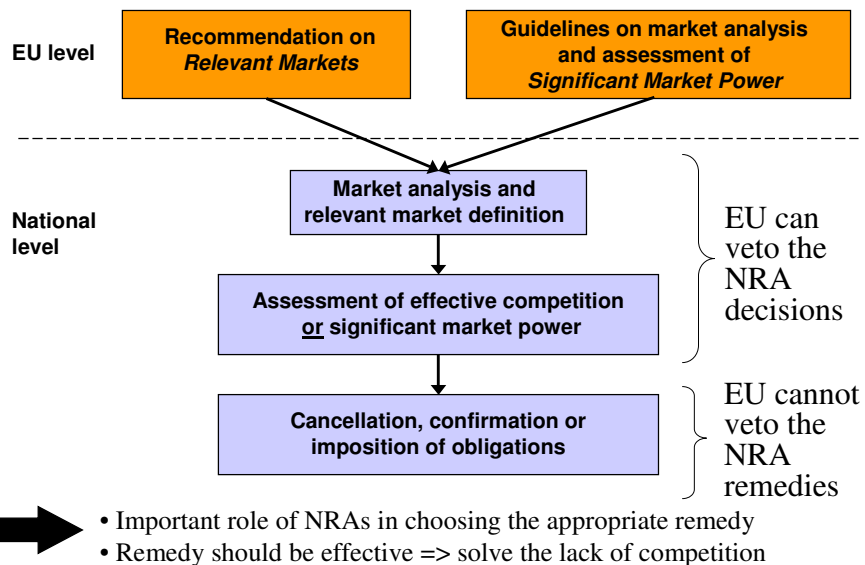
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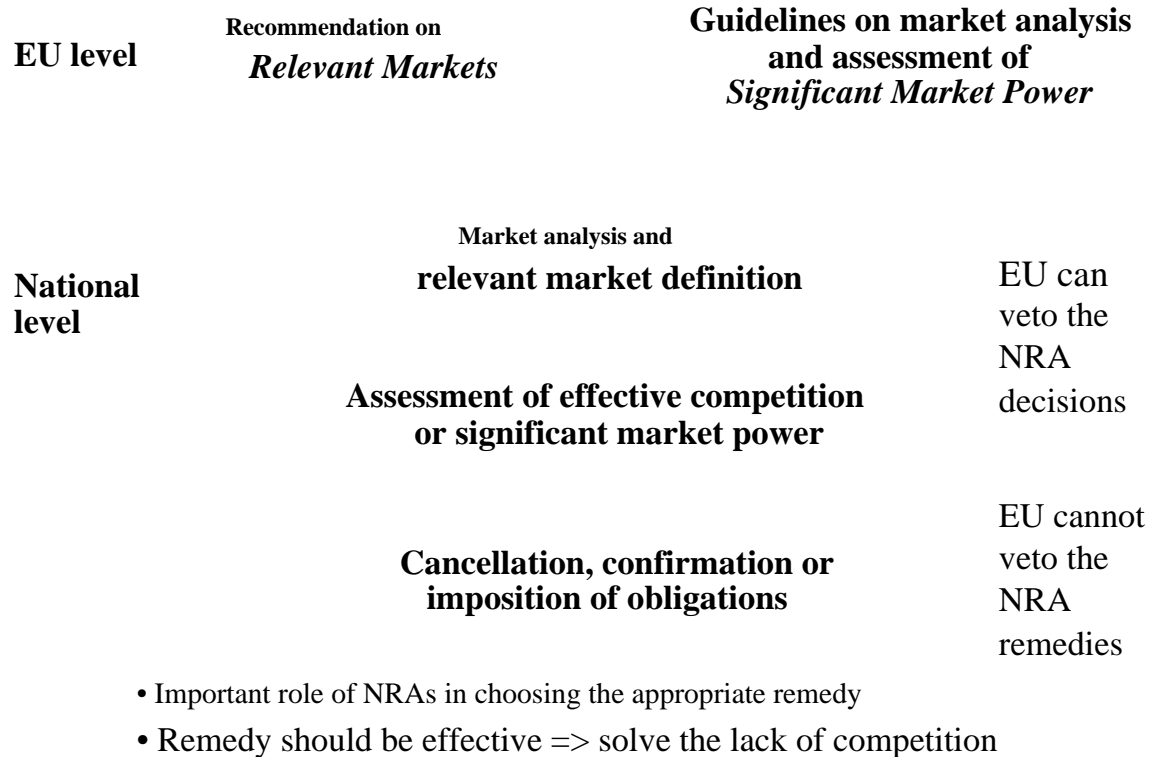
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The US presidential election, which is now less than a week away, is the first where the internet has played a significant role. And with a general election in the UK likely to take place some time next year, many local observers see the US race as a possible dry run for events closer to home.

Perhaps the most controversial phenomenon to emerge in the US play-off so far is vote-auction.com, a website that appears to trade votes for cash.

The original site, which was named voteauction.com before the US courts forced it to close down, was set up by a political science student James Baumgartner as part of a postgraduate research project. His aim was also to parody the way political parties 'buy' peoples votes at elections.

After the court case, however, the website was bought by an Austrian businessman, Hans Bernhard. But it is currently unclear whether Bernhard is a real businessman or whether the offers posted on the site in exchange for votes are legitimate.

The State of Illinois seems to have no doubts as to its commercial nature though, with reports suggesting that it has already informed the Austrian Embassy about Bernhard's alleged illegal

activities.

According to Pete Morey, Parliamentary and Policy Officer of the Electoral Reform Society, vote buying would be equally as illegal in the UK as it is in the US, however.

"I think it was the Representation of the People Act in 1983 which would have made it illegal. Obviously at the moment, organisations do fund political parties and one can question what those politicians get back in return," he said.

"But the new Political Party Referendum Election Bill has laid out new regulations to tighten up party funding. I think it's well and good. Donating money to a political party is a different issue to 'cash for questions', which relates to individual politicians," he adds.

But even if someone was to set up a vote buying site, Morey explains, the only way buyers could guarantee getting their money's worth would be to use a postal ballot.

Vote buying

Toby Young, editor of the online edition of political magazine *The Spectator*, argues that the idea of vote buying in elections isn't restricted to how much candidates or parties spend on their campaigns or even to internet sites

"Political parties to a certain extent buy people's votes by proposing to cut taxes. In the 19th century, one of the ways of eliminating 'rotten boroughs' was through making it illegal to buy votes. It was actually quite unpopular because in constituencies themselves, the people whose votes were bought were obviously delighted to be paid for their votes. They were given free beer and food for voting," he claimed.

While online voting auctions in the UK may seem an unlikely proposition, what does appear more probable is the importation of vote-trading practices. This idea has been promoted by supporters of US Green candidate Ralph Nader on sites such as NaderTrader.org and VoteSwap2000.

Some Nader supporters see themselves on the horns of a dilemma and are using the internet as a way to try to resolve it.

Nader needs to get five per cent of the total vote to receive matching Federal Government campaign funds if he wants to run again in future. But supporters realise that a vote for Nader may end up being a vote for Republican candidate George W Bush because it appears to be taking votes away from Democrat Vice-President Al Gore.

Gore, for one thing, is more eco-friendly, so some Nader supporters are now offering to vote for Gore in those states where the presidential race is a close one between him and Bush.

Gore supporters, in return, would then vote for Nader in states where Bush is the obvious winner such as in his home state of Texas. The aim is to match up votes and swap them online.

Tactical voting

Although there was similar evidence of some tactical voting at the last UK general election, Young doesn't feel that the internet will have much impact next time round.

"I think tactical voting is still a concept, which is beyond the grasp of most members of the British electorate. They can barely steel themselves to vote even when they live in a marginal constituency and there is a strong chance their first choice candidate won't be elected. The idea that they will steel themselves to vote tactically is wishful thinking," he claimed.

But others believe that the internet will have a role to play. Derek Draper, who was the assistant to Labour spin guru Peter Mandelson at the last election and who now runs his own advertising agency, The Farm, thinks the web will come into its own here.

"The use of the web to finesse and focus tactical voting is very interesting. There is no reason why the models being developed in America could not be applied here. Someone who wanted to vote LibDem somewhere could make sure that somebody else voted Labour somewhere else. I can see it being very popular," he said.

"Particularly because if you were to look at the psychographics of internet users, I think you would probably find that they would be less party-aligned than most voters. Especially the younger section rather than the 'silver surfers'. I think the younger surfers would be open to tactical voting, especially if they could do it in a way that was interesting and reliable. I can see it being part of our election," he added.

But it's not just internet watchers who will be looking at the US situation. Political parties are also likely to keep a close eye on how their counterparts over the pond have used the net as a campaign tool.

As Morey says: "The interesting thing will be to see just how much parties actually market themselves through internet activity, through the use of their websites and through email contact. Whether we are going to start seeing parties getting their members to email around messages to people in their own address books. That's definitely a possibility. We'll see much more marketing done through the internet."

So it would appear that the web could open up possibilities such as targeted marketing that simply weren't available before. And it could have a significant role to play in the forthcoming UK election which, barring unforeseen circumstances, most observers argue is likely to return a Labour government to power.

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Online vote trading takes off in US election

The internet is being used as a political tool to try to influence the outcome of the US presidential election, setting a precedent for the forthcoming UK general election.

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The US presidential election, which is now less than a week away, is the first where the internet has played a significant role. And with a general election in the UK likely to take place some time next year, many local observers see the US race as a possible dry run for events closer to home.

Perhaps the most controversial phenomenon to emerge in the US play-off so far is vote-auction.com, a website that appears to trade votes for cash.

The original site, which was named **voteauction**.com before the US courts forced it to close down, was set up by a political science student James Baumgartner as part of a postgraduate research project. His aim was also to parody the way political parties 'buy' peoples votes at elections.

After the court case, however, the website was bought by an Austrian businessman, Hans Bernhard. But it is currently unclear whether Bernhard is a real businessman or whether the offers posted on the site in exchange for votes are legitimate.

The State of Illinois seems to have no doubts as to its commercial nature though, with reports suggesting that it has already informed the Austrian Embassy about Bernhard's alleged illegal activities.

According to Pete Morey, Parliamentary and Policy Officer of the Electoral Reform Society, vote buying would be equally as illegal in the UK as it is in the US, however.

"I think it was the Representation of the People Act in 1983 which would have made it illegal. Obviously at the moment, organisations do fund political parties and one can question what those politicians get back in return," he said.

"But the new Political Party Referendum Election Bill has laid out new regulations to tighten up party funding. I think it's well and good. Donating money to a political party is a different issue to 'cash for questions', which relates to individual politicians," he adds.

But even if someone was to set up a vote buying site, Morey explains, the only way buyers could guarantee getting their money's worth would be to use a postal ballot.

Vote buying

Toby Young, editor of the online edition of political magazine The Spectator, argues that the idea of vote buying in elections isn't restricted to how much candidates or parties spend on their campaigns or even to internet sites

"Political parties to a certain extent buy people's votes by proposing to cut taxes. In the 19th century, one of the ways of eliminating 'rotten boroughs' was through making it illegal to buy votes. It was actually quite unpopular because in constituencies themselves, the people whose votes were bought were obviously delighted to be paid for their votes. They were given free beer and food for voting," he claimed.

While online voting auctions in the UK may seem an unlikely proposition, what does appear more probable is the importation of vote-trading practices. This idea has been promoted by supporters of US Green candidate Ralph Nader on sites such as NaderTrader.org and VoteSwap2000.

Some Nader supporters see themselves on the horns of a dilemma and are using the internet as a way to try to resolve it.

Nader needs to get five per cent of the total vote to receive matching Federal Government campaign funds if he wants to run again in future. But supporters realise that a vote for Nader may end up being a vote for Republican candidate George W Bush because it appears to be taking votes away from Democrat Vice-President Al Gore.

Gore, for one thing, is more eco-friendly, so some Nader supporters are now offering to vote for Gore in those states where the presidential race is a close one between him and Bush.

Gore supporters, in return, would then vote for Nader in states where Bush is the obvious winner such as in his home state of Texas. The aim is to match up votes and swap them online.

Tactical voting

Although there was similar evidence of some tactical voting at the last UK general election, Young doesn't feel that the internet will have much impact next time round.

"I think tactical voting is still a concept, which is beyond the grasp of most members of the British electorate. They can barely steel themselves to vote even when they live in a marginal constituency and there is a strong chance their first choice candidate won't be elected. The idea that they will steel themselves to vote tactically is wishful thinking," he claimed.

But others believe that the internet will have a role to play. Derek Draper, who was the assistant to Labour spin guru Peter Mandelson at the last election and who now runs his own advertising agency, The Farm, thinks the web will come into its own here.

"The use of the web to finesse and focus tactical voting is very interesting. There is no reason why the models being developed in America could not be applied here. Someone who wanted to vote LibDem somewhere could make sure that somebody else voted Labour somewhere else. I can see it being very popular," he said.

"Particularly because if you were to look at the psychographics of internet users, I think you would probably find that they would be less party-aligned than most voters. Especially the younger section rather than the 'silver surfers'. I think the younger surfers would be open to tactical voting, especially if they could do it in a way that was interesting and reliable. I can see it being part of our election," he added.

But it's not just internet watchers who will be looking at the US situation. Political parties are also likely to keep a close eye on how their counterparts over the pond have used the net as a campaign tool.

As Morey says: "The interesting thing will be to see just how much parties actually market themselves through internet activity, through the use of their websites and through email contact. Whether we are going to start seeing parties getting their members to email around messages to people in their own address books. That's definitely a possibility. We'll see much more marketing done through the internet."

So it would appear that the web could open up possibilities such as targeted marketing that simply weren't available before. And it could have a significant role to play in the forthcoming UK election which, barring unforeseen circumstances, most observers argue is likely to return a Labour government to power.

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C-Level (Eddo Stern, Mark Allen, Christina Ulke, Marc and Robbie Herbst, et all)
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Smartist

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Mark Daggett

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Jen Liu

World Domination Project in RGB

<http://www.integr8.net/wdp>

2001-2002

Brody Condon

<http://www.tmpspace.com/>

especially good is his chinatown piece

http://www.tmpspace.com/chinatown_1

2002

A-Clip LA

<http://www.journalofaestheticsandprotest.org/1/aclip/index.html>

2002
jody hughes and giovanni garcia-fenech (sp?)
nerve.com intervention w/ group of artists making personal ads
<http://arefriendselectric.com> (seems to be down)

2002
Clover Leary
<http://gaygamete.com/>

2002-2003
Kevin McCarty
Screen Shot/Gay Porn/Chatroom Graphic Novel
example at
<http://theredproject.com/files/vencie5.jpg>

Nouveau Form/Ascii Art

2002
Banner Art Collective
<http://www.bannerart.org/>

2002
Christophe Bruno
<http://www.iterature.com/adwords/>

2002
eryk salvaggio
<http://www.salsabomb.com/imf/>
<http://www.salsabomb.com/exclusive/>
<http://www.salsabomb.com/gallery/>
<http://cybrport.com/E/ryk/2/>
<http://www.salvaggio-museum.org/>

E-Commerce

1999

Akshun
<http://www.calarts.edu/~nudell/archive/ebay.html>

2000
Patrick Lichty
<http://www.voyd.com/ebay/index.htm>

2000
RTMARK
<http://amsterdam.nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-0003/msg00074.html>

vote auction 2000
he is anon now -- has an rtmark agent name
<http://www.voteauction.biz/>

2001
John Freyer
<http://allmylifeforsale.com/>

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Shop Mandiberg
<http://www.mandiberg.com/shop/>
<http://www.mandiberg.com/time/>

2001
All Consuming
<http://all-consuming.com/>

2001
Keith Obadike's "Blackness for Sale"
<http://obadike.tripod.com/ebay.html>

and (but not e-commerce)

2002
<http://artport.whitney.org/gatepages/august02.shtml>

2002
John Freyer
<http://www.adaptivereuse.org/>

Networks; Being in two places at once, or one after each other

2001-2002 (though sketches of it were presented at ars in 99?)
Jesse Gilbert (with Carole Kim et al)
<http://www.turbulence.org/Works/interaxis/>

2002
Bunting
<http://www.tate.org.uk/netart/borderxingguide.htm>
<http://irational.org/cgi-bin/border/clients/deny.pl>

2002
Mandiberg, et al
<http://turbulence.org/Works/guide/>
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2002
tennantspin/superflex
<http://www.superchannel.org/Home/Profile/Channels/SPIN/>

Email is still the killer-app

2001
the 01.org fake project made by florian cramer. it was a rhizome splash page. everyone (mark included) bought it for real, then they came out and said they had been impersonating... to be honest, i can't figure out which is the real one, and which is the fake, b/c of all the zeros and ones...
<http://www.0100101110110101.org/>
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<http://www.aec.at/takeover/update/showtopiclong.asp?ID=95>

Mouchette
When s/he talked about a real(?) appearance of the artist/girl
RHIZOME_RAW, 4/9/01, 4/10/01, 6/30/01

Anonymous Bri+ney_\$pears RHIZOME_RAW intervention
November 2001, on RHIZOME_RAW

(can't find RAW archive on the new rhizome site...)

2002

Rüdiger Heinze and Kristofer Paetau

PICTUREPEOPLE

(though the pictures all seem to be broken...)

<http://www.listserv.dfn.de/archives/picturepeople-l.html>

2002

Yucef Merhi

<http://www.cibernetica.com/art/maxsec4.jpg>

(he hacked the President of Venezuela's email acct)

2002

marc garrett's Sleazy Art Meetings

http://www.furtherfield.org/mgarrett/mgw/docs/playful_art_text.htm

2002

Rob Wittig

(okay this one is a chatroom, and its fake)

<http://www.tank20.com/fbm/index.html>

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Public Space Initiative

<http://publicspace.info/>

<http://rhizome.org/cgi/netArtNews2Friend.cgi?action=webx&tamp=20020910>

2002

August Highland

<http://www.muse-apprentice-guild.com/>

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Financial Services industry, and their java programmers

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2001 I think...

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2001

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Klima

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2001-2002

Galloway, Davis, et all

<http://rhizome.org/carnivore>

Database work where the data is preserved

1999-2002

Lisa Jevbratt

<http://www.c5corp.com/1to1>

2001 or 2002

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NerdBoxLinks2003

Michael Mandiberg
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Some thoughts for 2003... a list of Nerd_Box_Art links.

Mostly 2001 and 2002. Research for several essays I will probably never find time to write. Things I think people should check out.

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Syndication

It is storming here in L.A. Lights keep flickering (I love laptop battery power.)
No rain (never rain) just wind to knock down trees on power lines. And blow
away the smog for the morning.

Michael

<http://theredproject.com/nerdboxlinks>

LAX

2000-2002

Cathy Davies and Heather Cassils
MicrosoftMe (performance at VeryCyberFeminist)

C-Level (Eddo Stern, Mark Allen, Christina Ulke, Marc and Robbie Herbst, et all)
2001

<http://www.c-level.cc/tekken/>

2001

<http://www.c-level.cc/cockfight.html>

2002

<http://www.c-level.cc/lamoo.html>

2002

<http://www.c-level.cc/memefest/index.html>

2002

<http://www.journalofaestheticsandprotest.org/index.html>

2001

Smartist

<http://www.dollarhack.com/>

2001?

Mark Daggett

<http://www.deskswap.com/>

2001-2002

Jen Liu

World Domination Project in RGB

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REFRESH

<http://www.integr8.net/wdp>

2001-2002

Brody Condon

<http://www.tmpspace.com/>

especially good is his chinatown piece

http://www.tmpspace.com/chinatown_1

2002

A-Clip LA

<http://www.journalofaestheticsandprotest.org/1/aclip/index.html>

2002

jody hughes and giovanni garcia-fenech (sp?)

nerve.com intervention w/ group of artists making personal ads

<http://arefriendselectric.com> (seems to be down)

2002

Clover Leary

<http://gaygamete.com/>

2002-2003

Kevin McCarty

Screen Shot/Gay Porn/Chatroom Graphic Novel

example at

<http://theredproject.com/files/vencie5.jpg>

Nouveau Form/Ascii Art

2002

Banner Art Collective

<http://www.bannerart.org/>

2002

Christophe Bruno

<http://www.iterature.com/adwords/>

2002

eryk salvaggio
<http://www.salsabomb.com/imf/>
<http://www.salsabomb.com/exclusive/>
<http://www.salsabomb.com/gallery/>
<http://cybrport.com/E/ryk/2/>
<http://www.salvaggio-museum.org/>

E-Commerce

1999
Akshun
<http://www.calarts.edu/~nudell/archive/ebay.html>

2000
Patrick Lichty
<http://www.voyd.com/ebay/index.htm>

2000
RTMARK
<http://amsterdam.nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-I-0003/msg00074.html>

vote auction 2000
he is anon now -- has an rtmark agent name
<http://www.voteauction.biz/>

2001
John Freyer
<http://allmylifeforsale.com/>

2001
Shop Mandiberg
<http://www.mandiberg.com/shop/>
<http://www.mandiberg.com/time/>

2001
All Consuming

<http://all-consuming.com/>

2001

Keith Obadike's "Blackness for Sale"

<http://obadike.tripod.com/ebay.html>

and (but not e-commerce)

2002

<http://artport.whitney.org/gatepages/august02.shtml>

2002

John Freyer

<http://www.adaptivereuse.org/>

Networks; Being in two places at once, or one after each other

2001-2002 (though sketches of it were presented at ars in 99?)

Jesse Gilbert (with Carole Kim et al)

<http://www.turbulence.org/Works/interaxis/>

2002

Bunting

<http://www.tate.org.uk/netart/borderxingguide.htm>

<http://irational.org/cgi-bin/border/clients/deny.pl>

2002

Mandiberg, et al

<http://turbulence.org/Works/guide/>

<http://exchangeprogram.org/>

2002

tennantspin/superflex

<http://www.superchannel.org/Home/Profile/Channels/SPIN/>

Email is still the killer-app

2001

the 01.org fake project made by florian cramer. it was a rhizome splash page. everyone (mark included) bought it for real, then they came out and said they had been impersonating... to be honest, i can't figure out which is the real one, and which is the fake, b/c of all the zeros and ones...

<http://www.0100101110110101.org/>

<http://amsterdam.nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-I-0105/msg00055.html>

<http://www.aec.at/takeover/update/showtopiclong.asp?ID=95>

Mouchette

When s/he talked about a real(?) appearance of the artist/girl

RHIZOME_RAW, 4/9/01, 4/10/01, 6/30/01

Anonymous Bri+ney_\$pears RHIZOME_RAW intervention

November 2001, on RHIZOME_RAW

(can't find RAW archive on the new rhizome site...)

2002

Rüdiger Heinze and Kristofer Paetau

PICTUREPEOPLE

(though the pictures all seem to be broken...)

<http://www.listserv.dfn.de/archives/picturepeople-I.html>

2002

Yucef Merhi

<http://www.cibernetica.com/art/maxsec4.jpg>

(he hacked the President of Venezuela's email acct)

2002

marc garrett's Sleazy Art Meetings

http://www.furtherfield.org/mgarrett/mgw/docs/playful_art_text.htm

2002

Rob Wittig

(okay this one is a chatroom, and its fake)

<http://www.tank20.com/fbm/index.html>

July 4th 2002

Public Space Initiative

<http://publicspace.info/>

<http://rhizome.org/cgi/netArtNews2Friend.cgi?action=webx&tamp=20020910>

2002

August Highland

<http://www.muse-apprentice-guild.com/>

I can't remember the guy's name, but there was a British man who did a month? long project sending people SMS msgs. i did a fair amount of googling (my eyes are really blurry and i'm kind of dizzy from it) but i couldn't find it.

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FutureFarmers
<http://www.theyrule.net/>

Math.random()

<http://mccoospace.com/>

2002
<http://www.mteww.com/RAM/>

2002
<http://www.wildernesspuppets.net/yarns/hfcriticalmass/indexframeset.html>

Some others I couldn't B.S. into a category

2000-2002
Cory Arcangel/Beige/8-Bit
<http://www.beigerecords.com/cory/index.php3>

John Haddock
<http://whitelead.com/jrh/>

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Irregularity: Not just a medical condition.

The Florida flim-flam, seemingly an aberration, is business as usual. Judges flip-flopping, like campaigning candidates. Rules changing faster than Madonna. c Gore's advisors calling a decision by Florida's Secretary of State "arbitrary and unreasonable" and going to court. Aren't "arbitrary and unreasonable" the bywords for United States registrars?



Democrat and Republican judges routinely settle third-party complaints, never offering to recuse themselves as bipartisan and, therefore, biased. Now that the big parties differ, judges are suddenly partisan. And the governor is Bush's brother, as if Jeb counts those ballots himself. And William Daley is the son of a weasly former Chicago mayor.

If Mr Gore upsets the odds and somehow wins Florida, Democrats' euphoria soon would give way to remembrances of their dismay over his campaign. In the best economy of our lifetime, with most every economic and social index improving, while running against an untested governor with an undistinguished record, Mr Gore barely managed a draw and couldn't even carry his home state.

Albert R Hunt

Commenting on one of the numerous, conflicting court decisions, Florida election official Bob Crawford, a Democrat for Bush, told CNN, "It upholds what we have been saying all along – that there does have to be a cutoff at some point to make these elections reasonable and credible." Seems a bit late for that, Bob. Especially with Gore willing to wait for a recount of every vote in Florida, no matter what the cost, so long as he isn't the one paying for it. At least that is consistent with his view of government. Gore should consider, as the Inauguration approaches, that pressure will increase for him to deliver an impressive concession speech, with all the time he's had for preparation. Even groping Tipper won't be enough to offset a snoozer.



To this Independent, it is obvious that Bush won in Florida, if only by a pubic hair. I'm no Electoral College fan, but it's not new. There's an outcry from professional politicians (Okay! Democrats) to eliminate the College, like that would solve vote count problems or could be

fair and accurate... my ass!

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accomplished by January. They haven't glanced at the Constitutional lately, but an amendment would be required. As you may have noticed, I dislike the this country's election rules. However, there are better alternatives than pointless rhetoric. The Bush league haven't demanded recounts in every state where the vote was close. Bush seems to accept the inevitable.

If Gore had any integrity, he would, too. Here's a guy who issues a six-month warning to the Entertainment industry, then tells them at a fundraiser that they have nothing to fear, as long as they keep filling the Democratic coffers. Gore wouldn't know integrity if it bit him in the ass.



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Democrats are fooling themselves by questioning the process. Is it bad? Sure. Why? Because politicians of both parties have accepted it. If the Democrats seriously want to bow to "the will of the people," they should act to eliminate inequity in the future. If they were serious, they would not seek recounts in Democratic counties only. They want their result, not a fair result.

A similarly close race occurred in 1960 (Kennedy-Nixon), except the Democrat won, so it was no problem. If the vote were not close, these exceptions would have been swept back under the rug.

"It's about the principle, but there are more than enough votes to change the outcome, and that's an important factor as well."

– Al Gore, win or lose, a man of principle

Dead Man Voting

On 7th November 2000, no one gave a rat's ass about the election. Only about half the registered voters showed up, fewer than in 1992. Those who did were either uncertain or selecting the lessor of two evils. Many flipped coins (heads, Gore; tails, Bush). After settling for Tweedledum or Tweedledumber, everyone is furious that the person he or she settled for

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may be "cheated" out of a victory. It's not the outcome, it's the deception, usually so absent from American elections. Even the Green Party voters, who ignored Gore's please, now are riled that Bush won.

It was an election with nothing at stake. Whichever man becomes president will face a divided Congress with which to: add new, ineffective, unfair laws; perpetuate the immoral Drug War; increase taxes; and postpone dealing with problems, like the inevitable collapse of Social Security.

Oh, sorry. One person has something at stake – Al Gore. George Bush can return to his governorship; Gore will be unemployed. He may be forced to take an honest job for the first time in his life, unless he joins a law practice or gets a political sinecure – a far cry from president. If he believes he won, he should persevere or do what any politician would do, rewrite the rules to suit himself. After failing to win by a respectable margin with everything he had going (incumbent, "good economy," fewer scandals than the president), a proud man would have slinked off in embarrassment. But he wants to protect his entitlement – the presidency.

As late as Sunday, the 27th of November, Gore told *the NY Times* it was an essential democratic principle "that the will of the American people is not only expressed but heard and abided by." Which will is that? Based upon which focus group? There has yet to be a Florida recount where Gore wins. Bush remains ahead consistently, even counting ballots that appear to have been scratched. Now he's desperate enough to cite the margin of 300,000 (approximately) that he won in the popular vote, a pathetically small *victory*. And a "margin in the currently counted electoral vote." Presumably, without Florida. The campaign taught us that Gore hates losing, but there's a difference between that and refusing to face reality.

The Wall Street Journal {21 November} notes that when the tv networks carried the Florida Supreme Court hearing live for over two hours, viewers voted with their remotes. Kathy Chen reports:

Soap-opera fans weren't merely apathetic, some were downright angry. Victoria Rapoport, a 35-year-old entrepreneur from McLean, Virginia, had preset her video-cassette recorder [VCR] to tape her favourite Monday soaps to watch later. Instead, "I'm taping this stupid thing," she grumbled.

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With all the bull droppings, representing the best American journalism can offer, a frequent refrain is that this stalemate proves every vote counts. I have not heard the tally for Harry Browne, so my vote definitely does not count. Californians and those in other states where the "race" was not tight, could have stayed home and watched "Oprah." A vote in another state won't negate a vote in Florida, where the electorate are apparently so doped up, they can't figure out how to punch a perforated hole in a card, much less make an informed election decision. It's not that difficult. It's not Jai Li. These confused "thousands" of Democrats did not complain before leaving the polling place. They didn't demand another ballot. Seems they couldn't even realise they screwed up until reaching home.

model coverage

As the election coverage continues, the networks and pseudo-news channels poison the air with speculation, mostly by pallid old guys. With few developments, and no news, they keep repeating the same arguments. For some reason, the Republicans think the count is accurate enough, the Democrats don't. They are all being objective, putting the country first, petty politics second, of course.

Tired of the same old talking heads? Why not get models to cover the situation? What does James King think about the Florida vote? Or Tyra Banks? Inquiring minds want to know. They could reveal Florida swimwear between election commentary. Or we could get the European view from Laetitia and Naomi.

It has been suggested that we void the Revolution and beg England to take back the United States. Well, maybe only 49 of them. Seems unlikely the British would, yet it's no loonier than some ideas the "experts" have espoused, like having Floridians vote until they get it right. Even if the dispute is settled, it is unlikely to be amicable. The winner will be the candidate with the better lawyers or more loyal judges. As everyone knows, leggy supermodels trump lawyers anyday.

the 28th Amendment

Concerned about the national welfare, I, **gt**, propose a Constitutional amendment to solve all our problems. Change the qualification for president to include "must have a family name different from any former president." This requirement would not only have kept Bush from running, it would have spared us eight years of Clinton. And possibly another four in the future.

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Recount this!

Hopefully, the dispute will never be resolved. It will save our tax money devoted to salary, Secret Service, valet parking, catering, wardrobe and so on. I can't think of a down side.

Can you?

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Harry Browne, Libertarian for President

From the UK, [Guardian](#) comments. And [The Economist](#) twice.

Gore, the Law and More

But now, in the post-election legal jockeying, the lawyers are talking about manipulating tiny numbers of ballots to produce a contrived victory for Mr. Gore and cancel out the accidental victory of Mr. Bush. The big lie of the Democratic side is that such a statistically meaningless outcome would reflect the "will of the people."

More worrying still, Al Gore believes the big lie and he's not above using selective recounts to "prove" his point. The 10,000 "uncounted" ballots that attorney David Boies rants about are in fact a small portion of the 160,000 ballots spit out by machines all across Florida. Mr. Gore's determination to "count every vote" doesn't literally include every vote, only those that might be for him.

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HOLMAN W. JENKINS JR., Wall Street Journal, 29 November 2000

Suing Your Way to the White House *excerpt*

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The pols who could authorise modernisation seem comfortable with the status quo. It gives registrars more leeway to insist something takes too long (like changing the ballot after the candidate dies) or is too complicated (counting write-in ballots).

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Irregularity: Not just a medical condition.

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The Florida flim-flam, seemingly an aberration, is business as usual. Judges flip-flopping, like campaigning candidates. Rules changing faster than Madonna. c Gore's advisors calling a decision by Florida's Secretary of State "arbitrary and unreasonable" and going to court. Aren't "arbitrary and unreasonable" the bywords for United States registrars?



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Democrat and Republican judges routinely settle third-party complaints, never offering to recuse themselves as bipartisan and, therefore, biased. Now that the big parties differ, judges are suddenly partisan. And the governor is Bush's brother, as if Jeb counts those ballots himself. And William Daley is the son of a weasly former Chicago mayor.

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If Mr Gore upsets the odds and somehow wins Florida, Democrats' euphoria soon would give way to remembrances of their dismay over his campaign. In the best economy of our lifetime, with most every economic and social index improving, while running against an untested governor with an undistinguished record, Mr Gore barely managed a draw and couldn't even carry his home state.

Albert R Hunt

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Commenting on one of the numerous, conflicting court decisions, Florida election official Bob Crawford, a Democrat for Bush, told CNN, "It upholds what we have been saying all along – that there does have to be a cutoff at some point to make these elections reasonable and credible." Seems a bit late for that, Bob. Especially with Gore willing to wait for a recount of every vote in Florida, no matter what the cost, so long as he isn't the one paying for it. At least that is consistent with his view of government. Gore should consider, as the Inauguration approaches, that pressure will increase for him to deliver an impressive concession speech, with all the time he's had for



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preparation. Even groping Tipper won't be enough to offset a snoozer.

To this Independent, it is obvious that Bush won in Florida, if only by a pubic hair. I'm no Electoral College fan, but it's not

fair and accurate... my ass!

new. There's an outcry from professional politicians (Okay! Democrats) to eliminate the College, like that would solve vote count problems or could be accomplished by January. They haven't glanced at the Constitutional lately, but an amendment would be required. As you may have noticed, I dislike the this country's election rules. However, there are better alternatives than pointless rhetoric. The Bush league haven't demanded recounts in every state where the vote was close. Bush seems to accept the inevitable.

If Gore had any integrity, he would, too. Here's a guy who issues a six-month warning to the Entertainment industry, then tells them at a fundraiser that they have nothing to fear, as long as they keep filling the Democratic coffers. Gore wouldn't know integrity if it bit him in the ass.



KNWBS

Democrats are fooling themselves by questioning the process. Is it bad? Sure. Why? Because politicians of both parties have accepted it. If the Democrats seriously want to bow to "the will of the people," they should act to eliminate inequity in the future. If they were serious, they would not seek recounts in Democratic counties only. They want their result, not a fair result.

A similarly close race occurred in 1960 (Kennedy-Nixon), except the Democrat won, so it was no problem. If the vote were not close, these exceptions would have been swept back under the rug.

"It's about the principle, but there are more than enough votes to change the outcome, and that's an important factor as well."

– Al Gore, win or lose,
a man of principle

Dead Man Voting

On 7th November 2000, no one gave a rat's ass about the election. Only about half the registered voters showed up, fewer than in 1992. Those who did were either uncertain or selecting the lesser of two evils. Many flipped coins (heads, Gore; tails, Bush). After settling for Tweedledum or Tweedledumber, everyone is furious that the person he or she settled for may be "cheated" out of a victory. It's not the outcome, it's the deception, usually so absent from American elections. Even the Green Party voters, who ignored Gore's please, now are riled that Bush won.

It was an election with nothing at stake. Whichever man becomes president will face a divided Congress with which to: add new, ineffective, unfair laws; perpetuate the immoral Drug War; increase taxes; and postpone dealing with problems, like the inevitable collapse of Social Security.

Oh, sorry. One person has something at stake – Al Gore. George Bush can return to his governorship; Gore will be unemployed. He may be forced to take an honest job for the first time in his life, unless he joins a law practice or gets a political sinecure – a far cry from president. If he believes he won, he should persevere or do what any politician would do, rewrite the rules to suit himself. After failing to win by a respectable margin with everything he had going (incumbent, "good economy," fewer scandals than the president), a proud man would have slinked off in embarrassment. But he wants to protect his entitlement – the presidency.

As late as Sunday, the 27th of November, Gore told *the NY Times* it was an essential democratic principle "that the will of the American people is not only expressed but heard and abided by." Which will is that? Based upon which focus group? There has yet to be a Florida recount where Gore wins. Bush remains ahead consistently, even counting ballots that appear to have been scratched. Now he's desperate enough to cite the margin of 300,000 (approximately) that he won in the popular vote, a pathetically small *victory*. And a "margin in the currently counted electoral vote." Presumably, without Florida. The campaign taught us that Gore hates losing, but there's a difference between that and refusing to face reality.

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The Wall Street Journal {21 November} notes that when the tv networks carried the Florida Supreme Court hearing live for over two hours, viewers voted with their remotes. Kathy Chen reports:

Soap-opera fans weren't merely apathetic, some were downright angry. Victoria Rapoport, a 35-year-old entrepreneur from McLean, Virginia, had preset her video-cassette recorder [VCR] to tape her favourite Monday soaps to watch later. Instead, "I'm taping this stupid thing," she grumbled.

Don't blame me. I voted for Browne.

With all the bull droppings, representing the best American journalism can offer, a frequent refrain is that this stalemate proves every vote counts. I have not heard the tally for Harry Browne, so my vote definitely does not count. Californians and those in other states where the "race" was not tight, could have stayed home and watched "Oprah." A vote in another state won't negate a vote in Florida, where the electorate are apparently so doped up, they can't figure out how to punch a perforated hole in a card, much less make an informed election decision. It's not that difficult. It's not Jai Li. These confused "thousands" of Democrats did not complain before leaving the polling place. They didn't demand another ballot. Seems they couldn't even realise they screwed up until reaching home.

model coverage

As the election coverage continues, the networks and pseudo-news channels poison the air with speculation, mostly by pallid old guys. With few developments, and no news, they keep repeating the same arguments. For some reason, the Republicans think the count is accurate enough, the Democrats don't. They are all being objective, putting the country first, petty politics second, of course.

Tired of the same old talking heads? Why not get models to cover the situation? What does James King think about the Florida vote? Or Tyra Banks? Inquiring minds want to know. They could reveal Florida swimwear between election commentary. Or we could get the European view from Laetitia and Naomi.

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It has been suggested that we void the Revolution and beg England to take back the United States. Well, maybe only 49 of them. Seems unlikely the British would, yet it's no loonier than some ideas the "experts" have espoused, like having Floridians vote until they get it right. Even if the dispute is settled, it is unlikely to be amicable. The winner will be the candidate with the better lawyers or more loyal judges. As everyone knows, leggy supermodels trump lawyers anyday.

the 28th Amendment

Concerned about the national welfare, I, **gt**, propose a Constitutional amendment to solve all our problems. Change the qualification for president to include "must have a family name different from any former president." This requirement would not only have kept Bush from running, it would have spared us eight years of Clinton. And possibly another four in the future.

Recount this!

Hopefully, the dispute will never be resolved. It will save our tax money devoted to salary, Secret Service, valet parking, catering, wardrobe and so on. I can't think of a down side.

Can you?

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Harry Browne, Libertarian for President

From the UK, [Guardian](#) comments. And [The Economist](#) [twice](#).

Gore, the Law and More

But now, in the post-election legal jockeying, the lawyers are talking about manipulating tiny numbers of ballots to produce a contrived victory for Mr. Gore and cancel out the accidental victory of Mr. Bush. The big lie of the Democratic side is that such a statistically meaningless outcome would reflect the "will of the people."

More worrying still, Al Gore believes the big lie and he's not above using selective recounts to "prove" his point. The 10,000 "uncounted" ballots that attorney David Boies rants about are in fact a small portion of the 160,000 ballots spit out by machines all across Florida. Mr. Gore's determination to "count every vote" doesn't literally include every vote, only those that might be for him.

In the meantime it would become clear both to history and his own voters that he was the wrong man for the job all along. Support is already falling away fast for the candidate who is showing himself willing to belabor our most important institutions merely to finagle his way to the prize he craves.

HOLMAN W. JENKINS JR., Wall Street Journal, 29 November 2000

Suing Your Way to the White House *excerpt*

By turning over to the lawyers the closest presidential election in our history, the campaigns have done little to assure Americans that justice is being done, and much to kill off the straggling remains of the myth that the courts are impartial. But they have also done something much worse. So shaken is popular trust in the electoral process that, no matter who winds up in the White House, millions of Americans will be certain that the winner stole the election.

Yale Law Professor STEPHEN L CARTER, Wall Street Journal, 27 November 2000

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 the etoy.CORPORATION is playful - but not comedy.

SNN/SYNDICATED NETWORK NEWS: <http://hikaru.thing.net/>

according to the articles the CHAIRMAN of the etoy.VC group, mr. a. stamberger calls for an extraordinary general online meeting betw. jan.03 and jan.10. 2001 to pass 2 resolutions:

- 1) to authorize the etoy.MANAGEMENT to raise additional capital from private investors to cover legal expenses.

BACKGROUND: protection of the etoy.BRAND from eToys Inc.

and ubermorgen.com who both filed for etoy trademarks and domain-names within the last year(s). both struggling e-commerce companies (facing revenue problems and cultural disorientation) do neither want to step back from aggressive plans nor are they willing to negotiate with etoy.LAWYERS. they don't have to care about pr (not anymore/not by nature).

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in case of eToys, REUTERS reported "somebody probably will buy the name because it is a wonderful name. it's memorable and catchy". after last fridays crash eToys spokesman gary gerdemann said: "we will be pursuing every possible avenue to MAXIMIZE VALUE for all stakeholders involved."

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[http://secretary.state.gov/www/briefings/statements/1999/
ps991208e.html](http://secretary.state.gov/www/briefings/statements/1999/ps991208e.html)

INDICTMENT: unacceptable violation of the etoy.TRADEMARK and disturbance of the very critical and expensive battle with eToys Inc. which entered a most explosive stage again. CONCRETE REPROACHES AGAINST Mr. BERNHARD/ubermorgen.com:

1-unlawful filing for etoy TRADEMARKS in AUSTRIA and the EU (on 3.11.2000) two years(!) after his withdrawal from etoy. result: legal expenses and harm to the culture brand
http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/austromark_fraud.html

2-public appearance as "official etoy.CORP. representative"
3-"art" in the name of etoy that involves the SWASTIKA and calls the nazi symbol "the fundament/background of etoy" (result: confusion and disgust within the etoy.COMMUNITY)
http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/nazi_pr_theory_quotes.html
<http://www.andernorts.de/netartists.htm> (GERMAN)

4-signing a press statement about VOTEAUCTION in the name of etoy to achieve credibility and to involve etoy in hans_extrems so called "digital legal art" (wired news)

<http://www.etoym.com/disgrace/voteauction.html>

5-unauthorized commerce & massive spamming in the etoy.NAME

http://www.etoym.com/disgrace/car_spam.html

6-so called shock-marketing under the etoy.BRAND and LOGO

http://www.digitalhijack.org/index_type01.html

<http://www.digitalhijack.org/dh2/www2/index.html>

http://www.etoym.com/disgrace/etoym_BRAINHARD.com.html

7-concluding contracts in the name of etoy (with curators)

why? to generate nothing but attention, credibility and financial profits for www.ubermorgen.com and its owner, l.a. bernhard, a former employee who left etoy by his own will with an unambiguous signature under his own (legally binding) declaration of discharge (2.8.1998). since this point etoy had no contact with mr. bernhard and has never worked with any of his questionable ventures (ubermorgen lists etoy as an official client and hans_extrem calls toywar his startup). A PRANK? simple minded commerce and greed. not a cent better than eToys legal games.

all sites are mirrored under (in case of obscuration)

<http://www.etoym.com/disgrace>

the etoy.CORPORATION -controversial but playful by definition- will no longer tolerate this misappropriation of its cultural capital that causes damage to the etoy.SHARE-VALUE and harms many of the 1832 etoy.CULTURE-INVESTORS who risked life and wealth for the independence of the etoy.BRAND during TOYWAR. etoy.VC group chairman alain stamberger is not the only one who is repelled about the cheap and stupid "SWASTIKA-PRANK". in a letter to the etoy.BOARD he appeals for "the guarantee that the etoy.CORPORATION makes its decisions IF, WHEN and HOW to use the etoy.BRAND. it can not be the business of a person who left etoy years ago and calls himself EXTREM." mr. stamberger urges the etoy.MANAGEMENT to take care of the strict compliance of the etoy.POLICY which does not allow any connection to simple-minded right-wing provocation. "as an etoy.MEMBER with jewish background i cant believe that a respected organization like "der deutsche kuenstlerbund" officially presents a swastika in their annual-exhibition. none seemed to (really)

question hans_extrem's position and his relation to etoy. this is unacceptable especially as mr. extrem does not even have an etoy.EMAIL-ADDRESS. the defaming connection between TOYWAR.com/etoy and the swastika is a scandal. as an etoy.SHAREHOLDER i expect an official statement from the curator and the german kuenstlerbund."

etoy is not willing to wait for further "ubermorgen-extreme-pr". this kind of base-ball-bat-commerce and destructive madness is far away from being smart or interesting. the only result is war and destructive confusion within the community. if other organizations, valuable art groups (i.e. micromusic.net) or activists want to go this way because they don't see any other way to reach their goals: go for it! good luck & hot nightmares. etoy will stand on the other side. etoy cares about details.

hans_extrem proudly talked about his "new legal-digital-art" in wired news of the 9.11.2000 ("...its sexy"). therefore the etoy.LAWYERS suggest "prosecution to the maximum extent under the law". hans_extrem and eToys Inc. should prepare for legal wrestling. the court room will be their stage. as real funky businessmen who love attention they deserve the "full show". etoy is gearing up for legal entertainment & prepares massive amounts of venture capital to secure maximum fun.

art-analysts & brokers can bet here: www.etoy.com/capital
etoy will not waste your money! our bankers turn it into cultural capital and social profit like none else in the market of "impact management" and "surreal incubations".

THE GENERAL MEETING TAKES PLACE ON THE NET: BETWEEN
JAN. 03 and JAN. 10. ALL etoy.SHAREHOLDERS will be
called to register for their voting rights & db-updates.
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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR: PLAY! ANYWAY & FOREVER.

signed by the etoy.MANAGEMENT
AND ALAIN STAMBERGER, CHAIRMAN of the etoy.VC group

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1-unlawful filing for etoy TRADEMARKS in AUSTRIA and the EU (on 3.11.2000) two years(!) after his withdrawal from etoy. result: legal expenses and harm to the culture brand
http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/austromark_fraud.html

2-public appearance as "official etoy.CORP. representative"

3-"art" in the name of etoy that involves the SWASTIKA and calls the nazi symbol "the fundament/background of etoy" (result: confusion and disgust within the etoy.COMMUNITY)
http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/nazi_pr_theory_quotes.html

<http://www.andernorts.de/netartists.htm> (GERMAN)

4-signing a press statement about **VOTEAUCTION** in the name of etoy to achieve credibility and to involve etoy in hans_extrems so called "digital legal art" (wired news)

<http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/voteauction.html>

5-unauthorized commerce & massive spamming in the etoy.NAME

http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/car_spam.html

6-so called shock-marketing under the etoy.BRAND and LOGO

http://www.digitalhijack.org/index_type01.html

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http://www.etoy.com/disgrace/etoy_BRAINHARD_com.html

7-concluding contracts in the name of etoy (with curators)

why? to generate nothing but attention, credibility and financial profits for www.ubermorgen.com and its owner, l.a. bernhard, a former employee who left etoy by his own will with an unambiguous signature under his own (legally binding) declaration of discharge (2.8.1998). since this point etoy had no contact with mr. bernhard and has never worked with any of his questionable ventures (ubermorgen lists etoy as an official client and hans_extrem calls toywar his startup). A PRANK? simple minded commerce and greed. not a cent better than eToys legal games.

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<http://www.etoy.com/disgrace>

the etoy.CORPORATION -controversial but playful by definition- will no longer tolerate this misappropriation of its cultural capital that causes damage to the etoy.SHARE-

VALUE and harms many of the 1832 etoy.CULTURE-INVESTORS who risked life and wealth for the independence of the etoy.BRAND during TOYWAR. etoy.VC group chairman alain stamberger is not the only one who is repelled about the cheap and stupid "SWASTIKA-PRANK". in a letter to the etoy.BOARD he appeals for "the guarantee that the etoy.CORPORATION makes its decisions IF, WHEN and HOW to use the etoy.BRAND. it can not be the business of a person who left etoy years ago and calls himself EXTREM." mr. stamberger urges the etoy.MANAGEMENT to take care of the strict compliance of the etoy.POLICY which does not allow any connection to simple-minded right-wing provocation. "as an etoy.MEMBER with jewish background i cant believe that a respected organization like "der deutsche kuenstlerbund" officially presents a swastika in their annual-exhibition. none seemed to (really) question hans_extrem's position and his relation to etoy. this is unacceptable especially as mr. extrem does not even have an etoy.EMAIL-ADDRESS. the defaming connection between TOYWAR.com/etoy and the swastika is a scandal. as an etoy.SHAREHOLDER i expect an official statement from the curator and the german kuenstlerbund."

etoy is not willing to wait for further "ubermorgen-extreme-pr". this kind of base-ball-bat-commerce and destructive madness is far away from being smart or interesting. the only result is war and destructive confusion within the community. if other organizations, valuable art groups (i.e. micromusic.net) or activists want to go this way because they don't see any other way to reach their goals: go for it! good luck & hot nightmares. etoy will stand on the other side. etoy cares about details.

hans_extrem proudly talked about his "new legal-digital-art" in wired news of the 9.11.2000 ("...its sexy"). therefore the etoy.LAWYERS suggest "prosecution to the maximum extent under the law". hans_extrem and eToys Inc. should prepare for legal wrestling. the court room will be their stage. as real funky businessmen who love attention they deserve the "full show". etoy is gearing up for legal entertainment & prepares massive amounts of venture capital to secure maximum fun.

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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR: PLAY! ANYWAY & FOREVER.

signed by the etoy.MANAGEMENT AND ALAIN STAMBERGER, CHAIRMAN of the etoy.VC group

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**Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 1 to 2 p.m.
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Nuevo portal de la bolsa mexicana

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El Salvador: Subastaban exámenes por Internet

Redaccion - Expertos informáticos habían superado un sistema de seguridad donde venían las preguntas de unos importantes exámenes de en El Salvador. El precio de venta estaba situado en los 11 ...

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A page of Internet auctions votes in the U.S.A..

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The communication sector heads the advertising investment in the Network

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The EC extends the term of allegations for the defense of Microsoft

The European Commission announced yesterday that it has decided to extend the term to the North American giant Microsoft so that responds of the accusations made by the European authorities of the competition of...

Necso will construct to the fishing market of A Corunna by 2,838 million

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The traditional mass media and the vestibules: competition or complementariness?

Organized by the Recoletos Group and sponsored by TecnoLand the first day of the Days dedicated to Mass media in the New era of Internet has taken place this morning in Madrid...

The interactive television, the platform that finally will generate benefits in European sector B2C

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MADRID. (special Service.) - Madrid Box is going to inject 13,000 million pesetas in cash to Real Madrid. Yesterday in the evening, everything indicated that the operation was firm, that was not going away to collapse...

Cirsa destines 600 million to place games in moving bodies

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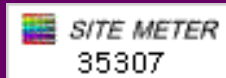
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Friday, October 06, 2000

So, did [that](#) make sense to anybody else?

I didn't think so. All I know for sure as that there are [evil](#) forces at work on the website.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 9:05 PM

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I think it would be much safer just to abstain from [Abstinence](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 4:30 PM

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Serbian activists didn't want Milosevic to take the money and run, so they [crashed the bank's computers](#). Just the same, the ousted president appears to be [hiding out at home](#) rather than fleeing the country.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 4:25 PM

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[Open Journal](#) is a Perl script for maintaining your own weblog *without* any external tools. Looks yummy, especially since the [Illuminati](#) give me full CGI & Perl capabilities.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:44 PM

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It's too bad that Wired's [letters](#) seem to disappear so quickly. I love the letter that suggested that a better name for [Universal Planar Manipulator](#) technology, which uses vibrations to (for example) move dishes and cutlery around a table with no visible motive force, would be "plate tectonics".

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:39 AM

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Oh, so it was the [camera operator's fault](#) for making Gore look so rude during the presidential debate. So why did my boss, who was only listening to the debate on the radio, get the same impression of Gore's behavior that I did? [via [re-run](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 10:03 AM

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Somehow, my faith in [electronic commerce](#) has been restored.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 9:09 AM

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I think I actually have an old [Timex-Sinclair 1000](#) (the revised name of the Sinclair ZX81) Somewhere at my parents' house.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 9:01 AM

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Go [Cards!](#) Gotta love [this catch](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:49 AM

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I didn't actually *watch* last night's [vice-presidential debate](#), and missed parts of the radio broadcast because I was in and out of the car, but I hope Shrub and ALGORE2000 were watching to see how to behave like grown-ups.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:26 AM

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Thursday, October 05, 2000

Let me guess. Chicago is going to cite "prior art" in its [suit against VoteAuction](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 4:50 PM

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Is the FBI's net-surveillance system too much to [swallow](#)?

Among the capabilities that peek out from behind all the indelible black swaths in the documents is an ability to reconstruct an entire Web page as viewed by a subject. A planned, updated version may even be able to capture voice-over-Web communications. Presently the system can capture and record all packet traffic to and from a selected IP, while monitoring a subject's on-line movements.

This still doesn't sound like anything more than a glorified packet sniffer, but why are the documents so heavily redacted?

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:55 PM

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The Bride of [Frankenstein](#)? Everybody's favorite [cyborg](#) is wiring his nervous system and his wife's together.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:51 PM

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Wednesday, October 04, 2000

I'd love to get a Visor PDA, although I have no expectations of getting one anytime soon. I'm doing a bit of reading on this gizmo, though, and found an [O'Reilly Network](#) piece on accessing the flash memory of the [Card Access Thinmodem](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:50 PM

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Let's arm police dogs! Researchers appear to be working on a way to strap a remote-controlled [stun gun](#) on a high-tech dog muzzle.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 1:49 PM

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I *tried* to watch the debate last night; what really set my attention adrift was that both candidates seemed determined to promote their own agendas no matter what questions were asked. I can't say either one of these guys came off particularly well. I found [Gore's rude behavior](#) during the debate especially disappointing.

Whoever directed the pool feed on tonight's broadcast is a genius, because almost every time Bush opened his mouth, we got treated to a split screen shot--complete with audio--of the vice president rolling his eyes, sighing, snorting, or laughing. I've been watching these things carefully since 1976. I can't remember a presidential candidate behaving worse in a debate.

I still say ALGORE2000 is a Replicant with a short circuit. [via [Media News](#)] Also, reporters Ken Moritsugu and Ron Hutcheson have done a bit of [fact-checking](#) on some of the claims that the candidates made.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:46 AM

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You ever have the kind of dream where you wake up the next morning and aren't 100% clear on whether it was a dream or real? It was all I could do this morning when I came in to work to *not* ask my boss, "I didn't do anything exceptionally stupid yesterday, like quit, did I?"

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:38 AM

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"Who's been hit? [Who's been hit?](#)" Tonight we *finally* find out.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:30 AM

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Tuesday, October 03, 2000

[Fresh Hell](#) spotted a great article about why an admittedly ridiculous horror series like [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#) is the best teen show on TV, as well as a neat [profile](#) of the guy who tries to [explain Dennis Miller](#) each week.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:17 PM

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Go [Cards!](#) (5th inning, up 7-4 at this posting) **Update:** Cards win, 7-5.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:01 PM

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All I really needed to know about HTML I learned in [View Source](#).

Good, general-purpose tools specify a series of causes and effects, nothing more. This is another part of what allowed the Web to grow so quickly. When a piece of software specifies a series of causes and effects without specifying semantic values (gravity makes things fall to the ground, but gravity is not for keeping apples stuck to the earth's surface, or for anything else for that matter), it maximises the pace of innovation, because it minimizes the degree to which an effect has to be planned in advance for it to be useful.

The best example of this was the introduction of tables, first supported in Netscape 1.1. Tables were originally imagined to be just that - a tool for presenting tabular data. Their subsequent adoption by the user community as the basic method for page layout did not have to be explicit in the design of either HTML or the browser, because once its use was discovered and embraced, it no longer mattered what tables were originally for, since they specified causes and effects that made them perfectly suitable in their new surroundings.

A good piece on how the web evolved quickly because

nothing *prevented* it from doing so. [via [Tremendo](#) via [Kottke](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:48 AM

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Like [Jason](#), I picked up a free :CueCat bar-code reader at Radio Shack. I really don't figure the included software is worth the throuble, but I might try some of the [quick hacks](#) various people have written to extract the barcode data. Assuming, of course, that they don't get [shut down](#) first.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 10:37 AM

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Monday, October 02, 2000

My cousin and her husband have moved in with my grandmother, and are gradually renovating her old house. They told me about some of their plans for the house, including some changes to accommodate Grandma as she ages. I wonder if they've given any thought to the [lighting](#)? [via [Rebecca](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 5:00 PM

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[Cooking the Books](#) at Microsoft:

In future Microsoft will report income in five categories, one for Windows and Office, (it's major current revenue sources), and four others. The result is that it will not be possible to know the extent to which the revenue for Office and Windows has changed. As for the antitrust matter, by presenting Windows and Office as part of the same organisational unit, Microsoft is doing precisely the opposite of what it should, under Jackson's strictures. Wasn't it supposed to be coming back with proposals as to how a split between the OS and the apps divisions should be implemented?

Maybe it's only a demo of how extensively Excel can manipulate numbers. **Update:** Looks like Microsoft

wants to make *sure* that the case doesn't move forward [until a new administration assumes office.](#)

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:11 PM

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[BlogHop](#) is another weblog listing / rating site, without any attempt to categorize them. Unfortunately, most weblogs [defy meaningful categorization.](#) Perhaps the [Yahoo](#) model of placing a site in multiple categories would be best, allowing webloggers with varied interests to at least group themselves by their most common interests. A rating system to codify how much a log concentrates on specific topics could help. For example, [Q Daily News](#), where I found this link, could be in medical, legal, and technical interest categories, with higher-than-normal ratings in the medical and legal fields.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 1:09 PM

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As far as classifying weblogs goes, it's been far too long since I took a look at the [PTypes Weblog](#), which focuses on personality typing, including listing a number of weblogs by personality type. My best match (I need to drop this fellow a line asking to be listed) appears to be the [solitary](#) type (since Kiersey seems to place me as a strong [INTP](#)). As far as I'm concerned, I'm in good company with a few other sites I enjoy.

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I didn't think so. All I know for sure as that there are [evil](#) forces at work on the website.

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[Open Journal](#) is a Perl script for maintaining your own weblog *without* any external tools. Looks yummy, especially since the [Illuminati](#) give me full CGI & Perl capabilities.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:44 PM

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It's too bad that Wired's [letters](#) seem to disappear so quickly. I love the letter that suggested that a better name for [Universal Planar Manipulator](#) technology, which uses vibrations to (for example) move dishes and cutlery around a table with no visible motive force, would be "plate tectonics".

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:39 AM

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Oh, so it was the [camera operator's fault](#) for making Gore look so rude during the presidential debate. So why did my boss, who was only listening to the debate on the radio, get the same impression of Gore's behavior that I did? [via [re-run](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 10:03 AM

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Somehow, my faith in [electronic commerce](#) has been restored.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 9:09 AM

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I think I actually have an old [Timex-Sinclair 1000](#) (the revised name of the Sinclair ZX81) Somewhere at my parents' house.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 9:01 AM

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Go [Cards!](#) Gotta love [this catch](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:49 AM

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I didn't actually *watch* last night's [vice-presidential debate](#), and missed parts of the radio broadcast because I was in and out of the car, but I hope Shrub and ALGORE2000 were watching to see how to behave like grown-ups.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:26 AM

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Thursday, October 05, 2000

Let me guess. Chicago is going to cite "prior art" in its [suit against VoteAuction](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 4:50 PM

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Is the FBI's net-surveillance system too much to [swallow](#)?

Among the capabilities that peek out from behind all the indelible black swaths in the documents is an ability to reconstruct an entire Web page as viewed by a subject. A planned, updated version may even be able to capture voice-over-Web communications. Presently the system can capture and record all packet traffic to and from a selected IP, while monitoring a subject's on-line movements.

This still doesn't sound like anything more than a glorified packet sniffer, but why are the documents so heavily redacted?

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:55 PM

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The Bride of [Frankenstein](#)? Everybody's favorite [cyborg](#) is wiring his nervous system and his wife's together.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:51 PM

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Wednesday, October 04, 2000

I'd love to get a Visor PDA, although I have no expectations of getting one anytime soon. I'm doing a bit of reading on this gizmo, though, and found an [O'Reilly Network](#) piece on accessing the flash memory of the [Card Access Thinmodem](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:50 PM

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Let's arm police dogs! Researchers appear to be working on a way to strap a remote-controlled [stun gun](#) on a high-tech dog muzzle.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 1:49 PM

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I *tried* to watch the debate last night; what really set my attention adrift was that both candidates seemed determined to promote their own agendas no matter what questions were asked. I can't say either one of these guys came off particularly well. I found [Gore's rude behavior](#) during the debate especially disappointing.

Whoever directed the pool feed on tonight's broadcast is a genius, because almost every time Bush opened his mouth, we got treated to a split screen shot--complete with audio--of the vice president rolling his eyes, sighing, snorting, or laughing. I've been watching these things carefully since 1976. I can't remember a presidential candidate behaving worse in a debate.

I still say ALGORE2000 is a Replicant with a short circuit. [via [Media News](#)] Also, reporters Ken Moritsugu and Ron Hutcheson have done a bit of [fact-checking](#) on some of the claims that the candidates made.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:46 AM

P-Link

You ever have the kind of dream where you wake up the next morning and aren't 100% clear on whether it was a dream or real? It was all I could do this morning when I came in to work to *not* ask my boss, "I didn't do anything exceptionally stupid yesterday, like quit, did I?"

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:38 AM

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"Who's been hit? [Who's been hit?](#)" Tonight we *finally* find out.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 8:30 AM

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Tuesday, October 03, 2000

[Fresh Hell](#) spotted a great article about why an admittedly ridiculous horror series like [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#) is the best teen show on TV, as well as a neat [profile](#) of the guy who tries to [explain Dennis Miller](#) each week.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:17 PM

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Go [Cards!](#) (5th inning, up 7-4 at this posting) **Update:** Cards win, 7-5.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 2:01 PM

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All I really needed to know about HTML I learned in [View Source](#).

Good, general-purpose tools specify a series of causes and effects, nothing more. This is another part of what allowed the Web to grow so quickly. When a piece of software specifies a series of causes and effects without specifying semantic values (gravity makes things fall to the ground, but gravity is not for keeping apples stuck to the earth's surface, or for anything else for that matter), it maximises the pace of innovation, because it minimizes the degree to which an effect has to be planned

in advance for it to be useful.

The best example of this was the introduction of tables, first supported in Netscape 1.1. Tables were originally imagined to be just that - a tool for presenting tabular data. Their subsequent adoption by the user community as the basic method for page layout did not have to be explicit in the design of either HTML or the browser, because once its use was discovered and embraced, it no longer mattered what tables were originally for, since they specified causes and effects that made them perfectly suitable in their new surroundings.

A good piece on how the web evolved quickly because nothing *prevented* it from doing so. [via [Tremendo](#) via [Kottke](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 11:48 AM

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Like [Jason](#), I picked up a free :CueCat bar-code reader at Radio Shack. I really don't figure the included software is worth the throuble, but I might try some of the [quick hacks](#) various people have written to extract the barcode data. Assuming, of course, that they don't get [shut down](#) first.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 10:37 AM

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Monday, October 02, 2000

My cousin and her husband have moved in with my grandmother, and are gradually renovating her old house. They told me about some of their plans for the house, including some changes to accommodate Grandma as she ages. I wonder if they've given any thought to the [lighting](#)? [via [Rebecca](#)]

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 5:00 PM

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[Cooking the Books](#) at Microsoft:

In future Microsoft will report income in five categories, one for Windows and Office, (it's major current revenue sources), and four others. The result is that it will not be possible to know the extent to which the revenue for Office and Windows has changed. As for the antitrust matter, by presenting Windows and Office as part of the same organisational unit, Microsoft is doing precisely the opposite of what it should, under Jackson's strictures. Wasn't it supposed to be coming back with proposals as to how a split between the OS and the apps divisions should be implemented?

Maybe it's only a demo of how extensively Excel can manipulate numbers. **Update:** Looks like Microsoft wants to make *sure* that the case doesn't move forward [until a new administration assumes office](#).

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 3:11 PM

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[BlogHop](#) is another weblog listing / rating site, without any attempt to categorize them. Unfortunately, most weblogs [defy meaningful categorization](#). Perhaps the [Yahoo](#) model of placing a site in multiple categories would be best, allowing webloggers with varied interests to at least group themselves by their most common interests. A rating system to codify how much a log concentrates on specific topics could help. For example, [Q Daily News](#), where I found this link, could be in medical, legal, and technical interest categories, with higher-than-normal ratings in the medical and legal fields.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 1:09 PM

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As far as classifying weblogs goes, it's been far too long since I took a look at the [PTypes Weblog](#), which focuses on personality typing, including listing a number of weblogs by personality type. My best match (I need to drop this fellow a line asking to be listed) appears to be the [solitary](#) type (since Kiersey seems to place me as a strong [INTP](#)). As far as I'm concerned, I'm in good company with a few other sites I enjoy.

Posted by [Brennan O'Keefe](#) at 12:16 PM

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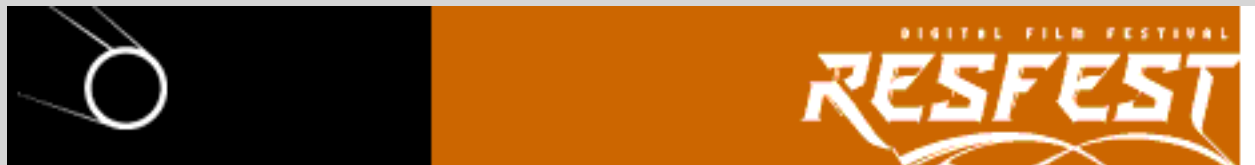
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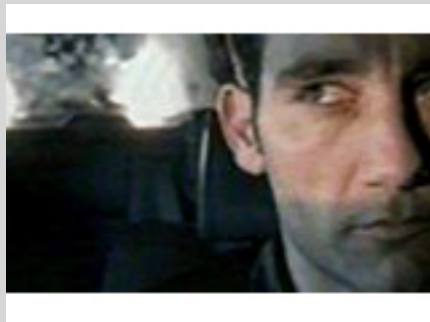
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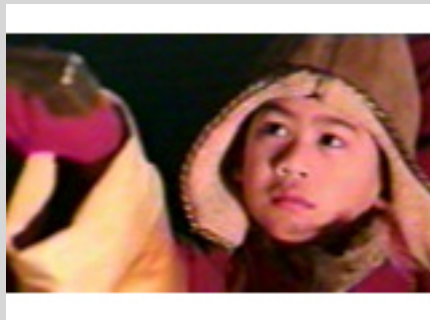


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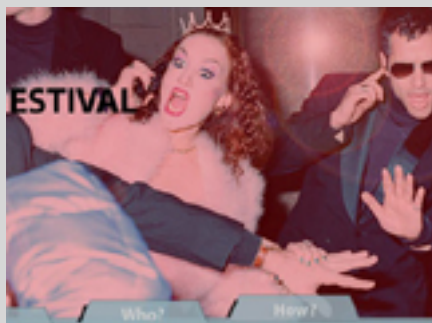
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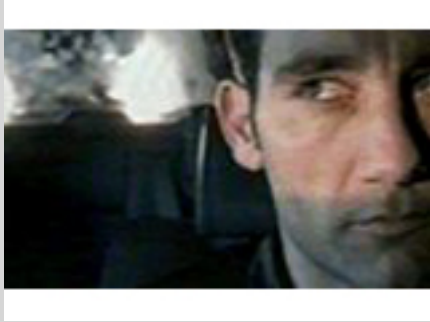
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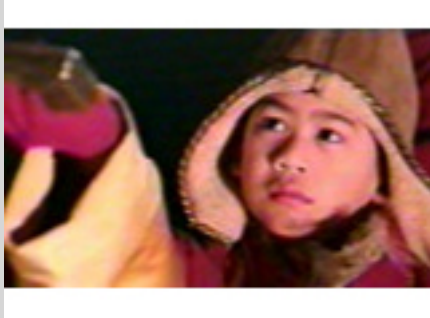



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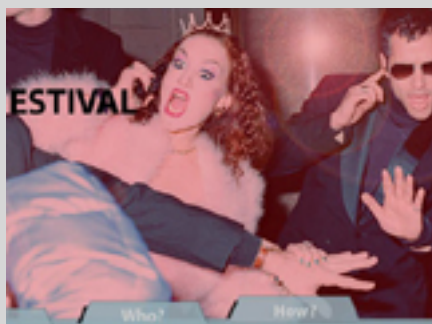
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Quote for the week:

"Librarians must be like Krishna! And descend into the world to combat ignorance!" - S.R. Ranganathan

Homepage of the week: George Lessard

<http://members.tripod.com/~media002/galsitelnk.html>

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1.Information for Social Change No. 13, Summer 2001

is now on the web, at:

<http://libr.org/ISC/TOC.html>

Contents include:

- Book review: Glenn Rikowski's *The Battle in Seattle: Its Significance for Education*. Review: John Pateman
- Resources. Compiled by Martyn Lowe
- Some recent developments. Shiraz Durrani
- Librarians protest murder in Genoa! Open letter from librarians against the murder of people exercising the right to protest against corporate globalization at the Genoa conference, July 2001.
- Classic and neo-information (editorial). Rory Litwin
- Libraries in Cuba: Report of a visit to "independent," national and public libraries in Cuba, 2000. John Pateman
- Cuban libraries: challenges and achievements. Rhonda Neugebauer
- Cuba Today, Tomorrow, Forever. Larry R. Oberg

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2. Against the Grain

"Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians"

<http://www.against-the-grain.com/>

This publication is from Katina Stauch, one of this year's candidates for ALA President. (I haven't made up my mind whom to endorse yet.)

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3. A Guide to What One Person Can Do About Pornography

<http://www.afa.net/pornography/PornGuide.pdf>

This new 48-page work by the American Family Association includes many references to the American Library Association.

Don Wood
Program Officer/Communications
American Library Association
Office for Intellectual Freedom

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4. Survey: Women in the Archival Profession

Hello everyone -- I'd like to make a reminder that the Women Archivists Roundtable is conducting a survey on "Women in the Archival Profession." This survey is available at <http://www.geocities.com/saawar/survey.html> . Women archivists, please be sure to fill out the survey, to mention it at regional meetings, and to talk it up to colleagues!

This survey was designed with the help of the WAR Steering Committee and membership and is a means by which WAR can interpret the perceptions of its membership as well as those of other women in the profession. The Women Archivists Roundtable believes the compiled results of this survey will enable them to bring those issues important to women in the profession to the archival public.

Please take a moment and print out the pages from the website, and send your completed survey to Amy Cooper (address is on the survey itself, and below) by November 15. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Co-Chair Lee Eltzroth ([libwom\(at\)langate.gsu.edu](mailto:libwom(at)langate.gsu.edu)).

Thank you for your help in making this survey a success.

Best Regards,
Amy Cooper
Co-Chair, Women Archivists Roundtable

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5. Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report

NCAC'S FREE EXPRESSION POLICY PROJECT RELEASES
SURVEY SHOWING INTERNET FILTERS ARE HOPELESSLY FLAWED

NEW YORK, NY -- Internet filters are hopelessly flawed, according to a comprehensive survey released today by the National Coalition Against

Censorship's Free Expression Policy Project. Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report offers a complete, easy-to-use summary of existing tests, studies, and reports on the over - and under - blocking propensities of the major programs and products designed to filter out Internet sites that are deemed controversial, offensive, or inappropriate for adolescents or children.

Multiple programs, the Report reveals, including Net Nanny, SurfWatch, CYBERsitter, and BESS, blocked House Majority Leader Richard "Dick" Armey's official Web site upon detecting the word "dick." SurfWatch blocked the home page of the Archie R. Dykes Medical Library at the University of Kansas on account of the word "dykes." I-Gear blocked a United Nations report on "HIV/AIDS: The Global Epidemic," while Smartfilter blocked Marijuana: Facts for Teens, a brochure published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In hundreds of cases, filters blocked artistic and literary sites, human-rights and public health information, and communications dealing with sexuality education and politics. One primary reason is that the technology inevitably must rely largely on key words or phrases such as "over 18," "breast," "sex," or "pussy" (hence, the blocking by X-Stop of searches for "pussy willows"). Even where company employees do review sites, there are massive problems of subjectivity, with the political attitudes of different manufacturers reflected in decisions to block such topics as homosexuality, human rights, and criticism of filtering software. The Report, after summarizing the available studies of 19 filtering technologies, contains an extensive appendix listing blocked Web sites by category: literature and the arts; sexuality education; gay and lesbian information; politics and human rights; and censorship.

"Internet filtering has become a major public policy issue in recent years, and is likely to remain so," writes Project director Marjorie Heins in the Report's introduction. "We hope that Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report will prove a useful resource for policymakers, parents, teachers, librarians, and all others concerned with the Internet, intellectual freedom, or the education of youth. ... Ultimately, less censorial approaches such as media literacy, sexuality education, and Internet acceptable-use training may be better policy choices than Internet filters in addressing concerns about young people's access to 'inappropriate' content or disturbing ideas."

NCAC's Free Expression Policy Project (www.ncac.org/projects/fepp.html) was initiated in 2000 in response to the need for research and policy development addressing contemporary censorship problems. Project director Marjorie Heins is the author, most recently, of Not in Front of the

Children: "Indecency," Censorship, and the Innocence of Youth (Hill and Wang, 2001), an investigation of the history and politics of censorship measures whose claimed justification was the protection of youth.

The Report, written by Christina Cho, is available without cost from the NCAC, and will soon be available online at www.ncac.org/.

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6. Sites Blocked by Internet Filtering Programs (CIPA challenge testimony)

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2001 10:04:31 -0600

From: "Don Wood" <dwood@ala.org>

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Sites Blocked by Internet Filtering Programs

<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/people/edelman/mul-v-us/>

Edelman Expert Report for Multnomah County Public Library et al., vs. United States of America, et al.

Overview

"In the course of a pending ACLU challenge to the Children's Internet Protection Act (PDF), I was asked to design and implement systems to identify particular web sites that are blocked by four specific Internet filtering programs but which do not fit within the programs' self-defined categories for blocking. I was also asked to identify and describe the capabilities and flaws of widely-used Internet blocking systems. This web site reports a portion of this work and a portion of my written report.

My testing focused on Surfcontrol Cyber Patrol 6, N2H2 Internet Filtering 2.0, Secure Computing SmartFilter 3.0, and Websense Enterprise 4.3. My expert report includes specific programs and sites tested, specific testing methodology, and results."

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7. Intellectual Freedom Manual 2001 Sixth Edition Published

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2001 11:44:33 -0500

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Intellectual Freedom Manual 2001 Sixth Edition Published

http://alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1032

for the latest information on this new edition and other intellectual freedom-related books.

See also

PDF Version of Office of Intellectual Freedom, Intellectual Freedom Manual, 6th edition, Part 1, Ch. 2, "Challenges and Issues Today," by Evelyn Shaevel and Beverley Becker

http://www.ala.org/editions/samplers/sampler_pdfs/OIF_IFM6_Ch2.pdf

and also

Intellectual Freedom Manual page

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/intellectualfreedommanual.html>

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8. ALA Policy on Governmental Intimidation

http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/pol_gov.html

The American Library Association opposes any use of governmental prerogatives which leads to the intimidation of the individual or the citizenry from the exercise of free expression. ALA encourages resistance to such abuse of governmental power and supports those against whom such governmental power has been employed.

Adopted February 2, 1973; amended July 1, 1981, by the ALA Council.

See also

Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights

<http://www.ala.org/work/freedom/interp.html>

See also

Alert: USA PATRIOT Act

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/alertusapatriotact.html>

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9. FBI reportedly wants to concentrate traffic, tap entire Internet

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<http://www.interactiveweek.com/article/0,3658,s%3D605%26a%253D16678,00.asp>

October 18, 2001

Beyond Carnivore: FBI Eyes Packet Taps

By Max Smetannikov

Expect the FBI to expand its Internet wiretapping program, says a source familiar with the plan.

Stewart Baker, a partner with law firm Steptoe & Johnson, is a former general counsel to the National Security Agency. He says the FBI has spent the last two years developing a new surveillance architecture that would concentrate Internet traffic in several key locations where all packets, not just e-mail, could be wiretapped. It is now planning to begin implementing this architecture using the powers it has under existing wiretapping laws.

[...]

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10. Bowdlerized by Microsoft (or, politically correct software)

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From: "Trei, Peter" <[ptrei\(at\)rsasecurity.com](mailto:ptrei(at)rsasecurity.com)>
To: "'[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)'" <[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)>
Subject: Bowdlerized by Microsoft
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2001 16:47:47 -0400

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/10/23/opinion/23GOLD.html>
(requires free registration, blah blah blah...)

October 23, 2001

Bowdlerized by Microsoft

By MARK GOLDBLATT

I was hard at the grindstone, crusading against hypocrisy and chaos, armed with my laptop and Microsoft Word 2000. I'd just typed: "Only a fool would believe." But "fool" did not seem right. So I hit Shift-F7 to call up the thesaurus. The lone synonym that Word provided was a verb: trick.

[...]

Tim transferred me to Kate, also cheerful, who promised to look into the matter. Several days later, Kate sent me an e-mail message with an explanation: "Microsoft's approach regarding the spell checker dictionary and

thesaurus is to not suggest words that may have offensive uses or provide offensive definitions for any words. The dictionary and spell checker is updated with each release of Office to ensure that the tools reflect current social and cultural environments."

[...]

But maybe this isn't oversensitivity. Maybe it is what postmodernists call erasure: since language creates reality, if we erase every noun connoting

below-average intelligence, the world instantly becomes a smarter place.

Now, if only Microsoft would erase "hypocrisy" and "chaos"

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11. GATT.ORG spoof site

WTO warns Net-surfers of fake gatt.org spoof site

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2001 12:20:34 -0800 (PST)

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Cc: [enquiries\(at\)gatt.org](mailto:enquiries(at)gatt.org), [sitka\(at\)home.com](mailto:sitka(at)home.com)

Reply to: [declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)

If I recall properly, the gatt.org spoof site has been around for years.

But after the WTO's announcement this week, it's in the news:

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20011031/wr/trade_wto_internet_dc_1.html

What the WTO should do is rely more on its difficult-to-forge .int domain
(like NATO does with nato.int):

http://www.wto.int/english/news_e/news01_e/gattdotorg_e.htm

-Declan

Forwarded message -----

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2001 11:58:43 -0800

From: Jeffrey St. Clair <[sitka\(at\)home.com](mailto:sitka(at)home.com)>

To: cp <[counterpunch-list\(at\)counterpunch.org](mailto:counterpunch-list(at)counterpunch.org)> ,

Declan McCullagh <[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)>

Subject: WTO Freaks At Halloween WebMask

Hi there! We run <<http://www.gatt.org/>>. Here's what the
WTO--that's the World Trade Organization, of course--has
been saying about us on their front page at

<<http://www.wto.org/>>

"Warning: Fake WTO website - <<http://www.gatt.org>> - deceitful and a nuisance to serious users"

They go on to describe how <gatt.org> interferes with "serious users" looking for "genuine information" (<http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news01_e/gattdotorg_e.htm>):

We think the WTO is acting just a little bit paranoid, don't you? After all, this is less than TEN DAYS before the start of the WTO's big hooplah in Doha, Qatar.

Maybe they're nervous--in Qatar, any form of protest is strictly illegal, and VERY heavily punishable (depending on the King's mood). How will people react when the first hundred protesters get their heads chopped clean off? Morocco doesn't like that sort of extremism, and neither do France or Nepal. Lots of beheaded peaceniks is likely to annoy almost everyone!

Funny thing, the WTO acted this way just before Seattle as well:
<http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres99_e/pr151_e.htm> .
It probably is just a bad case of nerves.

See you on the chopping block!

Your friends at <<http://theyesmen.org/>>

p.s. Here is the text of the WTO's Halloween news item:

WTO NEWS: 2001 NEWS ITEMS 30 October 2001 Warning: fake WTO website

A fake WTO website - <<http://www.gatt.org>> - has been created to deceive Internet users by copying the entire official WTO website. While the design is identical, the texts have been distorted. The fake site also uses the email address <[enquiries\(at\)gatt.org](mailto:enquiries(at)gatt.org)>

The use of WTO designs, logos and materials is strictly unauthorized. Worse, some pages on the fake website could cause unsuspecting visitors to reveal their email addresses

and other information to the site's operators. The fake site could also be picked up by search engines, a nuisance for serious users looking for genuine information.

The only official WTO site is <www.wto.org>.

(In an e-mail sent today to subscribers, they went even further, claiming "it uses a form which will reveal your e-mail address to the fake site's operators, who may then make use of it to send you misinformation in the name of the WTO.")

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The Long and Winding Cyberhoax: Political Theater on the Web

By THE NEW YORK TIMES

<http://rtmark.com/more/articles/yesmennytimes20010107.html>

It's well known that some regions of cyberspace - Internet chat rooms, for instance - are rife with poseurs and imaginary characters. But the World Wide Web is also a breeding ground for more elaborate deceptions, as demonstrated by the following cautionary tale about gall and gullibility in the information age.

The story begins with www.gatt.org, which looks at first glance like an official Web site of the World Trade Organization, the five-year-old Switzerland-based successor to the organization that oversaw the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Unfortunately for the organizers of an October legal seminar on international trade in Salzburg, Austria, a glance was all they gave it before clicking on the "contact" link and sending a speaking invitation to Mike Moore, the W.T.O.'s director-general.

Big mistake: it turns out the site is run by the Yes Men, a loose-knit group of anti-free-trade activists that views hoaxes as a legitimate weapon of protest.

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Editor's note:

Very briefly, the GATT.ORG site is not a hoax, nor is it spreading misinformation. It is a very good satirical site with links to some pretty intelligent, if blunt, criticism of the WTO. The "yesmen" (of yesmen.com) who created it are connected with, or perhaps identical to, rtmark

(pronounced ArtMark and written with the registered trademark and trademark symbols, the R in a circle and the TM). Rtmart is responsible for networking and funding (via "investors" who play at mimicking stock market investors) a wide variety of very clever and inspiring culture-jamming projects that bring a certain joy to protest movements that I think promises to rescue us from looking like dour puritans next to those sexy capitalists, with their sexy advertisements. I recommend checking them out at <http://rtmark.com>. The Libr.org site "Frankentoons," run by Joel Cohen, is included in their list of projects that you can invest in (no investments have come Joel's way through Rtmart as yet, so far as I'm aware).

Another project by people in this network that was intended as a satire but was taken seriously by the press (and the California Secretary of State) was the website that claimed to be an auction house for votes. They used to be voteauction.com, but had their domain name revoked under questionable circumstances. They can now be found at <http://62.116.31.68/>, with more information at <http://rtmark.com/voteauction.html>

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12. Media workers against War

Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2001 22:02:24 +0000

From: "Martyn Everett" <martyn_everett@hotmail.com>

To: librarians@lists.tao.ca

Media workers Against the War is a new British-based website, which is updated several times a day. It includes original research as well as summaries of news from other sources, and a directory of links.

<http://www.mwaw.org>

Martyn

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13. About.com Librarians site is dead

Special Message Regarding This Librarians and Library Science Newsletter

Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2001 12:39:28 -0500

From: About Taxonomy Team <community@ABOUT-INC.COM>

To: LIBRARIANS@MCLIST.ABOUT.COM

Dear User,

We've reorganized our taxonomy of sites here at About and made the difficult choice to remove the Librarians and Library Science GuideSite and this Librarians and Library Science newsletter.

We thank Tim Wojcik for all his hard work in building our Librarians and Library Science GuideSite. If you have any questions or comments about this change, feel free to write to [gethelp\(at\)about.com](mailto:gethelp(at)about.com). Please do not reply to the return address on this message.

Sincerely,

About Taxonomy Team

P.S. -- For a list of our hundreds of remaining GuideSites, please visit our home page at <http://about.com> .

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14. Surge of patriotism in schools leads to questions about right to dissent

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15184>

"Right now, it's a lot of rote memorization," says Cecilia O'Leary, an associate professor of history at California State University, Monterey Bay, and author of *To Die For: The Paradox of American Patriotism*."

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15. What Do the Faculty Think?

The nation was shocked into silence by the unimaginable images of deliberate carnage that we witnessed on the morning of September 11, and for a time we wanted no opinions--only the details of what had happened. And then we wanted the stories of heroism and self-sacrifice. And we also wanted a time of silence to mourn. I stood outside a packed church in downtown Washington at noon on September 14 when the whole city was solemnly silent--except for the drone of a passing helicopter from time to time. New words failing us, we turned to old ones in hymns and prayers and patriotic songs. That time has passed, and now we are back to our usual habits of analysis, criticism, and scorn. The pile-up of details is not enough; as a rational species, we must push beyond them to imagine causes, motives, remedies. And that is good. That is what we do as citizens in America. That is what faculty do as professionals.

The faculty do not, however, have a single brain that renders a unified opinion on matters of public policy. We have, in our Congress, a Republican conservative former professor of economics who wants to drill for oil in the Arctic, and we have a liberal professor of physics who doesn't. Professors crowd our video screens with opposing opinions about the budget, the genetic engineering, and cultures of the Middle East, and we seem to accept their diversity in times of peace. But in times of crisis, our tolerance of such diversity fades, and the words of any one faculty member may be taken to be the words of all. It is predictable that after we had passed through the initial phases of reaction to September 11, we should want more subtle analyses. And so the discourses of academics--passionate as well as cool--have commenced. And so have the voluble reactions of those who believe that thinking out loud in our colleges and universities is so subversive that it ought to be stopped, somehow.

A distrust of intellectuals has always lurked beneath the surface of American popular opinion. Now it has begun to leak out again--either through the frontal assault in the partial reporting by the New York Post of a forum at the City University of New York, or the sideswipes at "campus teach-ins" by a respected columnist like Tom Friedman or others such as John Leo. Such editorializing may be legitimate, but to demonize "the faculty" is harmful. Further, there's a difference when the responses to faculty opinions come from those who have the power to retaliate. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer withdrew his ominous warning that public people should "watch what they say," because the government has the power to censor. Just so, the comments of some members of the board of CUNY, and of its chancellor, should also be rethought. These warnings have been accompanied by nods to academic freedom, but they still open the possibility of retaliation.

So, what do the faculty think? They think many things about September 11. Some of them died in the bombings; some lost loved ones. They disagree vociferously on ethics, strategy, causes, and effects. From my own informal survey, faculty opinion ranges from vengeful to conciliatory. That's why we cannot speak on the course of war or peace for "the faculty" that we represent within the American Association of University Professors. But we can speak for faculty on one big thing--the necessity, as patriots and professors, to think and express their views in freedom.

Mary Burgan, General Secretary
American Association of University Professors
October 5, 2001

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16. Constricting critical inquiry in universities October 21, 2001

By Robert Jensen
ZNet Commentary

<http://www.zmag.org/sustainers/content/2001-10/21jensen.cfm>

"In my field the most fruitful targets for begging money are media corporations and the foundations they endow. This means the seemingly neutral directive to make fundraising a larger part of faculty members' job description will, in practice, further discourage critical and radical scholarship, which is already marginalized...

For example, my work has led me to the conclusion that corporate journalism tends to produce news that supports the corporate system (how's that for a brilliant insight). I also believe the evidence demonstrates that the contemporary corporation is a fundamentally illegitimate means to concentrate power and resources. Therefore, as someone who believes that the central role for journalists in a free society is to challenge illegitimate authority, it's not surprising that I think one of the key research questions for scholars concerned with journalism and democracy should be how to wrestle control of mass media away from the corporations and into the hands of working journalists and citizens.

In other words, my research and analysis leads me to want to pursue work aimed at ending the system of corporate capitalist ownership of mass media and radically remaking journalistic institutions.

It should come as no surprise that the media corporations and their foundations are not terribly interested in funding work that aims to derail their gravy train..."

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17. Sandy Berman's criticism of "Librarians Against War," response

"Give Peace A Chance" (When It's Convenient)
by Sandy Berman

On September 23rd, having just read "Some Interesting History" in the 9-19-01 Library Juice, I wrote editor Rory Litwin:

Dear Rory,

No quarrel with your 4:33 Juice recap on how badly ALA reacted to the 1940 Progressive Librarians Council "peace telegram" and the need to remain vigilant concerning free speech and other basic liberties during times of national stress and hyper-patriotism. However, at the risk of being trashed or dismissed as a "red-baiter," I think it is possibly too coy, naive, and innocent to treat the PLC anti-war position in 1940 as if it were a genuine expression of essentially pacifist principles. My guess is that what it really represented was a dedication to defending and protecting The Revolution in its very crucible, Mother Russia. The August 1939 Nazi-Soviet nonaggression pact in effect declared that Nazism was no longer the enemy and the already-begun Holocaust nothing to seriously worry about. Perhaps someone can report on whether the PLC maintained its pro-peace, anti-rearmament stance after June 1941, when three million Axis troops invaded the Soviet Union. I suspect they sent to further "peace telegrams."

If I'm wrong in this supposition, I welcome correction.

In struggle and hope,
(signed) Sanford Berman

To date, those remarks have not been acknowledged or published, although the questionable "peace telegram" now appears prominently on Litwin's "Librarians Against War" web site (<http://libr.org.peace>). Failing to address the possibly not-so-noble and perhaps crassly partisan motives behind that 1940 PLC declaration, and instead uncritically hailing the "telegram" as an inspiring model and precedent for today opposing the cruel and unjust assault on Afghanistan, seems intellectually dishonest and likely to undermine the credibility of the antiwar movement among librarians.

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While I do not feel an obligation to publish or publicly acknowledge everything that Sandy sends me (and he sends me a lot), this was one thing that I was definitely thinking about. Sandy wasn't the first person to bring this issue up. Stephen Denney, who works at UC Berkeley, raised the same question about the Peace Telegram when I sent the excerpt from an ALA history to the SRRT list. (That excerpt is now on the site.) The Library Juice inbox has been extremely busy since Sept. 11th, and I haven't been able to give every issue the attention that it deserves.

So what about the Peace Telegram? What about the PLC? Was the PLC in the 1940 dominated by communist party members? An article in issue no. 2 of Progressive Librarian, "The Progressive Librarians Council and its Founders," by Rosalee McReynolds, doesn't address this directly, but has

sections that seems to indicate that the Keeneys, who led the PLC, were probably communists. In 1940, people on the left were still in thrall to the Russians and full of hope for their revolution, full of hope that it would spread the world and eventually mean the liberation of humankind. I think hopes like that die hard, especially for skeptics who are used to recognizing propaganda in official reports. If I imagine myself in 1940, even as a Jew, I am not sure that I would not want to protect Russia, and I don't know what I would have thought of the reports about Germany that were coming out; I might have doubted them. I might have seen something very noble in my desire to protect Russia. I'm not saying that I would have been right to try to protect Russia, only that to do so at the time, from my vantage point, is very understandable, especially if you acknowledge that motives are often mixed within individuals; actions can be based on mixtures of noble and not-so-noble motives. So I think that while some members of the PLC (and probably not all) were interested in protecting Russia with the Peace Telegram, genuine pacifism, or at least a genuine desire to avoid war, probably entered into it as well.

Now, do I owe it to readers of the site to publish a warning about the Peace Telegram? I think the vast majority of readers wouldn't think of this problem on their own (I know I wouldn't have), so some comments might be in order. However, the way the site is designed only leaves room for a short sentence near the link, or alternatively an entire page on this problem, which I think would detract from the focus of the site. Because of those design considerations, and because I think it is somewhat tangential, I will probably do nothing; however, I am very open to suggestions and opinions. I am definitely going to leave the Peace Telegram and the article about it on the site, because they are significant and interesting as examples of a progressive library organization's response to war in 1940. The simple fact that World War II is almost universally thought of as a "good war" (from the perspective of our involvement) I think should negate any perception that I am "uncritically hailing the Peace Telegram as an inspiring model and precedent." It is a historical precedent; if not a perfect or pure or exemplary one then still a significant one. And to the extent that it is a historical precedent I think it is inspiring despite the not-so-noble motives, if we want to call them that in hindsight, that partially motivated it.

Perhaps I should just add Sandy's comments and my response together on a page on the site. I welcome readers' opinions on this question.

For the record, here are a couple of relevant sentences from McReynolds' article:

"As international conflict loomed on the horizon, it also was inevitable that the Council would have to consider world issues. In May 1940, the PLC

took such action by sending a letter to President Roosevelt in which he was urged to avoid bringing the United States into war. After Germany invaded the Soviet Union, the group modified this position, but lent only guarded support to America's participation in the war."

This excerpt confirms that PLC withdrew their opposition to the war after Germany invaded Russia; however, I can imagine this to be as much a result of the event waking people up to the reality of Germany as it was a the result of a continued desire to protect Russia. It is hard to know the PLC's intentions, and it is difficult, for me at least, to judge them from such a historical distance with such limited knowledge of their own thoughts and feelings with respect to what was happening.

Rory L.

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18. Different numbers

An international gallup poll

(http://www.gallup-international.com/terrorismpoll_figures.htm)

showed :

A full 32 out of 35 countries (the US, Israel and India in opposition) favored a criminal justice response, rather than military action, in response to the terrorist attack on America.

The numbers were clear: 67%-88% in NATO/Western countries and 83%-94% in Latin America favoring a non-military approach.

Surprisingly, 30% of US respondents also supported this option even though US corporate media consistently ignores it.

France had the highest support for military action of the European countries with 30%. Britain 18. Greece with 8%.

All of the European countries were well above 60% in support of extradition to stand trial.

It would be surprising and welcome if any of the corporate media in the US reported this.

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19. The Grand Complication

Entry in Rebecca's weblog - <http://sueproblema.pitas.com> - about this Fresh Air interview with Allen Kurzweil about his new book:

10/30/01...there's been a lot of talk lately about how many librarians and MLIS candidates are subscribed to the typical girls list. the question is why and it reminded me of this message i found on the newslib listserv:

"It was a treat to hear Neal Conan interview Allen Kurzweil on Fresh Air yesterday about his new book "The Grand Complication." Kurzweil has spent a lot of time in the NYPL and has great things to say about reference librarians. This is an excerpt of the interview. You can hear the entire interview at Listen to Author Allen Kurzweil : <http://www.npr.org/ramfiles/fa/20010814.fa.03.ram>

CONAN: A lot of people have said that it is a little peculiar to set, essentially, an action novel, a thriller, with a librarian as the protagonist.

Mr. KURZWEIL: Oh, yeah. But I would disagree with them. I think that librarians get a bum rap. They're constantly represented as these staid do-gooders, hair in a bun, glasses on the nose. In fact, librarians have better eyesight than most professionals. And on political lines, they tend to be activists and renegades. They're nonconformist by nature. I mean, think about what they have to do all day. They're pulling up incredible works of fiction. They're handing Dostoyevsky to high school students, if they're lucky. They're giving Merck Manuals to people with serious illnesses. They're trying to help people crushed by taxes. They are on the front lines of people and extremists. And I think that reference librarians need a better representation than the ones you find in "The Music Man."

CONAN: As we were talking about earlier, though, one of the things they do is try to bring order out of chaos. That's the nature of their job.

Mr. KURZWEIL: That's one kind of librarian. But there's another kind of a librarian who sees his calling, or her calling, as a middle man of knowledge. And it's those librarians that I'm particularly interested. They're the ones who break the rules. They're the ones who sneak into the conservation lab and take a book that requires rebinding and places it in the hands of an eager researcher because that book needs to be read."

RIGHT ON!

20. 8notes.com - <http://www.8notes.com/>

This site offers over 1500 free sheet music pieces and riffs. The music is browsable by category (classical, popular, film & television, traditional, etc.) and by instrument, and is searchable by composer, title words, and instrument. Online lessons for several instruments and a directory of over 1000 music-related sites are also included. 8notes.com owns the copyright to most of the sheet music provided (in-house editions of out-of-copyright music) and has permissions for the rest.

From Librarians' Index to the Internet - <http://lii.org/>

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Quote for the week:

"Librarians must be like Krishna! And descend into the world to combat ignorance!" - S.R. Ranganathan

Homepage of the week: George Lessard

<http://members.tripod.com/~media002/galsitelnk.html>

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1.Information for Social Change No. 13, Summer 2001

is now on the web, at:

<http://libr.org/ISC/TOC.html>

Contents include:

- Book review: Glenn Rikowski's The Battle in Seattle: Its Significance for Education. Review: John Pateman
- Resources. Compiled by Martyn Lowe
- Some recent developments. Shiraz Durrani
- Librarians protest murder in Genoa! Open letter from librarians against the murder of people exercising the right to protest against corporate globalization at the Genoa conference, July 2001.
- Classic and neo-information (editorial). Rory Litwin
- Libraries in Cuba: Report of a visit to "independent," national and public libraries in Cuba, 2000. John Pateman
- Cuban libraries: challenges and achievements. Rhonda Neugebauer
- Cuba Today, Tomorrow, Forever. Larry R. Oberg

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2. Against the Grain

"Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians"

<http://www.against-the-grain.com/>

This publication is from Katina Stauch, one of this year's candidates for ALA President. (I haven't made up my mind whom to endorse yet.)

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3. A Guide to What One Person Can Do About Pornography

<http://www.afa.net/pornography/PornGuide.pdf>

This new 48-page work by the American Family Association includes many references to the American Library Association.

Don Wood
Program Officer/Communications
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Office for Intellectual Freedom

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4. Survey: Women in the Archival Profession

Hello everyone -- I'd like to make a reminder that the Women Archivists Roundtable is conducting a survey on "Women in the Archival Profession." This survey is available at <http://www.geocities.com/saawar/survey.html> . Women archivists, please be sure to fill out the survey, to mention it at regional meetings, and to talk it up to colleagues!

This survey was designed with the help of the WAR Steering Committee and membership and is a means by which WAR can interpret the perceptions of its membership as well as those of other women in the profession. The Women Archivists Roundtable believes the compiled results of this survey will enable them to bring those issues important to women in the profession to the archival public.

Please take a moment and print out the pages from the website, and send your completed survey to Amy Cooper (address is on the survey itself, and below) by November 15. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Co-Chair Lee Eltzroth ([libwom\(at\)langate.gsu.edu](mailto:libwom(at)langate.gsu.edu)).

Thank you for your help in making this survey a success.

Best Regards,
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Co-Chair, Women Archivists Roundtable

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5. Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report

NCAC'S FREE EXPRESSION POLICY PROJECT RELEASES SURVEY SHOWING INTERNET FILTERS ARE HOPELESSLY FLAWED

NEW YORK, NY -- Internet filters are hopelessly flawed, according to a comprehensive survey released today by the National Coalition Against Censorship's Free Expression Policy Project. Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report offers a complete, easy-to-use summary of existing tests, studies, and reports on the over - and under - blocking propensities of the major programs and products designed to filter out Internet sites that are deemed controversial, offensive, or inappropriate for adolescents or children.

Multiple programs, the Report reveals, including Net Nanny, SurfWatch, CYBERSitter, and BESS, blocked House Majority Leader Richard "Dick" Armey's official Web site upon detecting the word "dick." SurfWatch blocked the home page of the Archie R. Dykes Medical Library at the University of Kansas on account of the word "dykes." I-Gear blocked a United Nations report on "HIV/AIDS: The Global Epidemic," while Smartfilter blocked Marijuana: Facts for Teens, a brochure published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In hundreds of cases, filters blocked artistic and literary sites, human-rights and public health information, and communications dealing with sexuality education and politics. One primary reason is that the technology inevitably must rely largely on key words or phrases such as "over 18," "breast," "sex," or "pussy" (hence, the blocking by X-Stop of searches for "pussy willows"). Even where company employees do review sites, there are massive problems of subjectivity, with the political attitudes of different manufacturers reflected in decisions to block such topics as homosexuality, human rights, and criticism of filtering software. The Report, after summarizing the available studies of 19 filtering technologies, contains an extensive appendix listing blocked Web sites by category: literature and the arts; sexuality education; gay and lesbian information; politics and human rights; and censorship.

"Internet filtering has become a major public policy issue in recent years, and is likely to remain so," writes Project director Marjorie Heins in the Report's introduction. "We hope that Internet Filters: A Public Policy Report will prove a useful resource for policymakers, parents, teachers, librarians, and all others concerned with the Internet, intellectual freedom, or the education of youth. ... Ultimately, less censorial approaches such as media literacy, sexuality education, and Internet acceptable-use training may be better policy choices than Internet filters in addressing concerns about young people's access to 'inappropriate' content or disturbing ideas."

NCAC's Free Expression Policy Project (www.ncac.org/projects/fepp.html) was initiated in 2000 in response to the need for research and policy development addressing contemporary censorship problems. Project director Marjorie Heins is the author, most recently, of Not in Front of the Children: "Indecency," Censorship, and the Innocence of Youth (Hill and Wang, 2001), an investigation of the history and politics of censorship measures whose claimed justification was the protection of youth.

The Report, written by Christina Cho, is available without cost from the NCAC, and will soon be available online at www.ncac.org/.

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6. Sites Blocked by Internet Filtering Programs (CIPA challenge testimony)

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Sites Blocked by Internet Filtering Programs

<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/people/edelman/mul-v-us/>

Edelman Expert Report for Multnomah County Public Library et al., vs. United States of America, et al.

Overview

"In the course of a pending ACLU challenge to the Children's Internet Protection Act (PDF), I was asked to design and implement systems to identify particular web sites that are blocked by four specific Internet filtering programs but which do not fit within the programs' self-defined categories for blocking. I was also asked to identify and describe the capabilities and flaws of widely-used Internet blocking systems. This web site reports a portion of this work and a portion of my written report.

My testing focused on Surfcontrol Cyber Patrol 6, N2H2 Internet Filtering 2.0, Secure Computing SmartFilter 3.0, and Websense Enterprise 4.3. My expert report includes specific programs and sites tested, specific testing methodology, and results."

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7. Intellectual Freedom Manual 2001 Sixth Edition Published

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Intellectual Freedom Manual 2001 Sixth Edition Published

http://alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1032

for the latest information on this new edition and other intellectual freedom-related books.

See also

PDF Version of Office of Intellectual Freedom, Intellectual Freedom Manual, 6th edition, Part 1, Ch. 2, "Challenges and Issues Today," by Evelyn Shaevel and Beverley Becker

http://www.ala.org/editions/samplers/sampler_pdfs/OIF_IFM6_Ch2.pdf

and also

Intellectual Freedom Manual page

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/intellectualfreedommanual.html>

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8. ALA Policy on Governmental Intimidation

http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/pol_gov.html

The American Library Association opposes any use of governmental prerogatives which leads to the intimidation of the individual or the citizenry from the exercise of free expression. ALA encourages resistance to such abuse of governmental power and supports those against whom such governmental power has been employed.

Adopted February 2, 1973; amended July 1, 1981, by the ALA Council.

See also

Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights

<http://www.ala.org/work/freedom/interp.html>

See also

Alert: USA PATRIOT Act

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/alertusapatriotact.html>

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9. FBI reportedly wants to concentrate traffic, tap entire Internet

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<http://www.interactiveweek.com/article/0,3658,s%3D605%26a%253D16678,00.asp>

October 18, 2001

Beyond Carnivore: FBI Eyes Packet Taps

By Max Smetannikov

Expect the FBI to expand its Internet wiretapping program, says a source familiar with the plan.

Stewart Baker, a partner with law firm Steptoe & Johnson, is a former general counsel to the National Security Agency. He says the FBI has spent

the last two years developing a new surveillance architecture that would concentrate Internet traffic in several key locations where all packets, not just e-mail, could be wiretapped. It is now planning to begin implementing this architecture using the powers it has under existing wiretapping laws.

[...]

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10. Bowdlerized by Microsoft (or, politically correct software)

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From: "Trei, Peter" <[ptrei\(at\)rsasecurity.com](mailto:ptrei(at)rsasecurity.com)>
To: "'[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)'" <[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)>
Subject: Bowdlerized by Microsoft
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2001 16:47:47 -0400

<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/10/23/opinion/23GOLD.html>
(requires free registration, blah blah blah...)

October 23, 2001

Bowdlerized by Microsoft

By MARK GOLDBLATT

I was hard at the grindstone, crusading against hypocrisy and chaos, armed with my laptop and Microsoft Word 2000. I'd just typed: "Only a fool would believe." But "fool" did not seem right. So I hit Shift-F7 to call up the thesaurus. The lone synonym that Word provided was a verb: trick.

[...]

Tim transferred me to Kate, also cheerful, who promised to look into the matter. Several days later, Kate sent me an e-mail message with an explanation: "Microsoft's approach regarding the spell checker dictionary and thesaurus is to not suggest words that may have offensive uses or provide offensive definitions for any words. The dictionary and spell checker is updated with each release of Office to ensure that the tools reflect current social and cultural environments."

[...]

But maybe this isn't oversensitivity. Maybe it is what postmodernists call erasure: since language creates reality, if we erase every noun connoting below-average intelligence, the world instantly becomes a smarter place.

Now, if only Microsoft would erase "hypocrisy" and "chaos"

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11. GATT.ORG spoof site

WTO warns Net-surfers of fake gatt.org spoof site

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Cc: [enquiries\(at\)gatt.org](mailto:enquiries(at)gatt.org), [sitka\(at\)home.com](mailto:sitka(at)home.com)

Reply to: [declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)

If I recall properly, the gatt.org spoof site has been around for years.

But after the WTO's announcement this week, it's in the news:

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20011031/wr/trade_wto_internet_dc_1.html

What the WTO should do is rely more on its difficult-to-forge .int domain

(like NATO does with nato.int):

http://www.wto.int/english/news_e/news01_e/gattdotorg_e.htm

-Declan

Forwarded message -----

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To: cp <[counterpunch-list\(at\)counterpunch.org](mailto:counterpunch-list(at)counterpunch.org)> ,

Declan McCullagh <[declan\(at\)well.com](mailto:declan(at)well.com)>

Subject: WTO Freaks At Halloween WebMask

Hi there! We run <<http://www.gatt.org/>>. Here's what the WTO--that's the World Trade Organization, of course--has been saying about us on their front page at <<http://www.wto.org/>>:

"Warning: Fake WTO website - <<http://www.gatt.org/>> - deceitful and a nuisance to serious users"

They go on to describe how <gatt.org> interferes with "serious users" looking for "genuine information" (<http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news01_e/gattdotorg_e.htm>):

We think the WTO is acting just a little bit paranoid, don't you? After all, this is less than TEN DAYS before the start of the WTO's big hooplah in Doha, Qatar.

Maybe they're nervous--in Qatar, any form of protest is strictly illegal, and VERY heavily punishable (depending on the King's mood). How will people react when the first hundred protesters get their heads chopped clean off? Morocco doesn't like that sort of extremism, and neither do France or Nepal. Lots of beheaded peaceniks is likely to annoy almost everyone!

Funny thing, the WTO acted this way just before Seattle as well: <http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres99_e/pr151_e.htm> . It probably is just a bad case of nerves.

See you on the chopping block!

Your friends at <<http://theyesmen.org/>>

p.s. Here is the text of the WTO's Halloween news item:

WTO NEWS: 2001 NEWS ITEMS 30 October 2001 Warning: fake WTO website

A fake WTO website - <<http://www.gatt.org>> - has been created to deceive Internet users by copying the entire official WTO website. While the design is identical, the texts have been distorted. The fake site also uses the email address <[enquiries\(at\)gatt.org](mailto:enquiries(at)gatt.org)>

The use of WTO designs, logos and materials is strictly unauthorized. Worse, some pages on the fake website could cause unsuspecting visitors to reveal their email addresses and other information to the site's operators. The fake site could also be picked up by search engines, a nuisance for serious users looking for genuine information.

The only official WTO site is <www.wto.org>.

(In an e-mail sent today to subscribers, they went even further, claiming "it uses a form which will reveal your e-mail address to the fake site's operators, who may then make use of it to send you misinformation in the name of the WTO.")

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The Long and Winding Cyberhoax: Political Theater on the Web

By THE NEW YORK TIMES

<http://rtmark.com/more/articles/yesmennytimes20010107.html>

It's well known that some regions of cyberspace - Internet chat rooms, for instance - are rife with poseurs and imaginary characters. But the World Wide Web is also a breeding ground for more elaborate deceptions, as demonstrated by the following cautionary tale about gall and gullibility in the information age.

The story begins with www.gatt.org, which looks at first glance like an official Web site of the World Trade Organization, the five-year-old Switzerland-based successor to the organization that oversaw the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Unfortunately for the organizers of an

October legal seminar on international trade in Salzburg, Austria, a glance was all they gave it before clicking on the "contact" link and sending a speaking invitation to Mike Moore, the W.T.O.'s director-general.

Big mistake: it turns out the site is run by the Yes Men, a loose-knit group of anti-free-trade activists that views hoaxes as a legitimate weapon of protest.

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Editor's note:

Very briefly, the GATT.ORG site is not a hoax, nor is it spreading misinformation. It is a very good satirical site with links to some pretty intelligent, if blunt, criticism of the WTO. The "yesmen" (of yesmen.com) who created it are connected with, or perhaps identical to, rtmark (pronounced ArtMark and written with the registered trademark and trademark symbols, the R in a circle and the TM). Rtmark is responsible for networking and funding (via "investors" who play at mimicking stock market investors) a wide variety of very clever and inspiring culture-jamming projects that bring a certain joy to protest movements that I think promises to rescue us from looking like dour puritans next to those sexy capitalists, with their sexy advertisements. I recommend checking them out at <http://rtmark.com>. The Libr.org site "Frankentoons," run by Joel Cohen, is included in their list of projects that you can invest in (no investments have come Joel's way through Rtmark as yet, so far as I'm aware).

Another project by people in this network that was intended as a satire but was taken seriously by the press (and the California Secretary of State) was the website that claimed to be an auction house for votes. They used to be voteauction.com, but had their domain name revoked under questionable circumstances. They can now be found at <http://62.116.31.68/>, with more information at <http://rtmark.com/voteauction.html>

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12. Media workers against War

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Media workers Against the War is a new British-based website, which is updated several times a day. It includes original research as well as summaries of news from other sources, and a directory of links.

<http://www.mwaw.org>

Martyn

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13. About.com Librarians site is dead

Special Message Regarding This Librarians and Library Science Newsletter

Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2001 12:39:28 -0500

From: About Taxonomy Team <community@ABOUT-INC.COM>

To: LIBRARIANS@MCLIST.ABOUT.COM

Dear User,

We've reorganized our taxonomy of sites here at About and made the difficult choice to remove the Librarians and Library Science GuideSite and this Librarians and Library Science newsletter.

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Sincerely,

About Taxonomy Team

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14. Surge of patriotism in schools leads to questions about right to dissent

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15184>

"Right now, it's a lot of rote memorization," says Cecilia O'Leary, an associate professor of history at California State University, Monterey Bay, and author of To Die For: The Paradox of American Patriotism."

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15. What Do the Faculty Think?

The nation was shocked into silence by the unimaginable images of deliberate carnage that we witnessed on the morning of September 11, and for a time we wanted no opinions--only the details of what had happened. And then we wanted the stories of heroism and self-sacrifice. And we also wanted a time of silence to mourn. I stood outside a packed church in downtown Washington at noon on September 14 when the whole city was solemnly silent--except for the drone of a passing helicopter from time to time. New words failing us, we turned to old ones in hymns and prayers and patriotic songs. That time has passed, and now we are back to our usual habits of analysis, criticism, and scorn. The pile-up of details is not enough; as a rational species, we must push beyond them to imagine causes, motives, remedies. And that is good. That is what we do as citizens in America. That is what faculty do as professionals.

The faculty do not, however, have a single brain that renders a unified opinion on matters of public policy. We have, in our Congress, a Republican conservative former professor of economics who wants to drill for oil in the Arctic, and we have a liberal professor of physics who doesn't. Professors crowd our video screens with opposing opinions about the budget, the genetic engineering, and cultures of the Middle East, and we seem to accept their diversity in times of peace. But in times of crisis, our tolerance of such diversity fades, and the words of any one faculty member may be taken to be the words of all. It is predictable that after we had passed through the initial phases of reaction to September 11, we should want more subtle analyses. And so the discourses of academics--passionate as well as cool--have commenced. And so have the voluble reactions of those who believe that thinking out loud in our colleges and universities is so subversive that it ought to be stopped, somehow.

A distrust of intellectuals has always lurked beneath the surface of American popular opinion. Now it has begun to leak out again--either through the frontal assault in the partial reporting by the New York Post of a forum at the City University of New York, or the sideswipes at "campus teach-ins" by a respected columnist like Tom Friedman or others such as John Leo. Such editorializing may be legitimate, but to demonize "the faculty" is harmful. Further, there's a difference when the responses to faculty opinions come from those who have the power to retaliate. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer withdrew his ominous warning that public people should "watch what they say," because the government has the power to censor. Just so, the comments of some members of the board of CUNY, and of its chancellor, should also be rethought. These warnings have been accompanied by nods to academic freedom, but they still open the possibility of retaliation.

So, what do the faculty think? They think many things about September 11. Some of them died in the bombings; some lost loved ones. They disagree

vociferously on ethics, strategy, causes, and effects. From my own informal survey, faculty opinion ranges from vengeful to conciliatory. That's why we cannot speak on the course of war or peace for "the faculty" that we represent within the American Association of University Professors. But we can speak for faculty on one big thing--the necessity, as patriots and professors, to think and express their views in freedom.

Mary Burgan, General Secretary
American Association of University Professors
October 5, 2001

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16. Constricting critical inquiry in universities October 21, 2001

By Robert Jensen
ZNet Commentary

<http://www.zmag.org/sustainers/content/2001-10/21jensen.cfm>

"In my field the most fruitful targets for begging money are media corporations and the foundations they endow. This means the seemingly neutral directive to make fundraising a larger part of faculty members' job description will, in practice, further discourage critical and radical scholarship, which is already marginalized...

For example, my work has led me to the conclusion that corporate journalism tends to produce news that supports the corporate system (how's that for a brilliant insight). I also believe the evidence demonstrates that the contemporary corporation is a fundamentally illegitimate means to concentrate power and resources. Therefore, as someone who believes that the central role for journalists in a free society is to challenge illegitimate authority, it's not surprising that I think one of the key research questions for scholars concerned with journalism and democracy should be how to wrestle control of mass media away from the corporations and into the hands of working journalists and citizens.

In other words, my research and analysis leads me to want to pursue work aimed at ending the system of corporate capitalist ownership of mass media and radically remaking journalistic institutions.

It should come as no surprise that the media corporations and their foundations are not terribly interested in funding work that aims to derail their gravy train..."

17. Sandy Berman's criticism of "Librarians Against War," response

"Give Peace A Chance" (When It's Convenient)

by Sandy Berman

On September 23rd, having just read "Some Interesting History" in the 9-19-01 Library Juice, I wrote editor Rory Litwin:

Dear Rory,

No quarrel with your 4:33 Juice recap on how badly ALA reacted to the 1940 Progressive Librarians Council "peace telegram" and the need to remain vigilant concerning free speech and other basic liberties during times of national stress and hyper-patriotism. However, at the risk of being trashed or dismissed as a "red-baiter," I think it is possibly too coy, naive, and innocent to treat the PLC anti-war position in 1940 as if it were a genuine expression of essentially pacifist principles. My guess is that what it really represented was a dedication to defending and protecting The Revolution in its very crucible, Mother Russia. The August 1939 Nazi-Soviet nonaggression pact in effect declared that Nazism was no longer the enemy and the already-begun Holocaust nothing to seriously worry about. Perhaps someone can report on whether the PLC maintained its pro-peace, anti-rearmament stance after June 1941, when three million Axis troops invaded the Soviet Union. I suspect they sent to further "peace telegrams."

If I'm wrong in this supposition, I welcome correction.

In struggle and hope,
(signed) Sanford Berman

To date, those remarks have not been acknowledged or published, although the questionable "peace telegram" now appears prominently on Litwin's "Librarians Against War" web site (<http://libr.org.peace>). Failing to address the possibly not-so-noble and perhaps crassly partisan motives behind that 1940 PLC declaration, and instead uncritically hailing the "telegram" as an inspiring model and precedent for today opposing the cruel and unjust assault on Afghanistan, seems intellectually dishonest and likely to undermine the credibility of the antiwar movement among librarians.

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While I do not feel an obligation to publish or publicly acknowledge everything that Sandy sends me (and he sends me a lot), this was one thing that I was definitely thinking about. Sandy wasn't the first person to bring this issue up. Stephen Denney, who works at UC Berkeley, raised the same question about the Peace Telegram when I sent the excerpt from an ALA history to the SRRT list. (That excerpt is now on the site.) The Library Juice inbox has been extremely busy since Sept. 11th, and I haven't been able to give every issue the attention that it deserves.

So what about the Peace Telegram? What about the PLC? Was the PLC in the 1940 dominated by communist party members? An article in issue no. 2 of *Progressive Librarian*, "The Progressive Librarians Council and its Founders," by Rosalee McReynolds, doesn't address this directly, but has sections that seems to indicate that the Keeneys, who led the PLC, were probably communists. In 1940, people on the left were still in thrall to the Russians and full of hope for their revolution, full of hope that it would spread the world and eventually mean the liberation of humankind. I think hopes like that die hard, especially for skeptics who are used to recognizing propaganda in official reports. If I imagine myself in 1940, even as a Jew, I am not sure that I would not want to protect Russia, and I don't know what I would have thought of the reports about Germany that were coming out; I might have doubted them. I might have seen something very noble in my desire to protect Russia. I'm not saying that I would have been right to try to protect Russia, only that to do so at the time, from my vantage point, is very understandable, especially if you acknowledge that motives are often mixed within individuals; actions can be based on mixtures of noble and not-so-noble motives. So I think that while some members of the PLC (and probably not all) were interested in protecting Russia with the Peace Telegram, genuine pacifism, or at least a genuine desire to avoid war, probably entered into it as well.

Now, do I owe it to readers of the site to publish a warning about the Peace Telegram? I think the vast majority of readers wouldn't think of this problem on their own (I know I wouldn't have), so some comments might be in order. However, the way the site is designed only leaves room for a short sentence near the link, or alternatively an entire page on this problem, which I think would detract from the focus of the site. Because of those design considerations, and because I think it is somewhat tangential, I will probably do nothing; however, I am very open to suggestions and opinions. I am definitely going to leave the Peace Telegram and the article about it on the site, because they are significant and interesting as examples of a progressive library organization's response to war in 1940. The simple fact that World War II is almost universally thought of as a "good war" (from the perspective of our involvement) I think should negate any perception that I am "uncritically hailing the Peace Telegram as an

inspiring model and precedent." It is a historical precedent; if not a perfect or pure or exemplary one then still a significant one. And to the extent that it is a historical precedent I think it is inspiring despite the not-so-noble motives, if we want to call them that in hindsight, that partially motivated it.

Perhaps I should just add Sandy's comments and my response together on a page on the site. I welcome readers' opinions on this question.

For the record, here are a couple of relevant sentences from McReynolds' article:

"As international conflict loomed on the horizon, it also was inevitable that the Council would have to consider world issues. In May 1940, the PLC took such action by sending a letter to President Roosevelt in which he was urged to avoid bringing the United States into war. After Germany invaded the Soviet Union, the group modified this position, but lent only guarded support to America's participation in the war."

This excerpt confirms that PLC withdrew their opposition to the war after Germany invaded Russia; however, I can imagine this to be as much a result of the event waking people up to the reality of Germany as it was a result of a continued desire to protect Russia. It is hard to know the PLC's intentions, and it is difficult, for me at least, to judge them from such a historical distance with such limited knowledge of their own thoughts and feelings with respect to what was happening.

Rory L.

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18. Different numbers

An international gallup poll

(http://www.gallup-international.com/terrorismpoll_figures.htm)

showed :

A full 32 out of 35 countries (the US, Israel and India in opposition) favored a criminal justice response, rather than military action, in response to the terrorist attack on America.

The numbers were clear: 67%-88% in NATO/Western countries and 83%-94% in Latin America favoring a non-military approach.

Surprisingly, 30% of US respondents also supported this option even though

US corporate media consistently ignores it.

France had the highest support for military action of the European countries with 30%. Britain 18. Greece with 8%.

All of the European countries were well above 60% in support of extradition to stand trial.

It would be surprising and welcome if any of the corporate media in the US reported this.

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19. The Grand Complication

Entry in Rebecca's weblog - <http://sueproblema.pitas.com> - about this Fresh Air interview with Allen Kurzweil about his new book:

10/30/01...there's been a lot of talk lately about how many librarians and MLIS candidates are subscribed to the typical girls list. the question is why and it reminded me of this message i found on the newslib listserv:

"It was a treat to hear Neal Conan interview Allen Kurzweil on Fresh Air yesterday about his new book "The Grand Complication." Kurzweil has spent a lot of time in the NYPL and has great things to say about reference librarians. This is an excerpt of the interview. You can hear the entire interview at Listen to Author Allen Kurzweil : <http://www.npr.org/ramfiles/fa/20010814.fa.03.ram>

CONAN: A lot of people have said that it is a little peculiar to set, essentially, an action novel, a thriller, with a librarian as the protagonist.

Mr. KURZWEIL: Oh, yeah. But I would disagree with them. I think that librarians get a bum rap. They're constantly represented as these staid do-gooders, hair in a bun, glasses on the nose. In fact, librarians have better eyesight than most professionals. And on political lines, they tend to be activists and renegades. They're nonconformist by nature. I mean, think about what they have to do all day. They're pulling up incredible works of fiction. They're handing Dostoyevsky to high school students, if they're lucky. They're giving Merck Manuals to people with serious illnesses. They're trying to help people crushed by taxes. They are on the

front lines of people and extremists. And I think that reference librarians need a better representation than the ones you find in "The Music Man."

CONAN: As we were talking about earlier, though, one of the things they do is try to bring order out of chaos. That's the nature of their job.

Mr. KURZWEIL: That's one kind of librarian. But there's another kind of a librarian who sees his calling, or her calling, as a middle man of knowledge. And it's those librarians that I'm particularly interested. They're the ones who break the rules. They're the ones who sneak into the conservation lab and take a book that requires rebinding and places it in the hands of an eager researcher because that book needs to be read."

RIGHT ON!

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20. 8notes.com - <http://www.8notes.com/>

This site offers over 1500 free sheet music pieces and riffs. The music is browsable by category (classical, popular, film & television, traditional, etc.) and by instrument, and is searchable by composer, title words, and instrument. Online lessons for several instruments and a directory of over 1000 music-related sites are also included. 8notes.com owns the copyright to most of the sheet music provided (in-house editions of out-of-copyright music) and has permissions for the rest.

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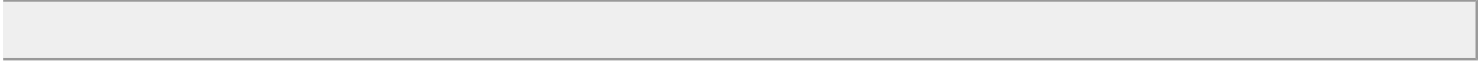
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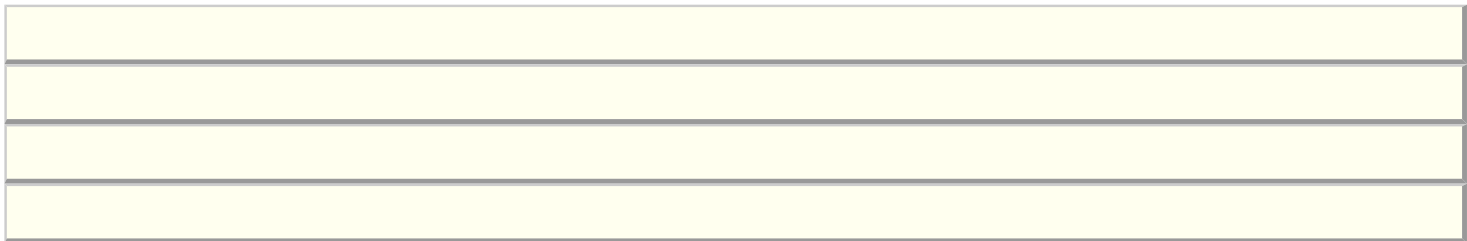
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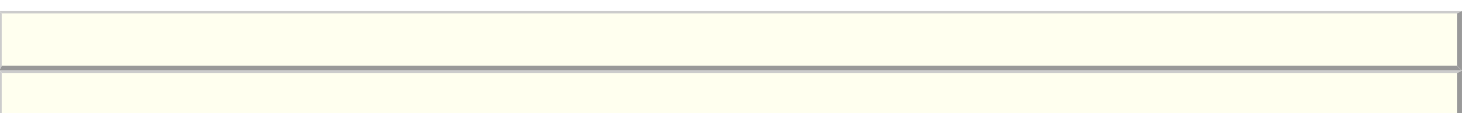
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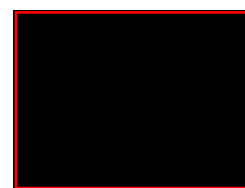
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Hans Bernhard (Austria)

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, snippets of work, chapters, slogans, functions and sequences rather than huge systems."

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> 18.00 Runme session

Introduction of Runme.org, the online software art database by its developers.

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>

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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 Makela (Finland)

Conceptual games, software toys and software art

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

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>

Florian Cramer (Germany)

Our writing tools are also working on our thoughts' (Nietzsche)

Artistic Subjectivity and the Unix Commandline.

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>

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Tim Pritlove, Chaos Computer Club (Germany)

Chaos Computer Club

Tim will talk about more than 20 year history of the famous Chaos Computer Club and will focus on its activity mutating from hacking into art and another way around.

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> 15.00 Performance

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> 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 a simple and elegant hack can generate a lot of media buzz.

Sintron (USA)

Touching without Touching

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>

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The Injunction Generator and [V]ote-auction

[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! as the contemporary legal art followup, we will give you in-depth background information on the notorious "INJUNCTION GENERATOR" and the soft-ware we use to automatically deliver such court orders [media hacking, shock marketing, fine art, ex-net.art]. 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!

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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.

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Hans Bernhard (Austria)

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, snippets of work, chapters, slogans, functions and sequences rather than huge systems. "

http://www.ubermorgen.com/etxtreme_v1_0

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<http://www.runme.org/project/+geneticbinarymathpoetry>

<http://www.hansbernhard.com>

http://www.macros-center.ru/read_me/inde8.htm

> 18.00 Runme session

Introduction of Runme.org, the online software art database by its developers.

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>

SATURDAY, May 31

Media Center Lume, Hameentie 135 ó

Entrance: Free

> *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 Makela (Finland)

Conceptual games, software toys and software art

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

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>

Florian Cramer (Germany)

Our writing tools are also working on our thoughts' (Nietzsche)

Artistic Subjectivity and the Unix Commandline.

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

Tim will talk about more than 20 year history of the famous Chaos Computer Club and will focus on its activity mutating from hacking into art and another way around.

<http://ccc.de>

Panel discussion will follow.

> 15.00 Performance

Ubergeek, 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>

> 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 a simple and elegant hack can generate a lot of media buzz.

Sintron (USA)

Touching without Touching

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

[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! as the contemporary legal art followup, we will give you in-depth background information on the notorious "INJUNCTION GENERATOR" and the soft-ware we use to automatically deliver such court orders [media hacking, shock marketing, fine art, ex-net.art]. 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!

<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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Nissenbaum: Where's the accountability?

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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."

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."



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

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 Appelton 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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Not a garage sale. Few laugh, however, when somebody crosses the line. A growing chorus of ethicists, lawmakers, consumer groups, and Internet activists say something needs to be done--either stepped-up monitoring by auction sites themselves, or statutes that police the Netways. The auction sites "are not simply the cyber-equivalent of somebody's garage sale," says ethicist Helen Nissenbaum, director of the Science, Technology, and Ethics program at Princeton University. "By refusing to take responsibility for what is sold on their site, they're cashing in on an overall lack of social accountability the Net offers people." Nissenbaum believes that while the sale of murderabilia or Nazi items are not illegal, it's "morally reprehensible," and doesn't belong online.

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."

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



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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 Appelton 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."

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



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

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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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And The Winner Is...

Cresta-Award für AGI

Die Multimedia-Agentur AGI, Stuttgart/ Berlin, konnte gleich zwei Trophäen von der Preisverleihung des Corporate Media Award am 3. November in München mit nach Hause nehmen. Das erfolgreiche Intranet-Programm "eCulture" für die "HypoVereinsbank" hat in der Kategorie "Aus- und Weiterbildung" den "Award of Master" bekommen. In der Kategorie "Verkaufsförderung / Public Relations" ging eine "Auszeichnung für hohen Standard" an den "Investor Companion". Die hochkarätige Expertenjury bewertete Zielsetzung und Zielerreichung, Konzeption, Inhalte, Kreativität, Kommunikationsleistung und handwerkliche Umsetzung der eingereichten Arbeiten.

➤ <http://www.agi.de/tagebuch>

➤ <http://www.crestaawards.com>

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Aus vier mach acht

Uniplan legt ihre Niederlassungen in Stuttgart und München zusammen

Die "Uniplan International GmbH&Co" (Hauptsitz: Kerpen bei Köln) hat seine beiden süddeutschen Niederlassungen zusammengelegt. Die Schließung des Standortes München und ein Ausbau der Präsenz in Stuttgart soll eine umfassendere Kundenbetreuung und höhere Effizienz bewirken. "Unser definiertes Ziel ist es, in unseren regionalen Märkten qualifiziert zu wachsen", konstatierte der Geschäftsführer Christian Brühe. "Das verhältnismäßig kleine Team in München konnte dieses Ziel allein nicht erreichen." Ein weiterer Grund seien die gestiegenen Anforderungen an die Dienstleister. Im Zuge des Ausbaus der Niederlassung Stuttgart wächst die Zahl der MitarbeiterInnen zunächst von bislang vier auf acht.

➤ <http://www.uniplan.de>

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FaceLIFTing

Das Stuttgarter Stadtmagazin "Lift" erhält neues Layout

Die Dezember-Ausgabe des Stuttgarter Stadtmagazins "Lift" wird für manche große Augen sorgen. In Zeiten von hippen Zeitschriften-Layouts ("IQ", "blond", etc.) wollen die Liftler nicht hintenanstehen und haben ihr gesamtes grafisches Erscheinungsbild, inklusive dem - schon immer stark polarisierenden - Titelbild überarbeitet und kommen im frischen, aufgelockertem Layout daher. Die Überarbeitung der Internetpräsenz unter www.lift-online.de folgt im Frühjahr 2001.

➤ <http://www.lift-online.de>

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Vom ZIP ins StEP

Umzug der "Boost Electronic Business GmbH

Das Medienberatungs- und Softwareentwicklungsunternehmen "Boost Electronic Business GmbH" vom ZIP (Zentrum für innovative Produktentwicklung) in Plieningen in ein neues, größeres Büro im Stuttgarter Engineering Park (StEP), Curiestr.4, gezogen. Und somit in bester Gesellschaft mit anderen führenden Firmen aus dem Internet-Bereich. Hauptgeschäftsfelder von "Boost" sind E-Commerce, Intra- und Extranet sowie Wissens- bzw. Informationsmanagement, wobei die Konzentration auf Produktentwicklungen und maßgeschneiderte Dienstleistungen im Electronic Business liegt.

 <http://www.boost.st>

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Coca, Cola & Co

Oliver Weiser geht zu Roth Lohre Lorenz

Oliver Weiser, 27, ist neu im Projektmanagement der Stuttgarter Agentur für Below-the-Line-Kommunikation "Roth Lohre Lorenz". Er unterstützt das Coca-Cola-Team um Projektleiter Ingo Hilbert und setzt Projekte wie die „Coca-Cola Weihnachtstour 2000“ mit um. Erfahrungen im Eventbereich konnte der Betriebswirt in seiner Vergangenheit schon reichlich sammeln: Er leitete eine Booking- und Eventagentur und organisierte diverse Musikszene-Veranstaltungen im Raum Hessen.

 <http://www.rll.de>

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Grüß und Tschüss

Neue Beziehungsdirektorin bei eJay

Tanja Grüß, 34, ist seit kurzem beim Stuttgarter Anbieter für interaktives Musik-Entertainment eJay für den Bereich Director Relations verantwortlich. Grüß war zuletzt Leiterin der Presse- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit der UFA.

 <http://www.ejay.de>

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Big Brother

Award Payback gewinnt Datenschutz-Negativ-Preis

Bei der ersten Verleihung des "Big Brother Award für die Missachtung des Datenschutzes" in Deutschland wurde der Hauptpreis der Kategorie Business/Finanzen an das Unternehmen Payback vergeben. Unter dem Deckmantel einer Rabattkarte sei ein System zur Erfassung, Speicherung, Auswertung und Weitergabe für Marketingzwecke verwertbarer Daten entstanden. Weitere Preise erhielten der Berliner Innensenator Werthebach für die Telefonüberwachung der Stadt und die Deutsche Bahn für ein Videoüberwachungssystem. Der Preis wurde 1998 von der Datenschutz-Organisation Privacy International in Großbritannien ins Leben gerufen.

 <http://www.bigbrotherawards.de>

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Interspherial

Stuttgarter Drehbuchschule öffnet 2001 ihre Tore






Im Januar 2001 beginnt die "Interspherial Drehbuchschule Stuttgart" mit ihrem Unterrichtsbetrieb. Erfahrene Autoren, Lektoren, Regisseure, Produzenten und Juristen lehren Drehbuchdramaturgie und das Entwickeln interessanter Filmfiguren. In dem neunmonatigen Studium verfassen die angehenden Autoren unter anderem ein Drehbuch für einen 90-minütigen Spielfilm - und werden dabei "online" von erfahrenen Tutoren begleitet. Die angehenden Autoren lernen, lebendige Dialoge zu schreiben; sie werden die Charakteristika der verschiedenen Genres wie zum Beispiel Sitcoms, Komödie, Krimi oder Melodram kennen lernen. Bei Gesprächen mit dem Filmbüro Baden-Württemberg e.V. wurde Interesse bekundet, die Interspherial Drehbuchschule in das Filmhaus zu integrieren - was dem "Medienstandort Stuttgart" sicher zugute käme. Im Januar 2001 wird mit einer Auswahl von Studenten, die Ihre Stoffe bis zum Treatment ausgearbeitet haben, begonnen. Für den ersten Turnus von Januar bis Mai sind noch zwei Plätze frei.

Weitere Infos unter Tel. 0711/63 73 430 und <http://www.interspherial.com>

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DIY [do it yourself !]

Neuer künstlerischer Leiter beim Medienkunst-Festival "transmediale"

Andreas Broeckmann, Kurator für den Programmbereich Neue Medien im Berliner "Podewil" hat die künstlerische Leitung des Medienkunst-Festivals  "transmediale" in Berlin übernommen. Broeckmann, Jahrgang 1964, arbeitete 1955 als Projektmanager am  Rotterdamer Medieninstitut V2. Er ist Mitglied des Berliner Medienvereins  mikro e.V.. Broeckmann war Jurymitglied für verschiedene Medienwettbewerbe, u.a. 1998 für den Preis der  Ars Electronica in Linz und 2000 für den Medienkunstpreis des  SWR/ZKM in Karlsruhe. Unter Broeckmanns Leitung soll das "transmediale"-Festival mit einer deutlichen Akzentuierung künstlerischer Reflexionen über die Rolle digitaler Technologien in der heutigen Gesellschaft weitergeführt werden. Da die Gelder vom Senat noch nicht bewilligt sind, plant er ein gestrafftes Minimalprogramm. Das Motto "DIY [do it yourself !]" thematisiert, wie digitale Medien heute in zunehmenden Masse Usern Produktionsmöglichkeiten bieten und damit aus passiven Nutzern und Konsumenten aktive Produzenten werden. In diesem Sinne wurde erstmalig ein Preis für "Künstlerische Software" ausgeschrieben - neben Preisen in den Bereichen Interaktiv und Video.

 <http://www.transmediale.de>

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Belser goes Bibel

Die Lutherbibel mit Meisterwerken aus dem Zeitalter der Reformation

Martin Luthers Thesen haben nicht nur einen Neuaufbruch in der Theologie bewirkt, sondern auch die Kunst seiner Zeit beeinflusst. Die Lutherbibel, die in Kooperation von Belser Verlag und Deutscher Bibelgesellschaft entstand, verbindet erstmals die Übersetzung Martin Luthers mit über 200 Meisterwerken aus der Reformationszeit, von 1466 (Mentelin-Bibel) bis 1563 (Konzil von Trient). Werke von Altdorfer, Baldung, Bellini, Bosch, Botticelli, Breughel, Cranach, Dürer, Duvet, Grünewald, Memling und Ratgeb. Holzschnitte, Tafelmalerei, Kupferstiche und Gemälde spiegeln in ihren unterschiedlichen Weltbildern die Umbruchzeit des 15. und 16. Jahrhunderts wider. Sie stehen in direktem Zusammenhang mit dem Bibeltext und machen die Lutherbibel zu einem Seh- und Leseerlebnis. Sachkundige Bildunterschriften geben Auskunft über die kunstgeschichtlichen und theologischen Zusammenhänge.

Lutherbibel, Belser-Verlag (ISBN 3-7630-2383-6) Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft (ISBN 3-438-01930-2)

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Alle Filmfestivals unter einem Hut

Gründung der "baden-württembergischen Film und Medienfestival GmbH"

Im Staatsministerium ist vor kurzem der Gesellschaftsvertrag für die neu zu gründende baden-württembergische Film und Medienfestival GmbH unterzeichnet worden. Seinen Sitz soll das Film- und Festivalbüro im Bosch-Areal haben. Albrecht Ade, der zum Ende des Jahres die Filmakademie Ludwigsburg verläßt, wird als künstlerischer Leiter der GmbH fungieren. Eines seiner selbsternannten Ziele ist die Zusammenführung der großen Filmfestivals aus der Region Stuttgart, die organisatorische Vereinigung von Trickfilmfestival, Filmschau, Cinema Europa, Filmakademie-Kurzfilmfestival und der Medienbörse im Haus der Wirtschaft.

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Abschiedsgeschenke

Hentschel, Gögger und Wiehager sagen Adieu

Zum Ende des Jahres werden sowohl Martin Hentschel, Leiter des WKV, Christian Gögger, Leiter des Ludwigsburger Kunstvereins, und Renate Wiehager, Leiterin der Städtischen Galerien Esslingen, ihren bisherigen Arbeitsort verlassen. Als Abschiedsgeschenke dienen Fabian Marcaccios orstspezifische Installation "Paintant Stories" (bis 26.11. im WKV), die Medienkunstwerke vereinende Gruppenausstellung "laufend Bilder" (noch bis 12.11. in Ludwigsburg) und die Gruppenschau "9 ½ - Ausstellungen und Erwerbungen 1991-2000" (bis 26.11 in Esslingen). Wir wünschen alles Gute für die Zukunft!

➤ <http://www.wkv-stuttgart.de>

➤ <http://www.kunstverein-ludwigsburg.de>

➤ <http://www.esslingen.de/kultur/Villasit/index.htm>

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Kraut und Rüben, Bits und Bytes

Der Webauftritt Stuttgarter Werbeagenturen im Test

Was die Etatmeldungen und Umsatzzahlen der klassischen Werbeagenturen betrifft, kann sich die Region Stuttgart im Bundesvergleich sehen lassen: 13 Agenturen sind unter den Top 150 (GfK) in Deutschland. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat den Internetauftritt der einzelnen Agenturen unter die Lupe genommen. Dabei kam Erstaunliches zutage.

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Staatsgalerie in neuem Gewandt Relaunch des Staatsgalerie-Online-Auftritts von 6B

Die Entscheidung für das neue Online-Gewand der Staatsgalerie fiel den Verantwortlichen nicht leicht, da neben einem innovativen Entwurf von AGI auch sehr interessante Ansätze der teilnehmenden Agenturen Melle-Pufe, Struktur, AV Communication, input-design, nullzeit und drei.neun präsentiert wurden. Holger Wölfle stellt die Entwürfe einiger am Pitch beteiligten Agenturen und die wesentlichen Neuerungen vor.

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Klett revolutioniert den Nachmittagsmarkt Das größte Lernportal der Welt: www.klett-training.de

Das Ernst-Klett-Profitcenter "Klett LernTraining" schaltete die Homepage www.klett-training.de frei. Damit steht ein komplettes Trainings- und Nachhilfeprogramm für alle Altersstufen in den Fächern Deutsch, Englisch und Mathematik zur Verfügung. Attraktive Extras: Ein Trainer-Live-Chat und die Autorenplattform "Thinktanx". Holger Wölfle berichtet vom Projekt.

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Das Fernsehen der Zukunft Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt neuartige Multimedia-Oberfläche

Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt im Auftrag der "Kabel Deutschland GmbH" den Prototyp der Portaloberfläche in einem Berliner Pilotprojekt. Das mittels Breitbandkabel als Multimedia-High-Speed-Plattform dienende Portal fungiert als browserbasierte, einheitliche Oberfläche für Fernseher und PC, wobei aktuellste Internet-Technologien zum Einsatz kommen. Erstmals wird mittels LiveVideoStream „wirkliches“ Video on Demand geboten, das sich deutlich vom Pay-per-View-Verfahren unterscheidet. Holger Wölfle gibt einen kritischen Einblick in das Projekt.

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"Wähl 0180..." Das Projekt "mediaphon" - Kostenlos Beratung für Selbstständige

Den Boom der Medienbranche durch kompetente Beratung von Freelancern begleiten. - dieses Ziel setzt das Projekt "mediaphon" seit dem 10. Oktober um. Von Montag bis Freitag erhalten hier zwischen 10 und 19 Uhr Selbstständige der Medien- und Kulturbranche kostenlos den Rat von Expertinnen und Experten. Unter der Nummer 01805/75 44 44 (24 Pfennig pro Minute) vermittelt ein Callcenter den Kontakt zu selbstständigen Berufsexpertinnen und -experten und deren Fachwissen.

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E-Marktplatz

Das Fraunhofer "Electronic Business Innovationszentrum"

Am 11. Oktober 2000 wurde in Stuttgart das Electronic Business Innovationszentrums der Fraunhofer Gesellschaft eröffnet. In diesem Innovationszentrum bündeln fünf Fraunhofer-Institute ihre Kompetenzen im Themenfeld Electronic Business. Das Innovationszentrum unterstützt Unternehmen bei der Einführung von E-Commerce- und E-Business-Anwendungen durch die Demonstration innovativer Lösungen verbunden mit individueller Beratung.

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Das Konzept geht auf "

Concept! AG eröffnet neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart

Die "Concept! AG" hat eine neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart eröffnet. Damit baut die Wiesbadener e-company, eine der führenden deutschen Multimedia-Agenturen, ihre Präsenz in Deutschland weiter aus.

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"Kampf"-Ansage

RTS hat seit Oktober 2000 ein Büro in Düsseldorf

RTS Rieger Team ist auf Expansionskurs. Ab Oktober 2000 übernimmt die Stuttgarter B-to-B-Agentur die Mehrheit an Dr. Kampf & Partner in Düsseldorf. Damit taucht die Marke "RTS Rieger Team" zum ersten Mal an einem zweiten Standort auf. Dr. Kampf & Partner als inhabergeführte Agentur mit starkem Business-to-Business-Schwerpunkt stellt für RTS Düsseldorf die ideale Plattform dar.

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Open Source - Wem gehört das Wissen?

Bericht über Berliner Tagung zum Patent- und Urheberrecht

Auf europäischer Ebene soll das Patentierungsverbot für Software gestrichen werden. Auf Bundesebene soll das Urheberrechts an das Abkommen zum WIPO-Urheberrechtsvertrag von 1996 angepasst werden. Bei der Tagung "Wem gehört das Wissen?" wurde in Berlin kontrovers diskutiert. Im Podium: unter anderem Rainer Kuhlen (Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission), Andreas Bogk (ChaosComputerClub), Fritz Teufel (IBM Deutschland), Klaus-J. Melullis (Richter am Bundesgerichtshof) und Mercedes Bunz (De:Bug). Karin Hinterleitner war dort.

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Viel Lärm um nichts (Teil 2)

Für die Quote wirft "Big Brother" alle Spielregeln über Bord

Seit dem 16. September läuft auf RTL2 die zweite Staffel der Reality-Soap "Big Brother". Auch diesmal stammte die peinlichste Person der Fernseh-WG aus dem Schwabenländle und wurde - zurecht - von den Zuschauern nach zehn Tagen rausgewählt. Doch seit dem 24. Oktober ist die Freizeit-Sripperin Marion aus Reutti bei Neu-Ulm wieder im Container. Marko Schacher kommentiert die hemmungslosen Vermarktungsstrategien des Senders.

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Vielfalt unter einem Dach

Das Stuttgarter "Medienhaus"

medienkultur-stuttgart.de wird innerhalb der nächsten Ausgaben eine Serie über die Medienzentren Stuttgarts vorstellen. Mit dem "Medienhaus" in Stuttgart-Heslach sollte in unserer aktuellen Ausgabe das älteste Medienzentrum in Heslach vorgestellt werden. Da zum Redaktionsschluß wesentliche Daten noch nicht zur Verfügung standen, folgt dieser Bericht im nächsten Newsletter.

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Viele Monologe, aber kein Dialog

Das Symposium "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" im ifa

Am 27. Oktober fand im Rahmen des Akademie-Solitude-Jubiläums im Vortragssaal des Stuttgarter Instituts für Auslandsbeziehungen ein ursprünglich mit "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" betiteltes Symposium statt. Eingeladen waren die KünstlerInnen Christine Hill, Fabrizio Gallanti und Andree Korpys und die KuratorInnen Johannes Gachnang, Vasif Kortun, Benno Löning, Ute Meta Bauer, Catherine David und Ole Bauman. Die einzelnen Monologe verschmolzen jedoch zu keinem Dialog, und diejenigen Kunstinteressierten, die als Publikumsstimme etwas zur Diskussion hätten beitragen können, blieben der Veranstaltung - mal wieder - fern. Marko Schacher war dort.

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"Knochenarbeit und kein Geld, dafür aber viel Erfahrung"

Interview mit dem Wim-Wenders-Assistent Jörg Ihle

Jahrelang hat sich Jörg Ihle bei allen deutschen Filmhochschulen beworben - und wurde abgelehnt. Inzwischen hat der gebürtige Böblinger, Jahrgang 1974, eine Ausbildung am renommierten American Film Institute in Los Angeles abgeschlossen, war Wim Wenders' Regieassistent bei "The Million Dollar Hotel" und hat seine eigene Produktionsfirma "Überproductions" gegründet. Marko Schacher führte mit dem Exilchwaben ein Gespräch über Wendepunkte, Wenders und die Unterschiede zwischen Hollywood und der Heimat.

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"Virtopera" - eine Oper entsteht im Internet Die weltweit erste Network-Opera-In-Progress

Seit September diesen Jahres komponiert Eberhard Schoener eine Oper, die erst im Internet entstehen wird. Die Grundidee der "Virtopera" besteht darin, den künstlerischen Möglichkeiten des Internets mehr Bedeutung einzuräumen und dem interessierten Publikum einen Leitfaden durch die "Kulturlandschaft" des Internets zu geben. Christian Kuhna stellt das Projekt vor.

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Manga rules! Die Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH

Die "Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH" (EMA) ist ein Unternehmen, das Medienprodukte der japanischen Kultur in den Mittelpunkt seiner Aktivitäten stellt. Publiziert wird im ersten Schritt in den Ländern Deutschland, Österreich und Schweiz. Mit allen Egmont-Unternehmen in Nord-, Ost- und Südeuropa sowie mit Egmont Japan K. K. wird eng kooperiert. Holger Wölfle stellt das Unternehmen vor.

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If anybody should be paid for my vote, it´s me! Interview mit übermorgen.com zur Wahlplattform voteauction.com

Für große Aufmerksamkeit in den US- und mittlerweile auch in den europäischen Medien sorgt die Wahlplattform voteauction.com. Dort konnten ganz unverblümt Wählerstimmen für den Präsidentschaftswahlkampf zum An- und Verkauf angeboten werden. Die Plattform entwickelte James Baumgartner, ein Kurstudent in N.Y, als Diplomarbeit. Nach juristischen Problemen verkaufte Baumgartner die Domain im August an übermorgen.com. Die Transformation eines künstlerischen Projekts in ein Business-Modell ist ein klarer Fall von Borderline-Marketing - darauf ist die vor einem Jahr gegründete Agentur übermorgen.com, bestehend aus Hans und LIZVLX, spezialisiert. Karin Hinterleitner traf die beiden in Berlin.

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Subjektivität am Büffet Verleihung des Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik

Die Preisverleihung des von der Kunststiftung Baden-Württemberg ausgeschriebenen Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik fand am 22.10. in der Berliner Akademie der Künste im Tiergarten statt. Über die Preisverleihung und ein kleines Missverständnis wurde bereits in der Stuttgarter Zeitung, Ausgabe 24.10.2000, unter der Überschrift "Wa(h)re Subjektivität" berichtet. Karin Hinterleitner kommentiert den wichtigsten Teil der Veranstaltung - den Empfang in der soviet- äh- russischen Botschaft Berlin.

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Megaknaller oder Martyrium?

Ein E-Mail-Wechsel zum Phänomen Britney Spears

Am 20. Oktober besuchten zwei Drittel von medienkultur-stuttgart.de - quasi als Betriebsausflug - das Stuttgarter Gastspiel von Britney Spears. Ihre Erfahrungen und Einsichten in die Teenie-Kultur hielten Marko Schacher und Holger Wölfler in einem E-Mail-Wechsel fest.

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"Die Region Stuttgart wird völlig unterschätzt"

Gastkommentar: Matthias Trübenbach und seine Sicht Stuttgarts

Mit seinem die Kulturregion Stuttgart propagierenden Internetauftritt unter www.truebi-stuttgart.de hat Matthias Trübenbach eine Presseresonanz ausgelöst, die ihn selbst - und andere Medienschaffende - überrascht hat. Bereits in seiner Kindheit störte den heute 23-Jährigen das Klischee der verschlafenen und grauen Schwabenmetropole. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat "Trübi" um seine aktuelle Einschätzung Stuttgarts gebeten.

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Ein Medienszene-Treff in Stuttgart!

Was andere Städte längst haben, darf in Stuttgart nicht fehlen: ein Medien-Stammtisch - von Medienmachern selbst ins Leben gerufen. Nach einigen unregelmäßigen Treffen im Medienhaus-Café und im "Maria" trafen sich am 14.10. über 20 Medienmacher zum Minigolf auf der Uhlandshöhe, unterhielten sich prächtig und hatten viel Spaß beim "eGolfen". Im Frühjahr 2001 wird das "1.Mega-Medien-E-Golfing" eröffnet. Am 6.11. folgte ein kleines, feines "eBowling"-Turnier im "City Bowling", an dessen Ende die Teilnehmer nicht nur mit interessanten Einblicken in die Arbeit der "Konkurrenz", sondern auch mit so manchem Muskelkater (und Kater) nach Hause gingen. Eingeladen sind alle, die mit Medien zu tun haben: Internet-, Werbe-, PR-Agenturen, Verlage, Musiker, Künstler und Marketing-Abteilungen aller Branchen.

Nächster Treff: 20.11., 20 Uhr, Maria, Gustav-Siegle-Haus, S-Mitte
Infos unter Tel. 62 03 425 und <http://www.medienstammtisch-stuttgart.de>

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Mit Druck

Studientag an der Hochschule für Druck und Medien

Am 15. November können sich Schüler und Interessierte an der Stuttgarter Hochschule für Druck und Medien über die Studiengänge Drucktechnik, Verpackungstechnik und Medieninformatik informieren. Jeweils um 9 Uhr und um 14 Uhr stehen zwei Vorträge zur Verpackungstechnik sowie zu Drucktechnik und Medieninformatik auf dem Programm. Anschließend beantworten Professoren und Studierende Fragen rund um das Studium.

Treffpunkt:

15.11., 9 und 14 Uhr, Foyer der HDM, Nobelstr.10, S-Vaihingen

Infos unter Tel. 0711/685 28 88 und <http://www.hdm-stuttgart.de>

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Medien praktisch

Anleitung zum multimedialen Unterricht

Als Auftaktveranstaltung des Dezentralen Medienkollegs der Landes-, Kreis- und Stadtbildstellen in Baden-Württemberg findet im Stuttgarter [Königin-Olga-Stift](#), einer der zwölf deutschen Medienschulen, die von der Bertelsmann-Stiftung unterstützt werden, die Tagung "Medien praktisch - Multimediales Arbeiten in der Schule" statt. Im Mittelpunkt der Veranstaltung steht die Vermittlung unmittelbar praktischen Medienhandelns im Unterricht. Neben Unterrichtsmitschauen werden Seminare, Gesprächskreise und beispielhafte Gerätekonfigurationen gezeigt, die an der Schule den multimedialen Unterricht unterstützen, bereichern und erleichtern können. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos.

Königin-Olga-Sift, Johannesstraße 18, Stuttgart 17./18.11., 9:30-17 Uhr

<http://www.lbw.bwue.de/kolleg/tagung/tagung2000.htm>

Anmeldung:

<http://www.lbw.bwue.de/kolleg/tagung/anmeldung.htm>

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"xhoch2" Performance in Stuttgart

Umfangreiches Begleitprogramm zur Joan Jonas-Retrospektive

Die Joan-Jonas-Ausstellung in der Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart lockt unter dem Titel "xhoch2" mit einem umfangreichen Begleitprogramm, das in Kooperation mit der Gedok-Galerie, dem Bund Bildender KünstlerInnen Württembergs e.V., der Galerie 14-1 und Zapata organisiert wurde. Ehemalige Studierende der Klasse Jonas und internationale Gäste stellen sich mit Ausstellungen, Workshops und Performances vor.

Ausstellung: 16.11.-18.2.2001, Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart

Infos unter Tel. 216 21 88 und <http://www.swo.de/Normal/galstgjonas3.html>

Begleitprogramm "xhoch2": Infos hier zum Programm November / Dezember

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Klein aber oho

Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelten in Sindelfingen-Maichingen

Skurril? Surreal? Sarkastisch? Witzig? Für Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelt ein einziges Attribut zu finden, ist unmöglich. Auf den ersten Blick könnte man die kleinformatischen Ölgemälde für Kinderbuch-Illustrationen halten. Doch was haben selbstmordsüchtige Schwarzwaldmädel und mit grellfarbenen Banker-Krawatten ausgestaffierte Zombies im Kinderzimmer zu suchen? Oliver Wetterauer kombiniert das scheinbar liebliche Erscheinungsbild seiner Bilder mit bitterbösen Thematiken und Kunstzitat.

Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen im Alten Rathaus Maichingen

Sindelfinger Str. 14, Sindelfingen-Maichingen 29.11.-14.1.2001, Di 17-19:30 Uhr, Sa, So 11-16 Uhr Eröffnung: 29.11., 19 Uhr, Künstlergespräch/Weihnachtsmarkt: 3.12., 11:30 Uhr

➤ <http://www.galerie-maichingen.de>

➤ <http://www.aussenstelle.de/oliver.html>

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Bereits bereist

Künstlerische Reiseandenken in Böblingen

Wer eine Reise macht, der kann etwas erzählen - und seine Erlebnisse zu Kunstwerken machen. 19 KünstlerInnen präsentieren in der Ausstellung "bereits bereits" in der Böblinger galerie contact ihre Reiseerfahrungen in Form von Gemälden, Fotografien und Videos. Zu sehen sind unter anderem japanische "Love-Hotels", Schneezeichnungen, Hotelzimmerblicke und Kochinstruktionen von Sylvia Winkler, Rolf Nickel, Andreas Bär und 16 weiteren Künstlern.

Einzelheiten erfährt man am 14.11. um 19 Uhr bei "Bär on Air" (97,2 UKW) im Freien Radio für Stuttgart.

galerie contact, Marktgässle 4, Böblingen

19.11.-10.12., Di 14-19, Mi, Do, Sa 14-17, So 11-17 Uhr

Eröffnung:

19.11., 11 Uhr,

"Aktionstag" mit Vorträgen/Performances: 26.11. Tel. 0711/23 69 149

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Klare Sache

Ausstellung von Eva Teppe in Kirchheim

Mit ihrem Ausstellungstitel "Es ist selten, dass die Dinge klar sind, nicht?" spielt die Stuttgarter Künstlerin Eva Teppe auf den ersten Eindruck an, den man von ihren rot-grünen 3-D-Bildern hat. Wer allerdings zur 3-D-Brille greift, hat den Durchblick und erkennt geheimnisvoll aufgeladene Waldszenen. Ergänzend zeigt Teppe in der Galerie im Kornhaus der Stadt Kirchheim unter Teck eine Video-Installation. Die Künstlerin selbst ist zur Finisage am 26. November von 11-17 Uhr vor Ort.

Galerie im Kornhaus, Max-Eyth-Str. 19, Kirchheim unter Teck

noch bis 26.11.

Di, Mi, Fr 10-12, Do 15-20, Sa, So 11-17 Uhr Tel. 07021/97 30 32.

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And The Winner Is...

Cresta Award for AGI

The Multimedia agency AGI, Stuttgart/Berlin, could take equivalent two Trophaeen of the award of the prize of the Corporate Media Award on 3 November in Munich with home. The successful Intranet program "eCulture" for the "HypoVereinsbank" got the "Award OF master" in the category "out and further training". In the category to "relation" a "honor for high standard" went sales promotion/Public to the "investor Companion". The hochkaratige expert jury evaluated objective and zielerreichung, conception, contents, creativity, communication achievement and conversion relating to crafts of the submitted work.

➤ <http://www.agi.de/tagebuch>

➤ <http://www.crestaawards.com>

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From four Mach eight

University plan folds up its addresses in Stuttgart and Munich

The "university plan internationally GmbH&Co" (head office: Kerpen with Cologne) folded up its two South German addresses. The locking of the location Munich and a development of the operational readiness level in Stuttgart are to cause a more comprehensive customer service and a higher efficiency. "our defined goal is it, in our regional markets qualified to grow", stated managing director Christian bruehe. "the relatively small team in Munich could not achieve this goal alone." A further reason are the risen requirements to the Dienstleister. In the course of the development of the address Stuttgart the number of the woman employees grows first from so far four on eight.

➤ <http://www.uniplan.de>

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FaceLIFTing

Stuttgart city magazines "new layout receives elevator"

The expenditure for December Stuttgart city magazines "elevator" for some large eyes will provide. In times of hippen magazine layouts ("IQ ", "blond", etc..) wants the Lifter to not in the back-line up and have their entire graphic appearance, including - always strongly polarizing - to the frontispiece revised and comes along in to blow, loosened up layout. The revision of the InterNet operational readiness level under www.lift online.de follows in the spring 2001.

➤ <http://www.lift online.de>

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Of the ZIP in steps

Removal of the "Boost electronics Business GmbH

The medium consulting and software development enterprise "Boost electronics Business GmbH" of the ZIP (center for innovative product development) in Plieningen into a new, larger office in Stuttgart engineering the park (step), Curiestr.4, pulled. And thus in best society with other prominent companies from the InterNet range. Main business fields of "Boost" are e-Commerce, Intra and Extranet as well as knowledge and/or information management, whereby the concentration on product developments and custom-made services are to electronics in the Business.

➤ <http://www.boost.st>

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Coca, Cola & CO

Olive wise goes to Roth Lohre Lorenz

Olive wise, 27, "Roth Lohre Lorenz" is new in the project management of the Stuttgart agency for Below the LINE communication. It supports the Coca Cola team around project manager Ingo Hilbert and converts projects like those, Coca Cola Weihnachtstour 2000"also. The operation manager could gain experiences in the Eventbereich in its past already plentifully: It led a Booking and a Eventagentur and organized various music scene meetings in the area Hessen.

➤ <http://www.rll.de>

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Greet and tschuess

New relations directress with eJay

Tanja greet, 34, is relation responsible since short with Stuttgart offerers for interactive music Entertainment eJay for the range the Director. Greet was last a chief of the pressing and public work of the UFA.

➤ <http://www.ejay.de>

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Big bread ago

Award Payback wins data security negative price

With the first award of the "Big the main price of the category Business/Finanzen was assigned bread ago to Award for ignoring the data security" in Germany to the enterprise Payback. Under the cover of a discount map a system developed to the collection, storage, evaluation and passing on for marketing purposes of usable data. Further prizes received the citizen of Berlin Senator of the Interiors value lift oh for the telephone monitoring of the city and the German course for a video monitor. The price was brought 1998 by the data security organization Privacy international in Great Britain into being.

➤ <http://www.bigbrotherawards.de>

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Interspherial

2001 opens Stuttgart film script school their gates

In January 2001 the "Interspherial film script school Stuttgart" begins with its instruction enterprise. Experienced authors, lecturers, directors, producer and lawyer teach film script dramaturgy and a developing of interesting film figures. In the study of nine months the beginning authors write among other things a film script for a 90-minuetigen feature - and thereby "on-line" by experienced Tutoren are accompanied. The beginning authors learn to write alive dialogues; they will learn the characteristics of the different category to know as for example Sitcoms, comedy, crime film or Melodram. With discussions with the film office Baden-Wuerttemberg e.V. was stated to interest to integrate the Interspherial film script school into the film house - which would benefit the "medium location Stuttgart" surely. In January 2001 with a selection by students, who prepared your materials up to the Treatment, one begins. For the first rotation from January to May still two places are free.

Further information under Tel. 0711/63 73,430 and <http://www.interspherial.com>

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DIY [DO it yourself!]

New artistic leader with the media art Festival "transmediale"

Andreas Broeckmann, curator for the program area new media in the citizen of Berlin "Podewil" transferred the artistic line of the media art Festivals "transmediale" to Berlin. Broeckmann, class 1964, worked 1995 as a project manager on the Rotterdamer Medieninstitut V2. It is member citizens of Berlin of the medium association micro e.V. Broeckmann was jury member for different medium competitions, among other things 1998 for the price of the acres Electronica in Linz and 2000 for the media art price of the SWR/ZKM in Karlsruhe. Under Broeckmanns line is to be resumed the "transmediale" Festival with a clear accentuation of artistic reflections over the role of digital technologies in the today's society. Since the funds are not yet granted by the senate, it plans a tightened minimum program. The slogan "DIY [DO it yourself!]" brought up for discussion, as digital media offer today increasingly Usern production possibilities and so that from passive users and consumers active producers become. In this sense a price for "artistic software" was written out for the first time - apart from prices within the ranges interactive and video.

<http://www.transmediale.de>

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Belser of goes Bible

The Luther Bible with masterpieces from the age of the reformation

Martin Luther theses did not only cause a new departure in theology, but also the art of its time affects. The Luther Bible, which developed in co-operation of Belser publishing house and German Bible company, connects for the first time the translation Martin Luther also over 200 masterpieces from the reformation time, of 1466 (Mentelin Bible) until 1563 (council of Trient). Works by Altdorfer, Baldung, Bellini, Bosch, Botticelli, Breughel, Cranach, Duerer, Duvet, Gruenewald, Memling and Ratgeb. Woodcuts, board painting, copper passes and paintings reflect the paging time 15. and 16 in their different conceptions of the world. Century against. They stand in direct connection with the Bible text and make the Luther Bible a Seh and a read experience. Adept captions give information over the art-historical and theological connections.

Luther Bible, Belser publishing house (ISBN 3-7630-2383-6) German Bible company (ISBN 3-438-01930-2)

198 Marks (subscription price to 3 1,1,2001), 248 Marks (starting from 1 2.2001)

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All Filmfestivals under a hat

Establishment the "film and Medienfestival of Baden-Wuerttemberg GmbH"

In the Department of State recently the articles of association for those were signed film and Medienfestival of Baden-Wuerttemberg GmbH which can be created again. The film and Festivalbuero in the bosch area is to have its seat. Albrecht Ade, which leaves the film academy Ludwigsburg for the end of the yearly, will function as artistic directors/conductors of the GmbH. One of its appointed goals is the unification of the large Filmfestivals from the region Stuttgart, the organizational combination of Trickfilmfestival, film filmschau, Cinema Europe, Filmakademie Filmakademie-Kurzfilmfestival and the medium stock exchange in the house of the economy.

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Parting gifts

Hentschel, Goegger and Wiehager say Adieu

Zum Ende des Jahres werden sowohl Martin Hentschel, Leiter des WKV, Christian Gögger, Leiter des Ludwigsburger Kunstvereins, und Renate Wiehager, Leiterin der Städtischen Galerien Esslingen, ihren bisherigen Arbeitsort verlassen. Als Abschiedsgeschenke dienen Fabian Marcaccios orstspezifische Installation "Paintant Stories" (bis 26.11. im WKV), die Medienkunstwerke vereinende Gruppenausstellung "laufend Bilder" (noch bis 12.11. in Ludwigsburg) und die Gruppenschau "9 ½ - Ausstellungen und Erwerbungen 1991-2000" (bis 26.11 in Esslingen). Wir wünschen alles Gute für die Zukunft!

<http://www.wkv-stuttgart.de>

<http://www.kunstverein-ludwigsburg.de>

<http://www.esslingen.de/kultur/Villasit/index.htm>

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Kraut und Rüben, Bits und Bytes

Der Webauftritt Stuttgarter Werbeagenturen im Test

Was die Etatmeldungen und Umsatzzahlen der klassischen Werbeagenturen betrifft, kann sich die Region Stuttgart im Bundesvergleich sehen lassen: 13 Agenturen sind unter den Top 150 (GfK) in Deutschland. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat den Internetauftritt der einzelnen Agenturen unter die Lupe genommen. Dabei kam Erstaunliches zutage.

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Staatsgalerie in neuem Gewandt Relaunch des Staatsgalerie-Online-Auftritts von 6B

Die Entscheidung für das neue Online-Gewand der Staatsgalerie fiel den Verantwortlichen nicht leicht, da neben einem innovativen Entwurf von AGI auch sehr interessante Ansätze der teilnehmenden Agenturen Melle-Pufe, Struktur, AV Communication, input-design, nullzeit und drei.neun präsentiert wurden. Holger Wölfle stellt die Entwürfe einiger am Pitch beteiligten Agenturen und die wesentlichen Neuerungen vor.

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Klett revolutioniert den Nachmittagsmarkt Das größte Lernportal der Welt: www.klett-training.de

Das Ernst-Klett-Profitcenter "Klett LernTraining" schaltete die Homepage www.klett-training.de frei. Damit steht ein komplettes Trainings- und Nachhilfeprogramm für alle Altersstufen in den Fächern Deutsch, Englisch und Mathematik zur Verfügung. Attraktive Extras: Ein Trainer-Live-Chat und die Autorenplattform "Thinktanx". Holger Wölfle berichtet vom Projekt.

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Das Fernsehen der Zukunft Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt neuartige Multimedia-Oberfläche

Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt im Auftrag der "Kabel Deutschland GmbH" den Prototyp der Portaloberfläche in einem Berliner Pilotprojekt. Das mittels Breitbandkabel als Multimedia-High-Speed-Plattform dienende Portal fungiert als browserbasierte, einheitliche Oberfläche für Fernseher und PC, wobei aktuellste Internet-Technologien zum Einsatz kommen. Erstmals wird mittels LiveVideoStream „wirkliches“ Video on Demand geboten, das sich deutlich vom Pay-per-View-Verfahren unterscheidet. Holger Wölfle gibt einen kritischen Einblick in das Projekt.

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"Wähl 0180..." Das Projekt "mediaphon" - Kostenlos Beratung für Selbstständige

Den Boom der Medienbranche durch kompetente Beratung von freelancern begleiten. - dieses Ziel setzt das Projekt "mediafon" seit dem 10. Oktober um. Von Montag bis Freitag erhalten hier zwischen 10 und 19 Uhr Selbstständige der Medien- und Kulturbranche kostenlos den Rat von Expertinnen und Experten. Unter der Nummer 01805/75 44 44 (24 Pfennig pro Minute) vermittelt ein Callcenter den Kontakt zu selbstständigen Berufsexpertinnen und -experten und deren Fachwissen.

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E-Marktplatz

Das Fraunhofer "Electronic Business Innovationszentrum"

Am 11. Oktober 2000 wurde in Stuttgart das Electronic Business Innovationszentrums der Fraunhofer Gesellschaft eröffnet. In diesem Innovationszentrum bündeln fünf Fraunhofer-Institute ihre Kompetenzen im Themenfeld Electronic Business. Das Innovationszentrum unterstützt Unternehmen bei der Einführung von E-Commerce- und E-Business-Anwendungen durch die Demonstration innovativer Lösungen verbunden mit individueller Beratung.

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Das Konzept geht auf "

Concept! AG eröffnet neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart

Die "Concept! AG" hat eine neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart eröffnet. Damit baut die Wiesbadener e-company, eine der führenden deutschen Multimedia-Agenturen, ihre Präsenz in Deutschland weiter aus.

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"Kampf"-Ansage

RTS hat seit Oktober 2000 ein Büro in Düsseldorf

RTS Rieger Team ist auf Expansionskurs. Ab Oktober 2000 übernimmt die Stuttgarter B-to-B-Agentur die Mehrheit an Dr. Kampf & Partner in Düsseldorf. Damit taucht die Marke "RTS Rieger Team" zum ersten Mal an einem zweiten Standort auf. Dr. Kampf & Partner als inhabergeführte Agentur mit starkem Business-to-Business-Schwerpunkt stellt für RTS Düsseldorf die ideale Plattform dar.

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Open Source - Wem gehört das Wissen?

Bericht über Berliner Tagung zum Patent- und Urheberrecht

Auf europäischer Ebene soll das Patentierungsverbot für Software gestrichen werden. Auf Bundesebene soll das Urheberrechts an das Abkommen zum WIPO-Urheberrechtsvertrag von 1996 angepasst werden. Bei der Tagung "Wem gehört das Wissen?" wurde in Berlin kontrovers diskutiert. Im Podium: unter anderem Rainer Kuhlen (Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission), Andreas Bogk (ChaosComputerClub), Fritz Teufel (IBM Deutschland), Klaus-J. Melullis (Richter am Bundesgerichtshof) und Mercedes Bunz (De:Bug). Karin Hinterleitner war dort.

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Viel Lärm um nichts (Teil 2)

Für die Quote wirft "Big Brother" alle Spielregeln über Bord

Seit dem 16. September läuft auf RTL2 die zweite Staffel der Reality-Soap "Big Brother". Auch diesmal stammte die peinlichste Person der Fernseh-WG aus dem Schwabenländle und wurde - zurecht - von den Zuschauern nach zehn Tagen rausgewählt. Doch seit dem 24. Oktober ist die Freizeit-Sripperin Marion aus Reutti bei Neu-Ulm wieder im Container. Marko Schacher kommentiert die hemmungslosen Vermarktungsstrategien des Senders.

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Vielfalt unter einem Dach

Das Stuttgarter "Medienhaus"

medienkultur-stuttgart.de wird innerhalb der nächsten Ausgaben eine Serie über die Medienzentren Stuttgarts vorstellen. Mit dem "Medienhaus" in Stuttgart-Heslach sollte in unserer aktuellen Ausgabe das älteste Medienzentrum in Heslach vorgestellt werden. Da zum Redaktionsschluß wesentliche Daten noch nicht zur Verfügung standen, folgt dieser Bericht im nächsten Newsletter.

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Viele Monologe, aber kein Dialog

Das Symposium "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" im ifa

Am 27. Oktober fand im Rahmen des Akademie-Solitude-Jubiläums im Vortragssaal des Stuttgarter Instituts für Auslandsbeziehungen ein ursprünglich mit "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" betiteltes Symposium statt. Eingeladen waren die KünstlerInnen Christine Hill, Fabrizio Gallanti und Andree Korpys und die KuratorInnen Johannes Gachnang, Vasif Kortun, Benno Löning, Ute Meta Bauer, Catherine David und Ole Bauman. Die einzelnen Monologe verschmolzen jedoch zu keinem Dialog, und diejenigen Kunstinteressierten, die als Publikumsstimme etwas zur Diskussion hätten beitragen können, blieben der Veranstaltung - mal wieder - fern. Marko Schacher war dort.

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"Knochenarbeit und kein Geld, dafür aber viel Erfahrung"

Interview mit dem Wim-Wenders-Assistent Jörg Ihle

Jahrelang hat sich Jörg Ihle bei allen deutschen Filmhochschulen beworben - und wurde abgelehnt. Inzwischen hat der gebürtige Böblinger, Jahrgang 1974, eine Ausbildung am renommierten American Film Institute in Los Angeles abgeschlossen, war Wim Wenders' Regieassistent bei "The Million Dollar Hotel" und hat seine eigene Produktionsfirma "Überproductions" gegründet. Marko Schacher führte mit dem Exilschwaben ein Gespräch über Wendepunkte, Wenders und die Unterschiede zwischen Hollywood und der Heimat.

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"Virtopera" - eine Oper entsteht im Internet Die weltweit erste Network-Opera-In-Progress

Seit September diesen Jahres komponiert Eberhard Schoener eine Oper, die erst im Internet entstehen wird. Die Grundidee der "Virtopera" besteht darin, den künstlerischen Möglichkeiten des Internets mehr Bedeutung einzuräumen und dem interessierten Publikum einen Leitfaden durch die "Kulturlandschaft" des Internets zu geben. Christian Kuhna stellt das Projekt vor.

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Manga rules! Die Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH

Die "Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH" (EMA) ist ein Unternehmen, das Medienprodukte der japanischen Kultur in den Mittelpunkt seiner Aktivitäten stellt. Publiziert wird im ersten Schritt in den Ländern Deutschland, Österreich und Schweiz. Mit allen Egmont-Unternehmen in Nord-, Ost- und Südeuropa sowie mit Egmont Japan K. K. wird eng kooperiert. Holger Wölfle stellt das Unternehmen vor.

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If anybody should be paid for my vote, it´s me! Interview mit übermorgen.com zur Wahlplattform voteauction.com

Für große Aufmerksamkeit in den US- und mittlerweile auch in den europäischen Medien sorgt die Wahlplattform voteauction.com. Dort konnten ganz unverblümt Wählerstimmen für den Präsidentschaftswahlkampf zum An- und Verkauf angeboten werden. Die Plattform entwickelte James Baumgartner, ein Kurstudent in N.Y, als Diplomarbeit. Nach juristischen Problemen verkaufte Baumgartner die Domain im August an übermorgen.com. Die Transformation eines künstlerischen Projekts in ein Business-Modell ist ein klarer Fall von Borderline-Marketing - darauf ist die vor einem Jahr gegründete Agentur übermorgen.com, bestehend aus Hans und LIZVLX, spezialisiert. Karin Hinterleitner traf die beiden in Berlin.

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Subjektivität am Büffet Verleihung des Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik

Die Preisverleihung des von der Kunststiftung Baden-Württemberg ausgeschriebenen Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik fand am 22.10. in der Berliner Akademie der Künste im Tiergarten statt. Über die Preisverleihung und ein kleines Missverständnis wurde bereits in der Stuttgarter Zeitung, Ausgabe 24.10.2000, unter der Überschrift "Wa(h)re Subjektivität" berichtet. Karin Hinterleitner kommentiert den wichtigsten Teil der Veranstaltung - den Empfang in der soviet- äh- russischen Botschaft Berlin.

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Megaknaller oder Martyrium?

Ein E-Mail-Wechsel zum Phänomen Britney Spears

Am 20. Oktober besuchten zwei Drittel von medienkultur-stuttgart.de - quasi als Betriebsausflug - das Stuttgarter Gastspiel von Britney Spears. Ihre Erfahrungen und Einsichten in die Teenie-Kultur hielten Marko Schacher und Holger Wölfler in einem E-Mail-Wechsel fest.

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"Die Region Stuttgart wird völlig unterschätzt"

Gastkommentar: Matthias Trübenbach und seine Sicht Stuttgarts

Mit seinem die Kulturregion Stuttgart propagierenden Internetauftritt unter www.truebi-stuttgart.de hat Matthias Trübenbach eine Presseresonanz ausgelöst, die ihn selbst - und andere Medienschaffende - überrascht hat. Bereits in seiner Kindheit störte den heute 23-Jährigen das Klischee der verschlafenen und grauen Schwabenmetropole. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat "Trübi" um seine aktuelle Einschätzung Stuttgarts gebeten.

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eMeeting

Ein Medienszene-Treff in Stuttgart!

Was andere Städte längst haben, darf in Stuttgart nicht fehlen: ein Medien-Stammtisch - von Medienmachern selbst ins Leben gerufen. Nach einigen unregelmäßigen Treffen im Medienhaus-Café und im "Maria" trafen sich am 14.10. über 20 Medienmacher zum Minigolf auf der Uhlandshöhe, unterhielten sich prächtig und hatten viel Spaß beim "eGolfen". Im Frühjahr 2001 wird das "1.Mega-Medien-E-Golfing" eröffnet. Am 6.11. folgte ein kleines, feines "eBowling"-Turnier im "City Bowling", an dessen Ende die Teilnehmer nicht nur mit interessanten Einblicken in die Arbeit der "Konkurrenz", sondern auch mit so manchem Muskelkater (und Kater) nach Hause gingen. Eingeladen sind alle, die mit Medien zu tun haben: Internet-, Werbe-, PR-Agenturen, Verlage, Musiker, Künstler und Marketing-Abteilungen aller Branchen.

Nächster Treff: 20.11., 20 Uhr, Maria, Gustav-Siegle-Haus, S-Mitte
Infos unter Tel. 62 03 425 und <http://www.medienstammtisch-stuttgart.de>

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Mit Druck

Studientag an der Hochschule für Druck und Medien

Am 15. November können sich Schüler und Interessierte an der Stuttgarter Hochschule für Druck und Medien über die Studiengänge Drucktechnik, Verpackungstechnik und Medieninformatik informieren. Jeweils um 9 Uhr und um 14 Uhr stehen zwei Vorträge zur Verpackungstechnik sowie zu Drucktechnik und Medieninformatik auf dem Programm. Anschließend beantworten Professoren und Studierende Fragen rund um das Studium.

Treffpunkt:

15.11., 9 und 14 Uhr, Foyer der HDM, Nobelstr.10, S-Vaihingen

Infos unter Tel. 0711/685 28 88 und <http://www.hdm-stuttgart.de>

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Medien praktisch

Anleitung zum multimedialen Unterricht

Als Auftaktveranstaltung des Dezentralen Medienkollegs der Landes-, Kreis- und Stadtbildstellen in Baden-Württemberg findet im Stuttgarter [Königin-Olga-Stift](#), einer der zwölf deutschen Medienschulen, die von der Bertelsmann-Stiftung unterstützt werden, die Tagung "Medien praktisch - Multimediales Arbeiten in der Schule" statt. Im Mittelpunkt der Veranstaltung steht die Vermittlung unmittelbar praktischen Medienhandelns im Unterricht. Neben Unterrichtsmitschauen werden Seminare, Gesprächskreise und beispielhafte Gerätekonfigurationen gezeigt, die an der Schule den multimedialen Unterricht unterstützen, bereichern und erleichtern können. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos.

Königin-Olga-Stift, Johannesstraße 18, Stuttgart 17./18.11., 9:30-17 Uhr

<http://www.lbw.bwue.de/kolleg/tagung/tagung2000.htm>

Anmeldung:

<http://www.lbw.bwue.de/kolleg/tagung/anmeldung.htm>

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"xhoch2" Performance in Stuttgart

Umfangreiches Begleitprogramm zur Joan Jonas-Retrospektive

Die Joan-Jonas-Ausstellung in der Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart lockt unter dem Titel "xhoch2" mit einem umfangreichen Begleitprogramm, das in Kooperation mit der Gedok-Galerie, dem Bund Bildender KünstlerInnen Württembergs e.V., der Galerie 14-1 und Zapata organisiert wurde. Ehemalige Studierende der Klasse Jonas und internationale Gäste stellen sich mit Ausstellungen, Workshops und Performances vor.

Ausstellung: 16.11.-18.2.2001, Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart

Infos unter Tel. 216 21 88 und <http://www.swo.de/Normal/galstgjonas3.html>

Begleitprogramm "xhoch2": Infos hier zum Programm November / Dezember

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Klein aber oho

Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelten in Sindelfingen-Maichingen

Skurril? Surreal? Sarkastisch? Witzig? Für Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelt ein einziges Attribut zu finden, ist unmöglich. Auf den ersten Blick könnte man die kleinformatischen Ölgemälde für Kinderbuch-Illustrationen halten. Doch was haben selbstmordsüchtige Schwarzwaldmädel und mit grellfarbenen Banker-Krawatten ausgestaffierte Zombies im Kinderzimmer zu suchen? Oliver Wetterauer kombiniert das scheinbar liebevolle Erscheinungsbild seiner Bilder mit bitterbösen Thematiken und Kunstzitataten.

Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen im Alten Rathaus Maichingen

Sindelfinger Str. 14, Sindelfingen-Maichingen 29.11.-14.1.2001, Di 17-19:30 Uhr, Sa, So 11-16 Uhr Eröffnung: 29.11., 19 Uhr, Künstlergespräch/Weihnachtsmarkt: 3.12., 11:30 Uhr

➤ <http://www.galerie-maichingen.de>

➤ <http://www.aussenstelle.de/oliver.html>

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Bereits bereist

Künstlerische Reiseandenken in Böblingen

Wer eine Reise macht, der kann etwas erzählen - und seine Erlebnisse zu Kunstwerken machen. 19 KünstlerInnen präsentieren in der Ausstellung "bereits bereits" in der Böblinger galerie contact ihre Reiseerfahrungen in Form von Gemälden, Fotografien und Videos. Zu sehen sind unter anderem japanische "Love-Hotels", Schneezeichnungen, Hotelzimmerblicke und Kochinstruktionen von Sylvia Winkler, Rolf Nickel, Andreas Bär und 16 weiteren Künstlern.

Einzelheiten erfährt man am 14.11. um 19 Uhr bei "Bär on Air" (97,2 UKW) im Freien Radio für Stuttgart.

galerie contact, Marktgässle 4, Böblingen

19.11.-10.12., Di 14-19, Mi, Do, Sa 14-17, So 11-17 Uhr

Eröffnung:

19.11., 11 Uhr,

"Aktionstag" mit Vorträgen/Performances: 26.11. Tel. 0711/23 69 149

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Klare Sache

Ausstellung von Eva Teppe in Kirchheim

Mit ihrem Ausstellungstitel "Es ist selten, dass die Dinge klar sind, nicht?" spielt die Stuttgarter Künstlerin Eva Teppe auf den ersten Eindruck an, den man von ihren rot-grünen 3-D-Bildern hat. Wer allerdings zur 3-D-Brille greift, hat den Durchblick und erkennt geheimnisvoll aufgeladene Waldszenen. Ergänzend zeigt Teppe in der Galerie im Kornhaus der Stadt Kirchheim unter Teck eine Video-Installation. Die Künstlerin selbst ist zur Finisage am 26. November von 11-17 Uhr vor Ort.

Galerie im Kornhaus, Max-Eyth-Str. 19, Kirchheim unter Teck

noch bis 26.11.

Di, Mi, Fr 10-12, Do 15-20, Sa, So 11-17 Uhr Tel. 07021/97 30 32.

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And The Winner Is...

Cresta-Award für AGI

Die Multimedia-Agentur AGI, Stuttgart/ Berlin, konnte gleich zwei Trophäen von der Preisverleihung des Corporate Media Award am 3. November in München mit nach Hause nehmen. Das erfolgreiche Intranet-Programm "eCulture" für die "HypoVereinsbank" hat in der Kategorie "Aus- und Weiterbildung" den "Award of Master" bekommen. In der Kategorie "Verkaufsförderung / Public Relations" ging eine "Auszeichnung für hohen Standard" an den "Investor Companion". Die hochkarätige Expertenjury bewertete Zielsetzung und Zielerreichung, Konzeption, Inhalte, Kreativität, Kommunikationsleistung und handwerkliche Umsetzung der eingereichten Arbeiten.

➤ <http://www.agi.de/tagebuch>

➤ <http://www.crestaawards.com>

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Aus vier mach acht

Uniplan legt ihre Niederlassungen in Stuttgart und München zusammen

Die "Uniplan International GmbH&Co" (Hauptsitz: Kerpen bei Köln) hat seine beiden süddeutschen Niederlassungen zusammengelegt. Die Schließung des Standortes München und ein Ausbau der Präsenz in Stuttgart soll eine umfassendere Kundenbetreuung und höhere Effizienz bewirken. "Unser definiertes Ziel ist es, in unseren regionalen Märkten qualifiziert zu wachsen", konstatierte der Geschäftsführer Christian Brüche. "Das verhältnismäßig kleine Team in München konnte dieses Ziel allein nicht erreichen." Ein weiterer Grund seien die gestiegenen Anforderungen an die Dienstleister. Im Zuge des Ausbaus der Niederlassung Stuttgart wächst die Zahl der MitarbeiterInnen zunächst von bislang vier auf acht.

➤ <http://www.uniplan.de>

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FaceLIFTing

Das Stuttgarter Stadtmagazin "Lift" erhält neues Layout

Die Dezember-Ausgabe des Stuttgarter Stadtmagazins "Lift" wird für manche große Augen sorgen. In Zeiten von hippen Zeitschriften-Layouts ("IQ", "blond", etc.) wollen die Liftler nicht hintenanstehen und haben ihr gesamtes grafisches Erscheinungsbild, inklusive dem - schon immer stark polarisierenden - Titelbild überarbeitet und kommen im frischen, aufgelockertem Layout daher. Die Überarbeitung der Internetpräsenz unter www.lift-online.de folgt im Frühjahr 2001.

➤ <http://www.lift-online.de>

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Vom ZIP ins StEP

Umzug der "Boost Electronic Business GmbH

Das Medienberatungs- und Softwareentwicklungsunternehmen "Boost Electronic Business GmbH" vom ZIP (Zentrum für innovative Produktentwicklung) in Plieningen in ein neues, größeres Büro im Stuttgarter Engineering Park (StEP), Curiestr.4, gezogen. Und somit in bester Gesellschaft mit anderen führenden Firmen aus dem Internet-Bereich. Hauptgeschäftsfelder von "Boost" sind E-Commerce, Intra- und Extranet sowie Wissens- bzw. Informationsmanagement, wobei die Konzentration auf Produktentwicklungen und maßgeschneiderte Dienstleistungen im Electronic Business liegt.

 <http://www.boo.st>

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Coca, Cola & Co

Oliver Weiser geht zu Roth Lohre Lorenz

Oliver Weiser, 27, ist neu im Projektmanagement der Stuttgarter Agentur für Below-the-Line-Kommunikation "Roth Lohre Lorenz". Er unterstützt das Coca-Cola-Team um Projektleiter Ingo Hilbert und setzt Projekte wie die „Coca-Cola Weihnachtstour 2000“ mit um. Erfahrungen im Eventbereich konnte der Betriebswirt in seiner Vergangenheit schon reichlich sammeln: Er leitete eine Bocking- und Eventagentur und organisierte diverse Musikszene-Veranstaltungen im Raum Hessen.

 <http://www.rll.de>

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Grüß und Tschüss

Neue Beziehungsdirektorin bei eJay

Tanja Grüß, 34, ist seit kurzem beim Stuttgarter Anbieter für interaktives Musik-Entertainment eJay für den Bereich Director Relations verantwortlich. Grüß war zuletzt Leiterin der Presse- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit der UFA.

 <http://www.ejay.de>

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Big Brother

Award Payback gewinnt Datenschutz-Negativ-Preis

Bei der ersten Verleihung des "Big Brother Award für die Missachtung des Datenschutzes" in Deutschland wurde der Hauptpreis der Kategorie Business/Finanzen an das Unternehmen Payback vergeben. Unter dem Deckmantel einer Rabattkarte sei ein System zur Erfassung, Speicherung, Auswertung und Weitergabe für Marketingzwecke verwertbarer Daten entstanden. Weitere Preise erhielten der Berliner Innensenator Werthebach für die Telefonüberwachung der Stadt und die Deutsche Bahn für ein Videoüberwachungssystem. Der Preis wurde 1998 von der Datenschutz-Organisation Privacy International in Großbritannien ins Leben gerufen.

 <http://www.bigbrotherawards.de>

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Interspherial

Stuttgarter Drehbuchschule öffnet 2001 ihre Tore






Im Januar 2001 beginnt die "Interspherial Drehbuchschule Stuttgart" mit ihrem Unterrichtsbetrieb. Erfahrene Autoren, Lektoren, Regisseure, Produzenten und Juristen lehren Drehbuchdramaturgie und das Entwickeln interessanter Filmfiguren. In dem neunmonatigen Studium verfassen die angehenden Autoren unter anderem ein Drehbuch für einen 90-minütigen Spielfilm - und werden dabei "online" von erfahrenen Tutoren begleitet. Die angehenden Autoren lernen, lebendige Dialoge zu schreiben; sie werden die Charakteristika der verschiedenen Genres wie zum Beispiel Sitcoms, Komödie, Krimi oder Melodram kennen lernen. Bei Gesprächen mit dem Filmbüro Baden-Württemberg e.V. wurde Interesse bekundet, die Interspherial Drehbuchschule in das Filmhaus zu integrieren - was dem "Medienstandort Stuttgart" sicher zugute käme. Im Januar 2001 wird mit einer Auswahl von Studenten, die Ihre Stoffe bis zum Treatment ausgearbeitet haben, begonnen. Für den ersten Turnus von Januar bis Mai sind noch zwei Plätze frei.

Weitere Infos unter Tel. 0711/63 73 430 und <http://www.interspherial.com>

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DIY [do it yourself !]

Neuer künstlerischer Leiter beim Medienkunst-Festival "transmediale"

Andreas Broeckmann, Kurator für den Programmbereich Neue Medien im Berliner "Podewil" hat die künstlerische Leitung des Medienkunst-Festivals  "transmediale" in Berlin übernommen. Broeckmann, Jahrgang 1964, arbeitete 1955 als Projektmanager am  Rotterdamer Medieninstitut V2. Er ist Mitglied des Berliner Medienvereins  mikro e.V.. Broeckmann war Jurymitglied für verschiedene Medienwettbewerbe, u.a. 1998 für den Preis der  Ars Electronica in Linz und 2000 für den Medienkunstpreis des  SWR/ZKM in Karlsruhe. Unter Broeckmanns Leitung soll das "transmediale"-Festival mit einer deutlichen Akzentuierung künstlerischer Reflexionen über die Rolle digitaler Technologien in der heutigen Gesellschaft weitergeführt werden. Da die Gelder vom Senat noch nicht bewilligt sind, plant er ein gestrafftes Minimalprogramm. Das Motto "DIY [do it yourself !]" thematisiert, wie digitale Medien heute in zunehmenden Masse Usern Produktionsmöglichkeiten bieten und damit aus passiven Nutzern und Konsumenten aktive Produzenten werden. In diesem Sinne wurde erstmalig ein Preis für "Künstlerische Software" ausgeschrieben - neben Preisen in den Bereichen Interaktiv und Video.

 <http://www.transmediale.de>

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Belser goes Bibel

Die Lutherbibel mit Meisterwerken aus dem Zeitalter der Reformation

Martin Luthers Thesen haben nicht nur einen Neuaufbruch in der Theologie bewirkt, sondern auch die Kunst seiner Zeit beeinflusst. Die Lutherbibel, die in Kooperation von Belser Verlag und Deutscher Bibelgesellschaft entstand, verbindet erstmals die Übersetzung Martin Luthers mit über 200 Meisterwerken aus der Reformationszeit, von 1466 (Mentelin-Bibel) bis 1563 (Konzil von Trient). Werke von Altdorfer, Baldung, Bellini, Bosch, Botticelli, Breughel, Cranach, Dürer, Duvet, Grünewald, Memling und Ratgeb. Holzschnitte, Tafelmalerei, Kupferstiche und Gemälde spiegeln in ihren unterschiedlichen Weltbildern die Umbruchzeit des 15. und 16. Jahrhunderts wider. Sie stehen in direktem Zusammenhang mit dem Bibeltext und machen die Lutherbibel zu einem Seh- und Leseerlebnis. Sachkundige Bildunterschriften geben Auskunft über die kunstgeschichtlichen und theologischen Zusammenhänge.

Lutherbibel, Belser-Verlag (ISBN 3-7630-2383-6) Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft (ISBN 3-438-01930-2)

198 Mark (Subskriptionspreis bis 31.1.2001), 248 Mark (ab 1.2.2001)

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Alle Filmfestivals unter einem Hut

Gründung der "baden-württembergischen Film und Medienfestival GmbH"

Im Staatsministerium ist vor kurzem der Gesellschaftsvertrag für die neu zu gründende baden-württembergische Film und Medienfestival GmbH unterzeichnet worden. Seinen Sitz soll das Film- und Festivalbüro im Bosch-Areal haben. Albrecht Ade, der zum Ende des Jahres die Filmakademie Ludwigsburg verläßt, wird als künstlerischer Leiter der GmbH fungieren. Eines seiner selbsternannten Ziele ist die Zusammenführung der großen Filmfestivals aus der Region Stuttgart, die organisatorische Vereinigung von Trickfilmfestival, Filmschau, Cinema Europa, Filmakademie-Kurzfilmfestival und der Medienbörse im Haus der Wirtschaft.

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Abschiedsgeschenke

Hentschel, Gögger und Wiehager sagen Adieu

Zum Ende des Jahres werden sowohl Martin Hentschel, Leiter des WKV, Christian Gögger, Leiter des Ludwigsburger Kunstvereins, und Renate Wiehager, Leiterin der Städtischen Galerien Esslingen, ihren bisherigen Arbeitsort verlassen. Als Abschiedsgeschenke dienen Fabian Marcaccios orstspezifische Installation "Paintant Stories" (bis 26.11. im WKV), die Medienkunstwerke vereinende Gruppenausstellung "laufend Bilder" (noch bis 12.11. in Ludwigsburg) und die Gruppenschau "9 ½ - Ausstellungen und Erwerbungen 1991-2000" (bis 26.11 in Esslingen). Wir wünschen alles Gute für die Zukunft!

➤ <http://www.wkv-stuttgart.de>

➤ <http://www.kunstverein-ludwigsburg.de>

➤ <http://www.esslingen.de/kultur/Villasit/index.htm>

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Kraut und Rüben, Bits und Bytes

Der Webauftritt Stuttgarter Werbeagenturen im Test

Was die Etatmeldungen und Umsatzzahlen der klassischen Werbeagenturen betrifft, kann sich die Region Stuttgart im Bundesvergleich sehen lassen: 13 Agenturen sind unter den Top 150 (GfK) in Deutschland. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat den Internetauftritt der einzelnen Agenturen unter die Lupe genommen. Dabei kam Erstaunliches zutage.

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Staatsgalerie in neuem Gewandt Relaunch des Staatsgalerie-Online-Auftritts von 6B

Die Entscheidung für das neue Online-Gewand der Staatsgalerie fiel den Verantwortlichen nicht leicht, da neben einem innovativen Entwurf von AGI auch sehr interessante Ansätze der teilnehmenden Agenturen Melle-Pufe, Struktur, AV Communication, input-design, nullzeit und drei.neun präsentiert wurden. Holger Wölfle stellt die Entwürfe einiger am Pitch beteiligten Agenturen und die wesentlichen Neuerungen vor.

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Klett revolutioniert den Nachmittagsmarkt Das größte Lernportal der Welt: www.klett-training.de

Das Ernst-Klett-Profitcenter "Klett LernTraining" schaltete die Homepage www.klett-training.de frei. Damit steht ein komplettes Trainings- und Nachhilfeprogramm für alle Altersstufen in den Fächern Deutsch, Englisch und Mathematik zur Verfügung. Attraktive Extras: Ein Trainer-Live-Chat und die Autorenplattform "Thinktanx". Holger Wölfle berichtet vom Projekt.

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Das Fernsehen der Zukunft Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt neuartige Multimedia-Oberfläche

Die TC-Gruppe entwickelt im Auftrag der "Kabel Deutschland GmbH" den Prototyp der Portaloberfläche in einem Berliner Pilotprojekt. Das mittels Breitbandkabel als Multimedia-High-Speed-Plattform dienende Portal fungiert als browserbasierte, einheitliche Oberfläche für Fernseher und PC, wobei aktuellste Internet-Technologien zum Einsatz kommen. Erstmals wird mittels LiveVideoStream „wirkliches“ Video on Demand geboten, das sich deutlich vom Pay-per-View-Verfahren unterscheidet. Holger Wölfle gibt einen kritischen Einblick in das Projekt.

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"Wähl 0180..." Das Projekt "mediaphon" - Kostenlos Beratung für Selbstständige

Den Boom der Medienbranche durch kompetente Beratung von Freelancern begleiten. - dieses Ziel setzt das Projekt "mediaphon" seit dem 10. Oktober um. Von Montag bis Freitag erhalten hier zwischen 10 und 19 Uhr Selbstständige der Medien- und Kulturbranche kostenlos den Rat von Expertinnen und Experten. Unter der Nummer 01805/75 44 44 (24 Pfennig pro Minute) vermittelt ein Callcenter den Kontakt zu selbstständigen Berufsexpertinnen und -experten und deren Fachwissen.

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E-Marktplatz

Das Fraunhofer "Electronic Business Innovationszentrum"

Am 11. Oktober 2000 wurde in Stuttgart das Electronic Business Innovationszentrums der Fraunhofer Gesellschaft eröffnet. In diesem Innovationszentrum bündeln fünf Fraunhofer-Institute ihre Kompetenzen im Themenfeld Electronic Business. Das Innovationszentrum unterstützt Unternehmen bei der Einführung von E-Commerce- und E-Business-Anwendungen durch die Demonstration innovativer Lösungen verbunden mit individueller Beratung.

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Das Konzept geht auf "

Concept! AG eröffnet neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart

Die "Concept! AG" hat eine neue Niederlassung in Stuttgart eröffnet. Damit baut die Wiesbadener e-company, eine der führenden deutschen Multimedia-Agenturen, ihre Präsenz in Deutschland weiter aus.

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"Kampf"-Ansage

RTS hat seit Oktober 2000 ein Büro in Düsseldorf

RTS Rieger Team ist auf Expansionskurs. Ab Oktober 2000 übernimmt die Stuttgarter B-to-B-Agentur die Mehrheit an Dr. Kampf & Partner in Düsseldorf. Damit taucht die Marke "RTS Rieger Team" zum ersten Mal an einem zweiten Standort auf. Dr. Kampf & Partner als inhabergeführte Agentur mit starkem Business-to-Business-Schwerpunkt stellt für RTS Düsseldorf die ideale Plattform dar.

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Open Source - Wem gehört das Wissen?

Bericht über Berliner Tagung zum Patent- und Urheberrecht

Auf europäischer Ebene soll das Patentierungsverbot für Software gestrichen werden. Auf Bundesebene soll das Urheberrechts an das Abkommen zum WIPO-Urheberrechtsvertrag von 1996 angepasst werden. Bei der Tagung "Wem gehört das Wissen?" wurde in Berlin kontrovers diskutiert. Im Podium: unter anderem Rainer Kuhlen (Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission), Andreas Bogk (ChaosComputerClub), Fritz Teufel (IBM Deutschland), Klaus-J. Melullis (Richter am Bundesgerichtshof) und Mercedes Bunz (De:Bug). Karin Hinterleitner war dort.

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Viel Lärm um nichts (Teil 2)

Für die Quote wirft "Big Brother" alle Spielregeln über Bord

Seit dem 16. September läuft auf RTL2 die zweite Staffel der Reality-Soap "Big Brother". Auch diesmal stammte die peinlichste Person der Fernseh-WG aus dem Schwabenländle und wurde - zurecht - von den Zuschauern nach zehn Tagen rausgewählt. Doch seit dem 24. Oktober ist die Freizeit-Stripperin Marion aus Reutti bei Neu-Ulm wieder im Container. Marko Schacher kommentiert die hemmungslosen Vermarktungsstrategien des Senders.

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Vielfalt unter einem Dach

Das Stuttgarter "Medienhaus"

medienkultur-stuttgart.de wird innerhalb der nächsten Ausgaben eine Serie über die Medienzentren Stuttgarts vorstellen. Mit dem "Medienhaus" in Stuttgart-Heslach sollte in unserer aktuellen Ausgabe das älteste Medienzentrum in Heslach vorgestellt werden. Da zum Redaktionsschluß wesentliche Daten noch nicht zur Verfügung standen, folgt dieser Bericht im nächsten Newsletter.

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Viele Monologe, aber kein Dialog

Das Symposium "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" im ifa

Am 27. Oktober fand im Rahmen des Akademie-Solitude-Jubiläums im Vortragssaal des Stuttgarter Instituts für Auslandsbeziehungen ein ursprünglich mit "Arbeiten Institutionen an Künstlern vorbei?" betiteltes Symposium statt. Eingeladen waren die KünstlerInnen Christine Hill, Fabrizio Gallanti und Andree Korpys und die KuratorInnen Johannes Gachnang, Vasif Kortun, Benno Löning, Ute Meta Bauer, Catherine David und Ole Bauman. Die einzelnen Monologe verschmolzen jedoch zu keinem Dialog, und diejenigen Kunstinteressierten, die als Publikumsstimme etwas zur Diskussion hätten beitragen können, blieben der Veranstaltung - mal wieder - fern. Marko Schacher war dort.

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"Knochenarbeit und kein Geld, dafür aber viel Erfahrung"

Interview mit dem Wim-Wenders-Assistent Jörg Ihle

Jahrelang hat sich Jörg Ihle bei allen deutschen Filmhochschulen beworben - und wurde abgelehnt. Inzwischen hat der gebürtige Böblinger, Jahrgang 1974, eine Ausbildung am renommierten American Film Institute in Los Angeles abgeschlossen, war Wim Wenders' Regieassistent bei "The Million Dollar Hotel" und hat seine eigene Produktionsfirma "Überproductions" gegründet. Marko Schacher führte mit dem Exilswaben ein Gespräch über Wendepunkte, Wenders und die Unterschiede zwischen Hollywood und der Heimat.

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"Virtopera" - eine Oper entsteht im Internet Die weltweit erste Network-Opera-In-Progress

Seit September diesen Jahres komponiert Eberhard Schoener eine Oper, die erst im Internet entstehen wird. Die Grundidee der "Virtopera" besteht darin, den künstlerischen Möglichkeiten des Internets mehr Bedeutung einzuräumen und dem interessierten Publikum einen Leitfaden durch die "Kulturlandschaft" des Internets zu geben. Christian Kuhna stellt das Projekt vor.

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Manga rules! Die Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH

Die "Egmont Manga & Anime Europe GmbH" (EMA) ist ein Unternehmen, das Medienprodukte der japanischen Kultur in den Mittelpunkt seiner Aktivitäten stellt. Publiziert wird im ersten Schritt in den Ländern Deutschland, Österreich und Schweiz. Mit allen Egmont-Unternehmen in Nord-, Ost- und Südeuropa sowie mit Egmont Japan K. K. wird eng kooperiert. Holger Wölfler stellt das Unternehmen vor.

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If anybody should be paid for my vote, it's me! Interview mit übermorgen.com zur Wahlplattform [voteauction.com](#)

Für große Aufmerksamkeit in den US- und mittlerweile auch in den europäischen Medien sorgt die Wahlplattform [voteauction.com](#). Dort konnten ganz unverblümt Wählerstimmen für den Präsidentschaftswahlkampf zum An- und Verkauf angeboten werden. Die Plattform entwickelte James Baumgartner, ein Kurstudent in N.Y, als Diplomarbeit. Nach juristischen Problemen verkaufte Baumgartner die Domain im August an übermorgen.com. Die Transformation eines künstlerischen Projekts in ein Business-Modell ist ein klarer Fall von Borderline-Marketing - darauf ist die vor einem Jahr gegründete Agentur übermorgen.com, bestehend aus Hans und LIZVLX, spezialisiert. Karin Hinterleitner traf die beiden in Berlin.

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Subjektivität am Büffet Verleihung des Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik

Die Preisverleihung des von der Kunststiftung Baden-Württemberg ausgeschriebenen Carl-Einstein-Preises für Kunstkritik fand am 22.10. in der Berliner Akademie der Künste im Tiergarten statt. Über die Preisverleihung und ein kleines Missverständnis wurde bereits in der Stuttgarter Zeitung, Ausgabe 24.10.2000, unter der Überschrift "Wa(h)re Subjektivität" berichtet. Karin Hinterleitner kommentiert den wichtigsten Teil der Veranstaltung - den Empfang in der soviet- äh- russischen Botschaft Berlin.

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Megaknaller oder Martyrium?

Ein E-Mail-Wechsel zum Phänomen Britney Spears

Am 20. Oktober besuchten zwei Drittel von medienkultur-stuttgart.de - quasi als Betriebsausflug - das Stuttgarter Gastspiel von Britney Spears. Ihre Erfahrungen und Einsichten in die Teenie-Kultur hielten Marko Schacher und Holger Wölflé in einem E-Mail-Wechsel fest.

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"Die Region Stuttgart wird völlig unterschätzt"

Gastkommentar: Matthias Trübenbach und seine Sicht Stuttgarts

Mit seinem die Kulturregion Stuttgart propagierenden Internetauftritt unter www.truebi-stuttgart.de hat Matthias Trübenbach eine Presseresonanz ausgelöst, die ihn selbst - und andere Medienschaffende - überrascht hat. Bereits in seiner Kindheit störte den heute 23-Jährigen das Klischee der verschlafenen und grauen Schwabenmetropole. medienkultur-stuttgart.de hat "Trübi" um seine aktuelle Einschätzung Stuttgarts gebeten.

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eMeeting

Ein Medienszene-Treff in Stuttgart!

Was andere Städte längst haben, darf in Stuttgart nicht fehlen: ein Medien-Stammtisch - von Medienmachern selbst ins Leben gerufen. Nach einigen unregelmäßigen Treffen im Medienhaus-Café und im "Maria" trafen sich am 14.10. über 20 Medienmacher zum Minigolf auf der Uhlandshöhe, unterhielten sich prächtig und hatten viel Spaß beim "eGolfen". Im Frühjahr 2001 wird das "1.Mega-Medien-E-Golfing" eröffnet. Am 6.11. folgte ein kleines, feines "eBowling"-Turnier im "City Bowling", an dessen Ende die Teilnehmer nicht nur mit interessanten Einblicken in die Arbeit der "Konkurrenz", sondern auch mit so manchem Muskelkater (und Kater) nach Hause gingen. Eingeladen sind alle, die mit Medien zu tun haben: Internet-, Werbe-, PR-Agenturen, Verlage, Musiker, Künstler und Marketing-Abteilungen aller Branchen.

Nächster Treff: 20.11., 20 Uhr, Maria, Gustav-Siegle-Haus, S-Mitte
Infos unter Tel. 62 03 425 und <http://www.medienstammtisch-stuttgart.de>

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Mit Druck

Studientag an der Hochschule für Druck und Medien

Am 15. November können sich Schüler und Interessierte an der Stuttgarter Hochschule für Druck und Medien über die Studiengänge Drucktechnik, Verpackungstechnik und Medieninformatik informieren. Jeweils um 9 Uhr und um 14 Uhr stehen zwei Vorträge zur Verpackungstechnik sowie zu Drucktechnik und Medieninformatik auf dem Programm. Anschließend beantworten Professoren und Studierende Fragen rund um das Studium.

Treffpunkt:

15.11., 9 und 14 Uhr, Foyer der HDM, Nobelstr.10, S-Vaihingen

Infos unter Tel. 0711/685 28 88 und <http://www.hdm-stuttgart.de>

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Medien praktisch

Anleitung zum multimedialen Unterricht

Als Auftaktveranstaltung des Dezentralen Medienkollegs der Landes-, Kreis- und Stadtbildstellen in Baden-Württemberg findet im Stuttgarter [Königin-Olga-Stift](#), einer der zwölf deutschen Medienschulen, die von der Bertelsmann-Stiftung unterstützt werden, die Tagung "Medien praktisch - Multimediales Arbeiten in der Schule" statt. Im Mittelpunkt der Veranstaltung steht die Vermittlung unmittelbar praktischen Medienhandelns im Unterricht. Neben Unterrichtsmitschauen werden Seminare, Gesprächskreise und beispielhafte Gerätekonfigurationen gezeigt, die an der Schule den multimedialen Unterricht unterstützen, bereichern und erleichtern können. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos.

Königin-Olga-Stift, Johannesstraße 18, Stuttgart 17./18.11., 9:30-17 Uhr

<http://www.lbw.bwue.de/kolleg/tagung/tagung2000.htm>

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"xhoch2" Performance in Stuttgart

Umfangreiches Begleitprogramm zur Joan Jonas-Retrospektive

Die Joan-Jonas-Ausstellung in der Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart lockt unter dem Titel "xhoch2" mit einem umfangreichen Begleitprogramm, das in Kooperation mit der Gedok-Galerie, dem Bund Bildender KünstlerInnen Württembergs e.V., der Galerie 14-1 und Zapata organisiert wurde. Ehemalige Studierende der Klasse Jonas und internationale Gäste stellen sich mit Ausstellungen, Workshops und Performances vor.

Ausstellung: 16.11.-18.2.2001, Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart

Infos unter Tel. 216 21 88 und <http://www.swo.de/Normal/galstgjonas3.html>

Begleitprogramm "xhoch2": Infos hier zum Programm November / Dezember

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Klein aber oho

Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelten in Sindelfingen-Maichingen

Skurril? Surreal? Sarkastisch? Witzig? Für Oliver Wetterauers Bilderwelt ein einziges Attribut zu finden, ist unmöglich. Auf den ersten Blick könnte man die kleinformatischen Ölgemälde für Kinderbuch-Illustrationen halten. Doch was haben selbstmordsüchtige Schwarzwaldmädel und mit grellfarbenen Banker-Krawatten ausgestaffierte Zombies im Kinderzimmer zu suchen? Oliver Wetterauer kombiniert das scheinbar liebliche Erscheinungsbild seiner Bilder mit bitterbösen Thematiken und Kunstzitat.

Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen im Alten Rathaus Maichingen

Sindelfinger Str. 14, Sindelfingen-Maichingen 29.11.-14.1.2001, Di 17-19:30 Uhr, Sa, So 11-16 Uhr Eröffnung: 29.11., 19 Uhr, Künstlergespräch/Weihnachtsmarkt: 3.12., 11:30 Uhr

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➤ <http://www.aussenstelle.de/oliver.html>

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Bereits bereist

Künstlerische Reiseandenken in Böblingen

Wer eine Reise macht, der kann etwas erzählen - und seine Erlebnisse zu Kunstwerken machen. 19 KünstlerInnen präsentieren in der Ausstellung "bereits bereits" in der Böblinger galerie contact ihre Reiseerfahrungen in Form von Gemälden, Fotografien und Videos. Zu sehen sind unter anderem japanische "Love-Hotels", Schneezeichnungen, Hotelzimmerblicke und Kochinstruktionen von Sylvia Winkler, Rolf Nickel, Andreas Bär und 16 weiteren Künstlern.

Einzelheiten erfährt man am 14.11. um 19 Uhr bei "Bär on Air" (97,2 UKW) im Freien Radio für Stuttgart.

galerie contact, Marktgässle 4, Böblingen

19.11.-10.12., Di 14-19, Mi, Do, Sa 14-17, So 11-17 Uhr

Eröffnung:

19.11., 11 Uhr,

"Aktionstag" mit Vorträgen/Performances: 26.11. Tel. 0711/23 69 149

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Klare Sache

Ausstellung von Eva Teppe in Kirchheim

Mit ihrem Ausstellungstitel "Es ist selten, dass die Dinge klar sind, nicht?" spielt die Stuttgarter Künstlerin Eva Teppe auf den ersten Eindruck an, den man von ihren rot-grünen 3-D-Bildern hat. Wer allerdings zur 3-D-Brille greift, hat den Durchblick und erkennt geheimnisvoll aufgeladene Waldszenen. Ergänzend zeigt Teppe in der Galerie im Kornhaus der Stadt Kirchheim unter Teck eine Video-Installation. Die Künstlerin selbst ist zur Finisage am 26. November von 11-17 Uhr vor Ort.

Galerie im Kornhaus, Max-Eyth-Str. 19, Kirchheim unter Teck

noch bis 26.11.

Di, Mi, Fr 10-12, Do 15-20, Sa, So 11-17 Uhr Tel. 07021/97 30 32.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT While Florida and other States continue to count and recount their ballots, one thing is certain: never before has a presidential election result been so dependent on the absentee ballot, most of which come from private US citizens residing abroad.

US citizens abroad, subject to US taxes, but not counted in the census and with no direct representation in Congress, have always hoped that at least one presidential candidate or another would finally take notice of their wants and needs.

It is an ongoing struggle for almost four million potential voters to be recognized and at the very least to be able to vote in their home precincts in a simple and orderly manner. Different and complicated regulations, often misunderstood by county officials or voters themselves, make absentee voting an arduous process at best.

In the last few days, ACA has received dozens of messages from US voters who have been recounting "horror stories" of disallowed registrations, late arrivals and wayward mailed ballots as they realize that their vote may be the deciding factor in Florida or elsewhere.

If you would like to tell us how you managed to vote (or not) from abroad, ACA would like to [receive your email](#) or your phone or fax message at +41 22 3400233 or fax +41 22 3400448 in Geneva. Be sure to tell us which State you voted in.

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"AMERICANS OVERSEAS MUST GO TO SOME LENGTHS TO VOTE," SAYS NNS While some 50% of US voters are not expected to show up at their precincts on November 7 to cast their votes in the general election, the lengths that some overseas voters go through to fulfill their civic duty is just short of being miraculous, according to a November 2nd report by Dru Sefton, correspondent of Newhouse News Service (NNS). In a series of email interviews with a representative group of US voters and a voting assistance official in Washington, the reporter reveals the difficulty expatriates have to cast their absentee ballots from Antarctica, Brazil, Canada, India, Indonesia and even 240 miles above Earth with orbiting US astronaut Bill Shepherd on the International Space Station.

The most common problem an estimated six million voters abroad have is mail glitches: sometimes their ballots are misdirected to other countries or just don't show up until after the election since ballots are sent by boat mail. The process of registration to vote overseas is a process that can take several months to achieve: voters must secure a postcard registration form from the nearest American Consulate or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program in Washington, or from such organizations as American Citizens Abroad; then send it to their voting precinct in the States and then just wait for the ballot to arrive in time enough to return it to have it counted. In some out-of-way places like rural India and Antarctica, where a thousand US scientists are stationed, the lack of in-depth news coverage on the election campaign is a common problem. However, "At least there's one positive aspect of being out of the country during campaign season," concludes Sefton, with a comment by one of the absentee voters in Antarctica: "I am very glad that I'm missing all the election commercials, those things can get so annoying." (For the complete report see NNS's archives at www.newhouse.com.)

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**WORLDWIDE
TERRORISTS
THREATS
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AMERICANS** Serious terrorist threats against Americans have resulted in several travel warnings as reported in several stories from [cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) since 25 October 2000. The site, quoting US officials, reported that the "level of terrorists threats against Americans is as intense as the time surrounding the millennium", and said the threats exists worldwide. Officials attribute the increase in threats to Islamic fundamentalists' worldwide calls for "jihad," or a holy war "against the United States over the last few weeks because of the escalation of violence in the Mid-east and the recent bombing of the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen."

Among the areas with specific travel warnings now out for Americans are the Persian Gulf, Arab peninsula, Turkey, Yemen, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and Indonesia. For more details check out: travel.state.gov. CNN also reports US officials announced that "the perceived threat means that US government facilities abroad might address new threats by shutting their doors" at least temporarily to protect personnel.

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MINORS' PASSPORTS TO REQUIRE TWO PARENTS SIGNATURES The American Consulate in Naples, Italy reported the following on 24 October 2000: The Department of State is in the process of implementing Section 236 of PL 106-113, the Nance/Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act requiring the signature of two parents on a passport application for a minor under the age of 14, and proof of parentage, except in certain limited exigent or special family circumstances. The statute is a measure to minimize the use of the US passport in international parental child abduction. A proposed rule (Federal Regulation) on the implementation of the statute is available on the [Internet](#).

The regulation can be found at www.nara.gov for 10 October 2000, Vol. 65, No. 196, Page 60132-60136, Federal Register Doc. 00-25782, Passport Procedures, Amendment to Requirements for Executing a Passport Application on Behalf of a Minor. Public comments on the proposed regulation from the American community abroad should be directed to Mr. John Hotchner; Office of Passport Policy, Planning and Advisory Services, (CA/PPT/PAS); US Department of State; 2401 E Street, NW, Room 917; Washington DC 20522-0907; fax (202) 663-2654. Comments may also be furnished directly to the Department via e-mail to twoparentcomments@state.gov. All comments should be postmarked or sent by November 6, 2000. Information about the two-parent signature requirement will be made available on the Consular Affairs home page (travel.state.gov) when the actual implementation date (not anticipated to occur before February 2001) gets closer. ACA has already prepared and sent [comments](#) on these new regulations.

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NOVEL WAYS OF GETTING OUT THE VOTE ON THE WEB: AUCTION, SWAPS & PLEDGES (ILLEGAL, LEGALLY DOUBTFUL AND LEGAL, IN THAT ORDER) ABSENTEE BALLOT AUCTION SITE CLOSED On 18 October 2000, an Illinois judge ordered the temporary shutdown of the website Voteauction.com, pending a lawsuit that charges it with violating US election laws, according to a CNN/AP report. The site "claims it will collect absentee ballots from voters, verify them, and then sell them to the highest bidder who can 'choose who the group will vote for en masse.' Sellers then would receive money depending on how much is bid. Site operators said more than a thousand voters sold their votes. The Chicago Board of Elections sued, saying the selling or buying votes as proposed on the web site violates state and federal laws." The judge ordered the temporary shutdown saying the site should be "barred from operating until the lawsuit has been settled." Officials could prosecute US citizens who offer to sell or buy votes. James Scanlon, general counsel for the Board of Elections said a conviction of felony voter fraud carries a sentence of one to three years in prison.

"VOTE TRADING SITES PROVE POPULAR, DESPITE BREWING ETHICAL & LEGAL CONCERNS"

In a November 2nd Newhouse News Service report Margie Wylie wrote that

liberal-minded voters are trading and swapping their voters between swing and non-swing states, to ensure that their votes will be effective in blocking out a conservative win in the Electoral College system (www.newhouse.com). Those voters interested in swapping list their party positions and states at the sites, which are matched up between swing and non-swing states and then the swap is handled by e-mail between the matches.

This turn of events has caused some ethical and legal concerns among election officials in California and Wisconsin, in fact one of the seven sites listed in the article was closed down by a conservative official in California. Among the voters opting for this way of sticking to their political philosophy in voting, the consensus of opinion is this method is more democratic than the Electoral College system.

MOVEON.ORG SPINS-OFF: PLEDGEVOTE.ORG TO UP VOTER PARTICIPATION WITH \$10,000-DEMOCRACY AWARD

Organized as a PAC during the 1998 impeachment process in Washington in an effort to untangle Congressional inaction in legislative matters, Move On has spun-off into Pledge Vote, a non-partisan action group to improve upon the expected 50% voter turnout projected for the November 7th general election. Using a carrot-on-a-stick approach, Pledge Vote will award a \$10,000.00 Democracy Award to the participant who has the most ingenious personal email campaign to get the largest number of voters to register their pledge to vote at its web site at www.votepledge.org. Check it out if you are concerned about copout cynicism or disinterest among voters.

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ACA FEATURED AGAIN AS PRIME INFORMATION SOURCE FOR RETIREES ABROAD For the third time in 2000, ACA has been featured by a major publication as a prime source of information for US retirees abroad. Under the headline "Retiring Abroad," in an upcoming issue of *Hemispheres*, the United Airlines in-flight magazine, Harvey Shapiro cites ACA's informational resources throughout the report on investing for retirement. Previously this year, *Business Week* and the *Financial Times* have indicated our organization for the same reason.

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NEW HANDY SURFING SITES There are many fun, useful and legal (!) uses of the Internet. To get started on surfing the net, or to look for new internet routes to investigate, check out the Bill Memorial Library Internet Address Book at: www.billmemorial.org/internet.htm.

Checkout Netscape's Open Directory Project, which has over two million listings in over 300,000 categories. For starters, take a look at the "expatriate life" pages: www.dmoz.org/Recreation/Travel/Expatriate_Life.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT

While Florida and other States continue to count and recount their ballots, one thing is certain: never before has a presidential election result been so dependent on the absentee ballot, most of which come from private US citizens residing abroad.

US citizens abroad, subject to US taxes, but not counted in the census and with no direct representation in Congress, have always hoped that at least one presidential candidate or another would finally take notice of their wants and needs.

It is an ongoing struggle for almost four million potential voters to be recognized and at the very least to be able to vote in their home precincts in a simple and orderly manner. Different and complicated regulations, often misunderstood by county officials or voters themselves, make absentee voting an arduous process at best.

In the last few days, ACA has received dozens of messages from US voters who have been recounting "horror stories" of disallowed registrations, late arrivals and wayward mailed ballots as they realize that their vote may be the deciding factor in Florida or elsewhere.

If you would like to tell us how you managed to vote (or not) from abroad, ACA would like to [receive your email](#) or your phone or fax message at +41 22 3400233 or fax +41 22 3400448 in Geneva. Be sure to tell us which State you voted in.

"AMERICANS OVERSEAS MUST GO TO SOME LENGTHS TO VOTE," SAYS NNS While some 50% of US voters are not expected to show up at their precincts on November 7 to cast their votes in the general election, the lengths that some overseas voters go through to fulfill their civic duty is just short of being miraculous, according to a November 2nd report by Dru Sefton, correspondent of Newhouse News Service (NNS). In a series of email interviews with a representative group of US voters and a voting assistance official in NNS Washington, the reporter reveals the difficulty expatriates have to cast their absentee ballots from Antarctica, Brazil, Canada, India, Indonesia and even 240 miles above Earth with orbiting US astronaut Bill Shepherd on the International Space Station.

The most common problem an estimated six million voters abroad have is mail glitches: sometimes their ballots are misdirected to other countries or just don't show up until after the election since ballots are sent by boat mail. The process of registration to vote overseas is a process that can take several months to achieve: voters must secure a postcard registration form from the nearest American Consulate or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program in Washington, or from such organizations as American Citizens Abroad; then send it to their voting precinct in the States and then just wait for the ballot to arrive in time enough to return it to have it counted. In some out-of-way places like rural India and Antarctica, where a thousand US scientists are stationed, the lack of in-depth news coverage on the election campaign is a common problem. However, "At least there's one positive aspect of being out of the country during campaign season," concludes Sefton, with a comment by one of the absentee voters in Antarctica: 'I am very glad that I'm missing all the election commercials, those things can get so annoying.'" (For the complete report see NNS's archives at www.newhouse.com.)

WORLDWIDE TERRORISTS THREATS AGAINST AMERICANS Serious terrorist threats against Americans have resulted in several travel warnings as reported in several stories from [cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) since 25 October 2000. The site, quoting US officials, reported that the "level of terrorists threats against Americans is as intense as the time surrounding the millennium", and said the threats exists worldwide. Officials attribute the increase in threats to Islamic fundamentalists' worldwide calls for "jihad," or a holy war "against the United States over the last few weeks because of the escalation of violence in the Mid-east and the recent bombing of the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen."

Among the areas with specific travel warnings now out for Americans are the Persian Gulf, Arab peninsula, Turkey, Yemen, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and Indonesia. For more details check out: travel.state.gov. CNN also reports US officials announced that "the perceived threat means that US government facilities abroad might address new threats by shutting their doors" at least temporarily to protect personnel.

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MINORS' PASSPORTS TO REQUIRE TWO PARENTS SIGNATURES The American Consulate in Naples, Italy reported the following on 24 October 2000: The Department of State is in the process of implementing Section 236 of PL 106-113, the Nance/Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act requiring the signature of two parents on a passport application for a minor under the age of 14, and proof of parentage, except in certain limited exigent or special family circumstances. The statute is a measure to minimize the use of the US passport in international parental child abduction. A proposed rule (Federal Regulation) on the implementation of the statute is available on the [Internet](#).

The regulation can be found at www.nara.gov for 10 October 2000, Vol. 65, No. 196, Page 60132-60136, Federal Register Doc. 00-25782, Passport Procedures, Amendment to Requirements for Executing a Passport Application on Behalf of a Minor. Public comments on the proposed regulation from the American community abroad should be directed to Mr. John Hotchner; Office of Passport Policy, Planning and Advisory Services, (CA/PPT/PAS); US Department of State; 2401 E Street, NW, Room 917; Washington DC 20522-0907; fax (202) 663-2654. Comments may also be furnished directly to the Department via e-mail to twoparentcomments@state.gov. All comments should be postmarked or sent by November 6, 2000. Information about the two-parent signature requirement will be made available on the Consular Affairs home page (travel.state.gov) when the actual implementation date (not anticipated to occur before February 2001) gets closer. ACA has already prepared and sent [comments](#) on these new regulations.

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NOVEL WAYS OF GETTING OUT THE VOTE ON THE WEB: AUCTION, SWAPS & PLEDGES (ILLEGAL, LEGALLY DOUBTFUL AND LEGAL, IN THAT ORDER) ABSENTEE BALLOT AUCTION SITE CLOSED On 18 October 2000, an Illinois judge ordered the temporary shutdown of the website **Voteauction.com**, pending a lawsuit that charges it with violating US election laws, according to a CNN/AP report. The site "claims it will collect absentee ballots from voters, verify them, and then sell them to the highest bidder who can 'choose who the group will vote for en masse.' Sellers then would receive money depending on how much is bid. Site operators said more than a thousand voters sold their votes. The Chicago Board of Elections sued, saying the selling or buying votes as proposed on the web site violates state and federal laws." The judge ordered the temporary shutdown saying the site should be "barred from operating until the lawsuit has been settled." Officials could prosecute US citizens who offer to sell or buy votes. James Scanlon, general counsel for the Board of Elections said a conviction of felony voter fraud carries a sentence of one to three years in prison.

"VOTE TRADING SITES PROVE POPULAR, DESPITE BREWING ETHICAL & LEGAL CONCERNS"

In a November 2nd Newhouse News Service report Margie Wylie wrote that liberal-minded voters are trading and swapping their voters between swing and non-swing states, to ensure that their votes will be effective in blocking out a conservative win in the Electoral College system (www.newhouse.com). Those voters interested in swapping list their party positions and states at the sites, which are matched up between swing and non-swing states and then the swap is handled by e-mail between the matches.

This turn of events has caused some ethical and legal concerns among election officials in California and Wisconsin, in fact one of the seven sites listed in the article was closed down by a conservative official in California. Among the voters opting for this way of sticking to their political philosophy in voting, the consensus of opinion is this method is more democratic than the Electoral College system.

MOVEON.ORG SPINS-OFF: PLEDGEVOTE.ORG TO UP VOTER PARTICIPATION WITH \$10,000-DEMOCRACY AWARD

Organized as a PAC during the 1998 impeachment process in Washington in an effort to untangle Congressional inaction in legislative matters, Move On has spun-off into Pledge Vote, a non-partisan action group to improve upon the expected 50% voter turnout projected for the November 7th general election. Using a carrot-on-a-stick approach, Pledge Vote will award a \$10,000.00 Democracy Award to the participant who has the most ingenious personal email campaign to get the largest number of voters to register their pledge to vote at its web site at www.votepledge.org. Check it out if you are concerned about copout cynicism or disinterest among voters.

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For the third time in 2000, ACA has been featured by a major publication as a prime source of information for US retirees abroad. Under the headline "Retiring Abroad," in an upcoming issue of *Hemispheres*, the United Airlines in-flight magazine, Harvey Shapiro cites ACA's informational resources throughout the report on investing for retirement. Previously this year, *Business Week* and the *Financial Times* have indicated our organization for the same reason.

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NEW HANDY SURFING SITES

There are many fun, useful and legal (!) uses of the Internet. To get started on surfing the net, or to look for new internet routes to investigate, check out the Bill Memorial Library Internet Address Book at: www.billmemorial.org/internet.htm.

Checkout Netscape's Open Directory Project, which has over two million listings in over 300,000 categories. For starters, take a look at the "expatriate life" pages: www.dmoz.org/Recreation/Travel/Expatriate_Life.

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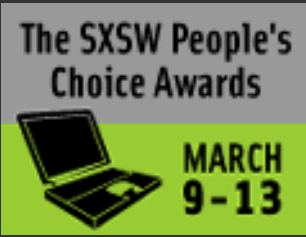
Just back from a trek through 68 acres of Victorian urban/rural cemetery splendor. The Greenmount tour was fantastic, bringing the cemetery to life with tales of those buried there. Yes, I took lots of pictures and hope to have them up soon.

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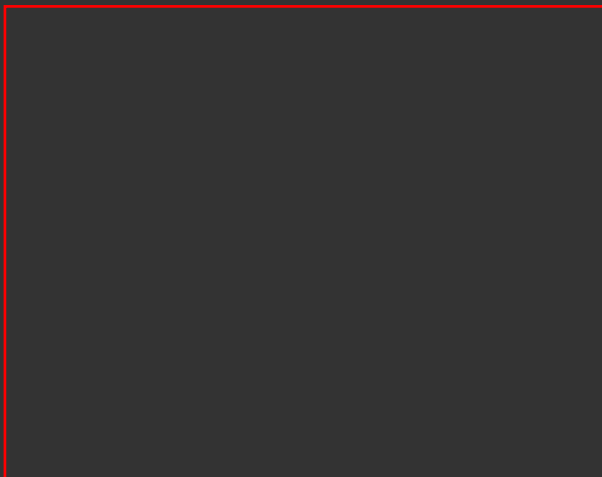
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I also ran across one grave that stopped me in my tracks. I had no idea that my great grandfather was buried there, so you can imagine my surprise when I saw my last name on a simple memorial.

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Friday, October 20, 2000

Rochester, New York's Mount Hope cemetery is presented in a nicely organized fashion. Looks like some good stuff here and I hope thta more pictures will be added.

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Design your own tombstone in the activities section of the Victoria's Ross Bay Cemetery. It'd make a nice decoration for Halloween, or even a cool costume.

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Iconography of grave stones in West Virginia.

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Parent pays for, and gets, quality education for children

I have started this letter many times over the past several years, but never got it finished and off to you. But your Oct. 20 article outlining the Savannah-Chatham County school board's legislative proposals ("School officials play connect the dots") was all I could take.

By way of background, I have always been strongly involved in my children's education. Until the past several years, that included being an active volunteer in public education.

During their elementary years, I served twice as the president of the May Howard PTA. During the middle school years, I served as vice president of the Myers Middle School PTA and PTA council delegate and vice president of the Coastal Middle School PTA.

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After surviving the start-up years of Coastal Middle School, we said, "enough." We sent my son to Benedictine (he's now a junior) and my daughter to Savannah Christian Preparatory School (she is now a sophomore) and have never looked back.

Every once and awhile we start to wonder whether it's worth tightening the belt, and every time we do, there is an article in the paper about something happening in the public schools here, and we say, "Yeah. It's worth it."

The incident at a public middle school, where they punished the teacher, not the unruly, undisciplined students, reminded me of a comment my daughter made after being at SCPS for several months: "I love being here, the kids in the class are quiet and not moving around the classroom, and I can actually hear the teacher."

It also reminds of some friends of ours who moved their daughter out of a public high school last year after four thugs walked into her classroom and pulled a student out of her seat and began beating her and a second student who tried to help because the teacher was afraid to do anything.

And now, "connect the dots" is right. What a bunch a misplaced priorities. But after putting up with that bunch at Bull Street for over 10 years, it does not surprise me at all.

More buses? One to four counselors and assistant principals? I note that BC and SCPS have nowhere that ratio and they are doing quite well. More teacher and retirement benefits?

I guess after six to eight years of 6-percent pay raises they need more (although some teachers should get combat pay). I should note that there are some jewels in the system who are worth twice their weight in gold.

My wife's favorite (she was a parapro for five years) was funding for duty-free lunch.

Where was the emphasis on academics? Pay for quality teachers? Programs to pull Georgia up from the apparent race to be the worst school system in the nation?

I did note that they did have one performance-based measure - to include performance measures on new educational-related laws. Sure, if they put the same on themselves as well, and raise test scores.

I have been pleased with BC and SCPS, and I am always assured I am getting what I pay for - a quality education for my children. Sadly, I never could say the same about the public schools, for which I still get to pay for through the privilege of taxes.

While school vouchers will never be enacted in time to help parents like me, I am truly convinced that that is the only way we will see reform in the public schools - when they have to deliver quality education to compete for parent dollars like the private schools.

I am glad the newer board members Otis Johnson and Susu Cox had the good



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I write out of concern about a combination of issues, many of which are tied to one prevailing concern: the apparent exemption of the Internet from almost every existing governing law, from copyright issues to invasion of privacy to child pornography.

And now, with the 2000 election year, the Internet has apparently made possible a new form of vote garnering that borders on illegal, as evidenced by the popularity of a Web site calling itself voteauction.com.

I realize that many questionable forms of activities are able to thrive in today's society for many reasons, even those that are obviously illegal. It's nothing new to hide behind the First Amendment and guise of freedom of speech or various other perceived rights in order to participate in them.

What I don't understand is the apparent apathy and unconcern of much of the public and most of the governing authorities for these practices simply because they are conducted via the Internet.

I am a heavy and frequent user of the Internet. I utilize and praise the communication and resources it makes available to the public. I applaud organizations that promote its advancement through healthy and legal use, as it becomes integral to the continued development of education and business practices. It has the capacity to broaden horizons in ways that were only dreamed of not long ago and will assuredly play a major role in the lives of everyone.

However, I worry about the Internet's subversive control and impact. I believe if the public and our government and law enforcement bodies do not wake up soon and begin confronting the abusers of this valuable tool, it will become corrupt beyond redemption or control.

Its very size, both in audience and reach, demands that we act now. The longer we sit on this, the better a toehold the abusers gain.

Many of us already fear the potential negative impact of the Internet on society and our children in particular. We should work to make it safe to continue to be visited, by protecting it with the same diligence we want our own neighborhoods policed. Let's not let it become the area every city has, the one in which everyone fears to tread, whether after dark or even at all.

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Increase campaigning by adjusting process

I was very interested in George Will's Nov. 2 column supporting the Electoral College vote system ("How electoral vote system contributes to a healthy republic").

There was a proposal, put forth some years ago, that would retain the electoral vote, but abolish the electors who cast those votes. This proposal further contemplated that in each state, a candidate who receives a majority in each congressional district would receive one electoral vote; a candidate who receives a majority in a state would receive two electoral votes.

In this way, each state would have exactly the same number of electoral votes as they have now. Somebody smarter than me would have to work out the language for a constitutional amendment.

I think this would preserve out constitutional federalism and force the candidates to do more national campaigning. They would, I expect, feel the need to campaign in more states and congressional districts. They might very well want to campaign in the state of Georgia and in the 1st Congressional District.

Has anybody seen a national candidate in Georgia since our primary?

GEORGE B. SALLEY JR.

Don't strangle city with traffic, parking

New construction and increased density in our little 2.2 square-mile Landmark Historic District are coming at breakneck speed, always with the idea that more is better.

Coming soon are three new hotels and a new museum. What do all these humongous structures have in common? They provide absolutely no parking.

We taxpayers will be subsidizing these new buildings by paying millions of dollars to build two new parking structures which even then won't be enough.

Our leaders need to be reminded that:


- * Savannah is more than the 3 percent Historic District on the northern edge.
- * We desperately need a vision of our city in a master plan that would, among other things, dictate relocating the Civic Center to a more centralized place with lots of parking.
- * We must finally act on all the studies that tell us we should have peripheral parking for the Historic District and shuttle people in and out, many of whom don't need their cars all day.

Traffic and parking are the barometers of a healthy Historic District. Choke it with cars and we will surely kill this world-class jewel.

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To: International Law Seminar Participants
From: Tim Wu
Date: Feb 11, 2005

What follows are four chapters from a book written by Jack Goldsmith and I. I have taken chapters 1, 2, 5 & 6. Chapters 5 and 6 are newer and more in need of feedback, though I appreciate comments on any part. This book is coming out under the trade press so you may find it slightly more narrative and more basic in its explanations than your average law review article.

This excerpt obviously leaves much of the argument out. If anyone is interested in reading the whole book please contact me.

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Chapter 1

Yahoo!

Marc Knobel is a French Jew who has devoted his young life to fighting the remnants of Nazism in the modern world. One day, in February 2000, he sat before his computer in Paris, typed in www.yahoo.com, clicked through to the auction page, and performed a simple search. To his horror he found himself looking at page after page of swastika arm bands, SS daggers, concentration camp photos, and even replicas of the Zyklon B gas canisters. He had found a vast collection of Nazi mementos, for sale and easily available in France, hosted in the United States by the Internet giant Yahoo.¹

Two years earlier, Knobel had threatened a public relations war against America Online. Browsing the Internet, using a computer in France, he discovered Nazi hate sites on AOL's servers in Virginia. AOL responded to his threats by closing the sites, and Knobel assumed that a similar threat against Yahoo! would have a similar effect. But he was wrong. AOL was atypical, it turned out. The location of AOL's corporate headquarters—in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.—made it sensitive to public relations and politics. Not surprisingly, it was more careful than most Internet companies when it came to the content it put on its site.

Yahoo!, by contrast, was rooted in Silicon Valley's turn-of-the-century libertarian bubble. Its executives thought government was dumb, and government-enforced speech restrictions dumber still. They were convinced that the borderless Internet had rendered national laws unenforceable. Confronted by an obscure activist who preached speech regulations and invoked French anti-Nazi laws, Yahoo! shrugged its high-tech shoulders. "We are not going to change the content of our sites in the United States just because someone in France is asking us to do so," said Yahoo!'s co-founder, Jerry Yang.²

So Knobel decided to sue Yahoo! in France. The organization he worked for, the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, teamed up with a French Jewish Students' Association. Together, they charged that auctions running on Yahoo!'s servers in California violated the law against trafficking in Nazi paraphernalia, at least in so far as people in France could view these sites and make purchases on them.

In response, Yahoo argued that the French court had no power over an American corporation or a server located in the United States. It added that terrible consequences would flow from allowing national governments to regulate the Internet. If French regulations applied to a web site in America, then

presumably so would German and Japanese regulations, not to mention Iraqi and Chinese ones. Pretty soon, every web site would have to contend with dozens of competing national laws, making it impossible to operate. "It is very difficult to do business if you have to wake up every day and say 'Okay, whose laws do I follow?," said Heather Killen, a Yahoo! vice president.³ "We have many countries and many laws and just one Internet."⁴ Claude Stern, a Silicon Valley attorney, chimed in: "If all of the different countries imposed their laws on the Internet, you would have *anarchy*."⁵

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Evoking the specter of "anarchy" was doubly ironic. Anarchy is the absence of law, not the overabundance of law. And Stern's argument was a premise for a type of anarchy that he and many others embraced—*cyberanarchy*.

Cyberanarchy is the view – dominant in the late 1990s – that territorial governments like France cannot, and should not, govern the Internet.⁶ Jerry Yang gave the French lawsuit the back of his hand because he believed that the French court could exercise power only in France, and thus could not control what Yahoo! put on its servers in California. Yang embraced the conventional view that State sovereignty extends to the State's borders, but not into the territory of another State. France thus had no power over what's on a computer in the United States, even if data on the computer was accessible in France.

But if France could not have stopped the Nazi web pages at their source in the United States, it also seemed powerless to keep the unwanted pages out of France. One of the Internet's defining features is a decentralized routing system that carries messages from point to point even if intermediate communication exchanges are blocked, damaged, or destroyed. "The net interprets censorship as damage, and routes around it," John Gilmore famously declared.⁷ To keep out the Nazi pages, France would have had to shut down every single Internet access point within its borders—a seemingly impossible task in the modern age. And even this wouldn't have worked, because determined users could have accessed the Net by a telephone call to an Internet access provider in another country. Nor, it seemed, could France have monitored and blocked the data from the U.S. servers at the French border. Unlike cars, wine, and other "real-space" goods, digital imports were hard to inspect at the border. Professors David Post and David Johnson, famous for their theory of cyberspace sovereignty, put it this way: "The volume of electronic communications crossing territorial boundaries is just too great in relation to the resources available to government authorities."⁸ And even if France had succeeded in blocking a web page, the same information could have been posted on an indefinite number of mirror sites outside France.

So the Internet seemed to place the State in a bind. Before the Internet, most activities a State cared about took place within its borders and thus under State control. The Internet has shattered this historical congruence between geographical activity and State power. Its architectural features--instantaneous universal communication, geographical anonymity, and decentralized routing--permitted data on any computer linked to the Net to zip anywhere around the globe, in an instant. And this, in turn, made it very easy for computer users *outside* a nation to do things *inside* the nation that are illegal there. As Marc Knobel discovered, images, texts, and pictures on a server in California can readily appear on a computer screen in France or any nation plugged in to the World Wide Web.

The problem is not, of course, limited to the sale of Nazi goods. If Nazi advertisements from California can appear in France, then people in Saudi Arabia can access porn sites from servers in Holland; Americans can bet on digital blackjack tables on computers in Antigua; Chinese citizens can view web sites with information critical of the Chinese government; students in copyright-restrictive countries can download music-swapping software from servers in the South Pacific; businesses can place their financial information and taxable assets offshore, beyond the reach of national tax authorities; a book banned in France can be placed on a web site outside France so that Frenchmen (and everyone else in the world) can view it;⁹ and a twenty-something in the Philippines can place a worm on the Net that causes billions of dollars in damages to computers in countries around the world.¹⁰

This is why the Internet seemed so threatening to State sovereignty in the late 1990s. States are sovereign to the extent that they control matters inside their borders—what is allowed, what is required, and what is prohibited. But Internet communications can originate anywhere and extend everywhere. Data on the Net can thus be sent from computers in places free from government restriction, undermining legal authority elsewhere. Jerry Yang was sanguine about this development, probably because it had convenient implications for his firm's operating costs. But many were alarmed. In the midst of the *Yahoo!* trial, Paul Krugman wrote a *New York Times* column about the Net's threat to traditional copyright and tax laws. Internet technology is "erasing boundaries" and undermining state power, he warned. "Something serious, and troubling, is happening -- and I haven't heard any good ideas about what to do about it."¹¹

The problem was not just that States couldn't control the Net. As Yahoo Vice President Killian suggested, if France could apply its laws to Yahoo!'s Nazi sites based on the sites' accessibility in France, then *every* nation could do so, for the Yahoo! site was accessible everywhere. The result would be a mess in which every State applies its laws to every Internet communication, strangling the Net

in conflicting rules and procedures. It would be as if all the nations of the world sat side-by-side on two-dimensional map, with the Internet hovering above as a separate space, coextensive with the world below. When the 180 or so nations lying below simultaneously interfere with the singular space above, the result would be a chaos that destroyed the Internet.¹²

Many believed these problems could only be solved by international laws that applied the same rule everywhere. The Vatican called for “international cooperation in setting standards and establishing mechanisms to promote and protect the public good.”¹³ David Johnson and David Post, who we met earlier, suggested a more imaginative and dynamic solution: “cyberspace sovereignty.” Cyberspace, they maintained should be conceived as a separate place with its own kind of sovereignty, and be governed by the “Netizens” around the world who would organize into “a-geographical, decentralized voluntary associations.”¹⁴

While there was disagreement on the proper form of post-territorial government, few disagreed with Frances Cairncross’s conclusion that the Internet would reduce the authority of the State and “shift power downward, to the individual.”¹⁵ In 1996, Nicholas Negroponte, the co-founder and Director of MIT’s Media Lab, cheerfully summed up the conventional wisdom: “It’s not that laws aren’t relevant, it’s that the nation-state is not relevant.” He concluded: “The Internet cannot be regulated.”¹⁶

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Yahoo!’s arguments in the French court reflected this conventional wisdom. But it soon became clear that these arguments would not go uncontested in the French courtroom. Knobel and his friends countered that, though French law might not ordinarily extend to a U.S.-based server, it certainly allowed France to do anything within its power at home to block illegal content from abroad. They also pointed out how anomalous it would be to leave the Net unregulated. “The freedom of expression is not unlimited,” said Marc Levy, one of the anti-Nazi lawyers. French law “does not permit racism in writing, on television or on the radio, and I see no reason to have an exception for the Internet.”¹⁷

This simple statement seemed to pierce the heart of cyberanarchy. The Yahoo! official declared that there is “just one Internet,” as though this technological fact would win the legal argument. But the French plaintiffs demanded that the new technology respect France’s anti-racism laws. Yahoo!’s executives, in the grip of the belief that the Net is immune to territorial laws, couldn’t imagine that territorial law might trump technology. Once the argument was joined, however, Yahoo! faced hard questions. Why should an Internet company be more immune from regulations in different nations than

“real-space” multinational firms? If Ford Motor Company must comply with the varying safety and environmental laws of the many countries in which it sells cars, why should Yahoo! be exempt from similar regulations?

Yahoo! had a plausible response. Unlike Ford, Yahoo! could not control where in the world its products went. Ford could make special cars to comply with French regulations, and could send these cars only to France. If Ford found French environmental regulations too costly, it could simply stop making France-fitted cars without suffering harm in its other markets. At the same time, both Ford and France could be confident that a French citizen would find it difficult to buy a Ford car in America and to import it into France. Yahoo!’s situation seemed different. It had tried to accommodate France by maintaining a French-language web site (www.yahoo.fr) that complied with French law. But it also had a U.S. web site that French web surfers were choosing to visit. And unlike Ford, Yahoo! claimed not to be able to identify where in the world its “customers” were from, or to screen them out by geography. If Yahoo! was forced to comply with French law, it would have to remove Nazi items from its U.S. server, thereby depriving everyone everywhere from buying them, even in places where their purchase was legal.

This proved to be the key issue in the trial: What could a web site do to prevent surfers from across the world from visiting in defiance of their governments? In May 2000, Judge Jean-Jacques Gomez ruled preliminarily that Yahoo!’s U.S. web sites violated French law, and ordered Yahoo! to “take all measures to dissuade and make impossible” visits by French web surfers to the illegal Yahoo! Nazi auction sites.¹⁸ Yahoo! insisted that it was incapable of complying with the order. “Asking us to filter access to our sites according to the nationality of Web surfers is very naïve,” Jerry Yang declared.¹⁹ It was argued that cyberspace had no frontiers, and there was no way to prevent netizens from traveling wherever they wished. Yang seemed to have the support of the United States Supreme Court, which in an important First Amendment case two years earlier had determined that “once a provider posts its content on the Internet, it cannot prevent that content from entering any community.”²⁰ The high-tech industry supported Yang as well. “Suggesting that an online company prevent people from one country from viewing a Web site is near impossible,” insisted Joe McNamee, a spokesman for the European Internet Service Providers Association in Brussels.²¹

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Yang’s argument again reflected turn-of-century assumptions about the architecture of the Internet. The Net was not built with physical geography in mind. Neither Internet Protocol Addresses (each computer’s Internet ID), nor

Internet domain names (such as mcdonalds.com or cnn.com), nor e-mail addresses, were designed to dependably indicate the geographical location of computers on the Net. Even domain names and e-mail addresses that contained geographical clues – such as www.toystore.co.uk, or alqaeda@afghanistan.gov--were unreliable geographical indicators. The web page might be located on a computer in Italy (and the data might be cached in dozens of nations), or might be sold or re-assigned to an entity outside the United Kingdom. And Bin Laden might have logged into his computer in Afghanistan from a hideout in the Sudan, and sent an e-mail from there.

These architectural “facts” meant that users of 1990s Internet technology could not know the geographical source or destination of their communications. E-mailers and web page operators didn’t know where in the world the messages and pages were being viewed, and thus what laws in which nations they may be violating. “[I]n Cyberspace, physical borders no longer function as signposts informing individuals of the obligations assumed by entering a new, legally significant, place,” noted cybersovereignists Johnson and Post in 1997.²² It seemed unfair to apply local laws to Internet users who didn’t know they were violating the law and thus could not actively comply with it. A New York court invalidated a Net anti-pornography law for just this reason, worrying that “a single actor might be subject to haphazard, uncoordinated, and even outright inconsistent regulation by states that the actor never intended to reach and possibly was unaware were being accessed.”²³

France’s attempt to govern Yahoo! seemed unfair for other reasons as well. Even if Yahoo! knew that its California site was being viewed by people in France, it couldn’t block the content to French viewers alone. Yahoo! could only comply with the French law by removing its Nazi sites from its California servers altogether, thereby depriving users in the United States and other countries of their legally protected rights to view the site. This seemed profoundly undemocratic. People outside France have no voice in the development or enforcement of French law, and thus should not be subject to it.

Despite this apparent unfairness, Net users confronted with a range of conflicting national laws could rationally be expected to comply with the strictest among them in order to avoid legal liability. The ultimate effect of territorial control of the Net seemed to be a tyranny of the unreasonable, or lowest common denominator. “We now risk a race to the bottom,” said Alan Davidson of the Center for Democracy and Technology about the *Yahoo!* case. “The most restrictive rules about Internet content – influenced by any country – could have an impact on people around the world.”²⁴ The situation was not unlike the old European joke: In Heaven, the French are the cooks, the Italians are the lovers, the English run the government, and the Swiss make everything run on

time; in Hell, the English are the cooks, the French run government, the Swiss are the lovers, and the Italians make everything run on time. Territorial control of the Internet portended a parallel version of Internet hell: A world of Singaporean free speech, American patent law, Russian commercial regulation, and Chinese civil rights.

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For these reasons, Yahoo! was confident it would eventually prevail before Judge Gomez. In the summer of 2000, any other result was unthinkable. But the events of that summer and fall would prove Jerry Yang, and not Judge Gomez, to be “very naïve.” Judge Gomez gave Yahoo! two months to figure out technical ways to block French surfers. During this recess, Cyril Houri, the founder of a fledgling American firm called Infosplit, e-mailed Ygal El Harrar, the head of the Jewish Students’ group that was the second party to the lawsuit.²⁵ He told el Harrar that his firm had developed a new technology that could identify and screen Internet content on the basis of its geographical source. Houri flew to Paris and met El Harrar in the offices of his lawyer, Stephane Lilti. He loaded the latest version of his software on to Lilti’s computer, and showed how it could identify the geographical location of web sites, first testing it on some he knew were run from servers located in France, and then on some he knew were located in the United States. He then visited Yahoo!’s auction servers. The three men blinked and peered into the screen, astonished: Yahoo!’s servers, which the firm had claimed were protected by the U.S. First Amendment, were actually located on a site in Stockholm! Yahoo! had apparently placed a constantly updated copy, or a “mirror” of its U.S. site in Sweden to make access to the site in Europe faster.²⁶

When the trial resumed on July 24, Yahoo! lawyers again asserted that it was technically impossible to identify and filter out French visitors to the firm’s U.S.-based web sites. Lilti objected that Yahoo! had not tried in good faith to find a technical solution. He then demonstrated Houri’s geo-location technology in the courtroom, and showed that the Yahoo! auctions in France were not in fact coming from servers in the United States. Lilti invited Judge Gomez to consider the technology’s profound significance: The nostrum that every web page was necessarily accessible to every computer user everywhere in the world was simply wrong. An e-firm could identify users by geography and, if it liked, screen them out. Judge Gomez responded cautiously to this seemingly audacious claim, and appointed three Internet experts—Vincent Cerf, the “father” of the Internet, Ben Laurie, a British Internet expert, and Francois Wallon, a French technology maven—to assess whether and to what extent Yahoo! could block transmissions into France. The experts confirmed that, given the state of technology in late 2000, Yahoo! could screen out 90% of French users

through a combination of Hourí's IP-identification technology and self-reporting about nationality.²⁷

That was good enough for Judge Gomez. In a landmark decision issued on November 20, 2000, he ruled that Yahoo! was "committing a wrong in the territory of France" by allowing Nazi goods to appear for sale on web pages there.²⁸ The Judge determined that the French court had power over Yahoo! and its servers because the company had taken conscious steps to direct the prohibited Nazi auction pages into France. He noted, for example, that Yahoo! greeted French visitors to its U.S. web site with French-language advertisements – a fact that showed both that Yahoo! was tailoring content for France, and that it could to some extent identify and screen users by geography.²⁹ The Court acknowledged that 100% blocking was impossible, and ordered Yahoo! to "take all measures to dissuade and make impossible" any visits by French surfers.³⁰ Taken in context, this order appeared to require Yahoo! to make a good-faith "best effort," to block every single determined French user. As Marc Knobel said in response to the expert's report, "We don't want a perfect solution, because a perfect solution does not exist."³¹

Yahoo! responded indignantly, claiming that it would ignore Judge Gomez's decision unless a U.S. court made it do otherwise.³² Two months later, however, Yahoo! pulled the Nazi material from its auction sites, weakly asserting that it was motivated by bad publicity from the Nazi auctions, and not the French ruling itself. The entire Yahoo! episode came as a shock to most Internet observers. The resulting confusion was summed up by Thomas Vartanian, the chairman of an American Bar Association committee that had just completed a two-year examination of the limitations of State control over the Net. "It's a little bit as if we've all been transported to Mars and now have to figure out new rules of engagement," he lamented.

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Vartanian got it exactly backwards. The *Yahoo!* decision transports us not to Mars, but rather back down to earth, and helps us to see the many problems of Net governance in a more realistic and fruitful light. This book attempts to set out that more realistic vision. It shows that territorial states can and will govern the Net. And it argues that far from sewing confusion, territorial control can bring a useful order to Internet communications.

Vartanian thought *Yahoo!* required us to rethink Net governance because he erroneously believed that the Net was a borderless medium beyond State control. But as the *Yahoo!* decision shows, territorial States *can* control the Net. They do so not by going after offshore content providers directly, but rather by controlling people, firms, equipment, and events *within* their borders. Yahoo!

did business in France, and had assets and agents there. It probably capitulated because it knew that France could have seized the licensing fees it received from its French subsidiaries, or the payments it gets from its French-language advertisers.³³ Internet firms with a global presence will have these kinds of connections with many countries, any one of which could invoke threats against local assets and people as a basis for enforcing local laws. And as we will show in Chapter 4, there are many other means of effective local enforcement as well.

The *Yahoo!* decision also shows why territorial control of the Net often makes sense. When French citizens receive offshore communications that their government deems harmful, the form of the communication—digital bits, paper, radio waves, or TV broadcast—is irrelevant to France’s right, and indeed duty, to check and redress the harm. France’s action to protect its citizens does not imply that every state can regulate every internet transaction. France can do nothing directly against the vast majority of internet users—e-commerce buyers and sellers, porn purveyors and consumers, chat room participants, web-page owners, and the rest—who have no physical presence in France, such as assets, bank accounts or employees. Against this latter class of Internet users, the country must employ different strategies, such as clamping down on French end-users, French ISPs or financial intermediaries based in France.

The *Yahoo!* case also demonstrates some of the virtues of a bordered Internet. France and the United States are democracies with different conceptions of free speech based on different cultures and histories. Judge Gomez’s requirement that Yahoo! screen out the Nazi pages from the United States promotes self-governance by allowing the peoples in both places to reach different conclusions about the optimal level of speech regulation without imposing each State’s view of the matter on the other. The *Yahoo!* decision also shows how a bordered Internet helps avoid the tyranny of the unreasonable. Filtering technology allows a web operator to identify recipients of information by geography and screen out content to them. This puts the Yahoo!’s of the world in the same position as the Ford Motor Company’s of the world. Yahoo! need not bow to the most restrictive law to do business elsewhere. Just like Ford, it can avoid a presence in France and other places where its actions are illegal.

Geographical filtering technology is not perfect and never will be. But as we show in Chapter 4, it need not be perfect to have its desired effect on French consumption. The geographical screening requirement imposes costs on Yahoo! and might result in less content or higher prices for Yahoo! users in other nations. But as we explain in Chapter 5, these are ordinary, perfectly legitimate, and possibly even efficient consequences of international business. The requirement that firms like Yahoo! comply with local law will not, as many feared, destroy or even much affect the Internet. Governments, even oppressive ones, don’t want to control the vast majority of Internet communications any

more than they want to control the vast majority of “real-space” speech. Despite e-borders in certain areas, most of the Net will remain world-wide and borderless, as originally envisioned.

The *Yahoo!* model is not a panacea for every Internet governance challenge. The State asserts its control in different contexts in different ways and with different degrees of success. Deep structural issues of Net architecture, such as the uniform naming and numbering system that makes a global Internet possible, would seem to require a global rather than territorial solution. As we explain in Chapter 9, a special global system has developed in this context, but one cannot understand how this system works unless one sees that it is under the firm control of a single sovereign state--the United States. Peer-to-peer systems that have proven so frightful to the music industry are also a special challenge for State control, although as we argue in Chapter 7, not nearly so much of a challenge as is commonly thought.

International institutions and private groups will play an important role in Net governance, just as they do in real-space governance. As we explain in Chapter __, States sometimes delegate power downward to private parties or upward to international bodies, when it is an issues they care about. But even when this happens, the most important policy puzzles thrown up by the Internet—e-commerce and privacy, speech and pornography, intellectual property, cybercrime, and much more—cannot be understood or resolved unless we understand the territorial State’s central role. Until this role is fully understood, we cannot think clearly about the future of the Internet, nor indeed about the traumatic reshaping of the world called globalization. In this sense, the “borderless” Internet teaches valuable lessons about the abiding importance of territorial sovereignty in our tightly interconnected world.

Not all of these lessons are happy ones, however, as the denouement to the *Yahoo!* case reveals.

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Soon after Judge Gomez’s decision, Yahoo!’s resistance to geographical screening began to wane. The company courted the International Olympic Committee in the hope of winning a contract to webcast the next games. To attract advertisers, and protect the IOC’s intellectual property rights, Yahoo! promised to use geo-identification software to segment its audience by country.³⁴ In June 2001, Yahoo! announced a deal with Akamai, a content delivery company, to use the firm’s geographical identification technology so that its portal could deliver geographically targeted advertising. Yahoo! claimed the move would allow it to “increase advertising relevance.”³⁵ One of Yahoo!’s lawyers, Mary Wirth, awkwardly tried to justify the apparent tension in the

firm's position. "We argued that . . . it's not a 100 percent accurate solution for the French court order because we would have to identify (French citizens) with 100 percent accuracy, and that's not possible...The technology is perfectly appropriate for ad targeting purposes."³⁶

A year later, Yahoo bowed to Chinese pressure and signed the Internet Society of China's *Public Pledge on Self-Discipline for the Chinese Internet Industry*. It pledged to "inspect and monitor the information on [Chinese] domestic and foreign Web sites ... and refuse access to those Web sites that disseminate harmful information to protect the Internet users of China from the adverse influences."³⁷ Ken Roth, the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, complained that Yahoo! promised "to identify and prevent the transmission of virtually any information that Chinese authorities or companies deem objectionable."³⁸ To fulfill its obligations, Yahoo!, the one-time champion of free speech, hired a small army of censors whose job it is to monitor chat room conversations, block "harmful" comments, and report offenders to the Chinese internet police. By this point, Yahoo! had dropped all pretense about its inability to screen content by geography. Greg Wrenn, a Yahoo! attorney who had insisted that it was "impossible" for Yahoo! to comply with Judge Gomez's geographical filtering order in the *Yahoo!* case, now proclaimed that Yahoo! would conform to local laws in countries where it operated.³⁹ Said Wrenn "The restrictions on content contained in the pledge impose no greater obligation than already exists in laws in China."⁴⁰

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Yahoo's capitulation in China reveals the darkest side of territorial Net control. Many believed that the Internet would end authoritarianism by empowering the people with the information and organization tools that would enable them to rise up against their oppressors. "Imagine if the Internet took hold in China. Imagine how freedom would spread," asserted George W. Bush in the December 1999 republican primary debates.⁴¹ The usually sober George Will was even more optimistic. Reflecting on the proliferation of Internet cafes in China, he predicted the end of authoritarian rule there: "Totalitarianism is rendered impossible, and perhaps even tyranny is rendered difficult, by technologies that make nations porous to information."⁴²

If only it were true. Unfortunately, the same territorial control that permits democratic France to exclude unwanted information from its territory permits authoritarian China to do the same. As we will see in Chapter __, the Beijing government successfully blocks out much of the content it views as unattractive, and uses the Net to shape its own political agenda. Following the April 2001 downing of an American spy plane in China, for example, the vast majority of Chinese Internet users heard only the Chinese, and not the American,

version of events. “By exposing people only to Official accounts about a hostile American intrusion, the government successfully stoked nationalist sentiment,” said Martin Regg Cohn.⁴³

Many claim that China’s surprising success in controlling the Net argues for eliminating territorial control of Net content. The China example is cause for regret. We assess this and other evils of territorial control throughout the book. But as we also explain, geographical control of the Net is inevitable. The State did not create the Internet geo-ID technology that China employs to keep unwanted content out. Rather, as we show in Chapter 3, the private sector created it in response to consumer demands that Net content be better tailored to suit individual interests—interests that, as a brute fact, often cluster by geography. And as the *Yahoo!* case shows, governments in democratic states are starting to demand that this technology be used to respond to entirely appropriate constituent demands to protect them not only from Nazi goods, but also from hate speech, credit card theft, invasions of privacy, sexual predators, spam, and much more. Technologies of control designed to serve legitimate and desired ends can rarely be limited to those ends, and will often be co-opted for illegitimate purposes. The Internet is no exception.

This book is a reminder that geography and geographical power continue to matter, even in an age of globalization. The Net will, as we will show, change some of the ways that territorial governments govern. Such changes are inevitable when the speed of communication dramatically increases and the cost of communication dramatically decreases. But changes in the way states govern will not, on the whole, diminish their central role in governance, including governance of the Net.

Chapter 2

Visions of a Post-Territorial Order

Twenty years before the *Yahoo!* case, two men in different parts of America began to use the Internet for the first time. One was Julian Dibbell of New York, a savvy cultural reporter for the *Village Voice*. The other was John Perry Barlow of Wyoming, a libertarian, lyricist, and free thinker who looked the years he had spent traveling with *The Grateful Dead*. Dibbell and Barlow were very different people. But they had this in common: Neither were native computer geeks, and both were lucid, even lyrical writers, who wanted to communicate the Internet experience to regular people.

Dibbell and Barlow became the Robert Stanleys of the Cyberspace age. Like Stanley in central Africa they had discovered an exotic place and wanted to tell us about it. Like any explorer, the stories they brought back from the frontier reflected their own experience and assumptions more than objective reality. Nonetheless, these stories articulated a powerful vision: a new frontier, where people lived in peace, under their own rules, free from the constraints of a repressed society, and free from government meddling. Their vision of a post-territorial, self-governing cyberspace would create the philosophical foundation for skepticism about territorial governance of the Net. It would have an enormous impact on Internet writers and thinkers, Internet firms, and even the U.S. Supreme Court. To understand the hidden virtues of territorialism, we must first understand the possibilities and attractions of post-territorial rule.

Confronting Mr. Bungle

In 1993, back when “Information Superhighway” was still a popular term, Julian Dibbell wrote the gripping and widely read *A Rape in Cyberspace*, a story about how “an Evil Clown, a Haitian Trickster Spirit, Two Wizards, and a Cast of Dozens Turned a Database Into a Society.”⁴⁴ The story’s central premise—that the Internet can evolve its own systems of governance superior to “real-space” governance—has had a lasting impact. As the influential Internet scholar Lawrence Lessig would say years later, “Dibbell’s story is why I teach cyberlaw.”⁴⁵

Dibbell taught about Net self-governance through the experiences of the virtual, interactive worlds called “multiple user dungeons,” or MUDs. MUDs, the predecessors of today’s hugely popular online games (like *EverQuest*, or *The Sims Online*), were text-based worlds accessible through the Internet. This was the golden age of the immersive internet, when people logged on to build on-line identities and virtual homes, and more importantly, to meet and hang out with

others netizens. Though you couldn't actually see or touch anything (other than a keyboard and screen), MUDs worked on something more powerful: collective imagination. Users sometimes called MUDs a "shared hallucination."⁴⁶

A Rape in Cyberspace is a history of a particular MUD called *LambdaMOO* that Dibbell described as "a very large and very busy rustic mansion built entirely of words."⁴⁷ It was here that a thousand or so regulars, logging in from all corners of the earth, became a virtual community. They all had made-up personalities, they generally interacted without rules, and, as Dibbell recounts, their lives in the MUD were vividly real, and in some senses more authentic than their real-space lives. Even Dibbell-the-observer began to love *LambdaMOO* and relish his life there.

Dibbell's story was about *LambdaMOO*'s very own "bad man," a kind of evil clown named Mr. Bungle. Mr. Bungle was a "fat, oleaginous, Bisquick-faced clown," who humiliated, and even "raped," other users. His tool was a tiny "voodoo doll" that allowed him to take control of people and make them do disgusting things. These were not real rapes in the sense of a physical violation of the humans typing at their keyboards in Seattle and Sydney. But they were painful nonetheless, as the debasement of a projected identity.

As Dibbell tells it, the antics and abuses of Mr. Bungle made MUD participants realize that their ungoverned world wasn't working. While they argued about what to do, a senior MUD administrator unilaterally decided to destroy the wanton Mr. Bungle by eliminating him from the community. The *LambdaMOO* users scattered around the globe then begin to realize that they needed rules to govern their virtual lives. Slowly, hesitantly, but with increasing deliberation and self-consciousness, they created a nascent political community untied to physical space but with basic rules of voting, conduct, and dispute resolution. Dibbell wrote optimistically about the moral of the story, concluding that it helped us "look without illusion upon the present possibilities for building, in the on-line spaces of this world, societies more decent and free than those mapped onto dirt and concrete and capital."⁴⁸

This first story of Cyberjustice captured two important ideas. The first was an influential and charismatic metaphor: The notion of Internet as a "place." This metaphor, which still pervades discussions of Internet governance, originated in the early days of the Net when it did genuinely feel removed from the real world. In those days (the late 1980s and early 1990s), people didn't use the Net to buy books or make airplane reservations. They used it to participate in communities of people who rarely met face-to-face but who got to know one another intimately. Whether it was participating in a MUD, playing online computer games, posting to "bulletin boards," or talking in early "chat"

programs, the experience was self-contained. Whatever the consequences “there,” from flirting, or swapping programming ideas, or arguing about the causes of World War I, there would be no consequences “here,” in what they called “meatspace.” This autonomous and often vibrant communal experience naturally led to the belief that this place could, and should, be governed by the users that constituted it.

Dibble’s parable was the beginnings of a constructive vision of governance liberated from national and physical identity – that is, from our actual bodies, and their physical location. These ideas may seem a bit abstract, even nutty. But for many early Internet users and thinkers, they marked the deepest promise of the Internet revolution. At its best, the aspiration was to better fulfill the promises of (philosophical) liberalism by eliminating the relevance of physical identity and the limits it places on individual freedom.

Everyone has a physical appearance, and everyone is born somewhere; these are two facts over which we have little control. Even in the most open real-space societies, where we are born and what we look like determine our life path and prospects – the kind of opportunities we get, how we are treated by others, the extent to which those around us share our values and commitments. A liberal view of the good society says that individuals should be able to shape their lives as they wish, provided that such choices respect the dignity of others. Just as you choose your mate, your job, and your favorite brand of soda-pop, you should be free to minimize the relevance of how you look and where you live.

This is very hard to do in real space, within the territorial state system. For most people, physical traits are difficult to alter, and moving to a different and more congenial geographical community – assuming one exists – is too expensive or psychologically difficult. But as the MUD experience showed, the Internet can render these morally irrelevant physical qualities *actually* irrelevant. Bodily appearance and geographical location were meaningless in *LambdaMOO*. You could alter nearly every aspect of your identity: you could be a man or a woman, young or old, bald or bearded, whatever. And with complete control over their identities, people could cluster with like-minded and congenial souls to create virtual communities, unconnected to physical space, that would be impossible to establish in the real world. This vision considered the dominant state governance paradigm at best irrelevant and at worst a hindrance.

The Education of John Perry Barlow

John Perry Barlow has been called many things: a cyber-libertarian, a visionary, a crazy man. In the 1990s, he was the best-known and most controversial exponent of a separate legal regime for Cyberspace. He styled

himself the Jefferson of his age, and for a while at least, the description seemed to fit.

Barlow, like Dibbell, was not a natural-born computer-geek. He didn't write code. He wrote lyrics for the Grateful Dead. And instead of spending time in engineering school, he raised cattle on his parents' farm in Wyoming. His first experiences with the online world came in 1987 when, in search of a Dead Head community, he tried out the early on-line bulletin board *Whole Earth 'Lectric Link* (WELL). As he spent time with people who lived on the Internet, he began to think of the Internet as more than a computer network. He began to think of it as a kind of a place – what he called an “electronic frontier.”⁴⁹ It reminded him of the American West: unspoiled, self-governing, and best left to inhabitants to run as they pleased.

In 1990 Barlow wrote a series of columns, in *Wired Magazine* and other publications, to explain the wonder of the Internet to regular people using regular language. These writings – and especially the notion of a “cyberspace” with its own rules – would become enormously influential. They also made the Internet, once strictly the preserve of nerds, seem cool, exciting, and intriguing.

Barlow frequently wrote in language that echoed Stanley's African diary. “Imagine” he said, “discovering a continent so vast that it may have no other side.” “Imagine a new world with more resources than all our future greed might exhaust, more opportunities than there will ever be entrepreneurs enough to exploit, and a peculiar kind of real estate which expands with development.” And “imagine a place where trespassers leave no footprints, where goods can be stolen an infinite number of times and yet remain in the possession of their original owners, where businesses you never heard of can own the history of your personal affairs, where only children feel fully at home, where the physics is psychology, and where everyone is as virtual as the shadows in Plato's cave.”⁵⁰

The frontier theme was pervasive. Barlow encouraged young Americans to make their homes in Cyberspace: “Jack in. Go to Cyberspace, and go with all the adrenaline and goofy optimism which ought to accompany frontier enterprise,” he said.⁵¹ Barlow cautioned that the Electronic Frontier was threatened by territorial government, the “last ditch efforts of the old Industrial Age powers to colonize and subdue Cyberspace.”⁵² He argued that the “The American Occupation Army of Cyberspace” (by which he meant the National Security Agency) “meticulously observes almost every activity undertaken [in cyberspace], and continuously prevents most who inhabit its domain from drawing any blinds against such observation.”⁵³

Just as important as Barlow's provocations to explore and defend the new frontier were the institutions he founded to protect this vision. Barlow befriended an important group of wealthy technological libertarians who shared his ideas: in particular, Mitch Kapor, the millionaire founder of Lotus 1-2-3, and John Gilmore, a wealthy libertarian who was the first programmer at Sun Microsystems. They founded the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), designed to develop the legal conception of cyberspace as a separate place and to defend it from the intrusion of territorial government. As Kapor and Barlow wrote in announcing their establishment of the EFF on July 10, 1990, the EFF was designed to mediate the "inevitable conflicts [that] have begun to occur on the border between Cyberspace and the physical world."⁵⁴ It would also "help the folks who pass much of their lives there to find practical means for ordering their own affairs."⁵⁵

With the EFF, Barlow hit a nerve. He and Kapor succeeded in attracting some of the Silicon Valley elite who also happened to be some of the wealthiest political libertarians in the country. People like Bill Joy, the founder of Sun Microsystems, Doug Carlson, onetime CEO of Broderbund software, Rob Glaser, former Vice-President of Microsoft, and Rockport Shoes magnate Bruce Katz. All were board-members, donors, or both. In time, EFF also attracted major corporate donors too, and became for a time the lobbying voice of libertarian technologists on Capitol Hill. (It later abandoned its lobbying role as too corrupting of its original vision.) Companies like Microsoft, Hewlett Packard and others became major EFF donors. All were trying to build a legal wall that would separate and protect the burgeoning Internet from territorial government, and especially from the United States government.

The idea of a generalized cyberspace immunity sounded, to legal ears at least, a bit crazy at first. But the EFF had a very important law on its side. When it came time for EFF's lawyers to defend the idea of Cyberspace sovereignty, they found a powerful ally in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The First Amendment limits government's ability to regulate speech, and on a communications network like the Internet, *everything* is potentially "speech." A web site, e-mail, and even a MUD are all arguably expressive, and thus potentially protected by the First Amendment from government interference. In the 1990s the interface between the First Amendment and ideas of a sovereign cyberspace was exploited to great advantage.

In 1996 came what Barlow and others saw as the first great attack on Cyberspace. It came clothed as "indecentcy regulation," as was known first as the "Exxon Amendment" and later the "Communications Decency Act" (CDA). The CDA was in fact a very broad law. It applied to the entire internet, and punished all transmission of "indecent" sexual communications or images to minors using

the Internet.⁵⁶ In the view of some, it threatened to put the entire network under the constant scrutiny of the U.S. federal government.

To Barlow, this law, the CDA, was an incursion of liberty as offensive as the Stamp Act or the Boston Massacre. On the day President Clinton signed the Act into law, Barlow wrote an angry email to EFF members: "Well, fuck them. . . . Or more to the point, let us now take our leave of them. They have declared war on Cyberspace. Let us show them how cunning, baffling, and powerful we can be in our own defense."⁵⁷

Barlow then wrote and distributed his famous 16-paragraph *Declaration of Cyberspace Independence*.⁵⁸ Modeled after the American Declaration, it immodestly addressed the "Governments of the Industrial World, you weary giants of flesh and steel." It proclaimed: "I come from Cyberspace, the new home of Mind. On behalf of the future, I ask you of the past to leave us alone. You are not welcome among us. You have no sovereignty where we gather." The declaration recognized that Cyberspace had "real conflicts" and "wrongs," but insisted: "We will identify and address them by our means. We are forming our own Social Contract."

Echoing Dibbell, Barlow argued that the cyberspace legal order would reflect ethical deliberation instead of coercive power that characterized real-space governance. "Our identities have no bodies, so, unlike you, we cannot obtain order by physical coercion. We believe that from ethics, enlightened self-interest, and the commonweal, our governance will emerge. . . . We will create a civilization of the Mind in Cyberspace. May it be more humane and fair than the world your governments have made before."⁵⁹

Barlow had issued the call for action. But the Communications Decency Act required a concrete legal response. By now the EFF had a legal staff: EFF founder Mitch Kapor had found a lawyer named Mike Godwin posting interesting messages on an internet forum, and hired him as the EFF's first staff attorney.⁶⁰ The EFF, or at least Godwin, joined forces with the venerable ACLU to challenge the statute as a "facial violation" of the First Amendment. The case, styled *ACLU v. Reno*, went through the lower courts and quickly ascended to the United States Supreme Court. As Godwin later wrote, "Suddenly, the very legal status of cyberspace itself...[was] put to the test in a genuine constitutional battle."⁶¹

The litigation of *ACLU v. Reno* marked the coming together of a new community: a united internet-activist community. More than 20 groups, ranging from the American Library Association to the National Writers Union and the Safer Sex Page were named plaintiffs in the case. Dozens more groups

and academics wrote separately to support the lawsuit in a giant, collaborative effort. As Godwin wrote, “we included publishers, service providers, and individuals and organizations whose speech, while often provocative, was clearly central to the American public dialogue.”⁶²

On June 26, 1997, the Supreme Court announced its decision. By a vote of 7-2, the Court declared the entirety of the CDA unconstitutional. The Supreme Court invalidated the CDA on the somewhat narrow legal grounds: that the law was too vague and therefore unnecessarily “chilled” legal speech. But of more lasting import was the Court’s embrace of the concept of Cyberspace, and its apparent conferral of a special legal status for cyberspace communications.

Justice John Paul Stevens is old enough that he has actually met Babe Ruth and Charles Lingberg,⁶³ but that didn’t stop the 77-year old from seizing upon the Internet phenomenon with enthusiasm. He wrote for the Court that the Internet “constitute[s] a unique medium--known to its users as ‘cyberspace’ –located in no particular geographical location but available to anyone, anywhere in the world.”⁶⁴ Stevens characterized cyberspace as containing “vast democratic fora” that “ha[ve] not been subject to the type of government supervision and regulation that has attended the broadcast industry.”⁶⁵ The implication of *Reno v. ACLU* was that anything related to the Internet would be afforded the strongest possible First Amendment protection. As Justice Stevens concluded: “[T]he growth of the Internet has been and continues to be phenomenal. As a matter of constitutional tradition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we presume that governmental regulation of the content of speech is more likely to interfere with the free exchange of ideas than to encourage it.”⁶⁶ Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, like Barlow a retired rancher, seemed to confirm this interpretation in a separate opinion reminiscent of Julian Dibbell. “The electronic world” she concluded, “is fundamentally different.”⁶⁷ It was by its nature inherently anonymous: “Because it is no more than the interconnection of electronic pathways, cyberspace allows speakers and listeners to mask their identities... users can transmit and receive messages on the Internet without revealing anything about their identities or ages.”⁶⁸

With *ACLU v. Reno*, the idea of an unregulated and post-territorial Internet had migrated from kooky obscurity to the law of the United States as announced by America’s highest court. To some the Supreme Court seemed to erect a barrier to *all* U.S. laws that might affect the Internet. “[T]here is very little room for further regulation of the Internet,” declared EPIC attorney David Sobel. “[The court] clearly came down on the side of this being a new medium, that it is inappropriate to graft old broadcast laws onto the Internet.”⁶⁹ Barlow appeared to have found his border to cyberspace with assistance from a real-world authority. Not only was his *Declaration of Independence* vindicated: suddenly, it

had become the Supreme law of the land. As Mike Godwin said, on the day *Reno* was decided: “Today [is] the first day of a new American Revolution—a Digital American Revolution—a revolution built not on blood and conflict, but on language and reason and our faith in each other.”

Political Engineering

At the same time as John Perry Barlow and Julian Dibbell were trying to teach the world about Internet self-rule, a crucial group of non-state actors was already exercising extraordinary powers of Net governance. Unlike Barlow and Dibbell, these men weren’t newcomers to the Internet scene. They were as native to the Internet as it is possible to be, for these were the storied “founders” of the Internet itself—men like Larry Roberts, Robert Kahn, Vint Cerf, Jon Postel, and David Clark. Unlike Barlow and Dibbell, the founding engineers weren’t terribly interested in communicating to the public. Many of them viewed terms like “cyberspace” or “virtual reality” as the wild imaginings of the technologically illiterate. But their working methods and network designs nonetheless contributed to the growing sense that the Net would be ruled in an unprecedented way.

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The Internationalists

Joseph Nye is an academic, former government official, and dean of the Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University. He has spent much of his academic career predicting the impending decline of the nation-state, in favor of international and private organizations. As a result, in the late 1990s Nye and other internationalists interpreted the internet’s arrival differently than other people. It was the confirmation of a prophecy: a sign that era of the nation-state was finally coming to a close. As Nye wrote, the arrival of the internet signified of the “reversal of the modern centralized state that has dominated world politics for the past three and a half centuries.”⁷⁰ Its replacement, he foresaw, would be a system he called the “new cyberfeudalism” characterized by “overlapping communities and jurisdictions laying claims to multiple layers of citizens’ identities and loyalties.”

In short, *internationalists* like Nye took the Internet’s challenge to the State as part of a more the more general trend of globalization and nation-state erosion. The Internet’s ubiquitous nature, and the conflicts of territorial laws it generated, confirmed what the internationalists had been saying for a long time: Territorial rule must be supplemented, and eventually replaced, by international institutions.

The principal attraction of the internationalist strategy was its solution to the overabundance of territorial regulation and tyranny of the unreasonable introduced in Chapter 1. International law can apply everywhere in the world, as it does, for example, when it prohibits torture (The Torture Convention), establishes minimal rules of airline safety (the Convention on International Civil Aviation), and bans certain barriers to trade (the WTO). If the States of the world agree to a single global law for questions like libel, pornography, copyright, consumer protection, and the like, the lives of Internet users become much simpler: No conflicting laws, no worries about complying with 175 different legal systems, no race to the bottom. Legal compliance becomes like an all-inclusive resort in the Caribbean: pay one price, and everything is taken care of. As French Interior Minister, Jean-Pierre Chevenement explained in 2000, "The idea is to produce a global text so there cannot be 'digital havens' or 'Internet havens' where anyone planning some shady business could find the facilities to do it."⁷¹

Not only would internationalism solve the problem of conflicting laws. It also offered the promise of *better* laws. States can be too close to (or too reflective of) their populations and their prejudices. They can be too likely to reject the rational or best solution in favor of a local tradition or in obedience to a powerful local interest group. Many believed that international standards applied to the Internet could eliminate the parochialism of territorial state legalism. International standards could reflect a kind of collection of best practices from around the world—the opposite of the tyranny of the unreasonable. An international approach could not only clear up confusion and conflict, but it could also wash clean the prejudice and ignorance hiding in the basement of the State.

Finally, internationalists took the economic logic of global unification as creating an inevitability. The argument was foreshadowed by Marx, who said that "a constantly expanding market for its products chases the bourgeoisie over the whole surface of the globe."⁷² Translated to modern conditions, the argument is that the State's death is inevitable because rational economic interests drive global political unification. Larger political units maximize wealth by maximizing gains from trade. The Internet, some believed, was a sign that things were moving to a further, and perhaps final level.

It wasn't just academics or UN official who took these positions. Steve Case of AOL, for example, agreed with the political scientists that the Internet is "transforming the notion of national sovereignty."⁷³ He argued that nations must "revis[e] outdated and 'country-centric' laws on telecommunications and taxes that could thwart the growth of the medium."⁷⁴ He urged states to eliminate the morass of conflicting national laws and embrace "international standards—from security, to privacy, to taxation."⁷⁵

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It was just a new means of communication. Yet the arrival of the internet in the 1990s tapped into something much deeper. From actors as diverse as Jullian Dibbel to Joseph Nye came the hope that this brave new network might really change things, somehow liberate us from the world we live in, and even change basic parameters of the human condition. Behind every vision of Internet utopianism lay the hope was that by connecting every human on earth, the world might become a better place. Humanity united might do better than our lousy systems of government, throw away the construct of the nation state, and live in some different but better way.

To each of the visions, one thing was clear: the system of territorial government was broken, and needed desperately to be replaced. Whether it would be international organizations, self-governing communities, or the Internet engineers might not really matter. What was clear was that the State as Marx has suggested needed to melt away, extinguish itself, and leave the future alone. There was just one problem: the State was actually very much alive, and, it turned out, uninterested in assisting its own death.

Chapter 5

How States Rule the Net

In the winter of 1966, long before the advent of the Internet, a retired English Major named Paddy Roy Bates took a liking to an abandoned 6,000 square foot platform in the North Sea nick-named “Rough’s Tower.” Rough’s Tower was a World War II gun tower used by the British to fire at German bombers on their way to London. By 1966, nobody wanted the rusting contraption. Bates renamed it the Principality of Sealand, and asserted the principality’s independence from the United Kingdom—six miles away. He then awarded himself the title of Prince Roy, and proceeded to issue Sealand passports and Sealand stamps with pictures of his wife Joan, an ex-beauty queen.⁷⁶

For the next three decades or so, London journalists amused themselves telling the story of the eccentric Prince Roy and Princess Joan. The year the couple declared Sealand’s independence, Prince Roy fought off British army helicopters that strayed too near the platform. A decade later, German and Dutch diamond merchants mounted a helicopter attack when the prince was away, and succeeded in kidnapping his son, the Dauphin Michael. But the royal family struck back, reboarding the island by sliding down ropes from a helicopter and forcing the invaders to give in. One of the German merchants, who had been granted a Sealand passport in earlier and more cordial times, found himself captured and charged with treason by Prince Roy. He later received a royal pardon.⁷⁷

Until recently, nothing suggested that a chunk of concrete and steel off the English coast might play a role in the development of the Internet. But matters changed in the summer of 1999, when a server management firm named HavenCo invested millions of dollars to turn Sealand into a high-tech data haven loaded with computer servers linked to the Internet via microwave, satellite, and fiber-optic connections.⁷⁸ HavenCo’s idea was to rent data storage space on Sealand to people who wanted to run their web pages or place their data beyond the clutches of any government. It promised potential clients—porn purveyors, tax evaders, web gambling services, Chinese dissidents, and just about any other government-shy Internet user—that data on Sealand servers would be “physically secure against any legal action.”⁷⁹ The company boasted that Sealand was “the first place on earth where people are free to conduct business without someone looking over their shoulder.”⁸⁰ In the late 1990s, HavenCo generated enormous press buzz, claimed dozens of government-evading clients (all of whom remained anonymous), and seemed poised for enormous commercial success.

The HavenCo project was the apotheosis of the late-1990s belief in the essential powerlessness of the State. Anything a State might want to ban within its territory – offensive materials, illegal activity, harmful speech – could, in digital form, escape to a computer in a place where it is legal. The Net made every State a potential data haven, depending on what it permitted and forbade within its borders. The advantage of the ugly, man-made, server-festooned island was that it had no local restrictions. Thus, it might be a convenient venue for storing data beyond *every* government’s control.

HavenCo relied on the commonplace and seemingly irrefutable assumption that borders mark the limits of a State’s power. While a state might occasionally organize an invading army, such extra-territorial control was the rare exception. Usually, the State’s *legal* control extends only as far as its *physical* control, and not to the computer servers in other States. Duke Professor James Boyle summed up HavenCo’s premise when he said: “If the king’s writ reaches only as far as the king’s sword, then much of the content of the Net might be presumed to be free from the regulation of any particular sovereign.”⁸¹

HavenCo’s operating assumption should sound familiar. It was the same philosophy embraced by Jerry Yang when he called Judge Gomez’s initial decree “naïve.” And yet as we saw in Chapter 1, Judge Gomez effectively ended Yahoo!’s sale of Nazi goods in France, even though Yahoo! was a U.S. firm and even though its computer servers were in California.

This Chapter explains why Jerry Yang was wrong, and why HavenCo was premised on an error. States *can* control offshore Net communications because their effective power extends far beyond their territorial swords.

Beyond Borders

Many stores in New York’s Chinatown sell what look like Gucci bags and Rolex watches at a fraction of the usual cost. These are, of course, counterfeits. While some are junk, some of the more expensive counterfeits are of high enough quality to compete with the originals. They come from manufacturers overseas that might as well be in Sealand. Located in China, Thailand, or the Ukraine, they lie far beyond the territorial control of the United States. Since only a tiny fraction of these fakes can effectively be stopped at the border, Cyber-anarchic logic would suggest that the United States and other nations are powerless to stop the trade in counterfeits.

But the counterfeits story shows the opposite. It shows how States can control the illegal local effects of extra-territorial conduct, even when they lack power to punish overseas producers, the resources to stop the illegal goods at the border, or the will and resources to punish domestic consumers.

How? Primarily, the laws against counterfeits—trademark laws—target *local intermediaries*.⁸² If the fake Rolexes come from Thailand, it doesn't matter that the United States can't go after the Thai manufacturers, because Wal-mart won't sell you one. Wal-mart doesn't sell counterfeits because doing so would be an obvious breach of a law from which it cannot hide. Wal-mart's physical assets, its corporate headquarters, and its founding family all are in the United States, making it hard for the firm to evade government action. This is why trademark laws care very little about end-users. It isn't even illegal to own a counterfeit watch; it is only illegal for Wal-Mart to sell you one.⁸³

It is of course true that even by controlling the Wal-Mart, Macys', and Searses within its borders, the United States doesn't *eliminate* counterfeit goods completely. Gucci and Rolex lose millions of dollars in foregone income each year to counterfeit purchases. But it doesn't follow that the trademark laws are useless. The law need not be *absolutely* effective to be *sufficiently* effective.⁸⁴ We do not conclude from the persistence of occasional bank robberies that laws against theft are ineffective, or even sub-optimal. Similarly, the fact that there are sellers—like the stores in Chinatown—who are willing to assume the legal risk of selling counterfeits does not mean that the trademark laws are ineffective. To be effective, trademark law need only throw enough sand into the workings of the counterfeit market so that Gucci and Rolex continue to make smart profits. Yes, these companies could earn a higher return if the counterfeit market dried up altogether. And yes, the government could do more to dry up the market. For example, it could hire more enforcement officers, invest more in border control, criminalize the purchase of fake goods, or award punitive damages against those who sell fakes. But the system can be adequate to its task even though the government could do more, and even though compliance is not perfect. Government regulation works by cost and bother, not by hermetic seal.

The Rolex example teaches us two crucial lessons for State control of the Net. The first is *indirect extraterritorial control*. Just because Internet content originates from places outside a State's direct control, it does not follow that local laws are ineffective. The reason is that a State can regulate people, equipment, and activities within its territory to control the local effects of the extraterritorial activity. The regulation of local persons and property make it more costly, and thus more difficult, for in-state users to obtain content from, or transact with, regulation evaders using Sealand and other havens. States can indirectly influence the extraterritorial supply of prohibited content even though the source of the content is beyond its borders and even though it cannot easily stop the information at the border.

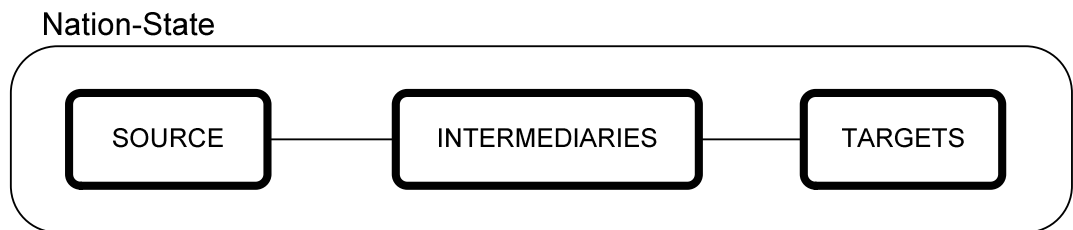
The second lesson is that to achieve indirect extraterritorial control, the most important local entities from the State's perspective are *local intermediaries*.

As the case of Wal-Mart in the Rolex example shows, the State does not always (or even usually) regulate individuals or firms directly, but rather acts through local intermediaries that have the power and the incentive to prevent or deter persons and firms from breaking the law. Intermediaries come in two general flavors. Some intermediaries in effect punish the individual on behalf of the State. An example is an employer who has a legal duty to prevent its employees from acts of sexual harassment. Other intermediaries act as gatekeepers to deny individuals and firms something essential to the illegal activity. A weapons dealer that has a legal duty to do background searches before selling a gun is a gatekeeper intermediary.

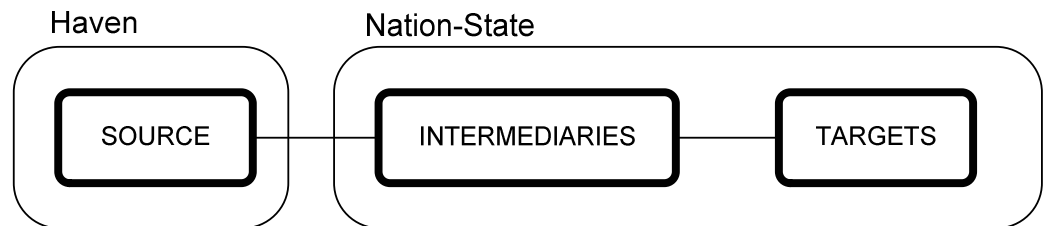
The combined effect of indirect extraterritorial control through local intermediaries is easy to miss, it isn't what most people have in mind when they think of "law." We tend to have a view of law that comes from the Ten Commandments or English jurist John Austin. It is a view of laws as a series of *commands* meant to control the primary conduct of *individuals* (or firms). We think of direct, individualized threats: thou shall not kill, steal, or bear false witness. Break the State's rule and face the consequences. But this view of law is misleading. It is easy to overlook how often the State controls behavior *collectively*.⁸⁵ Who does the most to prevent the use of illegal software at work? It is usually employers, not the government, because the state has put the company on the hook for its employees' misdeeds. Pharmacists and doctors are gatekeepers, charged with preventing certain forms of drug abuse. Much of what we do is controlled not by the State itself directly, but by what are effectively deputized third parties. When it comes to trying to stop extra-territorial conduct, it is to local intermediary control that the State usually turns.

Extra-Territorial Control Through Local Intermediaries

How precisely does local intermediary control relate to the State's ability to influence offshore content providers? Begin with a domestic version of our counterfeit example: A manufacturer in upstate New York makes fake Gucci bags that it sells to consumers through shops in Chinatown. Like most illegal acts, this one can be understood as a kind of transaction involving three relevant parties: the "source" (the manufacturer), an intermediary (the Chinatown shops), and a "target" (the purchasers):

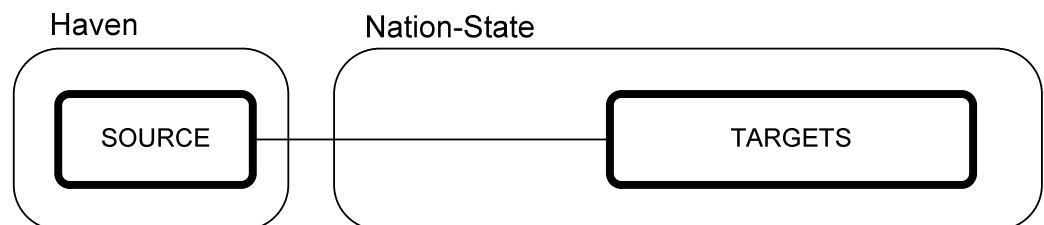


Havens move the illegal source outside the limits of the State's physical control. A simple haven strategy can be pictured as follows:



This looks like our example of counterfeit Gucci bags. The source of the crime, the manufacturer of the counterfeit goods, has moved overseas. Yet, as we saw in that example, both the intermediaries and the targets remain within the physical control of the State. This leads to an important insight: Effective control over *any* of the three elements of the transaction permits the State to control conduct within its borders. In the counterfeit goods example, control over the intermediary sellers or (if the State had the resources) the actual purchasers could effectively regulate the illegal transaction.

One might think that the source can diminish the problem of State control by getting rid of the intermediaries. Such *disintermediation* what many the Internet is supposed to be all about. On the Net, after all, you don't need a stock broker to lose money in the market, and you don't need to visit a bookstore or airport to buy books and airplane tickets. That evasion technique, disintermediation, is pictured here:



In principle, this is a very powerful strategy. It leaves the State with the sole option of trying to hunt down the targets (i.e. end users), who might be numerous and expensive to find (more on this later). So, if the Internet, as advertised, is gradually eliminating intermediaries, doesn't this mean that State power is doomed?

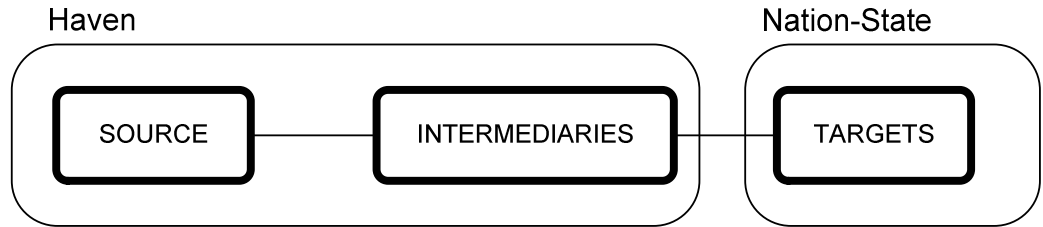
The problem with this theory, which pervaded Internet thinking in the late 1990s, was its premise. The rise of networking did not eliminate intermediaries, but rather *changed* who they are, and how they behave. It has created a whole host of new intermediary parties, the most important of which

(for our purposes) are ISPs, search engines, browsers, the owners of the physical network, and the like. It is also too easy to forget that the rise of the Internet has made the network *itself* the intermediary for much conduct that we might previously had no intermediary at all. For example, to the extent that Internet chatting replaces face-to-face conversation, it does so with the help of a new, Internet-related intermediaries.

In 1999, Lawrence Lessig surprised many legal thinkers when he announced that “code is law.” Lessig’s adage was a shorthand for the idea that computer software and hardware could effect people the same way that traditional laws do. And this, in turn, would mean that we have to pay attention to who designs the architecture. One of Lessig’s aims was to throw cold water on the hyper-libertarianism of the early Internet days by showing that sometimes government does a better job than private firms (especially monopolies) of designing Code in ways that serve user interests. Whatever one thinks of Lessig’s thesis, he was speaking of “code” as a form of collective, intermediary control. The writers of software are a form of intermediary – they help you to do something you could not do without them. So, when the State commands that Internet telephony be designed to allow-wire tapping, it is using the same methods it uses when it tells your bartender to stop serving alcohol at 3 a.m.⁸⁶

If government acts through intermediaries, why not restructure conduct so as not to depend on any potentially regulable intermediaries? The answer, as it turns out, is that it is hard to get rid of intermediaries for a deeper reason having nothing to do with law. The elimination of intermediaries is in many cases the same thing as the elimination of the underlying conduct. Specialized intermediaries exist, after all, because they allow people to do things that would be difficult, or even impossible, for them to do themselves. It doesn’t make sense to speak of making telephone calls without some entity to connect calls. Gun-manufacturers specialize in making guns. While it might be possible for people to make guns on their own, it would be at great cost. To truly act without any intermediaries means acting by oneself. When you stop and think for a moment, there are very few things, indeed nearly nothing, that one can do without the direct or indirect assistance of someone else. In the Net context, scores of seemingly-invisible intermediaries are needed to make the Net experience work.

For related reasons, it is also not possible to move intermediaries offshore, beyond the range of government control. Here is what such a move would look like schematically:

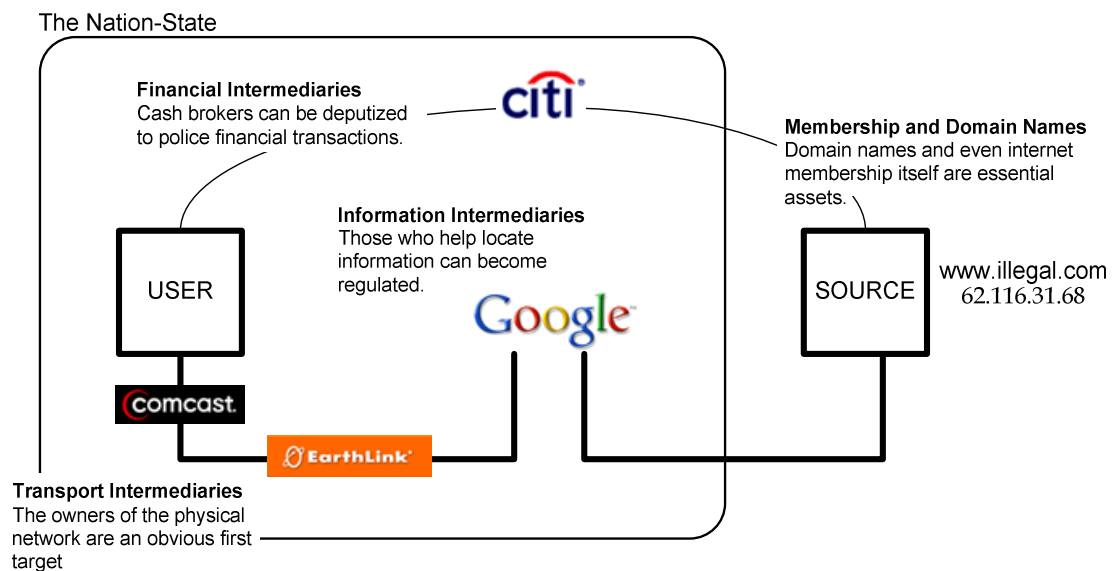


This model is no more realistic than the one that eliminates intermediaries altogether. In the Internet context, there are *always* local intermediaries. The most basic, of course, is the actual computer through which the Net is accessed. Behind that are many more: the owners of the physical communications lines, the owners of network nodes, search engines, and the like. If you try to access an unregulated offshore ISP through a long-distance telephone call, the phone system becomes an important intermediary. If you unplug your line and connect by Wi-Fi, the computer remains an intermediary, as does a physical network standing behind a W-Fi connection.

In sum, local intermediaries are an ineliminable aspect of the Internet. We now turn to how States can use these intermediaries to control offshore Net communications.

Finding the Internet's Intermediaries

The Internet has created new intermediaries that the State has just begun to regulate. The major categories are broken down in the following chart, followed by an analysis of each:



Transport. The spread of child pornography is an unfortunate consequence of the Internet's growth. In 2002, the State of Pennsylvania decide

to try to do something about the problem by enlisting the help of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), the companies that actually sell internet connections, like AOL or Earthlink. The law required ISPs to “remove or disable access to child pornography items residing on or accessible through its service in a manner accessible to persons located within this Commonwealth within five business days of when the internet service provider is notified by the Attorney General ...⁸⁷ In short, it required the Internet’s transport intermediaries, once notified, to filter or block content from a site containing child pornography. The Pennsylvania Attorney-General now regularly notifies service providers of sites they should take down, and after some initial hesitation, they now comply.

The Pennsylvania law shows why ISPs are the obvious first target for a strategy of intermediary control. It can be great fun to talk about the Internet as a formless cyberspace. But, as we saw in Chapter 3, underneath it all is an ugly physical transport infrastructure: copper wires, fiber optic cables, and the specialized “routers” and “switches” that send information from place to place. The physical network is by necessity a local asset, owned by phone companies, cable companies and other service providers who are already some of the most regulated companies on earth. This makes ISPs the most important and most obvious gatekeepers to the Internet.

The State can achieve a large degree of control by focusing on just a few of the most important ISPs, like AOL, Earthlink or Roadrunner. “While there are many ISPs, the vast majority of Internet subscribers in the United States obtain their access from a small handful of providers,” writes Harvard professor Jonathan Zittrain.⁸⁸ “[P]ressure applied strategically to the concentric ISPs serving smaller ISPs—one or two “dolls” up in a Matryoshka sequence of destination ISPs—can cover large swaths of subscribers.”⁸⁹ And as the text of the Pennsylvania law suggests, the control of ISPs can be directed at *preventing* materials from reaching end-users (filtering), or at forcing a site to take down child pornography. It is, therefore, a control either of the source or the targets of an illegal transaction.

Regulation-sensitive Americans are relatively new to the ISP-regulation game. As the *Yahoo!* case suggests, the command-and-control Europeans are, in the western world, pioneers. As far back as 1995, the Germans raided the Bavarian offices of Compuserve, and later indicted and tried the German manager of Compuserve Deutschland. The offense: failing to prevent child pornography from reaching German citizens.⁹⁰ In the late 1990s, the British government threatened British ISPs with criminal prosecution for distributing illegal adoption sites. Result: British ISPs blocked the sites to keep people in Great Britain from accessing them.⁹¹ Today, Germany, France and Great Britain

generally require local ISPs to screen out illegal content once they are notified of its existence.⁹²

But the true champions of Internet intermediary control, of course, are found in the East. In order of control, they include China, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore. In 2002, Zittrain and Ben Edelman found that Saudi Arabia, through a centralized set of servers, blocks access to thousands of web sites.⁹³ The blocking includes obvious targets like Amnesty International's Saudi Arabia pages, and the Queer Muslim home page, along with less obvious targets like www.tasteless-jokes.com. Particularly reflective of Saudi Arabia's preferences is the blocking of nearly every site promoting or discussing any religion, including all Christian, Jewish, and Ba'hai sites. China, as Chapter 6 will discuss in detail, has from the beginning, maintained extremely close control of its ISPs, far beyond what any Western nation has attempted. It runs a carefully calibrated country-wide filtering system designed to allow the government to block and unblock any materials it wants to, at any time.

Information Intermediaries. Norweigan Andreas Heldal-Lund describes himself as follows: "a skeptical atheistic freethinking pacifistic positive engaged and tolerant heathen who bases his life on modern secular humanism."⁹⁴ He lives in Norway, and is a member of both Hedningsamfunnet (The Norwegian Society of Heathens) and the Human-Etisk Forbund (a national secular humanist organisation). He is also perhaps the greatest living annoyance for the Church of Scientology. For Heldal-Lund has since 1996 devoted much time a website, "Operation Clambake" that exposes the deepest secrets of the Church and attempts to debunk its teachings.

For the Church of Scientology, Heldal-Lund's activities presented a serious problem of information control. A major benefit of rising through the ranks of the Church's strict internal hierarchy is access to carefully guarded teachings and writings. But in 2002 Operation Clambake's web site posted "the Secret Library of Scientology," containing many of the most important teachings of the Church.⁹⁵ Suddenly, writings that were meant to take years of preparation to read (and cost tens of thousands of dollars in training) were available to everyone on the World Wide Web.

Unable to shut down Clambake's Norwegian service provider, the Church turned to a different technique. It sent letters to Google.com, the web's most popular search engine, demanding that Google take down Clambake's sites under an American law, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).⁹⁶ According to the Church, Clambake's materials were an infringement of copyright that Google was legally obliged to block.⁹⁷ Google complied, meaning

that a search for “the secret library of Scientology” failed to deliver the results one would expect.

The Clambake story shed light on an under-recognized fact: Search engines like Google routinely take down links because of possible State action. As documented by the web site ChillingEffects.org, Google receives a constant stream of letters insisting that Google remove specified pages from its search results, usually because of alleged copyright or trademark infringement. Google complies with most. The result is something less than a neutral or comprehensive search.

This form of control is presently limited in several ways. In the United States at least, the take-down laws are focused on protecting intellectual property, not other State goals. In addition, search engines like Google matter only for the World Wide Web, not the whole Internet, and are rarely the only way of finding information. But the general technique of controlling information intermediaries has greater, and quite subtle potential for control. Consider how often you rely not just on search engines to find information, but also on “web-logs” (or “blogs”), online newspapers, and other intermediaries that point you in the direction of useful information. It is one thing for the State to openly crack down directly on forbidden information. But it can be harder to notice that information has become harder to find. It is hard, in other words, to know what you aren’t being told.

The Domain Name System & Internet Membership. In the fall of 2000, Al Gore and George W. Bush were fighting for the American presidency, aided by hundreds of millions in campaign contributions. That gave New York student James Baumgartner, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a clever idea. As a commentary on the role of money in the election, he opened the web site *VoteAuction.com* as a place for otherwise disinterested voters to sell their votes to the highest bidder.⁹⁸ Its slogan: “Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together.” The idea was this: with so much money being spent trying to influence elections, why not just pay the money directly to the voter? Baumgartner billed Voteauction as “the only election platform channeling 'soft money' directly to the democratic consumer.”⁹⁹

The site actually took off: as the Chicago Tribune reported, in early October, 521 unidentified people in Illinois had agreed to sell their presidential votes. The top anonymous bid was \$ 8,500, or \$16.31 per vote.¹⁰⁰ While Baumgartner intended the site as satire, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners decided there was nothing funny about offering to buy and sell votes, and it moved to shut down VoteAuction as quickly as possible. It chose a novel means: instead of targeting Baumgartner, or trying to hunt down the vote-

sellers themselves, it went after an essential asset—the name, “voteauction.com.”¹⁰¹

In short order, an Illinois judge imposed an injunction not on VoteAuction but on its U.S. domain name registry, Domain Bank, which had a standard domain name registration agreement prohibiting domain name use for “illegal purposes.”¹⁰² Domain Bank nixed voteauction.com’s domain name as if it were the itinerant Mr. Bungle, “shutting down voteauction.com all over the world.”¹⁰³ One week later, voteauction.com opened up under a new domain name, “vote-auction.com, registered in Switzerland with the International Council of Registrars (“CORE”).¹⁰⁴ But CORE too had a prohibition against illegal use in its standard domain name registration agreement, and after extensive telephone and e-mail discussions, vote-auction.com was shut down again.¹⁰⁵ Voteauction later began trying to publicize its numerical IP address, <http://62.116.31.68>, but by then the voting was over.¹⁰⁶

Control over domain names is another looming, and particularly effective way for nations to control Internet behavior. It is different from the other means of control surveyed here in a crucial respect: It relies on the basic architecture of the Internet *itself* as an intermediary for everything that is done on the Internet. It is a difficult concept to swallow, because we take it for granted that the Internet’s most basic protocols and membership policy are neutral as between every member of the network. But this, like others, is a contingent neutrality, already under attack from several quarters, and one that could gradually change.

Consider, for example, the matter of anonymity on the Internet. For years, pundits and theorists have predicted that robust “digital identification” was on its way. Soon, pundits warned, you’d never be able to do anything and remain anonymous. Lawrence Lessig wrote in 1999 that “When architectures accommodate users who come with a [digital] ID installed and make life difficult for users who refuse to bear an ID, certification will spread quickly.”¹⁰⁷

To nearly everyone’s surprise, it hasn’t happened. Microsoft Passport, the most powerful effort to create a universal digital ID, has failed to reach the usage levels that were predicted.¹⁰⁸ There are various reasons: People don’t trust Microsoft, and in general, a centralized identification system is something of a security risk. Some degree of anonymity, for whatever reasons, remains a feature of much Internet conduct.

But there is another way that the anonymity of the Internet could change. It could change if the conditions of *Internet membership* change. What’s that? Internet membership is something that most of us today take for granted; something that comes for free with a dial-up account. But the lack of

membership conditions is a fact that nation states, acting through a little-known organization named ICANN, have discussed trying to change. They realize that as a general matter, membership rules have always been a powerful means of control, whether it's at a country club or the World Trade Organization. There may come a time, and that time might be soon, when accurately disclosing who you are is a condition of Internet membership, or a condition of supplying Internet membership. As Chapter 7 suggests, there may come a time when abusing your privileges as a member of the Internet could lead to expulsion.

As these and other examples show, the State has many types of intermediaries it can use for indirect control. But none of this should obscure the most basic means of control: the direct physical coercion of individuals.

Targeting Individuals

Tore Tvedt ran a Norwegian neo-Nazi organization called *Vigrid*, devoted to the worship of Odin and other ancient Norse gods (The link between Odin and National Socialism was never entirely clear). Fearing Norwegian hate speech laws, Tvedt had a clever idea. He placed his anti-Semitic propaganda on a server in the United States, beyond the reach of Norwegian authorities. Unfortunately for Tvedt, he didn't do anything to put *himself* out of the reach of Norwegian authorities. One day, the Norwegian police simply arrested Tvedt and held him responsible for the contents of the Vigrid home page.¹⁰⁹

Despite the discourse of virtuality, direct physical coercion of individuals remains an important means of regulating internet conduct. The arrest of Tvedt shows the simplest way that nations control the flow of illegal digital content from abroad—arresting the locals. And the mistake Tvedt made is not uncommon. Jay Cohen, recently released from a U.S. prison, was the early operator of an Internet sports betting site who bet wrongly that he could beat a federal indictment for gambling.¹¹⁰ Tvedt and Cohen are also joined by an earlier generation of pornographers, like the Robert and Carleen Thomas, the couple who ran the “Amateur Action” porn system, and criminal hackers, like the famed Kevin Mitnick. All made the same mistake and all ended up in prison.

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The physical arrest of individuals depends less on residency than travel patterns. For example, U.S. undercover agents have, on occasion, lured criminal hackers from Russia into the United States, where they were apprehended and convicted.¹¹² And one reason why Yahoo! cared about Judge Gomez's decision is that its executives fly through French airports and have meetings in France, and thus are subject to criminal enforcement actions there.

These kinds of crackdowns, while significant, are the easy cases. Tore Tvedt wasn't particularly clever, and he was just one person. What happens when the State is faced with the prospect of mass disobedience? Can it crack-down successfully, not on a single source, but on *millions* of people using the Internet who want to disobey a given law? Or might John Perry Barlow be right when he says "No law can be successfully imposed on a huge population that does not morally support it and possesses easy means for its invisible evasion?"
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This is a big question, that matters for a whole range of contexts. Around the world, millions of new lawbreakers have been created by the Internet: copyright infringers, gamblers, consumers of pornography, and so on. We've seen that nations can use the tools of intermediary control to stop such activities indirectly. But what are the prospects for using direct punishment to stop a nation of lawbreakers?

While not a new question for legal theorists, end-user enforcement is nonetheless a hard one. It is the subject of dueling anecdotes, pitting the 1920s Prohibition (a failure) against laws regulating insider trading (a relative success). The starting point for any answer is the basic economic concept of deterrence, explained best by Nobel laureate Gary Becker.¹¹⁴ In the late 1960s, Becker first argued that lawbreakers were rational, and that their decisions to break laws reflected a calculation of costs and benefits. The State, therefore, doesn't need to actually catch every lawbreaker.: It just needs to increase punishments to the point where the costs of committing crime are less than the benefits.

The economics of deterrence led Becker to argue that the State shouldn't waste too much money looking for criminals, but instead just raise the sanctions for breaking the law. You might think more than twice about parking illegally if a parking ticket meant a few days in prison. The basic logic of deterrence based on economic models suggests an answer to the mass disobedience question. It suggests that for any law, penalizing select individuals severely should be enough to compel compliance.

But are things as simple as Becker suggests? Think to yourself: is fear of punishment really the only reason that you obey the law? Many of us, in fact probably don't steal as often as we'd get away with it. Reflecting this intuition, academic work since Becker's article has shed doubt on many elements of this simple economic conclusion. Economists point out that there are limits on the amount of deterrence that can be achieved just by increasing punishments. Some people, for example, are poor enough that they don't fear fines, or are so pessimistic about their future prospects that going to jail may not seem so bad. And, of course there's an upper limit on what the state can threaten. You can only kill someone once, and most countries ban things like torture that people might fear even more than death. Finally, if the State punishes relatively minor

wrongs (like Internet gambling) as severely as serious crimes (like bank robbery), the law loses its ability to send a message about what citizens should not do, and what they *really* should not do.¹¹⁵

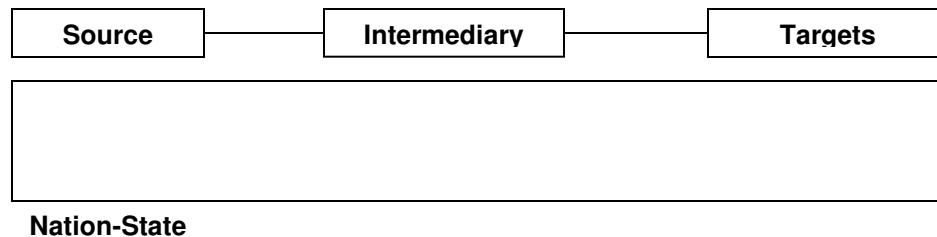
Meanwhile, psychologists who study criminality think that there's a real limit to deterrence as well, but for different reasons. Psychologist Tom Tyler sees the perception of *legitimacy* as the key to understanding why people obey the law. In this view, even with tough criminal penalties, people will not obey a law that they think fundamentally illegitimate (like the ban on alcohol during the prohibition). Tyler's arguments are backed by empirical studies showing different patterns of compliance than simple economic theory would predict.¹¹⁶ These outcomes are mirrored by the work of legal theorists who study social norms, or informal rules that govern society. They believe that people generally follow social norms and for that reason, rather than the threat of legal punishment, obey the law.¹¹⁷

What this work suggests is that the likely effectiveness of targeting of end-users will depend on the law being enforced. For laws where the State can take advantage of a preexisting set of social norms or a moral code, the State will find its job easier. But for areas in a state of moral and ethical ambiguity, end-user sanction strategies will fail more often.

Today, the ethics and norms surrounding pornography are in flux. Some religious groups, feminist theorists and politicians view the creation and consumption of adult pornography as simply wrong, and obscenity laws also express that belief. But liberals and libertarians think otherwise, as do an otherwise silent majority. The result is that obscenity laws are routinely violated on the internet, and virtually nothing is done about it.¹¹⁸ This shows the degree to which moral ambiguity can dampen or even nullify the effects of laws on the books.

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We have discussed the enforcement options that remain when the source of illegal materials moves overseas. But what if, in response to enforcement against end-users, they too leave the country? What if source, intermediaries and targets are all outside the nation state? This is the possibility of "total exit," pictured here.



The creation of an exile community is indeed a kind of final escape from undesirable laws. Moses and the Israelis fled Egypt in search of (among other things) a better legal system. And today, more prosaically, lovers of high-stakes gambling can move to Las Vegas, and serious marijuana users can make their home in Amsterdam and enjoy a different kind of life. But at some point, this becomes less of a challenge to State sovereignty, than an acceptance of it. If you move from the U.S. to Germany because you prefer a country with no speed limits, that is less what we think of as evasion, and more like what we think of as emigration.

Epilogue

On August 3, 2003, HavenCo founder and CTO Ryan Lackey went to Las Vegas to give an astonishing speech at *DefCon*, the annual convention for computer hackers. His talk was entitled: *HavenCo: What Really Happened*.¹¹⁹ HavenCo, he revealed to the world, had never been the success it was portrayed to be. The story of the giant server farm, hidden deep in the recesses of the island, was a lie: HavenCo's equipment consisted of "5 relay racks standing mostly empty."¹²⁰ The "dozens" of customers HavenCo claimed were, at the best of times, roughly 10, almost all online casinos.¹²¹ And now, Lackey reported to the crowd, HavenCo was dead. It was no more.

HavenCo died for two related reasons. The first was the absence of cooperative intermediaries, especially financial intermediaries. "[Sealand's] sovereignty ... has little value without commercial support from banks, etc."¹²² Banks wouldn't cooperate with HavenCo, one suspects, for the same reasons that U.S. financial institutions are not cooperating with Antiguan gambling sites: Local pressure on these crucial intermediaries influences how the intermediaries interact with offshore providers of information content.

Second, Sealand itself turned out to be an intermediary susceptible to the pressures of powerful states. More than anything else, Prince Michael, the ruler of Sealand, wanted recognition as an actual country. HavenCo's unseemly activities, he began to believe, were an impediment to that dream. The Prince

began to insist that HavenCo adhere to “norms of international practice and custom,” and demanded that nothing “offensive” be available from his Sovereign nation.¹²³ But of course, the hosting of potentially “offensive” content was the only reason for HavenCo’s existence. Without it, HavenCo was nothing. And so, the company sank into a slow decline, shedding customers and losing money, until finally came what Lackey called the “nationalization” of HavenCo in November, 2002, as Sealand kicked HavenCo off the island. Sealand today nominally owns what remains of HavenCo—a jumbled pile of network equipment, rotting and obsolete.

Arms Races

In 1995, the Attorney General of Minnesota was Hubert “Skip” Humphrey III. The son of Lyndon Johnson’s Vice-President, Humphrey was an old-style Minnesota democrat with a get-tough reputation and serious political ambitions. In 1995, with one eye on the governorship, he decided to try rid the state of all Internet gambling. He began by drafting a memorandum of law, warning all internet users that they were subject to Minnesota laws:

WARNING TO ALL INTERNET USERS AND PROVIDERS

PERSONS OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA WHO TRANSMIT INFORMATION VIA THE INTERNET KNOWING THAT INFORMATION WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN MINNESOTA ARE SUBJECT TO JURISDICTION IN MINNESOTA COURTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS.

GAMBLING APPEARS TO BE AN ESPECIALLY PROMINENT ASPECT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON THE INTERNET. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SERVICES OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA THAT OFFER MINNESOTA RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BETS ON SPORTING EVENTS, PURCHASE LOTTERY TICKETS, AND PARTICIPATE IN SIMULATED CASINO GAMES. THESE SERVICES ARE ILLEGAL IN MINNESOTA.¹²⁴

Humphrey wrote a New York Times Op-Ed arguing that states had a duty to stop Internet gambling. “Unchecked,” he said, online gambling “has the potential to turn every family room in America with a personal computer into an unregulated casino.”¹²⁵ He then brought a prominent lawsuit against a Las Vegas online casino operator named Kerry Rogers, whose site was accessible from Minnesota.¹²⁶ Rogers admitted that Minnesotans used his site to gamble, but argued that the lawsuit was an illegitimate regulation of interstate commerce. In 1998 Humphrey successfully convinced the Minnesota Supreme Court to exercise its jurisdiction.¹²⁷ Rogers complained that he was spending millions in legal fees. Humphrey appeared to be winning.

But this early success was misleading, for Humphrey’s bluff was called. The online casinos in the United States had always said that the lawsuits would drive them overseas. In the late 1990s, in response to lawsuits like Humphrey’s that’s what happened: the online sites and their owners moved overseas, mostly to the Caribbean nation of Antigua, to the tiny Isle of Man near Britain, and to Gibraltar off the southern coast of Spain. These nations welcomed the business. By early 2000, one in every thirteen Antiguans was employed in the e-gaming business. The Isle of Man even appointed an “E-Gaming Ambassador” named John Gilmore to promote online gambling.¹²⁸ Stressing their tight regulation of gambling, Gilmore said “the Island appeals greatly to businesses that need to

maintain a high quality image internationally.”¹²⁹ By 2001 the industry had reached nearly \$5 billion in worldwide revenue and was still growing.¹³⁰¹³¹

Meanwhile, Skip Humphrey still had much to say, but there wasn't much he could do. As Attorney-General of Minnesota he lacked the means to chase down the gambling sites overseas. An obvious alternative target was local citizens who gambled online, but Humphrey never discussed arresting individual citizens in their homes. Instead, he followed in his father's footsteps and in 1998 began his a long-awaited campaign for the governorship of Minnesota. Unfortunately for Humphrey, he chose a strange time to run, and was defeated by professional wrestler Jesse Ventura, a man with no political experience.

Regulatory Arms-Races

The story of Hubert Humphrey and the gambling exodus is a typical story of a regulatory arms-races in the Internet age. In this book we have learned of the ways—many more than was realized—that governments use to control conduct outside of their territory. But that isn't the end of the story. If you've ever downloaded music for free or gambled on-line, you know these methods of control are far from perfect. The targets themselves – like online casinos, can use the Internet to take evasive action. Users can also act en masse to get around government controls. When a group of people really want to ignore a law, and the State really wants to stop them, the result is a running battle, or a regulatory arms race.

Contests between law enforcement and outlaws are nothing new. But what is new is that law evasion has become a mass, collaborative project. Clever programmers like Justin Frankel, author of the Gnutella P2P file-sharing system, create tools that empower multitudes to get around unwanted laws like copyright. A very small group of programmers, or even a single person, can help hundreds of millions of people ignore a law they don't like. Classic outlaws like bank robbers mainly benefited themselves when they avoided the law. Today's technological evasion strategies can create “collective evasion” for a big group. As Justin Frankel said in a Rolling Stone interview, “Things I've done are often interpreted as anti-record-industry, but it's really about empowering people.”¹³²

Yet even given the possibilities of collective evasion, it would be a mistake to discount the State's power to respond. A powerful state has on its side the rhetoric of law, resources, and its reserved power of physical coercion. As we discussed in chapter 4, the language of legal compliance can be important: many people believe that even unreasonable laws should be obeyed. Second, all but the weakest states have resources that dwarf their targets. Online casinos, unlike

countries, do not have armies or billions of dollars in tax revenue. And as chapter 4 showed, the power of physical coercion exercised against intermediaries accounts for more compliance than anyone ever thought. In short, the power of the state makes the outcome of a technological arms race hard to predict. Simply pointing to the people like Frankel and the potential of collective evasion is not enough.

Instead, regulatory arms races are contests of *will* as opposed to *power*. The State has the advantages of resources, rhetoric, and physical force. But the exercise of State power is often brutal, unpopular, and expensive. What matters more than anything else is the State's normative commitments, or how badly it wants to win. We see this in the story of Skip Humphrey, who despite his bluster lacked the political nerve to arrest individual Minnesotans for gambling even if doing so might have been effective. Unfortunately for the casinos, while Humphrey was the first, he wasn't the only nor the most effective Attorney General with an urge fight online gambling.

Spitzer and Credit Cards

Eliot Spitzer, Harvard Law graduate and son of a wealthy New York real estate family, was elected New York's attorney general in 1998. He made his reputation bringing cases of national rather than local significance that no one else would touch. During the internet boom, when the stock market analysts could seemingly do no wrong, he went after Merrill Lynch, exposing what he called "a shocking betrayal of trust by one of Wall Street's most trusted names."¹³³ He later attacked the mutual fund industry, the trusted stewards of the billions of ordinary Americans, and later the insurance industry and the music industry. Spitzer has been called "the most powerful politician outside of Washington," and a man "temperamentally unable to stay out of the headlines." And in the early 2000s Spitzer began waging war on internet gambling.

Realizing the limits of his direct enforcement powers against overseas casinos, Spitzer and his Internet Bureau turned to a new strategy. Spitzer, steeped in Wall Street culture, noticed something that Humphrey didn't. He noticed that online casinos were dependent on American credit, and that every gambling session is effectively a transnational financial transaction.¹³⁴ It also happens that the State of New York, unlike Minnesota, has most of America credit-card issuing banks within its borders. Spitzer and his attorneys went to work. "We will cut off an enormous line of credit that was a jackpot for illegal offshore casinos."¹³⁵ announced Spitzer "Americans now waste \$4 billion a year on this pernicious form of gambling."

Spitzer and his team used the same techniques against the credit card companies that they used against Wall Street: trial by press release. Instead of threatening executives with indictment, Spitzer threatened them with press that would destroy their stock prices. As reporter Daniel Gross wrote, "the threat of Spitzer isn't jail time; it's a tanking stock. The very announcement of a Spitzer investigation is an excuse to sell and an invitation for shareholder lawsuits and proxy campaigns."¹³⁶

In June of 2002, Spitzer announced his first victory. A chastened Citibank appeared at a press conference to announce that its credit cards would no longer accept online gambling transactions. In penance, Citibank agreed to donate \$400,000 to various gambling addiction groups, and a further \$100,000 to the State of New York. As Ken Dreifach, head of New York's Internet Bureau warned, "We're trying to get the message out to intermediaries that there's real liability there. If you help to facilitate or promote gambling, you could be found guilty of breaking the law."¹³⁷

Spitzer's strategy was far more effective than Minnesota's. By early 2002, every major American credit card provider, including Citibank, Bank of America, Fleet, MBNA, and Chase Manhattan had established policies refusing to honor charges made for online bets.¹³⁸ Spitzer went a step further and subpoenaed PayPal, the electronic payment intermediary, to force it to stop allowing its customers to fund their online gambling. After negotiations Paypal agreed to stop all gambling transactions and disgorge \$200,000 in profits and penalties to the New York State treasury.¹³⁹

New York State seemed to be winning as Spitzer's efforts had a measurable impact on online gambling nationwide. As a 2002 Congressional report put it, "Despite attempts to circumvent these efforts... the success of these restrictions has caused gaming analysts to lower their 2003 revenue projections for the on-line gaming industry."¹⁴⁰ The attack on financial intermediaries in the U.S. drove over half of Antigua web gambling firms out of business. As Antigua Prime Minister Lester Bird complained, Spitzer's crackdown "left a significant, negative effect upon the economy."¹⁴¹

On the back of the internet and other successful efforts, Spitzer was by late 2004 the most popular elected official in New York State.¹⁴² What came next was a surprise to no one. On December 7, 2004 Spitzer announced his campaign for Governor of New York in the 2006 elections.

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Spitzer and the State of New York effectively initiated a new round in the battle between governments and online casinos. This is a typical pattern for today's internet regulatory contests. They tend to consist of an ongoing series of moves and countermoves, almost like a form of ritualized combat.

A fanciful but useful model asks us to imagine the state and outlaws in a contest akin to a tug-of-war. At the beginning of the contest there will exist some equilibrium: the banned activity is carried out at some level. Even before internet gambling, for example, there was, of course, some level of illegal gambling. The contest begins when either government or the outlaws invest in new measures to either crackdown or avoid the law. Such investments either increase or decrease the activity level, just as a decision to tug harder pulls the rope in a tug-of-war toward one side or the other.

Once the contest begins, the other side must decide whether and how it wants to react. After an initial evasion that increases illegal activity, Government needs to decide whether it cares enough to invest in new enforcement efforts that might slow things down again. In response to the tug on the rope, Government needs to decide whether to accept a new equilibrium or to tug back. This structure of alternating rounds can be seen in the example of gambling in the following chart.

| Round | Casinos Thrust | Government Parry |
|--------------|--|--|
| 1 | Setup Online Casinos in the United States | Sue Online Casinos in the United States |
| 2 | Move Online Casinos Overseas | Target major financial intermediaries (credit cards) |
| 3 | Adopt new financial intermediaries (Paypal, Wire services). | Target all credit intermediaries |
| 4 | Create overseas financial intermediaries, like NETeller iGmpay | (Target Banks or citizens?) |

This tug-of-war model predicts an eventual endpoint, or new equilibrium. At some point one side or the other will simply give up, leaving a new equilibrium level of activity. When that will be depends on the benefits and costs to each side of ongoing investments in evasion and enforcement. .

How long will it take to reach that equilibrium? After an initial learning period, we should expect the necessary investment in enforcement or evasion to increase with each succeeding round, with less marginal evasion or enforcement achieved. Stated otherwise, the more each side pulls, the less effects they should realize. The reason is that the most obvious and cheapest tools of enforcement or evasion will be used up first, and each party will have to turn to increasingly esoteric or expensive ways of enforcing or evading the law, respectively. This pattern in both the gambling example in this chapter and the P2P example in the next. For the casinos moving overseas was the simplest evasion maneuver and brought the greatest returns. For government, suing local casinos and then shutting down the major credit card companies were relatively cheap (indeed, profitable). However from that point onward things become more challenging for each side. For government, trying to further increase the costs of newer overseas intermediaries will be yet more expensive. To make the example absurd but obvious, nations may be forced at some point to resort to military force, which can be far more expensive than filing a lawsuit. Meanwhile, online casinos are increasingly forced to create their own, entirely separate system of credit, which is a complicated proposition and much tougher than simply relying on credit cards.

As we've said, the outcome of regulatory contests between government and outlaws depends on the costs of new evasion and enforcement techniques but more fundamentally on what each side has to gain. For the outlaws, this is a relatively simple matter to understand. Avoiding the law offers whatever benefits from the conduct that the law banned. For casinos the potential upside is all of the revenue from American online gamblers, which is a gigantic lure. This helps explain, for example, why much less lucrative law evasion, like the Chinese Democracy movement discussed in chapter 8, is so easily shut down. Online Casinos with their massive profit margins and low overhead can be expected to stay in the law evasion business for the long haul.

But what about governments? What does a government gain from enforcing its laws? When do governments give up, and when do they redouble their efforts? These questions are much harder to answer. But we can offer a few speculations, as the next segment shows.

The Government's Interest

Story #1:

Well, the story is I am 19, and I am addicted to gambling, which is obviously why I am here. The one that is killing me is online poker. I win big now and again, but overall, it is totally fleecing me of all of my money. I am at university, 2nd year, all of my student loan has gone already, and I am in a situation where I have no cash, and cannot enjoy myself.

Story #2

For me it was one bad night with a few drinks inside me and I made a big loss, lol, in retrospect it was not a big loss but it was back then. I lost \$200 and went back in to chase my losses, on the tilt, more drinking, more trips to the cashier and \$1000 down for the night at which point I was at my monthly allowed withdrawal from the gambling site. Off to bed, depressed.

Over a period of around 6 months I barely slept and lost around \$55,000 which is mostly on credit cards, in the end I had them all at or over their limits and ran out of money to gamble with - if I had more money I presume I would have kept on going, however I was broke, I didn't have enough money in my account to cover the direct debits that were coming off the next day and I broke down on the steps of my house at around 2a.m. with grave thoughts in my head.¹⁴³

Story #3

The more money I lost, the more chips I would buy on the credit card to try to win them back. I was chasing my losses, very much so. One thing led to another, and within a period of just 3 weeks, I had maxed out my father's \$5,000 credit card. I was so distraught and scared that he would flip his lid when he found out what I was doing that I thought about suicide as an escape route for that. I was really depressed, nervous, and suicidal, distraught.

For people out there like myself who have a gambling problem, Internet gambling is very dangerous. It is too easy to gamble online from the comfort of your own home since all you need is a credit card, a computer, and Internet access. Like I said, the convenience of online gambling brought out an uncontrollable animal in me and I did not know when to stop. I am not obsessive-compulsive by any means, but the Internet combined with my passion for gambling, it made my behavior uncontrollable.¹⁴⁴

These anonymous confessions of online gamblers show us a motivation for fighting overseas lawbreaking: the protection of citizens from overseas harm. The oldest justification for the existence of government at all is security against internal and external threats. When faced with a foreign source of harm, we might expect it in the interest of a state to protect itself. Hence the U.S. strong interest in stopping online gambling.

The idea that governments fight gambling to protect their citizens is based on an optimistic view of government behavior. But even on a more cynical view the presence of local harms is not irrelevant. Elected officials are not unlike Roman generals of old: if they seek political power, they must first make their name and reputation fighting high profile battles that appeal to the imagination of the citizenry. Before online gambling, Skip Humphrey cut his teeth suing the tobacco industry, winning a historic multi-billion dollar settlement. And before Wall Street or online casinos, Spitzer made his name as a federal prosecutor when he defeated the Gambino family and ended its reign over the New York garment industry.¹⁴⁵ In this manner, the drive for political power may drive a regulatory contest for many years.

While glory and reputation may drive government action, it would be naïve to suggest that protecting citizens is the only reason government acts against an overseas harms. As those who study international trade know, it is often the influence of powerful local industries and that puts the iron in the Washington's backbone. Just as the president may act to protect American steel producers from the threat of cheap foreign imports, so too can an overseas internet site easily represent a threat to a local concern. For example, the overseas sites that sell cheap prescription drugs are a price threat to the American pharmaceutical industry, and Pharma's pressure for a crackdown is never-ending. Similarly the crackdown on overseas filesharing is driven by the recording industry itself, through the famous and vicious Recording Industry Association of America. And in the example of gambling itself it should never be forgotten that the United States has a domestic gambling industry whose pressure for more enforcement may have more weight than is made public.

We have focused on the interests of states who want to fight or stop overseas conduct. But with the exception of activity that is *hostis humanis generis*, (the enemy of all mankind) every activity that hurts one country will usually help another. As much as Humphrey professed to hate online gambling there are nation-states that love it and depend on it. With nation-states on both sides, a question of overseas law enforcement can become a problem of international relations, as the next segment shows.

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The twin-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda has a population 67,000.¹⁴⁶ The weather, a favorable government and good connections to the U.S. have made it a favored destination for online casinos. At its height in the early 2000s the local internet gambling industry employed 5,000 people, or nearly 7.5% of the islands' population. But the American crackdown took its toll, putting more than half of the Island's operations out of business.¹⁴⁷ As Sir Ronald Sanders, an

Antiguan official complained "The effect of the US enforcement of its laws is to hurt the small economy of Antigua and Barbuda, which is struggling to survive in a world of intense competition in the trade of goods and services."¹⁴⁸

Antigua may be small, but it is a nation-state nonetheless and since 1995 a full-fledged member of the World Trade Organization.¹⁴⁹ In June 2003, Antigua filed a WTO complaint against the United States, arguing that the various U.S. actions against online gambling amounted to an illegal barrier to "trade in services." Suing the United States was a brave act but Antigua felt it had no choice. As Antigua's ambassador to the WTO put it "What we want is survival, not blood."¹⁵⁰

With the lawsuit, the question of online gambling became a problem of international relations and international law. Instead of just the United States and overseas business, the question was one of two nation-states with conflicting interests. Fortunately for Antigua the fight over online gambling was not a contest of military might. Instead, by invoking an unusually powerful international court and the broad treaty obligations that come with the WTO Antigua helped itself level the playing field.

In November, 2004, to the surprise of many observers, the World Trade Organization sided with Antigua.¹⁵¹ The three-member WTO dispute resolution panel agreed with Antigua that the enforcement of U.S. gambling laws unfairly favored local casinos over international, online imports. The specific legal question was whether the United States had, when it joined the WTO, agreed to open its gambling and betting sector to international competition. The panel ruled that it had.¹⁵² They also agreed that the United States enforced its gambling laws in a discriminatory fashion, targeting Antiguan online casinos with greater frequency than U.S. concerns. In the panel's judgment the American actions "constituted 'arbitrary and unjustifiable discrimination between countries where like conditions prevail' and/or a 'disguised restriction on trade.'"¹⁵³

Thanks to the intervention of Antigua and the WTO, the online casinos now had an order declaring the U.S. enforcement practices illegal. That isn't the end of the story: the United States in 2005 indicated that it will appeal the decision to the WTO appellate body, and rumor has it that Britain may intervene on behalf of the Antiguan. But what this shows how problems of internet law and evasion can be both transformed into and influenced by the conduct of international relations.

Wasteful or Healthy?

Can anything be said in favor of these regulatory contests? The ongoing battles over gambling or filesharing may strike most as highly wasteful. Government, outlaws and their supporters in other countries are pouring money into these contests: wouldn't it be better if they could be avoided? There may however be some benefits in regulatory contests for a domestic legal system that may not be clear on first inspection.

Every legal system is full of dead wood. One category are unpopular laws passed in another era that would never be passed today. Legal theorists call the existence of such laws part of the problem of "generational sovereignty."¹⁵⁴ How can we, the living, rule ourselves if so many of our laws are passed by people who are dead? A famous example involves the laws banning contraceptives. These were laws were enacted in another age, but they survived well into the 1960s.¹⁵⁵ One thing that a regulatory arms race can do is reopen debate on such laws, and leading to results more in conformity with the will of present generation, whatever that may be.

This is the forest fire model of legal change. Much as experts believe the occasional fire keeps forests healthy by burning dead wood,¹⁵⁶ so too can a technological shock that challenges an unpopular law help maintain a healthy legal system. It is true that much lawbreaking is just destructive behavior in new forms, like online fraud or child pornography. But sometimes a technological challenge to a law can force us to ask whether that law in question is imposing costs that can no longer be justified. When political dissidents invest in new efforts to break China's control over speech, it says something about the justifiability of those laws. When Voice over IP companies provide cheaper telephone service by avoiding complex FCC rules, the need for those rules comes into question. When millions of citizens use the internet to import prescription drugs, it prompts lawmakers to ask whether domestic drug prices are too high. So too has the technological challenge to copyright, as we will see in Chapter 7, prompted much new thinking on how the copyright laws deal with new technologies for delivering content.

The answer won't necessarily be to discard the law: we may find that there are good reasons for the laws that come under challenge. Take for example the twin challenge to pornography and gambling laws in the 1990s and 2000s. Whether either should be banned by government is a question that depends on your underlying belief in the appropriate role of government. Should government ban that which is potentially dangerous and addictive but consumed voluntarily?

We nonetheless seem to have an initial verdict. We continue to think gambling harmful enough to invest in an ongoing campaign block its

accessibility around the country, we have committed substantial resources to that cause. Meanwhile, faced with pornography governments seem happy simply to make sure it stays away from primetime television in general and the Superbowl in particular. Why exactly things have turned out this way is hard to say. Yet from this process something has been gained: our country has been asked to examine what we are regulating, and why, and to justify our rules all over again.

Epilogue

Hub Arkush lives in Chicago and publishes the magazine *Pro Football Weekly*. He does not operate a casino, yet in September 2003 he found himself facing a federal subpoena for involvement in gambling. The stated crime? His magazine runs advertisements for online casinos. Arkush quickly caved and dropped the ads, forfeiting millions in revenue.¹⁵⁷ Cases like Arkush's marked a new development in the casino contest: the delayed entry of the United States federal government into the regulation of online gambling.

In 2003 and 2004 federal prosecutors across the United States began their crackdown on online gambling. Ignoring the lack of a specific federal law banning online gambling, they targeted advertisers of all kinds and came on strong. Where Spitzer demanded settlements in the thousands, federal prosecutors demanded millions. In July 2003, the U.S. Attorney for Michigan assessed a \$10 million fine against PayPal for alleged violations of the USA Patriot Act and the Wire Wager Act.¹⁵⁸ In April of 2004, Justice seized a further \$3.25 million from Discovery Communications. It also announced settlements with Infinity Broadcasting and Clear Channel Communications.¹⁵⁹

In the 2000s the Justice Department also began going to Congress to ask for new and tougher laws. In testimony officials from the Justice Department seized on the potential for compulsive gambling, gambling by minors, and money laundering and fraud. Said one official, "like scam telemarketing operations, on-line gambling establishments appear and disappear with regularity, collecting from losers and not paying winners, and with little fear of being apprehended and prosecuted."¹⁶⁰

These federal measures have taken their toll. In the early 2000s, some casinos began screening U.S. customers to avoid liability or losing their licenses in the United States. Some conceded defeat and closed their doors. The MGM Mirage Online, once located on the Isle of Man, has cashed in its chips.¹⁶¹

But the size of the American online gambling market was attractive enough for some casinos to go back and reinvest in new circumvention measures. Blocked from most American credit cards and U.S. credit services like

Paypal, in 2004 online casinos began to build their own, alternative system of overseas credit. A consortium of online casinos set up credit systems with names like NETeller and iGM-Pay. Instead of relying on credit cards, the new systems draw money directly from clients' chequing accounts. Here's how one casino, Empire Poker, explained its system to customers whose credit cards were blocked:

From: info@paypro.com
To: wu@pobox.com
**Subject: Credit Card Transfer Failed - Try iGM-Pay
and get 20% Extra.**

Dear Player,

We noticed that you were unable to deposit funds to your account with www.empirepoker.com using your credit card earlier. If all the information you entered was correct, the reason you are getting declined is your credit card company does not allow you to make direct purchases with eGaming sites.

We are sure you would like to get back to playing as soon as possible, so we are writing to introduce you to our new player favorite and offer you a 20% on your first purchase using iGM-Pay!

Write us a check electronically with eChecks by iGM-Pay, using the information printed on your regular checks (US bank accounts only). Once you become a verified user, you can also receive your cash outs directly to your bank account it's secure, fast and free!

To face the ban on advertising, casinos spent time and doing anything possible to bolster their respectability within the United States and hopefully make themselves a domestic player able to influence the political calculus. One strategy was to try and attract respectable celebrities to endorse online casinos. For a short time in 2000, an online casino named PlaceThatBet.com convinced Yankee Star Reggie Jackson to host a web site named ReggieJacksonCasino.com. After an uproar, Jackson claimed he never intended to endorse a site that offered sports betting and pulled his name.¹⁶² In December of 2004, Gibraltar-based Empire Poker, one of the larger online casinos, offered to finance the Washington Nationals move from Montreal the District of Columbia. It offered up to \$500 million to help the Nationals set up shop. Neither the District nor Congress responded to the offer.¹⁶³

The new equilibrium between the U.S. government, the casinos and the countries that love them has not been reached. But in the decade to come it will be. We will know the limits of government's power to stop a lucrative internet vice. We will learn along the way something about how hard, in the end, Americans want it to be to get to a casino.

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What follows are four chapters from a book written by Jack Goldsmith and I. I have taken chapters 1, 2, 5 & 6. Chapters 5 and 6 are newer and more in need of feedback, though I appreciate comments on any part. This book is coming out under the trade press so you may find it slightly more narrative and more basic in its explanations than your average law review article.

This excerpt obviously leaves much of the argument out. If anyone is interested in reading the whole book please contact me.

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Chapter 1 Yahoo!

Marc Knobel is a French Jew who has devoted his young life to fighting the remnants of Nazism in the modern world. One day, in February 2000, he sat before his computer in Paris, typed in www.yahoo.com, clicked through to the auction page, and performed a simple search. To his horror he found himself looking at page after page of swastika arm bands, SS daggers, concentration camp photos, and even replicas of the Zyklon B gas canisters. He had found a vast collection of Nazi mementos, for sale and easily available in France, hosted in the United States by the Internet giant Yahoo. ¹

Two years earlier, Knobel had threatened a public relations war against America Online. Browsing the Internet, using a computer in France, he discovered Nazi hate sites on AOL's servers in Virginia. AOL responded to his threats by closing the sites, and Knobel assumed that a similar threat against Yahoo! would have a similar effect. But he was wrong. AOL was atypical, it turned out. The location of AOL's corporate headquarters—in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.—made it sensitive to public relations and politics. Not surprisingly, it was more careful than most Internet companies when it came to the content it put on its site.

Yahoo!, by contrast, was rooted in Silicon Valley's turn-of-the-century libertarian bubble. Its executives thought government was dumb, and government-enforced speech restrictions dumber still. They were convinced that the borderless Internet had rendered national laws unenforceable. Confronted by an obscure activist who preached speech regulations and invoked French anti-Nazi laws, Yahoo! shrugged its high-tech shoulders. "We are not going to

change the content of our sites in the United States just because someone in France is asking us to do so," said Yahoo!'s co-founder, Jerry Yang.

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So Knobel decided to sue Yahoo! in France. The organization he worked for, the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, teamed up with a French Jewish Students' Association. Together, they charged that auctions running on Yahoo!'s servers in California violated the law against trafficking in Nazi paraphernalia, at least insofar as people in France could view these sites and make purchases on them.

In response, Yahoo argued that the French court had no power over an American corporation or a server located in the United States. It added that terrible consequences would flow from allowing national governments to regulate the Internet. If French regulations applied to a website in America, then

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presumably so would German and Japanese regulations, not to mention Iraqi and Chinese ones. Pretty soon, every web site would have to contend with dozens of competing national laws, making it impossible to operate. "It is very difficult to do business if you have to wake up every day and say 'Okay, whose laws do I follow?," said Heather Killen, a Yahoo! vice president.

³ "We have

many countries and many laws and just one Internet."

⁴ Claude Stern, a Silicon

Valley attorney, chimed in: "If all of the different countries imposed their laws on the Internet, you would have anarchy."

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Evoking the specter of "anarchy" was doubly ironic. Anarchy is the absence of law, not the overabundance of law. And Stern's argument was a premise for a type of anarchy that he and many others embraced—cyberanarchy.

Cyberanarchy is the view – dominant in the late 1990s – that territorial governments like France cannot, and should not, govern the Internet.

⁶ Jerry

Yang gave the French lawsuit the back of his hand because he believed that the French court could exercise power only in France, and thus could not control what Yahoo! put on its servers in California. Yang embraced the conventional view that State sovereignty extends to the State's borders, but not into the territory of another State. France thus had no power over what's on a computer in the United States, even if data on the computer was accessible in France.

But if France could not have stopped the Nazi webpages at their source in the United States, it also seemed powerless to keep the unwanted pages out of France. One of the Internet's defining features is a decentralized routing system that carries messages from point to point even if intermediate communication exchanges are blocked, damaged, or destroyed. "The net interprets censorship as damage, and routes around it," John Gilmore famously declared. ⁷ To keep out the Nazi pages, France would have had to shut down every single Internet access point within its borders—a seemingly impossible task in the modern age. And even this wouldn't have worked, because determined users could have accessed the Net by a telephone call to an Internet access provider in another country. Nor, it seemed, could France have monitored and blocked the data from the U.S. servers at the French border. Unlike cars, wine, and other "real-space" goods, digital imports were hard to inspect at the border. Professors David Post and David Johnson, famous for their theory of cyberspace sovereignty, put it this way: "The volume of electronic communications crossing territorial boundaries is just too great in relation to the resources available to government authorities." And even if France had succeeded in blocking a webpage, the same information could have been posted on an indefinite number of mirror sites outside France.

So the Internet seemed to place the State in a bind. Before the Internet, most activities a State cared about took place within its borders and thus under State control. The Internet has shattered this historical congruence between geographical activity and State power. Its architectural features—instantaneous universal communication, geographical anonymity, and decentralized routing—permitted data on any computer linked to the Net to zip anywhere around the globe, in an instant. And this, in turn, made it very easy for computer users outside a nation to do things inside the nation that are illegal there. As Marc Knobel discovered, images, texts, and pictures on a server in California can readily appear on a computer screen in France or any nation plugged in to the World Wide Web.

The problem is not, of course, limited to the sale of Nazi goods. If Nazi advertisements from California can appear in France, then people in Saudi Arabia can access porn sites from servers in Holland; Americans can bet on digital blackjack tables on computers in Antigua; Chinese citizens can view web sites with information critical of the Chinese government; students in copyright-restrictive countries can download music-swapping software from servers in the

South Pacific; businesses can place their financial information and taxable assets offshore, beyond the reach of national tax authorities; a book banned in France can be placed on a website outside France so that Frenchmen (and everyone else in the world) can view it;⁹ and a twenty-something in the Philippines can place a worm on the Net that causes billions of dollars in damages to computers in countries around the world.¹⁰

This is why the Internet seemed so threatening to State sovereignty in the late 1990s. States are sovereign to the extent that they control matters inside their borders—what is allowed, what is required, and what is prohibited. But Internet communications can originate anywhere and extend everywhere. Data on the Net can thus be sent from computers in places free from government restriction, undermining legal authority elsewhere. Jerry Yang was sanguine about this development, probably because it had convenient implications for his firm's operating costs. But many were alarmed. In the midst of the Yahoo! trial, Paul Krugman wrote a New York Times column about the Net's threat to traditional copyright and tax laws. Internet technology is "erasing boundaries" and undermining state power, he warned. "Something serious, and troubling, is happening -- and I haven't heard any good ideas about what to do about it."

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The problem was not just that States couldn't control the Net. As Yahoo Vice President Killian suggested, if France could apply its laws to Yahoo!'s Nazi sites based on the sites' accessibility in France, then every nation could do so, for the Yahoo! site was accessible everywhere. The result would be a mess in which every State applies its laws to every Internet communication, strangling the Net

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in conflicting rules and procedures. It would be as if all the nations of the world sat side-by-side on two-dimensional map, with the Internet hovering above as a separate space, coextensive with the world below. When the 180 or so nations lying below simultaneously interfere with the singular space above, the result would be a chaos that destroyed the Internet.¹²

Many believed these problems could only be solved by international laws that applied the same rule everywhere. The Vatican called for "international cooperation in setting standards and establishing mechanisms to promote and protect the public good."¹³ David Johnson and David Post, who we met earlier, suggested a more imaginative and dynamic solution: "cyberspace sovereignty." Cyberspace, they maintained, should be conceived as a separate place with its own

kind of sovereignty, and be governed by the “Netizens” around the world who would organize into “a-geographical, decentralized voluntary associations.”

While there was disagreement on the proper form of post-territorial government, few disagreed with Frances Cairncross’s conclusion that the Internet would reduce the authority of the State and “shift power downward, to the individual.”¹⁵ In 1996, Nicholas Negroponte, the co-founder and Director of MIT’s Media Lab, cheerfully summed up the conventional wisdom: “It’s not that laws aren’t relevant, it’s that the nation-state is not relevant.” He concluded: “The Internet cannot be regulated.”¹⁶

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Yahoo!’s arguments in the French court reflected this conventional wisdom. But it soon became clear that these arguments would not go uncontested in the French courtroom. Knobel and his friends countered that, though French law might not ordinarily extend to a U.S.-based server, it certainly allowed France to do anything within its power at home to block illegal content from abroad. They also pointed out how anomalous it would be to leave the Net unregulated. “The freedom of expression is not unlimited,” said Marc Levy, one of the anti-Nazi lawyers. French law “does not permit racism in writing, on television or on the radio, and I see no reason to have an exception for the Internet.”¹⁷

This simple statement seemed to pierce the heart of cyberanarchy. The Yahoo! official declared that there is “just one Internet,” as though this technological fact would win the legal argument. But the French plaintiffs demanded that the new technology respect France’s anti-racism laws. Yahoo!’s executives, in the grip of the belief that the Net is immune to territorial laws, couldn’t imagine that territorial law might trump technology. argument was joined, however, Yahoo! faced hard questions. Why should an Internet company be more immune from regulations in different nations than

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“real-space” multinational firms? If Ford Motor Company must comply with the varying safety and environmental laws of the many countries in which it sells cars, why should Yahoo! be exempt from similar regulations?

Yahoo! had a plausible response. Unlike Ford, Yahoo! could not control where in the world its products went. Ford could make special cars to comply

with French regulations, and could send these cars only to France. If Ford found French environmental regulations too costly, it could simply stop making France-fitted cars without suffering harm in its other markets. At the same time, both Ford and France could be confident that a French citizen would find it difficult to buy a Ford car in America and to import it into France. Yahoo!'s situation seemed different. It had tried to accommodate France by maintaining a French-language web site (www.yahoo.fr) that complied with French law. But it also had a U.S. website that French web surfers were choosing to visit. And unlike Ford, Yahoo! claimed not to be able to identify where in the world its "customers" were from, or to screen them out by geography. If Yahoo! was forced to comply with French law, it would have to remove Nazi items from its U.S. server, thereby depriving everyone everywhere from buying them, even in places where their purchase was legal.

This proved to be the key issue in the trial: What could a website do to prevent surfers from across the world from visiting in defiance of their governments? In May 2000, Judge Jean-Jacques Gomez ruled preliminarily that Yahoo!'s U.S. web sites violated French law, and ordered Yahoo! to "take all measures to dissuade and make impossible" visits by French web surfers to the illegal Yahoo! Nazi auction sites.

¹⁸ Yahoo! insisted that it was incapable of

complying with the order. "Asking us to filter access to our sites according to the nationality of web surfers is very naïve," Jerry Yang declared.

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that cyberspace had no frontiers, and there was no way to prevent netizens from traveling wherever they wished. Yang seemed to have the support of the United States Supreme Court, which in an important First Amendment case two years earlier had determined that "once a provider posts its content on the Internet, it cannot prevent that content from entering any community."

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industry supported Yang as well. "Suggesting that an online company prevent people from one country from viewing a Website is near impossible," insisted Joe McNamee, a spokesman for the European Internet Service Providers Association in Brussels.

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Yang's argument again reflected turn-of-century assumptions about the architecture of the Internet. The Net was not built with physical geography in mind. Neither Internet Protocol Addresses (each computer's Internet ID), nor

addresses, were designed to dependably indicate the geographical location of computers on the Net. Even domain names and e-mail addresses that contained geographical clues – such as www.toystore.co.uk, oralqaeda@afghanistan.gov – were unreliable geographical indicators. The web page might be located on a computer in Italy (and the data might be cached in dozens of nations), or might be sold or re-assigned to an entity outside the United Kingdom. And Bin Laden might have logged into his computer in Afghanistan from a hideout in the Sudan, and sent an e-mail from there.

These architectural “facts” meant that users of 1990s Internet technology could not know the geographical source or destination of their communications. E-mailers and webpage operators didn’t know where in the world the messages and pages were being viewed, and thus what laws in which nations they may be violating. “[I]n Cyberspace, physical borders no longer function as signposts informing individuals of the obligations assumed by entering a new, legally significant, place,” noted cybersovereignists Johnson and Post in 1997. It seemed unfair to apply local laws to Internet users who didn’t know they were violating the law and thus could not actively comply with it. A New York court invalidated a Net anti-pornography law for just this reason, worrying that “a single actor might be subject to haphazard, uncoordinated, and even outright inconsistent regulation by states that the actor never intended to reach and possibly was unaware were being accessed.”²³

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France’s attempt to govern Yahoo! seemed unfair for other reasons as well. Even if Yahoo! knew that its California site was being viewed by people in France, it couldn’t block the content to French viewers alone. Yahoo! could only comply with the French law by removing its Nazi sites from its California servers altogether, thereby depriving users in the United States and other countries of their legally protected rights to view the site. This seemed profoundly undemocratic. People outside France have no voice in the development or enforcement of French law, and thus should not be subject to it.

Despite this apparent unfairness, Net users confronted with a range of conflicting national laws could rationally be expected to comply with the strictest among them in order to avoid legal liability. The ultimate effect of territorial control of the Net seemed to be a tyranny of the unreasonable, or lowest common denominator. “We now risk a race to the bottom,” said Alan Davidson of the Center for Democracy and Technology about the Yahoo! case. “The most restrictive rules about Internet content — influenced by any country — could have an impact on people around the world.”²⁴ The situation was not unlike the old European joke: In Heaven, the French are the cooks, the Italians are the lovers, the English run the government, and the Swiss make everything run on

time; in Hell, the English are the cooks, the French run government, the Swiss are the lovers, and the Italians make everything run on time. Territorial control of the Internet portended a parallel version of Internet hell: A world of Singaporean free speech, American patent law, Russian commercial regulation, and Chinese civil rights.

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For these reasons, Yahoo! was confident it would eventually prevail before Judge Gomez. In the summer of 2000, any other result was unthinkable. But the events of that summer and fall would prove Jerry Yang, and not Judge Gomez, to be “very naïve.” Judge Gomez gave Yahoo! two months to figure out technical ways to block French surfers. During this recess, Cyril Hourie, the founder of a fledgling American firm called Infosplit, e-mailed Ygal El Harrar, the head of the Jewish Students’ group that was the second party to the lawsuit. He told El Harrar that his firm had developed a new technology that could identify and screen Internet content on the basis of its geographical source. Hourie flew to Paris and met El Harrar in the offices of his lawyer, Stephane Lilti. He loaded the latest version of his software on to Lilti’s computer, and showed how it could identify the geographical location of web sites, first testing it on some he knew were run from servers located in France, and then on some he knew were located in the United States. He then visited Yahoo!’s auction servers. The three men blinked and peered into the screen, astonished: Yahoo!’s servers, which the firm had claimed were protected by the U.S. First Amendment, were actually located on a site in Stockholm! Yahoo! had apparently placed a constantly updated copy, or a “mirror” of its U.S. site in Sweden to make access to the site in Europe faster.

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When the trial resumed on July 24, Yahoo! lawyers again asserted that it was technically impossible to identify and filter out French visitors to the firm’s U.S.-based websites. Lilti objected that Yahoo! had not tried in good faith to find a technical solution. He then demonstrated Hourie’s geo-location technology in the courtroom, and showed that the Yahoo! auctions in France were not in fact coming from servers in the United States. Lilti invited Judge Gomez to consider the technology’s profound significance: The nostrum that every web page was necessarily accessible to every computer user everywhere in the world was simply wrong. An e-firm could identify users by geography and, if it liked, screen them out. Judge Gomez responded cautiously to this seemingly audacious claim, and appointed three Internet experts—Vincent Cerf, the “father” of the Internet, Ben Laurie, a British Internet expert, and Francois Wallon, a French technology maven—to assess whether and to what extent Yahoo! could block transmissions into France. The experts confirmed that, given

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the state of technology in late 2000, Yahoo! could screen out 90% of French users

through a combination of Hourie's IP-identification technology and self-reporting about nationality. ²⁷

That was good enough for Judge Gomez. In a landmark decision issued on November 20, 2000, he ruled that Yahoo! was "committing a wrong in the territory of France" by allowing Nazi goods to appear for sale on web pages there. ²⁸ The Judge determined that the French court had power over Yahoo! and its servers because the company had taken conscious steps to direct the prohibited Nazi auction pages into France. He noted, for example, that Yahoo! greeted French visitors to its U.S. website with French-language advertisements – a fact that showed both that Yahoo! was tailoring content for France, and that it could to some extent identify and screen users by geography.

²⁹ The Court

acknowledged that 100% blocking was impossible, and ordered Yahoo! to "take all measures to dissuade and make impossible" any visits by French surfers.

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Taken in context, this order appeared to require Yahoo! to make a good-faith "best effort," to block every single determined French user. As Marc Knobel said in response to the expert's report, "We don't want a perfect solution, because a perfect solution does not exist." ³¹

Yahoo! responded indignantly, claiming that it would ignore Judge Gomez's decision unless a U.S. court made it do otherwise.

³² Two months later,

however, Yahoo! pulled the Nazi material from its auction sites, weakly asserting that it was motivated by bad publicity from the Nazi auctions, and not the French ruling itself. The entire Yahoo! episode came as a shock to most Internet observers. The resulting confusion was summed up by Thomas Varanian, the chairman of an American Bar Association committee that had just completed a two-year examination of the limitations of State control over the Net. "It's a little bit as if we've all been transported to Mars and now have to figure out new rules of engagement," he lamented.

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Varanian got it exactly backwards. The Yahoo! decision transports us not to Mars, but rather back down to earth, and helps us to see the many problems of Net governance in a more realistic and fruitful light. This book attempts to set out that more realistic vision. It shows that territorial states can and will govern the Net. And it argues that far from sowing confusion, territorial control can bring a useful order to Internet communications.

Vartanian thought Yahoo! required us to rethink Net governance because he erroneously believed that the Net was a borderless medium beyond State control. But as the Yahoo! decision shows, territorial States can control the Net. They do not by going after offshore content providers directly, but rather by controlling people, firms, equipment, and events within their borders. Yahoo!

did business in France, and had assets and agents there. It probably capitulated because it knew that France could have seized the licensing fees it received from its French subsidiaries, or the payments it gets from its French-language advertisers. ³³ Internet firms with a global presence will have these kinds of connections with many countries, any one of which could invoke threats against local assets and people as a basis for enforcing local laws. And as we will show in Chapter 4, there are many other means of effective local enforcement as well.

The Yahoo! decision also shows why territorial control of the Net often makes sense. When French citizens receive offshore communications that their government deems harmful, the form of the communication—digital bits, paper, radiowaves, or TV broadcast—is irrelevant to France's right, and indeed duty, to check and redress the harm. France's action to protect its citizens does not imply that every state can regulate every internet transaction. France can do nothing directly against the vast majority of internet users—e-commerce buyers and sellers, porn purveyors and consumers, chat room participants, web-page owners, and the rest—who have no physical presence in France, such as assets, bank accounts or employees. Against this latter class of Internet users, the country must employ different strategies, such as clamping down on French end-users, French ISPs or financial intermediaries based in France.

The Yahoo! case also demonstrates some of the virtues of a bordered Internet. France and the United States are democracies with different conceptions of free speech based on different cultures and histories. Judge Gomez's requirement that Yahoo! screen out the Nazi pages from the United States promotes self-governance by allowing the peoples in both places to reach different conclusions about the optimal level of speech regulation without imposing each State's view of the matter on the other. The Yahoo! decision also shows how a bordered Internet helps avoid the tyranny of the unreasonable. Filtering technology allows a web operator to identify recipients of information by geography and screen out content to them. This puts the Yahoo!'s of the

world in the same position as the Ford Motor Company's of the world. Yahoo! need not bow to the most restrictive law to do business elsewhere. Just like Ford, it can avoid a presence in France and other places where its actions are illegal.

Geographical filtering technology is not perfect and never will be. But as we show in Chapter 4, it need not be perfect to have its desired effect on French consumption. The geographical screening requirement imposes costs on Yahoo! and might result in less content or higher prices for Yahoo! users in other nations. But as we explain in Chapter 5, these are ordinary, perfectly legitimate, and possibly even efficient consequences of international business. The requirement that firms like Yahoo! comply with local law will not, as many feared, destroy or even much affect the Internet. Governments, even oppressive ones, don't want to control the vast majority of Internet communications any

more than they want to control the vast majority of "real-space" speech. Despite e-borders in certain areas, most of the Net will remain world-wide and borderless, as originally envisioned.

The Yahoo! model is not a panacea for every Internet governance challenge. The State asserts its control in different contexts in different ways and with different degrees of success. Deep structural issues of Net architecture, such as the uniform naming and numbering system that makes a global Internet possible, would seem to require a global rather than territorial solution. As we explain in Chapter 9, a special global system has developed in this context, but one cannot understand how this system works unless one sees that it is under the firm control of a single sovereign state--the United States. Peer-to-peer systems that have proven so frightful to the music industry are also a special challenge for State control, although as we argue in Chapter 7, not nearly so much of a challenge as is commonly thought.

International institutions and private groups will play an important role in Net governance, just as they do in real-space governance. As we explain in Chapter __, States sometimes delegate power downward to private parties or upward to international bodies, when it is an issue they care about. But even when this happens, the most important policy puzzles thrown up by the Internet—e-commerce and privacy, speech and pornography, intellectual property, cybercrime, and much more—cannot be understood or resolved unless we understand the territorial State's central role. Until this role is fully understood, we cannot think clearly about the future of the Internet, nor indeed about the traumatic reshaping of the world called globalization. In this sense, the

“borderless” Internet teaches valuable lessons about the abiding importance of territorial sovereignty in our tightly interconnected world.

Not all of these lessons are happy ones, however, as the denouement to the Yahoo! case reveals.

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Soon after Judge Gomez’s decision, Yahoo!’s resistance to geographical screening began to wane. The company courted the International Olympic Committee in the hope of winning a contract to webcast the next games. To attract advertisers, and protect the IOC’s intellectual property rights, Yahoo! promised to use geo-identification software to segment its audience by country. In June 2001, Yahoo! announced a deal with Akamai, a content delivery company, to use the firm’s geographical identification technology so that its portal could deliver geographically targeted advertising. Yahoo! claimed the move would allow it to “increase advertising relevance.”
lawyers, Mary Wirth, awkwardly tried to justify the apparent tension in the

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firm’s position. “We argued that . . . it’s not a 100 percent accurate solution for the French court order because we would have to identify (French citizens) with 100 percent accuracy, and that’s not possible. . . . The technology is perfectly appropriate for ad targeting purposes.”

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A year later, Yahoo bowed to Chinese pressure and signed the Internet Society of China’s Public Pledge on Self-Discipline for the Chinese Internet Industry. It pledged to “inspect and monitor the information on [Chinese] domestic and foreign Web sites . . . and refuse access to those Web sites that disseminate harmful information to protect the Internet users of China from the adverse influences.”³⁷ Ken Roth, the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, complained that Yahoo! promised “to identify and prevent the transmission of virtually any information that Chinese authorities or companies deem objectionable.”³⁸ To fulfill its obligations, Yahoo!, the one-time champion of free speech, hired a small army of censors whose job it is to monitor chat room conversations, block “harmful” comments, and report offenders to the Chinese internet police. By this point, Yahoo! had dropped all pretense about its inability to screen content by geography. Greg Wrenn, a Yahoo! attorney who had insisted that it was “impossible” for Yahoo! to comply with Judge Gomez’s geographical filtering order in the Yahoo! case, now proclaimed that Yahoo!

would conform to local laws in countries where it operated. restrictions on content contained in the pledge impose no greater obligation than already exists in laws in China.”⁴⁰

³⁹ Said Wrenn “The

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Yahoo’s capitulation in China reveals the darkest side of territorial Net control. Many believed that the Internet would end authoritarianism by empowering the people with the information and organization tools that would enable them to rise up against their oppressors. “Imagine if the Internet took hold in China. Imagine how freedom would spread,” asserted George W. Bush in the December 1999 republican primary debates.⁴¹ The usually sober George Will was even more optimistic. Reflecting on the proliferation of Internet cafes in China, he predicted the end of authoritarian rule there: “Totalitarianism is rendered impossible, and perhaps even tyranny is rendered difficult, by technologies that make nations porous to information.”⁴²

If only it were true. Unfortunately, the same territorial control that permits democratic France to exclude unwanted information from its territory permits authoritarian China to do the same. As we will see in Chapter __, the Beijing government successfully blocks out much of the content it views as unattractive, and uses the Net to shape its own political agenda. Following the April 2001 downing of an American spy plane in China, for example, the vast majority of Chinese Internet users heard only the Chinese, and not the American,

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version of events. “By exposing people only to official accounts about a hostile American intrusion, the government successfully stoked nationalist sentiment,” said Martin Regg Cohn.⁴³

Many claim that China’s surprising success in controlling the Net argues for eliminating territorial control of Net content. The China example is cause for regret. We assess this and other evils of territorial control throughout the book. But as we also explain, geographical control of the Net is inevitable. The State did not create the Internet geo-ID technology that China employs to keep unwanted content out. Rather, as we show in Chapter 3, the private sector created it in response to consumer demands that Net content be better tailored to suit individual interests—interests that, as a brute fact, often cluster by geography. And as the Yahoo! case shows, governments in democratic states are starting to demand that this technology be used to respond to entirely

appropriate constituent demands to protect them not only from Nazi goods, but also from hate speech, credit card theft, invasions of privacy, sexual predators, spam, and much more. Technologies of control designed to serve legitimate and desired ends can rarely be limited to those ends, and will often be co-opted for illegitimate purposes. The Internet is no exception.

This book is a reminder that geography and geographical power continue to matter, even in an age of globalization. The Net will, as we will show, change some of the ways that territorial governments govern. Such changes are inevitable when the speed of communication dramatically increases and the cost of communication dramatically decreases. But changes in the way states govern will not, on the whole, diminish their central role in governance, including governance of the Net.

Chapter 2

Visions of a Post-Territorial Order

Twenty years before the Yahoo! case, two men in different parts of America began to use the Internet for the first time. One was Julian Dibbell of New York, a savvy cultural reporter for the Village Voice. The other was John Perry Barlow of Wyoming, a libertarian, lyricist, and free thinker who looked the

years he had spent traveling with TheGratefulDead. Dibbell and Barlow were very different people. But they had this in common: Neither were native computer geeks, and both were lucid, even lyrical writers, who wanted to communicate the Internet experience to regular people.

Dibbell and Barlow became the Robert Stanleys of the Cyberspace age. Like Stanley in central Africa they had discovered an exotic place and wanted to tell us about it. Like any explorer, the stories they brought back from the frontier reflected their own experience and assumptions more than objective reality. Nonetheless, these stories articulated a powerful vision: a new frontier, where people lived in peace, under their own rules, free from the constraints of a repressed society, and free from government meddling. Their vision of a post-territorial, self-governing cyberspace would create the philosophical foundation for skepticism about territorial governance of the Net. It would have an enormous impact on Internet writers and thinkers, Internet firms, and even the U.S. Supreme Court. To understand the hidden virtues of territorialism, we must first understand the possibilities and attractions of post-territorial rule.

Confronting M r. Bungle

In 1993, back when “Information Superhighway” was still a popular term, Julian Dibbell wrote the gripping and widely read *A Rape in Cyberspace*, a story about how “an Evil Clown, a Haitian Trickster Spirit, Two Wizards, and a Cast of Dozens Turned a Database Into a Society.”⁴⁴ The story’s central premise—that the Internet can evolve its own systems of governance superior to “real-space” governance—has had a lasting impact. As the influential Internet scholar Lawrence Lessig would say years later, “Dibbell’s story is why I teach cyberlaw.”⁴⁵

Dibbell taught about Net self-governance through the experiences of the virtual, interactive worlds called “multiple user dungeons,” or MUDs. MUDs, the predecessors of today’s hugely popular online games (like *EverQuest*, or *The Sims Online*), were text-based worlds accessible through the Internet. This was the golden age of the immersive internet, when people logged on to build on-line identities and virtual homes, and more importantly, to meet and hang out with

others netizens. Though you couldn’t actually see or touch anything (other than a keyboard and screen), MUDs worked on something more powerful: collective

imagination. Users sometimes called MUDs a “shared hallucination.”

A Rapein Cyberspaceis a history of a particularMUD called LambdaMOO that Dibbell described as “a very large and very busy rustic mansion built entirely of words.”⁴⁷ It was here that a thousand orso regulars, logging in from all corners of the earth, became a virtual community. They all had made-up personalities, they generally interacted without rules, and, as Dibbell recounts, their lives in the MUD were vividly real, and in some senses more authentic than their real-space lives. Even Dibbell-the-observer began to love LambdaMOO and relish his life there.

Dibbell’s story was about LambdaMOO’s very own “bad man,” a kind of evil clown named Mr. Bungle. Mr. Bungle was a “fat, oleaginous, Bisquick-faced clown,” who humiliated, and even “raped,” other users. His tool was a tiny “voodoo doll” that allowed him to take control of people and make them do disgusting things. These were not real rapes in the sense of a physical violation of the humans typing at their keyboards in Seattle and Sydney. But they were painful nonetheless, as the debasement of a projected identity.

As Dibbell tells it, the antics and abuses of Mr. Bungle made MUD participants realize that their ungoverned world wasn’t working. While they argued about what to do, a senior MUD administrator unilaterally decided to destroy the wanton Mr. Bungle by eliminating him from the community. The LambdaMOO users scattered around the globe then begin to realize that they needed rules to govern their virtual lives. Slowly, hesitantly, but with increasing deliberation and self-consciousness, they created a nascent political community untied to physical space but with basic rules of voting, conduct, and dispute resolution. Dibbell wrote optimistically about the moral of the story, concluding that it helped us “look without illusion upon the present possibilities for building, in the on-line spaces of this world, societies more decent and free than those mapped onto dirt and concrete and capital.”⁴⁸

This first story of Cyberjustice captured two important ideas. The first was an influential and charismatic metaphor: The notion of Internet as a “place.” This metaphor, which still pervades discussions of Internet governance, originated in the early days of the Net when it did genuinely feel removed from the real world. In those days (the late 1980s and early 1990s), people didn’t use the Net to buy books or make airplane reservations. They used it to participate in communities of people who rarely met face-to-face but who got to know one another intimately. Whether it was participating in a MUD, playing online computer games, posting to “bulletin boards,” or talking in early “chat”

programs, the experience was self-contained. Whatever the consequences “there,” from flirting, or swapping programming ideas, or arguing about the causes of World War I, there would be no consequences “here,” in what they called “meatspace.” This autonomous and often vibrant communal experience naturally led to the belief that this place could, and should, be governed by the users that constituted it.

Dibble’s parable was the beginnings of a constructive vision of governance liberated from national and physical identity—that is, from our actual bodies, and their physical location. These ideas may seem a bit abstract, even nutty. But for many early Internet users and thinkers, they marked the deepest promise of the Internet revolution. At its best, the aspiration was to better fulfill the promises of (philosophical) liberalism by eliminating the relevance of physical identity and the limits it places on individual freedom.

Everyone has a physical appearance, and everyone is born somewhere; these are two facts over which we have little control. Even in the most open real-space societies, where we are born and what we look like determine our life path and prospects—the kind of opportunities we get, how we are treated by others, the extent to which those around us share our values and commitments. A liberal view of the good society says that individuals should be able to shape their lives as they wish, provided that such choices respect the dignity of others. Just as you choose your mate, your job, and your favorite brand of soda-pop, you should be free to minimize the relevance of how you look and where you live.

This is very hard to do in real space, within the territorial state system. For most people, physical traits are difficult to alter, and moving to a different and more congenial geographical community—assuming one exists—is too expensive or psychologically difficult. But as the MUD experience showed, the Internet can render these morally irrelevant physical qualities actually irrelevant. Bodily appearance and geographical location were meaningless in LambdaMOO. You could alter nearly every aspect of your identity: you could be a man or a woman, young or old, bald or bearded, whatever. And with complete control over their identities, people could cluster with like-minded and congenial souls to create virtual communities, unconnected to physical space, that would be impossible to establish in the real world. This vision considered the dominant state governance paradigm at best irrelevant and at worst a hindrance.

The Education of John Perry Barlow

John Perry Barlow has been called many things: a cyber-libertarian, a visionary, a crazy man. In the 1990s, he was the best-known and most controversial exponent of a separate legal regime for Cyberspace. He styled

himself the Jefferson of his age, and for a while at least, the description seemed to fit.

Barlow, like Dibbell, was not a natural-born computer-geek. He didn't write code. He wrote lyrics for the Grateful Dead. And instead of spending time in engineering school, he raised cattle on his parents' farm in Wyoming. His first experiences with the online world came in 1987 when, in search of a Dead Head community, he tried out the early on-line bulletin board World Wide Web Electric Link (WELL). As he spent time with people who lived on the Internet, he began to think of the Internet as more than a computer network. He began to think of it as a kind of a place—what he called an “electronic frontier.”⁴⁹ It reminded him of the American West: unspoiled, self-governing, and best left to its inhabitants to run as they pleased.

In 1990 Barlow wrote a series of columns, in Wired Magazine and other publications, to explain the wonder of the Internet to regular people using regular language. These writings—and especially the notion of a “cyberspace” with its own rules—would become enormously influential. They also made the Internet, once strictly the preserve of nerds, seem cool, exciting, and intriguing.

Barlow frequently wrote in language that echoed Stanley's African diary. “Imagine” he said, “discovering a continent so vast that it may have no other side.” “Imagine a new world with more resources than all our future greed might exhaust, more opportunities than there will ever be for entrepreneurs enough to exploit, and a peculiar kind of real estate which expands with development.” And “imagine a place where trespassers leave no footprints, where goods can be stolen an infinite number of times and yet remain in the possession of their original owners, where businesses you never heard of can own the history of your personal affairs, where only children feel fully at home, where the physics is psychology, and where everyone is as virtual as the shadows in Plato's cave.”⁵⁰

The frontier theme was pervasive. Barlow encouraged young Americans to make their homes in Cyberspace: “Jack in. Go to Cyberspace, and go with all the adrenaline and goofy optimism which ought to accompany frontier enterprise,” he said.⁵¹

Barlow cautioned that the Electronic Frontier was threatened by territorial government, the “last ditch efforts of the old Industrial Age powers to colonize and subdue Cyberspace.”⁵² He argued that the “The American Occupation Army of Cyberspace” (by which he meant the National

Security Agency) “meticulously observes almost every activity undertaken [in cyberspace], and continuously prevents most who inhabit its domain from drawing any blinds against such observation.”⁵³

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Just as important as Barlow’s provocations to explore and defend the new frontier were the institutions he founded to protect this vision. Barlow befriended an important group of wealthy technological libertarians who shared his ideas: in particular, Mitch Kapor, the millionaire founder of Lotus 1-2-3, and John Gilmore, a wealthy libertarian who was the first programmer at Sun Microsystems. They founded the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), designed to develop the legal conception of cyberspace as a separate place and to defend it from the intrusion of territorial government. As Kapor and Barlow wrote in announcing the reestablishment of the EFF on July 10, 1990, the EFF was designed to mediate the “inevitable conflicts [that] have begun to occur on the border between Cyberspace and the physical world.”⁵⁴ It would also “help the folks who pass much of their lives there to find practical means for ordering their own affairs.”⁵⁵

With the EFF, Barlow hit a nerve. He and Kapor succeeded in attracting some of the Silicon Valley elite who also happened to be some of the wealthiest political libertarians in the country. People like Bill Joy, the founder of Sun Microsystems, Doug Carlson, one-time CEO of Broderbund software, Rob Glaser, former Vice-President of Microsoft, and Rockport Shoes magnate Bruce Katz. All were board-members, donors, or both. In time, EFF also attracted major corporate donors too, and became for a time the lobbying voice of libertarian technologists on Capitol Hill. (It later abandoned its lobbying role as too corrupting of its original vision.) Companies like Microsoft, Hewlett Packard and others became major EFF donors. All were trying to build a legal wall that would separate and protect the burgeoning Internet from territorial government, and especially from the United States government.

The idea of a generalized cyberspace immunity sounded, to legal ears at least, a bit crazy at first. But the EFF had a very important law on its side. When it came time for EFF’s lawyers to defend the idea of Cyberspace sovereignty, they found a powerful ally in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The First Amendment limits government’s ability to regulate speech, and on a

communications network like the Internet, everything is potentially “speech.” A website, e-mail, and even a MUD are all arguably expressive, and thus potentially protected by the First Amendment from government interference. In the 1990s the interface between the First Amendment and ideas of a sovereign cyberspace was exploited to great advantage.

In 1996 came what Barlow and others saw as the first great attack on Cyberspace. It came clothed as “indecent regulation,” as was known first as the “Exxon Amendment” and later the “Communications Decency Act” (CDA). The CDA was in fact a very broad law. It applied to the entire internet, and punished all transmission of “indecent” sexual communications or images to minors using

the Internet. ⁵⁶ In the view of some, it threatened to put the entire network under the constant scrutiny of the U.S. federal government.

To Barlow, this law, the CDA, was an incursion of liberty as offensive as the Stamp Act or the Boston Massacre. On the day President Clinton signed the Act into law, Barlow wrote an angry email to EFF members: “Well, fuck them. . . . Or more to the point, let us now take our leave of them. They have declared war on Cyberspace. Let us show them how cunning, baffling, and powerful we can be in our own defense.” ⁵⁷

Barlow then wrote and distributed his famous 16-paragraph Declaration of Cyberspace Independence. ⁵⁸ Modeled after the American Declaration, it modestly addressed the “Governments of the Industrial World, you weary giants of flesh and steel.” It proclaimed: “I come from Cyberspace, the new home of Mind. On behalf of the future, I ask you of the past to leave us alone. You are not welcome among us. You have no sovereignty where we gather.” The declaration recognized that Cyberspace had “real conflicts” and “wrongs,” but insisted: “We will identify and address them by our means. We are forming our own Social Contract.”

Echoing Dobbins, Barlow argued that the cyberspace legal order would reflect ethical deliberation instead of coercive power that characterized real-space governance. “Our identities have no bodies, so, unlike you, we cannot obtain order by physical coercion. We believe that from ethics, enlightened self-interest, and the commonweal, our governance will emerge. . . . We will create a civilization of the Mind in Cyberspace. May it be more humane and fair than the world your governments have made before.” ⁵⁹

Barlow had issued the call for action. But the Communications Decency Act required a concrete legal response. By now the EFF had a legal staff: EFF founder Mitch Kapor had found a lawyer named Mike Godwin posting interesting messages on an internet forum, and hired him as the EFF's first staff attorney.⁶⁰ The EFF, or at least Godwin, joined forces with the venerable ACLU to challenge the statute as a "facial violation" of the First Amendment. The case, styled *ACLU v. Reno*, went through the lower courts and quickly ascended to the United States Supreme Court. As Godwin later wrote, "Suddenly, the very legal status of cyberspace itself...[was] put to the test in a genuine constitutional battle."⁶¹

The litigation of *ACLU v. Reno* marked the coming together of a new community: a united internet-activist community. More than 20 groups, ranging from the American Library Association to the National Writers Union and the Safer Sex Page were named plaintiffs in the case. Dozens more groups

and academics wrote separately to support the lawsuit in a giant, collaborative effort. As Godwin wrote, "we included publishers, service providers, and individuals and organizations whose speech, while often provocative, was clearly central to the American public dialogue."⁶²

On June 26, 1997, the Supreme Court announced its decision. By a vote of 7-2, the Court declared the entirety of the CDA unconstitutional. The Supreme Court invalidated the CDA on the somewhat narrow legal grounds: that the law was too vague and therefore unnecessarily "chilled" legal speech. But of more lasting import was the Court's embrace of the concept of Cyberspace, and its apparent conferral of a special legal status for cyberspace communications.

Justice John Paul Stevens is old enough that he has actually met Babe Ruth and Charles Lingberg,⁶³ but that didn't stop the 77-year-old from seizing upon the Internet phenomenon with enthusiasm. He wrote for the Court that the Internet "constitute[s] a unique medium--known to its users as 'cyberspace'—located in no particular geographical location but available to anyone, anywhere in the world."⁶⁴ Stevens characterized cyberspace as containing "vast democratic fora" that "ha[ve] not been subject to the type of government supervision and regulation that has attended the broadcast industry."⁶⁵ The implication of *Reno v. ACLU* was that anything related to the

Internet would be afforded the strongest possible First Amendment protection. As Justice Stevens concluded: “[T]he growth of the Internet has been and continues to be phenomenal. As a matter of constitutional tradition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we presume that governmental regulation of the content of speech is more likely to interfere with the free exchange of ideas than to encourage it.”⁶⁶ Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, like Barlow a retired rancher, seemed to confirm this interpretation in a separate opinion reminiscent of Julian Dibbell. “The electronic world” she concluded, “is fundamentally different.”⁶⁷ It was by its nature inherently anonymous: “Because it is no more than the interconnection of electronic pathways, cyberspace allows speakers and listeners to mask their identities... users can transmit and receive messages on the Internet without revealing anything about their identities or ages.”

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With *ACLU v. Reno*, the idea of an unregulated and post-territorial Internet had migrated from kooky obscurity to the law of the United States as announced by America’s highest court. To some the Supreme Court seemed to erect a barrier to all U.S. laws that might affect the Internet. “[T]here is very little room for further regulation of the Internet,” declared EPIC attorney David Sobel. “[The court] clearly came down on the side of this being a new medium, that it is inappropriate to graft old broadcast laws onto the Internet.”⁶⁹ Barlow appeared to have found his border to cyberspace with assistance from a real-world authority. Not only was his Declaration of Independence vindicated: suddenly, it

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had become the Supreme law of the land. As Mike Godwin said, on the day *Reno* was decided: “Today [is] the first day of a new American Revolution—a Digital American Revolution—a revolution built not on blood and conflict, but on language and reason and our faith in each other.”

Political Engineering

At the same time as John Perry Barlow and Julian Dibbell were trying to teach the world about Internet self-rule, a crucial group of non-state actors was already exercising extraordinary powers of Net governance. Unlike Barlow and Dibbell, these men weren’t newcomers to the Internet scene. They were as native to the Internet as it is possible to be, for these were the storied “founders” of the Internet itself—men like Larry Roberts, Robert Kahn, Vint Cerf, Jon Postel, and David Clark. Unlike Barlow and Dibbell, the founding engineers weren’t terribly interested in communicating to the public. Many of them viewed terms like

“cyberspace” or “virtual reality” as the wild imaginings of the technologically illiterate. But their working methods and network designs nonetheless contributed to the growing sense that the Net would be ruled in an unprecedented way.

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The Internationalists

Joseph Nye is an academic, former government official, and dean of the Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University. He has spent much of his academic career predicting the impending decline of the nation-state, in favor of international and private organizations. As a result, in the late 1990s Nye and other internationalists interpreted the internet's arrival differently than other people. It was the confirmation of a prophecy: a sign that era of the nation-state was finally coming to a close. As Nye wrote, the arrival of the internet signified of the “reversal of the modern centralized state that has dominated world politics for the past three and a half centuries.”⁷⁰ Its replacement, he foresaw, would be a system he called the “new cyberfeudalism” characterized by “overlapping communities and jurisdictions laying claims to multiple layers of citizens' identities and loyalties.”

In short, internationalists like Nye took the Internet's challenge to the State as part of a more the more general trend of globalization and nation-state erosion. The Internet's ubiquitous nature, and the conflicts of territorial laws it generated, confirmed what the internationalists had been saying for a long time: Territorial rule must be supplemented, and eventually replaced, by international institutions.

The principal attraction of the internationalist strategy was its solution to the overabundance of territorial regulation and tyranny of the unreasonable introduced in Chapter 1. International law can apply everywhere in the world, as it does, for example, when it prohibits torture (The Torture Convention), establishes minimal rules of airline safety (the Convention on International Civil Aviation), and bans certain barriers to trade (the WTO). If the States of the world agree to a single global law for questions like libel, pornography, copyright, consumer protection, and the like, the lives of Internet users become much simpler: No conflicting laws, no worries about complying with 175 different legal systems, no race to the bottom. Legal compliance becomes like an all-inclusive

resort in the Caribbean: pay one price, and everything is taken care of. As French Interior Minister, Jean-Pierre Chevènement explained in 2000, “The idea is to produce a global text so there cannot be ‘digital havens’ or ‘Internet havens’ where anyone planning some shady business could find the facilities to do it.”

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Not only would internationalism solve the problem of conflicting laws. It also offered the promise of better laws. States can be too close to (or too reflective of) their populations and their prejudices. They can be too likely to reject the rational or best solution in favor of a local tradition or in obedience to a powerful local interest group. Many believed that international standards applied to the Internet could eliminate the parochialism of territorial state legalism. International standards could reflect a kind of collection of best practices from around the world—the opposite of the tyranny of the unreasonable. An international approach could not only clear up confusion and conflict, but it could also wash clean the prejudice and ignorance hiding in the basement of the State.

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Finally, internationalists took the economic logic of global unification as creating an inevitability. The argument was foreshadowed by Marx, who said that “a constantly expanding market for its products chases the bourgeoisie over the whole surface of the globe.”⁷² Translated to modern conditions, the argument is that the State’s death is inevitable because rational economic interests drive global political unification. Larger political units maximize wealth by maximizing gains from trade. The Internet, some believed, was a sign that things were moving to a further, and perhaps final level.

It wasn’t just academics or UN officials who took these positions. Steve Case of AOL, for example, agreed with the political scientists that the Internet is “transforming the notion of national sovereignty.”⁷³ He argued that nations must “revis[e] outdated and ‘country-centric’ laws on telecommunications and taxes that could thwart the growth of the medium.”⁷⁴ He urged states to eliminate the morass of conflicting national laws and embrace “international standards—from security, to privacy, to taxation.”⁷⁵

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It was just a new means of communication. Yet the arrival of the internet in the 1990s tapped into something much deeper. From actors as diverse as Jullian Dibbel to Joseph Nye came the hope that this brave new network might

really change things, somehow liberate us from the world we live in, and even change basic parameters of the human condition. Behind every vision of Internet utopianism lay the hope was that by connecting every human on earth, the world might become a better place. Humanity united might do better than our lousy systems of government, throw away the construct of the nation state, and live in some different but better way.

To each of the visions, one thing was clear: the system of territorial government was broken, and needed desperately to be replaced. Whether it would be international organizations, self-governing communities, or the Internet engineers might not really matter. What was clear was that the State as Marx has suggested needed to melt away, extinguish itself, and leave the future alone. There was just one problem: the State was actually very much alive, and, it turned out, uninterested in assisting its own death.

Chapter 5

How States Rule the Net

In the winter of 1966, long before the advent of the Internet, a retired English Major named Paddy Roy Bates took a liking to an abandoned 6,000 square foot platform in the North Sea nick-named “Rough’s Tower.” Rough’s Tower was a World War II gun tower used by the British to fire at German bombers on their way to London.

By 1966, nobody wanted the rusting contraption. Bates renamed it the Principality of Sealand, and asserted the principality’s independence from the United Kingdom—six miles away. He then awarded himself the title of Prince Roy, and proceeded to issue Sealand passports and Sealand stamps with pictures of his wife Joan, an ex-beauty queen. ⁷⁶

For the next three decades or so, London journalists amused themselves telling the story of the eccentric Prince Roy and Princess Joan. The year the couple declared Sealand’s independence, Prince Roy fought off British army helicopters that strayed too near the platform. A decade later, German and Dutch diamond merchants mounted a helicopter attack when the prince was away, and succeeded in kidnapping his son, the Dauphin Michael. But the royal family struck back, reboarding the island by sliding down ropes from a helicopter and forcing the invaders to give in. One of the German merchants, who had been granted a Sealand passport in earlier and more cordial times, found himself captured and charged with treason by Prince Roy. He later received a royal pardon. ⁷⁷

Until recently, nothing suggested that a chunk of concrete and steel off the English coast might play a role in the development of the Internet. But matters changed in the summer of 1999, when a server management firm named HavenCo invested millions of dollars to turn Sealand into a high-tech data haven loaded with computer servers linked to the Internet via microwave, satellite, and fiber-optic connections. ⁷⁸

HavenCo’s idea was to rent data storage space on Sealand to people who wanted to run their web pages or place their data beyond the clutches of any government. It promised potential clients—porn purveyors, tax evaders, web gambling services, Chinese dissidents, and just about any other government-shy Internet user—that data on Sealand servers would be “physically secure against any legal action.” ⁷⁹

The company boasted that Sealand was “the first place on earth where people are free to conduct business without someone looking over their shoulder.” ⁸⁰ In the late 1990s, HavenCo generated enormous press buzz, claimed dozens of government-evading clients (all of whom remained anonymous), and seemed poised for enormous commercial success.

The HavenCoproject was the apotheosis of the late-1990s belief in the essential powerlessness of the State. Anything a State might want to ban within its territory—offensive materials, illegal activity, harmful speech—could, in digital form, escape to a computer in a place where it is legal. The Net made every State a potential data haven, depending on what it permitted and forbade within its borders. The advantage of the ugly, man-made, server-festooned island was that it had no local restrictions. Thus, it might be a convenient venue for storing data beyond every government's control.

HavenCo relied on the commonplace and seemingly irrefutable assumption that borders mark the limits of a State's power. While a state might occasionally organize an invading army, such extra-territorial control was the rare exception. Usually, the State's legal control extends only as far as its physical control, and not to the computer servers in other States. Duke Professor James Boyle summed up HavenCo's premise when he said: "If the king's writ reaches only as far as the king's sword, then much of the content of the Net might be presumed to be free from the regulation of any particular sovereign."

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HavenCo's operating assumption should sound familiar. It was the same philosophy embraced by Jerry Yang when he called Judge Gomez's initial decree "naïve." And yet as we saw in Chapter 1, Judge Gomez effectively ended Yahoo!'s sale of Nazi goods in France, even though Yahoo! was a U.S. firm and even though its computer servers were in California.

This Chapter explains why Jerry Yang was wrong, and why HavenCo was premised on an error. States can control offshore Net communications because their effective power extends far beyond their territorial swords.

Beyond Borders

Many stores in New York's Chinatown sell what look like Gucci bags and Rolex watches at a fraction of the usual cost. These are, of course, counterfeits. While some are junk, some of the more expensive counterfeits are of high enough quality to compete with the originals. They come from manufacturers overseas that might as well be in Sealand. Located in China, Thailand, or the Ukraine, they lie far beyond the territorial control of the United States. Since only a tiny fraction of these fakes can effectively be stopped at the border, Cyber-anarchic logic would suggest that the United States and other nations are powerless to stop the trade in counterfeits.

But the counterfeits story shows the opposite. It shows how States can

control the illegal local effects of extra-territorial conduct, even when they lack the resources to stop the illegal goods at the border, or the will and resources to punish domestic consumers.

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How? Primarily, the laws against counterfeits—trademark laws—target local intermediaries.⁸² If the fake Rolexes come from Thailand, it doesn't matter that the United States can't go after the Thai manufacturers, because Wal-mart won't sell you one. Wal-mart doesn't sell counterfeits because doing so would be an obvious breach of a law from which it cannot hide. Wal-mart's physical assets, its corporate headquarters, and its founding family all are in the United States, making it hard for the firm to evade government action. This is why trademark laws care very little about end-users. It isn't even illegal to own a counterfeit watch; it is only illegal for Wal-Mart to sell you one.

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It is of course true that even by controlling the Wal-Mart's, Macy's, and Sears within its borders, the United States doesn't eliminate counterfeit goods completely. Gucci and Rolex lose millions of dollars in foregone income each year to counterfeit purchases. But it doesn't follow that the trademark laws are useless. The law need not be absolutely effective to be sufficiently effective. do not conclude from the persistence of occasional bank robberies that laws against theft are ineffective, or even sub-optimal. Similarly, the fact that there are sellers—like the stores in Chinatown—who are willing to assume the legal risk of selling counterfeits does not mean that the trademark laws are ineffective. To be effective, trademark law need only throw enough sand into the workings of the counterfeit market so that Gucci and Rolex continue to make smart profits. Yes, these companies could earn a higher return if the counterfeit market dried up altogether. And yes, the government could do more to dry up the market. For example, it could hire more enforcement officers, invest more in border control, criminalize the purchase of fake goods, or award punitive damages against those who sell fakes. But the system can be adequate to its task even though the government could do more, and even though compliance is not perfect. Government regulation works by cost and bother, not by hermetic seal.

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The Rolex example teaches us two crucial lessons for State control of the Net. The first is indirect extraterritorial control. Just because Internet content originates from places outside a State's direct control, it does not follow that local laws are ineffective. The reason is that a State can regulate people, equipment,

and activities within its territory to control the local effects of the extraterritorial activity. The regulation of local persons and property make it more costly, and thus more difficult, for in-state users to obtain content from, or transact with, regulation evaders using Sealand and other havens. influence the extraterritorial supply of prohibited content even though the source of the content is beyond its borders and even though it cannot easily stop the information at the border.

States can indirectly

The second lesson is that to achieve indirect extraterritorial control, the most important local entities from the State's perspective are local intermediaries.

As the case of Wal-Mart in the Rolex example shows, the State does not always (or even usually) regulate individuals or firms directly, but rather acts through local intermediaries that have the power and the incentive to prevent or deter persons and firms from breaking the law. Intermediaries come in two general flavors. Some intermediaries in effect punish the individual on behalf of the State. An example is an employer who has a legal duty to prevent its employees from acts of sexual harassment. Other intermediaries act as gatekeepers to deny individuals and firms something essential to the illegal activity. A weapons dealer that has a legal duty to do background searches before selling a gun is a gatekeeper intermediary.

Other intermediaries act as

The combined effect of indirect extraterritorial control through local intermediaries is easy to miss, it isn't what most people have in mind when they think of "law." We tend to have a view of law that comes from the Ten Commandments or English jurist John Austin. It is a view of laws as a series of commands meant to control the primary conduct of individuals (or firms). We think of direct, individualized threats: thou shall not kill, steal, or bear false witness. Break the State's rule and face the consequences. But this view of law is misleading. It is easy to overlook how often the State controls behavior collectively. ⁸⁵ Who does the most to prevent the use of illegal software at work? It is usually employers, not the government, because the state has put the company on the hook for its employees' misdeeds. Pharmacists and doctors are gatekeepers, charged with preventing certain forms of drug abuse. Much of what we do is controlled not by the State itself directly, but by what are effectively deputized third parties. When it comes to trying to stop extra-territorial conduct, it is to local intermediary control that the State usually turns.

Extra-Territorial Control Through Local Intermediaries

How precisely does local intermediary control relate to the State's ability to influence offshore content providers? Begin with a domestic version of our

counterfeit example: A manufacturer in upstate New York makes fake Gucci bags that it sells to consumers through shops in Chinatown. Like most illegal acts, this one can be understood as a kind of transaction involving three relevant parties: the “source” (the manufacturer), an intermediary (the Chinatown shops), and a “target” (the purchasers):

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Havens move the illegal source outside the limits of the State’s physical control. A simple haven strategy can be pictured as follows:

This looks like our example of counterfeit Gucci bags. The source of the crime, the manufacturer of the counterfeit goods, has moved overseas. Yet, as we saw in that example, both the intermediaries and the targets remain within the physical control of the State. This leads to an important insight: Effective control over any of the three elements of the transaction permits the State to control conduct within its borders. In the counterfeit goods example, control over the intermediary sellers or (if the State had the resources) the actual purchasers could effectively regulate the illegal transaction.

One might think that the source can diminish the problem of State control by getting rid of the intermediaries. Such disintermediation, what many the Internet is supposed to be all about. On the Net, after all, you don’t need a stock

broker to lose money in the market, and you don't need to visit a bookstore or airport to buy books and airplane tickets. That evasion technique, disintermediation, is pictured here:

In principle, this is a very powerful strategy. It leaves the State with the sole option of trying to hunt down the targets (i.e. end users), whom might be numerous and expensive to find (more on this later). So, if the Internet, as advertised, is gradually eliminating intermediaries, doesn't this mean that State power is doomed?

The problem with this theory, which pervaded Internet thinking in the late 1990s, was its premise. The rise of networking did not eliminate intermediaries, but rather changed who they are, and how they behave. It has created a whole host of new intermediary parties, the most important of which

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(for four purposes) are ISPs, search engines, browsers, the owners of the physical network, and the like. It is also too easy to forget that the rise of the Internet has made the network itself the intermediary for much conduct that we might previously have had no intermediary at all. For example, to the extent that Internet chatting replaces face-to-face conversation, it does so with the help of a new, Internet-related intermediaries.

In 1999, Lawrence Lessig surprised many legal thinkers when he announced that "code is law." Lessig's adage was a shorthand for the idea that computer software and hardware could effect people the same way that traditional laws do. And this, in turn, would mean that we have to pay attention to how designs the architecture. One of Lessig's aims was to throw cold water on the hyper-libertarianism of the early Internet days by showing that sometimes government does a better job than private firms (especially monopolies) of designing Code in ways that serve user interests. Whatever one thinks of Lessig's thesis, he was speaking of "code" as a form of collective, intermediary control. The writers of software are a form of intermediary—they help you do something you could not do without them. So, when the State commands that

Internet telephony be designed to allow wire tapping, it is using the same methods it uses when it tells your bartender to stop serving alcohol at 3 a.m.

If government acts through intermediaries, why not restructure conduct so as not to depend on any potentially regulable intermediaries? The answer, as it turns out, is that it is hard to get rid of intermediaries for a deeper reason having nothing to do with law. The elimination of intermediaries is in many cases the same thing as the elimination of the underlying conduct. Specialized intermediaries exist, after all, because they allow people to do things that would be difficult, or even impossible, for them to do themselves. It doesn't make sense to speak of making telephone calls without some entity to connect calls. Gun-manufacturers specialize in making guns. While it might be possible for people to make guns on their own, it would be at great cost. To truly act without any intermediaries means acting by oneself. When you stop and think for a moment, there are very few things, indeed nearly nothing, that one can do without the direct or indirect assistance of someone else. In the Net context, scores of seemingly-invisible intermediaries are needed to make the Net experience work.

For related reasons, it is also not possible to move intermediaries offshore, beyond the range of government control. Here is what such a move would look like schematically:

This model is no more realistic than the one that eliminates intermediaries altogether. In the Internet context, there are always local intermediaries. The most basic, of course, is the actual computer through which the Net is accessed. Behind that are many more: the owners of the physical communications lines,

the owners of network nodes, search engines, and the like. If you try to access an unregulated offshore ISP through a long-distance telephone call, the phone system becomes an important intermediary. If you unplug your line and connect by Wi-Fi, the computer remains an intermediary, as does a physical network standing behind a Wi-Fi connection.

In sum, local intermediaries are an ineliminable aspect of the Internet. We now turn to how States can use these intermediaries to control offshore Net communications.

Finding the Internet's Intermediaries

The Internet has created new intermediaries that the State has just begun to regulate. The major categories are broken down in the following chart, followed by an analysis of each:

Transport. The spread of child pornography is an unfortunate consequence of the Internet's growth. In 2002, the State of Pennsylvania decided

to try to do something about the problem by enlisting the help of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), the companies that actually sell internet connections, like AOL or Earthlink. The law required ISPs to "remove or disable access to child pornography items residing on or accessible through its service in a manner accessible to persons located within this Commonwealth within five business days of when the internet service provider is notified by the Attorney General

... ⁸⁷ In short, it required the Internet's transport intermediaries, once notified, to filter or block content from a site containing child pornography.

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Pennsylvania Attorney-General now regularly notifies service providers of sites they should take down, and aftersome initial hesitation, they now comply.

The Pennsylvania law shows why ISPs are the obvious first target fora strategy of intermediary control. It can be great fun totalk about the Internet as a formless cyberspace. But, as we saw in Chapter3, underneathit all is an ugly physical transport infrastructure: copper wires, fiber optic cables, and the specialized "routers" and "switches" that send information from place toplace. The physical network is by necessity a local asset, owned by phone companies, cable companies and otherservice providers whoare already some of the most regulated companies on earth. This makes ISPs the most important and most obvious gatekeepers tothe Internet.

The State can achieve a large degree of control by focusing on just a few of the most important ISPs, like AOL, Earthlink orRoadrunner. "While there are many ISPs, the vast majority of Internet subscribers in the United States obtain their access from a small handful of providers," writes Harvard professor Jonathan Zittrain. ⁸⁸ "[P]ressure applied strategically to the concentric ISPs serving smaller ISPs—one or two "dolls" up in a M atryoshka sequence of destination ISPs—can coverlarge swaths of subscribers."

the Pennsylvania law suggests, the control of ISPs can be directed at preventing materials from reaching end-users (filtering), orat forcing a site to take down child pornography. It is, therefore, a control eitherof the source orthe targets of an illegal transaction.

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Regulation-sensitive Americans are relatively new to the ISP-regulation game. As the Yahoo!case suggests, the command-and-control Europeans are, in the western world, pioneers. As far back as 1995, the Germans raided the Bavarian offices of Compuserve, and later indicted and tried the German manager of Compuserve Deutschland. The offense: failing to prevent child pornography from reaching German citizens.

⁹⁰ In the late 1990s, the British government threatened British ISPs with criminal prosecution fordistributing illegal adoption sites. Result: British ISPs blocked the sites to keep people in

Great Britain from accessing them. ⁹¹ Today, Germany, France and Great Britain

generally require local ISPs to screen out illegal content once they are notified of its existence. ⁹²

But the true champions of Internet intermediary control, of course, are found in the East. In order of control, they include China, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore. In 2002, Zittrain and Ben Edelman found that Saudi Arabia, through a centralized set of servers, blocks access to thousands of web sites. blocking includes obvious targets like Amnesty International's Saudi Arabia pages, and the Queer Muslim home page, along with less obvious targets like www.tasteless-jokes.com. Particularly reflective of Saudi Arabia's preferences is the blocking of nearly every site promoting or discussing any religion, including all Christian, Jewish, and Bahai sites. China, as Chapter 6 will discuss in detail, has from the beginning, maintained extremely close control of its ISPs, far beyond what any Western nation has attempted. It runs a carefully calibrated country-wide filtering system designed to allow the government to block and unblock any materials it wants to, at any time.

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Information Intermediaries. Norwegian Andreas Heldal-Lund describes himself as follows: "a skeptical atheistic freethinking pacifistic positive engaged and tolerant heathen who bases his life on modern secular humanism." lives in Norway, and is a member of both Hedningsamfunnet (The Norwegian Society of Heathens) and the Human-Etisk Forbund (a national secular humanist organisation). He is also perhaps the greatest living annoyance for the Church of Scientology. For Heldal-Lund has since 1996 devoted much time to a website, "Operation Clambake" that exposes the deepest secrets of the Church and attempts to debunk its teachings.

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For the Church of Scientology, Heldal-Lund's activities presented a serious problem of information control. A major benefit of rising through the ranks of the Church's strict internal hierarchy is access to carefully guarded teachings and writings. But in 2002 Operation Clambake's website posted "the Secret Library of Scientology," containing many of the most important teachings of the Church. ⁹⁵ Suddenly, writings that were meant to take years of preparation to read (and cost tens of thousands of dollars in training) were available to everyone on the World Wide Web.

Unable to shut down Clambake's Norwegian service provider, the Church turned to a different technique. It sent letters to Google.com, the web's most popular search engine, demanding that Google take down Clambake's sites under an American law, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). According to the Church, Clambake's materials were an infringement of copyright that Google was legally obliged to block. ⁹⁷ Google complied, meaning

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that a search for “the secret library of Scientology” failed to deliver the results one would expect.

The Clambake story shed light on an under-recognized fact: Search engines like Google routinely take down links because of possible State action. As documented by the web site ChillingEffects.org, Google receives a constant stream of letters insisting that Google remove specified pages from its search results, usually because of alleged copyright or trademark infringement. Google complies with most. The result is something less than a neutral or comprehensive search.

This form of control is presently limited in several ways. In the United States at least, the take-down laws are focused on protecting intellectual property, not other State goals. In addition, search engines like Google matter only for the World Wide Web, not the whole Internet, and are rarely the only way of finding information. But the general technique of controlling information intermediaries has greater, and quite subtle potential for control. Consider how often you rely not just on search engines to find information, but also on “weblogs” (or “blogs”), online newspapers, and other intermediaries that point you in the direction of useful information. It is one thing for the State to openly crack down directly on forbidden information. But it can be hard to notice that information has become hard to find. It is hard, in other words, to know what you aren’t being told.

The Domain Name System & Internet Membership. In the fall of 2000, Al Gore and George W. Bush were fighting for the American presidency, aided by hundreds of millions in campaign contributions. That gave New York student James Baumgartner, at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a clever idea. As a commentary on the role of money in the election, he opened the web site **VoteAuction.com** as a place for otherwise disinterested voters to sell their votes to the highest bidder.⁹⁸ Its slogan: “Bringing Capitalism and Democracy Closer Together.” The idea was this: with so much money being spent trying to influence elections, why not just pay the money directly to the voter? Baumgartner billed **Voteauction** as “the only election platform channeling ‘soft money’ directly to the democratic consumer.”⁹⁹

The site actually took off: as the Chicago Tribune reported, in early October, 521 unidentified people in Illinois had agreed to sell their presidential votes. The top anonymous bid was \$ 8,500, or \$16.31 per vote. Baumgartner intended the site as satire, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners decided there was nothing funny about offering to buy and sell votes, and it moved to shut down **VoteAuction** as quickly as possible. It chose a

novel means: instead of targeting Baumgartner, or trying to hunt down the vote-

sellers themselves, it went after an essential asset—the
 “**voteauction.com**.”¹⁰¹

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In short order, an Illinois judge imposed an injunction not on **VoteAuction** but on its U.S. domain name registry, Domain Bank, which had a standard domain name registration agreement prohibiting domain name use for “illegal purposes.”¹⁰² Domain Bank nixed **voteauction.com**’s domain name as if it were the itinerant Mr. Bungle, “shutting down **voteauction.com** all over the world.”¹⁰³

One week later, **voteauction.com** opened up under a new domain name, “vote-auction.com, registered in Switzerland with the International Council of Registrars (“CORE”).¹⁰⁴ But CORE too had a prohibition against illegal use in its standard domain name registration agreement, and after extensive telephone and e-mail discussions, vote-auction.com was shut down again.¹⁰⁵ **Voteauction** later began trying to publicize its numerical IP address, <http://62.116.31.68>, but by then the voting was over.¹⁰⁶

Control over domain names is another looming, and particularly effective way formations to control Internet behavior. It is different from the other means of control surveyed here in a crucial respect: It relies on the basic architecture of the Internet itself as an intermediary for everything that is done on the Internet. It is a difficult concept to swallow, because we take it for granted that the Internet’s most basic protocols and membership policy are neutral as between every member of the network. But this, like others, is a contingent neutrality, already under attack from several quarters, and one that could gradually change.

Consider, for example, the matter of anonymity on the Internet. For years, pundits and theorists have predicted that robust “digital identification” was on its way. Soon, pundits warned, you’d never be able to do anything and remain anonymous. Lawrence Lessig wrote in 1999 that “When architectures accommodate users who come with a [digital] ID installed and make life difficult for users who refuse to bear an ID, certification will spread quickly.”¹⁰⁷

To nearly everyone’s surprise, it hasn’t happened. Microsoft Passport, the most powerful effort to create a universal digital ID, has failed to reach the usage levels that were predicted.¹⁰⁸ There are various reasons: People don’t trust Microsoft, and in general, a centralized identification system is something of a

security risk. Some degree of anonymity, for whatever reasons, remains a feature of much Internet conduct.

But there is another way that the anonymity of the Internet could change. It could change if the conditions of Internet membership change. What's that? Internet membership is something that most of us today take for granted; something that comes for free with a dial-up account.

But the lack of

membership conditions is a fact that nation states, acting through a little-known organization named ICANN, have discussed trying to change. They realize that as a general matter, membership rules have always been a powerful means of control, whether it's at a country club or the World Trade Organization. There may come a time, and that time might be soon, when accurately disclosing who you are is a condition of Internet membership, or a condition of supplying Internet membership. As Chapter 7 suggests, there may come a time when abusing your privileges as a member of the Internet could lead to expulsion.

As these and other examples show, the State has many types of intermediaries it can use for indirect control. But none of this should obscure the most basic means of control: the direct physical coercion of individuals.

Targeting Individuals

Tore Tvedt ran a Norwegian neo-Nazi organization called Vigrid, devoted to the worship of Odin and other ancient Norse gods (The link between Odin and National Socialism was never entirely clear). Fearing Norwegian hate speech laws, Tvedt had a clever idea. He placed his anti-Semitic propaganda on a server in the United States, beyond the reach of Norwegian authorities. Unfortunately for Tvedt, he didn't do anything to put himself out of the reach of Norwegian authorities. One day, the Norwegian police simply arrested Tvedt and held him responsible for the contents of the Vigrid home page.

Despite the discourse of virtuality, direct physical coercion of individuals remains an important means of regulating internet conduct. The arrest of Tvedt shows the simplest way that nations control the flow of illegal digital content from abroad—arresting the locals.

And the mistake Tvedt made is not uncommon. Jay Cohen, recently released from a U.S. prison, was the early operator of an Internet sports betting site who bet wrongly that he could beat a federal indictment for gambling.

earlier generation of pornographers, like the Robert and Carleen Thomas, the couple who ran the “AmateurAction” porn system, and criminal hackers, like the famed Kevin Mitnick. All made the same mistake and all ended up in prison.

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The physical arrest of individuals depends less on residency than travel patterns. For example, U.S. undercover agents have, on occasion, lured criminal hackers from Russia into the United States, where they were apprehended and convicted.¹¹² And one reason why Yahoo! cared about Judge Gomez’s decision is that its executives fly through French airports and have meetings in France, and thus are subject to criminal enforcement actions there.

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These kinds of crackdowns, while significant, are the easy cases. Tore Tvedt wasn’t particularly clever, and he was just one person. What happens when the State is faced with the prospect of mass disobedience? Can it crack-down successfully, not on a single source, but on millions of people using the Internet who want to disobey a given law? Or might John Perry Barlow be right when he says “No law can be successfully imposed on a huge population that does not morally support it and possesses easy means for its invisible evasion?”

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This is a big question, that matters for a whole range of contexts. Around the world, millions of new lawbreakers have been created by the Internet: copyright infringers, gamblers, consumers of pornography, and so on. We’ve seen that nations can use the tools of intermediary control to stop such activities indirectly. But what are the prospects for using direct punishment to stop a nation of lawbreakers?

While not a new question for legal theorists, end-user enforcement is nonetheless a hard one. It is the subject of dueling anecdotes, pitting the 1920s Prohibition (a failure) against laws regulating insider trading (a relative success). The starting point for any answer is the basic economic concept of deterrence, explained best by Nobel laureate Gary Becker.

¹¹⁴ In the late 1960s, Becker first argued that lawbreakers were rational, and that their decisions to break laws reflected a calculation of costs and benefits. The State, therefore, doesn’t need to actually catch every lawbreaker. It just needs to increase punishments to the point where the costs of committing crime are less than the benefits.

The economics of deterrence led Becker to argue that the State shouldn't waste too much money looking for criminals, but instead just raise the sanctions for breaking the law. You might think more than twice about parking illegally if a parking ticket meant a few days in prison. The basic logic of deterrence based on economic models suggests an answer to the mass disobedience question. It suggests that for any law, penalizing select individuals severely should be enough to compel compliance.

But are things as simple as Becker suggests? Think to yourself: is fear of punishment really the only reason that you obey the law? Many of us, in fact probably don't steal as often as we'd get away with it. Reflecting this intuition, academic work since Becker's article has shed doubt on many elements of this simple economic conclusion. Economists point out that there are limits on the amount of deterrence that can be achieved just by increasing punishments. Some people, for example, are poor enough that they don't fear fines, or are so pessimistic about their future prospects that going to jail may not seem so bad. And, of course there's an upper limit on what the state can threaten. You can only kill someone once, and most countries ban things like torture that people might fear even more than death. Finally, if the State punishes relatively minor

wrongs (like Internet gambling) as severely as serious crimes (like bank robbery), the law loses its ability to send a message about what citizens should not do, and what they really should not do.

Meanwhile, psychologists who study criminality think that there's a real limit to deterrence as well, but for different reasons. Psychologist Tom Tyler sees the perception of legitimacy as the key to understanding why people obey the law. In this view, even with tough criminal penalties, people will not obey a law that they think fundamentally illegitimate (like the ban on alcohol during the prohibition). Tyler's arguments are backed by empirical studies showing different patterns of compliance than simple economic theory would predict. These outcomes are mirrored by the work of legal theorists who study social norms, or informal rules that govern society. They believe that people generally follow social norms and for that reason, rather than the threat of legal punishment, obey the law.

What this work suggests is that the likely effectiveness of targeting of end-users will depend on the law being enforced. For laws where the State can take advantage of a preexisting set of social norms or a moral code, the State will find its job easier. But for areas in a state of moral and ethical ambiguity, end-user

sanction strategies will fail more often.

Today, the ethics and norms surrounding pornography are in flux. Some religious groups, feminist theorists and politicians view the creation and consumption of adult pornography as simply wrong, and obscenity laws also express that belief. But liberals and libertarians think otherwise, as do an otherwise silent majority. The result is that obscenity laws are routinely violated on the internet, and virtually nothing is done about it. towichmoral ambiguity can dampen oeven nullify the effects of laws on the books.

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We have discussed the enforcement options that remain when the source of illegal materials moves overseas. But what if, in response to enforcement against end-users, they too leave the country? What if source, intermediaries and targets are all outside the nation state? This is the possibility of “total exit,” pictured here.

Source

Intermediary

Targets

Nation-State

The creation of an exile community is indeed a kind of final escape from undesirable laws. Moses and the Israelis fled Egypt in search of (among other things) a better legal system. And today, more prosaically, lovers of high-stakes gambling can move to Las Vegas, and serious marijuana users can make their

home in Amsterdam and enjoy a different kind of life. But at some point, this becomes less of a challenge to State sovereignty, than an acceptance of it. If you move from the U.S. to Germany because you prefer a country with no speed limits, that is less what we think of as evasion, and more like what we think of as emigration.

Epilogue

On August 3, 2003, HavenCo founder and CTO Ryan Lackey went to Las Vegas to give an astonishing speech at DefCon, the annual convention for computer hackers. His talk was entitled: HavenCo: What Really Happened. HavenCo, he revealed to the world, had never been the success it was portrayed to be. The story of the giant server farm, hidden deep in the recesses of the island, was a lie: HavenCo's equipment consisted of "5 relay racks standing mostly empty."¹²⁰ The "dozens" of customers HavenCo claimed were, at the best of times, roughly 10, almost all online casinos.¹²¹ And now, Lackey reported to the crowd, HavenCo was dead. It was no more.

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HavenCo died for two related reasons. The first was the absence of cooperative intermediaries, especially financial intermediaries. "[Sealand's] sovereignty ... has little value without commercial support from banks, etc." Banks wouldn't cooperate with HavenCo, one suspects, for the same reasons that U.S. financial institutions are not cooperating with Antiguan gambling sites: Local pressure on these crucial intermediaries influences how the intermediaries interact with offshore providers of information content.

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Second, Sealand itself turned out to be an intermediary susceptible to the pressures of powerful states. More than anything else, Prince Michael, the ruler of Sealand, wanted recognition as an actual country. HavenCo's unseemly activities, he began to believe, were an impediment to that dream. The Prince

began to insist that HavenCo adhere to "norms of international practice and custom," and demanded that nothing "offensive" be available from his Sovereign nation.¹²³ But of course, the hosting of potentially "offensive" content was the only reason for HavenCo's existence. Without it, HavenCo was nothing. And so, the company sank into a slow decline, shedding customers and losing money, until finally came what Lackey called the "nationalization" of HavenCo in November, 2002, as Sealand kicked HavenCo off the island. Sealand today nominally owns what remains of HavenCo—a jumbled pile of network

equipment, rotting and obsolete.

Arms Races

In 1995, the Attorney General of Minnesota was Hubert “Skip” Humphrey III. The son of Lyndon Johnson’s Vice-President, Humphrey was an old-style Minnesota democrat with a get-tough reputation and serious political ambitions. In 1995, with one eye on the governorship, he decided to try to rid the state of all Internet gambling. He began by drafting a memorandum of law, warning all internet users that they were subject to Minnesota laws:

WARNING TO ALL INTERNET USERS AND PROVIDERS

PERSONS OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA WHO TRANSMIT INFORMATION VIA THE INTERNET KNOWING THAT INFORMATION WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN MINNESOTA ARE SUBJECT TO JURISDICTION IN MINNESOTA COURTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF STATE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS.

GAMBLING APPEARS TO BE AN ESPECIALLY PROMINENT ASPECT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON THE INTERNET. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SERVICES OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA THAT OFFER RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BETS ON SPORTING EVENTS, PURCHASE LOTTERY TICKETS, AND PARTICIPATE IN SIMULATED CASINO GAMES. THESE SERVICES ARE ILLEGAL IN MINNESOTA.

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Humphrey wrote a New York Times Op-Ed arguing that states had a duty to stop Internet gambling. “Unchecked,” he said, online gambling “has the potential to turn every family room in America with a personal computer into an unregulated casino.”¹²⁵ He then brought a prominent lawsuit against a Las Vegas online casino operator named Kerry Rogers, whose site was accessible from Minnesota.¹²⁶ Rogers admitted that Minnesotans used his site to gamble, but argued that the lawsuit was an illegitimate regulation of interstate commerce. In 1998 Humphrey successfully convinced the Minnesota Supreme Court to exercise its jurisdiction.¹²⁷ Rogers complained that he was spending millions in legal fees. Humphrey appeared to be winning.

But this early success was misleading, for Humphrey’s bluff was called. The online casinos in the United States had always said that the lawsuits would drive them overseas. In the late 1990s, in response to lawsuits like Humphrey’s that’s what happened: the online sites and their owners moved overseas, mostly to the Caribbean nation of Antigua, to the tiny Isle of Man near Britain, and to Gibraltar off the southern coast of Spain. These nations welcomed the business. By early 2000, one in every thirteen Antiguans was employed in the e-gaming business. The Isle of Man even appointed an “E-Gaming Ambassador” named John Gilmore to promote online gambling.¹²⁸ Stressing their tight regulation of gambling, Gilmore said “the Island appeals greatly to businesses that need to

maintain a high quality image internationally.”
reached nearly \$5 billion in worldwide revenue and was still growing.

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Meanwhile, Skip Humphrey still had much to say, but there wasn't much he could do. As Attorney-General of Minnesota he lacked the means to chase down the gambling sites overseas. An obvious alternative target was local citizens who gambled online, but Humphrey never discussed arresting individual citizens in their homes. Instead, he followed in his father's footsteps and in 1998 began his long-awaited campaign for the governorship of Minnesota. Unfortunately for Humphrey, he chose a strange time to run, and was defeated by professional wrestler Jesse Ventura, a man with no political experience.

Regulatory Arms-Races

The story of Hubert Humphrey and the gambling exodus is a typical story of a regulatory arms-race in the Internet age. In this book we have learned of the ways—many more than was realized—that governments use to control conduct outside of their territory. But that isn't the end of the story. If you've ever downloaded music for free or gambled on-line, you know these methods of control are far from perfect. The targets themselves – like online casinos, can use the Internet to take evasive action. Users can also act en masse to get around government controls. When a group of people really want to ignore a law, and the State really wants to stop them, the result is a running battle, or a regulatory arms race.

Contests between law enforcement and outlaws are nothing new. But what is new is that law evasion has become a mass, collaborative project. Clever programmers like Justin Frankel, author of the Gnutella P2P file-sharing system, create tools that empower multitudes to get around unwanted laws like copyright. A very small group of programmers, or even a single person, can help hundreds of millions of people ignore a law they don't like. Classic outlaws like bank robbers mainly benefited themselves when they avoided the law. Today's technological evasion strategies can create “collective evasion” for a big group. As Justin Frankel said in a Rolling Stone interview, “Things I've done are often interpreted as anti-record-industry, but it's really about empowering people.”

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Yet even given the possibilities of collective evasion, it would be a mistake to discount the State's power to respond. A powerful state has on its side the rhetoric of law, resources, and its reserved power of physical coercion. As we discussed in chapter 4, the language of legal compliance can be important: many people believe that even unreasonable laws should be obeyed. Second, all but the weakest states have resources that dwarf their targets. Online casinos, unlike

countries, do not have armies or billions of dollars in tax revenue. And as chapter 4 showed, the power of physical coercion exercised against intermediaries accounts for more compliance than anyone ever thought. In short, the power of the state makes the outcome of a technological arms race hard to predict. Simply pointing to the people like Frankel and the potential of collective evasion is not enough.

Instead, regulatory arms races are contests of will as opposed to power. The State has the advantages of resources, rhetoric, and physical force. But the exercise of State power is often brutal, unpopular, and expensive. What matters more than anything else is the State's normative commitments, or how badly it wants to win. We see this in the story of Skip Humphrey, who despite his bluster lacked the political nerve to arrest individual Minnesotans for gambling even if doing so might have been effective. Unfortunately for the casinos, while Humphrey was the first, he wasn't the only nor the most effective Attorney General with an urge to fight online gambling.

Spitzer and Credit Cards

Eliot Spitzer, Harvard Law graduate and son of a wealthy New York real estate family, was elected New York's attorney general in 1998. He made his reputation bringing cases of national rather than local significance that no one else would touch. During the internet boom, when the stock market analysts could seemingly do no wrong, he went after Merrill Lynch, exposing what he called "a shocking betrayal of trust by one of Wall Street's most trusted names."¹³³ He later attacked the mutual fund industry, the trusted stewards of the billions of ordinary Americans, and later the insurance industry and the music industry. Spitzer has been called "the most powerful politician outside of Washington," and a man "temperamentally unable to stay out of the headlines." And in the early 2000s Spitzer began waging war on internet gambling.

Realizing the limits of his direct enforcement powers against overseas casinos, Spitzer and his Internet Bureau turned to a new strategy. Spitzer, steeped in Wall Street culture, noticed something that Humphrey didn't. He noticed that online casinos were dependent on American credit, and that every gambling session is effectively a transnational financial transaction. It also happens that the State of New York, unlike Minnesota, has most of America's credit-card issuing banks within its borders. Spitzer and his attorneys went to

work. “We will cut off an enormous line of credit that was a jackpot for illegal offshore casinos.”¹³⁵ announced Spitzer “Americans now waste \$4 billion a year on this pernicious form of gambling.”

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Spitzer and his team used the same techniques against the credit card companies that they used against Wall Street: trial by press release. Instead of threatening executives with indictment, Spitzer threatened them with press that would destroy their stock prices. As reporter Daniel Gross wrote, “the threat of Spitzer isn’t jail time; it’s a tanking stock. The very announcement of a Spitzer investigation is an excuse to sell and an invitation for shareholder lawsuits and proxy campaigns.”¹³⁶

In June of 2002, Spitzer announced his first victory. A chastened Citibank appeared at a press conference to announce that its credit cards would no longer accept online gambling transactions. In penance, Citibank agreed to donate \$400,000 to various gambling addiction groups, and a further \$100,000 to the State of New York. As Ken Dreifach, head of New York’s Internet Bureau warned, “We’re trying to get the message out to intermediaries that there’s real liability there. If you help to facilitate or promote gambling, you could be found guilty of breaking the law.”¹³⁷

Spitzer’s strategy was far more effective than Minnesota’s. By early 2002, every major American credit card provider, including Citibank, Bank of America, Fleet, M BNA, and Chase Manhattan had established policies refusing to honor charges made for online bets.¹³⁸ Spitzer went a step further and subpoenaed PayPal, the electronic payment intermediary, to force it to stop allowing its customers to fund their online gambling. After negotiations PayPal agreed to stop all gambling transactions and disgorge \$200,000 in profits and penalties to the New York State treasury.¹³⁹

New York State seemed to be winning as Spitzer’s efforts had a measurable impact on online gambling nationwide. As a 2002 Congressional report put it, “Despite attempts to circumvent these efforts... the success of these restrictions has caused gaming analysts to lower their 2003 revenue projections for the on-line gaming industry.”¹⁴⁰ The attack on financial intermediaries in the U.S. drove over half of Antigua web gambling firms out of business. As

Antiguan Prime Minister Lester Bird complained, Spitzer's crackdown "left a significant, negative effect upon the economy."¹⁴¹

On the back of the internet and other successful efforts, Spitzer was by late 2004 the most popular elected official in New York State.¹⁴² What came next was a surprise to none. On December 7, 2004 Spitzer announced his campaign for Governor of New York in the 2006 elections.

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Spitzer and the State of New York effectively initiated a new round in the battle between governments and online casinos. This is a typical pattern for today's internet regulatory contests. They tend to consist of an ongoing series of moves and countermoves, almost like a form of ritualized combat.

A fanciful but useful model asks us to imagine the state and outlaws in a contest akin to a tug-of-war. At the beginning of the contest there will exist some equilibrium: the banned activity is carried out at some level. Even before internet gambling, for example, there was, of course, some level of illegal gambling. The contest begins when either government or the outlaws invest in new measures to either crackdown or void the law. Such investments either increase or decrease the activity level, just as a decision to tug harder pulls the rope in a tug-of-war toward one side or the other.

Once the contest begins, the other side must decide whether and how it wants to react. After an initial evasion that increases illegal activity, Government needs to decide whether it cares enough to invest in new enforcement efforts that might slow things down again. In response to the tug on the rope, Government needs to decide whether to accept a new equilibrium or to tug back. This structure of alternating rounds can be seen in the example of gambling in the following chart.

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| 1 | Setup Online Casinos in the United States | Sue Online Casinos in the United States |
| 2 | Move Online Casinos Overseas | Target major financial intermediaries (credit cards) |
| 3 | Adopt new financial intermediaries (Paypal, Wire services). | Target all credit intermediaries |
| 4 | Create overseas financial intermediaries, like NETeller iGMPay | (Target Banks or citizens?) |

This tug-of-war model predicts an eventual endpoint, or new equilibrium. At some point one side or the other will simply give up, leaving a new equilibrium level of activity. When that will be depends on the benefits and costs to each side of ongoing investments in evasion and enforcement. .

How long will it take to reach that equilibrium? After an initial learning period, we should expect the necessary investment in enforcement or evasion to increase with each succeeding round, with less marginal evasion or enforcement achieved. Stated otherwise, the more each side pulls, the less effects they should realize. The reason is that the most obvious and cheapest tools of enforcement or evasion will be used up first, and each party will have to turn to increasingly esoteric or expensive ways of enforcing or evading the law, respectively. This pattern in both the gambling example in this chapter and the P2P example in the next. For the casinos moving overseas was the simplest evasion maneuver and brought the greatest returns. For government, suing local casinos and then shutting down the major credit card companies were relatively cheap (indeed, profitable). However from that point onward things become more challenging for each side. For government, trying to further increase the costs of newer overseas intermediaries will be yet more expensive. To make the example absurd but obvious, nations may be forced at some point to resort to military force, which can be far more expensive than filing a lawsuit. Meanwhile, online

casinos are increasingly forced to create their own, entirely separate system of credit, which is a complicated proposition and much tougher than simply relying on credit cards.

As we've said, the outcome of regulatory contests between government and outlaws depends on the costs of new evasion and enforcement techniques but more fundamentally on what each side has to gain. For the outlaws, this is a relatively simple matter to understand. Avoiding the law offers whatever benefits from the conduct that the law banned. For casinos the potential upside is all of the revenue from American online gamblers, which is a gigantic lure. This helps explain, for example, why much less lucrative law evasion, like the Chinese Democracy movement discussed in chapter 8, is so easily shut down. Online Casinos with their massive profit margins and low overhead can be expected to stay in the law evasion business for the long haul.

But what about governments? What does a government gain from enforcing its laws? When do governments give up, and when do they redouble their efforts? These questions are much harder to answer. But we can offer a few speculations, as the next segment shows.

The Government's Interest

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Story #1:

Well, the story is I am 19, and I am addicted to gambling, which is obviously why I am here. The one that is killing me is online poker. I win big now and again, but overall, it is totally fleecing me of all of my money. I am at university, 2nd year, all of my student loan has gone already, and I am in a situation where I have no cash, and cannot enjoy myself.

Story #2

For me it was one bad night with a few drinks inside me and I made a big loss, lol, in retrospect it was not a big loss but it was back then. I lost \$200 and went back in to chase my losses, on the tilt, more drinking, more trips to the cashier and \$1000 down for the night at which point I was at my monthly allowed withdrawal from the gambling site. Off to bed, depressed.

Over a period of around 6 months I barely slept and lost around

\$55,000 which is mostly on credit cards, in the end I had them all at or over their limits and ran out of money to gamble with – if I had more money I presume I would have kept on going, however I was broke, I didn't have enough money in my account to cover the direct debits that were coming off the next day and I broke down on the steps of my house at around 2a.m. with grave thoughts in my head. ¹⁴³

Story #3

The more money I lost, the more chips I would buy on the credit card to try to win them back. I was chasing my losses, very much so. One thing led to another, and within a period of just 3 weeks, I had maxed out my father's \$5,000 credit card. I was so distraught and scared that he would flip his lid when he found out what I was doing that I thought about suicide as an escape route for that. I was really depressed, nervous, and suicidal, distraught.

For people out there like myself who have a gambling problem, Internet gambling is very dangerous. It is too easy to gamble online from the comfort of your own home since all you need is a credit card, a computer, and Internet access. Like I said, the convenience of online gambling brought out an uncontrollable animal in me and I did not know when to stop. I am not obsessive-compulsive by any means, but the Internet combined with my passion for gambling, it made my behavior uncontrollable. ¹⁴⁴

These anonymous confessions of online gamblers show us a motivation for fighting overseas lawbreaking: the protection of citizens from overseas harm. The oldest justification for the existence of government at all is security against internal and external threats. When faced with a foreign source of harm, we might expect it in the interest of a state to protect itself. Hence the U.S. strong interest in stopping online gambling.

The idea that governments fight gambling to protect their citizens is based on an optimistic view of government behavior. But even on a more cynical view the presence of local harms is not irrelevant. Elected officials are not unlike Roman generals of old: if they seek political power, they must first make their name and reputation fighting high profile battles that appeal to the imagination of the citizenry. Before online gambling, Skip Humphrey cut his teeth suing the tobacco industry, winning a historic multi-billion dollar settlement. And before Wall Street or online casinos, Spitzer made his name as a federal prosecutor when he defeated the Gambino family and ended its reign over the New York

garment industry. In this manner, the drive for political power may drive a regulatory contest for many years.

While glory and reputation may drive government action, it would be naïve to suggest that protecting citizens is the only reason government acts against an overseas harm. As those who study international trade know, it is often the influence of powerful local industries and that puts the iron in the Washington's backbone. Just as the president may act to protect American steel producers from the threat of cheap foreign imports, so too can an overseas internet site easily represent a threat to a local concern. For example, the overseas sites that sell cheap prescription drugs are a price threat to the American pharmaceutical industry, and Pharma's pressure for a crackdown is never-ending. Similarly the crackdown on overseas file sharing is driven by the recording industry itself, through the famous and vicious Recording Industry Association of America. And in the example of gambling itself it should never be forgotten that the United States has a domestic gambling industry whose pressure for more enforcement may have more weight than is made public.

We have focused on the interests of states who want to fight or stop overseas conduct. But with the exception of activity that is hostile to humanis generis, (the enemy of all mankind) every activity that hurts one country will usually help another. As much as Humphrey professed to hate online gambling there are nation-states that love it and depend on it. With nation-states on both sides, a question of overseas law enforcement can become a problem of international relations, as the next segment shows.

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The twin-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda has a population 67,000.

¹⁴⁶ The weather, a favorable government and good connections to the U.S. have made it a favored destination for online casinos. At its height in the early 2000s the local internet gambling industry employed 5,000 people, or nearly 7.5% of the islands' population. But the American crackdown took its toll, putting more than half of the Island's operations out of business.

¹⁴⁷ As Sir Ronald Sanders, an

Antiguan official complained "The effect of the US enforcement of its laws is to hurt the small economy of Antigua and Barbuda, which is struggling to survive in a world of intense competition in the trade of goods and services."

Antigua may be small, but it is a nation-state nonetheless and since 1995 a full-fledged member of the World Trade Organization.¹⁴⁹ In June 2003, Antigua filed a WTO complaint against the United States, arguing that the various U.S. actions against online gambling amounted to an illegal barrier to “trade in services.” Suing the United States was a brave act but Antigua felt it had no choice. As Antigua’s ambassador to the WTO put it “What we want is survival, not blood.”¹⁵⁰

With the lawsuit, the question of online gambling became a problem of international relations and international law. Instead of just the United States and overseas business, the question was one of two nation-states with conflicting interests. Fortunately for Antigua the fight over online gambling was not a contest of military might. Instead, by invoking an unusually powerful international court and the broad treaty obligations that come with the WTO Antigua helped itself level the playing field.

In November, 2004, to the surprise of many observers, the World Trade Organization sided with Antigua.¹⁵¹ The three-member WTO dispute resolution panel agreed with Antigua that the enforcement of U.S. gambling laws unfairly favored local casinos over international, online imports. The specific legal question was whether the United States had, when it joined the WTO, agreed to open its gambling and betting sector to international competition. The panel ruled that it had.¹⁵² They also agreed that the United States enforced its gambling laws in a discriminatory fashion, targeting Antiguan online casinos with greater frequency than U.S. concerns. In the panel’s judgment the American actions “constituted ‘arbitrary and unjustifiable discrimination between countries where like conditions prevail’ and/or a ‘disguised restriction on trade.’”¹⁵³

Thanks to the intervention of Antigua and the WTO, the online casinos now had an order declaring the U.S. enforcement practices illegal. That isn’t the end of the story: the United States in 2005 indicated that it will appeal the decision to the WTO appellate body, and rumor has it that Britain may intervene on behalf of the Antiguan. But what this shows how problems of internet law and evasion can be both transformed into and influenced by the conduct of international relations.

Wasteful or Healthy?

Can anything be said in favor of these regulatory contests? The ongoing battles over gambling or file sharing may strike most as highly wasteful. Government, outlaws and their supporters in other countries are pouring money into these contests: wouldn't it be better if they could be avoided? There may however be some benefits in regulatory contests for a domestic legal system that may not be clear on first inspection.

Every legal system is full of dead wood. One category are unpopular laws passed in another era that would never be passed today. Legal theorists call the existence of such laws part of the problem of "generational sovereignty." How can we, the living, rule ourselves if so many of our laws are passed by people who are dead? A famous example involves the laws banning contraceptives. These were laws that were enacted in another era, but they survived well into the 1960s. ¹⁵⁵ One thing that a regulatory arms race can do is reopen debate on such laws, and leading to results more in conformity with the will of present generation, whatever that may be.

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This is the forest fire model of legal change. Much as experts believe the occasional fire keeps forests healthy by burning dead wood, technological shock that challenges an unpopular law help maintain a healthy legal system. It is true that much lawbreaking is just destructive behavior in new forms, like online fraud or child pornography. But sometimes a technological challenge to a law can force us to ask whether that law in question is imposing costs that can no longer be justified. When political dissidents invest in new efforts to break China's control over speech, it says something about the justifiability of those laws. When Voice over IP companies provide cheaper telephone service by avoiding complex FCC rules, the need for those rules comes into question. When millions of citizens use the internet to import prescription drugs, it prompts lawmakers to ask whether domestic drug prices are too high. So too has the technological challenge to copyright, as we will see in Chapter 7, prompted much new thinking on how the copyright laws deal with new technologies for delivering content.

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The answer won't necessarily be to discard the law: we may find that there are good reasons for the laws that come under challenge. example the twin challenge to pornography and gambling laws in the 1990s and 2000s. Whether either should be banned by government is a question that depends on your underlying belief in the appropriate role of government. Should government ban that which is potentially dangerous and addictive but consumed voluntarily?

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We nonetheless seem to have an initial verdict. We continue to think gambling harmful enough to invest in an ongoing campaign to block its

accessibility around the country, we have committed substantial resources to that cause. Meanwhile, faced with pornography governments seem happy simply to make sure it stays away from primetime television in general and the Superbowl in particular. Why exactly things have turned out this way is hard to say. Yet from this process something has been gained: our country has been asked to examine what we are regulating, and why, and to justify our rules all over again.

Epilogue

Hub Arkush lives in Chicago and publishes the magazine Pro Football Weekly. He does not operate a casino, yet in September 2003 he found himself facing a federal subpoena for involvement in gambling. The stated crime? His magazine runs advertisements for online casinos. Arkush quickly caved and dropped the ads, forfeiting millions in revenue.¹⁵⁷ Cases like Arkush's marked a new development in the casino contest: the delayed entry of the United States federal government into the regulation of online gambling.

In 2003 and 2004 federal prosecutors across the United States began their crackdown on online gambling. Ignoring the lack of a specific federal law banning online gambling, they targeted advertisers of all kinds and came on strong. Where Spitzer demanded settlements in the thousands, federal prosecutors demanded millions. In July 2003, the U.S. Attorney for Michigan assessed a \$10 million fine against PayPal for alleged violations of the USA Patriot Act and the Wire Wager Act.¹⁵⁸ In April of 2004, Justice seized a further \$3.25 million from Discovery Communications. It also announced settlements with Infinity Broadcasting and Clear Channel Communications.¹⁵⁹

In the 2000s the Justice Department also began going to Congress to ask for new and tougher laws. In testimony officials from the Justice Department seized on the potential for compulsive gambling, gambling by minors, and money laundering and fraud. Said one official, "like scam telemarketing operations, on-line gambling establishments appear and disappear with regularity, collecting from losers and not paying winners, and with little fear of being apprehended and prosecuted."¹⁶⁰

These federal measures have taken their toll. In the early 2000s, some casinos began screening U.S. customers to avoid liability or losing their licenses in the United States. Some conceded defeat and closed their doors. The MGM Mirage Online, once located on the Isle of Man, has cashed in its chips.

But the size of the American online gambling market was attractive enough for some casinos to go back and reinvest in new circumvention measures. Blocked from most American credit cards and U.S. credit services like

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Paypal, in 2004 online casinos began to build their own, alternative system of overseas credit. A consortium of online casinos set up credit systems with names like NETeller and iGM-Pay. Instead of relying on credit cards, the new systems draw money directly from clients' chequing accounts. Here's how one casino, Empire Poker, explained its system to customers whose credit cards were blocked:

From: info@paypro.com
To: wu@pobox.com
Subject: Credit Card Transfer Failed - Try iGM-Pay and get 20% Extra.

Dear Player,

We noticed that you were unable to deposit funds to your account with www.empirepoker.com using your credit card earlier. If all the information you entered was correct, the reason you are getting declined is your credit card company does not allow you to make direct purchases with eGaming sites.

We are sure you would like to get back to playing as soon as possible, so we are writing to introduce you to our new player favorite and offer you a 20% on your first purchase using iGM-Pay!

Write us a check electronically with eChecks by iGM-Pay, using the information printed on your regular checks (US bank accounts only). Once you become a verified user, you can also receive your cash outs directly to your bank account it's secure, fast and free!

To face the ban on advertising, casinos spent time and doing anything possible to bolster their respectability within the United States and hopefully make themselves a domestic playerable to influence the political calculus. One

strategy was to try and attract respectable celebrities to endorse online casinos. For a short time in 2000, an online casino named PlaceThatBet.com convinced Yankee Star Reggie Jackson to host a website named ReggieJacksonCasino.com. After an uproar, Jackson claimed he never intended to endorse a site that offered sports betting and pulled his name.¹⁶² In December of 2004, Gibraltar-based Empire Poker, one of the larger online casinos, offered to finance the Washington Nationals move from Montreal to the District of Columbia. It offered up to \$500 million to help the Nationals set up shop. Neither the District nor Congress responded to the offer.¹⁶³

The new equilibrium between the U.S. government, the casinos and the countries that love them has not been reached. But in the decade to come it will be. We will know the limits of government's power to stop a lucrative internet vice. We will learn along the way something about how hard, in the end, Americans want it to be to get to a casino.

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²¹ Dembart.

²² Johnson and Post, "Law and Borders," 1375.

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Bogus absentee ballots became commonplace in Miami's municipal races. In 1998, the abuses caused the Florida Court of Appeals to take the extraordinary step of removing the Republican mayor and installing his opponent. In this case, 46 people were indicted, 12 were convicted. Incidents of fraud included forged signatures, voting more than once, and fictitious names and addresses on absentee ballots.

In the 1996 race for U.S. Senate in Louisiana, Democrat Mary Landrieu beat Republican Louis "Woody" Jenkins amidst charges of vote purchasing, multiple voting and the casting of fraudulent votes. An investigation revealed that "large-scale violations of federal and state election law have occurred."

Attorneys for Woody Jenkins put together more than 8,000 pages of affidavits and exhibits, alleging 7,454 illegal or "phantom" votes. Although the effort was impressive, Jenkins still lost the election by 5,788 votes out of more than 1.7 million votes cast.

In the 1994 Maryland gubernatorial race, Republican candidate Ellen R. Sauerbrey lost a very tight race against Democrat Parris N. Glendening. Interestingly, Sauerbrey lost by exactly 6,000 votes. The Sauerbrey campaign cited numerous cases of substantial voter fraud, but fell short in their challenge.

This year's election cycle is no different. Evidence of widespread irregularities and abuses continues to pour in from across the nation.

Vote selling on the Internet became a hot commodity this year. "Nader-Traders" sought to pledge their votes for Gore in competitive states in exchange for Gore supporters casting their votes for Nader in states Gore would almost certainly win. Voteauction.com ran into legal troubles when it provided a forum for more than 15,000 people to sell their votes to the highest bidder. It truly boggles the mind to imagine that the direct purchase of voting rights is still with us today.

Milwaukee was the site of an interesting exercise in democracy. Gore campaign volunteers were caught on video distributing packs of cigarettes to homeless people after they'd been given rides to the polling places. Maybe Gore is getting his tobacco allotment back after all. The local district attorney is already conducting a criminal investigation as a result.

Democrat backed "motor voter" legislation has given rise to the appearance of millions of phantom voters on the voter rolls across the country. The prohibition of periodic voter purges means dead people, convicted felons and people who have moved pollute the pool of genuine eligible voters.

Consider what happened in St. Louis this past Tuesday. Taking a page out of Harvey Gantt's playbook, Congressman Dick Gephardt's former chief of staff-turned-judge pulled off a fantastic

stunt. The judge kept the polls open until midnight Tuesday night so that Democrat-heavy precincts could turn out the vote. Voila! Senator John Ashcroft and gubernatorial nominee Jim Talent came up a little short when all the votes were tallied. Can litigation be far away?

In New Jersey, the pay was better for the homeless. In a stunning new twist in electioneering, Senator-elect Jon Corzine invented a new jobs program even before he's sworn in. In a \$2 million effort to "get out the vote," Corzine "hired" numerous homeless individuals and drug addicts.

In Broward County, Fla., several ballot boxes "disappeared." Just disappeared. Unlike 1948, the ballot boxes reappeared.

Numerous reports from across the country reveal an all out effort to register convicts to vote. In a particularly innovative twist, even those not yet convicted of felonies, but incarcerated and awaiting trial dates were registered in droves.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service in Florida conveniently established a program entitled the "Backlog Reduction Program" in which INS examiners were given an extra 40 hours paid time off and other bonuses for expediting the naturalization process for illegal aliens and reaching specified numeric goals. The "goals" of the program had to be met between Oct. 1, 1999, and Oct. 1, 2000. In Florida, a new citizen can register to vote up to Oct. 10. Thousands of aliens, many with criminal backgrounds, were rushed through the citizenship process and registered to vote.

The list goes on.

The ramification of election irregularities and outright voter fraud is an increasingly cynical voting public. As noble and lovely as it may sound, campaign finance reform is not going to fix this part of the system. The liberal media continues to stop the presses over the mere mention of campaign finance reform by Bradley, McCain and Nader. They would be well served instead, to focus the public's attention on the most dangerous threat to the very essence of democracy. Voter fraud poses a far greater threat to the republic than people exercising free speech with their own money.

We send armies of election watchers across the globe to Third World countries and feel superior in our democratic evolution. But we would be better served to take a close look at our own election shenanigans lest we become a banana republic. If professional poll watcher Jimmy Carter is really looking for election fraud, he need not buy a plane ticket abroad. We have plenty right here at home.

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Bogus absentee ballots became commonplace in Miami's municipal races. In 1998, the abuses caused the Florida Court of Appeals to take the extraordinary step of removing the Republican mayor and installing his opponent. In this case, 46 people were indicted, 12 were convicted. Incidents of fraud included forged signatures, voting more than once, and fictitious names and addresses on absentee ballots.

In the 1996 race for U.S. Senate in Louisiana, Democrat Mary Landrieu beat Republican Louis "Woody" Jenkins amidst charges of vote purchasing, multiple voting and the casting of fraudulent votes. An investigation revealed that "large-scale violations of federal and state election law have occurred."

Attorneys for Woody Jenkins put together more than 8,000 pages of affidavits and exhibits, alleging 7,454 illegal or "phantom" votes. Although the effort was impressive, Jenkins still lost the election by 5,788 votes out of more than 1.7 million votes cast.

In the 1994 Maryland gubernatorial race, Republican candidate Ellen R. Sauerbrey lost a very tight race against Democrat Parris N. Glendening. Interestingly, Sauerbrey lost by exactly 6,000 votes. The Sauerbrey campaign cited numerous cases of substantial voter fraud, but fell short in their challenge.

This year's election cycle is no different. Evidence of widespread irregularities and abuses continues to pour in from across the nation.

Vote selling on the Internet became a hot commodity this year. "Nader-Traders" sought to pledge

their votes for Gore in competitive states in exchange for Gore supporters casting their votes for Nader in states Gore would almost certainly win. **Voteauction**.com ran into legal troubles when it provided a forum for more than 15,000 people to sell their votes to the highest bidder. It truly boggles the mind to imagine that the direct purchase of voting rights is still with us today.

Milwaukee was the site of an interesting exercise in democracy. Gore campaign volunteers were caught on video distributing packs of cigarettes to homeless people after they'd been given rides to the polling places. Maybe Gore is getting his tobacco allotment back after all. The local district attorney is already conducting a criminal investigation as a result.

Democrat backed "motor voter" legislation has given rise to the appearance of millions of phantom voters on the voter rolls across the country. The prohibition of periodic voter purges means dead people, convicted felons and people who have moved pollute the pool of genuine eligible voters.

Consider what happened in St. Louis this past Tuesday. Taking a page out of Harvey Gantt's playbook, Congressman Dick Gephardt's former chief of staff-turned-judge pulled off a fantastic stunt. The judge kept the polls open until midnight Tuesday night so that Democrat-heavy precincts could turn out the vote. Voila! Senator John Ashcroft and gubernatorial nominee Jim Talent came up a little short when all the votes were tallied. Can litigation be far away?

In New Jersey, the pay was better for the homeless. In a stunning new twist in electioneering, Senator-elect Jon Corzine invented a new jobs program even before he's sworn in. In a \$2 million effort to "get out the vote," Corzine "hired" numerous homeless individuals and drug addicts.

In Broward County, Fla., several ballot boxes "disappeared." Just disappeared. Unlike 1948, the ballot boxes reappeared.

Numerous reports from across the country reveal an all out effort to register convicts to vote. In a particularly innovative twist, even those not yet convicted of felonies, but incarcerated and awaiting trial dates were registered in droves.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service in Florida conveniently established a program entitled the "Backlog Reduction Program" in which INS examiners were given an extra 40 hours paid time off and other bonuses for expediting the naturalization process for illegal aliens and reaching specified numeric goals. The "goals" of the program had to be met between Oct. 1, 1999, and Oct. 1, 2000. In Florida, a new citizen can register to vote up to Oct. 10. Thousands of aliens, many with criminal backgrounds, were rushed through the citizenship process and registered to vote.

The list goes on.

The ramification of election irregularities and outright voter fraud is an increasingly cynical voting public. As noble and lovely as it may sound, campaign finance reform is not going to fix this part of the system. The liberal media continues to stop the presses over the mere mention of campaign finance reform by Bradley, McCain and Nader. They would be well served instead, to focus the public's attention on the most dangerous threat to the very essence of democracy. Voter fraud poses a

far greater threat to the republic than people exercising free speech with their own money.

We send armies of election watchers across the globe to Third World countries and feel superior in our democratic evolution. But we would be better served to take a close look at our own election shenanigans lest we become a banana republic. If professional poll watcher Jimmy Carter is really looking for election fraud, he need not buy a plane ticket abroad. We have plenty right here at home.

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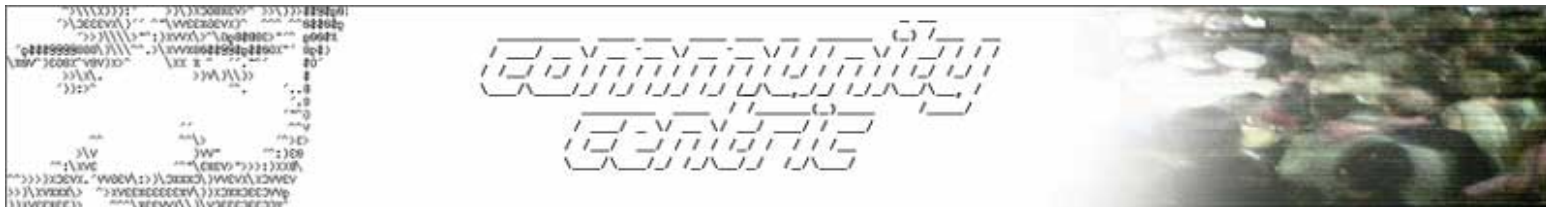


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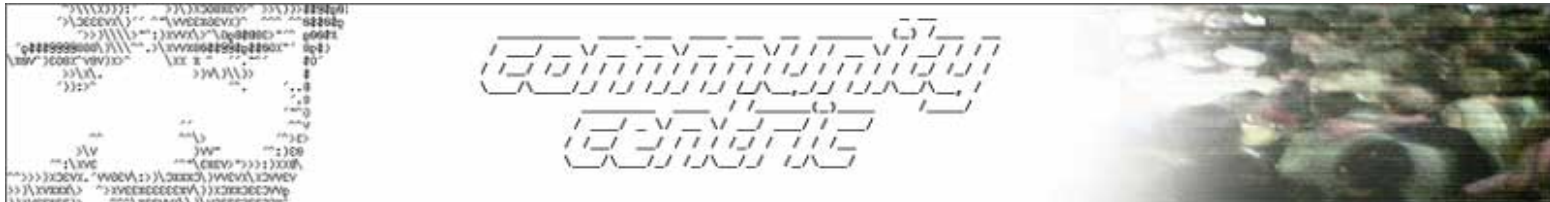
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Erik from IBM wrote to us to confirm that IBM will be a "open sourcing" AFS. What's actually going is that they are forking the code, as not all of the code can be opened for "technical or licensing reason". So, there will be IBM AFS, which they will support, and Open AFS which will be the open code. The license is going to be the IBM Public License which is an OSI approved license. Overall good news for a very scalable, secure file system.

Star Wars Episode 2 Title Leaked

A articles article from the "but-what-i-wanted-to-go-to-tashi-station!" department sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2018204>

N8Magic writes "Seems that the title for the new Star Wars flick has been leaked according to a newspaper in Australia. "Episode 2: The Rise of the Empire" is supposedly the working title for the film. " LucasFilm has denied the title as well.

On Microsoft Porting to Linux/Unix

A articles article from the "the-left-hand-knows-not-what-the-right-hand-does" department

sent by Hemos

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skubalon writes "Mainsoft confirmed today that they are indeed porting Microsoft's apps to Linux. The story was first reported in Paul Thurrott's WinInfo yesterday. Internet Explorer and Windows Media Player will be among the first apps to be ported." On the other hand we have this submission:rendell writes "According to this story on Beta News, Microsoft is denying the rumors that they were in the process of porting some of their software to the Linux platform. Especially focusing on the rumor that the main project was Office." So - who knows? My analysis: Microsoft is correct - /they/ are not doing the porting. Mainsoft however, appears to have the powers to execute the porting.

Transmeta Files For IPO

A articles article from the "it-was-inevitable" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2131248>

Richard Finney writes "Reuters News Sevice is reporting that Transmeta is filing for an IPO." They are looking to raise \$200 million - the rest of the details are sketchy.Update: 08/17 09:59 PM by H:Check out the FreeEdgar filing.

NASA To Build Laser Space Broom For ISS

A articles article from the "fun-with-accelerated-light" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/1857216>

Andy_R writes: "The BBC is reporting that NASA is to build a laser "broom" that is designed to sweep debris in space away from the path of the

International Space Station." It's being tested - the plan is to destroy debris between one to ten centimeters in length.

Groening Says The Simpsons Movie Planned

A articles article from the "ralph-jesus-does-not-have-wheels" department

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<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2022228>

Alex T-B writes "Matt Groening in a news conference revealed that a film based on The Simpsons is planned [Woo-hoo!], although no deals have been struck yet [D'oh!]. (WARNING, geeky Simpsons reference: A film about The Simpsons? That is unpossible!)"

Armed Robot Guards - Sorta

A articles article from the "put-your-heads-in-the-air" department sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2033231>

jshirk writes "The Bangkok Post is reporting that the Thailand Research Fund has unveiled the world's first armed robotic guard. The best part: it can be ordered to fire remotely over the Internet. Now, postal carriers have a lot more to worry about than the dog."

Old Atari Design Docs Online

A articles article from the "what-the-hell" department sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2044239>

gribbly writes "Forget emulation -- now you can read classic Atari design docs!" It's all documents from the early 1980s, I think, and looks

totally...I dunno. It's like taking a journey into the past.

Where are the "Internet" Appliances with Ethernet Cards?

A askslashdot article from the "no-I-don't-want-dialup" department sent by Cliff

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/15/215205>

StoryMan asks: "Here's one that stumps me. Maybe someone can explain the logic. Yesterday, I bought a TiVO -- the personal video recorder. An amazing gadget. Absolutely first-rate. (I bought it based on the recent Slashdot story and the NY Times article.) But there's a problem. It's a got a modem. I've got a DSL connection, got a LinkSys DSL router, and have 4 computers on my home LAN. So as I'm setting up the TiVo, and waiting for it do dial in, I start to think: man, why doesn't thing just have an ethernet card?" I'm still waiting for an "internet" appliance that gets it right and at least offer an add-on for a network card. Is it really that hard to do?

Interbase Fork Imminent?

A articles article from the "good-times-bad-times-you-know-i've-had-my-share" department sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2054235>

A reader wrote to us saying: "Technocrat.net has this story about how Inprise is pissing off the developers and users of Interbase, who were creating a vibrant community around the open source RDBMS. As a result, It looks as like the project is about to fork, and the independent branch will be called Firebird."

Vanishing Game Genres

A articles article from the "what-do-you-think" department
sent by CmdrTaco

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/18/1249217>

turpie writes "CNET's Gamecenter is running a story about dying game genres, their arguments seem valid for some genres like Flight Sims, and but are stretching it a bit for others like RTS (StarCraft) (they may not be too original anymore but I wouldn't say they're dying.) I'm also wondering what this leaves us apart First Person Shooters (ala Doom & Quake)?" For that matter, since the first person shooter, I don't feel like a new genre has really appeared in awhile.

KDE Developer on the GNOME Foundation

A features article from the "war-rages-on" department
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The ongoing debate between KDE and GNOME has calmed down a lot in the last year as each system became stable and usable. Recent announcements regarding the Gnome Foundation has caused some tension (ranging from words to DNS hijacking). Kurt Granroth, a KDE Core Team Member, and the KDE US Press Rep has submitted his opinions on the subject, are in some cases very good points, and in other cases extremely inflammatory, but in both cases, worth reading.

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Judge Rules Against 2600 On All Counts in DeCSS Case

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The ruling has been handed down by the Southern District of New York has ruled against 2600 on all counts in the DeCSS case. The ruling is available online. The New York Times has a concise statement concerning the case - essentially, the judge rejected the argument that computer code counts as free speech, and therefore should be protected by the First Amendment. However, it should be noted that this ruling was **expected** by the 2600 folks, as Martin Garbus, one of the lawyers noted. (Garbus, it should be noted, has been before the Supreme Court /19/ times). This will mean that the Appeal will go higher, and that means that if/when the judgement is overturned, it will affect more than just NY, as this would have.

DVD/DeCSS: MPAA Wins In New York

A yro article from the "good-guys-finish-last" department sent by michael

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Jim Tyre writes: "Judge Kaplan's ruling is out." The actual judgment is a separate document. Note that the judgment forbids Defendants and anyone acting in concert with them from posting or linking to the DeCSS code. Update: 08/17 07:57 PM by H: Taken from an earlier post: The ruling is available online. The New York Times has a concise statement concerning the case - essentially, the judge rejected the argument that computer code counts as free speech, and therefore should be protected by the First Amendment. However, it should be noted that this ruling was **expected** by the 2600 folks, as Martin Garbus, one of the lawyers noted. (Garbus, it should be noted, has been before the Supreme Court /19/ times). This will mean that the Appeal will go higher, and that means that if/when the judgement is overturned, it

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IBM Open Sourcing AFS

A articles article from the "opening-it-to-the-world" department sent by Hemos

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Erik from IBM wrote to us to confirm that IBM will be a "open sourcing" AFS. What's actually going is that they are forking the code, as not all of the code can be opened for "technical or licensing reason". So, there will be IBM AFS, which they will support, and Open AFS which will be the open code. The license is going to be the IBM Public License which is an OSI approved license. Overall good news for a very scalable, secure file system.

Star Wars Episode 2 Title Leaked

A articles article from the "but-what-i-wanted-to-go-to-tashi-

station!" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2018204>

N8Magic writes "Seems that the title for the new Star Wars flick has been leaked according to a newspaper in Australia. "Episode 2: The Rise of the Empire" is supposedly the working title for the film. " LucasFilm has denied the title as well.

On Microsoft Porting to Linux/Unix

A articles article from the "the-left-hand-knows-not-what-the-right-hand-does" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2126207>

skubalon writes "Mainsoft confirmed today that they are indeed porting Microsoft's apps to Linux. The story was first reported in Paul Thurrott's WinInfo yesterday. Internet Explorer and Windows Media Player will be among the first apps to be ported." On the other hand we have this submission:rendell writes "According to this story on Beta News, Microsoft is denying the rumors that they were in the process of porting some of their software to the Linux platform. Especially focusing on the rumor that the main project was Office." So - who knows? My analysis: Microsoft is correct - /they/ are not doing the porting. Mainsoft however, appears to have the powers to execute the porting.

Transmeta Files For IPO

A articles article from the "it-was-inevitable" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2131248>

Richard Finney writes "Reuters News Sevice is

reporting that Transmeta is filing for an IPO."
They are looking to raise \$200 million - the rest
of the details are sketchy. Update: 08/17 09:59 PM
by H: Check out the FreeEdgar filing.

NASA To Build Laser Space Broom For ISS

A articles article from the "fun-with-accelerated-light"
department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/1857216>

Andy_R writes: "The BBC is reporting that NASA is
to build a laser "broom" that is designed to sweep
debris in space away from the path of the
International Space Station." It's being tested -
the plan is to destroy debris between one to ten
centimeters in length.

Groening Says The Simpsons Movie Planned

A articles article from the "ralph-jesus-does-not-have-wheels"
department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2022228>

Alex T-B writes "Matt Groening in a news
conference revealed that a film based on The
Simpsons is planned [Woo-hoo!], although no deals
have been struck yet [D'oh!]. (WARNING, geeky
Simpsons reference: A film about The Simpsons?
That is unpossible!)"

Armed Robot Guards - Sorta

A articles article from the "put-your-heads-in-the-air" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2033231>

jshirk writes "The Bangkok Post is reporting that

the Thailand Research Fund has unveiled the world's first armed robotic guard. The best part: it can be ordered to fire remotely over the Internet. Now, postal carriers have a lot more to worry about than the dog."

Old Atari Design Docs Online

A articles article from the "what-the-hell" department sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2044239>

gribbly writes "Forget emulation -- now you can read classic Atari design docs!" It's all documents from the early 1980s, I think, and looks totally...I dunno. It's like taking a journey into the past.

Where are the "Internet" Appliances with Ethernet Cards?

A askslashdot article from the "no-I-don't-want-dialup" department sent by Cliff

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/15/215205>

StoryMan asks: "Here's one that stumps me. Maybe someone can explain the logic. Yesterday, I bought a TiVO -- the personal video recorder. An amazing gadget. Absolutely first-rate. (I bought it based on the recent Slashdot story and the NY Times aricle.) But there's a problem. It's a got a modem. I've got a DSL connection, got a LinkSys DSL router, and have 4 computers on my home LAN. So as I'm setting up the TiVo, and waiting for it do dial in, I start to think: man, why doesn't thing just have an ethernet card?" I'm still waiting for an "internet" appliance that gets it right and at least offer an add-on for a network card. Is it really that hard to do?

Interbase Fork Imminent?

A articles article from the "good-times-bad-times-you-know-i've-had-my-share" department
sent by Hemos

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/17/2054235>

A reader wrote to us saying: "Technocrat.net has this story about how Inprise is pissing off the developers and users of Interbase, who were creating a vibrant community around the open source RDBMS. As a result, It looks as like the project is about to fork, and the independent branch will be called Firebird."

Vanishing Game Genres

A articles article from the "what-do-you-think" department
sent by CmdrTaco

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/18/1249217>

turpie writes "CNET's Gamecenter is running a story about dying game genres, their arguments seem valid for some genres like Flight Sims, and but are stretching it a bit for others like RTS (StarCraft) (they may not be too original anymore but I wouldn't say they're dying.) I'm also wondering what this leaves us apart First Person Shooters (ala Doom & Quake)?" For that matter, since the first person shooter, I don't feel like a new genre has really appeared in awhile.

KDE Developer on the GNOME Foundation

A features article from the "war-rages-on" department
sent by CmdrTaco

<http://slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=00/08/18/133219>

The ongoing debate between KDE and GNOME has calmed down a lot in the last year as each system became stable and usable. Recent announcements regarding the Gnome Foundation has caused some tension (ranging from words to DNS hijacking).

Kurt Granroth, a KDE Core Team Member, and the KDE US Press Rep has submitted his opinions on the subject, are in some cases very good points, and in other cases extremely inflammatory, but in both cases, worth reading.

The info is Rob Malda's
The code is mine

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Vote en ligne

Edito de Philippe Parmantier

Depuis la première élection officielle sur Internet, organisée par le parti démocrate d'Arizona pour les primaires aux présidentielles en mars 2000, le vote électronique acquiert une crédibilité nouvelle, qui n'est pas sans soulever quelques interrogations.

On peut raisonnablement penser que ce système va se répandre dans nos démocraties, mais avec quelles conséquences ?

Les expérimentations se focalisent beaucoup sur l'élection de la représentation nationale et locale. De ce point de vue le vote a un effet positif puisqu'il contribue à faire chuter le taux des abstentions de façon très significative. Les primaires démocrates ont connu une progression de plus de 600% de la participation. En outre les économies et la simplification des procédures sont également spectaculaires. Mais on objectera, dans nos vieilles démocraties, que le vote est un geste dont la charge symbolique "nécessite un minimum d'efforts".

Réduire cet acte essentiel à l'envoi d'un simple signal virtuel est certes perturbant mais tout de même pas inconcevable.

Tous les électeurs pratiquant le vote par correspondance seront satisfaits de trouver une solution de substitution sur Internet.

Quant aux autres, ils auront le choix entre le bureau de vote électronique et le vote à domicile en accès sécurisé. Mais il est vrai que l'avantage, en France, du vote électronique restera limité en raison des taux de participation élevés que connaît notre pays pour ses grands rendez-vous et du coût relativement marginal d'une élection nationale étant donné sa fréquence.

Le vote électronique pourrait aussi favoriser le développement de la consultation directe des citoyens, notamment dans le cadre des référendums d'initiative populaire au niveau local. L'effet de ces référendums ne sera pas sans conséquences sur le mode de gestion des institutions.

Jusqu'à présent dans un système de consultation traditionnel, de tels référendums étaient rares, généralement organisés dans le cadre de décisions sensibles à prendre au niveau d'un territoire : augmentation des impôts, installation de la télésurveillance, d'une usine d'incinération, choix entre le métro ou le tramway dans une ville... Un internet généralisé et sécurisé simplifiera l'organisation de telles consultations et favorisera leur multiplication. Les risques d'abus de nature à bloquer les capacités de gestion des élus sont à redouter. Même si cela fait un peu peur, on doit s'attendre, via Internet, à une plus grande réactivité de la part des citoyens et peut-être aussi à l'apparition de " référendums sauvages " pour exercer un maximum de pressions sur certaines décisions.

Rappelons que 80 % des citoyens internautes seraient prêts à envoyer un message de protestation par e-mail à une personnalité publique et 85% à signer une pétition (cf opinion-way). Dans un tel contexte il sera nécessaire d'imaginer de nouvelles formes de " gouvernance " intégrant ces formes de consultations directes. Elles devront à la fois être crédibles (pour désamorcer les initiatives sauvages) sans obliger les élus à s'en remettre au suffrage populaire pour n'importe quelle décision, ce qui serait la négation de notre système démocratique. Le dossier de cette semaine esquisse ces débats de fond tout en apportant un éclairage concret

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"Les 200 tentatives de piratage des élections en Arizona ont toutes échoué."

Les primaires aux États Unis, dans l'État de l'Arizona ont été l'occasion d'une grande première en matière d'élection. Le parti démocrate avait en effet décidé de tenter l'expérience du vote en ligne. Les électeurs démocrates pouvaient ainsi voter de chez eux pour choisir leur candidat. L'expérience a été un succès et les taux d'abstention ont littéralement fondu. Selon election.com, la société organisatrice de l'événement, le nombre de votants a été multiplié par sept par rapport aux dernières élections dans cet Etat. Cette société vient de s'implanter en Europe. Toutefois, son activité ne se limite pas aux élections politiques, mais à tous les types d'élections (associations, syndicats, conseils d'administration), en ligne ou non.

L'occasion de revenir, avec **Régis Jamin, vice-Président Europe, Moyen-Orient et Afrique d'election.com**, sur cette expérience mais surtout de voir comment elle pourrait être applicable en Europe. Avec un challenge de taille puisque l'Europe concernait, aux dernières élections européennes de 1999, 270 millions d'électeurs !

Le site français d'election.com : <http://www.election.com/fr/index.htm>

Ces élections en Arizona, posent immédiatement la question du fossé numérique. Les personnes pouvant voter en ligne ont plus voté que si elles n'avaient pas bénéficié de cette technologie. Or, quid de ceux qui ne possèdent pas d'ordinateur ? N'y a-t-il pas un danger de créer un vote riche et un vote pauvre ?

Pour l'Arizona, un jugement nous a donné raison et nous avons pu installer des terminaux internet dans tous les bureaux de vote. Mais nous en avons également ouverts dans les lieux publics où il y avait de l'Internet. Finalement nous avons doublé le nombre de bureaux de vote, qui est passé de 60 à 120, pour donner à tous la possibilité de voter en ligne, que ce soit de chez eux ou non.

D'autre part, la question du fossé numérique se pose différemment aux États-Unis et en Europe. Aux US le fossé se situe entre plus et moins aisés. En France il se trouve plutôt entre jeunes et vieux...Il est donc important de relativiser la notion de fossé numérique en fonction des différentes cultures. De plus, n'oublions pas que les taux d'équipements progressent constamment de façon phénoménale. Aujourd'hui, on ne parle plus de fossé télévision et d'ici 3 ans, il y aura deux à trois fois plus d'accès Internet par téléphone que de PC. Donc, si la problématique existe aujourd'hui, elle aura disparu en 2004.

Toutefois, nous travaillons aussi à résoudre ce problème dès à présent. c'est pour cela que nous lançons le "Youth e-vote", en octobre prochain, aux États-Unis, dont l'objectif est de faire voter

55 millions d'écoliers. Il ne s'agit pas simplement de faire un cours d'information civique, mais également de réduire le fossé technologique entre les écoles, en sponsorisant l'équipement des écoles les plus défavorisées. Et nous espérons pouvoir développer ce type de projet en Europe.

L'autre question qui inquiète beaucoup est celle de la sécurité. Les votes sont ils sécurisés, les résultats sûrs...?

Pour les primaires en Arizona, nous avons essuyé 200 tentatives de piratage. Toutes ont échoué.

De plus tous les calculs de votes sont faits par des processus de chiffrement inviolable. C'est un système basé sur des code pin à 10 caractères et une clé de chiffrement de 128 bits. Aujourd'hui, il n'existe pas d'ordinateur capable de casser ces clés. Le système de sécurité est complètement sûr et les résultats sont directement centralisés sur un serveur central.

Autre problème qui se pose en France par rapport à cette expérience de l'Arizona : l'organisation d'élections publiques, non par l'Etat, mais par une société privée.

Là encore, il y a une grande différence de culture entre les pays anglo-saxons, où la notion d'outsourcing est parfaitement intégrée et la France. Aux États-Unis et en Grande-Bretagne, les élections, notamment syndicales, sont beaucoup plus nombreuses et obligatoires. Dans un pays aussi vaste que les États-Unis par exemple, la méthode de vote par le papier et gérée par des bénévoles est inconcevable. Les risques d'erreur sont beaucoup trop grands. Le comptage automatique des bulletins de vote est monnaie courante depuis longtemps là bas et si les élections se professionnalisent, c'est également que les États voient l'intérêt de travailler avec des sociétés qui n'ont pas de parti pris dans les élections.

Dans les pays plus latins, nous espérons voir l'out sourcing se développer avec une plus grande consultation des électeurs. Et pour ce qui est de l'Europe, il devient urgent pour la démocratie de réagir à la crise de représentativité qu'engendre la baisse catastrophique de la participation,

De plus, il existe dans chaque pays des besoins de plus en plus nombreux de consultation des citoyens : référendums, votations.

Justement, nous sommes, en France, en plein débat sur le quinquennat. L'un des problèmes soulevé concerne le coût de l'organisation du référendum. Combien coûterait une telle consultation si elle était faite en ligne.

En moyenne un élection nationale coûte 1 milliard de francs pour 40 millions d'électeurs. Si l'on enlève de ce montant les sommes allouées pour les campagnes électorales, cela représente un coût de 600 à 800 millions de francs. Soit un coût par électeur de 20 francs. Un vote par l'Internet coûte 5 francs par électeur.

Si on adoptait le vote en ligne, outre la réduction des risques de fraude électorale et la baisse de l'abstention cela ferait également baisser les coûts et accroître la démocratie puisqu'il serait plus simple de multiplier les consultations. Libre à nous de moderniser notre système...

Mais l'Internet permet aussi d'améliorer la qualité des choix : nous souhaitons que les citoyens qui viennent voter soient également mieux informés. Et pour cela, Internet est un outil formidable. En Arizona, les électeurs ont pu trouver sur Internet un choix d'informations sans égal, faire leur propre revue de presse. Ils peuvent surfer pendant deux heures s'ils le souhaitent avant de voter. Il est beaucoup moins facile de se faire une opinion dans un isolement, avec à sa disposition uniquement les déclarations d'intentions des différents candidats.

L'isolement. Encore un obstacle au vote en ligne. Car comment

s'assurer que la personne qui vote en ligne de chez elle n'est pas influencée par un tiers ?

Une fois encore, ce débat ne revient qu'en France. La question de l'isoloir ne se pose pas en Scandinavie, en Grande-Bretagne, en Belgique, en Suisse...

Et pour une raison très simple : ces pays ont déjà mis en place le vote par correspondance. Et on s'est rendu compte que le libre arbitre était souvent plus grand grâce au vote par correspondance qu'au vote dans l'isoloir. En Suisse, il y avait un parti très militant qui avait des résultats aux élections parce qu'ils allaient, entre autres, chercher les personnes âgées pour les faire voter et de préférence pour eux. Depuis la mise en place du vote par correspondance, ce parti a presque disparu. Et aujourd'hui, en Suisse, seuls 5% des électeurs se rendent dans les bureaux de vote.

Il ne faut pas être hypocrite sur le pouvoir symbolique de l'isoloir. Ce n'est pas parce qu'on s'enferme deux minutes dans un isoloir qu'on a son libre-arbitre. On l'a peut être plus quand on est tranquille chez soi et que l'on prend le temps de s'informer avant de choisir. Et Internet ou pas, il y aura toujours des gens sous influence.

Aux Etats-Unis, les électeurs peuvent désormais s'inscrire sur les listes électorales via l'Internet ?

C'est aux États-Unis un phénomène important : 30 % des électeurs ne sont pas enregistrés et donc ne votent pas. Ce qui sur la population d'un pays comme celui-là représente un nombre très important de personnes. Aux dernières élections présidentielles, seul un électeur sur 4 avait réellement élu le président. Les autres n'étaient tout simplement pas inscrits ! Faciliter la possibilité de s'inscrire sur les listes électorales grâce à l'Internet était donc très important.

En Europe, le grand challenge est, grâce à l'internet, de parvenir à intéresser les électeurs aux élections européennes et des les amener à voter. (270 millions d'électeurs en 1999 - ndlr)

Or aujourd'hui, il n'existe pas de système capable d'organiser une élection touchant plusieurs centaines de millions d'électeurs...D'où l'intérêt du vote en ligne, qui permet non seulement de faire voter plus de gens mais aussi de limiter les fraudes.

Enfin, projetons nous dans l'avenir. Comment vous voyez-vous voter dans cinq ans ?

Le scénario idéal ? Je recevrai, sur mon portable, un message qui me rappelle que nous sommes dimanche et qu'il faut voter. En surfant, j'ai accès non seulement à la liste des candidats mais également à leurs sites. Ce qui me permet de me faire mon opinion, tranquillement. Je peux même me rendre dans un cybercafé et voter sur place, en utilisant ma signature électronique. Évidemment, je pourrai voter directement depuis mon téléphone portable.

Je recevrai ensuite un récépissé m'indiquant que mon vote a bien été pris en compte et me remerciant.

Et cette nouvelle approche du vote aura permis de faire passer la participation à un taux de 70 ou 80%.

Interview de Maurice Ronai : "Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel à conserver."

Chercheur à l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, animateur de Temps Réels, la section virtuelle du parti socialiste, Maurice Ronai fait partie des premiers chercheurs à s'être penché sur les questions de la démocratie liée aux nouvelles technologies. Il en tire un constat essentiel : tout ce qui avait été imaginé en la matière a été supplanté par le vote et l'élection en ligne. Il faut

pourtant, selon lui, rester vigilant face à cette tendance. L'acte de se rendre au bureau de vote doit continuer de faire partie intégrante de l'acte politique.

Comment percevez vous le débat sur le vote en ligne ?

Cela fait 30 ans, depuis que l'informatique et les télécoms se développent, qu'on annonce l'émergence d'une démocratie électronique. Pour tous ceux qui l'ont décrite, rêvée, annoncée, la cyber-démocratie ou la démocratie électronique était principalement un renouvellement des manières de débattre et de prendre des décisions. C'était l'émergence d'une démocratie un peu plus directe où tout le monde participait à la décision. Les auteurs imaginaient qu'il s'agirait d'un système permettant de fonder une autre démocratie, mais ils n'imaginaient pas qu'il servirait à élire des gens. Ce qui est frappant dans le cas des élections en Arizona. Finalement le chemin par lequel la démocratie électronique passe c'est d'abord par les élections. Pas de grands débats publics où tout le monde participe, où les citoyens ont accès à l'information, sont plus documentés, prennent des décisions fondées sur une connaissance ou une délibération collective.

Et comme il y a, notamment aux États-Unis, un taux d'abstention incroyable, l'élection en ligne acquiert d'emblée une espèce d'évidence car elle fait chuter ce taux d'abstention, elle augmente, ou donne l'impression qu'elle augmente, la participation à la vie politique. De ce point de vue, je pense que le vote en ligne peut se mettre en place parce qu'on a tous envie d'augmenter le taux de participation et d'avoir des élus plus légitimes, élus par un plus grand nombre de gens.

Je ne suis pas pour ou contre. Ce que j'essaie de saisir c'est la manière dont cela se développe. Et cela se développe d'abord à travers l'élection en ligne. Bizarrement on pensait que cette pratique allait affaiblir la démocratie représentative et finalement elle la renforce dans un premier temps. Pour ensuite, je pense, la miner de l'intérieur. Les technologies de l'information ne sont pas porteuses par elles-mêmes d'une logique particulière. On les utilise pour faire ce qu'on faisait avant, et non pas à organiser de grands débats publics.

Et vous le regrettez ?

Je ne regrette pas, j'observe. Mais cette tendance est d'autant plus évidente que les élections coûtent très cher et que là nous bénéficions d'une technologie prodigieuse pour faire chuter ces coûts et, à l'extrême, faire chuter le taux d'abstention. Alors évidemment avec la commodité, le confort, la facilité de voter qu'elles impliquent, les élections en ligne exercent une attraction incroyable. Il sera très difficile d'y résister. En tout cas pour les élections politiques.

Mais ces élections en ligne sont-elles un plus ?

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Tout l'environnement administratif de l'acte électoral doit être complètement simplifié pour remettre dans le circuit un certain nombre de gens qui en sont tenus à l'écart par les lourdeurs des procédures. Je pense qu'on peut d'abord considérablement rénover, moderniser, simplifier le processus électoral classique et qu'il y a beaucoup à faire du côté des téléprocédures pour faciliter l'inscription sur les listes. Au reste, cela fait des années qu'on parle de l'inscription automatique des jeunes sur les listes. Là aussi l'informatique peut servir, en interconnectant les fichiers pour avoir des listes électorales parfaitement à jour, où les jeunes sont inscrits automatiquement, où les changements d'adresses sont automatiques... D'autre part, le vote électronique dans les bureaux de vote peut faire chuter considérablement le coût d'une élection grâce aux machines à voter en réseau, permettant d'avoir des résultats rapides et d'organiser des élections simultanées. A partir du moment où on modernise le bureau de vote, l'urne, le système classique, je pense qu'il y a beaucoup de progrès à faire.

Mais le vote à domicile n'est, selon vous, pas souhaitable ?

Là, on change de système. J'ai tendance à distinguer le cas des élections politiques des autres types d'élections. J'admets qu'un certain nombre d'élections, pour les associations, les assemblées générales d'actionnaires, où les taux de participation sont extrêmement faibles, peuvent trouver là un moyen d'élargir l'électorat en facilitant la participation par l'élection à distance, l'élection à domicile.

Pour les élections politiques c'est réducteur. Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel. La participation à la vie politique suppose un minimum d'efforts, dont celui de se déplacer. D'autant qu'il existe une objection de taille : comment fait-on pour protéger le secret, le vote individuel, ce que garantit, organise l'isoloir ?

Un rituel, dont un grand nombre d'électeurs s'est éloigné. Comment les faire revenir ?

La question c'est de savoir pourquoi ils s'en sont éloignés. Cela veut dire que la vie politique a perdu une partie de l'attraction, de l'intérêt qu'elle exerçait jusqu'alors. Alors à ce problème-là, qui est fondamental, est-ce que la réponse peut être technique ?...

Un rapide tour d'horizon des sites de partis permet de voir que rien n'est fait pour susciter le débat. Mais si on imagine que dans cinq ou dix ans, tout le monde, usagers et politiques, aura intégré l'outils Internet, et que, le jour du vote, chaque citoyen fait sa revue de presse en ligne, le tour des partis, des débats avant de voter à domicile, l'idée peut sembler séduisante ?

C'est un vaste débat et je pense qu'il faudra résister à cette séduction. Parce qu'il s'agit d'un vote impulsif. Le vieux système qui consiste à se déplacer pour aller voter organise une certaine lenteur. Lors de la campagne électorale, les gens débattent et le jour du vote ils se déplacent pour y aller. Ce qui crée les conditions d'un minimum de réflexion. Le vote électronique, on le pressent, est un vote rapide. D'autre part, ces pratiques où les citoyens, avant de se prononcer, se documentent, s'informent, vont se développer indépendamment du vote électronique à domicile. Les démarches personnelles d'information, de documentation se font sur le net. Il est vrai que tous les partis ont pris un retard

considérable mais ils vont le résorber, sinon ils disparaîtront. Le risque pour les partis politiques est d'être dilués sur l'Internet politique. Aujourd'hui l'acteur privilégié du débat politique, c'est la télévision. Or, si une partie du débat politique se déplace vers Internet, le propre de l'Internet est justement que ce n'est pas organisé. Chacun se débrouille et peut capter l'attention. Aujourd'hui, le site d'ATTAC a plus d'audience que les sites de l'ensemble des partis politiques. C'est une situation à laquelle les partis vont réagir en développant des vrais sites politiques car l'Internet les banalise, les met sur le même plan que tout le monde. Un individu à la limite peut avoir plus d'audience qu'un parti politique. Les partis vont finir par le comprendre.

C'est une des mutations majeure de la cyber démocratie des prochaines années ?

Oui, de ce côté-là c'est une évolution à la fois fatale et heureuse. Les partis perdent le monopole de l'organisation des débats et de l'expression des idées. Pour le coup on aura une démocratie beaucoup plus ouverte. Le citoyen pourra se prononcer pour des petits partis, avec des idées intéressantes, nouvelles. Cela va dans le sens d'un renouvellement plus que d'un cloisonnement. Ce qui va bouger c'est tout l'environnement de la décision politique collective. Aujourd'hui le débat politique a lieu à la télévision, qui d'une certaine manière règle le débat, avec l'effet pervers qu'elle présélectionne un certain nombre d'intervenants. Nous allons passer dans un système où le vote est impulsif et où, en plus, toutes les forces ont pratiquement un égal accès à l'expression des idées et des programmes. Il faudra réguler différemment le système, et l'organiser différemment. Il y a d'autres moyens de réduire le taux d'abstention. Maintenant que la question est posée, il va falloir inventer et résoudre tout ce qui complique l'acte électoral.

Et plus :

Temps Réels, section virtuelle du parti socialiste a rédigé contribution au Congrès de Grenoble du PS. L'un des paragraphes appelle à résister à l'attraction du vote en ligne. A lire sur le site de Temps Réels :

<http://www.temps-reels.org/congres.htm>

Le projet européen E-poll

France Télécom R&D travaille également à la conception d'un système de vote électronique. Inscrit dans le cadre du projet européen E-poll, ce projet européen réunit la région Aquitaine, Siemens Informatique (le pilote du projet), le ministère de l'Intérieur italien, Ancitel (filiale informatique de l'association des maires italiens), la société informatique Sopra et Municipium, ainsi que l'organisme Polonais chargé de développer Internet pour les collectivités locales polonaises. Des bureaux de vote nouvelle génération qui seront expérimentés dès 2002 auprès de 8000 usagers grâce à des bornes installées dans hôpitaux et hospices d'Arcachon et de Mérignac.

Selon France Télécom, d'ici 2005, près de 350 millions d'électeurs pourraient ainsi disposer d'un système de vote électronique opérationnel, fiable et entièrement sécurisé. Il devrait découler de ce système la création de galeries virtuelles pour présenter les candidats et leurs programmes électoraux. Il comportera des urnes électroniques, un serveur dédié chargé du comptage et un réseau sécurisé pour la transmission. "L'urne électronique, après insertion d'une carte à puces équipée d'un lecteur d'empreintes digitales, permettra à chacun de s'authentifier puis de s'informer sur les programmes de campagne et suivre sur un écran tactile les consignes liées au déroulement du vote. Transmis à un serveur

dédié, le vote de l'électeur sera comptabilisé et dépouillé en toute sécurité par traitement informatique. L'ensemble des votes sera alors intégré aux résultats officiels de la consultation. L'architecture du système sera transposable par la suite dans toutes les mairies intéressées et adaptables à toutes contraintes de réseau, fixe à haut débit (ADSL) ou mobile à moyen débit (UMTS). L'ergonomie de l'urne et la conception globale tiendront compte des différentes législations en vigueur en Europe et de l'avis des pouvoirs publics", explique France Télécom R&D.

Toutefois, ce projet suscite quelques interrogations, y compris au sein des équipes qui travaillent sur cette technologie. Dans un article consacré au sujet dans le quotidien Libération, François Vernay, de France Télécom R&D souligne également le caractère sacré de l'isoloir qu'il ne faut pas négliger.
<http://www.liberation.com/multi/actu/20000612/20000615jeuzg.html>

Guerre des chiffres : 73 % des français favorables au vote en ligne selon Opinion Way, 40 % selon Gfk

L'institut de sondage en ligne, Opinion Way a réalisé une enquête auprès d'un échantillon de 455 personnes sur le vote en ligne. Il en ressort que 37 % des français sont très favorables et 36 % plutôt favorables à l'organisation d'élections via l'Internet. 90 % estiment qu'il s'agit d'un bon moyen pour les citoyens de s'exprimer davantage et 62 % que cela permettrait d'accroître la participation.
<http://www.opinion-way.com/accueil.htm>

Parallèlement, Intel a commandé une étude sur le même sujet à l'institut Gfk. Cette fois, le pourcentage de français favorables au vote via l'Internet passe à 40 %, avec une tendance plus favorable chez les 15-24 ans, avec 58 % des "suffrages"
http://www.transfert.net/fr/cyber_societe/article.cfm?idx_rub=87&idx_art=1332

Dérive du vote en ligne : les voix aux enchères

Aux États-Unis, le site de vente aux enchères eBay proposait un article hors du commun. Un électeur avait décidé de mettre sur le marché son bulletin de vote. Le site l'a vite retiré de la vente, mais l'article avait déjà atteint les 10 000 \$! Initiative parallèle pour voteauction, site créé spécialement pour les élections présidentielles US, avec un argument de choc : les candidats se vendent aux lobbies, pourquoi les électeurs n'en profiteraient-ils pas eux aussi en vendant leurs voix. L'argument, en version originale de voteauction est éloquent : "Voteauction.com is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. We provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free-market exchange."

A lire dans Cnet :

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/08/16/internet.vote/index.html>

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Vote on line

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Since the first official election on Internet, organized by the democratic party of Arizona for the primary educations with presidential in March 2000, the electronic vote acquires a new credibility, which is not without raising some interrogations. One can reasonably think that this system will be spread in our democracies, but with which consequences?

The experiments are focused much on the election of the national and local representation. From this point of view the vote has a positive effect since it contributes to make fall the rate of the abstentions in a very significant way. The democratic primary educations knew a progression of more than 600% of the participation. Moreover the economies and the simplification of the procedures are also spectacular. But it will be objected, in our old democracies, that the vote is a gesture whose load symbolic system "requires a minimum of efforts".

To reduce this act essential with the transmission of a simple virtual signal is certainly perturbing but all the same not inconceivable.

All the voters practising the vote by correspondence will be satisfied to find a solution of substitution on Internet. As for the others, they will have the choice between the electronic polling station and the vote in residence in protected access. But it is true that the advantage, in France, of the electronic vote will remain limited because of the high rates of participation which knows our country for its great appointments and of the relatively marginal cost of a national election being given its frequency.

The electronic vote could also support the development of the direct consultation of the citizens, in particular within the framework of the referendums of popular initiative at the local level. The effect of these referendums will not be without consequences on the mode of management of the institutions. Until now in a traditional system of consultation, such referendums rare, were generally organized within the framework of significant decisions to take on the level of a territory: increase in the taxes, installation of the remote monitoring, a factory of incineration, choice enters the subway or the tram a city... A generalized and made safe Internet will simplify the organization of such consultations and will support their multiplication. The risks of abuse likely to block the capacities of management of the elected officials are to be feared. Even if that made a little fear, one must expect, via Internet, with a greater reactivity on behalf of the citizens and perhaps also to the appearance of "wild referendums" to exert a maximum of pressures on certain decisions.

Let us recall that 80 % of the citizens Net surfers would be ready to send a message of protest by e-mail to a public personality and 85% to sign a petition (cf opinion-way). In such a context it will be necessary to imagine new forms of "gouvernance" integrating these forms of direct consultations. They will have at the same time to be credible (to defuse the wild initiatives) without obliging the elected officials to rely on the popular vote for any decision, which would be the negation of our democratic system. The file of this week outlines these discussions in depth while bringing a

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"the 200 attempts at hacking of the elections in Arizona failed all."

The primary educations in the United States, in the State of Arizona were the occasion of a great first as regards election. The democratic party had indeed decided to try the experiment of the vote on line. The democratic voters could thus vote on their premises to choose their candidate. The experiment was a success and the rates of abstention literally melted. According to election.com, the organizing company of the event, the number of voters was multiplied by seven compared to the last elections in this State. This company has been just established in Europe. However, its activity is not limited to the political elections, but to all the types of elections (associations, trade unions, boards of directors), on line or not.

The occasion to return, with Governed Jamin, vice-president Europe, the Middle East and Africa of election.com , on this experiment but especially to see how it could be applicable in Europe. With a challenge of size since Europe concerned, with the last European elections of 1999, 270 million voters!

The French site of election.com: <http://www.election.com/fr/index.htm>

These elections in Arizona, raise the question of the numerical ditch immediately. The people being able to vote on line voted more than if they had not profited from this technology. However, quid of those which do not have a computer? Is not there a danger to create a rich vote and a poor vote?

For Arizona, a judgement gave us reason and we could install terminals Internet in all the polling stations. But also opened us in the public places where there was Internet. Finally we doubled the number of polling stations, which passed from 60 to 120, to give to all the possibility of voting in line, which it is from on their premises or not.

In addition, the question of the numerical ditch arises differently in the United States and in Europe. At US the ditch is located between more and less easy. In France it is rather between young people and vieux&II is thus significant to relativize the concept of numerical ditch according to the various cultures. Moreover, let us not forget that the rates of equipment progress constantly in a phenomenal way. Today, one does not speak any more a ditch television and within 3 years, there will be two to three times more access Internet by telephone than from PC Thus, if the problems exist today, it will have disappeared in 2004.

However, we also work to solve this problem as of at present it is for that that we launch the "Youth E-vote", next October, in the United States, whose objective is to make vote 55 million schoolboys. Simply it is not a question to make a civic course of information, but also to reduce the technological gap between the schools, by sponsorising the equipment of the most underprivileged schools. And we hope to be able to develop this type of project in Europe.

The other question which worries much is that of safety. The votes are they protected, the sure results...?

For the primary educations in Arizona, we wiped 200 attempts at hacking. All failed.

Moreover all calculations of votes are made by processes of coding inviolable. It is a system based on code pine with 10 characters and a key of coding of 128 bits. Today, there is not computer able to break these keys. The system of safety is completely sure and the results are directly centralized on a central waiter.

Another difficulty which arises in France compared to this experiment of Arizona: the organization of public elections, not by the State, but by a private company.

There still, there is a great difference in culture between the Anglo-Saxon countries, where the concept of outsourcing is integrated perfectly and France. In the United States and in Great Britain, the elections, in particular trade-union, are much more and obligatory. In a country as vast as the United States for example, the method of vote by paper and managed by the voluntary ones is inconceivable. The risks of error are much too great. The automatic counting of the ballot papers is current currency for a long time there low and if the elections are professionnalisent, it is also that the States see the interest to work with companies which do not have a party taken in the elections.

In the Latin countries, we hope to see the out sourcing developing with a greater consultation of the voters. And as regards Europe, it becomes urgent for the democracy to react to the crisis of representativeness which the catastrophic fall of the participation generates, Moreover, there exists in each country of the increasingly many needs for consultation of the citizens: referendums, voting.

Precisely, we are, in France, in full debate over the five-year period. One of the problems raised relates to the cost of the organization of the referendum. How much would cost such a consultation if it were made on line.

On average a national election costs 1 billion francs for 40 million voters. If one removes from this amount the sums allocated for the election campaigns, that represents a cost from 600 to 800 million francs. That is to say a cost by voter of 20 francs. A vote by the Internet costs 5 francs per voter. If one adopted the vote on line, in addition to the reduction of the risks of electoral fraud and the fall of the abstention that would also make lower the costs and increase the democracy since it would be simpler to multiply the consultations. Free with us to modernize our système& But the Internet also makes it possible to improve quality of the choices: we wish that the citizens who come to vote be also better informed. And for this reason, Internet is a formidable tool. In Arizona, the voters could find on Internet a choice of information without equal, to make their own press review. They can surfer during two hours if they wish it before voting. It is much less easy to form an

opinion in an insulator, with at its disposal only the declarations of intents of the various candidates.

L'isoloir. Encore un obstacle au vote en ligne. Car comment s'assurer que la personne qui vote en ligne de chez elle n'est pas influencée par un tiers ?

Une fois encore, ce débat ne revient qu'en France. La question de l'isoloir ne se pose pas en Scandinavie, en Grande-Bretagne, en Belgique, en Suisse...
Et pour une raison très simple : ces pays ont déjà mis en place le vote par correspondance. Et on s'est rendu compte que le libre arbitre était souvent plus grand grâce au vote par correspondance qu'au vote dans l'isoloir. En Suisse, il y avait un parti très militant qui avait des résultats aux élections parce qu'ils allaient, entre autres, chercher les personnes âgées pour les faire voter et de préférence pour eux. Depuis la mise en place du vote par correspondance, ce parti a presque disparu. Et aujourd'hui, en Suisse, seuls 5% des électeurs se rendent dans les bureaux de vote.
Il ne faut pas être hypocrite sur le pouvoir symbolique de l'isoloir. Ce n'est pas parce qu'on s'enferme deux minutes dans un isoloir qu'on a son libre-arbitre. On l'a peut être plus quand on est tranquille chez soi et que l'on prend le temps de s'informer avant de choisir. Et Internet ou pas, il y aura toujours des gens sous influence.

Aux Etats-Unis, les électeurs peuvent désormais s'inscrire sur les listes électorales via l'Internet ?

C'est aux États-Unis un phénomène important : 30 % des électeurs ne sont pas enregistrés et donc ne votent pas. Ce qui sur la population d'un pays comme celui-là représente un nombre très important de personnes. Aux dernières élections présidentielles, seul un électeur sur 4 avait réellement élu le président. Les autres n'étaient tout simplement pas inscrits ! Faciliter la possibilité de s'inscrire sur les listes électorales grâce à l'Internet était donc très important.

En Europe, le grand challenge est, grâce à l'internet, de parvenir à intéresser les électeurs aux élections européennes et des les amener à voter. (270 millions d'électeurs en 1999 - ndlr)

Or aujourd'hui, il n'existe pas de système capable d'organiser une élection touchant plusieurs centaines de millions d'électeurs...D'où l'intérêt du vote en ligne, qui permet non seulement de faire voter plus de gens mais aussi de limiter les fraudes.

Enfin, projetons nous dans l'avenir. Comment vous voyez-vous voter dans cinq ans ?

Le scénario idéal ? Je recevrai, sur mon portable, un message qui me rappelle que nous sommes dimanche et qu'il faut voter. En surfant, j'ai accès non seulement à la liste des candidats mais également à leurs sites. Ce qui me permet de me faire mon opinion, tranquillement. Je peux même me rendre dans un cybercafé et voter sur place, en utilisant ma signature électronique. Évidemment, je pourrai voter directement depuis mon téléphone portable.
Je recevrai ensuite un récépissé m'indiquant que mon vote a bien été pris en compte et me remerciant.
Et cette nouvelle approche du vote aura permis de faire passer la participation à un taux de 70 ou 80%.

Interview de Maurice Ronai : "Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel à conserver."

Chercheur à l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, animateur de Temps Réels, la section virtuelle du parti socialiste, Maurice Ronai fait partie des premiers chercheurs à s'être penché sur les questions de la démocratie liée aux nouvelles technologies. Il en tire un constat essentiel : tout ce qui avait été imaginé en la matière a été supplanté par le vote et l'élection en ligne. Il faut pourtant, selon lui, rester vigilant face à cette tendance. L'acte de se rendre au bureau de vote doit continuer de faire partie intégrante de l'acte politique.

Comment percevez vous le débat sur le vote en ligne ?

Cela fait 30 ans, depuis que l'informatique et les télécoms se développent, qu'on annonce l'émergence d'une démocratie électronique. Pour tous ceux qui l'ont décrite, rêvée, annoncée, la cyber-démocratie ou la démocratie électronique était principalement un renouvellement des manières de débattre et de prendre des décisions. C'était l'émergence d'une démocratie un peu plus directe où tout le monde participait à la décision. Les auteurs imaginaient qu'il s'agirait d'un système permettant de fonder une autre démocratie, mais ils n'imaginaient pas qu'il servirait à élire des gens. Ce qui est frappant dans le cas des élections en Arizona. Finalement le chemin par lequel la démocratie électronique passe c'est d'abord par les élections. Pas de grands débats publics où tout le monde participe, où les citoyens ont accès à l'information, sont plus documentés, prennent des décisions fondées sur une connaissance ou une délibération collective.

Et comme il y a, notamment aux États-Unis, un taux d'abstention incroyable, l'élection en ligne acquiert d'emblée une espèce d'évidence car elle fait chuter ce taux d'abstention, elle augmente, ou donne l'impression qu'elle augmente, la participation à la vie politique. De ce point de vue, je pense que le vote en ligne peut se mettre en place parce qu'on a tous envie d'augmenter le taux de participation et d'avoir des élus plus légitimes, élus par un plus grand nombre de gens.

Je ne suis pas pour ou contre. Ce que j'essaye de saisir c'est la manière dont cela se développe. Et cela se développe d'abord à travers l'élection en ligne. Bizarrement on pensait que cette pratique allait affaiblir la démocratie représentative et finalement elle la renforce dans un premier temps. Pour ensuite, je pense, la miner de l'intérieur. Les technologies de l'information ne sont pas porteuses par elles-mêmes d'une logique particulière. On les utilise pour faire ce qu'on faisait avant, et non pas à organiser de grands débats publics.

Et vous le regrettez ?

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signification que de se rendre dans un bureau de vote. Je reviens au débat américain : lors des élections dans l'Arizona, il a essentiellement porté sur des objections de type " Est-on sûr, techniquement, de garantir totalement la confidentialité, le secret" ou la question de l'inégalité (fossé digital-ndlr). Selon moi il s'agit de deux objections assez faibles car on peut garantir la sécurité et qu'à terme, tout le monde, ou quasiment, aura accès à ces moyens. L'objection ne porte pas sur le fait que, provisoirement, une partie de la population en est exclue. L'objection est plus radicale porte sur le sens du geste électoral, limité à un simple clic. Ce qui aligne la participation politique sur le comportement du consommateur devant un catalogue du commerce électronique. L'acte électoral entouré d'un certain rituel disparaît.

Mais n'avait-il pas, de fait, déjà disparu dans l'esprit des gens, au vu des importants taux d'abstention ?

Tout l'environnement administratif de l'acte électoral doit être complètement simplifié pour remettre dans le circuit un certain nombre de gens qui en sont tenus à l'écart par les lourdeurs des procédures. Je pense qu'on peut d'abord considérablement rénover, moderniser, simplifier le processus électoral classique et qu'il y a beaucoup à faire du côté des téléprocédures pour faciliter l'inscription sur les listes. Au reste, cela fait des années qu'on parle de l'inscription automatique des jeunes sur les listes. Là aussi l'informatique peut servir, en interconnectant les fichiers pour avoir des listes électorales parfaitement à jour, où les jeunes sont inscrits automatiquement, où les changements d'adresses sont automatiques... D'autre part, le vote électronique dans les bureaux de vote peut faire chuter considérablement le coût d'une élection grâce aux machines à voter en réseau, permettant d'avoir des résultats rapides et d'organiser des élections simultanées. A partir du moment où on modernise le bureau de vote, l'urne, le système classique, je pense qu'il y a beaucoup de progrès à faire.

Mais le vote à domicile n'est, selon vous, pas souhaitable ?

Là, on change de système. J'ai tendance à distinguer le cas des élections politiques des autres types d'élections. J'admets qu'un certain nombre d'élections, pour les associations, les assemblées générales d'actionnaires, où les taux de participation sont extrêmement faibles, peuvent trouver là un moyen d'élargir l'électorat en facilitant la participation par l'élection à distance, l'élection à domicile. Pour les élections politiques c'est réducteur. Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel. La participation à la vie politique suppose un minimum d'efforts, dont celui de se déplacer. D'autant qu'il existe une objection de taille : comment fait-on pour protéger le secret, le vote individuel, ce que garantit, organise l'isoloir ?

Un rituel, dont un grand nombre d'électeurs s'est éloigné. Comment les faire revenir ?

La question c'est de savoir pourquoi ils s'en sont éloignés. Cela veut dire que la vie politique a perdu une partie de l'attraction, de l'intérêt qu'elle exerçait jusqu'alors. Alors à ce problème-là, qui est fondamental, est-ce que la réponse peut être technique ?...

Un rapide tour d'horizon des sites de partis permet de voir

que rien n'est fait pour susciter le débat. Mais si on imagine que dans cinq ou dix ans, tout le monde, usagers et politiques, aura intégré l'outils Internet, et que, le jour du vote, chaque citoyen fait sa revue de presse en ligne, le tour des partis, des débats avant de voter à domicile, l'idée peut sembler séduisante ?

C'est un vaste débat et je pense qu'il faudra résister à cette séduction. Parce qu'il s'agit d'un vote impulsif. Le vieux système qui consiste à se déplacer pour aller voter organise une certaine lenteur. Lors de la campagne électorale, les gens débattent et le jour du vote ils se déplacent pour y aller. Ce qui crée les conditions d'un minimum de réflexion. Le vote électronique, on le pressent, est un vote rapide. D'autre part, ces pratiques où les citoyens, avant de se prononcer, se documentent, s'informent, vont se développer indépendamment du vote électronique à domicile. Les démarches personnelles d'information, de documentation se font sur le net. Il est vrai que tous les partis ont pris un retard considérable mais ils vont le résorber, sinon ils disparaîtront. Le risque pour les partis politique est d'être dilués sur l'Internet politique. Aujourd'hui l'acteur privilégié du débat politique, c'est la télévision. Or, si une partie du débat politique se déplace vers Internet, le propre de l'Internet est justement que ce n'est pas organisé. Chacun se débrouille et peut capter l'attention. Aujourd'hui, le site d'ATTAC a plus d'audience que les sites de l'ensemble des partis politiques. C'est une situation à laquelle les partis vont réagir en développant des vrais sites politiques car l'Internet les banalise, les met sur le même plan que tout le monde. Un individu à la limite peut avoir plus d'audience qu'un parti politique. Les partis vont finir par le comprendre.

C'est une des mutations majeure de la cyber démocratie des prochaines années ?

Oui, de ce coté-là c'est une évolution à la fois fatale et heureuse. Les partis perdent le monopole de l'organisation des débats et de l'expression des idées. Pour le coup on aura une démocratie beaucoup plus ouverte. Le citoyen pourra se prononcer pour des petits partis, avec des idées intéressantes, nouvelles. Cela va dans le sens d'un renouvellement plus que d'un cloisonnement. Ce qui va bouger c'est tout l'environnement de la décision politique collective. Aujourd'hui le débat politique a lieu à la télévision, qui d'une certaine manière règle le débat, avec l'effet pervers qu'elle présélectionne un certain nombre d'intervenants. Nous allons passer dans un système où le vote est impulsif et où, en plus, toutes les forces ont pratiquement un égal accès à l'expression des idées et des programmes. Il faudra réguler différemment le système, et l'organiser différemment. Il y a d'autres moyens de réduire le taux d'abstention. Maintenant que la question est posée, il va falloir inventer et résoudre tout ce qui complique l'acte électoral.

Et plus :

Temps Réels, section virtuelle du parti socialiste a rédigé contribution au Congrès de Grenoble du PS. L'un des paragraphes appelle à résister à l'attraction du vote en ligne. A lire sur le site de Temps Réels :
<http://www.temps-reels.org/congres.htm>

Le projet européen E-poll
France Télécom R&D travaille également à la conception

d'un système de vote électronique. Inscrit dans le cadre du projet européen E-poll, ce projet européen réunit la région Aquitaine, Siemens Informatique (le pilote du projet), le ministère de l'Intérieur italien, Ancitel (filiale informatique de l'association des maires italiens), la société informatique Sopra et Municipium, ainsi que l'organisme Polonais chargé de développer Internet pour les collectivités locales polonaises. Des bureaux de vote nouvelle génération qui seront expérimentés dès 2002 auprès de 8000 usagers grâce à des bornes installées dans hôpitaux et hospices d'Arcachon et de Mérignac.

Selon France Télécom, d'ici 2005, près de 350 millions d'électeurs pourraient ainsi disposer d'un système de vote électronique opérationnel, fiable et entièrement sécurisé. Il devrait découler de ce système la création de galeries virtuelles pour présenter les candidats et leurs programmes électoraux. Il comportera des urnes électroniques, un serveur dédié chargé du comptage et un réseau sécurisé pour la transmission. "L'urne électronique, après insertion d'une carte à puces équipée d'un lecteur d'empreintes digitales, permettra à chacun de s'authentifier puis de s'informer sur les programmes de campagne et suivre sur un écran tactile les consignes liées au déroulement du vote. Transmis à un serveur dédié, le vote de l'électeur sera comptabilisé et dépouillé en toute sécurité par traitement informatique. L'ensemble des votes sera alors intégré aux résultats officiels de la consultation. L'architecture du système sera transposable par la suite dans toutes les mairies intéressées et adaptables à toutes contraintes de réseau, fixe à haut débit (ADSL) ou mobile à moyen débit (UMTS). L'ergonomie de l'urne et la conception globale tiendront compte des différentes législations en vigueur en Europe et de l'avis des pouvoirs publics", explique France Télécom R&D.

Toutefois, ce projet suscite quelques interrogations, y compris au sein des équipes qui travaillent sur cette technologie. Dans un article consacré au sujet dans le quotidien Libération, François Vernay, de France Télécom R&D souligne également le caractère sacré de l'isoloir qu'il ne faut pas négliger.

<http://www.liberation.com/multi/actu/20000612/20000615jeuzg.html>

Guerre des chiffres : 73 % des français favorables au vote en ligne selon Opinion Way, 40 % selon Gfk
L'institut de sondage en ligne, Opinion Way a réalisé une enquête auprès d'un échantillon de 455 personnes sur le vote en ligne. Il en ressort que 37 % des français sont très favorables et 36 % plutôt favorables à l'organisation d'élections via l'Internet. 90 % estiment qu'il s'agit d'un bon moyen pour les citoyens de s'exprimer davantage et 62 % que cela permettrait d'accroître la participation.
<http://www.opinion-way.com/accueil.htm>

Parallèlement, Intel a commandé une étude sur le même sujet à l'institut Gfk. Cette fois, le pourcentage de français favorables au vote via l'Internet passe à 40 %, avec une tendance plus favorable chez les 15-24 ans, avec 58 % des "suffrages"
http://www.transfert.net/fr/cyber_societe/article.cfm?idx_rub=87&idx_art=1332

Dérive du vote en ligne : les voix aux enchères
Aux États-Unis, le site de vente aux enchères eBay proposait un article hors du commun. Un électeur avait décidé de mettre sur le marché son bulletin de vote. Le site l'a vite retiré de la vente, mais l'article avait déjà atteint les 10 000 \$! Initiative parallèle pour voteauction, site créé spécialement pour les élections présidentielles US, avec un argument de choc : les candidats se vendent aux lobbies, pourquoi les électeurs n'en profiteraient-ils pas eux aussi en vendant leurs voix. L'argument, en version originale de voteauction est éloquent : "Voteauction.com is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. We provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free-market exchange."

A lire dans Cnet :

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/08/16/internet.vote/index.html>

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Vote en ligne

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Depuis la première élection officielle sur Internet, organisée par le parti démocrate d'Arizona pour les primaires aux présidentielles en mars 2000, le vote électronique acquiert une crédibilité nouvelle, qui n'est pas sans soulever quelques interrogations.

On peut raisonnablement penser que ce système va se répandre dans nos démocraties, mais avec quelles conséquences ?

Les expérimentations se focalisent beaucoup sur l'élection de la représentation nationale et locale. De ce point de vue le vote a un effet positif puisqu'il contribue à faire chuter le taux des abstentions de façon très significative. Les primaires démocrates ont connu une progression de plus de 600% de la participation. En outre les économies et la simplification des procédures sont également spectaculaires. Mais on objectera, dans nos vieilles démocraties, que le vote est un geste dont la charge symbolique "nécessite un minimum d'efforts".

Réduire cet acte essentiel à l'envoi d'un simple signal virtuel est certes perturbant mais tout de même pas inconcevable.

Tous les électeurs pratiquant le vote par correspondance seront satisfaits de trouver une solution de substitution sur Internet. Quant aux autres, ils auront le choix entre le bureau de vote électronique et le vote à domicile en accès sécurisé. Mais il est vrai que l'avantage, en France, du vote électronique restera limité en raison des taux de participation élevés que connaît notre pays pour ses grands rendez-vous et du coût relativement marginal d'une élection nationale étant donné sa fréquence. Le vote électronique pourrait aussi favoriser le développement de la consultation directe des citoyens, notamment dans le cadre des référendums d'initiative populaire au niveau local. L'effet de ces référendums ne sera pas sans conséquences sur le mode de gestion des institutions.

Jusqu'à présent dans un système de consultation traditionnel, de tels référendums étaient rares, généralement organisés dans le cadre de décisions sensibles à prendre au niveau d'un territoire : augmentation des impôts, installation de la télésurveillance, d'une usine d'incinération, choix entre le métro ou le tramway dans une ville... Un internet généralisé et sécurisé simplifiera l'organisation de telles consultations et favorisera leur multiplication. Les risques d'abus de nature à bloquer les capacités de gestion des élus sont à redouter. Même si cela fait un peu peur, on doit s'attendre, via Internet, à une plus grande réactivité de la part des citoyens et peut-être aussi à l'apparition de "référendums sauvages" pour exercer un maximum de pressions sur certaines décisions.

Rappelons que 80 % des citoyens internautes seraient prêts à envoyer un message de protestation par e-mail à une personnalité publique et 85% à signer une pétition (cf opinion-way). Dans un tel contexte il sera nécessaire d'imaginer de nouvelles formes de "gouvernance" intégrant ces formes de consultations directes. Elles devront à la fois être crédibles (pour désamorcer les initiatives sauvages) sans obliger les élus à s'en remettre au suffrage populaire pour n'importe quelle décision, ce qui serait la négation de notre système démocratique. Le dossier de cette semaine esquisse ces débats de fond tout en apportant un éclairage concret sur les premières expérimentations et leurs effets secondaires....

Philippe Parmantier

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"Les 200 tentatives de piratage des élections en Arizona ont toutes échoué."

Les primaires aux États Unis, dans l'État de l'Arizona ont été l'occasion d'une grande première en matière d'élection. Le parti démocrate avait en effet décidé de tenter l'expérience du vote en ligne. Les électeurs démocrates pouvaient ainsi voter de chez eux pour choisir leur candidat. L'expérience a été un succès et les taux d'abstention ont littéralement fondu. Selon election.com, la société organisatrice de l'événement, le nombre de votants a été multiplié par sept par rapport aux dernières élections dans cet Etat.

Cette société vient de s'implanter en Europe. Toutefois, son activité ne se limite pas aux élections politiques, mais à tous les types d'élections (associations, syndicats, conseils d'administration), en ligne ou non.

L'occasion de revenir, avec **Régis Jamin, vice-Président Europe, Moyen-Orient et Afrique d'election.com**, sur cette expérience mais surtout de voir comment elle pourrait être applicable en Europe. Avec un challenge de taille puisque l'Europe concernait, aux dernières élections européennes de 1999, 270 millions d'électeurs !

Le site français d'election.com : <http://www.election.com/fr/index.htm>

Ces élections en Arizona, posent immédiatement la question du fossé numérique. Les personnes pouvant voter en ligne ont plus voté que si elles n'avaient pas bénéficié de cette technologie. Or, quid de ceux qui ne possèdent pas d'ordinateur ? N'y a-t-il pas un danger de créer un vote riche et un vote pauvre ?

Pour l'Arizona, un jugement nous a donné raison et nous avons pu installer des terminaux internet dans tous les bureaux de vote. Mais nous en avons également ouverts dans les lieux publics où il y avait de l'Internet. Finalement nous avons doublé le nombre de bureaux de vote, qui est passé de 60 à 120, pour donner à tous la possibilité de voter en ligne, que ce soit de chez eux ou non.

D'autre part, la question du fossé numérique se pose différemment aux États-Unis et en Europe. Aux US le fossé se situe entre plus et moins aisés. En France il se trouve plutôt entre jeunes et vieux...Il est donc important de relativiser la notion de fossé numérique en fonction des différentes cultures. De plus, n'oublions pas que les taux d'équipements progressent constamment de façon phénoménale. Aujourd'hui, on ne parle plus de fossé télévision et d'ici 3 ans, il y aura deux à trois fois plus d'accès Internet par téléphone que de PC. Donc, si la problématique existe aujourd'hui, elle aura disparu en 2004.

Toutefois, nous travaillons aussi à résoudre ce problème dès à présent. c'est pour cela que nous lançons le "Youth e-vote", en octobre prochain, aux États-Unis, dont l'objectif est de faire voter 55 millions d'écoliers. Il ne s'agit pas simplement de faire un cours d'information civique, mais également de réduire le fossé technologique entre les écoles, en sponsorisant l'équipement des écoles les plus défavorisées. Et nous espérons pouvoir développer ce type de projet en Europe.

L'autre question qui inquiète beaucoup est celle de la sécurité. Les votes sont ils sécurisés, les résultats sûrs...?

Pour les primaires en Arizona, nous avons essayé 200 tentatives de piratage. Toutes ont échoué.

De plus tous les calculs de votes sont faits par des processus de chiffrement inviolable. C'est un système basé sur des code pin à 10 caractères et une clé de chiffrement de 128 bits. Aujourd'hui, il n'existe pas d'ordinateur capable de casser ces clés. Le système de sécurité est complètement sûr et les résultats sont directement centralisés sur un serveur central.

Autre problème qui se pose en France par rapport à cette expérience de l'Arizona : l'organisation d'élections publiques, non par l'Etat, mais par une société privée.

Là encore, il y a une grande différence de culture entre les pays anglo-saxons, où la notion d'outsourcing est parfaitement intégrée et la France. Aux États-Unis et en Grande-Bretagne, les élections, notamment syndicales, sont beaucoup plus nombreuses et obligatoires. Dans un pays aussi vaste que les États-Unis par exemple, la méthode de vote par le papier et gérée par des bénévoles est inconcevable. Les risques d'erreur sont beaucoup trop grands. Le comptage automatique des bulletins de vote est monnaie courante depuis longtemps là bas et si les élections se professionnalisent, c'est également que les États voient l'intérêt de travailler avec des sociétés qui n'ont pas de parti pris dans les élections. Dans les pays plus latins, nous espérons voir l'out sourcing se développer avec une plus grande consultation des électeurs. Et pour ce qui est de l'Europe, il devient

urgent pour la démocratie de réagir à la crise de représentativité qu'engendre la baisse catastrophique de la participation, De plus, il existe dans chaque pays des besoins de plus en plus nombreux de consultation des citoyens : référendums, votations.

Justement, nous sommes, en France, en plein débat sur le quinquennat. L'un des problèmes soulevé concerne le coût de l'organisation du référendum. Combien coûterait une telle consultation si elle était faite en ligne.

En moyenne un élection nationale coûte 1 milliard de francs pour 40 millions d'électeurs. Si l'on enlève de ce montant les sommes allouées pour les campagnes électorales, cela représente un coût de 600 à 800 millions de francs. Soit un coût par électeur de 20 francs. Un vote par l'Internet coûte 5 francs par électeur. Si on adoptait le vote en ligne, outre la réduction des risques de fraude électorale et la baisse de l'abstention cela ferait également baisser les coûts et accroître la démocratie puisqu'il serait plus simple de multiplier les consultations. Libre à nous de moderniser notre système...

Mais l'Internet permet aussi d'améliorer la qualité des choix : nous souhaitons que les citoyens qui viennent voter soient également mieux informés. Et pour cela, Internet est un outil formidable. En Arizona, les électeurs ont pu trouver sur Internet un choix d'informations sans égal, faire leur propre revue de presse. Ils peuvent surfer pendant deux heures s'ils le souhaitent avant de voter. Il est beaucoup moins facile de se faire une opinion dans un isolement, avec à sa disposition uniquement les déclarations d'intentions des différents candidats.

L'isolement. Encore un obstacle au vote en ligne. Car comment s'assurer que la personne qui vote en ligne de chez elle n'est pas influencée par un tiers ?

Une fois encore, ce débat ne revient qu'en France. La question de l'isolement ne se pose pas en Scandinavie, en Grande-Bretagne, en Belgique, en Suisse...

Et pour une raison très simple : ces pays ont déjà mis en place le vote par correspondance. Et on s'est rendu compte que le libre arbitre était souvent plus grand grâce au vote par correspondance qu'au vote dans l'isolement. En Suisse, il y avait un parti très militant qui avait des résultats aux élections parce qu'ils allaient, entre autres, chercher les personnes âgées pour les faire voter et de préférence pour eux. Depuis la mise en place du vote par correspondance, ce parti a presque disparu. Et aujourd'hui, en Suisse, seuls 5% des électeurs se rendent dans les bureaux de vote.

Il ne faut pas être hypocrite sur le pouvoir symbolique de l'isolement. Ce n'est pas parce qu'on s'enferme deux minutes dans un isolement qu'on a son libre-arbitre. On l'a peut être plus quand on est tranquille chez soi et que l'on prend le temps de s'informer avant de choisir. Et Internet ou pas, il y aura toujours des gens sous influence.

Aux Etats-Unis, les électeurs peuvent désormais s'inscrire sur les listes électorales via l'Internet ?

C'est aux États-Unis un phénomène important : 30 % des électeurs ne sont pas enregistrés et donc ne votent pas. Ce qui sur la population d'un pays comme celui-là représente un nombre très important de personnes. Aux dernières élections présidentielles, seul un électeur sur 4 avait réellement élu le président. Les autres n'étaient tout simplement pas inscrits ! Faciliter la possibilité de s'inscrire sur les listes électorales grâce à l'Internet était donc très important.

En Europe, le grand challenge est, grâce à l'Internet, de parvenir à intéresser les électeurs aux élections européennes et des les amener à voter. (270 millions d'électeurs en 1999 - ndlr)

Or aujourd'hui, il n'existe pas de système capable d'organiser une élection touchant plusieurs centaines de millions d'électeurs...D'où l'intérêt du vote en ligne, qui permet non seulement de faire voter plus de gens mais aussi de limiter les fraudes.

Enfin, projetons nous dans l'avenir. Comment vous voyez-vous voter dans cinq ans ?

Le scénario idéal ? Je recevrai, sur mon portable, un message qui me rappelle que nous sommes dimanche et qu'il faut voter. En surfant, j'ai accès non seulement à la liste des candidats mais également à leurs sites. Ce qui me permet de me faire mon opinion, tranquillement. Je peux même me rendre dans un cybercafé et voter sur place, en utilisant ma signature électronique. Évidemment, je pourrai voter directement depuis mon téléphone portable.

Je recevrai ensuite un récépissé m'indiquant que mon vote a bien été pris en compte et me remerciant.

Et cette nouvelle approche du vote aura permis de faire passer la participation à un taux de 70 ou 80%.

Interview de Maurice Ronai : "Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel à conserver."

Chercheur à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, animateur de Temps Réels, la section virtuelle du parti socialiste, Maurice Ronai fait partie des premiers chercheurs à s'être penché sur les questions de la démocratie liée aux nouvelles technologies. Il en tire un constat essentiel : tout ce qui avait été imaginé en la matière a été supplanté par le vote et l'élection en ligne. Il faut pourtant, selon lui,

rester vigilant face à cette tendance. L'acte de se rendre au bureau de vote doit continuer de faire partie intégrante de l'acte politique.

Comment percevez vous le débat sur le vote en ligne ?

Cela fait 30 ans, depuis que l'informatique et les télécoms se développent, qu'on annonce l'émergence d'une démocratie électronique. Pour tous ceux qui l'ont décrite, rêvée, annoncée, la cyber-démocratie ou la démocratie électronique était principalement un renouvellement des manières de débattre et de prendre des décisions. C'était l'émergence d'une démocratie un peu plus directe où tout le monde participait à la décision. Les auteurs imaginaient qu'il s'agirait d'un système permettant de fonder une autre démocratie, mais ils n'imaginaient pas qu'il servirait à élire des gens. Ce qui est frappant dans le cas des élections en Arizona. Finalement le chemin par lequel la démocratie électronique passe c'est d'abord par les élections. Pas de grands débats publics où tout le monde participe, où les citoyens ont accès à l'information, sont plus documentés, prennent des décisions fondées sur une connaissance ou une délibération collective.

Et comme il y a, notamment aux États-Unis, un taux d'abstention incroyable, l'élection en ligne acquiert d'emblée une espèce d'évidence car elle fait chuter ce taux d'abstention, elle augmente, ou donne l'impression qu'elle augmente, la participation à la vie politique. De ce point de vue, je pense que le vote en ligne peut se mettre en place parce qu'on a tous envie d'augmenter le taux de participation et d'avoir des élus plus légitimes, élus par un plus grand nombre de gens.

Je ne suis pas pour ou contre. Ce que j'essaie de saisir c'est la manière dont cela se développe. Et cela se développe d'abord à travers l'élection en ligne. Bizarrement on pensait que cette pratique allait affaiblir la démocratie représentative et finalement elle la renforce dans un premier temps. Pour ensuite, je pense, la miner de l'intérieur. Les technologies de l'information ne sont pas porteuses par elles-mêmes d'une logique particulière. On les utilise pour faire ce qu'on faisait avant, et non pas à organiser de grands débats publics.

Et vous le regrettez ?

Je ne regrette pas, j'observe. Mais cette tendance est d'autant plus évidente que les élections coûtent très cher et que là nous bénéficions d'une technologie prodigieuse pour faire chuter ces coûts et, à l'extrême, faire chuter le taux d'abstention. Alors évidemment avec la commodité, le confort, la facilité de voter qu'elles impliquent, les élections en ligne exercent une attraction incroyable. Il sera très difficile d'y résister. En tout cas pour les élections politiques.

Mais ces élections en ligne sont-elles un plus ?

Non. Élire des députés en ligne, pour moi, n'a pas la même signification que de se rendre dans un bureau de vote. Je reviens au débat américain : lors des élections dans l'Arizona, il a essentiellement porté sur des objections de type " Est-on sûr, techniquement, de garantir totalement la confidentialité, le secret" ou la question de l'inégalité (fossé digital-ndlr). Selon moi il s'agit de deux objections assez faibles car on peut garantir la sécurité et qu'à terme, tout le monde, ou quasiment, aura accès à ces moyens. L'objection ne porte pas sur le fait que, provisoirement, une partie de la population en est exclue. L'objection est plus radicale porte sur le sens du geste électoral, limité à un simple clic. Ce qui aligne la participation politique sur le comportement du consommateur devant un catalogue du commerce électronique. L'acte électoral entouré d'un certain rituel disparaît.

Mais n'avait-il pas, de fait, déjà disparu dans l'esprit des gens, au vu des importants taux d'abstention ?

Tout l'environnement administratif de l'acte électoral doit être complètement simplifié pour remettre dans le circuit un certain nombre de gens qui en sont tenus à l'écart par les lourdeurs des procédures. Je pense qu'on peut d'abord considérablement rénover, moderniser, simplifier le processus électoral classique et qu'il y a beaucoup à faire du côté des téléprocédures pour faciliter l'inscription sur les listes. Au reste, cela fait des années qu'on parle de l'inscription automatique des jeunes sur les listes. Là aussi l'informatique peut servir, en interconnectant les fichiers pour avoir des listes électorales parfaitement à jour, où les jeunes sont inscrits automatiquement, où les changements d'adresses sont automatiques... D'autre part, le vote électronique dans les bureaux de vote peut faire chuter considérablement le coût d'une élection grâce aux machines à voter en réseau, permettant d'avoir des résultats rapides et d'organiser des élections simultanées. A partir du moment où on modernise le bureau de vote, l'urne, le système classique, je pense qu'il y a beaucoup de progrès à faire.

Mais le vote à domicile n'est, selon vous, pas souhaitable ?

Là, on change de système. J'ai tendance à distinguer le cas des élections politiques des autres types d'élections. J'admets qu'un certain nombre d'élections, pour les associations, les assemblées générales d'actionnaires, où les taux de participation

sont extrêmement faibles, peuvent trouver là un moyen d'élargir l'électorat en facilitant la participation par l'élection à distance, l'élection à domicile. Pour les élections politiques c'est réducteur. Se rendre au bureau de vote est un rituel. La participation à la vie politique suppose un minimum d'efforts, dont celui de se déplacer. D'autant qu'il existe une objection de taille : comment fait-on pour protéger le secret, le vote individuel, ce que garantit, organise l'isoloir ?

Un rituel, dont un grand nombre d'électeurs s'est éloigné. Comment les faire revenir ?

La question c'est de savoir pourquoi ils s'en sont éloignés. Cela veut dire que la vie politique a perdu une partie de l'attraction, de l'intérêt qu'elle exerçait jusqu'alors. Alors à ce problème-là, qui est fondamental, est-ce que la réponse peut être technique ?...

Un rapide tour d'horizon des sites de partis permet de voir que rien n'est fait pour susciter le débat. Mais si on imagine que dans cinq ou dix ans, tout le monde, usagers et politiques, aura intégré l'outil Internet, et que, le jour du vote, chaque citoyen fait sa revue de presse en ligne, le tour des partis, des débats avant de voter à domicile, l'idée peut sembler séduisante ?

C'est un vaste débat et je pense qu'il faudra résister à cette séduction. Parce qu'il s'agit d'un vote impulsif. Le vieux système qui consiste à se déplacer pour aller voter organise une certaine lenteur. Lors de la campagne électorale, les gens débattent et le jour du vote ils se déplacent pour y aller. Ce qui crée les conditions d'un minimum de réflexion. Le vote électronique, on le pressent, est un vote rapide. D'autre part, ces pratiques où les citoyens, avant de se prononcer, se documentent, s'informent, vont se développer indépendamment du vote électronique à domicile. Les démarches personnelles d'information, de documentation se font sur le net. Il est vrai que tous les partis ont pris un retard considérable mais ils vont le résorber, sinon ils disparaîtront. Le risque pour les partis politiques est d'être dilués sur l'Internet politique. Aujourd'hui l'acteur privilégié du débat politique, c'est la télévision. Or, si une partie du débat politique se déplace vers Internet, le propre de l'Internet est justement que ce n'est pas organisé. Chacun se débrouille et peut capter l'attention. Aujourd'hui, le site d'ATTAC a plus d'audience que les sites de l'ensemble des partis politiques. C'est une situation à laquelle les partis vont réagir en développant des vrais sites politiques car l'Internet les banalise, les met sur le même plan que tout le monde. Un individu à la limite peut avoir plus d'audience qu'un parti politique. Les partis vont finir par le comprendre.

C'est une des mutations majeure de la cyber démocratie des prochaines années ?

Oui, de ce côté-là c'est une évolution à la fois fatale et heureuse. Les partis perdent le monopole de l'organisation des débats et de l'expression des idées. Pour le coup on aura une démocratie beaucoup plus ouverte. Le citoyen pourra se prononcer pour des petits partis, avec des idées intéressantes, nouvelles. Cela va dans le sens d'un renouvellement plus que d'un cloisonnement. Ce qui va bouger c'est tout l'environnement de la décision politique collective. Aujourd'hui le débat politique a lieu à la télévision, qui d'une certaine manière règle le débat, avec l'effet pervers qu'elle présélectionne un certain nombre d'intervenants. Nous allons passer dans un système où le vote est impulsif et où, en plus, toutes les forces ont pratiquement un égal accès à l'expression des idées et des programmes. Il faudra réguler différemment le système, et l'organiser différemment. Il y a d'autres moyens de réduire le taux d'abstention. Maintenant que la question est posée, il va falloir inventer et résoudre tout ce qui complique l'acte électoral.

Et plus :

Temps Réels, section virtuelle du parti socialiste a rédigé contribution au Congrès de Grenoble du PS. L'un des paragraphes appelle à résister à l'attraction du vote en ligne. A lire sur le site de Temps Réels :

<http://www.temps-reels.org/congres.htm>

Le projet européen E-poll

France Télécom R&D travaille également à la conception d'un système de vote électronique. Inscrit dans le cadre du projet européen E-poll, ce projet européen réunit la région Aquitaine, Siemens Informatique (le pilote du projet), le ministère de l'Intérieur italien, Ancitel (filiale informatique de l'association des maires italiens), la société informatique Sopra et Municipium, ainsi que l'organisme Polonais chargé de développer Internet pour les collectivités locales polonaises. Des bureaux de vote nouvelle génération qui seront expérimentés dès 2002 auprès de 8000 usagers grâce à des bornes installées dans hôpitaux et hospices d'Arcachon et de Mérignac.

Selon France Télécom, d'ici 2005, près de 350 millions d'électeurs pourraient ainsi disposer d'un système de vote électronique opérationnel, fiable et entièrement sécurisé. Il devrait découler de ce système la création de galeries virtuelles pour

présenter les candidats et leurs programmes électoraux. Il comportera des urnes électroniques, un serveur dédié chargé du comptage et un réseau sécurisé pour la transmission. "L'urne électronique, après insertion d'une carte à puces équipée d'un lecteur d'empreintes digitales, permettra à chacun de s'authentifier puis de s'informer sur les programmes de campagne et suivre sur un écran tactile les consignes liées au déroulement du vote. Transmis à un serveur dédié, le vote de l'électeur sera comptabilisé et dépouillé en toute sécurité par traitement informatique. L'ensemble des votes sera alors intégré aux résultats officiels de la consultation. L'architecture du système sera transposable par la suite dans toutes les mairies intéressées et adaptables à toutes contraintes de réseau, fixe à haut débit (ADSL) ou mobile à moyen débit (UMTS). L'ergonomie de l'urne et la conception globale tiendront compte des différentes législations en vigueur en Europe et de "l'avis des pouvoirs publics", explique France Télécom R&D.

Toutefois, ce projet suscite quelques interrogations, y compris au sein des équipes qui travaillent sur cette technologie. Dans un article consacré au sujet dans le quotidien Libération, François Vernay, de France Télécom R&D souligne également le caractère sacré de l'isoloir qu'il ne faut pas négliger.

<http://www.liberation.com/multi/actu/20000612/20000615jeuzg.html>

Guerre des chiffres : 73 % des français favorables au vote en ligne selon Opinion Way, 40 % selon Gfk

L'institut de sondage en ligne, Opinion Way a réalisé une enquête auprès d'un échantillon de 455 personnes sur le vote en ligne. Il en ressort que 37 % des français sont très favorables et 36 % plutôt favorables à l'organisation d'élections via l'Internet. 90 % estiment qu'il s'agit d'un bon moyen pour les citoyens de s'exprimer davantage et 62 % que cela permettrait d'accroître la participation.

<http://www.opinion-way.com/accueil.htm>

Parallèlement, Intel a commandé une étude sur le même sujet à l'institut Gfk. Cette fois, le pourcentage de français favorables au vote via l'Internet passe à 40 %, avec une tendance plus favorable chez les 15-24 ans, avec 58 % des "suffrages"

http://www.transfert.net/fr/cyber_societe/article.cfm?idx_rub=87&idx_art=1332

Dérive du vote en ligne : les voix aux enchères

Aux États-Unis, le site de vente aux enchères eBay proposait un article hors du commun. Un électeur avait décidé de mettre sur le marché son bulletin de vote. Le site l'a vite retiré de la vente, mais l'article avait déjà atteint les 10 000 \$! Initiative parallèle pour **voteauction**, site créé spécialement pour les élections présidentielles US, avec un argument de choc : les candidats se vendent aux lobbies, pourquoi les électeurs n'en profiteraient-ils pas eux aussi en vendant leurs voix. L'argument, en version originale de **voteauction** est éloquent : "**Voteauction.com** is devoted to combining the American principles of democracy and capitalism by bringing the big money of campaigns directly to the voting public. We provide a forum for campaign contributors and voters to come together for free-market exchange."

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<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/08/16/internet.vote/index.html>

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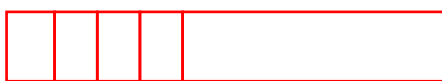
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Welcome to the Spring Schedule for Other Cinema. We have a ton of neat stuff this season and we hope you will come often. A number of the films we are showing have video clips available for preview in Quicktime format. These clips are indicated by a projector icon in the applicable sections. If you don't have the Quicktime plug-in (**version 4.0!**), you can download it for free at www.apple.com/quicktime.

SAT. 2/10 BILL DANIEL'S SKATEPUNK SCRAPBOOK

Everybody's favorite Texas road warrior returns to the Coast with a van full of films on punk and skateboarding. **Bill's** own work (Butthole Surfers in Houston), that of his brother Lee (**Let's Rodeo**, **Anti-Klan**, **Late Air**), and **Greta Snider** (Hardcore Home Movie) highlight, but there's plenty of archival celluloid to satisfy aficionados of '60s/'70s skate culture, including the classic **Skater Dater** and another with **Leif Garrett** and **Tony Alva!** PLUS a trio of Super 8 slamdances, a rockin' **Avengers** roll, a **punk rock DJ**, and a goddamn give-away of 7" punk recordings.



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SAT. 2/17 OMNISONIC'S PSY-OPS CHOPS

Our annual, ever-popular Industrials Amok program sports a new spin-the clips are "wrapped around" by the mood-swinging musical shadings of that Peninsula pair, **Omnisonic**. The **Hinds Bros.** will open up a space for a spate of retro films on "psycho-social adjustment," including **Info Please** (a pseudo-Nazi educational), **Alexander Hammid's Angry Boy**, **Max Roach** in **Delinquent**, **Hipster**, and **Square**, **Marilyn Van Derbur's Bedwetting**, **GM's What It's All About**, plus **Sex-Ed.**, **subliminal implants**, **Milgram Experiments**, and more. The "control track" is crowned by **Omnisonic's** live mix to the child-psych chestnut **This Is Robert**.



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SAT. 2/24 PIXELVISION FESTIVAL!

Presenting LA's **Gerry Fialka**, in person with the 10th edition of his yearly fest of works made with the now obsolete Fisher-Price toy video-camera. Selling for less than \$100 and recording b/w pic and sound onto audiocassette (!), these plastic clunkers can exploit the technical limitations of the format as an asset rather than a liability. Including **Lee (Sonic Youth) Ranaldo's Book of Dreams: Through Kerouac's Lowell**, **Mark Hejnar's Crock**, **Kate Perotti's Owed to a Penis**, **Paul Bacca's Death Roach 2000**, **Danny**

Moynahan's King Kukulele, Metzler/Springer's Leonard and the Mountain, 10-yr-old Brady Smith's Dancing Dog, and many more.



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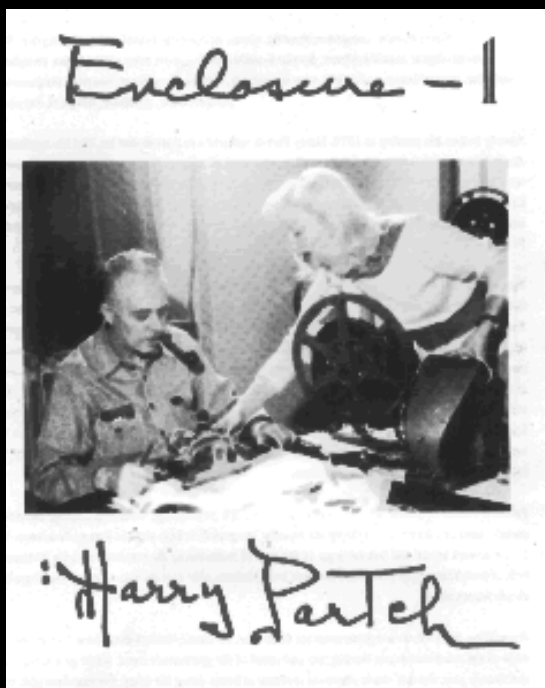


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SAT. 3/3: WHISTLEAIRES + INCREDIBLY STRANGE MUSIC

SF's superstars of sibilance, **Phil Worman** and **Mark Romyn**, whisk us through a cavalcade of curiosities guaranteed to pop eyeballs, drop jaws, and blow minds. Among the bizarre musical singularities are **Harry Partch**, **Sun Ra**, **Liberace**, **Spike Jones**, **Slim Galliard**, **Eugene Chadbourne**, **Korla Pandit**, and **Louis Prima & Keely Smith**. ALSO pop-monsters **Q-Bert** (from **Garon/Henry's Wave Twisters**), **Nancy Sinatra**, **Tex Ritter**, **Johnny Cash**, and (from **Jeff Krulik's** cable-access archaeology) teen-age punk-rock **Beastie Boys!** PLUS the **Butthole Surfers** on acid, free fruitcake, and Irish coffee.



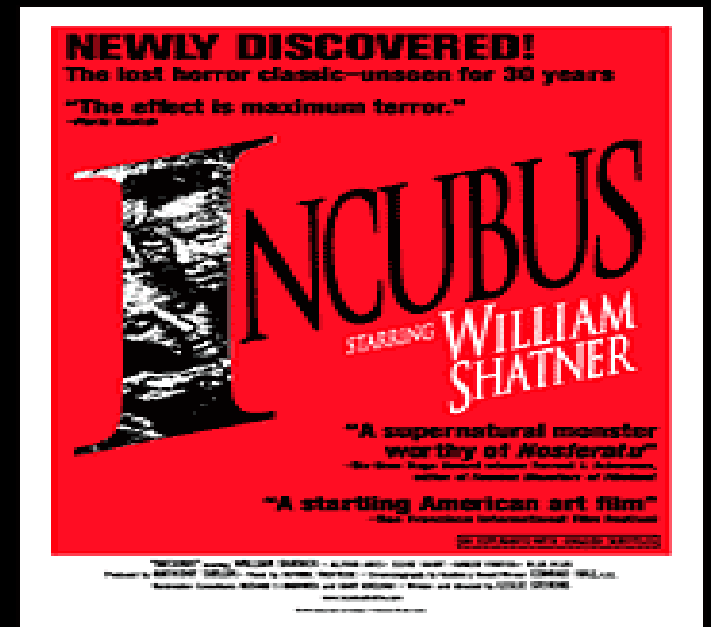
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SAT. 3/10: WILLIAM SHATNER IN INCUBUS +

Comes now the premiere revival of this lost masterpiece, this absolute anomaly in the annals of horror cinema. In his last role before **Star Trek**, Shatner stars in Leslie (The Outer Limits) Stevens' b/w Big Sur-lensed demon tale, with dialogue in **Esperanto** (English-subtitled)!!! **Dominic Frontiere** did the music for this daring poetic rarity of 1965, that must be seen-and heard-to be believed! Opening the evening is the infamous **3-D** sex/death scene from **Julian Rothman's The Mask** (glasses provided). Both titles video-projected, wormwood tea provided.



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SAT. 3/17: DALE HOYT'S BIO-TECH REVUE

The director of **CALF (Coalition of Artists and Life-Forms)** celebrates their 3rd anniversary with a provocative program of media-artwork on cloning. **DJ Pod** anchors this lively evening with his ambient podscapes and his performance **Corporate Organism**. Featured is the world premiere of **Steven Matheson's** exquisitely harrowing **Apple Grown in Wind Tunnel**. PLUS **R. Wyrod's In Vivo**, **Su Rynard's Eugene**, **Chickory Miles**, **Lou Hawthorne**, **Kimberly Tomes**, and **GenetiX**.



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SAT. 3/24 THAD POVEY'S OVER-DUB CLUB

This extraordinary musical session serves up sonic reconstructions of the tracks to Povey's ingenious cine-poems. He strips down the original mixes, inviting new, live interpretations from rock heroes **Mark De Gli Antoni (ex-Soul Coughing)**, **Mark Growden**, **Rev. Screaming Fingers**, **Ramona & the Pest**, and OC mascot **Anne McGuire**. Among the titles from the **Povey/Scratch-Film Junkie** catalog are **Somber Accommodations**, **Media Darling**, **Everybody Grab a Pardner**, and **Under a Broad Gray Sky**, the latter with live **Baudelaire** oratorio.



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SAT. 3/31 PSYCHO-GEOGRAPHIES BY BROWN + SNIDER

The film-essay on a place and its particular culture is the fort  of both **Bill Brown** and his former teacher **Greta Snider**. Here's the SF debut of **Brown's** formally elegant, hypnotically cadenced **Confederation Park**, plus his earlier masterworks **Roswell** and **Hub City**. From Mission 'zine genius **Greta Snider** comes the 22-min. marvel **The Magic of Radio**, in addition to her piquant personal docs **Portland** and **No Zone**. The radiant brilliance of her personal presence will wash over all in attendance.



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SAT. 4/7: J.M. MCCARTHY'S SUPERSTARLET A.D. + TEASERAMA

Memphis maestro **McCarthy** (**Teenage Tupelo**, **Sore Losers**) throws his "gimme cap" into the OC ring once again with a brand-new feature (shot on 16mm, projected on video) that updates the sex-and-violence themes of classic exploitation. In his southern-fried future, marauding girl gangs battle the elite descendents of '50s strip-tease stars. These protagonists organize their actions around the crumbling ruins of abandoned grindhouse theaters, channeling the tarnished glamour of their burlesque forebears. Opening the show is an actual artifact from

the stag-film era, **Teaserama**, with **Tempest Storm** and **Betty Page**.



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SAT. 4/14 ANIMAL CHARM IN THE HOUSE!

Rich Bott and **Jim Fetterley** look like any two regular video-dudes out of the **Chicago Art Institute**, ... that is, until they put on their wigs! Their cabaret shows are already legendary-for spinning single-channel tapes through real-time remixes, and for the wildly energized, deliriously vertiginous space they carve out of the collective trash-heap of hideous corporate videos, absurd infomercials, and brain-damaged television.



These two yeomen will be pressing flesh and tweaking toggles on the gallery floor, as they amp up their fine art ante into a full-on club-style rave-up.



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SAT. 4/21 ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT: SANTIAGO ALVAREZ

Travis Wilkerson's hour-long homage to the greatest of Cuban filmmakers acknowledges Alvarez' formal innovations by using these same techniques to narrate the story of his life. Alvarez was a true cinema povera radical—a newsreel-cum-doc maker who could, through graphics, copystand work, and audio-visual rhythm, turn a simple file photo into a tour-de-force indictment of imperialism. PLUS the premiere of Wilkerson's new piece on the Montana lynching of Wobbly Frank Little.



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SAT. 4/28 WHISPERED MEDIA'S MAYDAY SOIRÉE

Here's a holiday benefit for **WM's** new streaming server, with past and present works on empowerment and autonomy, live agit-video mixology, and free bread and roses for all our brothers and sisters in the struggle. **Carla Leshne** re-caps **Film and Foto League** history, **Jesse Drew** unwraps some **Paper Tiger** archives as well as his recent anti-globalization rant, **Andy Cox** shares a glimpse of his **Guerrilla Tea-Room**, and **IndyMedia's Jeff Perlstein** screens the late-breaking direct-action developments in Quebec. Then we'll thrill to the hour-plus set of **WM's Reclaim Mayday, Anarchy in LA., A World of Resistance**, and the **W-I-P Boom**.



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SAT. 5/5: RUSS FORSTER'S TRIBUTARY +

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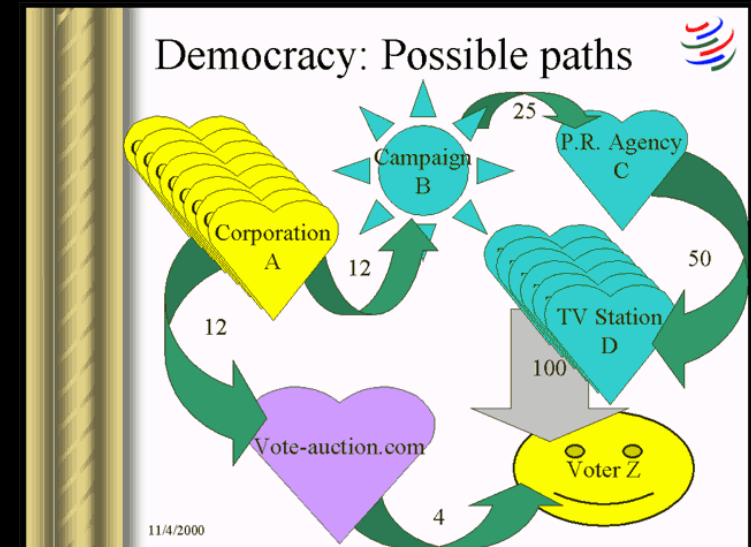


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SAT. 2/10 BILL DANIEL'S SKATEPUNK SCRAPBOOK

Everybody's favorite Texas road warrior returns to the Coast with a van full of films on punk and skateboarding. **Bill's** own work (Butthole Surfers in Houston), that of his brother Lee (**Let's Rodeo**, **Anti-Klan**, **Late Air**), and **Greta Snider** (Hardcore Home Movie) highlight, but there's plenty of archival celluloid to satisfy aficionados of '60s/'70s skate culture, including the classic **Skater Dater** and another with **Leif Garrett** and **Tony Alva!** PLUS a trio of Super 8 slamdances, a rockin' **Avengers** roll, a **punk rock DJ**, and a goddamn give-away of 7" punk recordings.



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SAT. 2/17 OMNISONIC'S PSY-OPS CHOPS

Our annual, ever-popular Industrials Amok program sports a new spin-the clips are "wrapped around" by the mood-swinging musical shadings of that Peninsula pair, **Omnisonic**. The **Hinds Bros.** will open up a space for a spate of retro films on "psycho-social adjustment," including **Info Please** (a pseudo-Nazi educational), **Alexander Hammid's Angry Boy**, **Max Roach in Delinquent**, **Hipster**, and **Square**, **Marilyn Van Derbur's Bedwetting**, **GM's What It's All About**, plus **Sex-Ed.**, **subliminal implants**, **Milgram Experiments**, and



more. The "control track" is crowned by **Omnisonic's** live mix to the child-psych chestnut **This Is Robert**.



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SAT. 2/24 PIXELVISION FESTIVAL!

Presenting LA's **Gerry Fialka**, in person with the 10th edition of his yearly fest of works made with the now obsolete Fisher-Price toy video-camera. Selling for less than \$100 and recording b/w pic and sound onto audiocassette (!), these plastic clunkers can exploit the technical limitations of the format as an asset rather than a liability. Including **Lee (Sonic Youth) Ranaldo's Book of Dreams: Through Kerouac's Lowell**, **Mark Hejnar's Crock**, **Kate Perotti's Owed to a Penis**, **Paul Bacca's Death Roach 2000**, **Danny**

Moynahan's King Kukulele, Metzler/Springer's Leonard and the Mountain, 10-yr-old Brady Smith's Dancing Dog, and many more.



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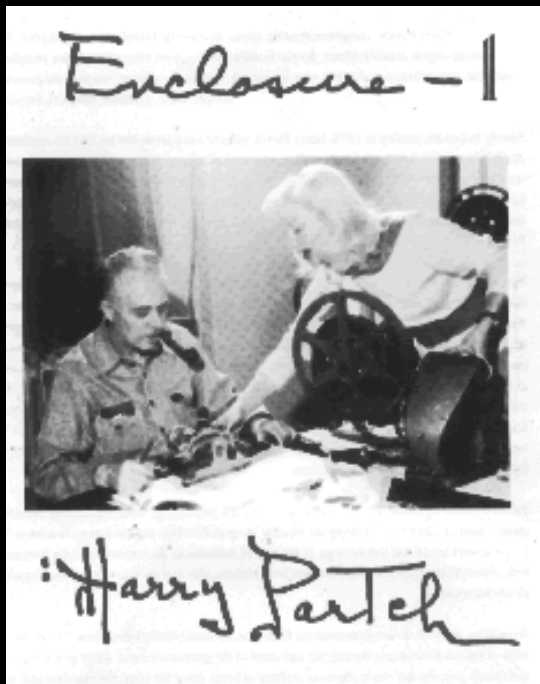


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SAT. 3/3: WHISTLEAIRES + INCREDIBLY STRANGE MUSIC

SF's superstars of sibilance, **Phil Worman** and **Mark Romyn**, whisk us through a cavalcade of curiosities guaranteed to pop eyeballs, drop jaws, and blow minds. Among the bizarre musical singularities are **Harry Partch**, **Sun Ra**, **Liberace**, **Spike Jones**, **Slim Galliard**, **Eugene Chadbourne**, **Korla Pandit**, and **Louis Prima & Keely Smith**. ALSO pop-monsters **Q-Bert** (from **Garon/Henry's Wave Twisters**), **Nancy Sinatra**, **Tex Ritter**, **Johnny Cash**, and (from **Jeff Krulik's** cable-access archaeology) teen-age punk-rock **Beastie Boys!** PLUS the **Butthole Surfers** on acid, free fruitcake, and Irish coffee.



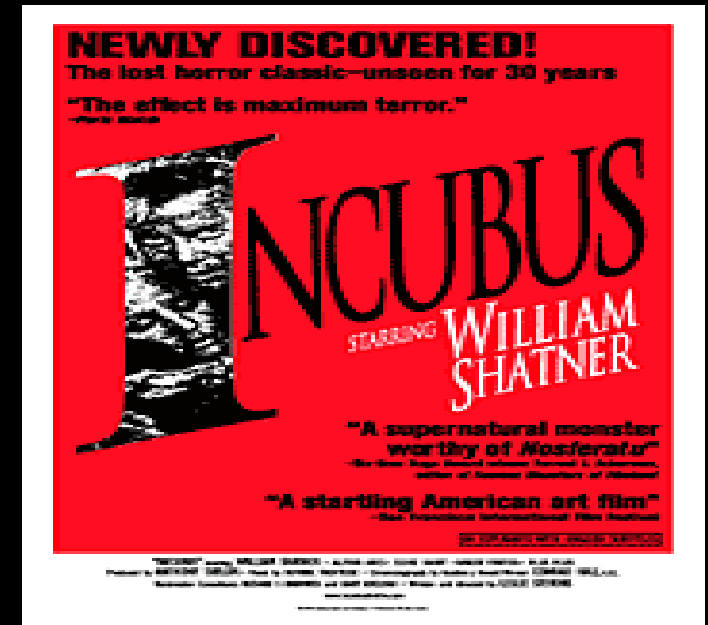
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SAT. 3/10: WILLIAM SHATNER IN INCUBUS +

Comes now the premiere revival of this lost masterpiece, this absolute anomaly in the annals of horror cinema. In his last role before **Star Trek**, Shatner stars in **Leslie (The Outer Limits) Stevens'** b/w Big Sur-lensed demon tale, with dialogue in **Esperanto** (English-subtitled)!!! **Dominic Frontiere** did the music for this daring poetic rarity of 1965, that must be seen-and heard-to be believed! Opening the evening is the infamous **3-D** sex/death scene from **Julian Rothman's The Mask** (glasses provided). Both titles video-projected, wormwood tea provided.



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SAT. 3/17: DALE HOYT'S BIO-TECH REVUE

The director of **CALF (Coalition of Artists and Life-Forms)** celebrates their 3rd anniversary with a provocative program of media-artwork on cloning. **DJ Pod** anchors this lively evening with his ambient podscapes and his performance **Corporate Organism**. Featured is the world premiere of **Steven Matheson's** exquisitely harrowing **Apple Grown in Wind Tunnel**. PLUS **R. Wyrod's In Vivo**, **Su Rynard's Eugene**, **Chickory Miles**, **Lou Hawthorne**, **Kimberly Tomes**, and **GenetiX**.



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SAT. 3/24 THAD POVEY'S OVER-DUB CLUB

This extraordinary musical session serves up sonic reconstructions of the tracks to Povey's ingenious cine-poems. He strips down the original mixes, inviting new, live interpretations from rock heroes **Mark De Gli Antoni (ex-Soul Coughing)**, **Mark Growden**, **Rev. Screaming Fingers**, **Ramona & the Pest**, and OC mascot **Anne McGuire**. Among the titles from the **Povey/Scratch-Film Junkie** catalog are **Somber Accommodations**, **Media Darling**, **Everybody Grab a Pardner**, and **Under a Broad Gray Sky**, the latter with live **Baudelaire** oratorio.



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SAT. 3/31 PSYCHO-GEOGRAPHIES BY BROWN + SNIDER

The film-essay on a place and its particular culture is the forté of both **Bill Brown** and his former teacher **Greta Snider**. Here's the SF debut of **Brown's** formally elegant, hypnotically cadenced **Confederation Park**, plus his earlier masterworks **Roswell** and **Hub City**. From Mission 'zine genius **Greta Snider** comes the 22-min. marvel **The Magic of Radio**, in addition to her piquant personal docs **Portland** and **No Zone**. The radiant brilliance of her personal presence will wash over all in attendance.



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SAT. 4/7: J.M. McCARTHY'S SUPERSTARLET A.D. + TEASERAMA

Memphis maestro **McCarthy** (**Teenage Tupelo**, **Sore Losers**) throws his "gimme cap" into the OC ring once again with a brand-new feature (shot on 16mm, projected on video) that updates the sex-and-violence themes of classic exploitation. In his southern-fried future, marauding girl gangs battle the elite descendents of '50s strip-tease stars. These protagonists organize their actions around the crumbling ruins of abandoned grindhouse theaters, channeling the tarnished glamour of their burlesque forebears. Opening the show is an actual artifact from

the stag-film era, **Teaserama**, with **Tempest Storm** and **Betty Page**.



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SAT. 4/14 ANIMAL CHARM IN THE HOUSE!

Rich Bott and **Jim Fetterley** look like any two regular videodudes out of the **Chicago Art Institute**, ... that is, until they put on their wigs! Their cabaret shows are already legendary for spinning single-channel tapes through real-time remixes, and for the wildly energized, deliriously vertiginous space they carve out of the collective trash-heap of hideous corporate videos, absurd infomercials, and brain-damaged television.



These two yeomen will be pressing flesh and tweaking toggles on the gallery floor, as they amp up their fine art ante into a full-on club-style rave-up.



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SAT. 4/21 ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT: SANTIAGO ALVAREZ

Travis Wilkerson's hour-long homage to the greatest of Cuban filmmakers acknowledges Alvarez' formal innovations by using these same techniques to narrate the story of his life. Alvarez was a true cinema povera radical—a newsreel-cum-doc maker who could, through graphics, copystand work, and audio-visual rhythm, turn a simple file photo into a tour-de-force indictment of imperialism. PLUS the premiere of Wilkerson's new piece on the Montana lynching of Wobbly Frank Little.



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SAT. 4/28 WHISPERED MEDIA'S MAYDAY SOIRÉE

Here's a holiday benefit for **WM's** new streaming server, with past and present works on empowerment and autonomy, live agit-video mixology, and free bread and roses for all our brothers and sisters in the struggle. **Carla Leshne** re-caps **Film and Foto League** history, **Jesse Drew** unwraps some **Paper Tiger** archives as well as his recent anti-globalization rant, **Andy Cox** shares a glimpse of his **Guerrilla Tea-Room**, and **IndyMedia's Jeff Perlstein** screens the late-breaking direct-action developments in Quebec. Then we'll thrill to the hour-plus set of **WM's Reclaim Mayday, Anarchy in LA., A World of Resistance**, and the **W-I-P Boom**.



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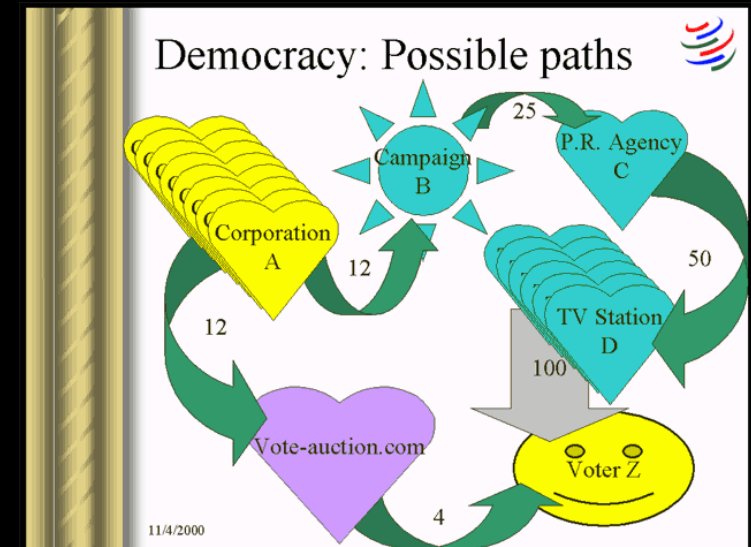


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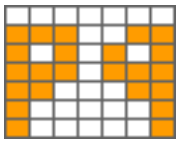
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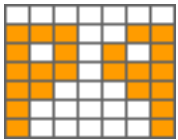
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(CNN) -- An Internet site designed to auction U.S. presidential votes could reopen days after New York authorities convinced its creator to shut it down, said a maverick Austrian businessman who bought the domain name.

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.

"Our lawyers are evaluating the situation. The Web site should be up in the next 24 to 48 hours," Bernhard said Thursday. "We still have the option to go offshore if there are legal problems."

Bernhard did not give the name of the holding company. But the e-mail address listed with his domain registration belongs to a Vienna-based group that specializes in unorthodox e-commerce services and works with a variety of Internet companies.

Ubermorgen.com "is a network of flexible digital uber-brains," reads the company Web site, which offers headhunting and investments as well as "guerilla marketing, shock marketing and drama marketing."

Bernhard said he and his European associates might need time to become familiar with U.S. elections and laws, but Bernhard seems to have an idea about U.S. commerce.

"We bought the domain name and related business because we see this as a serious business venture in which we can make money."

Critics think he and others trying to auction ballots on the Internet are making a moral mess of the voting process.

"The age of Internet voter fraud is here sooner and in more sinister form than even I imagined," said Deborah Phillips, president of the Voting Integrity Project, an activist group that specializes in Internet and democracy issues.

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Vote-selling Web site to be revived, possibly offshore

August 25, 2000
Web posted at: 3:05 p.m. EDT (1905 GMT)

By *Richard Stenger*
CNN.com Writer



(CNN) -- 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.

"Our lawyers are evaluating the situation. The Web site should be up in the next 24 to 48 hours," Bernhard said Thursday. "We still have the option to go offshore if there are legal problems."

Bernhard did not give the name of the holding company. But the e-mail address listed with his domain registration belongs to a Vienna-based group that specializes in unorthodox e-commerce services and works with a variety of Internet companies.

Ubermorgen.com "is a network of flexible digital uber-brains," reads the company Web site, which offers headhunting and investments as well as "guerilla marketing, shock marketing and drama marketing."

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Bernhard said he and his European associates might need time to become familiar with U.S. elections and laws, but Bernhard seems to have an idea about U.S. commerce.

"We bought the domain name and related business because we see this as a serious business venture in which we can make money."

Critics think he and others trying to auction ballots on the Internet are making a moral mess of the voting process.

"The age of Internet voter fraud is here sooner and in more sinister form than even I imagined," said Deborah Phillips, president of the Voting Integrity Project, an activist group that specializes in Internet and democracy issues.

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My feet are sore.

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[The new site is 80%](#)

The new site is 80% complete and I hope to launch it while I am out at [Web 2000](#). Much of it was created while in Minneapolis, some in Salt Lake City, still other parts here in San Francisco and in the air in between. At first it will simply be a new look, however there are some other bits of functionality that will be added soon after.

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[MSP to SFO](#)

I am preparing for [Web 2000](#) and 10 days in San Francisco. I am really looking forward to both the conference as well as meeting many of the people I have been in correspondence with over the years.



I enjoyed Web 98 in San Fran, but I felt it was lacking in some key areas. I believe it has probably grown up some and should be great.

If you are going to be out in San Fran between October 27th and November 6th, please [drop me a line](#) and maybe we can get together for coffee or sushi (maybe not together though).

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[Its the end of the world as we know it.](#)

Here are some interesting [ways that the world could end](#). Among my favorites are the collapse of the vacuum and a particle accelerator mishap. Very interesting stuff. I somehow like the idea of the universe expanding until it "cools" and then having tiny bubbles of a new type of vacuum appearing and spreading at the speed of light throughout the universe.

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[I have been meaning to](#)

I have been meaning to post this link for some time, but feared it may mark me a dork. Then I realized I am one and decided to post it.

I have mostly sworn off computer games, but every once and a while a game will come along and get me really excited. The new [NeverWinter Nights](#) is such a game.




It is based on the goal of bringing the pen and paper version of Dungeons and Dragons to the computer screen.

I think they have done a fine job. It is based on AD&D 3rd Edition Rules (the rules aren't even out yet). The Dungeon Master (the one who creates the story and world to adventure in) can create the

world, story etc. just like traditional D & D and then can manifest himself in the world however he chooses (i.e. in a dragon, any non- player character, etc)



Some of the things they do with lighting effects and graphics are really nice.

Take a look at [these movies](#) (they take a while on a modem but they are worth it) Be sure to find the top one too, it's the one titled "Never Winter Nights Movie"

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[MalePregnancy.com Ummm, yeah. I have MalePregnancy.com](#)

Ummm, yeah. I have heard of this before but can't determine if this is legit or not.

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[I just came across a](#)

I just came across a great resource explaining why it is important to use diagrams that are whiteboard-compatible, tool-independent, and small and self-contained: the [visual vocabulary for describing information architecture](#) at [jjg.net](#) [[xblog](#)]

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Also some new links and stuff have been added to the [resource section](#).

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Have you seen [m40.com](#) lately?

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[I think this is a](#)

I think [this](#) is a bad sign of things to come.

To say that Madonna has more of a right to madonna.com than anyone else is just plain wrong. Especially when you consider these factors:

- Madonna is a dictionary word
- There was no intent to harm Madonna's character or mislead Madonna fans
- The domain was being used for a legitimate purpose: it served up pornography. It wasn't just sitting there and not being used.

I really do not like domain name squatters, but at what point does this stuff end?



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1. dial 1-800-888-3999 (it's free)
2. listen to all of the options
3. after hearing #7, hit 7

If that doesn't put a smile on your face, you need a vacation.

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[Scottie](#) Says:

"Religion (and other moral beliefs) is so deeply ingrained in people that it sometimes provokes irrational behavior, sometimes to the extent that people go beyond what they feel is morally right and often times they act in such ways that it goes entirely against what their beliefs state.

And you can quote me on that shit."

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So I went to the [Plural Party](#) (Version 2.0) last night in Minneapolis and it was quite the affair. There was a club-like atmosphere, models and whatnot, and free drinks for a good portion of the night. Best of all, there wasn't a URL anywhere to be found. In fact, I would say the geek factor at the event was remarkably low considering the industry.

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And there is [a new Aibo "dog"](#) from Sony.

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## [On the need for vision](#)

I find it interesting how many articles there are that claim "XYZ has arrived" or "The fall of XYZ" only to look foolish in 6 months. A couple such articles about micropayments are pointed to below:

[Micropayments, megaproblem - Red Herring](#)




[The Bankrupt Promise of Micropayments - Wired News](#)(yes I realize this is very old)

[Micropayments, Bigger Headaches - The Standard](#)

The problem with these articles is not what they are saying, but rather what they are NOT saying. These articles should be focusing on the reason the push for micropayments has been a steady, if not pretty weak, one.

That reason being the need to figure out new ways for content and service providers to charge for their innovation and products/services. What these writers fail to say is that we are currently in a short period between 2 eras. The era of advertising attached to content and media is ending and "on-demand" everything is coming. Just the essentials will be demanded, no ads. We just happen to be living in a time when the people who do it the old way don't know yet that their days are numbered or don't care, and the new ways are still in their infancy.




Solve the problems that usher us into the new era, and you will find yourself a pretty rich person.

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## [Update](#)




Here is what I have been doing lately:

- eating, sleeping, [working](#) (sometimes in that order)
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- reevaluating my goals
- buying and reading books about information, design, architecture, information design, and information architecture
- playing with [TiVo](#)
- working on [rearview.org](#) (no, seriously)
- wishing I lived in San Francisco
- biking, camping, and walking [my dog](#)
- waiting for Playstaion 2 to end all of the things above

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## [If anyone can help me](#)

If anyone can help me find the source of [this short little film](#) I would appreciate if you send it along to me. It is damn funny, but I have spent the better part of an hour trying to find a better quality version of it, to no avail.

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## [I may not condone this but....](#)

Capitalism meets Democracy

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## [So is anyone going to](#)

So is anyone going to [Web 2000](#)? We should hook up and talk about geeky stuff. I'll be [staying here](#).

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I am trying really hard to only use one space after a period. (not that it matters on the web) But it is oh so hard!

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I really like what Jason has done with [kottke.org](http://kottke.org). The new design is clean, much easier on the eyes than previous versions and presents a great deal of content in a small amount of space.

He is one smart feller'.

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## [I drew some interesting conclusions](#)

I drew some interesting conclusions from an article at [shirky.com](http://shirky.com) entitled: [View Source... Lessons from the Web's massively parallel development](#). [from [kottke.org](http://kottke.org)]

One relates to a point that is made that I hadn't really thought of in a formalized manner before:

"An interface can be integrated with the information it is displaying, instead of with the display software itself.

This transfer of the interface from 'something that resides in the software and is applied to the data' to 'something that resides in the data and is applied to the software' is the single most important innovation of the early Web."




Because of the fact that designers and architects have the freedom to develop the interfaces that they do, they are allowed to innovate or make mistakes in turn. The freedom and pace at which new interfaces are developed has allowed for greater change and an increase in the number of improvements that users benefit from.

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In a completely unrelated note, after watching most of the first presidential debates, I really feel that you have to tune out the rhetoric and lip service to this issue or that issue, and focus on which of the candidates you would feel comfortable as the leader of your nation. And as Forest Gump might say, "That's all I have to say about that."




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Now I will offer one last observation from on high and that is this: has the "art" of forming coherent, well formulated sentences been lost? After listening to a number of \*young people\* (listen to me, I sound like my grandpa) I am beginning to believe that this is the case.

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### [Book Learnin' is Good](#)

I have quite a bit of work cut out for myself as I have just received my latest shipment of books from [Fatbrain](#) (which incidentally just got a facelift). Among them are [The Design of Everyday Things](#), [Designing Web Usability](#), and [Envisioning Information](#); just some basics I have been meaning to brush up on for some time. I'll post my thoughts of these and other books here in the coming weeks.

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### [Half Man, Half Wrong](#)

If you have not seen [this](#) yet, you really have to. At first this Vince Carter dunk may not seem so spectacular, but look, he is jumping over a guy that is 7'2"!

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### [aberro.com meet alttext.com](#)


Many of you may have been to my other sites: [alttext.com](#) and [benonfilm.com](#). What you may not know is that both are in a state of evolution. While [benonfilm.com](#) will be re-architected and redesigned, with added content and functionality, [alttext.com](#) will undergo an even greater transformation... or I should say this site itself will be changing.

At some point in the not so distant future, this site's name and domain will change. It will take on the alt text name and some of its purpose. What is now [aberro.com](#) will remain nearly the same, but another section called episodes will be added. This section will allow me and others to collaborate on various projects and experiments and have them posted to this site for others to view and comment on. This move will also allow me to once again improve this site's focus and perhaps capitalize on a better, more well suited name: alt text and provide a better experience to its visitors.

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[The new site is 80%](#)

The new site is 80% complete and I hope to launch it while I am out at [Web 2000](#). Much of it was created while in Minneapolis, some in Salt Lake City, still other parts here in San Francisco and in the air in between. At first it will simply be a new look, however there are some other bits of functionality that will be added soon after.




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[MSP to SFO](#)

I am preparing for [Web 2000](#) and 10 days in San Francisco. I am really looking forward to both the conference as well as meeting many of the people I have been in correspondence with over the years.

I enjoyed Web 98 in San Fran, but I felt it was lacking in some key areas. I believe it has probably grown up some and should be great.




If you are going to be out in San Fran between October 27th and November 6th, please [drop me a line](#) and maybe we can get together for coffee or sushi (maybe not together though).

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[Its the end of the world as we know it.](#)

Here are some interesting [ways that the world could end](#). Among my favorites are the collapse of the vacuum and a particle accelerator mishap. Very interesting stuff. I somehow like the idea of the universe expanding until it "cools" and then having tiny bubbles of a new type of vacuum appearing

and spreading at the speed of light throughout the universe.

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### [I have been meaning to](#)

I have been meaning to post this link for some time, but feared it may mark me a dork. Then I realized I am one and decided to post it.

I have mostly sworn off computer games, but every once and a while a game will come along and get me really excited. The new [NeverWinter Nights](#) is such a game.

It is based on the goal of bringing the pen and paper version of Dungeons and Dragons to the computer screen.

I think they have done a fine job. It is based on AD&D 3rd Edition Rules (the rules aren't even out yet). The Dungeon Master (the one who creates the story and world to adventure in) can create the world, story etc. just like traditional D & D and then can manifest himself in the world however he chooses (i.e. in a dragon, any non- player character, etc)

Some of the things they do with lighting effects and graphics are really nice.

Take a look at [these movies](#) (they take a while on a modem but they are worth it) Be sure to find the top one too, it's the one titled "Never Winter Nights Movie"

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### [MalePregnancy.com Ummm, yeah. I have](#) [MalePregnancy.com](#)

Ummm, yeah. I have heard of this before but can't determine if this is legit or not.

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### [I just came across a](#)


I just came across a great resource explaining why it is important to use diagrams that are whiteboard-compatible, tool-independent, and small and self-contained: the [visual vocabulary for describing information architecture](#) at [jgg.net](#) [[xblog](#)]

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Also some new links and stuff have been added to the [resource section](#).

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Have you seen [m40.com](#) lately?

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### [I think this is a](#)

I think [this](#) is a bad sign of things to come.

To say that Madonna has more of a right to madonna.com than anyone else is just plain wrong. Especially when you consider these factors:

- Madonna is a dictionary word
- There was no intent to harm Madonna's character or mislead Madonna fans
- The domain was being used for a legitimate purpose: it served up pornography. It wasn't just sitting there and not being used.

I really do not like domain name squatters, but at what point does this stuff end?




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### [Do this: \[thanks Darrel\] 1.](#)

Do this: [thanks Darrel]

1. dial 1-800-888-3999 (it's free)
2. listen to all of the options
3. after hearing #7, hit 7

If that doesn't put a smile on your face, you need a vacation.

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### [Go Nads!](#)

Is this really the [best name](#) for a product that removes hair?

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### [This just in...](#)

In breaking news, [Scour is bankrupt](#).

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[What is their problem?](#) Have [things escalated](#) enough for the U.S. to deploy troops?

[Scottie](#) Says:

"Religion (and other moral beliefs) is so deeply ingrained in people that it sometimes provokes irrational behavior, sometimes to the extent that people go beyond what they feel is morally right and often times they act in such ways that it goes entirely against what their beliefs state.

And you can quote me on that shit."

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So I went to the [Plural Party](#) (Version 2.0) last night in Minneapolis and it was quite the affair. There was a club-like atmosphere, models and whatnot, and free drinks for a good portion of the night. Best of all, there wasn't a URL anywhere to be found. In fact, I would say the geek factor at the event was remarkably low considering the industry.

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And there is [a new Aibo "dog"](#) from Sony.

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[On the need for vision](#)

I find it interesting how many articles there are that claim "XYZ has arrived" or "The fall of XYZ" only to look foolish in 6 months. A couple such articles about micropayments are pointed to below:

[Micropayments, megaproblem - Red Herring](#)

[The Bankrupt Promise of Micropayments - Wired News](#)(yes I realize this is very old)

[Micropayments, Bigger Headaches - The Standard](#)

The problem with these articles is not what they are saying, but rather what they are NOT saying. These articles should be focusing on the reason the push for micropayments has been a steady, if not pretty weak, one.

That reason being the need to figure out new ways for content and service providers to charge for their innovation and products/services. What these writers fail to say is that we are currently in a short period between 2 eras. The era of advertising attached to content and media is ending and "on-demand" everything is coming. Just the essentials will be demanded, no ads. We just happen to be living in a time when the people who do it the old way don't know yet that their days are numbered or don't care, and the new ways are still in their infancy.

Solve the problems that usher us into the new era, and you will find yourself a pretty rich person.

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[Update](#)

Here is what I have been doing lately:

- eating, sleeping, [working](#) (sometimes in that order)
- coming up with ways to improve [aberro.com](#)/[alttext.com](#)
- reevaluating my goals
- buying and reading books about information, design, architecture, information design, and

information architecture

- playing with [TiVo](#)
- working on rearview.org (no, seriously)
- wishing I lived in San Francisco
- biking, camping, and walking [my dog](#)
- waiting for Playstaion 2 to end all of the things above

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[If anyone can help me](#)

If anyone can help me find the source of [this short little film](#) I would appreciate if you send it along to me. It is damn funny, but I have spent the better part of an hour trying to find a better quality version of it, to no avail.

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[I may not condone this but....](#)

Capitalism meets Democracy

Not planning on voting in the upcoming elections? Then [sell your vote](#) to the highest bidder at [www.voteauction.com](#)

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[So is anyone going to](#)

So is anyone going to [Web 2000](#)? We should hook up and talk about geeky stuff. I'll be [staying here](#).

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I am trying really hard to only use one space after a period. (not that it matters on the web) But it is oh so hard!

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I really like what Jason has done with [kottke.org](#). The new design is clean, much easier on the eyes than previous versions and presents a great deal of content in a small amount of space.

He is one smart feller'.

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[I drew some interesting conclusions](#)

I drew some interesting conclusions from an article at [shirky.com](#) entitled: [View Source... Lessons from the Web's massively parallel development](#). [from [kottke.org](#)]

One relates to a point that is made that I hadn't really thought of in a formalized manner before:

"An interface can be integrated with the information it is displaying, instead of with the display software itself.

This transfer of the interface from 'something that resides in the software and is applied to the data' to 'something that resides in the data and is applied to the software' is the single most important innovation of the early Web."

Because of the fact that designers and architects have the freedom to develop the interfaces that they do, they are allowed to innovate or make mistakes in turn. The freedom and pace at which new interfaces are developed has allowed for greater change and an increase in the number of improvements that users benefit from.

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In a completely unrelated note, after watching most of the first presidential debates, I really feel that you have to tune out the rhetoric and lip service to this issue or that issue, and focus on which of the candidates you would feel comfortable as the leader of your nation. And as Forest Gump might say, "That's all I have to say about that."




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Now I will offer one last observation from on high and that is this: has the "art" of forming coherent, well formulated sentences been lost? After listening to a number of *young people* (listen to me, I sound like my grandpa) I am beginning to believe that this is the case.

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[Book Learnin' is Good](#)

I have quite a bit of work cut out for myself as I have just received my latest shipment of books from [Fatbrain](#) (which incidentally just got a facelift). Among them are [The Design of Everyday Things](#), [Designing Web Usability](#), and [Envisioning Information](#); just some basics I have been meaning to brush up on for some time. I'll post my thoughts of these and other books here in the coming weeks.

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[Half Man, Half Wrong](#)

If you have not seen [this](#) yet, you really have to. At first this Vince Carter dunk may not seem so spectacular, but look, he is jumping over a guy that is 7'2"!

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[aberro.com meet alttext.com](#)

Many of you may have been to my other sites: [alttext.com](#) and [benonfilm.com](#). What you may not know is that both are in a state of evolution. While [benonfilm.com](#) will be re-architected and redesigned, with added content and functionality, [alttext.com](#) will undergo an even greater


transformation... or I should say this site itself will be changing.

At some point in the not so distant future, this site's name and domain will change. It will take on the alt text name and some of its purpose. What is now aberro.com will remain nearly the same, but another section called episodes will be added. This section will allow me and others to collaborate on various projects and experiments and have them posted to this site for others to view and comment on. This move will also allow me to once again improve this site's focus and perhaps capitalize on a better, more well suited name: alt text and provide a better experience to its visitors.

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Salford FORTRAN Compilers

Exponents of 100 or more, either positive or negative, became possible for Salford EMTP following a change to FLTOPT that was made September 30th. Of course, there is little or no practical engineering significance to such very large or very small E-field numbers, but sometimes it is convenient to allow them. It always should be better to handle such a number properly rather than replace it by GARBAGE for output purposes. Yes, GARBAGE is

what was found, for exponential decay. Output of the dT loop decayed from E-98 to E-99 to the symbolic GARBAGE. The same should have been true of positive exponents, in theory, although in practice the average user would have execution killed earlier by the creation of a single-precision plot file (numbers within this are limited to about 1.E+38). Well, following a generalization of the optimal encoding logic, Salford ATP can go all the way to the 32-bit Intel limits, which are approximately E+308 and E-308. For an illustration, see the 4th subcase of DC-37, which now includes disconnected nodes UNDER to demonstrate underflow and OVER to demonstrate overflow. Branch parameters R and L are carefully selected so as to produce extreme values on the final time step number 400 (note the E+304 and E-303).

A .PL4 file having COMTRADE format should be plottable using TPLOT, but it seems this capability was lost at the time complex output variables of ATP were generalized. Recall the choice among magnitude only, polar, rectangular, or both, was described in the July, 1998, issue. The first person to report the trouble using TPLOT was Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Attached to E-mail dated November 4th was an illustration, although it turned out this was not necessary. Any COMTRADE file seemed to be equally troubled (your Editor investigated using the familiar, existing example associated with DC-53). Because the number of variable parts was not defined to unity as it should have been, counting of a loop became infinite, and eventually was halted by Salford DBOS itself: *"Page memory exhausted at User ..."* A correction to POSOUT was made the following day, after which a copy was sent to Mr. Hevia. While on the subject, let's document Mr. Hevia's concluding observation: *"About COMTRADE, I downloaded the new IEEE Standard (1999 version) and I*

see that it is the same as IEC COMTRADE (fortunately!), but surely there are differences from the 1991 version."

TPPLOT might be another promising use of that F95 Salford compiler. Writing in the preceding issue mentioned only ATP. Well, it was the discussion about TOP2000 (see mention elsewhere in this issue) that prompted thinking about TPPLOT. Recall the complaint about overflow of Electrotek Concept's product. Well, Massimo Ceraolo of the University of Pisa in Italy contributed an interesting observation about his own alternative PlotXY. Quoting from E-mail dated October 9th: "I want to stress ... the fact that the ATP plotting program PlotXY ... has not ANY limit on the number of plotting points and of the plotting variables on the file." Existing F77 Salford TPPLOT has very large dimensions, but very large is not the same as infinity (more precisely, the unknown limit imposed by the operating system and computer being used). It would be nice to remove Salford TPPLOT limits, and the F95 compiler should make this possible. But F95 Salford has other problems (most importantly, lack of support for existing, scrollable DBOS windows), so the proposed use is not really a general replacement. Instead, the result would be a special version that would be useful for huge .PL4 files. Also, it would extend Salford TPPLOT graphics to MS Windows NT (fundamentally incompatible with existing F77 Salford ATP and TPPLOT).

But are Salford F77 graphics really available via F95? This is a key consideration, and current understanding is worthy of documentation. Your Editor had asked Masahiro Kan: "Are DBOS graphics present, as they were in the 1996 compiler?" For a summary of that 1996 compiler, see a special story in the July, 1996, issue. Mr. Kan's response was contained in E-mail dated 4 December 1999: "Yes, it is supported in the win32 version of Salford FTN95. It seems to be implemented in ClearWin+ library." About ClearWin, Salford documentation (more about this next time, when there is more room) of FTN95 states: "Salford is famous for its easy-to-use Windows GUI builder - ClearWin+. This library comes as part of the standard run-time system for FTN95, and with it you can write simple Windows programs ... GUI features are specified using format strings reminiscent of traditional Fortran I/O. Many of our customers have produced very complex GUI applications including graphics, tool bars, edit boxes, etc. using ClearWin+." For a less-enthusiastic and more-impartial review of the product, read what Walter Dykas of ORNL in Oak Ridge observed more than five years ago (see the July and October, 1995, newsletters). Your Editor's conclusion is this: maybe Clearwin is not as great as Salford claims. But if it provides access to DBOS-compatible graphics, that is an important advantage. Another critical detail is keyboard input (recall trouble was documented in that July, 1996, story). About this, Mr. Kan wrote: "Get_key1 function is not supported in the win32 version of FTN95, but getw_key1, which is the equivalent for the ClearWin window, is supported."

F95 ALLOCATE of ATP Tables

Kizilcay frequency dependence was changed from fixed to variable dimensions on October 20th in response to a semi-public complaint by Wlodzimierz Kalat of Warsaw University of Technology in Poland. In E-mail of the EEUG list server the previous day, Dr. Kalat had mentioned trouble using more than 30 \$INCLUDE files, but veteran users Orlando Hevia and Bernd Stein rapidly explained that use of \$INCLUDE was not the problem. Your Editor then added documentation of the three, presently-fixed Kizilcay limits: 1) 30 = maximum number of F-dependent elements; 2) 1000 = maximum sum of all component orders; 3) 25 = maximum order of any one F-dependent element. While he waited for variable dimensioning, Dr. Kalat was offered a special expansion of fixed limits. He was using Watcom ATP, and was updated by E-mail on October 20th (fixed Kizilcay limits 60, 2000, and 40, respectively, were believed to be adequate). About proposed use, Dr. Kalat explained: "The problem comes from the modelling of a 7-terminal transformer, where 28 node-to-node admittances (two-terminals) are needed. Approximation of their frequency characteristics yielded rational functions, which have: 1) a common denominator of order 26 (27 coefficients); and 2) 9 different numerators (because of the assumption of the three phase symmetry) with 29 coefficients. Due to the limit of 25th order of the F-dependent Kizilcay element, we had to divide each admittance into 2 parallel parts, so at the moment we need 56 elements of order 15."

The 4th subcase of DC-23 has been modified to illustrate the new dynamic definition of Kizilcay storage limits. See comment cards for details, and note the mention of both old F77 and new F95. The new data structure is accepted by both ATP versions, although it is only for F95 that dimensions actually can be changed. If the F77 ATP user attempts to set any Kizilcay table to a non-default size, execution should be halted by an error message mentioning routine HANNIN. Interpretation of the new dimensioning declaration begins: "Limits on Kizilcay tables." Of course, this should precede the first Kizilcay branch data (tables must be established prior to the first use). If a second or later stacked subcase should have different table sizes, the declaration could be repeated as needed. But this is not required. Once created, the Kizilcay storage remains in effect until a subsequent request results in either recreation or elimination. If there is no later request, the Kizilcay storage continues to exist until the end of execution. About elimination, the following interpolation is used: "Cancel the existing Kizilcay storage. Close it." The 7th subcase of DC-23 illustrates such closure after the last use.

No list size has thus far been mentioned. Usually, when some table is to be variably dimensioned, a VARDIM list size is involved. Not so for Kizilcay F-dependence, which will not be seen in any documentation of VARDIM data.

Had additional unused space remained on the first three VARDIM data cards (for lists 1 through 30), this more conventional procedure might have been used. But space has been exhausted, and your Editor wanted to avoid trauma associated with the expansion beyond 3 data cards (not trivial). That is why the truly dynamic procedure, with dimensioning a part of branch cards, was adopted. This works only for F95 ATP, unfortunately.

News from Outside USA and Canada

The Middle East, and a possible user group to support it, were mentioned in the preceding issue. That story now is being continued. That March 14th letter from your Editor, as distributed by the Fargo list server on May 17th, follows (remainder of this story):

Hi, Drs. Eissa and Khalil!

Sorry for the long delay in this response to your message having date February 12th. I began almost immediately, but quickly interrupted the work. Now, on March 14th, I am returning to the project.

- there is no problem to start the procedure of
- making the MEUG to have the same target and rules
- like the JAUG and EEUG but in Arabic Language.

In principle, I can think of no objection. Using Japanese language, JAUG (the Japanese ATP User Group) does what you have proposed for a Middle Eastern ATP user group using Arabic. The precedent for language already is established. As for the involvement of 2 or more countries, JAUG does not illustrate this aspect, but EEUG certainly does.

- Based our extensive study to our AREA and the
- educational need for undergraduate and researchers
- we found that MEUG will attain its role successfully.

Maybe. You would be offering a unique feature that is not now available : language. Certainly this should dominate when it comes to education. Yet, note carefully that you do not need a user group to do this. One can teach a course (e.g., Prof. Dennis Carroll in Florida) or exchange ATP information without a special user group. I can not imagine any present contributor objecting to the translation of his work to another language, as long as the original author was appropriately acknowledged, and his prior approval for the operation was sought.

- Finally we purse to know the essential rules
- and restrictions to start our procedure.

This is the hard part. This is what can not yet be answered. In fact, negotiations are ongoing with respect to the Fargo list server. ...

Of course, about licensing, any new user group would be expected to keep computer-readable records, and to share these with other cooperating ATP user groups.

But what about the Internet? I recall asking in a preceding message whether you exchange Arabic-language E-mail with countries of the region. Would you operate an Arabic-language list server or Web site for the exchange of ATP-related information among licensed users who read and write your language?

I also recall expressing an interest in what Laszlo thought of the idea. Later, I generalized this to all subscribers of the Fargo list server. Yet, I have no information that such a discussion has begun. This would be my recommendation: see what other important contributors think of your idea. I can not imagine the Can/Am user group agreeing to any proposal from you without first giving others a chance to consider the matter, and offer opinions. As a rule, we try to operate openly, and by consensus, in matters affecting other user groups. Note that I began the story in the April newsletter (now available), and it could be continued in the July newsletter.

When translation into another language (in this case, Arabic) is contemplated, my opinion would be that the approval of all authors would be required. This would be because translation would represent a new, unforeseen use of the original English-language contribution. Translation is comparable to the problem of FREEP, which wanted not only to distribute existing ATP materials, but to repackage ATP materials its own way. The FREEP problem was explained in the April and July, 1997, newsletters, as I recall. This would be another reason to inquire semi-publicly via Fargo: involve as many contributors as one can. If there might be objections by others, it is better to have them sooner rather than later. If in doubt about different usage, ask as publicly as possible. That is my opinion. WSM. 14 March 2000 03:50

More about the Internet and E-mail

ISDN sometimes is better than DSL (see explanation in the preceding issue). This is the view presented by Ted Mittelstaedt in the July issue of *Computer Bits* magazine (see "*The Network Community*" on pages 35-42). The long story begins with some hard-hitting criticism of DSL customer service: "*If you, as an ISDN customer, have a problem with your ISDN service and you call the Telco, they are required to fix it. ... If you, as a DSL customer, have a problem with your DSL service and you call the telco, they are required to do ... nothing. That's Nothing with a capital N. DSL is classed as a data service with no specified bit rate. If the bit rate is zero, the telco is within the terms of the contract. The PUC has absolutely zero control over it.*" Here PUC indicates Public Utilities Commission, which is a regulatory agency of local government. About speed, ISDN should easily beat poor

DSL because the telephone company must give it priority: "When your ISDN equipment places a call, it brings up 2 channels that total 128k of bandwidth. During the **entire** course of the call, you will always have that 128k of bandwidth. It does not matter how busy the telephone network is. ISDN is a circuit-based service." Not so for DSL, which time-shares the available work using available resources. DSL "data packets are marked with a header that says 'data - unspecified bit rate' ..." so can be delayed like cars during rush-hour traffic. "The expectation that DSL will always be faster than ISDN is quite wrong."

BPA management creates its own virus-like junk E-mail, it would seem. There are these internal mailing lists adl_x_all where the "x" in the middle stands for a letter such as "a" --- presumably for all names that begin with the letter "a". Management uses these lists to inform employees of developments. Unfortunately, employees sometimes "Reply" to such messages, and the result is not always what one might expect. On July 20th, Jay Coleman issued a warning to groups a, c, e, g, k, l, n, p, s, and t having "Subject : schedule cancel from Jan O'Rourke." It explained: "There is a problem with a schedule cancel e-mail from Jan O'Rourke. At this point we don't think it is a virus, but it does send to several ADL_ALL groups each time someone replies to it." To conclude, not a great deal of progress since the great "Reply All" problem of years past (see the January, 1998, issue).

The name **www.atp.com** already is in use --- by Aircraft Technical Publishers.

Electronic signatures became legal in the USA on October 1st, although they are little used. A CNN story dated September 29th is entitled "Legalized e-signatures bring convenience, risk." About the latter (good reasons for non-use): "... the expanded definition of legal signatures and flaws in the technology could contribute to fraud. The law does not specify a type of technology for e-signatures. They can be obtained through secured processes, like secret passwords or digital fingerprints, as well as unsecured ones, such as faxed signatures or clicking an acceptance button on a Web page. ... Although many e-signatures are secure when stored in a personal computer, malicious hackers could remotely break in and snatch them, said Bruce Scheier of Counterpane Internet Security Inc. and author of 'Secrets & Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World.' He said an attack from a hacker 'could take your signature and ship it across the Internet to someone else. It could show you one document and sign another. It could show you one document, sign that document and also sign several others. It's like having a signature stamp, where you give your signature to someone you don't trust.' The results can be costly. Someone stealing an e-signature, for instance, could pilfer an unsuspecting victim's bank account." It does sound as though this is one technological advance that is not likely to be used for ATP licensing any time soon. About alternatives: "Schneier was wary of individuals using fingerprints, eye scans or voiceprints to

identify themselves. 'If there's a big database of fingerprints and someone hacks it, what do you do, issue everybody a new finger?' he asked." Are we sure lawmakers were wide awake when this one was passed?

"Digital signatures now legal, but still not accepted" is the title of a story dated October 2nd that was found at ABC News. At the bottom, your Editor sees "Copyright 2000 ABCNEWS.com from TheStreet.com" (from? Strange how ownership is being acknowledged these days). First, Clinton is given credit (or is it blame?): "... passage of the e-sign bill earlier this year (thanks to a presidential push) ..." But is this a legacy anyone should want? "Analysts say the new law won't necessarily mean the use of digital signatures will be widespread." Following the introduction, there is a section entitled "Insurance industry unmoved." There seems to be no shortage of incentive: "an increase in the use of digital signatures has the potential to increase the amount of insurance products bought online." But it turns out insurance is not easy to sell online: "the nature of applying for insurance online is so complex that most insurance consumers are scared away and want a broker to help them through the process." See that mention of Allstate strategy in the April, 2000, issue. The next section is entitled "Reluctant financial service firms." After that comes a section entitled "Like offering a free root canal" (painful dental surgery). So what is a favorable application? "Because a digital signature file is complicated and difficult to download, the best application for the technology may be between companies and businesses to authenticate transactions."

The sale of electronic books is more difficult than the creation and distribution (see preceding issue). "Study: U.S. reads e-books, but won't pay" is the headline of a story by Steven Zeitchik. Dated August 30th, this was found at the CNN Website. It concludes: "a new study shows that a large percentage of people in the U.S. are willing to read books on a variety of electronic platforms, including laptops, PDAs and dedicated e-book devices. They just won't pay for them." This from "a survey of nearly 3,000 people sponsored by Seybold Research ... The results of the survey were announced Monday on 'E-Book Day' at Seybold SF, a digital-publishing convention taking place this week in San Francisco. The results were released the same day that Microsoft and Amazon.com announced their own e-book partnership. Specialty sites and portals are expected to soon follow Amazon and its main competitor, Barnesandnoble.com, which announced a similar partnership several weeks ago."

The Emulex stock hoax (see preceding issue) had a happy ending for police. "FBI Arrest Mark Jacob in Emulex Hoax Case" was the title of an AP news story that was found at the ABC News Website. Dated September 1st, this summarizes: "A student employed by Internet Wire allegedly used a computer at his school to construct and send a press release that knocked about \$2.5 billion off the market capitalization of Emulex." The guy was tricky, but

was not tricky enough considering the magnitude of the crime. The *"23-year-old ... El Segundo man ... went to great lengths to cover his tracks, going so far as to register at one Las Vegas hotel and make stock trades from another."* This is a Los Angeles-area story (El Segundo is next to the LA airport). About seriousness of the crime: *"Jakob, charged Thursday with securities fraud and wire fraud, faces a maximum of 15 years in prison if convicted."* About terminology, note use of the word *fraud* rather than *embezzlement*. Readers may recall your Editor's explanation in the January, 1994 issue. This was in the story about unverifiable and deficient accounting of money by LEC (the Leuven EMTP Center in Belgium), which closed its doors in 1993. About motive for the Emulex hoax, the prevention of losses due to leveraged stock trading is alleged: *"Jakob made his short sales on Aug. 17 and 18, using a computer at Internet Wire to execute some of them. Instead of the stock price declining, as Jakob had hoped, it began to rise, leaving him with the probability of having to repurchase the shares at a loss of approximately \$97,000 ... Instead, authorities say, Jakob made more than \$241,000 from Emulex trades after the phony press release was delivered."*

A 14 year old boy is alleged to have used the Internet to earn \$285K by trading and hyping volatile small stocks. In an AP news story dated September 20th, posted at the ABC News Web site, Jeffrey Gold tells the story. The New Jersey kid, named Jonathan Lebed, is alleged to have *"bought large blocks of penny stocks, hyped them on financial message boards and then dumped his shares after the price rose."* Is this obviously a crime? No, and presumably this is one reason no criminal conviction was obtained: *"Lebed, now 15, of Cedar Grove, neither admitted nor denied the commission's findings, but agreed to refrain from similar behavior. His lawyer, Kevin H. Marino, described him as an intelligent, well-rounded youngster 'who has been very interested in the securities industry for some time and has been an avid investor.' ... Lebed traded in custodial accounts ... that were in his father's name, the SEC said."* Here SEC indicates the federal American regulatory agency, the Securities and Exchange Commission. *"The SEC found that after Lebed bought a stock he sent hundreds of identical, false e-mail messages, each under a fictitious name, touting the stock he had just purchased."* In exchange for return of the \$285K, the SEC agreed to abandon its investigation and accusation, it would seem. There is a moral to the story: *"Regulators said the case demonstrates the risks of Internet stock tips."*

Amazon.com continues to lose money, but its more recent problem is bad publicity. Several stories found at *The Register* during the first half of September show just how clumsy Internet retailers can be. First, some customers were angered by Amazon's revelation that it probably was preparing to sell personal information about its customers. This ended with a story posted on September 14th with title *"Civil liberties group cancels Amazon partnership."* The organization is the Electronic Privacy Information Center

(EPIC), and its letter summarizes objections as follows: *"Recently Amazon announced that it could no longer guarantee that it would not disclose customer information to third parties. Because of this decision, and in the absence of legal or technical means to assure privacy for Amazon customers, we have decided that we can no longer continue our relationship with Amazon."* But that was just the beginning. Next came stories about discriminatory pricing. A story dated September 8th has title *"Amazon's Loyalty Tax: IE users pay more."* The complaint is this: *"DVD shoppers have discovered that Amazon's prices can vary wildly, with loyal registered users paying up to 16 per cent more for the same items than first-time purchasers. It's also emerged that Netscape users can gain discounts over Internet Explorer users ..."* In a story dated September 10th, the phenomenon was summarized as follows: *"... users discovered they could gain bargains by deleting their cookies or switching to another browser. Amazon claimed it was a temporary experiment."* Finally, there was refusal by Amazon to fill orders at advertised prices. The title of a September 13th story is *"Amazon reneges on DVD prices."* Summarizing recent bad decisions: *"Amazon has lately launched an aggressive campaign to become its own worst enemy. ... The company has since decided to back away from the price-test disaster, and will reimburse customers whose orders it affected."* A couple of weeks later, an ABC News story had title *"Amazon Accused of Sneakiness."* Dated September 27th, this concluded with a quote from seemingly-repentant Amazon head Jeff Bezos: *"I think what we did was dumb, dumb, dumb."* Story author Kevin Newman observes that this is *"a lesson the company says it regrets, but online customers may remember."* Really. Meanwhile, competitor Barnes and Noble (see the July, 1999, issue) seems to allow a customer to prevent the disclosure of personal information. Found at the B&N Web site on September 17th was the following explanation: *"From time to time, Barnes & Noble.com shares customer information -- never credit card information -- with trustworthy third parties. You can tell us not to share this information at any time by clicking here."*

"Votes for sale online in the US" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* with date October 5th. It seems there is this Web site *"Voteauction.com* where people can register to sell their vote to the highest bidder." Chicago was the original home of the site, and local politicians there were quick to demand closure (buying votes is illegal, obviously). But the dispute is not so simple. It seems that entrepreneurial ownership has moved offshore. According to the story, the Web site includes an announcement that *"Voteauction.com has recently changed ownership. It is now owned by an Austrian holding company that has invested in many of America's new, emerging industries. We feel that the American Election Industry provides unique new opportunities for the foreign investor."* Who can deny that? According to the story, *"the new owner is running the site from Austria, and might just be outside the jurisdiction of any American authorities."* Your Editor can not resist the analogy to offshore gambling (see the October,

1999, issue). So, what does a vote cost, anyway? It depends on location. *"The value of a vote varies widely from state to state. In Illinois, where 168 votes have been registered for sale, the asking price is a mere \$15.79. California votes, by contrast, are going for more than \$5,000."* If legendary Chicago gangster Al Capone were still with us today, not doubt he would be proud!

Domain names number 30 million today, and are expected to double to 60 million by 2002. This according to a story posted at *The Register* with date October 4th. *"The top Internet suffix is the prized .com --- more than 18.3 millionnet has more than three million domains, and .org two million. .uk, with 2.2 million, is the most popular country level domain, followed by Germany's .de with two million."*

Priceline (the "name your own price" people) was introduced in the July, 1998, issue. For travel, the concept seemed great. But what about groceries and gasoline (more recent extensions)? *"Priceline Drops a Bombshell"* is the title of an *ABC News* story (from *The Street.com*) dated October 5th. The subtitle is *"Priceline.com discontinues name-your-price groceries and gasoline."* So what happened? Did Priceline's bubble finally burst? *"Shares of Priceline.com plunged today after Priceline WebHouse Club, a privately held licensee of Priceline that offered name-your-price groceries and gasoline, said it will shut down. Jay Walker, the founder of both Priceline and WebHouse, said managers did not think they could raise the money needed to complete the business plan."* Conclusion: Nearly seven months later, the March crash of technology stocks (see the July issue) has extended to larger and better known Internet companies. More than just the weaker ones are being rudely reacquainted with real-world (as opposed to *new-paradigm*) financing. Yes, it still is important to make money. Oh well, travel remains: *"The announcement today does not affect Priceline services such as air travel, hotel rooms, rental cars ..."* But there was another, smaller failure, too: *"Also today, a second Priceline licensee, Perfect Yardsale Inc., announced it was going out of business. The company offered used merchandise to consumers through the Priceline Web site."* The following weekend, the written summary of Bob Brinker's radio talk show stated: *"business models are being studied for flaws. And that's what happened to Priceline, which saw its stock decline by over 95% in less than a year,"* Also, radio advertising heard October 9th continued to mention groceries. About company value that same day, CNNfn *"Snapshot"* reported the following for PCLN: *"52 week high \$ 104.25 ... 52 week low \$ 4.63"*

"Airlines Push Wireless Internet Access" is the title of an AP story found at the Web site of *ABC News*. Dated October 8th, this explains that airplanes are not directly involved. Rather than connection within planes, it is connection within airports --- while waiting for planes --- that is the latest innovation. The reason is not reassuring, either: *"Hoping to soothe delayed passengers, several*

airlines want to install wireless Internet access in airport terminals that will allow travelers to work, surf the Web or even watch digital movies to pass the time. Delta Air Lines is already offering the service at its terminal in Vancouver, British Columbia, and plans to have it available by the end of next year in its main hub cities ... United Airlines ... announced plans to start its own Internet service next year at 30 airports. Passengers will need only a computer with the right wireless modem ... and a few dollars to pay for access. Frequent fliers will be able purchase an unlimited access account for \$40 to \$60 a month." So, that is for airports, where the new service looks like a win-win offering. But what about the planes? *"In-Flight Access Further Off"* is the title of a later section. According to an American Airlines spokesman, *"it's probably going to be 2001 until we even have a beta test. ... There's a lot involved in flight. It's a lot more complicated than it might seem."* Beyond the technical problems, there is some concern about priorities and demand. One traveler is quoted as asking sarcastically: *"Who's worried about e-commerce on an airplane when they don't even have seats that are comfortable?"*

Cyber cars are what the Japanese have named their new Internet-connected automobiles. This according to an AP news story that was found at the Web site of *ABC News*. Dated October 9th, the picture near the top has caption: *"A Tokyo driver tries out one of Honda's new cyber cars. The auto comes with Internet access, so drivers can get information on thousands of restaurants or local restaurants right on the dashboard."* While skeptical of the practicality of initial implementation, the article goes on to explain that *"Honda Motor Co. and other Japanese auto makers are touting their cyber cars as the wave of the future. Honda's Internavi --- offered as a free service --- already has 40,000 customers in Japan. The Honda system builds off a computer satellite navigator found in some five million cars in Japan. To the navigator --- a dashboard-mounted paperback-sized screen that shows maps --- technicians have added a modem, browser capability and a mobile phone. The navigation machine costs about \$1,800, and the extra parts for Internavi cost about \$640, including installation fees. Honda has no plans yet to introduce Internavi in the United States. The idea is exciting."* But what about some practical problems of implementation? According to story author Yuri Kageyama, *"the trouble starts with what's missing: a keyboard. To type in an Internet address, for example, drivers have to keep pushing a button to move a cursor along an alphabet list on the monitor, entering the letters one by one."* At least the Internet service is unavailable while actually driving (no joke) ! *"The Net function of the machine turns off automatically when the car is in motion as a safety precaution required by Japanese law."* No doubt about it, Japanese auto makers are ahead of Detroit when it comes to innovation. On the street this year are extremely efficient hybrid (gasoline and electric) cars. From time to time, Clark Howard talks about the 70+ miles per gallon attained by his new Honda Insight on the highway (for city/highway,

61/68 mpg was the official rating at www.epa.gov as seen October 14th). Too bad he is not yet able to add the Internet connection! About other Japanese manufacturers: "Nissan Motor Co. has put cell phones in their cars that connect to an operator who finds the requested information and sends it back through the cell phone into the car's navigation machine. Toyota Motor Corp., meanwhile, has a voice-activated system. The driver shouts out items such as 'news' from a set menu, and the data pops up on the screen. Honda engineer Satoshi Murata says his company is banking on a future when Net access will be taken for granted everywhere, not only at home but also in cars."

"Canada torches all .ca domain names --- owners must reapply" is the title of a story that was posted at *The Register* with date October 12th. As incredulous as it sounds, re-registration seems to be Canada's way to solve the problem of disputes involving names. November 1st is the registration deadline set by CIRA, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority. As story author Kieren McCarthy concluded, "this is still an extremely odd way of sorting out URL disputes ... Oh, and you have to pay another \$20 to get back your domain. God, we hope WIPO and ICANN don't get to hear about this -- this kind of lunacy is right up their street."

Recall MUNPACK was mentioned in the October, 1995, newsletter. If the header of an encoded message mentions base64, this is the tool that would be applied by your Editor. But MUNPACK failed on October 13th, when applied to a message from Hong Kong. Peculiar about this message was a final line of the header: "X-MIME-Autoconverted: from 8bit to base64 by marble.bpa ...". Since your Editor did not know what else to try, he sent a copy to Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Some two hours later, the answer was received: "I decoded the text with Windows Commander, a shareware program similar to Norton Commander. The text follows (I deleted some strange characters):" Unfortunately, encoding was just half the battle. The attempt to send a reply bounced as follows: "This is the Postfix program at host mx8.263.net. I'm sorry to have to inform you that the message returned below could not be delivered to one or more destinations."

Rush Limbaugh's Web site was mentioned in the October issue. Since then, it has been the subject of considerable media attention because it seems to be a clear winner. First seen at Yahoo was a Reuters story dated October 30th which had title: "Traffic to Rush Limbaugh Web site jumps." Here are some numbers "according to leading Internet audience measurement service Nielsen//NetRatings. ... Rushlimbaugh.com attracted 399,000 unique visitors ... Men comprised 70 percent of the total traffic ... Traffic to Limbaugh's Web site has grown 250 percent over the past eight weeks." But what about the competition? Popularity as a television host does not easily translate into popularity of the associated Web site, it seems clear. November 1st, a Forbes (see www.forbes.com) story

explained the numbers in more detail, and compared with 276,998 for Martha Stewart (see www.marthastewart.com) and 203,838 for Oprah Winfrey (see www.oprah.com) --- both popular television personalities. On the other hand, measurements were for the week ending October 22nd, which is 2 or 3 weeks prior to a presidential election that occurs once every 4 years. Rush specializes in politics, and there is a lot of interest this year because of the close race between George W and Al Gore (the latter is one of Rush's jokes; Gore is pronounced to rhyme with Igor, as in the vampire Count Dracula and his semi-mythical, 15th-century Transylvanian castle).

European EMTP User Group (EEUG)

The year-2000 annual meeting of EEUG was held in Wroclaw, Poland Sept. 25-26 as should be summarized in detail in the following issue. As this January issue is being closed for pre-publication review on November 6th, your Editor does not yet have a report to summarize, and total document length is close to the desired 20 pages.

Watcom ATP for MS Windows

Watcom TPBIG required 200 Mbytes of local paging file to link, according to the April, 1999, newsletter. Well, that waste continues to grow. September 11th, to satisfy a request from EEUG, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu expanded the NT resource to 250 Mbytes. But this, too, was inadequate to create a new, FGH-dimensioned TPBIG, so 300 Mbytes followed, and this was found to be adequate. Good thing we now have Gigabytes to waste (see mention of new 550-MHz PC in the preceding issue)! About Watcom and EEUG, it should be explained that EEUG Chairman Kizilcay first had asked for, and was supplied with, Salford and GNU Mingw32 ATP versions. But he had mentioned preparation of a CD for members, and everyone knows that a 550-Mbyte CD would be mostly empty. So, your Editor offered the Watcom alternative, too, and Prof. Kizilcay agreed. Although Watcom TPBIG no longer is much used for development, it is created from time to time --- when free time exists, or when there is need for an independent evaluation. The Watcom compiler provides a fourth alternative (after Salford, Mingw32, and F95 Lahey) that is useful when the other three do not all agree (e.g., in the preceding issue, see mention of voting about DC-60).

Watcom STOPTH failed to show the card-image ruler and the last-read data card prior to enhancement on November 4th. Elsewhere, a new 8th subcase of DC-37 is mentioned, and this deliberately terminates execution using STOPTH, the installation-dependent error stop. Following WATCOM execution using RUNTP DISK, your Editor failed to find the desired output in DC37.LIS but did locate it in DC37.DBG (where it did not belong). When BOTH was used, the output in question was sent

to the screen only. Not the best, so very old output to LUNIT6 was changed to OUTSIX as has been used for years by Salford EMTP. In retrospect, it is strange no one ever complained about the Watcom lack.

Brain - Damaged MS Windows

"Supreme Court declines to hear antitrust case" was the title of a September 26th story by ABC News. About context: *"... the government tried to bypass the lower court under a statute known as the Antitrust Expediting Act. This obscure law makes it possible for a district judge like Jackson to send an antitrust case to the Supreme Court if he determines the case is important and in the public's best interest to be heard by the higher court. ... Today the nation's high court tossed it back down to the appeals court by an 8-1 decision ..."* MS wanted to delay any decision, and this guarantees added delay: *"Legal experts' estimates for the time to complete the case now range from a year to more than two."* Do not forget the November elections, either: *"... a new Republican administration under George W. Bush in January could decide to abandon the case"* according to an ABC News legal analyst. A view from the financial sector was offered by Morningstar (M*). That same day, *"Microsoft finally wins a round in antitrust case"* was the title of an opinion by Joseph Beaulieu. Under the section heading *"What it means for investors,"* the author begins: *"This is very positive news for Microsoft investors. The court of appeals is generally considered to be more sympathetic to Microsoft than was Jackson ... Given that the prosecutors got just about everything they wanted in Jackson's courtroom, Microsoft has nothing to lose -- and much to gain -- in this appeals process. Microsoft stock has gained about 5% so far on the news ..."*

"Microsoft hacked" is the headline of an AP story dated October 27th that was found at the Web site of ABC News. The subtitle is: *"Hackers break into software giant's network."* Unlike previous incidents (e.g., see *breached* in the January, 2000, issue), no one is minimizing the potential seriousness of this latest incident. The story begins: *"Hackers reportedly broke into Microsoft Corp.'s computer network and may have stolen blueprints to the latest versions of the company's Windows and Office software. Microsoft and the FBI are investigating the break-in, which was discovered Wednesday by the software giant's security employees, The Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site Friday ..."* About the technique used: *"... it appeared the hackers accessed Microsoft's system by e-mailing software, called QAZ Trojan, to the company's network and then opening a so-called back door through the infected computer."* A CNN story that same day indicated probable loss: *"The Wall Street Journal said the unknown hackers were believed to have stolen blueprints to its most valuable software, including latest versions of Windows and Office. ... A source close to the matter told CNNfn.com the hackers could have had access*

to internal systems for as many as 60 days." As for possible motive, *"anyone getting access to the underlying code might be able to use it to write their own software, or sell the code to other unscrupulous operators. The hackers could try to blackmail Microsoft into paying to win back the swiped source code - what industry experts call a 'data hostage' ploy. Industry experts said that getting access to Microsoft's source code could theoretically be of benefit to the software giant's competitors."* There is no reason to believe that the thieves were Americans, or even that they might be punishable by American law. Like offshore gambling, this theft might be beyond American jurisdiction: *"passwords used to transfer the source code behind its software were being sent from the company's computer network in Redmond to an e-mail account in St. Petersburg, Russia."* Days later, MS was trying to spin the story differently, however. *"Damage Control"* is the headline of an AP story dated October 30th that was found at the Web site of ABC News. This begins: *"Microsoft Corp. says a hacker had high-level access to its computer system for 12 days -- not up to five weeks, as the company had first reported -- and that the company monitored the illegal activity the entire time."* As your Editor has observed before, MS is about as credible as the White House when it comes to matters of real importance. *"Experts Skeptical of Microsoft Claims"* is the title of a later section of the story. Note the ironic connection to that famous ILOVEYOU virus (see the July, 2000, issue): *"The most recent hackers apparently used ... a sneak attack concealed as an attachment in an e-mail."* What goes around, comes around (colloquial adage). This looks like poetic justice: it is only appropriate that MS itself finally has contracted the disease that it made possible for others (see the July issue).

New EEUG List Server

Anonymous moderation was mentioned in the preceding issue : *"from this distance, I have no idea who is responsible for allowing the flood of messages through."* Responsibility for this, too, can be traced to Bill G's brain-damaged MS software as used at BPA. In E-mail dated September 21st, fellow moderator Laszlo Prikler explained: *"See the 'Approved by' field after activating the 'Show all headers' flag in your e-mail reader. Unfortunately I was not able to find any such switch in Outlook, when I searched for that after your inquiry some weeks ago. I hope you will have more success, or already find that in the meantime."* No, neither Dr. Tsu-huei Liu nor your Editor knows how to learn more about header information than the selected four lines that Bill G wants us to see. The *"Format"* button would be a logical place to put such control, but seems to offer none. The *"View"* button does offer *"Message Header"* which sounds promising enough, but which serves only to turn off the 4 lines that one normally is allowed to see. Not good, this brain-damaged software from MS.

Laszlo Prikler solved the just-stated problem of anonymous moderation for **some** users of MS software. In E-mail dated October 9th, he advised: *"I found how you can see that piece of information: Open the message as you normally do (now you can see the basic header info in the top 20% of the window, and the message body). Click on File | Properties. You can see here a General and a Details tab. Click on Details. The complete header info is there. On the lower right corner there is one more button (I forgot its name). If you click on this, you can see the complete header info plus the message itself in a Notepad like window. It worked for me using a colleague's MS Outlook Express, so I hope it will work for you too."* Well, at BPA, using Outlook 98 under NT 4, the first deviation is at the top, where your Editor sees "General" and "Message ID" tabs (not a "Properties" tab). Clicking on the second of these, this is all the window shows. For Prof. Prikler's own informative message, this is the single line
c=US;a=;p=BPA;l=EXCH0300100917254H78JADB
Really revealing, eh (joke)? Buttons at the bottom are "OK", "Cancel", "Apply" (inactive), and "Help". Conclusion: BPA paid Bill G too much for this top-of-the-line MS software.

Headers of E-mail messages were seen for the first time at BPA on October 12th, following Prof. Prikler's 3rd attack on the problem. He wrote: *"I found 'real' (i.e. not Outlook Express) MS Outlook 2000 on a colleague's machine. The complete header information could be displayed there this way: a) If the message is still in the 'Inbox', a right mouse click pops-up a floating menu. You should see there an 'Option' item. b) if the message is already open for reading, the Option dialog box can be activated via the 'View | Option' menu. After selecting Option, you can see a dialog box having a scrollable window at the bottom called 'Internet headers' It is strange how differently this header info is offered in different MS products. MS Outlook Express completely differs from MS Outlook 2000 in that sense. My colleague's PC runs Win98, so I would not be surprised much if the above advice did not work with your NT and Outlook 98. Anyway, I am sending the new advice."* Yes, this third recipe did work. Prof. Prikler is to be thanked for his persistent efforts, which finally paid off --- at least for a short period of time (a month or two). In response later that same day, your Editor explained the problem with time: *"This ability to read now does not preserve the information in our archives. 'Save as' results in storage that is missing the headers. So after a month or two, as old E-mail is purged, it appears to me that the information will be lost. Too bad."*

Rejection of advertising of a journal unrelated to ATP was the progress of moderators during mid-September. The story began September 8th with a proposed message that had salutation: *"Dear power-globers, atp-neters, electrical engineering researchers and educators."* That is the closest the message came to ATP: *atp-neters*. The message continued: *"From time to time I am here in this forum to invite researchers and educators around the world to*

submit their work ... The Journal is included in the Engineering Citation Index since the beginning of 1999. Further information on how to publish in the journal can be obtained at the Journal's pages ... We also would like to ask you to spread the news around through personal contacts and local lists. Thanks in advance for your attention." EEUG Chairman Kizilcay had volunteered to discuss the problem with the proposed author, and 4 days later he explained: *"Only messages closely related to ATP and electromagnetic transients are accepted ... At present, we are in the transition stage. The operation and moderation rules of the new list will be announced publicly ... soon. When you think the ... Journal is suitable to submit papers in the field of electromagnetic transients, I kindly ask you to modify your announcement indicating the relation to ATP and transients."* This was not done, however. Instead, 3 days later, the author replied: *"I think that [it] is not up to me to think if an indexed journal in the technological area (I think Electromagnetic Transients is inside Electrical Engineering) is suitable or not to be announced in your list server. This is your job. I also thought the announcement of a Journal in the Electrical Engineering field could be of a help for researchers in the Electromagnetic Transients field. I am very very surprised with your refusal."* A day later, your Editor reviewed these two messages, and observed the following to fellow moderators. Prof. Kizilcay's request *"seems clear enough, and reasonable, to me. Next I read"* the response which *"does not respond to the request. Of course transients are a part of engineering, and engineering is a part of science. Science is also a part of life and modern civilization. So what? None of this responds to the need for ATP-related writing. It is irrelevant. ... It is curious that the author mentions electrical engineering explicitly. The title of his journal does not. Connecting to ... his Web page, I see the officially-declared purpose: '... to promote scientific technical work from ... and foreign researchers, in some Engineering areas ... Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Chemistry and related fields.' Not only is there no mention of transients, electricity clearly is just a small part of a big total. ... Even if one accepted the premise that ATP users might be interested in the subject, why should they have special interest in this particular ... journal as opposed to some other?"* About being surprised by EEUG's refusal, your Editor wrote: *"I believe it. After years of free publishing via the Fargo list server, the imposition of rules such as relevance to ATP might come as quite a shock to ..."* About the salutation, your Editor had wondered whether the same message also might have been sent to Power Globe (see the October, 1996, issue). Apparently so (another good reason not to be a subscriber). In E-mail dated September 18th, moderator Laszlo Prikler observed that *"ATP-EMTP-L@ received just a cc: of his message. I deleted the power-globe message, but I clearly remember ..."*

The so-called *"=20 problem"* was explained by your Editor at the end of EEUG list server mail from Tom Field of Southern Company Services in Birmingham, Alabama,

USA. Mr. Field included an attachment from Dr. Ing. Walter Gimenez in Spanish-speaking Argentina, and this was broken frequently by extraneous "=20" or sometimes just by a lone equal sign. Let's illustrate using the start of the main paragraph: *"In t= his=20 respect, I have made my PhD thesis in the topic and I have written some pape=rs=20 (IPST=B499, Lusas 97 and 99), I have also carried out my own programs for th= e=20 calculation of the parameters of the pattern (Mayr, Cassie y/o Mayr+ Cassie)=20= and=20 invented a new way ..."* This was September 26th, when your Editor asked in an appendix: *"What are such extra characters, where were they inserted, and how can they be avoided in the future?"* Moderator Hevia, a colleague of Dr. Gimenez, offered the following opinion: *"I think that this =20 is really ASCII 20 (or ASCII 32 (hex20)), and is added by the email program. The =20 is not a Spanish character, ... but is due to some Spanish Outlook feature."* October 24th, Mr. Hevia added an interesting observation about possible avoidance: *"I received two copies of a same message --- one directly and another via my IEEE alias. The first message has the =20 as you see in some Spanish Outlook messages, the second apparently was filtered. Maybe the same procedure could be applied to the listserver."*

Corrections to This Newsletter

Directories \DISLINL and \DISLING were mentioned in the preceding issue. That much is correct: separation of Lahey DISLIN from Mingw32 DISLIN is accomplished this way. But there was a following claim that *"associated DISLIN and PATH environment variables"* can not be separated. While true, this is irrelevant as first pointed out October 3rd by BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu. What she showed your Editor is this: GNU Mingw32 DISLIN graphics require neither the DOS symbol DISLIN nor any PATH definition. Lahey DISLIN does, but Mingw32 DISLIN does not. Fortunately, free DISLIN for Mingw32 is simpler. As a result, RUNTP for Lahey could be restored to its original two lines, and AUTOEXEC could be used for all definitions. Those definitions, it follows, are for Lahey only (none is required for Mingw32). This is the good news: separation is simpler than was portrayed in the October issue.

ATP Licensing Problems

EPSRI (the Chinese EPRI) outside Beijing, China, continues to isolate EMTP commerce as required. Yet another department (see the April, 1999, issue for mention of the first) applied for a license to use ATP during September, and it was not necessary for the user group to raise the issue of required isolation from DCG / EPRI EMTP. Jiang Weiping, Director of Power System Simulation Center, clearly stated what was required in an attached note: *"There may be some people ... who have*

engaged in EMTP commerce. But in the Simulation Center none of our staff is related to their activities." It does sound as though ATP finally has reached those persons who specialize in electromagnetic transient simulation: *"The Simulation Center is a consultative lab for many power system projects (e.g. Three Gorges, Tian-Guang AC/DC engineering etc.). We use Hybrid Simulator, real-time software and off-line software but will never sell them. The Simulation Center is a public lab to which visitors from all over the world are welcome."* Of course, the Three Gorges dam is world famous (the world's largest hydro generation site?).

EDF was the source of a request for ATP. This according to October 5th E-mail from EEUG Chairman Mustafa Kizilcay, who was answering a request from *"Robert jeanjean; I ave G. de gaulle; 92300 Clamart FR."* Of course, EDF indicates Electricite de France, the national electric authority; and Clamart is a suburb southwest of the center of Paris where research has been located for decades. As justification: *"Using a lot of simulation for transient analysis, I'd like to use the last version of ATP. Can you send me that software, or can you give me the right way to obtain that software."* Prof. Kizilcay correctly noted the complication of EMTP commerce by EDF, and referred the inquiry to the Can/Am user group for a response. This was simple enough, later that same day: *"... this is our understanding over here, too. In years past, EDF certainly was involved in 'EMTP commerce' as defined by our form letters. As a result, instead of free licensing, reciprocity would apply. Since I am going to send a copy of this note to Mr. Jeanjean, I will append our LICENSE.PDF for his consideration. ... It does sound as though this person is unaware of the complication caused by EDF's participation in the sale of EMTP-like programs (including MORGAT). To check the spelling of MORGAT, I searched old messages from the Fargo list server. I saw where a couple of EDF authors wrote a paper for the 1995 IPST conference. As far as we know, MORGAT, too, is being sold commercially."* More next time (complication of the story increased rapidly).

TOP, The Output Processor from Electrotek Concepts in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, first was mentioned in the July, 1992, newsletter. Because Electrotek is not licensed to have and use ATP materials (see the October, 1996, issue), compatibility of TOP with ATP .PL4 files is problematic. From time to time, an ATP user will complain of trouble, and your Editor must deny all knowledge. He explains that Electrotek created its own problem, and has only itself to blame for no longer having access to ATP and its specifications. The issue arose again --- this time in semi-public E-mail of the EEUG list server dated October 6th. A summary follows. First, there was a general question: *"Does anyone know if TOP 2000 has a limit in number of nodes?"* Next came a recommendation of help from the factory: *"Electrotek has a TOP Forum on their website. In the past, they have*

been very responsive for bug fixes." It was the following morning before your Editor saw these messages, and was able to issue the warning that follows: *"Readers are reminded that Electrotek Concepts no longer is ATP-licensed. ... Electrotek Concepts lost its previously-free ATP license no later than July of 1989 because of 'EMTP commerce' (which is prohibited by the free licensing agreement). Apparently after losing EPRI support, Electrotek had expressed interest in re-acquiring ATP. But reciprocity then applied, and the price no longer was either free or reasonable. Instead, the price was Electrotek's own price! Not surprisingly, Electrotek showed no further interest. Today, Electrotek Concepts remains unlicensed, and is not entitled to view ATP materials. So how can anyone effectively report trouble using TOP2000 on an ATP .PL4 file without disclosing the data that was mishandled? The Can/Am user group does consider program output to be ATP materials as mentioned in licensing agreements. This includes .PL4 files, which are not to be disclosed to any unlicensed person or organization."* Conclusion: moderation did not prevent questionable information this time. The learning process continues (list server moderation is very serious business, and it requires both experience and care; if in doubt, do not approve).

Power Company Politics and Religion

Deregulation of electric power in Australia and New Zealand was mentioned in the preceding issue. October 2nd, the same Ashok Parsotam of Southpower in Christchurch sent E-mail that included a *"Press Release: New Zealand Government."* The document supposedly comes from www.newsroom.co.nz It does seem that San Diego (see preceding issue) is not the only place where theory and practice fail to exhibit the hoped-for correlation. About deregulation in New Zealand: *"Recent changes to the electricity industry have not brought the expected benefits to domestic consumers. This led the Government to establish the Caygill Inquiry into the Electricity Industry."* Included in the report is a warning more threatening than Bill Clinton's attack dogs: *"Electricity lines companies and Transpower will be placed under price control if they breach thresholds or criteria to be developed by the Commerce Commission."*

The hvdc intertie to California was mentioned in the July, 1992, newsletter. Its future now is being debated openly by an increasingly-hesitant BPA. A 6-page brochure dated October, 2000, was published by BPA as part of public discussion. Facts and issues are interesting. Age is approximately 30 years, and California utilities would like BPA *"to commit to maintaining its end of the DC intertie at the current 3,100 megawatt capacity for the next 30 years."* But the original mercury-arc valves remain in service. Replacement by thyristors eventually (e.g., in 10 or 15 years, perhaps) will be required, if capacity is to be maintained. The other alternative is simply removal:

"retiring the mercury arc converters at Celilo would reduce the intertie capacity to 1,100 MW." BPA estimates the cost of replacement at \$57 to \$100 million --- nothing compared with \$400 million/year that are wasted on fish (see the July, 1999, issue). But economically and/or politically, there no longer seems to be commonality of interest between north and south. Californians want the high capacity for continuing access to cheap northwest hydropower, and perhaps also for added security during summer outages down there. But new BPA management no longer is the resourceful collaborator that old management once was. It looks to your Editor as though management wants to protect itself from criticism that might result from a simple decision to upgrade. Doing nothing might be safer politically. Also, if the upgrade is to be made, it might be safer for BPA politicians to appear to be forced by others to perform the work.

BSTS Ltd. in England is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Because the name meant nothing to your Editor, he asked Steve Nurse, the person who had used the name, for clarification. His response on October 12th illustrates once more the global turmoil of the electric power industry: *"Regarding your query about BSTS, I am not surprised that you have not heard of us, we have been taken over by so many different companies and had numerous name changes that I sometimes forget myself who we are. For your information, a brief company history: 1) A. Reyrolle Ltd; 2) NEI Reyrolle; 3) Rolls Royce Reyrolle Technology; and 4) British Short Circuit Testing Station (BSTS) Ltd (VA Tech Reyrolle Ltd)."*

www.emtp.org for ATP Use

Web termination **.org** indicates *organization*, and it is widely used by non-commercial operations such as IEEE (see www.ieee.org). Since ATP is non-commercial, **.org** really was preferred. Fortunately, during mid-September, EEUG Chairman Mustafa Kizilcay was able to reserve **www.emtp.org** for use by cooperating ATP user groups of the world.

About *emtp* in the middle, this, too, was your Editor's preference. In E-mail dated September 12th, Prof. Kizilcay had offered several alternatives: *"Today I learned from my provider that you can visit <http://www.internick.de> to check free international domain names. My search results ... are as follows : emtp.com ..., atp.com, atp.org, and atp.net are not available. But the following domain names are available : emtp.org, emtp.net, atp-emtp.com, atp-emtp.org, emtp-atp.com, and emtp-atp.org. We should be quick to snatch one of the above free ones or a new one that you propose."* Two days later, your Editor agreed as follows: *"Interesting. Well, that answers the question about emtp.com, which I was inclined not to use, anyway. ATP is not commercial. The more I think about it, I prefer .org if this is understood internationally to be non-commercial. I*

guess my preference would be emtp.org provided most Europeans understand that .org means non-commercial." Note this choice re-emphasizes what ATP is: a version of EMTP. The name EMTP never was abandoned when DCG/EPRI attempted commercialization beginning in 1984. Rather, a non-commercial version of EMTP that was not in the public domain was planned. This is what was given the name ATP the following year, as explained in the September, 1988, newsletter story.

E-mail can be addressed to various parallel mailboxes that involve the domain name. This is yet another of Prof. Kizilcay's great ideas. **canam@emtp.org** is the Internet address of the Can/Am EMTP User Group as first used September 19th. Considering E-mail on Dr. Liu's PC at BPA, MS Outlook 98 indicates that Prof. Kizilcay's inaugural message of this date was "To:" this address rather than the usual **thliu@bpa.gov**. The "Subject:" of Prof. Kizilcay's message was "Please visit www.emtp.org" and he concluded: "There is something new in this Email I sent you. Have you noticed it? No? Then check the header." Yes, amid all the other messages to the BPA address is this exceptional one to **canam@emtp.org**. That Prof. Kizilcay can give Dr. Liu this alternative Internet address without any change within BPA is surprising. But not being able to see full E-mail headers using Outlook 98, it is not possible to see the trickery involved. However, it works; and the Can/Am user group is happy with the alternative, which henceforth is recommended for user group business. Of course, other user groups can have parallel E-mail addresses, if this is desired. So, if the user group acronym can be remembered, the appropriate Internet address for ATP business sometimes can be guessed. Nice.

The official announcement of the new home page for ATP was made by EEUG Chairman Kizilcay in semi-public E-mail of the EEUG list server dated October 24th. "Improvement of the mailing list ATP-EMTP-L" was the subject, and the message began with a mention of JAUG and Can/Am participation. Prof. Kizilcay continued: "Other user groups have also assured their support. The mailing list is open only to licensed ATP users. In the future, subscription will be performed by user groups after checking ATP license of the user concerned. As you may have noticed, the list is being moderated by several ATP experts around the world. We are at present in the transitional stage. ... A new official WWW page for ATP has been established with the URL <http://www.emtp.org>. This Web site is not complete, but all necessary general information can be found there including operation and moderation rules of this mailing list. Please visit ... and read these rules carefully. These rules have been approved by major user groups. Next, the present subscription list will be revised and replaced by verifying the ATP license of subscribers. Different procedures are used by different user groups for this purpose. All ATP users from Canada, U.S.A. and countries of North America are asked now to fill in on-line the new WWW

form ... whether or not they already are licensed. ... After clicking on 'Send data' button, the user should wait until a new Web page appears on the screen. This ATP licensing agreement is generated automatically. The user should sign and send it by mail (neither fax nor E-mail is accepted!) to the user group address given there. Other user groups first will try to identify their own licensees among the present list server subscribers. In cases of uncertainty, subscribers should be asked to demonstrate that they are ATP - licensed . Details regarding subscription procedure will be announced by user groups in the mailing list. In this respect, on-line Web ATP licensing forms are available also for subscribers licensed by EEUG and JAUG. The deadline of the re-subscription is 20 November 2000. As single action, all old subscribers will be deleted and replaced by the new subscription list on this date."

Standler Surge Function from Hevia

The Standler surge function was made available in ATP on September 29th as a third basic alternative of Type-15 sources of the electric network. Inspiration came from Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. The first time your Editor can recall seeing or hearing the name Standler was in E-mail from Mr. Hevia dated September 14th, which had "Subject: a new source for ATP?" This began: "I send you the code for a new surge source, the so called Standler function. This function is similar in shape to the Heidler function, but it is defined by $V(t) = C * (t / A) ** B * exp(-t / A)$ The program I send estimates the best parameters A, B and C for this source ..."

The name Standler comes from an electronics expert, not a power system expert, it should be mentioned. As a reference, Mr. Hevia mentioned a decade-old book, which Barnes and Noble (B&N) lists as: "Protection of Electronic Circuits from Overvoltages" by Ronald B. Standler, 1st edition, 464 pages, John Wiley & Sons, November 1990. At a B&N price of \$145, your Editor does not plan to order a copy any time soon. According to B&N, "bn.com customers who bought this book also bought" two other books. These had titles "Microchip Fabrication ..." and "Printed Circuits Handbook." According to the publisher, the book "includes protection methods for equipment operating from mains with nominal voltages up to 1 kV rms." To conclude, this clearly is not high voltage engineering of power systems, so there is some concern about applicability to high-voltage surges on power lines.

"Surge Function by Gabor Furst" was the title of a story in the July, 1996, issue. This is good background reading to understand the extension of Type-15 sources to Standler. Mr. Hevia mentioned the Heidler alternative, which can be traced to Bernd Stein of FGH in Mannheim, Germany. The Heidler source is old, with the third subcase of DC-19 mentioning a letter dated 30 July 1986. Like Mr. Stein's

implementation of the Heidler function, the Standler function is being hard-wired in ATP FORTRAN. This contrasts with Gabor Furst's work, which was confined to MODELS data. Alternatively, today it could be done using the pocket calculator (e.g., a Type-10 source). Recall parameters of Mr. Furst's model could be determined interactively and graphically: *"SURGE1 and SURGE2 are small, interactive, graphical programs that were written to allow the Intel-based PC user to see his surge as a function of time, and adjust all three parameters interactively."* Well, author Hevia relies on no such interactive assistance. He performs his parameter fitting without reliance upon user judgment. About similarity of functions, note that the Standler term $(t / A) ** B$ corresponds to Mr. Furst's independent discovery *"that simply raising (t / T) to the power of k provides the answer."*

Orlando Hevia's fitter began as separate program STANDLER.FOR which was explained in E-mail dated September 18th. This began with an explanation of the need for Heidler or Standler: *"The double exponential surge function has two limitations: a) Short waves as 8/30 usec of IEC 60-2, ANSI/IEEE Std 4-1978, and ANSI C62.1-1984 cannot be represented by a double exponential function, and b) The maximum slope occurs at t=0, but the measured waves has the maximum slope near the peak. The Standler function ... is more appropriate for short waves. The user can input the three parameters A, B, and C directly. But if he does, he has no direct control over the peak, the rise time, and the time to decay to half of the peak. My fitter, which uses a Newton-Raphson procedure, allows the user to specify such statistics of engineering importance. My fitter determines A, B, and C for the user."*

Node STAN1 was added to the 3rd subcase of DC-19 to illustrate the basic Standler function. Little else has changed. The Standler function simply is appended to the existing first PRINTER PLOT as a fourth curve having symbol D. This was the simple change September 29th, with parameters A, B, and C picked arbitrarily to make the Standler curve nicely visible.

STANDLER SURGE FUNCTION is the new request that connects to author Hevia's fitter STANDLER.FOR for batch-mode use. This is no different than many of the other supporting programs, with usage illustrated by a new 9th subcase of DC-13, which was created October 8th. Requests for Standler fitting (a single data card suffices to hold all data of each request) are read until terminated by a blank card. Outputs have been redirected and modified to accommodate ATP as follows. Whereas author Hevia used a separate file having fixed name STANDLER.PCH for ATP source cards, such output now is being sent to the ATP punch buffer just as for any other supporting program. It also is being optimally encoded so as to improve both readability and accuracy (source data, with a field width of 10, was a challenge for E-field encoding). The printed output of STANDLER.OUT has been redirected to the

diagnostic file (normally having file type .DBG parallel to the .LIS file). Finally, STANDLER.GNU for GNU PLOT output has been replaced by CALCOMP PLOT graphics, which are provided automatically. This graphic treatment is similar to what was done for HEVIA HYSTERESIS (see the July, 2000, issue).

In-line use of Orlando Hevia's fitter also is possible, for a Standler source. The preceding paragraph was for batch-mode use, which punches Type-15 branch cards. This is most efficient, since the burden of computation then is performed only once. It also is safer, since convergence is not guaranteed (convergence depends on the user's data). But it may not be most convenient, so automatic parameter determination of a Standler surge also is possible *on the fly*, as part of the Type-15 source data. For an illustration, see node STAN2 of the 3rd subcase of DC-19 (modified October 28th).

Data interpretation for a Standler surge function is exceptional if data is fit in-line. This detail is worthy of some explanation. The usual *"Source. ..."* line will be seen, but this will document output of the Hevia fitter (Standler parameters A, B, and C) rather than the user's raw input data. To document input data, a special comment card has been created with "C" replacing the type code "15" in columns 1-2. This will be seen immediately before the *"Source. ..."* card, with fixed interpretation: *"Input data of user, for Standler surge function. |C ..."*

Heidler and other alternatives probably will follow. On October 9th, your Editor wrote Mr. Hevia: *"I agree. I will finish Standler and leave the other alternatives to you. Yet, for most of this work, you do not need new GNU ATP source code. I do plan to send you modified ... (the real source code). Note this is the same disk file as used for your TANH work."* This was in response to Mr. Hevia's explanation: *"My request for source code is because I can add the Heidler and double exponential fitters, following your work, and free you of this repetitive job."* Yes, this is the plan, as future issues should report.

Publishing Programs and Viewers

"PDF copies of newsletters ..." was the start of a paragraph in the preceding issue. The story now continues. One contact who received copies of the archive was Dr. Tsuyoshi Funaki at Osaka University in Japan, and his response dated September 5th was quite unexpected. Dr. Funaki indicated that JAUG already offers PDF - formatted copies of the newsletter dating back through 1988 in location <http://atp.pwr.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/emptnews> *"I generated pdf files from your original .wp5 files, etc. If you have difficulty using our site, please inform me."* Later that same day, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu connected successfully.

WordPerfect 9 is the product of interest within Corel Office 2000 as first mentioned in the preceding issue.

September 12th, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu received her package, and installed the software on her 550-MHz PC. Although the Corel Website listed a price of \$150, the good news is that only a \$95 upgrade fee (from existing WP 7) was paid by BPA. Most important for ATP developers, Copy/Paste now does work as promised on the NT platform at BPA (no need for the \$10 patch for brain-damaged NT). Also, that PDF output looked great in Acrobat Reader, for the simple tests that Dr. Liu performed initially. Later, such output failed for Dr. Kai-Hwa Ger's order form (pages 7 and 8 of the user group's old form letter LICENSE.WPD). The last two pages had been separated into separate disk file KAIHWA.WPD for use with Prof. Kizilcay's new on-line licensing procedure (see preceding issue), and although KAIHWA.PDF was produced without incident by WP 9, Acrobat Reader refused to display it properly (display halted with an error part way through the first table). So, temporarily (until Dr. Liu can avoid the trouble by using a simpler table), PostScript was created, and this was passed through Adobe Distiller to create the required PDF file for EEUG on September 12th. The following day, Dr. Liu changed the horizontal separator lines (all dotted lines became solid, and 4 extra solid lines toward the bottom of the first table were removed), and then WP 9 PDF output became usable. Continuing with observations about WP 9, your editor was particularly pleased by background color, which no longer was bright white (apparently a requirement of WP 7). When first seen by your Editor, the background was blue, which is much less tiring on the eyes. Dr. Liu explained that now the color comes from Windows (logical enough), and we changed this to black (your Editor's preference) just to prove it. About other changes, Dr. Liu mentioned that *Print Preview* is back, and it works as the command does in either Word or WP 5. Of course, WP 5 needed a preview because the working display in which one keyed and manipulated text used a text (not graphic) screen, so sometimes bore little relationship to printed output. But for WP 7, the working display was close to the final display. Close, but apparently not close enough. The return of *Print Preview* is seen as correction of a minor problem, and it is appreciated.

Too large PDF files is a problem of WP 9 that first was mentioned by Laszlo Prikler of Budapest Univ. of T&E in Hungary. In E-mail dated September 5th, he observed: *"I just downloaded the JAN96.ZIP from JAUG and loaded it into WP Office 2000. ... Using 'Publish to PDF...' under 'File' produced a 310 KB file. The PDF output looks normal and can be read normally by Acrobat Reader. Unfortunately, the size is almost double the size of current issues ... (~150 kB). So I tried an alternative method, too: producing PDF using Acrobat PDF printer driver. It works more effectively, because the output size was only 180 Kbyte. This 1/2 ratio does not change even if I modified the 'Compress method' under 'Details' tab of 'Publish to...'. Conclusion: Adobe sold an older version of its PDF mill to Corel, and this produces larger files than Adobe's own PDF writer."* Your Editor and Dr. Liu repeated the

experiment at BPA on September 20th, and produced even more discouraging results. Beginning with JAN96.WP5 as the input file, a 412-Kbyte PDF output file was produced by WP 9. Not only is this huge, it can not be compressed much using PKZIP, either: the .ZIP file has size 394 Kbytes (a 5% saving was reported during compression). But the following day, Dr. Liu showed that she could reduce the PDF file to 219 Kbytes by dropping the fonts. After *"Publish to PDF"* in the *"File"* menu, click on *"Details"* to produce a window that shows a default check mark in a box labeled *"Include fonts in the document."* The removal of this check mark was Dr. Liu's medicine.

Perfect JAN96.PDF was created September 22nd by recourse to old WP 5. This was a sudden inspiration after frustrating struggle with fonts of WP 9 that did not match closely. On the very first try, *"Print Preview"* on the screen showed a perfect 20 pages, so the technique for PostScript output to a disk file was all that remained to be relearned. Thanks to superb pre-Novell documentation (the good old days), this was done easily enough, and then Adobe Distiller converted the .PS to a perfect .PDF file of 115 Kbytes. Of course, the same perfect 20 pages for this output file, too. But why the substantially smaller storage (compare with 161 Kbytes for the October, 2000, issue)? Once again, do we have a paragraph that properly should be moved to the *"Brain-damaged MS Windows"* story? What significant difference is there, other than use of a DOS program (WP 5.1) instead of a Windows program (Word from Bill G)? The following day, the archive of PDF copies was extended back through January of 1995, with only this last of the five involving minor difficulty. As first viewed within WP 5.1, there were 3 or 4 lines too many. But by comparison between the screen copy and a printed copy dating to 1995, it was found that the exact 20 pages could be restored by extracting a blank from each of 4 or 5 strategic locations. Somehow, the font today is slightly different, and requires slightly more space for display. Eventually it was concluded that a larger superscript probably was the cause (numbers within dates typically were involved), although no attempt to modify this was made. September 24th, your Editor sent a 934-Kbyte archive of 9 more PDF files --- JAN94.PDF through JAN96.PDF --- to persons who maintain newsletter storage on the Internet: *"Like the September 1st collection, this second set should be perfect : exactly 20 pages."* Not mentioned, however, was the first need to change a non-blank character: the period of *Dr.* on page 20 of JAN94 was removed in order to gain needed space.

Hyperlinks are possible within a WP 9 document. But this is no surprise, and is not the critical detail. Recall hyperlinks were tested using WP 7 as summarized in the October, 1997, newsletter. That they should continue to work within WP 9 is not a surprise. What **is** a surprise --- more precisely, a disappointment --- is this: hyperlinks in WP 9 are **not** passed into the associated PDF output. This is a serious limitation of the new PDF output of WP 9. Recall that hyperlinks **were** passed to Envoy output of WP

7, and they functioned properly using the Envoy viewer. But not so for PDF output of WP 9 as explained to your Editor by Dr. Liu on October 3rd. Her simple examples c:\eohb\dum*.wpd demonstrate a hyperlink in WP 9. Using Acrobat Reader on the resulting PDF output, the link is underlined, and is colored. That much is encouraging. Unfortunately, the hand (the cursor of Acrobat Reader) does not become a finger as needed to perform the transfer. A telephone call to Corel confirmed that this is a capability of Adobe PDF files that is not supported by the WP package. Hyperlinks are lost. Worse, Envoy, too, seems to have been lost! One step forward and two steps backward? The "File" menu has only 3 publishing alternatives: 1) Internet Publisher; 2) Publish to Trellix; and 3) Publish to PDF. About number 2, the index of Dr. Liu's "Mastering WordPerfect 9" book, by Alan Simpson and Gordon McComb, points to page 893 for Trellix. This is a section entitled "More ways to publish Web pages," so seems to offer no hope. Conclusion: hyperlinks are not possible for our proposed writing within WP 9 (e.g., for a PDF copy of the Rule Book or the Theory Book). Hyperlinks certainly could later be applied to the PDF output (recall Robert Meredith's great unification of Theory Book chapters as mentioned in the October, 1998, issue), but that is impractical and inefficient for interior use (as opposed to a table of contents) because the work would be lost whenever the PDF output might need to be regenerated (e.g., following some change).

WP 9 acceptance of HP-GL could not be confirmed October 4th, as Dr. Liu watched your Editor experiment with both WP 7 and 9. For the former, the "Graphics" button at the top led to a menu from which one could select "Image" and then name the file (gnunt\dc18.hpg was used without problem). But WP 9 has no "Graphics" button. There is an "Insert" button, which leads to a menu from which "Graphics" can be selected. But then, after naming the file, the response is an error window with message: "Unsupported file format detected." Using Dr. Liu's great reference book (Simpson and McComb), the 40-page index includes HPg for hard page, and HTML, but no HP-GL. Another backward step for Corel, it appears to your Editor.

Unauthorized modification of a PDF file can be prevented as first was mentioned by Prof. Mustafa Kizilcay of FH Osnabrueck in Germany (see the April, 2000, issue). This was using Adobe Acrobat Exchange 3.01 (on BPA's nearby 90-MHz Pentium, this requires the separate icon labeled Acrobat Exchange rather than Acrobat Distiller), and it works well. Acrobat Exchange is an editor for PDF files, and security is set as part of "Save as" within the "File" menu. Clicking on the "Security" button on the right leads to a window that allows the user to specify two passwords for: a) reading the file; and b) changing security attributes. This is followed by 4 security choices: "Do not allow: a) Printing; b) Changing the document; c) Selecting text and graphics; and d) Adding or changing notes and form fields." Yes, WP 9 could create the PDF for

such use directly. But if it is not as compact (see preceding paragraph), and if it is not better in some way (e.g., allowing hyperlinks), it is hard to imagine why WP 9 PDF output would be preferred. Instead, developers expect to use WP 9 to create PostScript, and Adobe Distiller to convert this to PDF. Finally, Adobe Exchange will lock such files to prevent unauthorized modification.

"Corel wins financial lifeline" was the headline of a story about recent financial problems of the current owner of WordPerfect (WP). Dated September 20th, this story emphasizes that finances are not yet desperate, but they clearly are serious: "Struggling Corel has obtained some equity financing from an anonymous institutional investor ... Corel has already announced that by November its Dublin operation will be reduced by 130 people, leaving a skeleton staff." Is the future viability of WP at risk? It did not take long to answer this question, and learn about that anonymous white knight in shining armor. "MS bucks save ... Corel - save it for what?" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* on October 3rd. This began "Microsoft is to pump \$135 into its (suddenly former) deadly rival Corel. The injection is approximately equivalent to 25 per cent of the ... Canadian company. ... Following the example of Apple, Corel is now a fully bribed-up supporter ..." With MS now a dominant minority partner, what are the chances that WP will become significantly better, and will grab market share back from MS Word? Your Editor is discouraged.

Hoidalén Improves ATPDRAW

Hans Kristian Hoidalén of SINTEF Energy Research in Trondheim, Norway, continues to improve his graphical ATP-data-assembly program ATPDraw. In E-mail of his Fargo list server dated October 10th, Prof. Bruce Mork of Michigan Tech in Houghton announced: "Hans Hoidalén has released V2.4 of ATPDraw today. He reports that there was '...an error in the latest ATPDraw version 2.3. The declaration and use of input variable names in MODELS was wrong when type 94 components were used or the input and output of a model had the same name. The bug in the LINERL_6 component is corrected as well (L22 replaced by R33).' I've updated the file atpdraw.exe that is contained in the patch file. It is available via ..."

Compensation Troubled by Switches

Switches that touch compensation - based elements occasionally have caused trouble; and DCNEW-16 was established late in 1995 to document the correction of such isolated problems. Half a decade later, another such simple case as that of Janko Kosmac in Slovenia (see the July, 1996, issue), has been found. In member-only E-mail of the EEUG list server eeug-l dated October 11th, Steve Nurse of BSTS Ltd. in England illustrated trouble, and

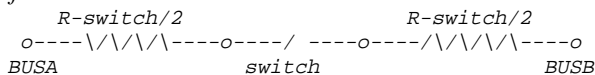
this is documented in a new 8th subcase that was added October 14th following correction of the error.

One line of code was added to OVER16 below S.N. 4319 to correct Mr. Nurse's problem. In fact, this addition is the same line that was replaced in 1995 to solve Mr. Kosmac's problem (see the 1st subcase). What your Editor did not understand then was this: both lines are appropriate. It took 5 years for demonstrative data to surface, but better late than never (Lubarsky's Law).

Special diagnostic printout, which normally will be hidden from view in the .DBG file, will notify the user whenever the aforementioned logic correction has made a difference. The following line was produced by the 8th subcase of DCNEW-16: "October 2000 correction to compensation has modified the solution. In OVER16, BUSJ, N2, N10, T = LOAD 1 2 7.000000E-03" Of course, T is the simulation time at which the difference occurs, and BUSJ is the A6 name of the node at which the difference is noted.

About data, a Type-91 time-dependent resistance R(t) was used by Mr. Nurse, although there is nothing special about this choice. For example, the error also should have occurred for a Type-92 nonlinear resistance. The problem was with the compensation itself, not with details of the element that relied upon it. The compensation element shared at least one terminal node with (i.e., was touched by) 3 switches, and it was this unusual topology that challenged ATP logic.

Resistors that isolate switches are a standard feature of Microtran and Spice, according to Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Initially, your Editor had summarized for Mr. Hevia the Type-91 problem that was being studied. In E-mail dated October 12th, Mr. Hevia responded: "MicroTran has a field for time controlled switches to add a small resistance R-switch = 1.E-4 Ohm. The resistance is added internally as follows:



The R-switch is used by SPICE, too, with 1.0E-6 Ohm." Interesting. From time to time, your Editor observes that Hermann Dommel's Microtran is **not** derived from EMTP. Recently, see "DCG Myth #2" within the story entitled "Continuing DCG misinformation" in the January, 1998, issue. Rather than descend from EMTP, Microtran descended from Prof. Dommel's T.P. (Transients Program), which preceded EMTP by several years (Prof. Dommel left BPA in July of 1973). This looks like yet another good piece of evidence. The isolation of switches by means of small impedances was used in EMTP until the "M32." version, which dates to the summer of 1982, when new switch logic first was provided to improve the efficiency of hvdc modeling. Proof is contained in the August, 1982, issue of Prof. Dommel's own *EMTP Newsletter*. Pages 70-74 contain a paper by your Editor and Chinese visitor Ma

Ren-ming. The title of this is "Successful generalization of EMTP switch and source logic." The abstract explains: "this permits the nearly arbitrary interconnection of switches." Had Prof. Dommel's Microtran been derived from EMTP newer than the summer of 1982 (the time of Volume XII *EMTP Memoranda*), there would have been no need for the primitive switch isolation that Prof. Dommel still seems to rely upon.

DC-68 is ended by one large data subcase from BPA Trainee Rod Price. From time to time, the solution has changed a little. Note comments that document one of these dated 8 Aug 91. Well, answers have changed slightly once again, following the just-described correction. To better document action in and around the switches and nonlinearities, output variables have been modified. The first 3 now are currents. In order, these are gap current, fault current, and Type-92 ZnO current:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| From bus name: | CR25A | CR20A | CRZ1A |
| To bus name: | CR30A | TERRA | CR20A |
| Old maxima : | 27237.782 | 15421.096 | .44551E-4 |
| New maxima : | 26931.178 | 15312.520 | .44551E-4 |
| Times of both : | .03175 | .0375 | .0125 |
| Old minima : | -7552.244 | -28033.65 | -7291.149 |
| New minima : | -7466.220 | -28099.51 | -7350.361 |
| Times of old : | .0378 | .02865 | .02815 |
| Times of new : | .0378 | .02865 | .02805 |

The gap closing time of 31.5 msec is unchanged, although opening is delayed one time step, from 49.850 to 49.900 msec. Why are changes so small, and hence difficult to note? Your Editor was not sure, but he remembered that Steve Nurse made the following interesting observation, which may provide the answer: "... it was apparent that there was an additional 1 Ohm resistance being added to the circuit when a switch was closed to simulate a fault. ... I have changed the resistance values and the timing but the step increase in resistance is always 1 Ohm. Obviously, where the range of resistor values are very much higher than 1 Ohm, this effect would probably not be noticed." Could be. The extra one Ohm might come from the +1 or the -1 of the Thevenin calculation (injected unit currents at the element terminals).

About Mr. Nurse's real engineering problem --- the one that first raised his suspicions --- your Editor offered a corrected copy of TPBIG with the suggestion that this be tried on the real data. Salford EMTP was sent October 16th, and news the following day was favorable: "The package arrived safely and I have confirmed that the program runs OK. I ran my test data set and obtained the theoretically expected results, which is great. I will do further tests, with more complex data sets, in the next few days and let you know if all is well or not." No news is good news (there has been no report of continuing trouble).

Branch Data Input Restructured

Kizilcay frequency dependence could not be followed immediately by USE AR prior to a small correction to OVER3 on September 13th. The problem first was

reported by Prof. Mustafa Kizilcay of FH Osnabrueck in Germany in E-mail dated September 5th: *"While I was preparing a paper with examples for the coming EEUG meeting in Wroclaw at the end of September on how to use ARMAFIT and KIZILCAY F-DEPENDENT (KFD) via GTPPLOT, I observed an input data error in relation to KFD input. I attach ... nq110afs.dat ..."* Prior to correction, execution ended on the USE AR declaration with KILL = 4 in overlay 3 near S.N. 8383. The erroneous complaint was: *"The last card is a series R-L-C branch having zero impedance."* Of course, GTPPLOT is from Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. For persons who want to avoid the trouble rather than upgrade ATP, consider his advice, from E-mail dated September 5th: *"Another temporary solution is to add a dummy branch immediately before the USE AR line."*

Column-80 punches of constant-parameter, distributed branch cards first were prevented November 1st. Which punches? Any number other than 0 (the same as a blank) or 2 (a request for branch voltage). To illustrate, consider what happens if a 1-punch is added to column 80 of the branch card for the first phase of the 3-phase line of DC-7: *"--- Halt in INDIST. Constant-parameter distributed line has column-80 punch other than 2 for branch voltage."* This is followed by the familiar *"Temporary error stop in ENTRY STOFTP"* which shows the offending card image. A cosmetic correction to this was made at the same time, as your Editor noticed that the ruler had been shifted one column farther to the right than the card image. The effect should be universal, although it was noticed using Salford EMTP, and initially corrected only for this version. Why no one complained years ago is not understood (hope: maybe the error was so small, and so obvious, as not to be considered worthy of complaint). For an illustration, see the new *"8th of 7 subcases"* of DC-37. On comment cards, the expected termination is documented. About the *"8th of 7,"* your Editor wrote: *"If and when (hopefully soon) improved coding removes the need, this subcase should be destroyed ..."*

Changes were made to three subroutines : INDIST, GETBUS, and WINDOW. At any later time, these can be located from the associated WSM00NOV idents. Later, with more-creative programming, the trap might be removed. This remains the hope, anyway. But the trouble is a decade and a half old. The addition of protection was long overdue. Finally, it was added in response to an inquiry by Guilherme Sarcinelli of FURNAS in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. From E-mail dated November 1st: *"I was checking what the ATP would provide for the output current in a line branch and I've gotten a corrupted .PL4 file. ... ATPDraw just put a '1' in column 80, but neither TPLOT nor PlotXY can open the PL4 file. ... Should ATP not provide an error message and ignore the request?"*

Historical perspective usually is valuable. Consider what was found in a copy of BPA's EMTP Rule Book dated Sept,

1980. On page 15, there is this explanation of column-80 data: *"Only for a single-phase line is branch-current output possible."* But that was in earlier, simpler times. The untransposed alternative of K. C. Lee came soon thereafter, and this substantially changed storage. On the same page 15 of a printing dated May, 1986, one sees: *"After the removal of Karrenbauer transformation, the output request for single-phase line is no longer honored. The branch voltage output request, by setting IOUT = 2, is now honored for multi-phase line only. These temporary restrictions will be removed in the future so that a full range of output requests ... will be honored for both single-phase and multi-phase lines."* The first ATP Rule Book followed some 14 months later (barely in time for the LEC summer short course), and your Editor recalls omitting the warning in the hope that generalization soon would follow. It did not, however. Fourteen and a half years later, the error remained, so it was decided that a temporary trap would be better than nothing.

Acceptance of a 2-punch in column 80 of a constant-parameter, distributed line is illustrated by the 2nd subcase of DC-37. Just for this purpose, output of the voltage difference (SEND, REC) was added November 2nd. While it is true that DC-9 involves several such uses among its 26 subcases, these are different because they illustrate CASCADE LINE (see the April, 1998, issue), which is handled by separate subroutine CASCAD. DC-37 provides a normal illustration.

TACS Control of Rotor R of U. M.

KILL = 9 is the error termination associated with an illegal mixture of compensation-based nonlinear or time-varying elements. It is supposed to halt execution if a single-phase element requiring compensation exists in the same subnetwork as a U.M. coil that requires compensation. Unfortunately, this protection was found to be lacking for data supplied on September 14th by Gabor Furst of suburban Vancouver, B.C., Canada. In order that the trouble not be forgotten, a new 6th data subcase has been appended to DCNEW-16. It will be noted that the dynamic logic (within the dT loop) is troubled, although the static logic of STEP ZERO COUPLE correctly halts execution prior to entry into the time-step loop. The dynamic logic of OVER16 seems defective, but might not be corrected anytime soon. Code is complicated, and your Editor does not want to make any change unless and/or until he is sure it has no adverse effect for other data.

TACS control of the resistance of a U.M. rotor coil was proposed by your Editor as a way to circumvent the problem of the preceding paragraph. Rather than vary the resistance of a Type-91 element (Mr. Furst's desire), your Editor proposed in E-mail dated September 16th that resistance within the U.M. equations themselves be made controllable by TACS. The U.M. author, Dr. Hian Lauw of EPC Inc. in Corvallis, Oregon (see preceding issue), is

thanked for his willingness to look into this possibility. Yet, this original idea never was pursued. Before Dr. Lauw could find the time to investigate, an alternative idea (next paragraph) had occurred to your Editor.

TACS R-thev is a new U.M. declaration that was added on September 19th in order to allow the Thevenin resistance to be defined as a function of time by TACS. Operation is illustrated by a new 7th subcase of DCNEW-16 which avoids the compensation-based Type-91 R(t) that caused trouble in the 6th subcase. The only known restriction of importance is this: the rotor circuit is limited to ordinary resistance. For example, neither inductance nor capacitance is allowed. Yet, this is the common, practical case: the user wants to vary linear resistance as a function of time, with no external coupling between one rotor phase and the other two phases. This now is possible, with a TACS variable defining the resistance that is connected to each coil. At the user's request, the TACS signal overrides the Thevenin impedance that the program otherwise would calculate and use. For details of use, see comment cards within the 7th subcase of DCNEW-16.

Although TACS is mentioned, much slower but more flexible and powerful MODELS by Laurent Dube also should be usable as an alternative, to control the rotor resistance of an induction motor. Recall Dube's imaginative redefinition of the name TACS: *The Alien Control Signal*. I.e., a control signal is needed, and it should not matter if this signal comes from MODELS instead of TACS. That is the not-yet-tested theory, anyway.

Storage for the TACS control of rotor resistance has been variably-dimensioned, and it requires one integer per coil as initially coded (wasteful of memory, but simple). This will change the memory usage reported at the start of any U.M. execution, and in case-summary statistics (List 25). For example, DC34.LIS now reports "*List-25 allocation = 347*" whereas it previously reported 337 cells. The difference is half (the number of REAL*8 cells vs. INTEGER*4 cells) the default limit of 20 machine coils because no ABSOLUTE U.M. DIMENSIONS declaration was involved.

A 3-phase motor is the most common case of practical industry interest, and initial testing is limited to 3 rotor coils. If and/or when any user wants to try a 2-phase servo motor (e.g., see Fig. 3 on page IEEO-20 of Volume XI *EMTP Memoranda* dated 17 July 1981), some U.M. expert had better study the logic block of SOLVUM having UTPF idents WSM00SEP. Now, the DO 7386 loop assumes 3 phases. Your Editor is not sure what will happen, if used with a 1- or 2-phase machine. Beware (no trap presently prevents such less-common use).

INDUCT is the ATP version of Gabor Furst's supporting program to determine parameters of induction motors for U.M. modeling. This is accessed by means of the request INDUCTION MOTOR DATA (IMD) and is illustrated by

DC-15 as first described in the April, 1997, issue. Well, October 22nd, a minor change was communicated by Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. His E-mail explained: "*The old program (the base of IMD) has an error. It is writing rotor bus names for all rotor types, but only the wound rotor type requires rotor bus names. I send now the INDUCT.F file with changes enclosed between CCCCC.*" In the past, the ATP offering has not always been current. The small change from Mr. Hevia now is mentioned prominently because of this greater significance: ATP code has been made consistent with INDUCT.F (i.e., no longer is ATP dated). Yet, this happy status is not expected to last long. Upon his return from the EEUG meeting in Poland, Gabor Furst reported impending progress in E-mail dated September 30th: "*My presentation of U.M. induction motor modeling went very well. I showed the new version of INDMOT which is now INDSYN as it includes in addition to types 3 and 4 also Type 1 for synchronous motors. I will send you a copy. INDSYN together with examples including your latest for TACS control of a resistor connected to the rotor winding was distributed.*"

Interactive Plotting Programs

GTPPLOT is the interactive plotting program from Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. The account of development now continues from the preceding issue. Sixteenth, dated March 31st: 39) The PNG output format was added, as controlled by parameter NOPNG in the gtpplot.ini file. The normal black background can be changed to white with SET NOREV = 0. PNG indicates Portable Network Graphics, which is a very compact alternative that can be inserted in Word 97 documents. Seventeenth, dated April 15th: 40) Only the less viewer is allowed. The program is available in the same platforms as gtpplot. The option was dropped out from gtpplot.ini; and 41) The HELP command was enhanced. The name of a gtpplot command can follow HELP, to be searched for in gtpplot.hlp (e.g., HELP ALL TIME). Eighteenth, dated June 8th: 42) REAL*8 .pl4 files (C-like, PISA, and gnu UNFORMATTED) are allowed. The gtpplot.ini variable has value L4FULL = 0 or 4 for REAL*4 files (the default) or L4FULL = 1 for REAL*8 files. The PISA files are automatically detected; and 43) A lot of minor bugs were killed. Nineteenth, dated July 11th: 44) REAL*8 .pl4 files of Salford UNFORMATTED are allowed. The gtpplot.ini variable L4FULL = 0 or 4 for REAL*4 files (the default) or L4FULL = 1 for REAL*8 files; 45) Inline comments are allowed in CACHE commands using the '{' symbol; 46) A mistake in CACHE command of batch mode was corrected; 47) The scaling of log x axis for multiplot was improved; 48) Power and energy variables now will have the star after # or name commands; and 49) Protection was added to the TIME command. Twentieth, dated July 29th: 50) The inverse Fourier series may be either COS (default) or SIN. The gtpplot.ini variable IFOUR controls this choice (value

0 requests COS whereas value 1 requests SIN); 51) Inline comments '{...' are allowed in labels; and 52) The CACHE command now works for X-Y PLOT (the same X variable for all plots!). Twenty first, dated August 13th: 53) The RELAY command was enhanced for FSCAN cases; 54) Axis labels were enhanced; 55) A table of THD and harmonic content in % was added for HFS cases; 56) The DERATE plot was enhanced; and 57) Protection was added to the TIME command. Twenty second, dated August 20th: 58) TIME UNITS now allows -1 as entry. The NTIME variable of gtpplot.ini provides the same automatic selection of time units. For NTIME = -1, the time units will be milliseconds if $0.0001 < t_{max} < 0.01$ seconds and either microseconds or seconds if outside this closed interval; 59) The command I2T was added to calculate $\sum (y^{*2} * dT)$ for all the chosen variables; 60) The command SLOPE was added to calculate $(y(t+\text{deltat}) - y(t)) / dT$ for all the chosen variables; 61) The command RMS was added to calculate RMS at frequency FPOWER for all the chosen variables; 62) The command INTEG was added to calculate the INTEGRAL of each chosen variable; 63) The ZEROES command was enhanced. The slope is calculated for each zero of the chosen variable; 64) The PLOT command was added, to access some mathematical operations with time function variables. The PLOT command must be followed by one or more of the following subcommands, separated by a comma or space:

VAR(N) to plot a variable without change.

INT(N) to plot the integral of a variable.

DER(N) to plot the derivative of a variable.

RMS(N) to plot the RMS of a variable.

I2T(N) to plot the integral of a squared variable.

All the subcommands can be used simultaneously. All the options of graphics are allowed. 65) The Y axis can be symmetrical or natural. This is controlled by gtpplot.ini variable NOSYMM. Twenty third, dated August 27th: 66) Two subcommands were added to the PLOT command: a) POWER(N1,N2) to plot power as $V(n1) * I(n2)$; and b) ENERGY(N1,N2) to plot energy as $\text{Int}(V(n1) * I(n2))$; 67) The DERATE plots were enhanced; 68) The command HSOURCE was added, to toggle on or off the generation of HFS sources from time variables; 69) A mistake in KIZILCAY output format was corrected (a strange change of '{' to '<'); and 70) The LOGX command was added for a plot with logarithmic x axis.

Miscellaneous Intel PC Information

"DEC's final demise" is the title of a story found by Walter Powell within the *Silicon Insider* subsection of the *MoneyScope/Business* section of the *ABC News* Web site. Dated September 19th, and written by Michael Malone of *Forbes ASAP* magazine, this provides interesting perspective about what went wrong. While your Editor doubts the relevance of religion ("the sense of Puritan fatalism that underscores New England life"), he certainly believes the asserted importance of timing (DEC's was

poor), and in the value of strategic partners (MS and Intel had then-dominant IBM). Finally, as learned from Apollo before DEC, quality is not that important. DEC had quality, but *"technology isn't decisive. ... Intel has never had the best processor, Microsoft the best operating system or Dell the best PC, yet each has triumphed."*

The Cyrix paragraph of the preceding issue concluded with : *"Born in 1988, RIP 2000."* The acronym RIP sometimes is written R.I.P. It commonly is used as labeling for tombstones in cartoons of magazines or newspapers, where space is limited. It indicates *rest in peace*.

"Motorola set to ship 600 MHz G4?" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* with date October 26th. It shows how far behind Intel's primary competitor has fallen in the hardware race (see *PowerPC* in the April, 1996, issue). Of course, economics are at issue, and economy of scale favors Intel and AMD. Once again, Macintosh is handicapped: *"Apple is desperate for faster G4s, and it may well feel the need to swallow the cost in order to remain competitive with the Wintel world."* Of course, yield varies inversely with speed. Motorola has been able to produce faster chips, but they cost too much. Meanwhile, Intel and AMD see 2 GHZ on the horizon. A separate story posted the preceding day has title *"Intel cuts P4 pricing again."* This explains: *"The demise of the 1.3 GHz part, along with the earlier than expected move to 1.7 GHz (Q1) and 2 GHz (Q2) are strong pointers that P4 yields are now looking pretty healthy."*

A new home PC was described for your Editor by a BPA engineer on October 24th. The huge Frye Electronics (formerly Incredible Universe) store in Wilsonville (an extreme southern suburb of Portland) provided the following for less than \$800 : No monitor (a 17-inch monitor would have added only about \$170), but she has a 700-MHz Pentium III processor, a 20-GByte hard disk, a 1.44-Mbyte floppy disk, a write-able CD-ROM drive, 64 Mbytes of RAM, and MS Windows ME (but no Office).

Miscellaneous Small Items

Negative inductance of a series R-L branch is legal, but easily can cause trouble (an explosion). Negative resistance might be trapped by ATP, but not negative inductance. In E-mail dated September 4th, this point was made by Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. To illustrate, the 3rd subcase of DC-19 was augmented by node HEVIA on September 30th. The positive R and negative L have a time constant such that the branch current doubles about every 20 steps (the frequency of the output). Although your Editor warns of an explosion, in fact this will be limited by FLTINF (floating point infinity), which has nominal value 1.E+19 as distributed by the user group. If T-max is extended beyond the present limit of 300 steps, one will notice the

following step numbers and currents: (1560, -.36468E19), (1580, -.71034E19), (1600, -.1E20). As context of the original mention, consider Mr. Hevia's description. Recall a paragraph of the October newsletter began with mention of *instability of the saturable TRANSFORMER component (STC)*. Well, as part of pre-publication review, Mr. Hevia had observed: *"I received a question about a similar problem with negative inductances: a filter to model an induction motor for transients. I don't know how the user calculated the filter, but some inductances are negative, and the case diverges to FLTINF. The positive inductance works, but then results differ from what was measured. The KIZILCAY F-DEPENDENT element might help here."* Three days later, Mr. Hevia added: *"negative inductances are bad for FREQUENCY SCAN, too. The negative inductance as capacitance has the correct value only at one frequency, as I am seeing now. The equivalent capacitance must be calculated as a frequency function. More about this in the next issue..."* In a separate message later that same day: *"I send you a text file with some words about the negative inductance = capacitance illusion. The file is ASCII text and includes a data case."* The title inside the file is *"Negative inductances are not capacitances."*

The opening prompt ("*EMTP begins ...*") of OVER1 was split October 23rd after many months of procrastination by your Editor. The problem using a normal 25 x 80 DOS window was this: the prompt was 75 bytes long, and this allowed only 5 bytes for the user response prior to possible trouble at the column 80 edge. As long as the user continued to press normal keys, column 80 would be followed by column 1 on the following line. This was no great problem, although the break was distracting. The real problem occurred when **Backspace** was used across the discontinuity. The cursor did **not** appropriately back up from the continuation line to the original line. Yes, DOS windows wider than 80 columns are possible for some versions of MS Windows (see *scrollable* in the July, 1999, issue), and in theory, this is the better solution. But Bill G's wider windows are not available to all, and have problems of their own. So, to improve the use of **Backspace** for files having names of moderate length in normal DOS windows, the opening prompt has been shortened. The "*EMTP begins. Send*" has been split off into an initial, explanatory line that will be seen only once. It has been expanded to: "*EMTP begins. Send one of the following alternatives.*" The remainder, which begins on a new line, is 53 bytes long, so it allows a 27-byte file name prior to the annoying discontinuity of column 80. Only the 53-byte list of alternatives will be repeated following a command such as DISK or KEY. To conclude, the idea makes a lot of sense, and has been used for many months with GNU ATP by Orlando Hevia. But your Editor delayed implementation for Salford EMTP because of complications associated with the mouse. Finally, those changes to FLAGGER (where mouse input is detected) were made. As expected, the update required experimentation. Why the row number of input required change (from 23 to 24) is not known. Anyway, this is what was observed about LINE on Dr.

Liu's 486 using DBOS version 3.51 after MOUSET was set for the first time in years. Finally, it should be mentioned that PRMSPY also required change --- to terminate the first half of the prompt in cases of LMFS (e.g., DC-51 and DC-52). This final change, from use of TFLUSH to use of PRMSPY, was made October 28th.

The number of lines of source code in Salford EMTP can be found in screen output at the end of translation. For the historical record, KTUTPF = 144293 (the number of lines of the UTPF) was seen October 20th.

PL42MAT converts ATP .PL4 files to MATLAB signal files. This utility comes from Massimo Ceraolo of the University of Pisa in Italy. As announced by Prof. Bruce Mork in E-mail of his Fargo list server dated October 30th, archive PL42MAT4 (release 4) now is available. The main improvements were summarized as follows: *"1) now is a full 32 bit program; 2) now it is able to understand pl4 files written with the option NEWPL4 = 2 in STARTUP file; and 3) this release also corrects some problems of the previous version that have recently been reported to me."*

FAULTS TO GROUND (FTG) was described in the April, 1993, issue, and is illustrated by DC-11. In E-mail dated October 31st, an error first was pointed out by Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. His data case FTG1.DAT (as stored at home) involved two Type-59 generators and 3 faults, and resulted in value 6 for List 17 in case summary statistics at the bottom of the .LIS file. Mr. Hevia wrote: *"I see that each fault adds two SM-59 machines to the summation ..."* Yes, prior to correction in FAULTB later that same day, each pass incremented the machine count. No solution should change, however, as long as List 17 has not been overflowed. But overflow easily could happen because the number of faults might be huge. ATP does not actually run out of space. Rather, it might erroneously think it does, resulting in a serious consequence (a KILL = 1 error termination). Final point: Mr. Hevia used Type-59 S.M., but TEPCO's Type-58 S.M. was comparably affected (and corrected), since it uses the same program storage.

\$\$STARTUP was allowed optional use of ATPDIR (first mentioned in the April, 1996, issue) beginning November 3rd. For details, see the illustration at the start of the 3rd subcase of DC-37. The first use of \$\$STARTUP (DC37STAR) is local, and it remains unchanged. The second use, designed to restore standard STARTUP, relies on the new, universal declaration (ATPDIR). Note that none of the old flexibility has been lost. The user is just being given more rope with which to hang himself. Using this, DC-37 has been made independent of the directory of use (at BPA, C:\ATP). DC-37 has been made universal, and this is a desirable simplification (Watcom, Mingw32, and Lahey no longer need their own copies). Whether there might be more extensions such as this remains to be seen. The idea is late in coming, but seems promising. The user gains flexibility and program developers simplify test cases.

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Salford FORTRAN Compilers

Exponents of 100 or more, either positive or negative, became possible for Salford EMTP following a change to FLTOPT that was made September 30th. Of course, there is little or no practical engineering significance to such very

what was found, for exponential decay. Output of the dT loop decayed from E-98 to E-99 to the symbolic GARBAGE. The same should have been true of positive exponents, in theory, although in practice the average user would have execution killed earlier by the creation of a single-precision plot file (numbers within this are limited to about 1.E+38). Well, following a generalization of the optimal encoding logic, Salford ATP can go all the way to the 32-bit Intel limits, which are approximately E+308 and E-308. For an illustration, see the 4th subcase of DC-37, which now includes disconnected nodes UNDER to demonstrate underflow OVER to demonstrate overflow. Branch parameters R and L are carefully selected so as to produce extreme values on the final time step number 400 (note the E+304 and E-303).

A .PL4 file having COMTRADE format should be plottable using TPLOT, but it seems this capability was lost at the time complex output variables of ATP were generalized. Recall the choice among magnitude only, polar, rectangular, or both, was described in the July, 1998, issue. The first person to report the trouble using TPLOT was Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnológica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Attached to E-mail dated November 4th was an illustration, although it turned out this was not necessary. Any COMTRADE file seemed to be equally troubled (your Editor investigated using the familiar, existing example associated with DC-53). Because the number of variable parts was not defined to unity as it should have been, counting of a loop became infinite, and eventually was halted by Salford DBOS itself : "Page

large or very small E-field numbers, but sometimes it is convenient to allow them. It always should be better to handle such a number properly rather than replace it by GARBAGE for output purposes. Yes, GARBAGE is

memory exhausted at User ..." A correction to POSOUT was made the following day, after which a copy was sent to Mr. Hevia. While on the subject, let's document Mr. Hevia's concluding observation: *"About COMTRADE, I downloaded the new IEEE Standard (1999 version) and I*

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see that it is the same as IEC COMTRADE (fortunately!), but surely there are differences from the 1991 version."

TPPLOT might be another promising use of that F95 Salford compiler. Writing in the preceding issue mentioned only ATP. Well, it was the discussion about TOP2000 (see mention elsewhere in this issue) that prompted thinking about TPPLOT. Recall the complaint about overflow of Electrotek Concept's product. Well, Massimo Ceraolo of the University of Pisa in Italy contributed an interesting observation about his own alternative PlotXY. Quoting from E-mail dated October 9th: *"I want to stress ... the fact that the ATP plotting program PlotXY ... has not ANY limit on the number of plotting points and of the plotting variables on the file."* Existing F77 Salford TPPLOT has very large dimensions, but very large is not the same as infinity (more precisely, the unknown limit imposed by the operating system and computer being used). It would be nice to remove Salford TPPLOT limits, and the F95 compiler should make this possible. But F95 Salford has other problems (most importantly, lack of support for

F95 ALLOCATE of ATP Tables

Kizilcay frequency dependence was changed from fixed to variable dimensions on October 20th in response to a semi-public complaint by Wlodzimierz Kalat of Warsaw University of Technology in Poland. In E-mail of the EEUG list server the previous day, Dr. Kalat had mentioned trouble using more than 30 \$INCLUDE files, but veteran users Orlando Hevia and Bernd Stein rapidly explained that use of \$INCLUDE was not the problem. Your Editor then added documentation of the three, presently-fixed Kizilcay limits: 1) 30 = maximum number of F-dependent elements; 2) 1000 = maximum sum of all component orders; 3) 25 = maximum order of any one F-dependent dimension. While he waited for variable dimensioning, Dr. Kalat was offered a special expansion of fixed limits. He was using Watcom ATP, and was updated by E-mail on October 20th (fixed Kizilcay limits 60, 2000, and 40, respectively, were believed to be adequate). About

existing, scrollable DBOS windows), so the proposed use is not really a general replacement. Instead, the result would be a special version that would be useful for huge .PL4 files. Also, it would extend Salford TPLOT graphics to MS Windows NT (fundamentally incompatible with existing F77 Salford ATP and TPLOT).

But are Salford F77 graphics really available via F95? This is a key consideration, and current understanding is worthy of documentation. Your Editor had asked Masahiro Kan: "Are DBOS graphics present, as they were in the 1996 compiler?" For a summary of that 1996 compiler, see a special story in the July, 1996, issue. Mr. Kan's response was contained in E-mail dated 4 December 1999: "Yes, it is supported in the win32 version of Salford FTN95. It seems to be implemented in ClearWin+ library." About ClearWin, Salford documentation (more about this next time, when there is more room) of FTN95 states: "Salford is famous for its easy-to-use Windows GUI builder - ClearWin+. This library comes as part of the standard run-time system for FTN95, and with it you can write simple Windows programs ... GUI features are specified using format strings reminiscent of traditional Fortran I/O. Many of our customers have produced very complex GUI applications including graphics, tool bars, edit boxes, etc. using ClearWin+." For a less-enthusiastic and more-impartial review of the product, read what Walter Dykas of ORNL in Oak Ridge observed more than five years ago (see the July and October, 1995, newsletters). Your Editor's conclusion is this: maybe Clearwin is not as great as Salford claims. But if it provides access to DBOS-compatible graphics, that is an important advantage. Another critical detail is keyboard input (recall trouble was

proposed use, Dr. Kalat explained; "The problem comes from the modelling of a 7-terminal transformer, where 28 node-to-node admittances (two-terminals) are needed. Approximation of their frequency characteristics yielded rational functions, which have: 1) a common denominator of order 26 (27 coefficients); and 2) 9 different numerators (because of the assumption of the three phase symmetry) with 29 coefficients. Due to the limit of 25 order of the F-dependent Kizilcay element, we had to divide each admittance into 2 parallel parts, so at the moment we need 56 elements of order 15."

The 4th subcase of DC-23 has been modified to illustrate the new dynamic definition of Kizilcay storage limits. See comment cards for details, and note the mention of both old F77 and new F95. The new data structure is accepted by both ATP versions, although it is only for F95 that dimensions actually can be changed. If the F77 ATP user attempts to set any Kizilcay table to a non-default size, execution should be halted by an error message mentioning routine HANNIN. Interpretation of the new dimensioning declaration begins: "Limits on Kizilcay tables." Of course, this should precede the first Kizilcay branch data (tables must be established prior to the first use). If a second or later stacked subcase should have different table sizes, the declaration could be repeated as needed. But this is not required. Once created, the Kizilcay storage remains in effect until a subsequent request results in either recreation or elimination. If there is no later request, the Kizilcay storage continues to exist until the end of execution. About elimination, the following interpolation is used: "Cancel the existing Kizilcay storage. Close it." The 7th subcase of DC-23 illustrates such closure after the last use.

documented in that July, 1996, story). About this, Mr. Kan wrote: "Get_key1 junction is not supported in the win32 version of FTN95, but getw_key1, which is the equivalent for the ClearWin window, is supported."

No list size has thus far been mentioned. Usually, when some table is to be variably dimensioned, a VARDIM list size is involved. Not so for Kizilcay F-dependence, which will not be seen in any documentation of VARDIM data.

Had additional unused space remained on the first three VARDIM data cards (for lists 1 through 30), this more conventional procedure might have been used. But space has been exhausted, and your Editor wanted to avoid trauma associated with the expansion beyond 3 data cards (not trivial). That is why the truly dynamic procedure, with dimensioning a part of branch cards, was adopted. This works only for F95 ATP, unfortunately.

Of course, about licensing, any new user group would be expected to keep computer-readable records, and to share these with other cooperating ATP user groups.

But what about the Internet? I recall asking in a preceding message whether you exchange Arabic-language E-mail with countries of the region. Would you operate an Arabic-language list server or Web site for the exchange of ATP-related information among licensed users who read and write your language?

News from Outside USA and Canada

The Middle East, and a possible user group to support it, were mentioned in the preceding issue. That story now is being continued. That March 14th letter from your Editor, as distributed by the Fargo list server on May 17th, follows (remainder of this story):

Hi, Drs. Eissa and Khalil!

Sorry for the long delay in this response to your message

I also recall expressing an interest in what Laszlo thought of the idea. Later, I generalized this to all subscribers of the Fargo list server. Yet, I have no information that such a discussion has begun. This would be my recommendation: see what other important contributors think of your idea. I can not imagine the Can/Am user group agreeing to any proposal from you without first giving others a chance to consider the matter, and offer opinions. As a rule, we try to operate openly, and by consensus, in matters affecting other user groups. Note that I began the story in the April

having date February 12th. I began almost immediately, but quickly interrupted the work. Now, on March 14th, I am returning to the project.

½ there is no problem to start the procedure of
½ making the MEUG to have the same target and rules
½ like the JAUG and EEUG but in Arabic Language.

In principle, I can think of no objection. Using Japanese language, JAUG (the Japanese ATP User Group) does what you have proposed for a Middle Eastern ATP user group using Arabic. The precedent for language already is established. As for the involvement of 2 or more countries, JAUG does not illustrate this aspect, but EEUG certainly does.

½ Based our extensive study to our AREA and the
½ educational need for undergraduate and researchers
½ we found that MEUG will attain its role successfully.

Maybe. You would be offering a unique feature that is not now available : language. Certainly this should dominate when it comes to education. Yet, note carefully that you do not need a user group to do this. One can teach a course (e.g., Prof. Dennis Carroll in Florida) or exchange ATP information without a special user group. I can not imagine any present contributor objecting to the translation of his work to another language, as long as the original author was appropriately acknowledged, and his prior approval for the operation was sought.

½ Finally we pursue to know the essential rules
½ and restrictions to start our procedure.

newsletter (now available), and it could be continued in the July newsletter.

When translation into another language (in this case, Arabic) is contemplated, my opinion would be that the approval of all authors would be required. This would be because translation would represent a new, unforeseen use of the original English-language contribution. Translation is comparable to the problem of FREEP, which wanted not only to distribute existing ATP materials, but to repackage ATP materials its own way. The FREEP problem was explained in the April and July, 1997, newsletters, as I recall. This would be another reason to inquire semi-publicly via Fargo: involve as many contributors as one can. If there might be objections by others, it is better to have them sooner rather than later. If in doubt about different usage, ask as publicly as possible. That is my opinion. WSM. 14 March 2000 03:50

More about the Internet and E-mail

ISDN sometimes is better than DSL (see explanation in the preceding issue). This is the view presented by Ted Mittelstaedt in the July issue of *Computer Bits* magazine (see "*The Network Community*" on pages 35-42). The long story begins with some hard-hitting criticism of DSL customer service: "*If you, as an ISDN customer, have a problem with your ISDN service and you call the Telco, they are required to fix it. ... If you, as a DSL customer, have a problem with your DSL service and you call the telco, they are required to do ... nothing. That's Nothing with a capital N. DSL is classed as a data service with no specified bit rate. If the bit rate is zero, the telco is within*

This is the hard part. This is what can not yet be answered. In fact, negotiations are ongoing with respect to the Fargo list server. ...

the terms of the contract. The PUC has absolutely zero control over it." Here PUC indicates Public Utilities Commission, which is a regulatory agency of local government. About speed, ISDN should easily beat poor

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DSL because the telephone company must give it priority: *"When your ISDN equipment places a call, it brings up 2 channels that total 128k of bandwidth. During the **entire** course of the call, you will always have that 128k of bandwidth. It does not matter how busy the telephone network is. ISDN is a circuit-based service."* Not so for DSL, which time-shares the available work using available resources. DSL *"data packets are marked with a header that says 'data - unspecified bit rate' ..."* so can be delayed like cars during rush-hour traffic. *"The expectation that DSL will always be faster than ISDN is quite wrong."*

BPA management creates its own virus-like junk E-mail, it would seem. There are these internal mailing lists adl_x_all where the "x" in the middle stands for a letter such as "a" --- presumably for all names that begin with the letter "a". Management uses these lists to inform employees of developments. Unfortunately, employees sometimes "Reply" to such messages, and the result is not always what one might expect. On July 20th, Jay Coleman issued a warning to groups a, c, e, g, k, l, n, p, s, and t having

identify *'If there's a big database of fingerprints and someone hacks it, what do you do, issue everybody a new finger?'* he asked." Are we sure lawmakers were wide awake when this one was passed?

"Digital signatures now legal, but still not accepted" is the title of a story dated October 2nd that was found at ABC News. At the bottom, your Editor sees *"Copyright 2000 ABCNEWS.com from TheStreet.com"* (from? Strange how ownership is being acknowledged these days). First, Clinton is given credit (or is it blame?): *"... passage of the e-sign bill earlier this year (thanks to a presidential push) ..."* But is this a legacy anyone should want? *"Analysts say the new law won't necessarily mean the use of digital signatures will be widespread."* Following the introduction, there is a section entitled *"Insurance industry unmoved."* There seems to be no shortage of incentive: *"an increase in the use of digital signatures has the potential to increase the amount of insurance products bought online."* But it turns out insurance is not easy to sell online: *"the nature of applying for insurance online is so complex that most*

"Subject : schedule cancel from Jan O'Rourke." explained: "There is a problem with a schedule cancel e-mail from Jan O'Rourke. At this point we don't think it is a virus, but it does send to several ADL_ALL groups each time someone replies to it." To conclude, not a great deal of progress since the great "Reply All" problem of years past (see the January, 1998, issue).

The name **www.atp.com** already is in use --- by Aircraft Technical Publishers.

Electronic signatures became legal in the USA on October 1st, although they are little used. A CNN story dated September 29th is entitled *"Legalized e-signatures bring convenience, risk."* About the latter (good reasons for non-use): *"... the expanded definition of legal signatures and flaws in the technology could contribute to fraud. The law does not specify a type of technology for e-signatures. They can be obtained through secured processes, like secret passwords or digital fingerprints, as well as unsecured ones, such as faxed signatures or clicking an acceptance button on a Web page. ... Although many e-signatures are secure when stored in a personal computer, malicious hackers could remotely break in and snatch them, said Bruce Scheier of Counterpane Internet Security Inc. and author of 'Secrets & Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World.' He said an attack from a hacker 'could take your signature and ship it across the Internet to someone else. It could show you one document and sign another. It could show you one document, sign that document and also sign several others. It's like having a signature stamp, where you give your signature to someone you don't trust.' The results can be costly. Someone stealing an e-signature, for instance, could pilfer an unsuspecting victim's bank*

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insurance consumers are scared away and want a broker to help them through the process." See that mention of Allstate strategy in the April, 2000, issue. The next section is entitled "Reluctant financial service firms." After that comes a section entitled "Like offering a free root canal" (painful dental surgery). So what is a favorable application? "Because a digital signature file is complicated and difficult to download, the best application for the technology may be between companies and businesses to authenticate transactions."

The sale of electronic books is more difficult than the creation and distribution (see preceding issue). *"Study: U.S. reads e-books, but won't pay"* is the headline of a story by Steven Zeitchik. Dated August 30th, this was found at the CNN Website. It concludes: *"a new study shows that a large percentage of people in the U.S. are willing to read books on a variety of electronic platforms, including laptops, PDAs and dedicated e-book devices. They just won't pay for them."* This from *"a survey of nearly 3,000 people sponsored by Seybold Research ... The results of the survey were announced Monday on 'E-Book Day' at Seybold SF, a digital-publishing convention taking place this week in San Francisco. The results were released the same day that Microsoft and Amazon.com announced their own e-book partnership. Specialty sites and portals are expected to soon follow Amazon and its main competitor, Barnesandnoble.com, which announced a similar partnership several weeks ago."*

The Emulex stock hoax (see preceding issue) had a happy ending for police. *"FBI Arrest Mark Jacob in Emulex Hoax Case"* was the title of an AP news story that was found at the ABC News Website. Dated September

account." It does sound as though this is one technological advance that is not likely to be used for ATP licensing any time soon. About alternatives: *"Schneier was wary of individuals using fingerprints, eye scans or voiceprints to*

1, this summarizes: *"A student employed by Internet Wire allegedly used a computer at his school to construct and send a press release that knocked about \$2.5 billion off the market capitalization of Emulex."* The guy was tricky, but

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was not tricky enough considering the magnitude of the crime. The *"23-year-old ... El Segundo man ... went to great lengths to cover his tracks, going so far as to register at one Las Vegas hotel and make stock trades from another."* This is a Los Angeles-area story (El Segundo is next to the LA airport). About seriousness of the crime: *"Jakob, charged Thursday with securities fraud and wire fraud, faces a maximum of 15 years in prison if convicted."* About terminology, note use of the word *fraud* rather than *embezzlement*. Readers may recall your Editor's explanation in the January, 1994 issue. This was in the story about unverifiable and deficient accounting of money by LEC (the Leuven EMTP Center in Belgium), which closed its doors in 1993. About motive for the Emulex hoax, the prevention of losses due to leveraged stock trading is alleged: *"Jakob made his short sales on Aug. 17 and 18, using a computer at Internet Wire to execute some of them. Instead of the stock price declining, as Jakob had hoped, it began to rise, leaving him with the probability of having to repurchase the shares at a loss of approximately \$97,000 ... Instead, authorities say, Jakob made more than \$241,000 from Emulex trades after the phony press*

(EPIC), and its letter summarizes objections as follows: *"Recently Amazon announced that it could no longer guarantee that it would not disclose customer information to third parties. Because of this decision, and in the absence of legal or technical means to assure privacy for Amazon customers, we have decided that we can no longer continue our relationship with Amazon."* But that was just the beginning. Next came stories about discriminatory pricing. A story dated September 8th has title *"Amazon's Loyalty Tax: IE users pay more."* The complaint is this: *"DVD shoppers have discovered that Amazon's prices can vary wildly, with loyal registered users paying up to 16 per cent more for the same items than first-time purchasers. It's also emerged that Netscape users can gain discounts over Internet Explorer users ..."* In a story dated September 10th, the phenomenon was summarized as follows: *"... users discovered they could gain bargains by deleting their cookies or switching to another browser. Amazon claimed it was a temporary experiment."* Finally, there was refusal by Amazon to fill orders at advertised prices. The title of a September 13th story is *"Amazon reneges on DVD prices."* Summarizing recent bad decisions: *"Amazon has lately*

release was delivered."

A 14 year old boy is alleged to have used the Internet to earn \$285K by trading and hyping volatile small stocks. In an AP news story dated September 20th, posted at the ABC News Web site, Jeffrey Gold tells the story. The New Jersey kid, named Jonathan Lebed, is alleged to have *"bought large blocks of penny stocks, hyped them on financial message boards and then dumped his shares after the price rose."* Is this obviously a crime? No, and presumably this is one reason no criminal conviction was obtained: *"Lebed, now 15, of Cedar Grove, neither admitted nor denied the commission's findings, but agreed to refrain from similar behavior. His lawyer, Kevin H. Marino, described him as an intelligent, well-rounded youngster 'who has been very interested in the securities industry for some time and has been an avid investor.' ... Lebed traded in custodial accounts ... that were in his father's name, the SEC said."* Here SEC indicates the federal American regulatory agency, the Securities and Exchange Commission. *"The SEC found that after Lebed bought a stock he sent hundreds of identical, false e-mail messages, each under a fictitious name, touting the stock he had just purchased."* In exchange for return of the \$285K, the SEC agreed to abandon its investigation and accusation, it would seem. There is a moral to the story: *"Regulators said the case demonstrates the risks of Internet stock tips."*

Amazon.com continues to lose money, but its more recent problem is bad publicity. Several stories found at *The Register* during the first half of September show just how clumsy Internet retailers can be. First, some customers were angered by Amazon's revelation that it probably was

launched an aggressive campaign to become its own worst enemy. ... The company has since decided to back away from the price-test disaster, and will reimburse customers whose orders it affected." A couple of weeks later, an ABC News story had title *"Amazon Accused of Sneakiness."* Dated September 27th, this concluded with a quote from seemingly-repentant Amazon head Jeff Bezos: *"I think what we did was dumb, dumb, dumb."* Story author Kevin Newman observes that this is *"a lesson the company says it regrets, but online customers may remember."* Really. Meanwhile, competitor Barnes and Noble (see the July, 1999, issue) seems to allow a customer to prevent the disclosure of personal information. Found at the B&N Web site on September 17th was the following explanation: *"From time to time, Barnes & Noble.com shares customer information -- never credit card information -- with trustworthy third parties. You can tell us not to share this information at any time by clicking here."*

"Votes for sale online in the US" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* with date October 5th. It seems there is this Web site **"Voteauction.com"** where people can register to sell their vote to the highest bidder." Chicago was the original home of the site, and local politicians there were quick to demand closure (buying votes is illegal, obviously). But the dispute is not so simple. It seems that entrepreneurial ownership has moved offshore. According to the story, the Web site includes an announcement that **"Voteauction.com"** has recently changed ownership. *It is now owned by an Austrian holding company that has invested in many of America's new, emerging industries. We feel that the American Election Industry provides unique new opportunities for the foreign investor."* Who

preparing to sell personal information about its customers. This ended with a story posted on September 14th with title "Civil liberties group cancels Amazon partnership." The organization is the Electronic Privacy Information Center

can deny that? According to the story, "the new owner is running the site from Austria, and might just be outside the jurisdiction of any American authorities." Your Editor can not resist the analogy to offshore gambling (see the October,

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1999, issue). So, what does a vote cost, anyway? It depends on location. "The value of a vote varies widely from state to state. In Illinois, where 168 votes have been registered for sale, the asking price is a mere \$15.79. California votes, by contrast, are going for more than \$5,000." If legendary Chicago gangster Al Capone were still with us today, not doubt he would be proud!

Domain names number 30 million today, and are expected to double to 60 million by 2002. This according to a story posted at *The Register* with date October 4th. "The top Internet suffix is the prized .com --- more than 18.3 millionnet has more than three million domains, and .org two million. .uk, with 2.2 million, is the most popular country level domain, followed by Germany's .de with two million."

Priceline (the "name your own price" people) was introduced in the July, 1998, issue. For travel, the concept seemed great. But what about groceries and gasoline (more recent extensions)? "Priceline Drops a Bombshell" is the title of an *ABC News* story (from *The Street.com*) dated

airlines want to install wireless Internet access in airport terminals that will allow travelers to work, surf the Web or even watch digital movies to pass the time. Delta Air Lines is already offering the service at its terminal in Vancouver, British Columbia, and plans to have it available by the end of next year in its main hub cities ... United Airlines ... announced plans to start its own Internet service next year at 30 airports. Passengers will need only a computer with the right wireless modem ... and a few dollars to pay for access. Frequent fliers will be able purchase an unlimited access account for \$40 to \$60 a month." So, that is for airports, where the new service looks like a win-win offering. But what about the planes? "In-Flight Access Further Off" is the title of a later section. According to an American Airlines spokesman, "it's probably going to be 2001 until we even have a beta test. ... There's a lot involved in flight. It's a lot more complicated than it might seem." Beyond the technical problems, there is some concern about priorities and demand. One traveler is quoted as asking sarcastically : "Who's worried about e-commerce on an airplane when they don't even have seats that are comfortable?"

October 5 . The subtitle is *"Priceline.com discontinues name-your-price groceries and gasoline."* So what happened? Did Priceline's bubble finally burst? *"Shares of Priceline.com plunged today after Priceline WebHouse Club, a privately held licensee of Priceline that offered name-your-price groceries and gasoline, said it will shut down. Jay Walker, the founder of both Priceline and WebHouse, said managers did not think they could raise the money needed to complete the business plan."*

Conclusion: Nearly seven months later, the March crash of technology stocks (see the July issue) has extended to larger and better known Internet companies. More than just the weaker ones are being rudely reacquainted with real-world (as opposed to *new-paradigm*) financing. Yes, it still **is** important to make money. Oh well, travel remains: *"The announcement today does not affect Priceline services such as air travel, hotel rooms, rental cars ..."* But there was another, smaller failure, too: *"Also today, a second Priceline licensee, Perfect Yardsale Inc., announced it was going out of business. The company offered used merchandise to consumers through the Priceline Web site."*

The following weekend, the written summary of Bob Brinker's radio talk show stated: *"business models are being studied for flaws. And that's what happened to Priceline, which saw its stock decline by over 95% in less than a year,"* Also, radio advertising heard October 9 continued to mention groceries. About company value that same day, CNNfn *"Snapshot"* reported the following for PCLN: *"52 week high \$ 104.25 ... 52 week low \$ 4.63"*

"Airlines Push Wireless Internet Access" is the title of an AP story found at the Web site of *ABC News*. Dated October 8th, this explains that airplanes are not directly involved. Rather than connection within planes, it is

Cyber cars are what the Japanese have named their new Internet-connected automobiles. This according to an AP news story that was found at the Web site of *ABC News*. Dated October 9th, the picture near the top has caption: *"A Tokyo driver tries out one of Honda's new cyber cars. The auto comes with Internet access, so drivers can get information on thousands of restaurants or local restaurants right on the dashboard."* While skeptical of the practicality of initial implementation, the article goes on to explain that *"Honda Motor Co. and other Japanese auto makers are touting their cyber cars as the wave of the future. Honda's Internavi --- offered as a free service --- already has 40,000 customers in Japan. The Honda system builds off a computer satellite navigator found in some five million cars in Japan. To the navigator --- a dashboard-mounted paperback-sized screen that shows maps --- technicians have added a modem, browser capability and a mobile phone. The navigation machine costs about \$1,800, and the extra parts for Internavi cost about \$640, including installation fees. Honda has no plans yet to introduce Internavi in the United States. The idea is exciting."* But what about some practical problems of implementation? According to story author Yuri Kageyama, *"the trouble starts with what's missing: a keyboard. To type in an Internet address, for example, drivers have to keep pushing a button to move a cursor along an alphabet list on the monitor, entering the letters one by one."* At least the Internet service is unavailable while actually driving (no joke) ! *"The Net function of the machine turns off automatically when the car is in motion as a safety precaution required by Japanese law."* No doubt about it, Japanese auto makers are ahead of Detroit when it comes to innovation. On the street this year are extremely efficient

connection within airports --- while waiting for planes --- that is the latest innovation. The reason is not reassuring, either: *"Hoping to soothe delayed passengers, several*

hybrid (gasoline and electric) cars. From time to time, Clark Howard talks about the 70+ miles per gallon attained by his new Honda Insight on the highway (for city/highway,

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61/68 mpg was the official rating at www.epa.gov as seen October 14th). Too bad he is not yet able to add the Internet connection! About other Japanese manufacturers: *"Nissan Motor Co. has put cell phones in their cars that connect to an operator who finds the requested information and sends it back through the cell phone into the car's navigation machine. Toyota Motor Corp., meanwhile, has a voice-activated system. The driver shouts out items such as 'news' from a set menu, and the data pops up on the screen. Honda engineer Satoshi Murata says his company is banking on a future when Net access will be taken for granted everywhere, not only at home but also in cars."*

"Canada torches all .ca domain names --- owners must reapply" is the title of a story that was posted at *The Register* with date October 12th. As incredulous as it sounds, re-registration seems to be Canada's way to solve the problem of disputes involving names. November 1st is the registration deadline set by CIRA, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority. As story author Kieren McCarthy concluded, *"this is still an extremely odd way of sorting out URL disputes ... Oh, and you have to pay another \$20 to*

explained the numbers in more detail, and compared with 276,998 for Martha Stewart (see www.marthastewart.com) and 203,838 for Oprah Winfrey (see www.oprah.com) --- both popular television personalities. On the other hand, measurements were for the week ending October 22nd, which is 2 or 3 weeks prior to a presidential election that occurs once every 4 years. Rush specializes in politics, and there is a lot of interest this year because of the close race between George W and Al Gore (the latter is one of Rush's jokes; Al Gore is pronounced to rhyme with Igor, as in the vampire Count Dracula and his semi-mythical, 15th-century Transylvanian castle).

European EMTP User Group (EEUG)

The year-2000 annual meeting of EEUG was held in Wroclaw, Poland Sept. 25-26 as should be summarized in detail in the following issue. As this January issue is being closed for pre-publication review on November 6th, your Editor does not yet have a report to summarize, and total document length is close to the desired 20 pages.

get back your domain. God, we hope WIPO and ICANN don't get to hear about this – this kind of lunacy is right up their street."

Recall MUNPACK was mentioned in the October, 1995, newsletter. If the header of an encoded message mentions base64, this is the tool that would be applied by your Editor. But MUNPACK failed on October 13th when applied to a message from Hong Kong. Peculiar about this message was a final line of the header: *"X-MIME-Autoconverted: from 8bit to base64 by marble.bpa ..."* Since your Editor did not know what else to try, he sent a copy to Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Some two hours later, the answer was received: *"I decoded the text with Windows Commander, a shareware program similar to Norton Commander. The text follows (I deleted some strange characters):"* Unfortunately, encoding was just half the battle. The attempt to send a reply bounced as follows: *"This is the Postfix program at host mx8.263.net. I'm sorry to have to inform you that the message returned below could not be delivered to one or more destinations."*

Rush Limbaugh's Web site was mentioned in the October issue. Since then, it has been the subject of considerable media attention because it seems to be a clear winner. First seen at Yahoo was a Reuters story dated October 30th which had title: *"Traffic to Rush Limbaugh Web site jumps."* Here are some numbers *"according to leading Internet audience measurement service Nielsen// NetRatings. ... Rushlimbaugh.com attracted 399,000 unique visitors ... Men comprised 70 percent of the total traffic ... Traffic to Limbaugh's Web site has grown 250 percent over the past eight weeks."* But what about the

Watcom ATP for MS Windows

Watcom TPBIG required 200 Mbytes of local paging file to link, according to the April, 1999, newsletter. Well, that waste continues to grow. September 11th, to satisfy a request from EEUG, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu expanded the NT resource to 250 Mbytes. But this, too, was inadequate to create a new, FGH-dimensioned TPBIG, so 300 Mbytes followed, and this was found to be adequate. Good thing we now have Gigabytes to waste (see mention of new 550-MHz PC in the preceding issue)! About Watcom and EEUG, it should be explained that EEUG Chairman Kizilcay first had asked for, and was supplied with, Salford and GNU Mingw32 ATP versions. But he had mentioned preparation of a CD for members, and everyone knows that a 550-Mbyte CD would be mostly empty. So, your Editor offered the Watcom alternative, too, and Prof. Kizilcay agreed. Although Watcom TPBIG no longer is much used for development, it is created from time to time --- when free time exists, or when there is need for an independent evaluation. The Watcom compiler provides a fourth alternative (after Salford, Mingw32, and F95 Lahey) that is useful when the other three do not all agree (e.g., in the preceding issue, see mention of voting about DC-60).

Watcom STOPTH failed to show the card-image ruler and the last-read data card prior to enhancement on November 4th. Elsewhere, a new 8th subcase of DC-37 is mentioned, and this deliberately terminates execution using STOPTH, the installation-dependent error stop. Following WATCOM execution using RUNTP DISK,

competition? Popularity as a television host does not easily translate into popularity of the associated Web site, it seems clear. November 1st, a Forbes (see www.forbes.com) story

your Editor failed to find the desired output in DC37.LJS but did locate it in DC37.DBG (where it did not belong). When BOTH was used, the output in question was sent

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to the screen only. Not the best, so very old output to LUNIT6 was changed to OUTSIX as has been used for years by Salford EMTN. In retrospect, it is strange no one ever complained about the Watcom lack.

Brain - Damaged MS Windows

"Supreme Court declines to hear antitrust case" was the title of a September 26th story by ABC News. About context: "... the government tried to bypass the lower court under a statute known as the Antitrust Expediting Act. This obscure law makes it possible for a district judge like Jackson to send an antitrust case to the Supreme Court if he determines the case is important and in the public's best interest to be heard by the higher court. ... Today the nation's high court tossed it back down to the appeals court by an 8-1 decision ..." MS wanted to delay any decision, and this guarantees added delay: "Legal experts' estimates for the time to complete the case now range from a year to more than two." Do not forget the November elections, either: "... a new Republican administration under George

to internal systems for as many as 60 days." As for possible motive, "anyone getting access to the underlying code might be able to use it to write their own software, or sell the code to other unscrupulous operators. The hackers could try to blackmail Microsoft into paying to win back the swiped source code - what industry experts call a 'data hostage' ploy. Industry experts said that getting access to Microsoft's source code could theoretically be of benefit to the software giant's competitors." There is no reason to believe that the thieves were Americans, or even that they might be punishable by American law. Like offshore gambling, this theft might be beyond American jurisdiction: "passwords used to transfer the source code behind its software were being sent from the company's computer network in Redmond to an e-mail account in St. Petersburg, Russia." Days later, MS was trying to spin the story differently, however. "Damage Control" is the headline of an AP story dated October 30th that was found at the Web site of ABC News. This begins: "Microsoft Corp. says a hacker had high-level access to its computer system for 12 days -- not up to five weeks, as the company had first reported -- and that the company monitored the illegal activity the entire time." As your Editor has observed

W. Bush in January could decide to abandon the case" according to an ABC News legal analyst. A view from the financial sector was offered by Morningstar (M). That same day, "Microsoft finally wins a round in antitrust case" was the title of an opinion by Joseph Beaulieu. Under the section heading "What it means for investors," the author begins: "This is very positive news for Microsoft investors. The court of appeals is generally considered to be more sympathetic to Microsoft than was Jackson ... Given that the prosecutors got just about everything they wanted in Jackson's courtroom, Microsoft has nothing to lose -- and much to gain -- in this appeals process. Microsoft stock has gained about 5% so far on the news ..."*

*"Microsoft hacked" is the headline of an AP story dated October 27th that was found at the Web site of ABC News. The subtitle is: "Hackers break into software giant's network." Unlike previous incidents (e.g., see *breached* in the January, 2000, issue), no one is minimizing the potential seriousness of this latest incident. The story begins: "Hackers reportedly broke into Microsoft Corp.'s computer network and may have stolen blueprints to the latest versions of the company's Windows and Office software. Microsoft and the FBI are investigating the break-in, which was discovered Wednesday by the software giant's security employees, The Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site Friday ..." About the technique used: "... it appeared the hackers accessed Microsoft's system by e-mailing software, called QAZ Trojan, to the company's network and then opening a so-called back door through the infected computer." A CNN story that same day indicated probable loss: "The Wall Street Journal said the unknown hackers were believed to have stolen blueprints to its most valuable software, including latest*

before, MS is about as credible as the White House when it comes to matters of real importance. *"Experts Skeptical of Microsoft Claims"* is the title of a later section of the story. Note the ironic connection to that famous ILOVEYOU virus (see the July, 2000, issue): *"The most recent hackers apparently used ... a sneak attack concealed as an attachment in an e-mail."* What goes around, comes around (colloquial adage). This looks like poetic justice: it is only appropriate that MS itself finally has contracted the disease that it made possible for others (see the July issue).

New EEUG List Server

Anonymous moderation was mentioned in the preceding issue : *"from this distance, I have no idea who is responsible for allowing the flood of messages through."* Responsibility for this, too, can be traced to Bill G's brain-damaged MS software as used at BPA. In E-mail dated September 21st, fellow moderator Laszlo Prikler explained: *"See the 'Approved by' field after activating the 'Show all headers' flag in your e-mail reader. Unfortunately I was not able to find any such switch in Outlook, when I searched for that after your inquiry some weeks ago. I hope you will have more success, or already find that in the meantime."* No, neither Dr. Tsu-huei Liu nor your Editor knows how to learn more about header information than the selected four lines that Bill G wants us to see. The "Format" button would be a logical place to put such control, but seems to offer none. The "View" button does offer "Message Header" which sounds promising enough, but which serves only to turn off the 4 lines that one normally is allowed to see. Not good, this brain-damaged

versions of Windows and Office. ... A source close to the matter told CNNfn.com the hackers could have had access

software from MS.

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Laszlo Prikler solved the just-stated problem of anonymous moderation for **some** users of MS software. In E-mail dated October 9th, he advised: *"I found how you can see that piece of information: Open the message as you normally do (now you can see the basic header info in the top 20% of the window, and the message body). Click on File / Properties. You can see here a General and a Details tab. Click on Details. The complete header info is there. On the lower right corner there is one more button (I forgot its name). If you click on this, you can see the complete header info plus the message itself in a Notepad like window. It worked for me using a colleague's MS Outlook Express, so I hope it will work for you too."* Well, at BPA, using Outlook 98 under NT 4, the first deviation is at the top, where your Editor sees "General" and "Message ID" tabs (not a "Properties" tab). Clicking on the second of these, this is all the window shows. For Prof. Prikler's own informative message, this is the single line
 c=US;a=;p=BPA;l=EXCH0300100917254H78JADB
 Really revealing, eh (joke)? Buttons at the bottom are "OK", "Cancel", "Apply" (inactive), and "Help".
 Conclusion: BPA paid Bill G too much for this top-of-the-line MS software.

submit their work ... The Journal is included in the Engineering Citation Index since the beginning of 1999. Further information on how to publish in the journal can be obtained at the Journal's pages ... We also would like to ask you to spread the news around through personal contacts and local lists. Thanks in advance for your attention." EEUG Chairman Kizilcay had volunteered to discuss the problem with the proposed author, and 4 days later he explained: *"Only messages closely related to ATP and electromagnetic transients are accepted ... At present, we are in the transition stage. The operation and moderation rules of the new list will be announced publicly ... soon. When you think the ... Journal is suitable to submit papers in the field of electromagnetic transients, I kindly ask you to modify your announcement indicating the relation to ATP and transients."* This was not done, however. Instead, 3 days later, the author replied: *"I think that [it] is not up to me to think if an indexed journal in the technological area (I think Electromagnetic Transients is inside Electrical Engineering) is suitable or not to be announced in your list server. This is your job. I also thought the announcement of a Journal in the Electrical Engineering field could be of a help for researchers in the*

Headers of E-mail messages were seen for the first time at BPA on October 12th, following Prof. Prikler's 3rd attack on the problem. He wrote: *"I found 'real' (i.e. not Outlook Express) MS Outlook 2000 on a colleague's machine. The complete header information could be displayed there this way: a) If the message is still in the 'Inbox', a right mouse click pops-up a floating menu. You should see there an 'Option' item. b) if the message is already open for reading, the Option dialog box can be activated via the 'View | Option' menu. After selecting Option, you can see a dialog box having a scrollable window at the bottom called 'Internet headers' It is strange how differently this header info is offered in different MS products. MS Outlook Express completely differs from MS Outlook 2000 in that sense. My colleague's PC runs Win98, so I would not be surprised much if the above advice did not work with your NT and Outlook 98. Anyway, I am sending the new advice."* Yes, this third recipe did work. Prof. Prikler is to be thanked for his persistent efforts, which finally paid off --- at least for a short period of time (a month or two). In response later that same day, your Editor explained the problem with time: *"This ability to read now does not preserve the information in our archives. 'Save as' results in storage that is missing the headers. So after a month or two, as old E-mail is purged, it appears to me that the information will be lost. Too bad."*

Rejection of advertising of a journal unrelated to ATP was the progress of moderators during mid-September. The story began September 8th with a proposed message that had salutation: *"Dear power-globers, atp-neters, electrical engineering researchers and educators."* That is the closest the message came to ATP: *atp-neters*. The message

Electromagnetic Transients field. I am very very surprised with your refusal." A day later, your Editor reviewed these two messages, and observed the following to fellow moderators. Prof. Kizilcay's request *"seems clear enough, and reasonable, to me. Next I read"* the response which *"does not respond to the request. Of course transients are a part of engineering, and engineering is a part of science. Science is also a part of life and modern civilization. So what? None of this responds to the need for ATP-related writing. It is irrelevant. ... It is curious that the author mentions electrical engineering explicitly. The title of his journal does not. Connecting to ... his Web page, I see the officially-declared purpose: '... to promote scientific technical work from ... and foreign researchers, in some Engineering areas ... Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Chemistry and related fields.' Not only is there no mention of transients, electricity clearly is just a small part of a big total. ... Even if one accepted the premise that ATP users might be interested in the subject, why should they have special interest in this particular ... journal as opposed to some other?"* About being surprised by EEUG's refusal, your Editor wrote: *"I believe it. After years of free publishing via the Fargo list server, the imposition of rules such as relevance to ATP might come as quite a shock to ..."* About the salutation, your Editor had wondered whether the same message also might have been sent to Power Globe (see the October, 1996, issue). Apparently so (another good reason not to be a subscriber). In E-mail dated September 18th, moderator Laszlo Prikler observed that *"ATP-EMTP-L@ received just a cc: of his message. I deleted the power-globe message, but I clearly remember ..."*

The so-called "*=20 problem*" was explained by your

continued: *"From time to time I am here in this forum to invite researchers and educators around the world to*

Editor at the end of EEUG list server mail from Tom Field of Southern Company Services in Birmingham, Alabama,

USA. Mr. Field included an attachment from Dr. Ing. Walter Gimenez in Spanish-speaking Argentina, and this was broken frequently by extraneous "=" or sometimes just by a lone equal sign. Let's illustrate using the start of the main paragraph: *"In t= his=20 respect, I have made my PhD thesis in the topic and I have written some papers=20 (IPST=B499, Lusas 97 and 99), I have also carried out my own programs for th= e=20 calculation of the parameters of the pattern (Mayr, Cassie y/o Mayr+ Cassie)=20= and=20 invented a new way ..."* This was September 26th, when your Editor asked in an appendix: *"What are such extra characters, where were they inserted, and how can they be avoided in the future?"* Moderator Hevia, a colleague of Dr. Gimenez, offered the following opinion: *"I think that this =20 is really ASCII 20 (or ASCII 32 (hex20)), and is added by the email program. The =20 is not a Spanish character, ... but is due to some Spanish Outlook feature."* October 24th, Mr. Hevia added an interesting observation about possible avoidance: *"I received two copies of a same message --- one directly and another via my IEEE alias. The first message has the =20 as you see in some Spanish Outlook messages, the second apparently was filtered. Maybe the same procedure*

engaged in EMTP commerce. But in the Simulation Center none of our staff is related to their activities." It does sound as though ATP finally has reached those persons who specialize in electromagnetic transient simulation: *"The Simulation Center is a consultative lab for many power system projects (e.g. Three Gorges, Tian-Guang AC/DC engineering etc.). We use Hybrid Simulator, real-time software and off-line software but will never sell them. The Simulation Center is a public lab to which visitors from all over the world are welcome."* Of course, the Three Gorges dam is world famous (the world's largest hydro generation site?).

EDF was the source of a request for ATP. This according to October 5th E-mail from EEUG Chairman Mustafa Kizilcay, who was answering a request from *"Robert jeanjean; I ave G. de gaulle; 92300 Clamart FR."* Of course, EDF indicates Electricite de France, the national electric authority; and Clamart is a suburb southwest of the center of Paris where research has been located for decades. As justification: *"Using a lot of simulation for transient analysis, I'd like to use the last version of ATP. Can you send me that software, or can*

could be applied to the listserver."

Corrections to This Newsletter

Directories \DISLINL and \DISLING were mentioned in the preceding issue. That much is correct: separation of Lahey DISLIN from Mingw32 DISLIN is accomplished this way. But there was a following claim that *"associated DISLIN and PATH environment variables"* can not be separated. While true, this is irrelevant as first pointed out October 3rd by BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu. What she showed your Editor is this: GNU Mingw32 DISLIN graphics require neither the DOS symbol DISLIN nor any PATH definition. Lahey DISLIN does, but Mingw32 DISLIN does not. Fortunately, free DISLIN for Mingw32 is simpler. As a result, RUNTP for Lahey could be restored to its original two lines, and AUTOEXEC could be used for all definitions. Those definitions, it follows, are for Lahey only (none is required for Mingw32). This is the good news: separation is simpler than was portrayed in the October issue.

ATP Licensing Problems

EPSRI (the Chinese EPRI) outside Beijing, China, continues to isolate EMTP commerce as required. Yet another department (see the April, 1999, issue for mention of the first) applied for a license to use ATP during September, and it was not necessary for the user group to raise the issue of required isolation from DCG / EPRI EMTP. Jiang Weiping, Director of Power System

you give me the right way to obtain that software." Prof. Kizifcay correctly noted the complication of EMTP commerce by EDF, and referred the inquiry to the Can/Am user group for a response. This was simple enough, later that same day: *"... this is our understanding over here, too. In years past, EDF certainly was involved in 'EMTP commerce' as defined by our form letters. As a result, instead of free licensing, reciprocity would apply. Since I am going to send a copy of this note to Mr. Jeanjean, I will append our LICENSE.PDF for his consideration. ... It does sound as though this person is unaware of the complication caused by EDF's participation in the sale of EMTP-like programs (including MORGAT). To check the spelling of MORGAT, I searched old messages from the Fargo list server. I saw where a couple of EDF authors wrote a paper for the 1995 IPST conference. As far as we know, MORGAT, too, is being sold commercially."* More next time (complication of the story increased rapidly).

TOP, The Output Processor from Electrotek Concepts in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, first was mentioned in the July, 1992, newsletter. Because Electrotek is not licensed to have and use ATP materials (see the October, 1996, issue), compatibility of TOP with ATP .PL4 files is problematic. From time to time, an ATP user will complain of trouble, and your Editor must deny all knowledge. He explains that Electrotek created its own problem, and has only itself to blame for no longer having access to ATP and its specifications. The issue arose again --- this time in semi-public E-mail of the EEUG list server dated October 6th. A summary follows. First, there was a general question : *"Does anyone know if TOP 2000 has a limit in number of nodes?"* Next came a

Simulation Center, clearly stated what was required in an attached note: *"There may be some people ... who have*

recommendation of help from the factory: *"Electrotek has a TOP Forum on their website. In the past, they have*

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been very responsive for bug fixes." It was the following morning before your Editor saw these messages, and was able to issue the warning that follows: *"Readers are reminded that Electrotek Concepts no longer is ATP-licensed. ... Electrotek Concepts lost its previously-free ATP license no later than July of 1989 because of 'EMTP commerce' (which is prohibited by the free licensing agreement). Apparently after losing EPRI support, Electrotek had expressed interest in re-acquiring ATP. But reciprocity then applied, and the price no longer was either free or reasonable. Instead, the price was Electrotek's own price! Not surprisingly, Electrotek showed no further interest. Today, Electrotek Concepts remains unlicensed, and is not entitled to view ATP materials. So how can anyone effectively report trouble using TOP2000 on an ATP .PL4 file without disclosing the data that was mishandled? The Can/Am user group **does** consider program output to be ATP materials as mentioned in licensing agreements. This includes .PL4 files, which are not to be disclosed to any unlicensed person or organization."* Conclusion: moderation did not prevent questionable information this time. The learning process continues (list server moderation is very serious business, and it requires both experience and care; if in

"retiring the mercury arc converters at Celilo would reduce the inertie capacity to 1,100 MW." BPA estimates the cost of replacement at \$57 to \$100 million --- nothing compared with \$400 million/year that are wasted on fish (see the July, 1999, issue). But economically and/or politically, there no longer seems to be commonality of interest between north and south. Californians want the high capacity for continuing access to cheap northwest hydropower, and perhaps also for added security during summer outages down there. But new BPA management no longer is the resourceful collaborator that old management once was. It looks to your Editor as though management wants to protect itself from criticism that might result from a simple decision to upgrade. Doing nothing might be safer politically. Also, if the upgrade is to be made, it might be safer for BPA politicians to appear to be forced by others to perform the work.

BSTS Ltd. in England is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Because the name meant nothing to your Editor, he asked Steve Nurse, the person who had used the name, for clarification. His response on October 12th illustrates once more the global turmoil of the electric power industry: *"Regarding your query about BSTS, I am not surprised*

doubt, do not approve).

Power Company Politics and Religion

Deregulation of electric power in Australia and New Zealand was mentioned in the preceding issue. October 2nd, the same Ashok Parsotam of Southpower in Christchurch sent E-mail that included a *"Press Release: New Zealand Government."* The document supposedly comes from www.newsroom.co.nz It does seem that San Diego (see preceding issue) is not the only place where theory and practice fail to exhibit the hoped-for correlation. About deregulation in New Zealand: *"Recent changes to the electricity industry have not brought the expected benefits to domestic consumers. This led the Government to establish the Caygill Inquiry into the Electricity Industry."* Included in the report is a warning more threatening than Bill Clinton's attack dogs: *"Electricity lines companies and Transpower will be placed under price control if they breach thresholds or criteria to be developed by the Commerce Commission."*

The hvdc intertie to California was mentioned in the July, 1992, newsletter. Its future now is being debated openly by an increasingly-hesitant BPA. A 6-page brochure dated October, 2000, was published by BPA as part of public discussion. Facts and issues are interesting. Age is approximately 30 years, and California utilities would like BPA *"to commit to maintaining its end of the DC intertie at the current 3,100 megawatt capacity for the next 30 years."* But the original mercury-arc valves remain in service. Replacement by thyristors eventually (e.g., in 10 or

that you have not heard of us, we have been taken over by so many different companies and had numerous name changes that I sometimes forget myself who we are. For your information, a brief company history: 1) A. Reyrolle Ltd; 2) NEI Reyrolle; 3) Rolls Royce Reyrolle Technology; and 4) British Short Circuit Testing Station (BSTS) Ltd (VA Tech Reyrolle Ltd)."

www.emtp.org for ATP Use

Web termination **.org** indicates *organization*, and it is widely used by non-commercial operations such as IEEE (see **www.ieee.org**). Since ATP is non-commercial, **.org** really was preferred. Fortunately, during mid-September, EEUG Chairman Mustafa Kizilcay was able to reserve **www.emtp.org** for use by cooperating ATP user groups of the world.

About *emtp* in the middle, this, too, was your Editor's preference. In E-mail dated September 12th, Prof. Kizilcay had offered several alternatives: *"Today I learned from my provider that you can visit <http://www.internick.de> to check free international domain names. My search results ... are as follows : *emtp.com* ..., *atp.com*, *atp.org*, and *atp.net* are not available. But the following domain names are available : *emtp.org*, *emtp.net*, *atp-emtp.com*, *atp-emtp.org*, *emtp-atp.com*, and *emtp-atp.org*. We should be quick to snatch one of the above free ones or a new one that you propose."* Two days later, your Editor agreed as follows: *"Interesting. Well, that answers the question about *emtp.com*, which I was inclined not to use, ATP is not*

15 years, perhaps) will be required, if capacity is to be maintained. The other alternative is simply removal:

~~anyway~~cial. The more I think about it, I prefer .org if this is understood internationally to be non-commercial. I

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guess my preference would be emtp.org provided most Europeans understand that .org means non-commercial." Note this choice re-emphasizes what ATP is: a version of EMTP. The name EMTP never was abandoned when DCG/EPRI attempted commercialization beginning in 1984. Rather, a non-commercial version of EMTP that was not in the public domain was planned. This is what was given the name ATP the following year, as explained in the September, 1988, newsletter story.

E-mail can be addressed to various parallel mailboxes that involve the domain name. This is yet another of Prof. Kizilcay's great ideas. **canam@emtp.org** is the Internet address of the Can/Am EMTP User Group as first used September 19th. Considering E-mail on Dr. Liu's PC at BPA, MS Outlook 98 indicates that Prof. Kizilcay's inaugural message of this date was "To:" this address rather than the usual **thliu@bpa.gov** The "Subject:" of Prof. Kizilcay's message was "Please visit www.emtp.org" and he concluded: "There is something new in this Email I sent you. Have you noticed it? No? Then check the header." Yes, amid all the other messages to the BPA address is this exceptional one to **canam@emtp.org** That Prof. Kizilcay can give Dr. Liu this alternative

form ... whether or not they already are licensed. ... After clicking on 'Send data' button, the user should wait until a new Web page appears on the screen. This ATP licensing agreement is generated automatically. The user should sign and send it by mail (neither fax nor E-mail is accepted!) to the user group address given there. Other user groups first will try to identify their own licensees among the present list server subscribers. In cases of uncertainty, subscribers should be asked to demonstrate that they are ATP - licensed . Details regarding subscription procedure will be announced by user groups in the mailing list. In this respect, on-line Web ATP licensing forms are available also for subscribers licensed by EEUG and JAUG. The deadline of the re-subscription is 20 November 2000. As single action, all old subscribers will be deleted and replaced by the new subscription list on this date."

Standler Surge Function from Hevia

The Standler surge function was made available in ATP on September 29th as a third basic alternative of Type-15 sources of the electric network. Inspiration came from

Internet address without any change within BPA is surprising. But not being able to see full E-mail headers using Outlook 98, it is not possible to see the trickery involved. However, it works; and the Can/Am user group is happy with the alternative, which henceforth is recommended for user group business. Of course, other user groups can have parallel E-mail addresses, if this is desired. So, if the user group acronym can be remembered, the appropriate Internet address for ATP business sometimes can be guessed. Nice.

The official announcement of the new home page for ATP was made by EEUG Chairman Kizilcay in semi-public E-mail of the EEUG list server dated October 24th. *"Improvement of the mailing list ATP-EMTP-L"* was the subject, and the message began with a mention of JAUG and Can/Am participation. Prof. Kizilcay continued: *"Other user groups have also assured their support. The mailing list is open only to licensed ATP users. In the future, subscription will be performed by user groups after checking ATP license of the user concerned. As you may have noticed, the list is being moderated by several ATP experts around the world. We are at present in the transitional stage. ... A new official WWW page for ATP has been established with the URL <http://www.emtp.org> This Web site is not complete, but all necessary general information can be found there including operation and moderation rules of this mailing list. Please visit ... and read these rules carefully. These rules have been approved by major user groups. Next, the present subscription list will be revised and replaced by verifying the ATP license of subscribers. Different procedures are used by different user groups for this purpose. All ATP users from Canada, U.S.A. and countries of North*

Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. The first time your Editor can recall seeing or hearing the name Standler was in E-mail from Mr. Hevia dated September 14th, which had *"Subject: a new source for ATP?"* This began: *"I send you the code for a new surge source, the so called Standler function. This function is similar in shape to the Heidler function, but it is defined by $V(t) = C * (t/A) ** B * exp (-t/A)$ The program I send estimates the best parameters A, B and C for this source ..."*

The name Standler comes from an electronics expert, not a power system expert, it should be mentioned. As a reference, Mr. Hevia mentioned a decade-old book, which Barnes and Noble (B&N) lists as: *"Protection of Electronic Circuits from Overvoltages"* by Ronald B. Standler, 1st edition, 464 pages, John Wiley & Sons, November 1990. At a B&N price of \$145, your Editor does not plan to order a copy any time soon. According to B&N, *"bn.com customers who bought this book also bought"* two other books. These had titles *"Microchip Fabrication ..."* and *"Printed Circuits Handbook."* According to the publisher, the book *"includes protection methods for equipment operating from mains with nominal voltages up to 1 kV rms."* To conclude, this clearly is not high voltage engineering of power systems, so there is some concern about applicability to high-voltage surges on power lines.

"Surge Function by Gabor Furst" was the title of a story in the July, 1996, issue. This is good background reading to understand the extension of Type-15 sources to Standler. Mr. Hevia mentioned the Heidler alternative, which can be traced to Bernd Stein of FGH in Mannheim, Germany. The

America are asked now to fill in on-line the new WWW

Heidler source is old, with the third subcase of DC-19, mentioning a letter dated 30 July 1986. Like Mr. Stein's

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implementation of the Heidler function, the Standler function is being hard-wired in ATP FORTRAN. This contrasts with Gabor Furst's work, which was confined to MODELS data. Alternatively, today it could be done using the pocket calculator (e.g., a Type-10 source). Recall parameters of Mr. Furst's model could be determined interactively and graphically : *"SURGE1 and SURGE2 are small, interactive, graphical programs that were written to allow the Intel-based PC user to see his surge as a function of time, and adjust all three parameters interactively."* Well, author Hevia relies on no such interactive assistance. He performs his parameter fitting without reliance upon user judgment. About similarity of functions, note that the Standler term $(t/A)**B$ corresponds to Mr. Furst's independent discovery *"that simply raising (t/T) to the power of k provides the answer."*

Orlando Hevia's fitter began as separate program STANDLER.FOR which was explained in E-mail dated September 18th. This began with an explanation of the need for Heidler or Standler: *"The double exponential surge function has two limitations: a) Short waves as 8/30 usec of IEC 60-2, ANSI/IEEE Std 4-1978, and ANSI C62.1-1984*

diagnostic file (normally having file type .DBG parallel to the .LIS file). Finally, STANDLER.GNU for GNU PLOT output has been replaced by CALCOMP PLOT graphics, which are provided automatically. This graphic treatment is similar to what was done for HEVIA HYSTERESIS (see the July, 2000, issue).

In-line use of Orlando Hevia's fitter also is possible, for a Standler source. The preceding paragraph was for batch-mode use, which punches Type-15 branch cards. This is most efficient, since the burden of computation then is performed only once. It also is safer, since convergence is not guaranteed (convergence depends on the user's data). But it may not be most convenient, so automatic parameter determination of a Standler surge also is possible *on the fly*, as part of the Type-15 source data. For an illustration, see node STAN2 of the 3rd subcase of DC-19 (modified October 28th).

Data interpretation for a Standler surge function is exceptional if data is fit in-line. This detail is worthy of some explanation. The usual *"Source. ..."* line will be seen, but this will document output of the Hevia fitter (Standler parameters A, B, and C) rather than the user's raw

cannot be represented by a double exponential function, and b) The maximum slope occurs at $t=0$, but the measured waves has the maximum slope near the peak. The Standler function ... is more appropriate for short waves. The user can input the three parameters A, B, and C directly. But if he does, he has no direct control over the peak, the rise time, and the time to decay to half of the peak. My fitter, which uses a Newton-Raphson procedure, allows the user to specify such statistics of engineering importance. My fitter determines A, B, and C for the user."

Node STAN1 was added to the 3rd subcase of DC-19 to illustrate the basic Standler function. Little else has changed. The Standler function simply is appended to the existing first PRINTER PLOT as a fourth curve having symbol D. This was the simple change September 29th, with parameters A, B, and C picked arbitrarily to make the Standler curve nicely visible.

STANDLER SURGE FUNCTION is the new request that connects to author Hevia's fitter STANDLER.FOR for batch-mode use. This is no different than many of the other supporting programs, with usage illustrated by a new 9th subcase of DC-13, which was created October 8th. Requests for Standler fitting (a single data card suffices to hold all data of each request) are read until terminated by a blank card. Outputs have been redirected and modified to accommodate ATP as follows. Whereas author Hevia used a separate file having fixed name STANDLER.PCH for ATP source cards, such output now is being sent to the ATP punch buffer just as for any other supporting program. It also is being optimally encoded so as to improve both readability and accuracy (source data, with a field width of 10, was a challenge for E-field encoding). The printed

input data. To document input data, a special comment card has been created with "C" replacing the type code "15" in columns 1-2. This will be seen immediately before the "Source. ..." card, with fixed interpretation: "Input data of user, for Standler surge function. |C ..."

Heidler and other alternatives probably will follow. On October 9th, your Editor wrote Mr. Hevia: "I agree. I will finish Standler and leave the other alternatives to you. Yet, for most of this work, you do not need new GNU ATP source code. I **do** plan to send you modified ... (the **real** source code). Note this is the same disk file as used for your TANH work." This was in response to Mr. Hevia's explanation: "My request for source code is because I can add the Heidler and double exponential fitters, following your work, and free you of this repetitive job." Yes, this is the plan, as future issues should report.

Publishing Programs and Viewers

"PDF copies of newsletters ..." was the start of a paragraph in the preceding issue. The story now continues. One contact who received copies of the archive was Dr. Tsuyoshi Funaki at Osaka University in Japan, and his response dated September 5th was quite unexpected. Dr. Funaki indicated that JAUG already offers PDF - formatted copies of the newsletter dating back through 1988 in location <http://atp.pwr.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/emtpnews> "I generated pdf files from your original .wp5 files, etc. If you have difficulty using our site, please inform me." Later that same day, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu connected successfully.

WordPerfect 9 is the product of interest within Corel

output of STANDLER.OUT has been redirected to the

Office 2000 as first mentioned in the preceding issue.

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September 12th, BPA's Dr. Tsu-huei Liu received her package, and installed the software on her 550-MHz PC. Although the Corel Website listed a price of \$150, the good news is that only a \$95 upgrade fee (from existing WP 7) was paid by BPA. Most important for ATP developers, Copy/Paste now does work as promised on the NT platform at BPA (no need for the \$10 patch for brain-damaged NT). Also, that PDF output looked great in Acrobat Reader, for the simple tests that Dr. Liu performed initially. Later, such output failed for Dr. Kai-Hwa Ger's order form (pages 7 and 8 of the user group's old form letter LICENSE.WPD). The last two pages had been separated into separate disk file KAIHWA.WPD for use with Prof. Kizilcay's new on-line licensing procedure (see preceding issue), and although KAIHWA.PDF was produced without incident by WP 9, Acrobat Reader refused to display it properly (display halted with an error part way through the first table). So, temporarily (until Dr. Liu can avoid the trouble by using a simpler table), PostScript was created, and this was passed through Adobe Distiller to create the required PDF file for EEUG on September 12th. The following day, Dr. Liu changed the horizontal separator lines (all dotted lines became solid, and 4 extra solid lines toward the bottom of the first table were removed), and then WP 9 PDF output became usable. Continuing with

experiment at BPA on September 20th, and produced even more discouraging results. Beginning with JAN96.WP5 as the input file, a 412-Kbyte PDF output file was produced by WP 9. Not only is this huge, it can not be compressed much using PKZIP, either: the .ZIP file has size 394 Kbytes (a 5% saving was reported during compression). But the following day, Dr. Liu showed that she could reduce the PDF file to 219 Kbytes by dropping the fonts. After "*Publish to PDF*" in the "*File*" menu, click on "*Details*" to produce a window that shows a default check mark in a box labeled "*Include fonts in the document.*" The removal of this check mark was Dr. Liu's medicine.

Perfect JAN96.PDF was created September 22nd by recourse to old WP 5. This was a sudden inspiration after frustrating struggle with fonts of WP 9 that did not match closely. On the very first try, "Print Preview" on the screen showed a perfect 20 pages, so the technique for PostScript output to a disk file was all that remained to be relearned. Thanks to superb pre-Novell documentation (the good old days), this was done easily enough, and then Adobe Distiller converted the .PS to a perfect .PDF file of 115 Kbytes. Of course, the same perfect 20 pages for this output file, too. But why the substantially smaller storage (compare with 161 Kbytes for the October, 2000, issue)?

observations about WP 9, your editor was particularly pleased by background color, which no longer was bright white (apparently a requirement of WP 7). When first seen by your Editor, the background was blue, which is much less tiring on the eyes. Dr. Liu explained that now the color comes from Windows (logical enough), and we changed this to black (your Editor's preference) just to prove it. About other changes, Dr. Liu mentioned that *Print Preview* is back, and it works as the command does in either Word or WP 5. Of course, WP 5 needed a preview because the working display in which one keyed and manipulated text used a text (not graphic) screen, so sometimes bore little relationship to printed output. But for WP 7, the working display was close to the final display. Close, but apparently not close enough. The return of *Print Preview* is seen as correction of a minor problem, and it is appreciated.

Too large PDF files is a problem of WP 9 that first was mentioned by Laszlo Prikler of Budapest Univ. of T&E in Hungary. In E-mail dated September 5th, he observed: *"I just downloaded the JAN96.ZIP from JAUG and loaded it into WP Office 2000. ... Using 'Publish to PDF...' under 'File' produced a 310 KB file. The PDF output looks normal and can be read normally by Acrobat Reader. Unfortunately, the size is almost double the size of current issues ... (150 kB). So I tried an alternative method, too: producing PDF using Acrobat PDF printer driver. It works more effectively, because the output size was only 180 Kbyte. This 1/2 ratio does not change even if I modified the 'Compress method' under 'Details' tab of 'Publish to...'. Conclusion: Adobe sold an older version of its PDF mill to Corel, and this produces larger files than Adobe's own*

Once again, do we have a paragraph that properly should be moved to the *"Brain-damaged MS Windows"* story? What significant difference is there, other than use of a DOS program (WP 5.1) instead of a Windows program (Word from Bill G)? The following day, the archive of PDF copies was extended back through January of 1995, with only this last of the five involving minor difficulty. As first viewed within WP 5.1, there were 3 or 4 lines too many. But by comparison between the screen copy and a printed copy dating to 1995, it was found that the exact 20 pages could be restored by extracting a blank from each of 4 or 5 strategic locations. Somehow, the font today is slightly different, and requires slightly more space for display. Eventually it was concluded that a larger superscript probably was the cause (numbers within dates typically were involved), although no attempt to modify this was made. September 24th, your Editor sent a 934-Kbyte archive of 9 more PDF files --- JAN94.PDF through JAN96.PDF --- to persons who maintain newsletter storage on the Internet: *"Like the September 1st collection, this second set should be perfect : exactly 20 pages."* Not mentioned, however, was the first need to change a non-blank character: the period of *Dr.* on page 20 of JAN94 was removed in order to gain needed space.

Hyperlinks are possible within a WP 9 document. But this is no surprise, and is not the critical detail. Recall hyperlinks were tested using WP 7 as summarized in the October, 1997, newsletter. That they should continue to work within WP 9 is not a surprise. What **is** a surprise --- more precisely, a disappointment --- is this: hyperlinks in WP 9 are **not** passed into the associated PDF output. This is a serious limitation of the new PDF output of WP 9.

PDF writer." Your Editor and Dr. Liu repeated the

Recall that hyperlinks **were** passed to Envoy output of WP

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7, and they functioned properly using the Envoy viewer. But not so for PDF output of WP 9 as explained to your Editor by Dr. Liu on October 3rd. Her simple examples c:\eohb\dum*.wpd demonstrate a hyperlink in WP 9. Using Acrobat Reader on the resulting PDF output, the link is underlined, and is colored. That much is encouraging. Unfortunately, the hand (the cursor of Acrobat Reader) does not become a finger as needed to perform the transfer. A telephone call to Corel confirmed that this is a capability of Adobe PDF files that is not supported by the WP package. Hyperlinks are lost. Worse, Envoy, too, seems to have been lost! One step forward and two steps backward? The "File" menu has only 3 publishing alternatives: 1) Internet Publisher; 2) Publish to Trellix; and 3) Publish to PDF. About number 2, the index of Dr. Liu's "Mastering WordPerfect 9" book, by Alan Simpson and Gordon McComb, points to page 893 for Trellix. This is a section entitled "More ways to publish Web pages," so seems to offer no hope. Conclusion: hyperlinks are not possible for our proposed writing within WP 9 (e.g., for a PDF copy of the Rule Book or the Theory Book). Hyperlinks certainly could later be applied to the PDF output (recall Robert Meredith's great unification of Theory Book chapters as mentioned in the October, 1998, issue), but that is impractical and inefficient for interior use (as opposed to a

such use directly. But if it is not as compact (see preceding paragraph), and if it is not better in some way (e.g., allowing hyperlinks), it is hard to imagine why WP 9 PDF output would be preferred. Instead, developers expect to use WP 9 to create PostScript, and Adobe Distiller to convert this to PDF. Finally, Adobe Exchange will lock such files to prevent unauthorized modification.

"Corel wins financial lifeline" was the headline of a story about recent financial problems of the current owner of WordPerfect (WP). Dated September 20th, this story emphasizes that finances are not yet desperate, but they clearly are serious: "Struggling Corel has obtained some equity financing from an anonymous institutional investor ... Corel has already announced that by November its Dublin operation will be reduced by 130 people, leaving a skeleton staff." Is the future viability of WP at risk? It did not take long to answer this question, and learn about that anonymous white knight in shining armor. "MS bucks save ... Corel - save it for what?" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* on October 3rd. This began "Microsoft is to pump \$135 into its (suddenly former) deadly rival Corel. The injection is approximately equivalent to 25 per cent of the ... Canadian company. ... Following the example of Apple, Corel is now a fully bribed-up supporter ..." With

table of contents) because the work would be lost whenever the PDF output might need to be regenerated (e.g., following some change).

WP 9 acceptance of HP-GL could not be confirmed October 4th, as Dr. Liu watched your Editor experiment with both WP 7 and 9. For the former, the "Graphics" button at the top led to a menu from which one could select "Image" and then name the file (\gnunt\dc18.hpg was used without problem). But WP 9 has no "Graphics" button. There is an "Insert" button, which leads to a menu from which "Graphics" can be selected. But then, after naming the file, the response is an error window with message: "*! Unsupported file format detected.*" Using Dr. Liu's great reference book (Simpson and McComb), the 40-page index includes HPg for hard page, and HTML, but no HP-GL. Another backward step for Corel, it appears to your Editor.

Unauthorized modification of a PDF file can be prevented as first was mentioned by Prof. Mustafa Kizilcay of FH Osnabrueck in Germany (see the April, 2000, issue). This was using Adobe Acrobat Exchange 3.01 (on BPA's nearby 90-MHz Pentium, this requires the separate icon labeled Acrobat Exchange rather than Acrobat Distiller), and it works well. Acrobat Exchange is an editor for PDF files, and security is set as part of "Save as" within the "File" menu. Clicking on the "Security" button on the right leads to a window that allows the user to specify two passwords for: a) reading the file; and b) changing security attributes. This is followed by 4 security choices: "*Do not allow: a) Printing; b) Changing the document; c) Selecting text and graphics; and d) Adding or changing notes and form fields.*" Yes, WP 9 could create the PDF for

MS now a dominant minority partner, what are the chances that WP will become significantly better, and will grab market share back from MS Word? Your Editor is discouraged.

Hoidalen Improves ATPDRAW

Hans Kristian Hoidalen of SINTEF Energy Research in Trondheim, Norway, continues to improve his graphical ATP-data-assembly program ATPDraw. In E-mail of his Fargo list server dated October 10th, Prof. Bruce Mork of Michigan Tech in Houghton announced: "*Hans Hoidalen has released V2.4 of ATPDraw today. He reports that there was '...an error in the latest ATPDraw version 2.3. The declaration and use of input variable names in MODELS was wrong when type 94 components where used or the input and output of a model had the same name. The bug in the LINERL_6 component is corrected as well (L22 replaced by R33). I've updated the file atpdraw.exe that is contained in the patch file. It is available via ...*"

Compensation Troubled by Switches

Switches that touch compensation - based elements occasionally have caused trouble; and DCNEW-16 was established late in 1995 to document the correction of such isolated problems. Half a decade later, another such simple case as that of Janko Kosmac in Slovenia (see the July, 1996, issue), has been found. In member-only E-mail of the EEUG list server eeug-l dated October 11th, Steve Nurse of BSTS Ltd. in England illustrated trouble, and

this is documented in a new 8th subcase that was added October 14th following correction of the error.

One line of code was added to OVER16 below S.N. 4319 to correct Mr. Nurse's problem. In fact, this addition is the same line that was replaced in 1995 to solve Mr. Kosmac's problem (see the 1st subcase). What your Editor did not understand then was this: both lines are appropriate. It took 5 years for demonstrative data to surface, but better late than never (Lubarsky's Law).

Special diagnostic printout, which normally will be hidden from view in the .DBG file, will notify the user whenever the aforementioned logic correction has made a difference. The following line was produced by the 8th subcase of DCNEW-16: *"October 2000 correction to compensation has modified the solution. In OVER16, BUSJ, N2, N10, T = LOAD 1 2 7.0000000E-03"* Of course, T is the simulation time at which the difference occurs, and BUSJ is the A6 name of the node at which the difference is noted.

About data, a Type-91 time-dependent resistance R(t) was used by Mr. Nurse, although there is nothing special about this choice. For example, the error also should have

Ren-ming. The title of this is *"Successful generalization of EMTP switch and source logic."* The abstract explains: *"this permits the nearly arbitrary interconnection of switches."* Had Prof. Dommel's Microtran been derived from EMTP newer than the summer of 1982 (the time of Volume XII *EMTP Memoranda*), there would have been no need for the primitive switch isolation that Prof. Dommel still seems to rely upon.

DC-68 is ended by one large data subcase from BPA Trainee Rod Price. From time to time, the solution has changed a little. Note comments that document one of these dated 8 Aug 91. Well, answers have changed slightly once again, following the just-described correction. To better document action in and around the switches and non-linearities, output variables have been modified. The first 3 now are currents. In order, these are gap current, fault current, and Type-92 ZnO current:

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From bus name: CR25A CR20A CRZ1A
To bus name: CR30A TERRA CR20A
Old maxima : 27237.782 15421.096 .44551E-4
New maxima : 26931.178 15312.520 .44551E-4
Times of both : .03175 .0375 .0125
Old minima : -7552.244 -28033.65 -7291.149
New minima : -7466.220 -28099.51 -7350.361
Times of old : .0378 .02865 .02815
Times of new : .0378 .02865 .02805
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The gap closing time of 31.5 msec is unchanged, although

occurred for a Type-92 nonlinear resistance. The problem was with the compensation itself, not with details of the element that relied upon it. The compensation element shared at least one terminal node with (i.e., was touched by) 3 switches, and it was this unusual topology that challenged ATP logic.

Resistors that isolate switches are a standard feature of Microtran and Spice, according to Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. Initially, your Editor had summarized for Mr. Hevia the Type-91 problem that was being studied. In E-mail dated October 12th, Mr. Hevia responded: *"MicroTran has a field for time controlled switches to add a small resistance R-switch = 1.E-4 Ohm. The resistance is added internally as follows:*

R-switch/2 R-switch/2



BUSA switch BUSB

The R-switch is used by SPICE, too, with 1.0E-6 Ohm."

Interesting. From time to time, your Editor observes that Hermann Dommel's Microtran is **not** derived from EMTP. Recently, see "DCG Myth #2" within the story entitled "Continuing DCG misinformation" in the January, 1998, issue. Rather than descend from EMTP, Microtran descended from Prof. Dommel's T.P. (Transients Program), which preceded EMTP by several years (Prof. Dommel left BPA in July of 1973). This looks like yet another good piece of evidence. The isolation of switches by means of small impedances was used in EMTP until the "M32." version, which dates to the summer of 1982, when new switch logic first was provided to improve the efficiency of hvdc modeling. Proof is contained in the August, 1982, issue of Prof. Dommel's own *EMTP Newsletter*. Pages 70-74 contain a paper by your Editor and Chinese visitor Ma

opening is delayed one time step, from 49.850 to 49.900 msec. Why are changes so small, and hence difficult to note? Your Editor was not sure, but he remembered that Steve Nurse made the following interesting observation, which may provide the answer: *"... it was apparent that there was an additional 1 Ohm resistance being added to the circuit when a switch was closed to simulate a fault. ... I have changed the resistance values and the timing but the step increase in resistance is always 1 Ohm. Obviously, where the range of resistor values are very much higher than 1 Ohm, this effect would probably not be noticed."* Could be. The extra one Ohm might come from the +1 or the -1 of the Thevenin calculation (injected unit currents at the element terminals).

About Mr. Nurse's real engineering problem --- the one that first raised his suspicions --- your Editor offered a corrected copy of TPBIG with the suggestion that this be tried on the real data. Salford EMTP was sent October 16th, and news the following day was favorable: *"The package arrived safely and I have confirmed that the program runs OK. I ran my test data set and obtained the theoretically expected results, which is great. I will do further tests, with more complex data sets, in the next few days and let you know if all is well or not."* No news is good news (there has been no report of continuing trouble).

Branch Data Input Restructured

Kizilcay frequency dependence could not be followed immediately by USE AR prior to a small correction to OVER3 on September 13th. The problem first was

reported by Prof. Mustafa Kizilcay of FH Osnabrueck in Germany in E-mail dated September 5th: "*While I was preparing a paper with examples for the coming EEUG meeting in Wroclaw at the end of September on how to use ARMAFIT and KIZILCAY F-DEPENDENT (KFD) via GTPPLOT, I observed an input data error in relation to KFD input. I attach ... nq110afs.dat ...*" Prior to correction, execution ended on the USE AR declaration with KILL = 4 in overlay 3 near S.N. 8383. The erroneous complaint was: "*The last card is a series R-L-C branch having zero impedance.*" Of course, GTPPLOT is from Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. For persons who want to avoid the trouble rather than upgrade ATP, consider his advice, from E-mail dated September 5th: "*Another temporary solution is to add a dummy branch immediately before the USE AR line.*"

Column-80 punches of constant-parameter, distributed branch cards first were prevented November 1st. Which punches? Any number other than 0 (the same as a blank) or 2 (a request for branch voltage). To illustrate, consider what happens if a 1-punch is added to column 80 of the branch card for the first phase of the 3-phase line of DC-7: "*---- Halt in INDIST. Constant-parameter distributed line*

1980. On page 15, there is this explanation of column-80 data: "*Only for a single-phase line is branch-current output possible.*" But that was in earlier, simpler times. The untransposed alternative of K. C. Lee came soon thereafter, and this substantially changed storage. On the same page 15 of a printing dated May, 1986, one sees: "*After the removal of Karrenbauer transformation, the output request for single-phase line is no longer honored. The branch voltage output request, by setting IOUT = 2, is now honored for multi-phase line only. These temporary restrictions will be removed in the future so that a full range of output requests ... will be honored for both single-phase and multi-phase lines.*" The first ATP Rule Book followed some 14 months later (barely in time for the LEC summer short course), and your Editor recalls omitting the warning in the hope that generalization soon would follow. It did not, however. Fourteen and a half years later, the error remained, so it was decided that a temporary trap would be better than nothing.

Acceptance of a 2-punch in column 80 of a constant-parameter, distributed line is illustrated by the 2nd subcase of DC-37. Just for this purpose, output of the voltage difference (SEND, REC) was added November 2nd. While it is true that DC-9 involves several such uses among its

~~This column 80 punch other than 2 for branch voltage"~~
 This is followed by the familiar "Temporary error stop in ENTRY STOPTH" which shows the offending card image. A cosmetic correction to this was made at the same time, as your Editor noticed that the ruler had been shifted one column farther to the right than the card image. The effect should be universal, although it was noticed using Salford EMTP, and initially corrected only for this version. Why no one complained years ago is not understood (hope: maybe the error was so small, and so obvious, as not to be considered worthy of complaint). For an illustration, see the new "8th of 7 subcases" of DC-37. On comment cards, the expected termination is documented. About the "8th of 7," your Editor wrote: *"If and when (hopefully soon) improved coding removes the need, this subcase should be destroyed ..."*

Changes were made to three subroutines : INDIST, GETBUS, and WINDOW. At any later time, these can be located from the associated WSM00NOV idents. Later, with more-creative programming, the trap might be removed. This remains the hope, anyway. But the trouble is a decade and a half old. The addition of protection was long overdue. Finally, it was added in response to an inquiry by Guilherme Sarcinelli of FURNAS in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. From E-mail dated November 1st: *"I was checking what the ATP would provide for the output current in a line branch and I've gotten a corrupted .PLA file. ... ATPDraw just put a 'I' in column 80, but neither TPLOT nor PlotXY can open the PLA file. ... Should ATP not provide an error message and ignore the request?"*

Historical perspective usually is valuable. Consider what was found in a copy of BPA's EMTP Rule Book dated Sept,

26 subcases, these are different because they illustrate CASCADE LINE (see the April, 1998, issue), which is handled by separate subroutine CASCAD. DC-37 provides a normal illustration.

TACS Control of Rotor R of U. M.

KILL = 9 is the error termination associated with an illegal mixture of compensation-based nonlinear or time-varying elements. It is supposed to halt execution if a single-phase element requiring compensation exists in the same subnetwork as a U.M. coil that requires compensation. Unfortunately, this protection was found to be lacking for data supplied on September 14th by Gabor Furst of suburban Vancouver, B.C., Canada. In order that the trouble not be forgotten, a new 6th data subcase has been appended to DCNEW-16. It will be noted that the dynamic logic (within the dT loop) is troubled, although the static logic of STEP ZERO COUPLE correctly halts execution prior to entry into the time-step loop. The dynamic logic of OVER16 seems defective, but might not be corrected anytime soon. Code is complicated, and your Editor does not want to make any change unless and/or until he is sure it has no adverse effect for other data.

TACS control of the resistance of a U.M. rotor coil was proposed by your Editor as a way to circumvent the problem of the preceding paragraph. Rather than vary the resistance of a Type-91 element (Mr. Furst's desire), your Editor proposed in E-mail dated September 16th that resistance within the U.M. equations themselves be made controllable by TACS. The U.M. author, Dr. Hian Lauw of EPC Inc. in Corvallis, Oregon (see preceding issue), is

thanked for his willingness to look into this possibility. Yet, this original idea never was pursued. Before Dr. Lauw could find the time to investigate, an alternative idea (next paragraph) had occurred to your Editor.

TACS R-thev is a new U.M. declaration that was added on September 19th in order to allow the Thevenin resistance to be defined as a function of time by TACS. Operation is illustrated by a new 7th subcase of DCNEW-16 which avoids the compensation-based Type-91 R(t) that caused trouble in the 6th subcase. The only known restriction of importance is this: the rotor circuit is limited to ordinary resistance. For example, neither inductance nor capacitance is allowed. Yet, this is the common, practical case: the user wants to vary linear resistance as a function of time, with no external coupling between one rotor phase and the other two phases. This now is possible, with a TACS variable defining the resistance that is connected to each coil. At the user's request, the TACS signal overrides the Thevenin impedance that the program otherwise would calculate and use. For details of use, see comment cards within the 7th subcase of DCNEW-16.

Although TACS is mentioned, much slower but more flexible and powerful MODELS by Laurent Dube also should be usable as an alternative, to control the rotor

DC-15 as first described in the April, 1997, issue. Well, October 22nd, a minor change was communicated by Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. His E-mail explained: *"The old program (the base of IMD) has an error. It is writing rotor bus names for all rotor types, but only the wound rotor type requires rotor bus names. I send now the INDUCT.F file with changes enclosed between CCCCC."* In the past, the ATP offering has not always been current. The small change from Mr. Hevia now is mentioned prominently because of this greater significance: ATP code has been made consistent with INDUCT.F (i.e., no longer is ATP dated). Yet, this happy status is not expected to last long. Upon his return from the EEUG meeting in Poland, Gabor Furst reported impending progress in E-mail dated September 30th: *"My presentation of U.M. induction motor modeling went very well. I showed the new version of INDMOT which is now INDSYN as it includes in addition to types 3 and 4 also Type 1 for synchronous motors. I will send you a copy. INDSYN together with examples including your latest for TACS control of a resistor connected to the rotor winding was distributed."*

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resistance of an induction motor. Recall Dube's imaginative redefinition of the name TACS: *The Alien Control Signal*. I.e., a control signal is needed, and it should not matter if this signal comes from MODELS instead of TACS. That is the not-yet-tested theory, anyway.

Storage for the TACS control of rotor resistance has been variably-dimensioned, and it requires one integer per coil as initially coded (wasteful of memory, but simple). This will change the memory usage reported at the start of any U.M. execution, and in case-summary statistics (List 25). For example, DC34.LIS now reports "*List-25 allocation = 347*" whereas it previously reported 337 cells. The difference is half (the number of REAL*8 cells vs. INTEGER*4 cells) the default limit of 20 machine coils because no ABSOLUTE U.M. DIMENSIONS declaration was involved.

A 3-phase motor is the most common case of practical industry interest, and initial testing is limited to 3 rotor coils. If and/or when any user wants to try a 2-phase servo motor (e.g., see Fig. 3 on page IEEO-20 of Volume XI *EMTP Memoranda* dated 17 July 1981), some U.M. expert had better study the logic block of SOLVUM having UTPF idents WSM00SEP. Now, the DO 7386 loop assumes 3 phases. Your Editor is not sure what will happen, if used with a 1- or 2-phase machine. Beware (no trap presently prevents such less-common use).

INDUCT is the ATP version of Gabor Furst's supporting program to determine parameters of induction motors for U.M. modeling. This is accessed by means of the request INDUCTION MOTOR DATA (IMD) and is illustrated by

GTPPLOT is the interactive plotting program from Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. The account of development now continues from the preceding issue. Sixteenth, dated March 31st: 39) The PNG output format was added, as controlled by parameter NOPNG in the gtpplot.ini file. The normal black background can be changed to white with SET NOREV = 0. PNG indicates Portable Network Graphics, which is a very compact alternative that can be inserted in Word 97 documents. Seventeenth, dated April 15th: 40) Only the less viewer is allowed. The program is available in the same platforms as gtpplot. The option was dropped out from gtpplot.ini; and 41) The HELP command was enhanced. The name of a gtpplot command can follow HELP, to be searched for in gtpplot.hlp (e.g., HELP ALL TIME). Eighteenth, dated June 8th: 42) REAL*8 .pl4 files (C-like, PISA, and gnu UNFORMATTED) are allowed. The gtpplot.ini variable has value L4FULL = 0 or 4 for REAL*4 files (the default) or L4FULL = 1 for REAL*8 files. The PISA files are automatically detected; and 43) A lot of minor bugs were killed. Nineteenth, dated July 11th: 44) REAL*8 .pl4 files of Salford UNFORMATTED are allowed. The gtpplot.ini variable L4FULL = 0 or 4 for REAL*4 files (the default) or L4FULL = 1 for REAL*8 files; 45) Inline comments are allowed in CACHE commands using the '{' symbol; 46) A mistake in CACHE command of batch mode was corrected; 47) The scaling of log x axis for multiplot was improved; 48) Power and energy variables now will have the star after # or name commands; and 49) Protection was added to the TIME command. Twentieth, dated July 29th: 50) The inverse Fourier series may be either COS (default) or SIN. The gtpplot.ini variable IFOUR controls this choice (value

0 requests COS whereas value 1 requests SIN); 51) Inline comments '{...}' are allowed in labels; and 52) The CACHE command now works for X-Y PLOT (the same X variable for all plots!). Twenty first, dated August 13th: 53) The RELAY command was enhanced for FSCAN cases; 54) Axis labels were enhanced; 55) A table of THD and harmonic content in % was added for HFS cases; 56) The DERATE plot was enhanced; and 57) Protection was added to the TIME command. Twenty second, dated August 20th: 58) TIME UNITS now allows -1 as entry. The NTIME variable of gtpplot.ini provides the same automatic selection of time units. For NTIME = -1, the time units will be milliseconds if $0.0001 < t_{max} < 0.01$ seconds and either microseconds or seconds if outside this closed interval; 59) The command I2T was added to calculate $\sum (y^{*2} * dT)$ for all the chosen variables; 60) The command SLOPE was added to calculate $(y(t+deltat) - y(t)) / dT$ for all the chosen variables; 61) The command RMS was added to calculate RMS at frequency FPOWER for all the chosen variables; 62) The command INTEG was added to calculate the INTEGRAL of each chosen variable; 63) The ZEROES command was enhanced. The slope is calculated for each zero of the chosen variable; 64) The PLOT command was added, to access some mathematical operations with time function variables. The PLOT command must be followed by one

poor), and in the value of strategic partners (MS and Intel had then-dominant IBM). Finally, as learned from Apollo before DEC, quality is not that important. DEC had quality, but *"technology isn't decisive. ... Intel has never had the best processor, Microsoft the best operating system or Dell the best PC, yet each has triumphed."*

The Cyrix paragraph of the preceding issue concluded with: *"Born in 1988, RIP 2000."* The acronym RIP sometimes is written R.I.P. It commonly is used as labeling for tombstones in cartoons of magazines or newspapers, where space is limited. It indicates *rest in peace*.

"Motorola set to ship 600 MHz G4?" is the title of a story posted at *The Register* with date October 26th. It shows how far behind Intel's primary competitor has fallen in the hardware race (see *PowerPC* in the April, 1996, issue). Of course, economics are at issue, and economy of scale favors Intel and AMD. Once again, Macintosh is handicapped: *"Apple is desperate for faster G4s, and it may well feel the need to swallow the cost in order to remain competitive with the Wintel world."* Of course, yield varies inversely with speed. Motorola has been able to produce faster ~~Micro~~ but they cost too much. Meanwhile, Intel and AMD see 2 GHz on the horizon. A separate story posted the preceding day has title *"Intel*

or more of the following subcommands, separated by a comma or space:

VAR(N) to plot a variable without change.

INT(N) to plot the integral of a variable.

DER(N) to plot the derivative of a variable.

RMS(N) to plot the RMS of a variable.

I2T(N) to plot the integral of a squared variable.

All the subcommands can be used simultaneously. All the options of graphics are allowed. 65) The Y axis can be symmetrical or natural. This is controlled by gtpplot.ini variable NOSYMM. Twenty third, dated August 27th: 66)

Two subcommands were added to the PLOT command:

a) POWER(N1,N2) to plot power as $V(n1) * I(n2)$; and

b) ENERGY(N1,N2) to plot energy as $\text{Int}(V(n1) * I(n2))$;

67) The DERATE plots were enhanced; 68) The command HSOURCE was added, to toggle on or off the generation of HFS sources from time variables; 69) A mistake in KIZILCAY output format was corrected (a strange change of '{' to '<'); and 70) The LOGX command was added for a plot with logarithmic x axis.

Miscellaneous Intel PC Information

"DEC's final demise" is the title of a story found by

Walter Powell within the *Silicon Insider* subsection of the *MoneyScope/Business* section of the *ABC News* Web site. Dated September 19th, and written by Michael Malone of *Forbes ASAP* magazine, this provides interesting perspective about what went wrong. While your Editor doubts the relevance of religion ("*the sense of Puritan fatalism that underscores New England life*"), he certainly believes the asserted importance of timing (DEC's was

cuts P4 pricing again." This explains: "*The demise of the 1.3 GHz part, along with the earlier than expected move to 1.7 GHz (Q1) and 2 GHz (Q2) are strong pointers that P4 yields are now looking pretty healthy.*"

A new home PC was described for your Editor by a BPA engineer on October 24th. The huge Frye Electronics (formerly Incredible Universe) store in Wilsonville (an extreme southern suburb of Portland) provided the following for less than \$800 : No monitor (a 17-inch monitor would have added only about \$170), but she has a 700-MHz Pentium III processor, a 20-GByte hard disk, a 1.44-Mbyte floppy disk, a write-able CD-ROM drive, 64 Mbytes of RAM, and MS Windows ME (but no Office).

Miscellaneous Small Items

Negative inductance of a series R-L branch is legal, but easily can cause trouble (an explosion). Negative resistance might be trapped by ATP, but not negative inductance. In E-mail dated September 4th, this point was made by Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. To illustrate, the 3rd subcase of DC-19 was augmented by node HEVIA on September 30th. The positive R and negative L have a time constant such that the branch current doubles about every 20 steps (the frequency of the output). Although your Editor warns of an explosion, in fact this will be limited by FLTINF (floating point infinity), which has nominal value 1.E+19 as distributed by the user group. If T-max is extended beyond the present limit of 300 steps, one will notice the

following step numbers and currents: (1560, -.36468E19), (1580, -.71034E19), (1600, -.1E20) . As context of the original mention, consider Mr. Hevia's description. Recall a paragraph of the October newsletter began with mention of *instability of the saturable TRANSFORMER component (STC)*. Well, as part of pre-publication review, Mr. Hevia had observed: *"I received a question about a similar problem with negative inductances: a filter to model an induction motor for transients. I don't know how the user calculated the filter, but some inductances are negative, and the case diverges to FLTINF. The positive inductance works, but then results differ from what was measured. The KIZILCAY F-DEPENDENT element might help here."* Three days later, Mr. Hevia added: *"negative inductances are bad for FREQUENCY SCAN, too. The negative inductance as capacitance has the correct value only at one frequency, as I am seeing now. The equivalent capacitance must be calculated as a frequency function. More about this in the next issue..."* In a separate message later that same day: *"I send you a text file with some words about the negative inductance = capacitance illusion. The file is ASCII text and includes a data case."* The title inside the file is *"Negative inductances are not capacitances."*

The opening prompt ("*EMTP begins ...*") of OVER1 was split October 23rd after many months of procrastination

Liu's 486 using DBOS version 3.51 after MOUSET was set for the first time in years. Finally, it should be mentioned that PRMSPY also required change --- to terminate the first half of the prompt in cases of LMFS (e.g., DC-51 and DC-52). This final change, from use of TFLUSH to use of PRMSPY, was made October 28th .

The number of lines of source code in Salford EMTP can be found in screen output at the end of translation. For the historical record, KTUTPF = 144293 (the number of lines of the UTPF) was seen October 20th .

PL42MAT converts ATP .PL4 files to MATLAB signal files. This utility comes from Massimo Ceraolo of the University of Pisa in Italy. As announced by Prof. Bruce Mork in E-mail of his Fargo list server dated October 30th , archive PL42MAT4 (release 4) now is available. The main improvements were summarized as follows: *"1) now is a full 32 bit program; 2) now it is able to understand pl4 files written with the option NEWPL4 = 2 in STARTUP file; and 3) this release also corrects some problems of the previous version that have recently been reported to me."*

FAULTS TO GROUND (FTG) was described in the April, 1993, issue, and is illustrated by DC-11. In E-mail dated October 31st , an error first was pointed out by

by your Editor. The problem using a normal 25 x 80 DOS window was this: the prompt was 73 bytes long, and this allowed only 5 bytes for the user response prior to possible trouble at the column 80 edge. As long as the user continued to press normal keys, column 80 would be followed by column 1 on the following line. This was no great problem, although the break was distracting. The real problem occurred when **Backspace** was used across the discontinuity. The cursor did **not** appropriately back up from the continuation line to the original line. Yes, DOS windows wider than 80 columns are possible for some versions of MS Windows (see *scrollable* in the July, 1999, issue), and in theory, this is the better solution. But Bill G's wider windows are not available to all, and have problems of their own. So, to improve the use of **Backspace** for files having names of moderate length in normal DOS windows, the opening prompt has been shortened. The *"EMTP begins. Send"* has been split off into an initial, explanatory line that will be seen only once. It has been expanded to: *"EMTP begins. Send one of the following alternatives."* The remainder, which begins on a new line, is 53 bytes long, so it allows a 27-byte file name prior to the annoying discontinuity of column 80. Only the 53-byte list of alternatives will be repeated following a command such as DISK or KEY. To conclude, the idea makes a lot of sense, and has been used for many months with GNU ATP by Orlando Hevia. But your Editor delayed implementation for Salford EMTP because of complications associated with the mouse. Finally, those changes to FLAGER (where mouse input is detected) were made. As expected, the update required experimentation. Why the row number of input required change (from 23 to 24) is not known. Anyway, this is what was observed about LINE on Dr.

Orlando Hevia of Universidad Tecnológica Nacional in Santa Fe, Argentina. His data case TPC1.DAT (as stored at home) involved two Type-59 generators and 3 faults, and resulted in value 6 for List 17 in case summary statistics at the bottom of the .LIS file. Mr. Hevia wrote: *"I see that each fault adds two SM-59 machines to the summation ..."* Yes, prior to correction in FAULTB later that same day, each pass incremented the machine count. No solution should change, however, as long as List 17 has not been overflowed. But overflow easily could happen because the number of faults might be huge. ATP does not actually run out of space. Rather, it might erroneously think it does, resulting in a serious consequence (a KILL = 1 error termination). Final point: Mr. Hevia used Type-59 S.M., but TEPCO's Type-58 S.M. was comparably affected (and corrected), since it uses the same program storage.

\$STARTUP was allowed optional use of ATPDIR (first mentioned in the April, 1996, issue) beginning November 3rd. For details, see the illustration at the start of the 3rd subcase of DC-37. The first use of \$STARTUP (DC37STAR) is local, and it remains unchanged. The second use, designed to restore standard STARTUP, relies on the new, universal declaration (ATPDIR). Note that none of the old flexibility has been lost. The user is just being given more rope with which to hang himself. Using this, DC-37 has been made independent of the directory of use (at BPA, C:\ATP). DC-37 has been made universal, and this is a desirable simplification (Watcom, Mingw32, and Lahey no longer need their own copies). Whether there might be more extensions such as this remains to be seen. The idea is late in coming, but seems promising. The user gains flexibility and program developers simplify test cases.

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Stallman mot fritt valda licenser

Postad av [pawlo](#) den 22 nov 2001 16.44

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rms är cool, och bkuhn är minst lika cool. Vegan och anarkist och hacker och emacsanvändare. Ja, man blir nästan rörd.

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Re: Stallman mot fritt valda licenser (Poäng: 1)
av [bagder \(daniel at haxx.se\)](#) den 23 nov 2001 09.41

Två saker slår mig.

1. Det är inte frihet att tvingas till något. Det är maktutövning. Även känt under termen GNU/free hos oss lustigkurrar.

2. Varför drar RMS absolut slutsatsen att bara för att man väljer licens fritt så blir det "proprietary"? Jag väljer gärna min licens, och den blir *inte* (L)GPL, men den blir öppen och fri.

Annars var det väl inte mycket nytt. Bara nya sätt att formulera samma åsikter.

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Ännu en kommentar (Poäng: 1)
av [berrs](#) den 23 nov 2001 10.51

Det verkar som att det författarna vill få fram är att användarna ska ha rätt att använda programmen så som de vill, inte som utvecklarna vill. Typ att om jag köper en brödrost så ska jag ha rätt att ta isär den och bygga om den till en mobiltelefon om jag så vill. Analogt att om man har köpt en programvara så ska man kunna öppna och rota i den om man vill.

Det är väl inget konstigt med det. Gudarna ska veta hur ofta jag önskat jag haft den möjligheten med vissa Microsoftprogram. :-)

Däremot så tror jag inte att jag vill tvinga andra att använda GPL. GPL tillåter fri distribution om jag inte missminner mig. Jag vill inte ta bort möjligheten för utvecklare att ta betalt för sina produkter. Det tar trots allt tid att utveckla programvara och det måste vara upp till utvecklaren hur han/hon vill värdera sin tid.

Därtill kommer friheten att distribuera patchar.

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Mer bakgrund behövs! (Poäng: 1)
av [job \(j-gnuheter@gazonk.org\)](#) den 23 nov 2001 13.38

Diskussionen på den här sidan tycker jag har blivit lite sned. Stallmans uppsats är ett inlägg i en debatt som bland annat Craig Mundie startade. Tim O'Reilly var inte sen att hänga på -- han lever trots allt på att publicera icke-fria böcker om fri programvara, och är därigenom en av de få gratisåkarna på fenomenet. Man kan läsa Stallmans [förra inlägg](#) för att få lite nödvändig bakgrund (och särskilt dokumenten som länkas till i ingressen!).

Egentligen handlar debatten om smittsamheten hos GPL. Är programvaran verkligen *fri*, om den sätter gränser för vad du får göra med den? Exempelvis får du inte vidare distribuera den utan källkod!

Till och med våra politiker känner till att ordet frihet är underhållande att debattera kring, förutsatt att man tycker om att höra sin egen röst. Frihet är ett värdeladdat ord och kan användas för att uttrycka vitt skilda saker. I ett samhälle kan inte både du ha friheten att gå ofredad och jag ha friheten att slåss godtyckligt.

Jag håller med Stallman att sådan kod verkligen är fri. Hade inte den begränsningen som GPL:s smittsamhet innebär funnits skulle det innebära mindre frihet åt användarna. Alldeles för många skulle försöka utöka koden, göra den inkompatibel, och göra allt för att dölja vidare distribution av källkoden för kortsiktiga vinster.

Det finns en orsak till att Stallman var rädd för detta när han författade GPL. Då var X11 det största exemplet på fri kod som blivit icke-fri. Historien har upprepat sig alldeles tillräckligt många gånger. Användarna får större frihet om utvecklarna hindras från att införa restriktioner. (Det senaste exemplet var väl Enhydras Java-databas i höstas? Eller varför inte OpenDiVX?)

I Sverige har du rösträtt. Du är fri att använda den, men du är inte fri att sälja den. Det är en restriktion i din frihet, men för ett gott ändamål -- att säkra demokratin. (Ja, jag tänker naturligtvis på [voteauction.de](#), som var ett strålande debattinlägg på många sätt.)

Stallman kan knappast, och tänker inte heller, tvinga någon att använda fri mjukvara. Inte heller kan han hindra programmerare att släppa sina egna arbeten under vilken licens som helst. Däremot kan han hindra programmerare att göra fri programvara ofri. Det tycker jag han gör rätt i.

Är fri programvara en utopi? Knappast. Copyright-lagar finns redan på plats, så det är bara att använda dem. Voilà: copyleft. Enda biten som saknades var ett effektivt spridningsmedium. Voilà: Internet. Plötsligt har fri programvara ett sätt att slå proprietär på dess egen hemmaplan.

Varför Tim O'Reilly och Craig Mundie har lite problem med just den paragraf i GPL som är utformad att hindra fri programvara att stjälas och utnyttjas är nog inte särskilt svårt att förstå.

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· **Re: Mer bakgrund behövs!** av Anonym den 23 nov 2001 14.51



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Postad av [pawlo](#) den 22 nov 2001 16.44

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av [zaphod \(erijo496@student.liu.se\)](#) den 22 nov 2001 16.58

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av Anonym den 22 nov 2001 19.32

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av Anonym den 22 nov 2001 21.05

rms är cool, och bkuhn är minst lika cool. Vegan och anarkist och hacker och emacsanvändare. Ja, man blir nästan rörd.

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av [bagder \(daniel at haxx.se\)](#) den 23 nov 2001 09.41

Två saker slår mig.

1. Det är inte frihet att tvingas till något. Det är maktutövning. Även känt under termen GNU/free hos oss lustigkurrar.

2. Varför drar RMS absolut slutsatsen att bara för att man väljer licens fritt så blir det "proprietary"? Jag väljer gärna min licens, och den blir *inte* (L)GPL, men den blir öppen och fri.

Annars var det väl inte mycket nytt. Bara nya sätt att formulera samma åsikter.

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av [berrs](#) den 23 nov 2001 10.51

Det verkar som att det författarna vill få fram är att användarna ska ha rätt att använda programmen så som de vill, inte som utvecklarna vill. Typ att om jag köper en brödrost så ska jag ha rätt att ta isär den och bygga om den till en mobiltelefon om jag så vill. Analogt att om man har köpt en programvara så ska man kunna öppna och rota i den om man vill.

Det är väl inget konstigt med det. Gudarna ska veta hur ofta jag önskat jag haft den möjligheten med vissa Microsoftprogram. :-)

Däremot så tror jag inte att jag vill tvinga andra att använda GPL. GPL tillåter fri distribution om jag inte missminner mig. Jag vill inte ta bort möjligheten för utvecklare att ta betalt för sina produkter. Det tar trots allt tid att utveckla programvara och det måste vara upp till utvecklaren hur han/hon vill värdera sin tid.

Därtill kommer friheten att distribuera patchar.

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- [Re: Ännu en kommentar](#) av Anonym den 23 nov 2001 11.01

Mer bakgrund behövs! (Poäng: 1)
av [job \(j-gnuheter@gazonk.org\)](#) den 23 nov 2001 13.38

Diskussionen på den här sidan tycker jag har blivit lite sned. Stallmans uppsats är ett inlägg i en debatt som bland annat Craig Mundie startade. Tim O'Reilly var inte sen att hänga på -- han lever trots allt på att publicera icke-fria böcker om fri programvara, och är därigenom en av de få gratisåkarna på fenomenet. Man kan läsa Stallmans [förra inlägg](#) för att få lite nödvändig bakgrund (och särskilt dokumenten som länkas till i ingressen!).

Egentligen handlar debatten om smittsamheten hos GPL. Är programvaran verkligen *fri*, om den sätter gränser för vad du får göra med den? Exempelvis får du inte vidare distribuera den utan källkod!

Till och med våra politiker känner till att ordet frihet är underhållande att debattera kring, förutsatt att man tycker om att höra sin egen röst. Frihet är ett värdeladdat ord och kan användas för att uttrycka vitt skilda saker. I ett samhälle kan inte både du ha friheten att gå ofredad och jag ha friheten att slåss godtyckligt.

Jag håller med Stallman att sådan kod verkligen är fri. Hade inte den begränsningen som GPL:s smittsamhet innebär funnits skulle det

innebära mindre frihet åt användarna. Alldeles för många skulle försöka utöka koden, göra den inkompatibel, och göra allt för att dölja vidare distribution av källkoden för kortsiktiga vinster.

Det finns en orsak till att Stallman var rädd för detta när han författade GPL. Då var X11 det största exemplet på fri kod som blivit icke-fri. Historien har upprepat sig alldeles tillräckligt många gånger. Användarna får större frihet om utvecklingarna hindras från att införa restriktioner. (Det senaste exemplet var väl Enhydras Java-databas i höstas? Eller varför inte OpenDiVX?)

I Sverige har du rösträtt. Du är fri att använda den, men du är inte fri att sälja den. Det är en restriktion i din frihet, men för ett gott ändamål -- att säkra demokratin. (Ja, jag tänker naturligtvis på [voteauction.de](#), som var ett strålande debattinlägg på många sätt.)

Stallman kan knappast, och tänker inte heller, tvinga någon att använda fri mjukvara. Inte heller kan han hindra programmerare att släppa sina egna arbeten under vilken licens som helst. Däremot kan han hindra programmerare att göra fri programvara ofri. Det tycker jag han gör rätt i.

Är fri programvara en utopi? Knappast. Copyright-lagar finns redan på plats, så det är bara att använda dem. Voilå: copyleft. Enda biten som saknades var ett effektivt spridningsmedium. Voilå: Internet. Plötsligt har fri programvara ett sätt att slå proprietär på dess egen hemmaplan.

Varför Tim O'Reilly och Craig Mundie har lite problem med just den paragraf i GPL som är utformad att hindra fri programvara att stjälas och utnyttjas är nog inte särskilt svårt att förstå.

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

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PERRITT: Ja, aber wer will dort auf Dauer leben? Natürlich werden Betrüger sich stets vor den Behörden zu verstecken versuchen. Das heißt aber nicht, dass sie vom Erdboden verschwinden. Terroristen müssen Bomben legen, Geldwäscher und Steuersünder müssen an irgendeinem Punkt auch mit "richtigem" Geld hantieren.


Deshalb sind die traditionellen Waffen der Behörden nicht stumpf geworden.

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| 12.11.2000 | <p>die new-school Konkurrenz zu Britannica.com und anderen Online-Enzyklopedien</p> <p>DNS Tool Bin, gibt euch die DNS Namen eines IP Bereichs und erlaubt anonymen Port-Scan und Operating System Detection. (Wir unterstuetzten das _nicht_ sondern meinen das sich alle dieser Seite bewusst sein sollten)</p> <p>Ein Perl Modul welches einem Erlaubt Perl in Latein zu Programmieren - Mirror der StarWars Trilogy mit Lego Steinen nachgestellt. Fuer kalte Winterabende und die ganze Familie</p> <p>Deutsches Musikmagazin mit News, Plattenreviews und Musikstiluebersichten</p> <p>Neo 35, ein moduler MP3 Player fuer das Auto und fuer Zuhause</p> |
| 05.11.2000 | <p>Linux Voodoo Puppe fuer 8\$, internationale Bestellung scheint moeglich</p> <p>E-Mail Aktion fuer eine Grosshandelsflatrate bis Nov 15.</p> <p>tatistisches Bundesamt Deutschland mit dem Statistik-Web-Shop (TM :)</p> |
| 29.10.2000 | <p>See you on the other side.</p> <p>Media Assistance, die Hersteller der ersten ernstzunehmenden Profi-USB Soundkarte (Leider erst mal nur fuer Windows)</p> <p>Die deutschen Big Brother Awards fuer das Ausspionieren der Oeffentlichkeit</p> <p>Wolltet ihr schon immer unbedingt euren bei Napster gebannten Nickname zurueck ?? Then klick here</p> <p>MailVault. Ein Web Mail Service mit integriertem PGP Frontend.</p> <p>Die Zukunft des Peer2Peer FileSharing. Zum einen unter FileRouge, in Java und etwas weiter fortgeschritten als N*p*ter und zum anderen unter Groove.net, ToDo Listen, Internet Telefonie, Instant Messaging und File Sharing kombiniert, leider nur fuer Winz.</p> |
| 22.10.2000 | <p>Achtung, Achtung !</p> <p>Eine informelle Regierungserklaerung vom frischgewaehlten ICANN Direktoriumsmitglied Andy Mueller-Maghun, welche unter anderem in der FAZ veroeffentlicht wurde</p> <p>Die erste Microsoft Werbung, die spezielle gegen Linux gerichtet ist. Bonus: Sie ist deutsch :)</p> |
| 24.09.2000 | <p>leider nur ein Link heute, dafuer ist er um so besser</p> <p>Die IT Olympiade. Sehr clever ausgedachte Parodie des Medien-Hypes um Sydney 2000.</p> <p>Sehr anschauliches Portal fuer Designsites im Netz. Schnalt euren Browser besser fest an!</p> |

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| <p>17.09.2000</p> | <p>ein paar lustige Verlinkungen (mainly von Slashdot inspiriert)</p> <p>Political Arena, Quark 3 Mod mit Al Gore und George W. Bush
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 Britney zeigt euch wie Laser auf physikalischer Ebene funktionieren</p> |
| <p>10.09.2000</p> | <p>unglaublich wieviele _krasse_ Links an nur einem Tag auftauchen koennen</p> <p>Frag, eine Dokumentation ueber First Person Shooter
 OpenCodex.com, Wettbewerb zum Schreiben eines MPEG4 Codecs (etwas chaotisches Site-Design)
 IEGMP in Britanien
 Handy & Strahlung
 Wank3rmatric-5000 generiert euch k3wle Clannamen ;)
 Der DeCSS Quellcode als Song !!!1
 NucleoStop, der tolle neue Tachyonen-Filter gegen Atomstrom fuer schlappe 849 Euro</p> |
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 BattleBots, sich gegeseitig zerstoerende, ferngesteuerte Roboter.
 VideosLinks auf der Startseite.</p> |
| <p>20.08.2000</p> | <p>Einmal ein hollaendisch angehauchter Link und ein "Security"-Link</p> <p>NE2000 Bilder von Maedde wagemutig geschossen
 URLCheck, Security Checker fuer IIS WebSites</p> |
| <p>13.08.2000</p> | <p>Diesmal viele aktuelle und auch Deutschland betreffende Links</p> <p>Der EXPO Kunst-Roboter Hack!
 Liste der ICANN Kandidaten fuer Europa, zusammengestellt von Heise
 Mailingliste des FITUG e.V. zu den europäischen ICANN Kandidaten
 Telepolis Artikel zur aktuellen Rechtsextremismus Problematik mit Verweisen auf Informationsquellen
 FreeVSD, der Virtual Server Daemon fuer Linux
 Hardware and Software Destruction Heaven, super zum Frust abreagieren (und zwar im Kopf, und nicht in der Realitaet)</p> |



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| <p>06.08.2000</p> | <p>heute wieder intellektuel aber auch die animalischen Instinkte
stimulierende Links *zwincker*
Uebrigens, die Nummer fuer freie innerdeutsche Ferngespraeche ist:
0800/2401013</p> <p>Quark 3 Rocket Arena + Soundtrack
Unofficial TiVo Hackers Site
Brown Orifice verwendet Java um euren Netscape unbemerkt in einen Web + File Server zu verwandeln
Hack Proofing Your Network: Buch von einigen Bugtraq Leuten ueber Exploits</p> |
| <p>30.07.2000</p> | <p>lonly Linky</p> <p>Doppelseitige Schnell-Referenzkarte fuer LinuxSecurity. Ziemlich gut, jedem Linux-Admin zu empfehlen</p> |
| <p>23.07.2000</p> | <p>Links fuer einen gemuetlichen und intellektuell stimulierenden Sonntag
Unser Held des Tages ist satguru, der uns eine Linux Boot-CD ins Studio brachte und damit Pascals Linux-Partition wieder aktivierte nachdem BeOS leider seinen lilo ins digitale Nirvana geschickt hatte.</p> <p>BOFH2k - He is back! Jetzt noch gemeiner und mit neueren Witzen
Gescante Katzen ! - Cat-Scan.com
KamaSutra des Winnie the Pooh
kostenloser Virenwarndienst per SMS
Hackerangriff oder Virus/Wurm auf GMX
Upgradbare Microlinks Modems von V.90 auf V.92
D-Kanal Flatrate kommt doch nicht auf dem Markt
Outlook Patch
e-Bürgerdienste-Gesetz (Druchsache 12/5240)
Bundesgesetz von 1997 definiert gueltige elektronische Signaturen</p> |
| <p>16.07.2000</p> | <p>heute nur 2 extra scharfe Links</p> <p>DJ Pretzels Overclocked Arcade Remixes
Fling: Internet Protocol Gruppe welche TCP, UDP und DNS sowohl nichtueberwachbar als auch nichtabhoerbar anbietet</p> |
| <p>09.07.2000</p> | <p>viele Links zur Sendung</p> <p>Term Unix X: erstes Open Source Comic Buch der Welt... oder so
Gameboy Emulator fuer Palm Pilot
Overclocker damit der virtuelle Gamyboy flutscht: Afterburner
DotComGuy - Lebt nur mit Netzanschluss seit einem Jahr
www.GEMA.de - Gemagebuhr für PCs und CD-Rohlinge
Bundesverband Phono / IFPI Deutschland
Computer Boy, 50 Minuten lange Matrix Parodie
Menschliches Genome zum Donloaden (VORSICHT: gross! ;)
Forschung ueber sehr robuste Mikroorganismen
Running Man artige Reality-Soap ab 1.8.2K
FMS Computer liefert den Helio PDA in .de fuer 400 DM aus</p> |



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| <p>02.07.2000</p> | <p>Und die heutigen puenktlichen Links</p> <p>Die tollen StarBears mit dem interaktiven "Godzilla vs. Tamagotchi" Flasch;) File</p> <p>RSA Ent- und Verschluesselung komplett in JavaScript</p> <p>Die einzigen bisherigen ordentlichen Fotos von Crusoe Notebooks</p> <p>Statewatch - Webseite welche die Aktivitaeten der euopaeischen Geheimdienste dokumentiert</p> |
| <p>25.06.2000</p> | <p>leicht verspaetet, die Verknuepfungen</p> <p>Konsolen Gnutella Client fuer alle Unixe</p> <p>Konsolen Napster Client auch fuer alle Unixe</p> <p>Gnute - Sehr gute Suchmaschine fuer das Gnutella Netzwerk, mit direktem Download</p> <p>Neutrale Diskussionsseite um die Todesstrafe auf der ganzen Welt</p> |
| <p>18.06.2000</p> | <p>Die heutigen Links</p> <p>Rede von Courtney Love ueber die Musikindustrie und Napster</p> <p>Vorgehensweise um die Dreamcast ohne Laendercode zu booten</p> <p>Protokoll der 1. DeCSS Anhoerung</p> |
| <p>11.06.2000</p> | <p>So das Spiel mit den Links machen wir diese Woche einfach nochmal ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GMX, der groesste FreeMailer - T-ISDN XXL - Gigabell freeOKAY.NET - Gnutella Hauptseite <p>der Windows Client zu Jabber</p> <p>alle anderen Clients zu Jabber</p> <p>Kleine Autos mit Feuerwerkskoerpern dran</p> <p>Dienst von Heise um die eigen E-Mail Sicherheit zu checken</p> <p>Update fuer die Microsft Produkt Familie</p> <p>Liste von vielen kleinst-Laendern</p> <p>HeavenCo auf Sealand</p> <p>Top 50 Security Tools, nach der Wahl von 1500 NMAP USern</p> |
| <p>04.06.2000</p> | <p>Leider muss ich (Benjamin) gerade mal wider auf das meundliche ABI lernen, deswegen sind die tollen, neuen und dynamischen Links noch nicht fertig.</p> <p>Aber hier sind die Links zur heutigen Sendnung:</p> <p>Die Suchmaschine WebBrain (braucht Java)</p> <p>Infrasearch sucht mit der Gnutella Technik, nur eine Demo</p> <p>Aktuelle Homepage von Gnutella</p> <p>Der LinuxTag in Stuttgart</p> <p>Bei Offspring gibts gerade Napster T-Shirts und Co.</p> <p>Disinfo - Subversive und nicht-mainstreamige News</p> <p>ZeroPaid - Portal zu allen Aktuellen File-Sharing Diensten</p> <p>Der MediaEnforcer</p> <p>Die TopTen der Internet-Loecher bei SANS</p> |



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| 22.05.2000 | Die Besprechung bei FreeFM hat stattgefunden und ein Teil der Planung ging auch über die Bühne, allerdings konnte wegen einer nur geringen Zahl von Anwesenden nicht die endgültige Version der FreeFM-Computersache geplant werden. Im Moment findet noch reger Mailverkehr über das Projekt statt. Was kann man jetzt noch sagen ... ähm ... wir wollen KÜHE ... ne, livestream, auf jeden Fall wirds jetzt so langsam aber sicher Zeit. Also, nächstes mal alle anwesend sein *WICHTIG* |
| 13.05.2000 | Wieder ist ein Monat verstrichen und mit der Planung der PCs von FreeFM hat sich viel getan. Am Montag ist die endgültige Besprechung was nun gekauft wird. Das LauschAngriff-Team wird an der Besprechung natürlich teilnehmen und den Plan einen Live-Stream zu machen nun hoffentlich bald verwirklichen können. Wie gesagt, endgültiges Meeting finden am 15.5 statt. |
| 25.04.2000 | Heute wird bei Radio FreeFM eine Besprechung wegen "Computer, Vernetzung,Homepage,DAB,CD-Wechsler" stattfinden. Sind wir mal gespannt was sich daraus ergeben wird, grad auch wegen dem Live-Stream. Wir halten euch auf dem laufenden. |
| 10.04.2000 | Die Homepage ist für einen Tag down, da die "Dont Panic", sprich der Homepage-Server auf dem LauschAngriff.org liegt, auf eine neue Linux Version geupdated wurde. |
| Mrz/Apr. 2000 | Benni schreibt gerade sein Abi und Pascal macht seinen Führerschein. Während der Sendung ist auch das IRC ein großes Thema, damit alle vom Team erreichbar sind wurde Gekkos Lair mit einen Proxy ausgerüstet. Die IRC Java-Versionen haben noch kleine Erreichbarkeitsprobleme. Wird aber alles noch werden ;-) |
| 15.03.2000 | Die LauschAngriff Seite geht online. Wir danken allen Vorabtestern und freuen uns auch weiterhin über rege Teilnahme und Feedback unserer bisherigen und zukünftigen Hörer. LauschAngriff.org enters the web ... |
| 12.03.2000 | Die erste interaktive LauschAngriff Sendung findet statt, ihr könnt ab sofort mit uns live während der Sendung via IRC chatten. |
| 06.03.2000 | Homepagearbeiten begeben sich in die Endphase ... Tag der Offenbarung wurde auf 15ten diesen Monats festgelegt ... |
| 26.02.2000 | Christoph war auf der CeBIT 2000 um sich über die neuesten und aktuellsten Hard- und Software Ereignisse zu informieren. |
| 20.02.2000 | Pascal hat seit dieser Sendung nun auch seinen Laptop (Gekkos-Lair) dabei. Während der Sendung werden ab sofort alle Notebooks im Netzwerk miteinander kommunizieren, um ein optimales Umfeld während der Sendung zu schaffen. Pascal´s Notebook wird "zukünftig" auch den Audio-Stream ins Internet bewerkstelligen. Wie gesagt.: "Vision at work" !!! |
| 06.02.2000 | Unsere Sendungen werden seit Januar 2000 nun digital archiviert (192kHz MP3) |

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| Feb. 2000 | Die Domain "LauschAngriff.org" wurde inzwischen von Benni registriert und auf den CCC-Server umgeleitet. Die Homepage wird währenddessen von Christoph komplett überarbeitet. |
| Jan. 2000 | Unsere Sendung haben wir nach langer Namenssuche zu "LauschAngriff" umbenannt. Inzwischen ist Christoph auch mit einem Notebook (Adrenalin) ausgestattet, womit der Sendeablauf um einiges erleichtert wurde (MP3/Interviews/Jingles). In Zukunft wird er auch die Schnittstelle zu unserem zukünftigen IRC-Channel während der Sendung sein. Allerdings werden diese Sachen noch ein bisschen dauern, da wir zuerst die Homepage vervollständigen werden und der neue Name auch viel Arbeit mit sich gebracht hat (Domain,Jingles, etc.pp) |



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| 22.10.2000 | <p>Attention, note!</p> <p>An informal governmental declaration of the freshselected ICANN board of directors member Andy Mueller Maghun, which was published among other things in the FAZ</p> <p>The first Microsoft advertisement, which is directed against Linux special. Bonus: It is German:)</p> |
| 24.09.2000 | <p>unfortunately only a left today, but it is the better</p> <p>The IT Olympiad. Very more clever invented Parodie of the medium Hypes around Sydney 2000.</p> <p>Very descriptive portal for Designsites in the net. Schnalt your Browser better firmly on!</p> |

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| 22.05.2000 | The discussion with FreeFM took place and a part of planning went also over the stage, however the final version of the FreeFM Computersache could not be planned because of an only small number of present ones. For the moment still active Mailverkehr takes place over the project. Which one can want now still to say... aehm... we COWS... ne, livestream, in any case wirts now so slowly however surely time. Thus, next time everything present its * IMPORTANT * |
| 13.05.2000 | Again one month elapsed and with the planning of the PCS von FreeFM did much. On Monday the final discussion is which is now bought. The wire-tapping team will participate naturally in the discussion and the plan a Live Stream will make now hopefully soon to carry out to be able. Like said, final meeting take place on 15.5. |
| 25.04.2000 | Today at radio FreeFM a discussion will take place because of "computer, cross-linking, homepage, DAB, CD change-over switch". We are times strained which from it will result, degrees also because of the Live Stream. We hold you up to date. |
| 10.04.2000 | The homepage is for one day down, since the "Dont Panic", speak the homepage server on the LauschAngriff.org lies, on a new Linux version geupdated became. |
| March/
April. 2000 | Benni writes straight its Abi and Pascal makes its driving licence. During the transmission also the IRC is a large topic, thereby all of the team is attainable Gekkos Lair with a Proxy was equipped. Still small accessibility problems have the IRC Java versions. However everything will still become; -) |
| 15.03.2000 | The wire-tapping side goes to on-line. We thank all Vorabtestern and are pleased also further about active participation and feedback of our past and future listeners. LauschAngriff.org enters the Web... |
| 12.03.2000 | The first interactive wire-tapping transmission takes place, it can immediately with us live during the transmission via IRC chatten. |
| 06.03.2000 | Homepage work go into the final phase... Day of revealing fixed on 15ten this monthly... |
| 26.02.2000 | Christoph was to be informed on the CeBIT 2000 around itself about the newest and most current hard and software of events. |
| 20.02.2000 | Pascal has its laptop (Gekkos Lair) since this transmission now also thereby. During the transmission immediately all Notebooks in the network will communicate to that, in order to create an optimal surrounding field during the transmission. Pascal's Notebook will manage "in the future" also the audio Stream in the InterNet. As said: "vision RK work"!!! |
| 06.02.2000 | Our transmissions are now digitally archived since January 2000 (192kHz MP3) |



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| February
2000 | The Domain "LauschAngriff.org" was registered in the meantime by Benni and rerouted on the CCC server. The homepage is completely revised meanwhile by Christoph. |
| January
2000 | We renamed our transmission after long name search to "wire-tapping". In the meantime Christoph is equipped also with a Notebook (adrenalin), with which the transmission expiration was facilitated around some (MP3/ Interviews/Jingles). In the future it will be also the interface to our zukuenfigen IRC Channel during the transmission. However these things still another little daueren become, since we will complete first the homepage and the new name brought also much work with itself (Domain, Jingles, etc.pp) |



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| 12.11.2000 | <p>die new-school Konkurrenz zu Britannica.com und anderen Online-Enzyklopedien</p> <p>DNS Tool Bin, gibt euch die DNS Namen eines IP Bereichs und erlaubt anonymen Port-Scan und Operqating System Detection. (Wir unterstuetzten das <u>nicht_</u> sondern meinen das sich alle dieser Seite bewusst sein sollten)</p> <p>Ein Perl Modul welches einem Erlaubt Perl in Latein zu Programmieren - Mirror der StarWars Trilogy mit Lego Steinen nachgestellt. Fuer kalte Winterabende und die ganze Familie</p> <p>Deutsches Musikmagazin mit News, Plattenreviews und Musikstiluebersichten</p> <p>Neo 35, ein moduler MP3 Player fuer das Auto und fuer Zuhause</p> |
| 05.11.2000 | <p>Linux Voodoo Puppe fuer 8\$, internationale Bestellung scheint moeglich</p> <p>E-Mail Aktion fuer eine Grosshandelsflatrate bis Nov 15.</p> <p>tatistisches Bundesamt Deutschland mit dem Statistik-Web-Shop (TM :)</p> |
| 29.10.2000 | <p>See you on the other side.</p> <p>Media Assistance, die Hersteller der ersten ernstzunehmenden Profi-USB Soundkarte (Leider erst mal nur fuer Windows)</p> <p>Die deutschen Big Brother Awards fuer das Ausspionieren der Öffentlichkeit</p> <p>Wolltet ihr schon immer unbedingt euren bei Napster gebannten Nickname zurueck ?? Then klick here</p> <p>MailVault. Ein Web Mail Service mit integriertem PGP Frontend.</p> <p>Die Zukunft des Peer2Peer FileSharing. Zum einen unter FileRouge, in Java und etwas weiter fortgeschritten als N*p*ter und zum anderen unter Groove.net, ToDo Listen, Internet Telefonie, Instant Messaging und File Sharing kombiniert, leider nur fuer Winz.</p> |

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| <p>22.10.2000</p> | <p>Achtung, Achtung !</p> <p>Eine informelle Regierungserklaerung vom frischgewaehlten ICANN Direktoriumsmitglied Andy Mueller-Maghun, welche unter anderem in der FAZ veroeffentlicht wurde</p> <p>Die erste Microsoft Werbung, die spezielle gegen Linux gerichtet ist. Bonus: Sie ist deutsch :)</p> |
| <p>24.09.2000</p> | <p>leider nur ein Link heute, dafuer ist er um so besser</p> <p>Die IT Olympiade. Sehr clever ausgedachte Parodie des Medien-Hypes um Sydney 2000.</p> <p>Sehr anschauliches Portal fuer Designsites im Netz. Schnalt euren Browser besser fest an!</p> |
| <p>17.09.2000</p> | <p>ein paar lustige Verlinkungen (mainly von Slashdot inspiriert)</p> <p>Political Arena, Quark 3 Mod mit Al Gore und George W. Bush</p> <p>MC Hawking und ein paar coole MP3s vom ihm selbst</p> <p>Britney zeigt euch wie Laser auf physikalischer Ebene funktionieren</p> |
| <p>10.09.2000</p> | <p>unglaublich wieviele _krasse_ Links an nur einem Tag auftauchen koennen</p> <p>Frag, eine Dokumentation ueber First Person Shooter</p> <p>OpenCodex.com, Wettbewerb zum Schreiben eines MPEG4 Codecs (etwas chaotisches Site-Design)</p> <p>IEGMP in Britanien</p> <p>Handy & Strahlung</p> <p>Wank3rmatic-5000 generiert euch k3wle Clannamen ;)</p> <p>Der DeCSS Quellcode als Song !!!1</p> <p>NucleoStop, der tolle neue Tachyonen-Filter gegen Atomstrom fuer schlappe 849 Euro</p> |
| <p>03.09.2000</p> | <p>Unified Resource Locators (heute nur 2) :</p> <p>Ulmer Linux Tag am 23.September 2000</p> <p>Voteauction.com, Moeglichkeit seine Wahlstimme zu versteigern</p> |
| <p>27.08.2000</p> | <p>Die Hyperlinks von heute</p> <p>Hermstedt, ISDN Karte mit 2 Mbit</p> <p>Unser aller Lieblingsprovider ;), Chef Wolfgang Keuntje kündigt</p> <p>Informationssite ueber UMTS und die Zukunft</p> <p>BattleBots, sich gegeseitig zerstoerende,ferngesteuerte Roboter.</p> <p>VideosLinks auf der Startseite.</p> |
| <p>20.08.2000</p> | <p>Einmal ein hollaendisch angehauchter Link und ein "Security"-Link</p> <p>NE2000 Bilder von Maedde wagemutig geschossen</p> <p>URLCheck, Security Checker fuer IIS WebSites</p> |



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| <p>13.08.2000</p> | <p>Diesmal viele aktuelle und auch Deutschland betreffende Links</p> <p>Der EXPO Kunst-Roboter Hack!</p> <p>Liste der ICANN Kandidaten fuer Europa, zusammengestellt von Heise</p> <p>Mailingliste des FITUG e.V. zu den europäischen ICANN Kandidaten</p> <p>Telepolis Artikel zur aktuellen Rechtsextremismus Problematik mit Verweisen auf Informationsquellen</p> <p>FreeVSD, der Virtual Server Daemon fuer Linux</p> <p>Hardware and Software Destruction Heaven, super zum Frust abreagieren (und zwar im Kopf, und nicht in der Realitaet)</p> |
| <p>06.08.2000</p> | <p>heute wieder intellektuel aber auch die animalischen Instinkte stimulierende Links *zwincker*</p> <p>Uebrigens, die Nummer fuer freie innerdeutsche Ferngespraeche ist: 0800/2401013</p> <p>Quark 3 Rocket Arena + Soundtrack</p> <p>Unofficial TiVo Hackers Site</p> <p>Brown Orifice verwendet Java um euren Netscape unbemerkt in einen Web + File Server zu verwandeln</p> <p>Hack Proofing Your Network: Buch von einigen Bugtraq Leuten ueber Exploits</p> |
| <p>30.07.2000</p> | <p>lonly Linky</p> <p>Doppelseitige Schnell-Referenzkarte fuer LinuxSecurity. Ziemlich gut, jedem Linux-Admin zu empfehlen</p> |
| <p>23.07.2000</p> | <p>Links fuer einen gemuetlichen und intellektuell stimulierenden Sonntag</p> <p>Unser Held des Tages ist satguru, der uns eine Linux Boot-CD ins Studio brachte und damit Pascals Linux-Partition wieder aktivierte nachdem BeOS leider seinen lilo ins digitale Nirvana geschickt hatte.</p> <p>BOFH2k - He is back! Jetzt noch gemeiner und mit neueren Witzen</p> <p>Gescante Katzen ! - Cat-Scan.com</p> <p>KamaSutra des Winnie the Pooh</p> <p>kostenloser Virenwarndienst per SMS</p> <p>Hackerangriff oder Virus/Wurm auf GMX</p> <p>Upgradbare Microlinks Modems von V.90 auf V.92</p> <p>D-Kanal Flatrate kommt doch nicht auf dem Markt</p> <p>Outlook Patch</p> <p>e-Bürgerdienste-Gesetz (Druchsache 12/5240)</p> <p>Bundesgesetz von 1997 definiert gueltige elektronische Signaturen</p> |
| <p>16.07.2000</p> | <p>heute nur 2 extra scharfe Links</p> <p>DJ Pretzels Overclocked Arcade Remixes</p> <p>Fling: Internet Protocol Gruppe welche TCP, UDP und DNS sowohl nichtueberwachbar als auch nichtabhoerbar anbietet</p> |



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| <p>09.07.2000</p> | <p>viele Links zur Sendung</p> <p>Term Unix X: erstes Open Source Comic Buch der Welt... oder so
 Gameboy Emulator fuer Palm Pilot
 Overclocker damit der virtuelle Gamyboy flutscht: Afterburner
 DotComGuy - Lebt nur mit Netzanschluss seit einem Jahr
 www.GEMA.de - Gemagebuhr fuer PCs und CD-Rohlinge
 Bundesverband Phono / IFPI Deutschland
 Computer Boy, 50 Minuten lange Matrix Parodie
 Menschliches Genome zum Donloaden (VORSICHT: gross! ;)
 Forschung ueber sehr robuste Mikroorganismen
 Running Man artige Reality-Soap ab 1.8.2K
 FMS Computer liefert den Helio PDA in .de fuer 400 DM aus</p> |
| <p>02.07.2000</p> | <p>Und die heutigen puenktlichen Links</p> <p>Die tollen StarBears mit dem interaktiven "Godzilla vs. Tamagotchi" Flasch;)
 File
 RSA Ent- und Verschluesselung komplett in JavaScript
 Die einzigen bisherigen ordentlichen Fotos von Crusoe Notebooks
 Statewatch - WebSeite welche die Aktivitaeten der euopaeischen
 Geheimdienste dokumentiert</p> |
| <p>25.06.2000</p> | <p>leicht verspaetet, die Verknuepfungen</p> <p>Konsolen Gnutella Client fuer alle Unixe
 Konsolen Napster Client auch fuer alle Unixe
 Gnute - Sehr gute Suchmaschine fuer das Gnutella Netzwerk, mit direktem
 Download
 Neutrale Diskussionsseite um die Todestrafe auf der ganzen Welt</p> |
| <p>18.06.2000</p> | <p>Die heutigen Links</p> <p>Rede von Courtney Love ueber die Musikindustrie und Napster
 Vorgehensweise um die Dreamcast ohne Laendercode zu booten
 Protokoll der 1. DeCSS Anhoerung</p> |
| <p>11.06.2000</p> | <p>So das Spiel mit den Links machen wir diese Woche einfach nochmal ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GMX, der groesste FreeMailer - T-ISDN XXL - Gigabell freeOKAY.NET - Gnutella Hauptseite der Windows Client zu Jabber alle anderen Clients zu Jabber Kleine Autos mit Feuerwerkskoerpern dran Dienst von Heise um die eigen E-Mail Sicherheit zu checken Update fuer die Microsft Produkt Familie Liste von vielen kleinst-Laendern HeavenCo auf Sealand Top 50 Security Tools, nach der Wahl von 1500 NMAP USern |



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| 04.06.2000 | <p>Leider muss ich (Benjamin) gerade mal wider auf das meundliche ABI lernen, deswegen sind die tollen, neuen und dynamischen Links noch nicht fertig.
Aber hier sind die Links zur heutigen Sendung:</p> <p>Die Suchmaschine WebBrain (braucht Java)
 Infrasearch sucht mit der Gnutella Technik, nur eine Demo
 Aktuelle Homepage von Gnutella
 Der LinuxTag in Stuttgart
 Bei Offspring gibts gerade Napster T-Shirts und Co.
 Disinfo - Subversive und nicht-mainstreamige News
 ZeroPaid - Portal zu allen Aktuellen File-Sharing Diensten
 Der MediaEnforcer
 Die TopTen der Internet-Loecher bei SANS</p> |
| 22.05.2000 | <p>Die Besprechung bei FreeFM hat stattgefunden und ein Teil der Planung ging auch über die Bühne, allerdings konnte wegen einer nur geringen Zahl von Anwesenden nicht die endgültige Version der FreeFM-Computersache geplant werden. Im Moment findet noch reger Mailverkehr über das Projekt statt. Was kann man jetzt noch sagen ... ähm ... wir wollen KÜHE ... ne, livestream, auf jeden Fall wirds jetzt so langsam aber sicher Zeit. Also, nächstes mal alle anwesend sein *WICHTIG*</p> |
| 13.05.2000 | <p>Wieder ist ein Monat verstrichen und mit der Planung der PCs von FreeFM hat sich viel getan. Am Montag ist die endgültige Besprechung was nun gekauft wird. Das LauschAngriff-Team wird an der Besprechung natürlich teilnehmen und den Plan einen Live-Stream zu machen nun hoffentlich bald verwirklichen können. Wie gesagt, endgültiges Meeting finden am 15.5 statt.</p> |
| 25.04.2000 | <p>Heute wird bei Radio FreeFM eine Besprechung wegen "Computer, Vernetzung,Homepage,DAB,CD-Wechsler" stattfinden. Sind wir mal gespannt was sich daraus ergeben wird, grad auch wegen dem Live-Stream. Wir halten euch auf dem laufenden.</p> |
| 10.04.2000 | <p>Die Homepage ist für einen Tag down, da die "Dont Panic", sprich der Homepage-Server auf dem LauschAngriff.org liegt, auf eine neue Linux Version geupdated wurde.</p> |
| Mrz/Apr. 2000 | <p>Benni schreibt gerade sein Abi und Pascal macht seinen Führerschein. Während der Sendung ist auch das IRC ein großes Thema, damit alle vom Team erreichbar sind wurde Gekkos Lair mit einen Proxy ausgerüstet. Die IRC Java-Versionen haben noch kleine Erreichbarkeitsprobleme. Wird aber alles noch werden ;-)</p> |
| 15.03.2000 | <p>Die LauschAngriff Seite geht online. Wir danken allen Vorabtestern und freuen uns auch weiterhin über rege Teilnahme und Feedback unserer bisherigen und zukünftigen Hörer. LauschAngriff.org enters the web ...</p> |
| 12.03.2000 | <p>Die erste interaktive LauschAngriff Sendung findet statt, ihr könnt ab sofort mit uns live während der Sendung via IRC chatten.</p> |
| 06.03.2000 | <p>Homepagearbeiten begeben sich in die Endphase ... Tag der Offenbarung wurde auf 15ten diesen Monats festgelegt ...</p> |



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| 26.02.2000 | Christoph war auf der CeBIT 2000 um sich über die neuesten und aktuellsten Hard- und Software Ereignisse zu informieren. |
| 20.02.2000 | Pascal hat seit dieser Sendung nun auch seinen Laptop (Gekkos-Lair) dabei. Während der Sendung werden ab sofort alle Notebooks im Netzwerk miteinander kommunizieren, um ein optimales Umfeld während der Sendung zu schaffen. Pascal´s Notebook wird "zukünftig" auch den Audio-Stream ins Internet bewerkstelligen. Wie gesagt.: "Vision at work" !!! |
| 06.02.2000 | Unsere Sendungen werden seit Januar 2000 nun digital archiviert (192kHz MP3) |
| Feb. 2000 | Die Domain "LauschAngriff.org" wurde inzwischen von Benni registriert und auf den CCC-Server umgeleitet. Die Homepage wird währenddessen von Christoph komplett überarbeitet. |
| Jan. 2000 | Unsere Sendung haben wir nach langer Namenssuche zu "LauschAngriff" umbenannt. Inzwischen ist Christoph auch mit einem Notebook (Adrenalin) ausgestattet, womit der Sendeablauf um einiges erleichtert wurde (MP3/ Interviews/Jingles). In Zukunft wird er auch die Schnittstelle zu unserem zukünftigen IRC-Channel während der Sendung sein. Allerdings werden diese Sachen noch ein bisschen dauern, da wir zuerst die Homepage vervollständigen werden und der neue Name auch viel Arbeit mit sich gebracht hat (Domain,Jingles, etc.pp) |



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2. Tagung des ICANN Studienkreises

ICANN nach Marina del Rey:

Technisches Mandat vs. Politische Herausforderung

2./3. Februar 2001

Marriott Hotel, Zürich



Veranstaltet von NETCOM Institut, Leipzig,
und SWITCH – Swiss Academic & Research Network, Zürich

In Zusammenarbeit mit der Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh,
und DENIC e.G., Frankfurt

Die "Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers" (ICANN), die für die Kernressourcen des Internet – Domain Namen, Internet Adressen, Protokolle und den Root Server – zuständig ist, hat im November 2000 in Marina del Rey die Einführung acht neuer Top Level Domains (TLDs) – sieben gTLDs und die Länderdomain .eu – beschlossen. Damit wurde ein Prozess eingeleitet, der schrittweise zu einer Erweiterung des Namens- und Adressraumes im Internet, und damit zu einer qualitativen Weiterentwicklung des "Netzes der Netze", das bereits heute von fast 500 Millionen Menschen genutzt wird, führt.

ICANN gerät dabei zunehmend ins Spannungsfeld zwischen ihrem technischen Mandat und den politischen, wirtschaftlichen und sozialen Konsequenzen ihrer Entscheidungen. Nicht nur, daß leicht verständliche, leicht merkbare und leicht findbare Internetadressen ein wichtiger »business identifier« und Bestandteil der "corporate identity" geworden sind, mit über 100 Millionen Internet Domain Namen ist sowohl deren Registrierung als auch der Handel mit ihnen zu einem eigenständigen Wirtschaftsfaktor mit einem Marktvolumen von weltweit 30 Milliarden US Dollar geworden. Dabei wird das Prinzip des freien Handels und der Schutz von Brandnames und Trademarks im Internet ebenso eingeklagt wie der Grundsatz des freien Informationsflusses und der menschenrechtlich verbrieft Anspruch auf freie Namenswahl. Die zum Teil kontroversen Themen reichen von der Einführung neuer gTLDs bis zur Regelung von Streitigkeiten um die Benutzung von Domain Namen, von der Klärung des Verhältnisses zwischen ICANN, den nationalen Regierungen und den Registrars für die Länderdomains bis zur Konstituierung einer ICANN-Mitgliedschaft.

Der ICANN Studienkreis, eine offene Plattform von Experten aus Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und Politik, will mit seiner 2. Tagung sowohl zur Klärung dieser Sachfragen beitragen als auch eine breitere Öffentlichkeit über ICANN informieren.

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2. Februar 2001

9.00 Uhr Eröffnung

Das Internet, ICANN und die Schweiz

Marcel Schneider

SWITCH — Swiss Academic & Research Network, Zürich

ICANN — Facts & Figures

Prof. Wolfgang Kleinwächter

Institut für Medien- und Informationswissenschaften, University of Aarhus, Aarhus; Direktor, Netcom-Institut, Leipzig; Koordinator, ICANN-Studienkreis

9.30 Uhr Panel 1

ICANN: Technisches Mandat vs. Politische Herausforderung

Podiumsdiskussion

Esther Dyson

Vorstand, EDventure Holding, New York; ehemalige Vorsitzende, ICANN

Andy Müller-Maguhn

Direktor im Vorstand, ICANN, Berlin; Sprecher, Chaos Computer Club, Berlin

Morgan Baker

Policy Manager, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris

Moderation *Sandra Kegel*

Redakteurin, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt

11.00 Uhr Kaffeepause

11.20 Uhr Panel 2

Das Dreiecksverhältnis zwischen ccTLDs, ICANN und den Regierungen bei der Selbst-Regulierung des Internet

Podiumsdiskussion

Andrew McLaughlin

Chief Policy Officer & CFO, ICANN, Cambridge

François Maurer

Mitglied des Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), ICANN; Sektionschef Nummerierung und Adressierung, Bundesamt für Kommunikation, Schweizer Bundesregierung, Biel

Karen Rose (eingeladen)

Mitglied des GAC, ICANN; Department of Commerce, US Government, Washington

Michael Leibrandt

Mitglied des GAC, ICANN; Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie, Berlin

Robert Shaw

Mitglied des GAC, ICANN; Strategic Policy Unit, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Genf

Sabine Dolderer

Geschäftsführerin, DENIC e.G., Frankfurt am Main

Kenneth Neil Cukier

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Moderation *Dr. Marcel Machill*

Projektleiter Medienpolitik, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

13.20 Uhr Mittagspause

14.30 Uhr Panel 3

ICANN's Streitschlichtungspolitik: UDRP, UDRP II, LDRP

Kurzbeiträge

Von UDRP zu WIPO II: Probleme und Perspektiven

Erik Wilbers

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The "InterNet corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers" (ICANN), which for core resources of the InterNet - Domain name, InterNet addresses, minutes and the root server - is responsible, has in November 2000 in Marina del Rey the introduction eight new Top level Domains (TLDs) - sieve gTLDs and the Laenderdomain eu - decided. Thus a process was introduced, which leads gradually to an extension of the on behalf of and address area in the InterNet, and thus to a qualitative advancement of the "net of the nets", which is used already today by nearly 500 million humans.

ICANN comes thereby increasingly into the area of conflict between its technical mandate and the political, economic and social consequences of their decisions. Not only that easily understandable, easily noticeable and easily findable InterNet addresses and a component the "corporate identity" became more importantly "business more identifier", also over 100 million InterNet Domain name became both their registration and the trade with them its own restaurant factor with a size of the market from world-wide 30 billion US dollar. The principle of the free trade and the protection are likewise in-complained by Brandnames and trademarks in the InterNet like the principle of the free information flow and the human being-legally confirmed by a document requirement on free name choice. Those partially controversies topics reach from the introduction more again gTLDs up to the regulation of disputes around the use of Domain name, of clarifying the relationship between ICANN, the national governments and the Registrars for the Laenderdomains up to the constitution of a ICANN membership.

The ICANN study circle, an open platform of experts from economics, science and politics, wants with its 2. Conference both to clarifying these questions of substance contribute and a broader public about ICANN inform.

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The InterNet, ICANN and Switzerland

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ICANN: Technical mandate vs. political challenge

Panel discussion

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11,00 o'clock **Coffee break**

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o'clock**

The triangle relationship between ccTLDs, ICANN and the governments during the self adjustment of the InterNet

Panel discussion

Andrew McLaughlin

Chief Policy Officer & CFO, ICANN, Cambridge

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ICANN gerät dabei zunehmend ins Spannungsfeld zwischen ihrem technischen Mandat und den politischen, wirtschaftlichen und sozialen Konsequenzen ihrer Entscheidungen. Nicht nur, daß leicht verständliche, leicht merkbare und leicht findbare Internetadressen ein wichtiger »business identifier« und Bestandteil der "corporate identity" geworden sind, mit über 100 Millionen Internet Domain Namen ist sowohl deren Registrierung als auch der Handel mit ihnen zu einem eigenständigen Wirtschaftsfaktor mit einem

Marktvolumen von weltweit 30 Milliarden US Dollar geworden. Dabei wird das Prinzip des freien Handels und der Schutz von Brandnames und Trademarks im Internet ebenso eingeklagt wie der Grundsatz des freien Informationsflusses und der menschenrechtlich verbriefte Anspruch auf freie Namenswahl. Die zum Teil kontroversen Themen reichen von der Einführung neuer gTLDs bis zur Regelung von Streitigkeiten um die Benutzung von Domain Namen, von der Klärung des Verhältnisses zwischen ICANN, den nationalen Regierungen und den Registrars für die Länderdomains bis zur Konstituierung einer ICANN-Mitgliedschaft.

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Όóç όóβέç "PC Expert" ίóίηάβóá ίά άέαáÚóáóá óá όáηάέÚóó Úηέηά:

--- **Όçóέάέβ Άóηάβá: Ύαóί οί Άέαάβέóóί άβίáέ óá ίΥά όçó άίόβóóáóçó** Óáy-ίó 134 (15/12/2000)

Όóçί σçóέάέβ άóί-π ίάó ç άηάáóβá Υ-άέ πάç άη-βóάέ ίά ίάóáó-çιάóβáέáóάέ έάέ ίά άέέÚάέάέ. Ίέ ίΥάó óá-ίίείαβáó, ί áóóίáóέóίóó έάέ ίέ óçέáóέείείυίβáó, όίó άβίίίáάέ έάέçίáηείπ όηάέóέέβ άέα υέί έάέ όáηέóóóóáηίóó άηάάέηΥίίóó, áçίέίονáίγί ίΥά άέέπíλáóá, άέέÚ áιπβáίóί έάέ ίΥάó όηιόóέέΥó έάέ άέαίύáίóó άέα áóóίγó.

--- **Έίείπ άίπíç: Δυόί "είείπ" άβίáέ** Óáy-ίó 133 (1/12/2000)

Ίά áóιηίπ όçί ίείέέπηυóç όçó όηπóçó όáάέυóίέáó áçίίóέυóçóçó Planet Project, έάέπó έάέ óúί áíáηέάίέίέπí áέετáπí, ίέ ίóίβáó áέυίç ááί Υ-ίόί έαóáóΥηάέ ίά áίáááβίίóί όί ίΥί όηυááηί έάέ όεáίçóÚη-ç, áέáóóóπíóίá εÚóίέáó óέΥóáέó áγηύ áóú óá άέÚείó, óέó áçίίóέίóβóáέó έάέ όçί "είείπ άίπíç". Ίóίηάβ Úηάáá ίά ίáóηçέáβ ίá óáóáóέóέέÚ óóίέ-άβá έάέ όίóίóóÚ ç áίέηúóóçóá;

--- **Planet Project: Ç όηπóç όáάέυóίέá áçίίóέυóçóç** Óáy-ίó 132 (15/11/2000)

Ίά όçί όίεγóέίç áίπéáέα όçó ίΥάó óá-ίίείαβáó έάέ óúί óçέáóέείείυίέπí, ç áóáέηάβá 3Com óá óóίáηάáóβá ίá όéπéíó áóáέηάέπí όçó ίΥάó óá-ίίείαβáó έá όηááίáóίóίέπóáέ όçί όηπóç áçίίóέυóçóç όáάέυóίέáó áíáΥéáέáó, ίá óóú-ί όçί áίβ-ίáóóç óúί óίççέάέπí έάέ óúί όίεέóéóéέπí óóáέέβóáύί έάέ έάέáέóáηίóβóύί ίεύέέçηçó όçó áίέηúóóçóáó. Ίáóáίγ 15 έάέ 18 ίίáíáηβίó όί Άέαάβέóóί έá áπóάέ óúίπ óá υέίóó υóίέ Υ-ίόί όηυóááóç óóί Internet έάέ έΥέίóί ίá óóίίáóÚó-ίόί óóçί Υηάóίá.

--- **ΊÁÍ-ΈΊÓÁÇÓÁÓ: Ίέ áíáááηίΥηέ όçó ίΥάó áóί-πó** Óáy-ίó 131 (1/11/2000)

Ç "άβáέç" άβóίáίó όçó ίΥάó óá-ίίείαβáó óóçί έάέçίáηείπ áευπ έάέ ίέ áέέááΥó όίó áóóβ áδέóΥηάέ óóçί έίείυίβá áóίóáέίγί έηβóέίá áεçóβίáóá áέα óίί εύóóί ίáó. Ίóί όί "σçóέáέυ -Úóίá" áάέáβίáέ, -υηβáείίáóó óίóó áίέηπóίóó óá óá-ίίείáέέÚ "óóίááóίγó" έάέ "áóγíááóίóó", óυóί óá έίείύίέέÚ όηíáεπíáóá έá όéçέáβίίóί. Έάέ óυóá ίóίηάβ ίέ "ίç óóíááóίβ" ίá όÚηíóί óá óóóηέÚ έάέ ίá έáóáóóηΥóίóί óá computers όίó óίóó áóáέέίγί ίá áíáóÚίέóç.

--- **Voteauction: Óβóίέ óóί óóóήβ!** Óáy-ίó 130 (15/10/2000)

Çóáί ίÚέέίί áεπóçíá -ηύίίó ίá άβίáέ έάέ áóóú. Ç óóíóááπ áóεπ: Δάβηíáέó ίβá áυóç έáóéóáέέóίγύ έάέ όηίóέΥóáέó óá áóóβί ίβá ίáάεγíηά áçίίέηáóβáó. Áίáέáóáγáέó έάέ πβίáέó óá -áίçέπ óυóέÚ áέα ίβá πηά. Óί áóίóΥέáóίá -ç áçίίóηáóβá πβóύί- óáηάβηάóáέ έηγί, ίá ááηίέóίγíηά áέείáέέΥó ηçóίηάβáó έάέ έίγóέίóó óáίççáóηέóίγίό óóίççóβύί.

--- **Όçóέáέú ×Úóίá: Óá-ίίείáέέβ áίέóóúçóá óóί óγá-ηίίί εύóóί** Óáy-ίó 129 (1/10/2000)

Ί Bill Gates εÚίáέ óέέáίέηυóέέΥó όáηείááβáó óá óóú-Υó -πηáó, áίηóÚάείíáóó óá άβέίóé óΥíóá -ηύίέα όçó Microsoft. Ί ίΥίó ίáóóβáó óçó áίέηúóóçóáó áβίáέ Υóίέίíó ίá áíáέáβóáέ εÚέα áóóóó-βá έάέ ίá όηίεπβóáέ όçί έóúóçóá óúί "σçóέáέπí áίέηπóúί". Άέέυίáó áóú Υίá ίΥέείί έβáí áóáέóéυáííí...

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Z-NAO: ΆεαίναόέέΥό +ηπόάεο όίό Internet ΌάΥ=ίό 128 (15/9/2000)

Όί Internet άάί άβίάε -εάέ άάί όηΥάέ ίά άβίάε- ίύί όό-άαυάβα εάέ έάόάίΰεούς. Ψ άίπ έάέ ί +άηάέόηναό όίό ίάό άέέονΥόίτ ίά όάίόάέύίαόά άεάίναόέέΥό +ηπόάεο όίό, όηίόάίάόίεέίΥίάό όόΨ άέέείεΥίβα όύί άίεηπόύί ίά άίΨόό-βάό έάέ όόΨ όηίίόέέέπ όΨ έίέίπο άηΰόΨ όίό. Ψ άέβάόΨ όύί όέί +ηπόέίύί έάέ άίέύέίάύί όέΨηίόηέπ ίΥόά όόΨ άέάόΰό-άός ηίπ όΨ όέΨηίόηβάό άβίάε Υίά Υηάί άγέέίεί όόΨ ίείΥίά άείάέίγίάίς άέάέβίΨΨ όέΨηίόηέάέπ ίόίέ-άβύί. Όί site όίό άέάόΨάβ ί Noam Chomsky έάέ ίέ όόίάηάΰόάό όίό άβίάε άάάίόπόάέό όά έΰόίέα άδύ άόόΰ όά έΥίάόα.

E-MAIL: Όά Bugs ίάό άάάέείΥί! ΌάΥ=ίό 127 (1/9/2000)

Όί όέέίόηέύί έΥίά όΨ όόπεΨ "PC Expert" άβίάε άάίΰί όέάέόηίέέπ άέέΨείάηάοβά: άδύ όά bugs όίό Outlook έάέ όέό όηίόΰέάέάό όΨ Microsoft ίά άόίόγáάέ όά +άέηύόάηά ίΥ-ηέ όΨ άέέείεΥίβα ίά όίό άέέΨόΰό όίό όόίίάόΥ-ίόί όόίόό ίέόίόέάέίγίό Άάπíάό έάέ όά άδóΰ έάίΰόέίά άίάηόπíάόά όύί e-mails, όά ίόίβα άόίηίγί ΰίáá όόίόό άάάίόá-ίγ άηάάάίΥίίό.

Ψεάέόηίέέύ Άίδύηέί: όηίόΥίόά όέό όáάβáó ΌάΥ=ίό 126 (1/8/2000)

ΰίηάβ όί Ψεάέόηίέέύ άίδύηέί ίά έáηάβáάέ όόίá-πο ίΥίό όβέίόό έάέ ίέ άόάέηβáó ίά έάέίάέΥόίόί άόόπ όΨ άέέόάέπ ίηόπ όύεπόάύί, άίόίγίόίέό όá όηίάέπíáόά όόίá-βáείό ίά όΰΰη-ίόί. όηίόίγ, έίέόύί, έΰίááά ίόίέάάπóίόá άáηΰ ίΥόύ όίό Internet, όέáóáβáó όί έáέΰ έάέ Υ-áóá όá ίΰόέα όáά άέáóΥóóáηá, áéá ίά ίΨ áηáέáβáó όηί - άóóΰááóóύí- áέόέβíáύí.

Άέίáóηέέπ Αóóΰέάέá: όπο όáóΰóá όá όέπέόηá όίό Keyboard; ΌáΥ=ίό 124 (1/7/2000)

ΌόΨ όηίόΰέάέΰ όίόό ίά όηίόóáóΥóίόί όá όίáόίáóέέΰ άέέάέπíáόά όίό άόίηίγί όá ίηóóέέΰ όηίύίΰóá, άγί áóáέηβáó άίπíóί όέό áóίΰίáέό όίόό áéá όΨ άΨίέίόηάβá áéáέέίγ έίáέóίέέίγ όίό έáóáέáááβíáé όίί όηύóί ίá όίί ίόίβί όέΨέόηίέίááβóá έέ Υóóé óáó áíááίΰηβááé. Ψ óáóóúόΨóΰ óáó áβíáé ί όηύóίό ίá όίί ίόίβί όέΨέόηίέίááβóá;

ΨεάέόηίέέΥό ΆέάέίόΥό: ΰáΨáβáó όηίό ίáóóέέέύίáηίό ΌáΥ=ίό 124 (15/6/2000)

Όπíá όίό Υόέάóáί ίέ áéΥóáó έάέ όί έáέίέáέηΰέé ίΰó -óóóΰáé όΨ όύηóá, ίέ όóίóΰέóáó όίό "PC Master" ίη-έίγί, έΰóó άδύ άίόβίίáó όóίεπέáó (áé. Έηΰóóáó), áéá ίá óáó όηίόóΥηίόί όΨ άίΨίΥηúóΨ όίό óáó άίβáéáé! Όá áóóú όί óáΥ-ίó, Ψ óóπεΨ PC EXPERT όΰáέ áéáέίόΥό έáé óáβηίáé έáé áóΰó ίááεβ όΨ. Όóóéέΰ, όηύέáέóáé áéá ΨεάέόηίέέΥό áéáέίόΥό έáé ú-é áéá όηááίáóééΥó. όηύέáέóáé áéá ίβá áéááύáβ óóéó όίóηέóóééΥó όóΨΨáóβáó όίό ίóίηάβ ίá óáó όηίóóΥηáé όί Internet áéá ίá Υ-áóá óéó έáέγáóηáó áéáέίόΥó όίό έΰίááά όίόΥí!

Ψ Όá-Πεíáέπ Πíááέέύóóá: Άέέóóπς π Όáίáóáβá; ΌáΥ=ίó 123 (1/6/2000)

Ψ «áέéóóΨίέέπ óáíóáóβá» ίóίηάβ ίá ίΨί áβíáé έάέ όύóί «óáíóáóβá» óóéó ΨίΥηáó ίáó. ΈáέΨáηέίΰ, ίέ áíáέβíáéó όόΨ όá-Πεíáβá έΰίίόί Υίá ίΥέéί άéáóíηáóééύ ίá áβíáóáé υέί έáé όέί έίίóéίύ. όπο έá πόάί áóóú έáé όίέα έΥόΨ ίóίηάβ ίá Υ-áé ί ΰίεηúóίó óá áóóú;

Cookies: όίέύó áíóéóáγáóáé όá ίóéóéύóá; ΌáΥ=ίó 122 (15/5/2000)

Όá áίΰóóΰ έáé ίΨ áíáéηáόΥá "ίóéóéύóá" όύί Web browsers έηγáίόί όáηέóóóúóáηίόό έέίáγίίόό άδύ υóίόό óáíóΰáέίόáé ίέ όáηέóóóúóáηίέ. ΰóί Ψ +ηπόΨ όίό Internet áéááβááóáé όύóί ίέ "óááβáóó" όáηáίίáγίόί óá έΰéá áύίβá. Όóί áá όί Ψεάέόηίέέύ άίδύηέί έáé Ψ on-line áéáóπíέóΨ áéóáΰέέίόί όόΨ áΰπ ίáó όúóί ίέ áóáέηβáó έá áηβóέίόί όηύóίόό áéá ίá ίáέáβίíóί óéó όηίóéίβóáéó έáé óéó áέééóίβáó ίáó.

ΌóίΥáηέί Hackers. ίáóáγί όáηáηίβáó έáé ίηέίύóóáó. ΌáΥ=ίó 121 (1/5/2000)

όπο áέπέáéá óáíóΰáéóáóá όίόό hackers; Όβáίóηá ú-é óáί έίóóóίóíáηέóίΥίίόό áéáίίγίáηίόό π áááááéίáóβáó όίό óóίίáóΥ-ίόί óá óóίΥáηéá έáé Ψáηβááó. Έέ υíúó. Άέύίς έáé ίέ óéíóáéίίβ áóóίβ óγóίέ, όίό Υ-ίόί άΨίέίόηáπόáé ίεΰέέΨηίόό έηγέίóó áγηú άδύ óéó έέáίύóΨóΨó όίόό έáé όΨ óóóéíáίύίβα όίόό, ίηáΰίΰóáί όί όóίΥáηéú όίόό óóί Έóηáε.

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PC Expert

Ίέα όόπέç όιό υόυό εάόάιήόόηU ι όβόέιό όόç, όάό άιçέUαé ίά άβίαόά "ΆιόΥη", όηιόόΥηιόόUό όάό όιέγόέιç άιόάέηβά.

Όόç όόπέç "PC Expert" ιόηάβόά ίά άέαάUόάόά όά όαήάέUόύ Uηέηά:

--- Οççέάέπ Άόαήάβά: ¼όάί όι Άέαάβεόόι άβιαé όά ιΥόά όόç άιόβόόάόç ΟάΥ+ ιό 134 (15/12/2000)

Όόçι όççέάέπ άόι+π ίαό ç άηάόόβά Υ+άé Παç άη+βόάé ίά ίάόάç+çιάόβαéόάé έάé ίά άέéUαé. Ίé ιΥάό όά+ηιέιαβáo, ι αόόηιαέόιυό έάé ιé όççéáδéιέιυίόβáo, όιό άβηιόάé έάéçιáηéιπ όηαέόέπ άέα υéι έάé όáñéóóóáñιόό áñááεηΥιίόó, áçιέιόñáιγί ιΥά áéβηιαόά, áééU άηβáιόι έάé ιΥάό όηηιόóééΥό έάé áéáιυáιόó άέα áóóιγó.

--- Έιέιπ άιπιç: Έυοι "έιέιπ" άβιαé ΟάΥ+ ιό 133 (1/12/2000)

Ίά áóιηιπ όçι ηιέέβηυόç όόç όñρóç όááéυóιέáó áçιίόéυδççó Planet Project, έάέπó έάé όύι áιáñééáιέέπι áééιáπι, ιé ιóιβáo áéυιç ááι Υ+ιόι εάόáóΥñáé ίά áíáááβηιόι όι ιΥί όñυááñι έάé όéáιçóUñ+ç, áéáóóβηιόíá éUóιέáó óéΥóáéó áγñυ áδυ όá áéUéιó, óéó áçιίόéιδβóáéó έάé όçι "έιέιπ άιπιç". Ίόηάβ Uñááá ίá ίáóηçéáβ ίá óóáóéóééU όóιé+άβá έάé όιόιόóU ç áιéñυóυóçóá;

--- Planet Project: Ç όñρóç όááéυóιέá áçιίόéυδççóç ΟάΥ+ ιό 132 (15/11/2000)

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Von: Dr. Christoph Bieber <bieber@politik-digital.de>An: redaktion@politik-digital.deURL: </politikdigital/cbieber.shtml>**Wählen im Kollektiv?****Über den Handel mit Wählerstimmen im Internet**

Auf den letzten Metern vor der Wahlurne haben Berichte über Verkaufsangebote für Wählerstimmen nicht nur die Bundeswahlleitung aufgeschreckt. Über das Internet sind in den vergangenen Wochen gleich mehrere Varianten innovativer „Zweitstimmenkampagnen“ aufgetaucht. Bisher dominierten dabei eher plumpe Aufrufe zum Tausch „Stimme gegen Geld“, die Empörung und Besorgnis ausgelöst hatten. Angenehmerweise wurde dabei nicht der Überbringer der bösen Botschaft – das Internet – zur Rechenschaft gezogen. Tatsächlich eignet sich aber die neue Medienumgebung in hervorragender Art und Weise zum Handel mit Wählerstimmen. Besteht nun auch in Deutschland das Potenzial für einen florierenden Handel mit der kostbaren Währung der Demokratie?

Der Fall „Fortschritt“

Der schillernde Fall des Kieler Unternehmens „Fortschritt“ brachte es an die breite Öffentlichkeit – Wählerstimmen in Paketen von 1000 oder 10.000 Stimmen wurden im Internet über die Website cashvote.com zum Kauf angeboten – zu haben für satte vier- bis fünfstelligen Euro-Beträge. Der offenbar organisierte Handel mit vakanten Wählervoten wurde noch in der vergangenen Woche von Bundeswahlleiter Johann Hahlen als „pervers und hochkriminell“ eingestuft, konfligierten die Angebote doch mit einschlägigen Paragrafen des Strafgesetzbuches, die die Beeinflussung der Wahlentscheidung mittels Geld- oder sonstigen Geschenken untersagen (vgl. dazu bei.spiegel.de). Aber zu guter letzt entpuppte sich das unmoralische Angebot doch noch als naseweises Satireprojekt – zumindest stellt es sich als solcher auf der noch immer aktiven Website dar.

Schon vor der Cashvote-Aktion hatte es bereits Einzelofferten von Privatpersonen gegeben, die dazu Versteigerungsplattformen wie ebay.de genutzt hatten – und sich dadurch den Zorn der Anbieter zuzogen. Scheinbar ratlose Bürger wollten angesichts der „allgemeinen politischen Lage“ ihre Stimme meistbietend versteigern und nutzten dazu die praktische Internet-Plattform als Schaufenster für ihre politische Verzweiflungstat. Beinahe ebenso unvermittelt wie die Angebote zum bezahlten Ankreuzen erschienen waren, hatte das Online-Auktionshaus die umstrittenen Artikel wieder vom Netz genommen.

Vorbilder in den USA und GB

Dabei handelten die deutschen Online-Versteigerer in guter Tradition: auch in den USA und Großbritannien waren solche Stimm-Auktionen in den letzten Wochen vor Präsidentschafts- oder Unterhauswahlen an der Tagesordnung. Den Anfang machten vor zwei Jahren die US-Amerikaner. Bei der noch heute denkwürdigen Wahl von George W. Bush ins Weiße Haus hatte es bereits im Sommer 2000 über die Adresse „votauction.com“ Online-Offerten für Stimmenpakete in Einzelstaaten gegeben – die Aktion entpuppte sich jedoch als effektvolle „Performance“ des österreichischer Netzkünstlers Hans Bernhard aus dem Umfeld der Internet-Aktivistengruppe „eToy“. Ganz offenbar stand dieses Projekt Pate für die Kieler „cashvote“-Aktion.

Etwas mehr als einen Monat vor dem traditionellen Wahltermin im November 2000 hatte dann

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allerdings der Internet-gestützte Tausch von Wählerstimmen, das so genannte „Vote-Swapping“, seinen Lauf genommen: dabei wurden über verschiedene nicht-kommerzielle Online-Plattformen Wählervoten quer zu den Einzelstaaten vermittelt. Der wichtigste Unterschied zu den schnöden Stimmversteigerungen war das Tauschmedium: gehandelt werden sollten nicht Stimmen gegen Geld, sondern Stimmen gegen Stimmen. Genau diese feine Abweichung machte aus einem offensichtlichen Wahlbetrug eine subtil-subversive Form demokratischer Partizipation (vgl. zum [amerikanischen Vote-Swapping](#)).

Ein zu erwartendes Echo dieser Ereignisse war im vergangenen Jahr in Großbritannien zu beobachten – aufgrund einer ähnlichen Wahlsystematik mit starrem Mehrheitswahlsystem bei einem stabilen Konkurrenzverhältnis zwischen „Labour Party“ und Conservative Party“ mit sporadischem Drittparteivorkommen hatte es hier ähnlich profitable Konstellationen gegeben. Folgerichtig hatten sich auch hier einige „Swapping-Sites“ gebildet, die das überalterte „First-Past-the-Post“-Verfahren kreativ kritisierten: Angebote wie tacticalvoter.net oder votedorset.net widmeten sich der Vermittlung von Wählerstimmen zur Unterwanderung des Wahlverfahrens und der „Umwertung“ verlorener Stimmpotenziale erzielten (vgl. zum [„Tactical Voting“ in Großbritannien](#)).

Stimmenhandel in Deutschland?

Angesichts dieser Entwicklungen stellt sich nun wohl die Frage, wie hierzulande die Erfolgchancen für ein „Vote-Swapping“ stehen. Zunächst spricht vor allem der zeitliche Rahmen gegen das kollektive Wählen per digitalem Stimmentausch – um den Handel mit Wählerstimmen über „Peer-to-Peer“-Angebote noch etablieren zu können, ist es längst zu spät. Die Beispiele aus den USA und Großbritannien haben gezeigt, dass etwa ein Zeitraum von sechs bis acht Wochen nötig ist, um überhaupt messbare Effekte zu erzielen. Ein anderer, weitaus wichtiger Hinderungsgrund ist selbstverständlich das komplexere deutsche Wahlsystem, das auf eine Mischung von Mehrheits- und Verhältniswahlrecht setzt. „Tauschfähig“ wären hierzulande lediglich die Erststimmen für die Mehrheitswahl der Direktkandidaten im Wahlkreis, die nach dem Verhältniswahlrecht zu vergebende Zweitstimme ist nicht im Sinne des anglo-amerikanischen „Vote-Swappings“ übertragbar. Dies gilt selbstverständlich nur für die bei der Bundestagswahl angewendete Melange aus Verhältnis- und Mehrheitswahl – bei Wahlverfahren wie etwa den mehrstufigen Direktwahlen um Bürgermeisterposten wäre eine solche Stimmenvermittlung durchaus praktikabel.

Ein Beispiel

Mit etwas Phantasie wäre aber doch ein Anwendungsfeld für einen Stimmentausch zur Bundestagswahl denkbar, wenngleich die besondere Konstellation den Wählern erhebliche Flexibilität und viel Vertrauen aufnötigen würde. Ein denkbarer Ansatzpunkt wären nämlich die drei Direktmandate, die die PDS im Falle des Verfehlens der Fünf-Prozent-Hürde erringen müsste, um doch in den Bundestag einzuziehen.

Mit dem Wissen der inflationär auftretenden Umfragen und vor allem den offiziellen Daten der Bundeswahlleitung lassen sich mehrere aussichtsreiche Wahlkreise ermitteln, in denen die PDS-Direktkandidaten auf Tauschstimmen hoffen könnten – solche Wahlkreise liegen insbesondere im Osten Berlins, in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern oder in Sachsen-Anhalt (vgl. dazu die [Berechnungen der Bundeswahlleitung](#)).

Erfolg versprechend wären dabei Vermittlungen innerhalb des linken politischen Spektrums – so könnte etwa ein Anhänger der Grünen in einem für die PDS aussichtsreichen Wahlkreis seine Erststimme der PDS zur Verfügung stellen. Zum quasi-paritätischen Ausgleich müsste im Gegenzug ein PDS-Wähler in einem anderen Wahlkreis seine Zweitstimme an die Grünen vergeben und so deren Stellung gegenüber der FDP stärken. Ähnliches gilt prinzipiell auch für einen SPD-Anhänger, sofern der Eigenkandidat im fraglichen Wahlkreis nicht selbst eine Chance auf das Direktmandat hat. Die genannten Beispiele zeigen, dass außerdem die unterschiedliche Bedeutung von Erst- und Zweitstimme den Tausch erschwert – schließlich entscheidet lediglich die Zweitstimme über die Verteilung der Bundestagsmandate, die Erststimme stellt nur eine ergänzende und personalisierende Komponente dar.

Für den Prozess des Stimmentauschs wäre die besondere Leistung der Online-Plattformen einerseits die Bekanntmachung entsprechender Konstellationen und umstrittener Wahlkreise, sowie außerdem die Kontaktherstellung zwischen interessierten Bürgern, die alle weiteren Absprachen dann direkt übernehmen müssten. Rechtlichen Problemen und Anfechtungen

könnte dabei mit dem Verweis auf den informellen „Abmachungscharakter“ begegnet werden – aus diesem Grund waren auch die amerikanischen Tausch-Websites weniger als „Interventionsplattformen“ ausgelegt, sondern eher als „politische Kontaktbörsen“ getarnt.

Wahlartistische Fähigkeiten

Anhand solcher Überlegungen wird deutlich, dass der digitale Stimmentausch gewisse wahlartistische Fähigkeiten erfordert – und ein hohes Maß an Vertrauen zum Tauschpartner. In den USA und Großbritannien haben die wenigen Untersuchungen zum „Vote-Swapping“ gezeigt, dass ein solches Vertrauen tatsächlich oft in den Tauschakt eingebracht wurde. Darüber hinaus haben die Tauschplattformen vor allem einen Beitrag zur politischen Bildung und Aktivierung geleistet. Teilnehmende oder auch nur interessierte Bürger frischten auf diese Weise ihre Kenntnis des politischen Systems und des Wahlverfahrens auf. Als Resümee der anglo-amerikanischen Erfahrungen ist bislang fest zu halten, dass dem „Vote-Swapping“ als zwar risikoreichem, prinzipiell aber hoch-rationalem Wählerverhalten durchaus Zukunftschancen eingeräumt werden können.

Ähnliches hätte wohl auch hierzulande geschehen können, doch ist die Zeit dafür bereits abgelaufen. Die plumpen Versuche des Stimmenhandels über Internet-Auktionen werden vermutlich als kurze, für manchen auch teure Episode enden. Dennoch dürfte die auch bei zukünftigen Wahlen bevorstehende Diskussion um den Handel mit Wählerstimmen via Internet ein Vorgeschmack sein auf kommende Verwicklungen – insbesondere angesichts der Neueinteilung der Wahlkreise und der damit verbundenen, teilweise massiven Verschiebungen der Wählerpotenziale. Insofern könnte der profitorientierte Handel mit Stimmenpaketen auch ein Startsignal für kreative Überlegungen sein, ob es nicht doch Einsatzfelder für den digital vermittelten Stimmentausch gibt und damit eine legitime Modifikation der Stimmenverteilung innerhalb des personalisierten Verhältniswahlrechts möglich ist.

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Select in the collective?

Over the trade with votes in the InterNet

On the last meters before the wahlurne reports did not only up-frighten the federal choice line over offers for sale for votes. Over the InterNet in the past weeks directly several variants emerged innovatively Zweitstimmenkampagnen . So far thereby rather awkward of calls dominated to the exchange Stimme against Geld , which had caused indignation and concern. Pleasant way was not drawn thereby the deliverer of the bad message the InterNet to the account. However the new medium environment in outstanding way is actually suitable for the trade with votes. Now does the Potenzial exist for a flourishing trade with the precious currency of the democracy also in Germany?

The case Fortschritt

The schillernde case of the Kieler of enterprise Fortschritt brought it to the broad public to votes in packages of 1000 or 10.000 voices in the InterNet over the Website cashvote.com offered for the purchase to have for full four to amounts of euro- of five figures. The obviously organized trade with vakanten Waehlervoten was classified still in the past week of federal returning officer Johann Hahlen as pervers and hochkriminell , konflierten the offers nevertheless with relevant Paragrafen of the penal code, which forbid the influence of the choice decision by means of money or to other gifts (see in addition [with spiegel.de](http://with.spiegel.de)). But too good emerged lastly the immoral offer nevertheless still as nose-wise satire project at least presents itself it as such on the still active Website.

Already before the Cashvote action it had already given single offers of private people, who had used in addition auction platforms like ebay.de and thereby the anger of the offerers tightened themselves. Apparently helpless citizens wanted their voice in view of the allgemeinen political Lage by auction auctions and used in addition the practical InterNet platform as shop windows for their political act of desperation. As the offers for paid marking, the on-line auction house the disputed articles had appeared almost just as sudden again by the net had taken.

Models in the USA and GB

The German on-line auctioneers in good tradition acted: also in the USA and Great Britain such being correct auctions were in the last weeks before presidency or House of Commons elections at the agenda. The US Americans made the beginning before two years. With still today the memorable choice of George W. Bush in the white house it had in the summer 2000 over the address voteauction.com on-line offers for voice packages in member states given the action already emerged however as impressive Performance Austrian net artist the Hans Bernhard from the surrounding field of the InterNet Aktivistengruppe eToy . This project godfather completely obviously stood for the Kieler cashvote action.

Somewhat more than one month before the traditional choice date in November 2000 had then taken however the InterNet-supported exchange of votes, the Vote Swapping in such a way specified, its run: over different non-commercial on-line platforms

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An echo of these events which can be expected was in the past year in Great Britain to observe due to similar choice systematics with rigid majority choice system with a stable competition relationship between Labour Party and Conservative Party with sporadic third party occurrence it here similarly profitable constellations had given. Logically some Swapping Sites had formed also here, which criticized the obsolete First Past the Post procedure creatively: Offers as tacticalvoter.net or votedorset.net dedicated themselves to the switching from votes to the infiltration of the choice procedure and Umwertung the lost Stimmpotenziale obtain (see to [Tactical the Voting in Great Britain](#)).

Voice trade in Germany?

In view of these developments the question now probably arises, how the in this country chances of success stand for a Vote Swapping . First above all the time frame speaks it long too late against collective selecting by digital voice exchange around the trade with votes about Peer ton Peer offers still to establish to be able, is. The examples from the USA and Great Britain have shown that about one period of six to eight weeks is necessary, in order to obtain at all measurable effects.

Another, by far important cause of impediment is naturally the more complex German choice system, which sets on a mixture of majority and elections on the basis of proportional representation right. Tauschfaehig in this country would be only the Erststimmen for the majority choice of the direct candidates in the constituency, those after the elections on the basis of proportional representation right secondary voice which can be assigned are transferable not in the sense of the anglo American Vote Swappings . This applies naturally only to the Melange from relationship and majority choice, used with the election to the Bundestag, with choice procedures as for instance for the multi-level step-by-step selections around mayor posts would be quite practicable such a voice switching.

An example

With something fantasy however nevertheless an application field for a voice exchange would be conceivable to the election to the Bundestag, although the special constellation the voters became substantial flexibility and much confidence up-necessary. A conceivable starting point would be the three direct mandates, which the Party of Democratic Socialism in the case of missing the five-per cent hurdle would have to achieve, in order to draw nevertheless into the Bundestag.

With the knowledge of the inflationary arising inquiries and above all the official data of the federal choice line several promising constituencies can be determined, in those the Party of Democratic Socialism direct candidates for exchange voices to hope could lie such constituencies in particular in the east of Berlin, in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania or in Saxonia-Anhalt (see in addition [the computations of the federal choice line](#)).

Success promising would be thereby switchings within the left political spectrum like that could for instance a trailer of the Greens in a constituency its Erststimme of the Party of Democratic Socialism promising for the Party of Democratic Socialism make available. To reconciliation quasi-in equal numbers in response a Party of Democratic Socialism voter in another constituency would have to assign its secondary voice to the Greens and strengthen to so their position opposite the FDP. Something similar applies also in principle to a SPD trailer, if the self-candidate in the questionable constituency does not have a chance on the direct mandate. The examples mentioned show that in addition the different meaning of first and secondary voice finally decides the exchange difficult only the secondary voice on the distribution of the Bundestag mandates, the Erststimme represents only a supplementing and personalisierende component.

For the process of the voice exchange the special achievement of the on-line platforms would on the one hand be the proclamation of appropriate constellations and disputed constituencies, as well as in addition the contact production between interested citizens, who would have to then take over all further arrangements directly. To legal problems and contestations could be met thereby with the reference on the informal Abmachungscharakter for this reason were also the American exchange Websites less than Interventionsplattformen laid out, but rather than politische Kontaktboersen camouflaged.

Choice-artistic abilities

On the basis such considerations it becomes clear that the digital voice exchange requires certain choice-artistic abilities and a high measure of confidence to the tauschpartner. To the USA and Great Britain the few investigations pointed to the Vote Swapping that such a confidence was actually often brought into the exchange act. Beyond that the exchange platforms made above all a contribution for the political education and activation. Participating ones or also only interested citizens refurbished in this way their knowledge of the political system and the choice procedure. As summary of the anglo American experiences it is to be kept firm so far that as risky, however in principle high-rational voter behavior future chances can be quite granted to the Vote Swapping .

Something similar could probably have happened in this country, but the time for it already ran off. The awkward attempts of the voice trade over InterNet auctions will probably end as short, for some also expensive episode. Nevertheless might also with future elections before standing the discussion around the trade with votes via InterNet a Vorgeschmack be on coming entangling in particular in view of the re-classification of the constituencies and the associated, partial substantial shifts of the Waehlerpotenziale. To that extent the profit-oriented trade with voice packages could be also a starting signal for creative considerations whether there are fields of deployment for the digitally obtained voice exchange not nevertheless and so that a legitimate modification of the voice distribution within the personalisierten elections on the basis of proportional representation right is possible.

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Internet-Plattform als Schaufenster für ihre politische Verzweiflungstat. Beinahe ebenso unvermittelt wie die Angebote zum bezahlten Ankreuzen erschienen waren, hatte das Online-Auktionshaus die umstrittenen Artikel wieder vom Netz genommen.

Vorbilder in den USA und GB

Dabei handelten die deutschen Online-Versteigerer in guter Tradition: auch in den USA und Großbritannien waren solche Stimm-Auktionen in den letzten Wochen vor Präsidentschafts- oder Unterhauswahlen an der Tagesordnung. Den Anfang machten vor zwei Jahren die US-Amerikaner. Bei der noch heute denkwürdigen Wahl von George W. Bush ins Weiße Haus hatte es bereits im Sommer 2000 über die Adresse „voteauction.com“ Online-Offerten für Stimmenpakete in Einzelstaaten gegeben – die Aktion entpuppte sich jedoch als effektvolle „Performance“ des österreichischer Netzkünstlers Hans Bernhard aus dem Umfeld der Internet-Aktivistengruppe „eToy“. Ganz offenbar stand dieses Projekt Pate für die Kieler „cashvote“-Aktion.

Etwas mehr als einen Monat vor dem traditionellen Wahltermin im November 2000 hatte dann allerdings der Internet-gestützte Tausch von Wählerstimmen, das so genannte „Vote-Swapping“, seinen Lauf genommen: dabei wurden über verschiedene nicht-kommerzielle Online-Plattformen Wählervoten quer zu den Einzelstaaten vermittelt. Der wichtigste Unterschied zu den schnöden Stimmversteigerungen war das Tauschmedium: gehandelt werden sollten nicht Stimmen gegen Geld, sondern Stimmen gegen Stimmen. Genau diese feine Abweichung machte aus einem offensichtlichen Wahlbetrug eine subtil-subversive Form demokratischer Partizipation (vgl. zum [amerikanischen Vote-Swapping](#)).

Ein zu erwartendes Echo dieser Ereignisse war im vergangenen Jahr in Großbritannien zu beobachten – aufgrund einer ähnlichen Wahlsystematik mit starrem Mehrheitswahlsystem bei einem stabilen Konkurrenzverhältnis zwischen „Labour Party“ und Conservative Party“ mit sporadischem Drittparteivorkommen hatte es hier ähnlich profitable Konstellationen gegeben. Folgerichtig hatten sich auch hier einige „Swapping-Sites“ gebildet, die das überalterte „First-Past-the-Post“-Verfahren kreativ kritisierten: Angebote wie tacticalvoter.net oder votedorset.net widmeten sich der Vermittlung von Wählerstimmen zur Unterwanderung des Wahlverfahrens und der „Umwertung“ verlorener Stimmpotenziale erzielen (vgl. zum „[Tactical Voting](#)“ in Großbritannien).

Stimmenhandel in Deutschland?

Angesichts dieser Entwicklungen stellt sich nun wohl die Frage, wie hierzulande die Erfolgchancen für ein „Vote-Swapping“ stehen. Zunächst spricht vor allem der zeitliche Rahmen gegen das kollektive Wählen per digitalem Stimmentausch – um den Handel mit Wählerstimmen über „Peer-to-Peer“-Angebote noch etablieren zu können, ist es längst zu spät. Die Beispiele aus den USA und Großbritannien haben gezeigt, dass etwa ein Zeitraum von sechs bis acht Wochen nötig ist, um überhaupt messbare Effekte zu erzielen.

Ein anderer, weitaus wichtiger Hinderungsgrund ist selbstverständlich das komplexere deutsche Wahlsystem, das auf eine Mischung von Mehrheits- und Verhältniswahlrecht setzt. „Tauschfähig“ wären hierzulande lediglich die Erststimmen für die Mehrheitswahl der Direktkandidaten im Wahlkreis, die nach dem Verhältniswahlrecht zu vergebende Zweitstimme ist nicht im Sinne des anglo-amerikanischen „Vote-Swappings“ übertragbar. Dies gilt selbstverständlich nur für die bei der Bundestagswahl angewendete Melange aus Verhältnis- und Mehrheitswahl – bei Wahlverfahren wie etwa den mehrstufigen Direktwahlen um Bürgermeisterposten wäre eine solche Stimmenvermittlung durchaus praktikabel.

Ein Beispiel

Mit etwas Phantasie wäre aber doch ein Anwendungsfeld für einen Stimmentausch zur Bundestagswahl denkbar, wenngleich die besondere Konstellation den Wählern erhebliche Flexibilität und viel Vertrauen aufnötigen würde. Ein denkbarer Ansatzpunkt wären nämlich die drei Direktmandate, die die PDS im Falle des Verfehlens der Fünf-Prozent-Hürde erringen müsste, um doch in den Bundestag einzuziehen.

Mit dem Wissen der inflationär auftretenden Umfragen und vor allem den offiziellen Daten der Bundeswahlleitung lassen sich mehrere aussichtsreiche Wahlkreise ermitteln, in denen die PDS-Direktkandidaten auf Tauschstimmen hoffen könnten – solche Wahlkreise liegen insbesondere im Osten Berlins, in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern oder in Sachsen-Anhalt (vgl.

dazu die [Berechnungen der Bundeswahlleitung](#)).

Erfolg versprechend wären dabei Vermittlungen innerhalb des linken politischen Spektrums – so könnte etwa ein Anhänger der Grünen in einem für die PDS aussichtsreichen Wahlkreis seine Erststimme der PDS zur Verfügung stellen. Zum quasi-paritätischen Ausgleich müsste im Gegenzug ein PDS-Wähler in einem anderen Wahlkreis seine Zweitstimme an die Grünen vergeben und so deren Stellung gegenüber der FDP stärken. Ähnliches gilt prinzipiell auch für einen SPD-Anhänger, sofern der Eigenkandidat im fraglichen Wahlkreis nicht selbst eine Chance auf das Direktmandat hat. Die genannten Beispiele zeigen, dass außerdem die unterschiedliche Bedeutung von Erst- und Zweitstimme den Tausch erschwert – schließlich entscheidet lediglich die Zweitstimme über die Verteilung der Bundestagsmandate, die Erststimme stellt nur eine ergänzende und personalisierende Komponente dar. Für den Prozess des Stimmentauschs wäre die besondere Leistung der Online-Plattformen einerseits die Bekanntmachung entsprechender Konstellationen und umstrittener Wahlkreise, sowie außerdem die Kontaktherstellung zwischen interessierten Bürgern, die alle weiteren Absprachen dann direkt übernehmen müssten. Rechtlichen Problemen und Anfechtungen könnte dabei mit dem Verweis auf den informellen „Abmachungscharakter“ begegnet werden – aus diesem Grund waren auch die amerikanischen Tausch-Websites weniger als „Interventionsplattformen“ ausgelegt, sondern eher als „politische Kontaktbörsen“ getarnt.

Wahlartistische Fähigkeiten

Anhand solcher Überlegungen wird deutlich, dass der digitale Stimmentausch gewisse wahlartistische Fähigkeiten erfordert – und ein hohes Maß an Vertrauen zum Tauschpartner. In den USA und Großbritannien haben die wenigen Untersuchungen zum „Vote-Swapping“ gezeigt, dass ein solches Vertrauen tatsächlich oft in den Tauschakt eingebracht wurde. Darüber hinaus haben die Tauschplattformen vor allem einen Beitrag zur politischen Bildung und Aktivierung geleistet. Teilnehmende oder auch nur interessierte Bürger frischten auf diese Weise ihre Kenntnis des politischen Systems und des Wahlverfahrens auf. Als Resümee der anglo-amerikanischen Erfahrungen ist bislang fest zu halten, dass dem „Vote-Swapping“ als zwar risikoreichem, prinzipiell aber hoch-rationalem Wählerverhalten durchaus Zukunftschancen eingeräumt werden können.

Ähnliches hätte wohl auch hierzulande geschehen können, doch ist die Zeit dafür bereits abgelaufen. Die plumpen Versuche des Stimmenhandels über Internet-Auktionen werden vermutlich als kurze, für manchen auch teure Episode enden. Dennoch dürfte die auch bei zukünftigen Wahlen bevor stehende Diskussion um den Handel mit Wählerstimmen via Internet ein Vorgeschmack sein auf kommende Verwicklungen – insbesondere angesichts der Neueinteilung der Wahlkreise und der damit verbundenen, teilweise massiven Verschiebungen der Wählerpotenziale. Insofern könnte der profitorientierte Handel mit Stimmenpaketen auch ein Startsignal für kreative Überlegungen sein, ob es nicht doch Einsatzfelder für den digital vermittelten Stimmentausch gibt und damit eine legitime Modifikation der Stimmenverteilung innerhalb des personalisierten Verhältniswahlrechts möglich ist.

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Imagine putting your holiday photos to your own sound track and being able to view it wherever you want, well this is now possible to do, and with the 60GB version you can hold up to 25,000 photos. Of course, if you want to mix these up with music the storage would be shared but still with the longer lasting battery in the new generation of iPod you can get up to 5 hours of slideshow or 15 hours of music according to Apple.

All this is possible to use with your Apple Mac or PC using Autosync to make the synchronization of your music and pictures automatic. Visitors to <http://www.auctions-andmore.com/articles2/3> are informed of many of the features of the latest iPods and the best deals around for purchasing these items. From their website you can access hundreds of online deals for the whole range of iPod products.

The latest iPods are set to rock the market once again with their latest visual addition. The only question is....where will all this convergence end up? Soon these multi function devices may move into the area of telecommunications with the prospect of watching digital TV or videos. Perhaps our mobile phone will become our MP3, video and still camera with 5 mega-pixel definition. Who knows? But for the time being Apple have once again moved ahead in the hard-drive, hand-held multi-media gadget race.

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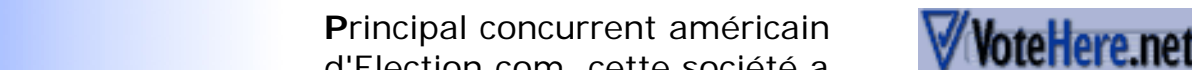
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1 INTRODUCTION

The global medium of the Internet offers global challenges. “While some of the conflicts now arising in cyberspace bear a familiar aspect, such as those arising in the course of electronic commerce, and require little more than mere technical adjustment of rules or methods applicable in analogous real-world situations, a growing number of conflicts involve clashing fundamental public values in the international arena.”¹ This is particularly true for Internet content regulation.

In respect of the Internet activities there are multiple overlapping conflicting jurisdictions² and the discussion is heated on how far the state can go in exercising its authority over authors of online material. On the one hand, it is asserted that “under the objective territorial principle, a court cannot assert extraterritorial jurisdiction over a foreign national simply on the basis that the foreign national's website contains images or data that violate the forum state's laws and that are accessible to users within the forum state;”³ on the other hand it has already happened, supported by the arguments that “it seems clear that customary international law, . . . permits a nation to apply its law to extraterritorial behavior with substantial local effects.”⁴

* *Forthcoming: Connecticut Journal of International Law, Volume 20 (Fall 2004)*

¹ Horatia Muir Watt, *Yahoo! Cyber-Collision of Cultures: Who Regulates?*, 24 MICH. J. INT'L L. 673, 674 (2003).

² Ray August, *International Cyber-Jurisdiction: A Comparative Analysis*, 39 AM. BUS. L.J. 531, 543 (2002).

³ Walter C. Dauterman, Jr, *Internet Regulation: Foreign Actors and Local Harms – at the Crossroads of Pornography, Hate Speech, and Freedom of Expression*, 28 N.C. J. INT'L L. & COM. REG. 177, 201 (2002).

⁴ Jack L. Goldsmith, *Against Cyberanarchy*, 65 U. CHI. L. REV. 1199, 1208 (1998).

Interestingly, exactly Western states provided first examples on subjecting to their laws users from foreign jurisdictions. The first case was initiated by Germany that prosecuted Toben, an Australian national, on his short trip to Germany for Holocaust denial online.⁵ The example was followed by France,⁶ Italy,⁷ Canada⁸ and Australia that went even further and delivered defamation judgment when the respondent was not even present in the country except on the Internet.⁹ At the same time this approach was not unquestionably followed everywhere. For example, in the online defamation controversy similar to the Australian one, the US court refused to hear the case for lack of jurisdiction.¹⁰

As Cassese noticed, “international law is a realistic legal system. It takes account of existing power relationships and endeavors to translate them into legal rules.”¹¹ No doubt, the argument of Goldsmith that “there is nothing extraordinary or illegitimate about unilateral regulation of transnational activity that affects activity and regulation in other countries”¹² is absolutely true but another question is whether the Internet jurisdiction should develop to sustain the pervasive version of it, especially in speech-related controversies.

This article examines the cases that appeared on the international arena in the area of Internet content regulation paying attention to the current legal debate and to emerging rules, and offers suggestion on the possible limits of extraterritorial jurisdiction in Internet content cases – it demonstrates the necessity for the states to accept the role of the Internet as a borderless medium and to keep their judicial activities within reasonable limits. The article argues for limitation of the effects principle when applied to Internet content controversies and claims that wide application of the territorial and active nationality principles of jurisdiction provides adequate and sufficient means to deal with objectionable Internet content. The discussion is not deliberately limited to particular

⁵ See *infra* Part 2.3.1.

⁶ See *infra* Part 2.3.2.

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⁹ See *infra* Part 2.3.3.

¹⁰ *Young v. New Haven Advocate*, 315 F.3d 256 (4th Cir. 2002).

¹¹ ANTONIO CASSESE, *INTERNATIONAL LAW* 12 (2001).

¹² Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1240.

states but the US and Germany are in the focus of the comparative analysis as representatives of two different legal systems.

2 APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES

“International law sets little or no limit on the jurisdiction which a peculiar state may arrogate to itself;”¹³ however, several established principles are more or less recognized by all. The Internet, the borderless medium, challenges traditional views and calls for the necessity to revisit and reinterpret the doctrines, first of all because of the geographically unlimited effects of Internet activities. No doubt, “a similar phenomenon occurs in many domestic and international conflicts contexts”¹⁴ but one can hardly disagree that the Internet raised it to the qualitatively new level.

In spite of many claims at the beginning of the Internet wide usage that cyberspace avoids traditional regulation methods,¹⁵ many states were reluctant to make “an exception of the Internet” in their control of domestic activities as well as of foreign activities with local effects. Disregarding practical complications, the states persistently asserted jurisdiction in Internet-related disputes extending traditional principles of jurisdiction and modifying legal theory to meet to the emerging cyber-environment. Some Internet controversies fit perfectly to the traditional principles; for example, states' rights to exercise jurisdiction over their nationals wherever they are is a long established nationality principle for exercising jurisdiction over the person; similarly, the situation when material was put online on the server in the state's territory fits nicely in the traditional territorial principle. However, several particular problems remain; the most outrageous among them is the extension of the effects principle to assert jurisdiction over a foreign national for the material placed on the server abroad but as the Internet makes unavoidable accessible for local users. As a result, a mere webpage may be enough to be subjected to jurisdiction of every state.

¹³ J. G. STARKE, STARKE'S INTERNATIONAL LAW 183-84 (11th ed., 1994).

¹⁴ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1211.

¹⁵ For more detailed description of the early debate *see*, generally Goldsmith, *supra* note 4.

2.1 Territorial Principle

The territorial principle of jurisdiction “originally derived from an assumption about the absoluteness of boundaries and sovereign power within them.”¹⁶ The state territory was a natural limitation to the state authority to prescribe law, providing opportunity to define addressees of the norms and to ensure foreseeability of legal order.¹⁷ Under the territorial principle a state has jurisdiction over property, persons, acts, events within its territory.¹⁸ This principle produces little controversy for no one questions the power of the state to prescribe laws to the conduct in its territory.¹⁹ At the beginning there were several attempts to reduce application of the territorial principle to cyber-activities but they were quickly rejected by courts. For example, the British court easily asserted jurisdiction over a UK citizen who tried to argue that the pornographic content placed on the US server “was outside British jurisdiction.”²⁰ All over the world the early arguments that activity occurs in “cyberspace,” which is different from physical space and thereby avoids regulatory claims did not succeed.

The issue of jurisdiction under the territorial principle is double-sided. On the one hand, it seems that it does not give much power to the state for control of Internet activity, most of which occurs transnationally with participation of foreign actors without any tangible contact with a given forum. On the other hand, the territorial principle should not be underestimated. First, it confers jurisdiction over residents of the state, both individual users and corporations, the latter ranging from online businesses to ISPs that may be held liable for hosting of or for providing access to objectionable material. Further, financial intermediaries (such as credit card companies, etc.) can also be obliged

¹⁶ *Achieving Legal and Business Order in Cyberspace: A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues Created by the Internet*, 55 BUS. LAW. 1801, 1824 (2000) [hereinafter *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*].

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¹⁹ The sub-set of the territorial principle that covers harmful effects produced on the territory on the state (the effects principle) is examined separately in Part 2.3.

²⁰ Chris Nuttall, *Police hail Net porn ruling*, BBC NEWS, July 1, 1999, available at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/382152.stm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

to act in accordance with local policies abstaining from facilitating infringement on them.²¹ Second, namespace provides a tool for regulation.²² Although theoretical grounds for this conclusion were not extensively addressed in legal discussion, the authority of a country to administer its own Country-Code Top-Level-Domain space (ccTLD) may fall under the territorial principle of jurisdiction. Even ICANN, the main body on Internet names management does not have a big say in how a state should manage its ccTLD.²³ “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.”²⁴ Registrars of domain names can cancel them following the court order or informal request extending territorial jurisdiction as was done, for example, in respect of the sites `vote-auction.com` and `voteauction.com` – the registering US company cancelled the name as a co-defendant of a lawsuit, the Swiss registrar did the same after informal request.²⁵ Quite logically, registrars of ccTLD have to comply with the official country policy in most cases; for example, the manager of the German ccTLD “de.” would not register domain name `www.heil-hitler.de` or the like.²⁶

2.2 Nationality Principle

Nationality (or personality) principle allows the state to exercise jurisdiction irrespective of the territory where the act was committed because of the nationality of the actor (active nationality principle) or because of the nationality of the victim (passive nationality principle).²⁷

²¹ See, e.g., Jack Goldsmith, *Unilateral Regulation of the Internet: A Modest Defence* 11 EJIL 135, 137 (2000).

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²⁵ *Id.* at 1241.

²⁶ RAINER FROMM, RECHTSEXTREMISMUS IM INTERNET: DIE NEUE GEFAHR [RIGHT-EXTREMISM ON THE INTERNET: THE NEW DANGER] 22 (2001).

²⁷ See, e.g., STARKE, *supra* note 13, at 210-11; Antonia Z. Cowan, *The Global Gaming Village: Interstate and Transnational Gambling*, 7 GAMING L. REV. 251, 262 (2003).

2.2.1 Active

Active nationality principle is recognized in many legal systems. For example, according to the US Restatement of Foreign Relations a state has jurisdiction to prescribe the activities, interests, status, or relations of its nationals outside as well as within its territory;²⁸ German criminal law prescribes liability for a limited number of acts committed abroad if the offender is a German national (such as trade in human organs,²⁹ sex tourism,³⁰ and some others).³¹

The ambition of states to have full control over its nationals is not surprising; indeed, as Shapiro commented, “many governments will be reticent about letting their citizens go online if they believe that they have no jurisdiction over what their citizens do there.”³² Nevertheless, active nationality principle is not a generally applicable rule but rather depends on the type of activity. For example, by engaging in child sex tourism a person may be liable upon return under the laws of home country,³³ in gambling usually not.³⁴ Both approaches deserve consideration.

On the one hand, proposal to make citizens liable for their Internet activities wherever they are³⁵ would solve many problems. It would help Europeans in combating hate speech³⁶ without intrusion into expression preferences of others (considering that many of the US-based white supremacist sites are managed by German neo-Nazis); it would exclude forum-shopping³⁷ and lessen spillover effects of prosecution into other jurisdictions.³⁸ “At least one country, Australia, has made Internet casino gambling legal for everyone except its own citizens.”³⁹ This approach equals the Internet to a new independent space, like the Moon or the Antarctic region where exercise of jurisdiction is

²⁸ See Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (2).

²⁹ § 5 (15) StGB.

³⁰ § 5 (8) b StGB.

³¹ See, generally, § 5 StGB.

³² Andrew L. Shapiro, *The Disappearance of Cyberspace and the Rise of Code*, 8 SETON HALL CONST. L.J. 703, 715 (1998).

³³ § 5 (8) b StGB.

³⁴ See, e.g., Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 256.

³⁵ See, e.g., BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 222 .

³⁶ See, e.g., *id.* at 233.

³⁷ See, e.g., *id.* at 234.

³⁸ See, e.g., *id.* at 240.

³⁹ Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 267.

based on the active nationality principle.⁴⁰ On the other hand, there is an argument for restrained application of the active nationality principle – a person can integrate into foreign legal system without fearing prosecution of his motherland.⁴¹

Anyway, even if the active nationality principle is somewhat problematic it is less problematic than extending jurisdiction to everyone. Application of the active nationality principle to Internet-related controversies is furthermore convenient because whatever the preference of a particular state is, whether for broad or restricted interpretation of this principle, all approaches can coexist since the actor is supposed to be familiar with the laws of his or her home country and at the same time it does not produce spillover effects on other actors.

2.2.2 Passive

The passive nationality principle is applied quite rarely, often on a condition that the act is criminalized both in the prosecuting state and in the state where the offense was committed.⁴² Besides, it is hardly applicable to Internet communication and so far there have been no cases where it would be applied to extraterritorial Internet content controversies.⁴³ In case when a victim of the Internet communication is a real person – defamation, for example, – the courts tend to determine jurisdiction according to the effects principle discussed in the next Part.

2.3 *Effects principle*

The effects principle allows the state to exercise jurisdiction if the conduct has a substantial effect within the state's territory.⁴⁴ Although it was derived from the territorial

⁴⁰ See the Moon Treaty opened for signature at New York on 18 December 1979, art.12, available at http://www.greaterearth.org/laws/moon_try.htm (last visited April 26, 2004); the Antarctic Treaty art.VIII, available at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/antrtry.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004). See also BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 234.

⁴¹ See, e.g., BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 223.

⁴² For Germany see, § 7 (1) StGB; for French discussion see Estelle De Marco, *Le Droit Pénal Applicable sur Internet [Criminal Law Applicable on the Internet]* § 58-59 (1998), at <http://www.juriscom.net/uni/mem/06/crim01.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁴³ To the best of knowledge of the author.

⁴⁴ See, e.g., Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (1) c; § 9 (1) StGB.

principle and is often regarded as its subset,⁴⁵ the meaning of the effects principle is crucial and independent, particularly for the borderless communication enabled by the Internet. On the international level the principle was recognized by the Permanent Court of Justice in S.S. Lotus case;⁴⁶ on the national level it is also widely accepted and most jurisdictions consider their laws applicable to extraterritorial Internet content cases on its basis.⁴⁷

The main question is how far the state would go in interpreting the effects principle. The US offers “reasonableness” requirement as a yardstick for applicability of national law to extraterritorial activities.⁴⁸ German scholars sometimes mention “reasonable link” when constructing the “harmful effect” clause⁴⁹ for application of the German law to the acts committed abroad.⁵⁰ In practice, in several cases involving objectionable Internet content the courts tend to apply the effects principle broadly, easily subjecting Internet content publishers to their jurisdiction.

2.3.1 Germany

Germany was among the first to deal with the Internet content illegal under its laws but perfectly legal abroad where it was hosted and made accessible via the Internet. In 1998 it prosecuted and sentenced Felix Somm, the manager of a subsidiary of the American company CompuServe, for distribution of online pornography in its newsgroups.⁵¹ In 1999, however, the case was reversed on the appeal on the grounds that the manager was totally subordinated to the mother company and could not technically restrict access to the illegal content.⁵² The case got much attention and caused

⁴⁵ See, e.g., Julie L. Henn, *Targeting Transnational Internet Content Regulation*, 21 B.U. INT'L L.J. 157, 161 (2003).

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 132.

⁴⁸ See Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 403 (1).

⁴⁹ § 9 StGB.

⁵⁰ See, e.g., Ulrich Sieber, *Internationales Strafrecht im Internet [International Criminal Law on the Internet]*, NJW 1999, 2065, 2068.

⁵¹ AG München, Urteil vom 28.5.1998 “CompuServe” [München District Court, decision of May 28, 1998], available at http://www.netlaw.de/urteile/lgm_12.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁵² LG München, Entscheidung vom 17.11.1999, NJW 2000, 1051 [München Land Court, decision of Nov. 11, 1999].

CompuServe to alter its content policy to some extent⁵³ but it was not particular surprising in respect of jurisdiction. Quite naturally that Germany asserted jurisdiction over its national for actions that were presumably committed on its territory (even if content was on the servers of the mother company) apart from any harmful effects. Much more controversial was the Toben case,⁵⁴ which got somewhat less publicity in the US, probably due to involvement of non-US actors only.

On the trip to Germany Frederick Toben, an Australian citizen, was prosecuted and sentenced for Holocaust denial on the Internet – he was the author of various revisionist articles placed on the site of Adelaide Institute located on the Australian server. The case passed several judicial instances and ended up in the German Federal Court of Justice that upheld the conviction and elaborated most thoroughly on the effects principle as applied in the case. The Court started by determining that the content of the website passed exactly to what was covered by section 130 of the German Penal Code – ranging from clearly untrue statements of facts (Toben claimed that not more than 800 thousand Jews died in the Holocaust) to seditious and insulting statements capable to wake negative feelings to Jews in general and to German Jews in particular (such as assertions that Jews were using the Holocaust to enslave Germans in the feeling of guilt, etc.).⁵⁵ Because of the dissemination opportunities of the Internet this illegal content was easily accessible in Germany.⁵⁶ Interesting, one of the elements of the offense prescribed by section 130 is the actual ability of the communication to disturb public peace⁵⁷ and the court took pains to find it in the case. It examined the legislative intent of the norm, which was to avoid contamination of the political climate by belittlement of Nazi crimes;⁵⁸ it explained that the reasonable fear that the communication would disturb public trust in common security would be sufficient to fulfill the requirement;⁵⁹ it established that the addressees of the revisionist articles were Germans (notwithstanding

⁵³ For example, newsgroups containing child pornography were removed in the result of publicity, *see id.* “Tatbestand” [Facts].

⁵⁴ BGH 46, 212, Urteil vom 12.12.2000 [Decision of the Federal Court of Justice of Dec. 12, 2000] [hereinafter Toben case].

⁵⁵ *Id.* part D. I. 1.

⁵⁶ *Id.* part D. I. 2 & part D. I. 6 (a).

⁵⁷ *Id.* part D. I. 5.

⁵⁸ *Id.* part D. II. 3 (a).

⁵⁹ *Id.* part D. I. 5 (d).

the fact that the articles were in English);⁶⁰ and, finally, it concluded that the harmful effect was present and it was legitimate to assert jurisdiction under sections 3 and 9 of the German Penal Code⁶¹ (combination of the territorial and effects principles).

The German legal theory distinguishes the so called “abstract danger offences” that can happen on the Internet without obvious effect on the territory – such as dissemination of pornography, racist materials, extreme violence, etc.⁶² Scholars are divided on the proper interpretation. Some stand for the “restrictive theory” – since such offences do not have a specific location where effect took place, jurisdiction should be restricted to the actual place of action of offender; others support “extensive theory” – effect should be considered to happen everywhere where the abstract danger could realize;⁶³ there are also suggestions to seek for the objective link; to examine the final interest of the actor; and to introduce the push-pull test similar to the US targeting requirement.⁶⁴ The Toben Court was most close to the extensive theory, although it classified section 130 as “the abstract-concrete danger offence” because of the requirement of actual ability for disturbance of peace;⁶⁵ the Court even mentioned that theoretically it was possible to argue that the Holocaust denying statement did not have this ability⁶⁶ but provided no hint as to what kind of argument that could be. Thus, there is no clear guidance, except that the author of a website illegal under German laws will be prosecuted if he or she appears within Germany’s reach.

2.3.2 France

Article 113-2 of the French Criminal Code makes French criminal law applicable to all offenses that are committed within its territory, hereby it is not necessary that the offence is committed exclusively on the French territory, it is enough that one of its constituting elements is present.⁶⁷ This provision subjects the majority of Internet

⁶⁰ *Id.* part D. I. 6 (c).

⁶¹ *Id.* part D. II.

⁶² *See, e.g.,* Sieber, *supra* note 50, at 2066-67.

⁶³ *Id.*

⁶⁴ *Id.* at 2068.

⁶⁵ *See* Toben case, *supra* note 54, part D. II. 3.

⁶⁶ *Id.* part D. I. 5 (b).

⁶⁷ *See* De Marco, *supra* note 42, § 40.

activities to French jurisdiction. The most notorious illustration of this principle is the Yahoo! case.⁶⁸ The case ended up in the Californian court that refused to enforce the French order on the First Amendment grounds, yet a brief overview of the reasons the French court used in exercising jurisdiction over Yahoo! is meaningful for the present analysis.

In the first instance the justification for exercising jurisdiction was quick and not at all problematic for the French court – it dedicated one paragraph to criminalization of the sale of Nazi memorabilia objects and another short paragraph to the conclusion that the harm was present on the French territory since French users could easily view the auction site.⁶⁹ On the appeal the court elaborated a little more thoroughly. It acknowledged that the Yahoo site “is in general directed principally at surfers based in the United States having regard notably to the items posted for sale, the methods of payment envisaged, the terms of delivery, the language and the currency used;” nevertheless, it refused to develop the argument further, stating that “the auctioning of objects representing symbols of Nazi ideology... may be of interest to any person”⁷⁰ and “the simple act of displaying such objects in France constitutes a violation of Article R645-1 of the Penal Code and therefore a threat to internal public order.”⁷¹ For the court it was a sufficient basis to assert jurisdiction over the case and to rule on the matter.

Interestingly, it was pointed out in the proceedings to the possible enforcement problems. The court refused to consider seriously this argument – “any possible difficulties in executing our decision in the territory of the United States,... cannot by

⁶⁸ Yahoo!, Inc. v. La Ligue Contre Le Racisme et L'Antisemitisme, 169 F.Supp.2d 1181 (N.D.Cal. 2001).

⁶⁹ See Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 22 mai 2000, Association “Union des Etudiants Juifs de France”, la “Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme” / Yahoo! Inc. et Yahoo France [The County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, May 22, 2000, Association “The French Union of Jewish Students”, the “League Against Racism and Antisemitism” v. Yahoo and Yahoo France], available at http://www.legalis.net/cgi-iddn/french/affiche-jnet.cgi?droite=internet_responsabilite.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁷⁰ See Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 20 novembre 2000, Association “Union des Etudiants Juifs de France”, la “Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme” / Yahoo! Inc. et Yahoo France [The County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, Nov. 20, 2000, Association “The French Union of Jewish Students”, the “League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism” v. Yahoo and Yahoo France], the English translation available at <http://www.cdt.org/speech/international/001120yahoofrance.pdf> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁷¹ *Id.*

themselves justify a plea of incompetence.”⁷² What are the practical consequences of such a judgment is examined later in Part 3.1 of the article.

2.3.3 Australia

In the presumably first Internet defamation with a foreign defendant that was not present in the country except on the Internet the High Court of Australia dealt thoroughly with jurisdiction concerns.⁷³ The case involved defamatory statements with regard to Joseph Gutnick, an Australian resident, that appeared on the Internet site of the US-based magazine *Baron's Online*.⁷⁴ The Australian court asserted the jurisdiction under the effects principle – “activities that have effects beyond the jurisdiction in which they are done may properly be the concern of the legal systems in each place.”⁷⁵

More particularly, in determining jurisdiction the court looked at two issues. First, it examined what was the place of publication of the statements of which Mr. Gutnick complained.⁷⁶ For the analysis the court distinguished between two meanings of “publishing” – “the (publisher's) act of publication and the fact of publication (to a third party)”⁷⁷ and asked, “[i]f the place in which the publisher acts and the place in which the publication is presented in comprehensible form are in two different jurisdictions, where is the tort of defamation committed?”⁷⁸ The conclusion was that since any material placed on the Internet “is not available in comprehensible form until downloaded on to the computer of [the end user, i]t is where that person downloads the material that the damage to reputation may be done.”⁷⁹ Consequently, the tort of defamation may be considered committed in Australia. The second issue the court dealt with was whether it was necessary to create the exception of the Internet.⁸⁰ The court answered in the negative, noticing that “[w]hilst the Internet does indeed present many novel

⁷² *Id.*

⁷³ *Dow Jones & Company Inc v. Gutnick* [2002] HCA 56.

⁷⁴ *Id.*

⁷⁵ *Id.* § 24.

⁷⁶ *Id.* § 9.

⁷⁷ *Id.* § 11.

⁷⁸ *Id.* § 28.

⁷⁹ *Id.* § 44.

⁸⁰ *Id.* § 123-38.

technological features, it also shares many characteristics with earlier technologies that have rapidly expanded the speed and quantity of information distribution throughout the world... Generally speaking, it is undesirable to express a rule of the common law in terms of a particular technology.”⁸¹

Like the French colleagues, the Australian court remained unimpressed by the enforcement argument of the appellant that the difficulty or impossibility of enforcement the judgment in another jurisdiction “may amount to a practical reason for providing relief to the objecting foreign party on one or more of the grounds of objection raised in this case.”⁸²

2.3.4 Canada

Most recently the Ontario Superior Court of Justice followed the similar logic in *Bangoura v. Washington Post*⁸³ explicitly mentioning the Australian decision.⁸⁴ The court asserted jurisdiction over the US defendant Washington Post with no assets in Canada but with articles published on the Internet. The court started carefully, mentioning that “the mere fact that communication to a third party occurs in a particular jurisdiction does not as such make that jurisdiction the place of tort... There must be a substantial connection between the tort and the jurisdiction as well.”⁸⁵ But at the end the court had no difficulty in finding the connection – the plaintiff resided in Canada for two years even though he was not present at time of publication and the impact on his reputation would be in Canada;⁸⁶ besides, according to the court, there was no unfairness to the US defendant since “the Post is a newspaper with an international profile”⁸⁷ and it “should have reasonably foreseen that the story would follow the plaintiff wherever he resided.”⁸⁸

⁸¹ *Id.* § 125.

⁸² *Id.* § 121.

⁸³ Decision of Jan. 27, 2004, available at <http://www.scrawford.net/courses/Bangoura%20v.%20Washington%20Post.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁸⁴ *Id.* § 19 (8).

⁸⁵ *Id.* § 15.

⁸⁶ *Id.* § 18.

⁸⁷ *Id.* § 19 (3).

⁸⁸ *Id.* § 19 (2).

Thus, the Canadian court in its turn established a precedent that “[t]he dissemination of defamatory statements over the Internet can give jurisdiction to the court where damage is sustained by the plaintiff no matter where publication has taken place.”⁸⁹ *Inter alia*, the court produced one remarkable statement, “publishers are not obliged to publish on the Internet. If the potential reach is uncontrollable then the greater the need to exercise care in publication”⁹⁰ – surprisingly speech-chilling argument.

As in the extraterritorial cases described above, the enforcement argument was rejected, “the Washington Post defendants' home jurisdiction's unwillingness to enforce such an order is not determinative of whether the court should assume jurisdiction... It is for the plaintiffs to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of commencing an action in Ontario knowing that it may not be enforced.”⁹¹

2.3.5 Italy

One more country that employed the effects principle for asserting jurisdiction in the Internet content case was Italy. The Italian case originated because of online publications injurious to reputation and privacy of Dulberg Moshe and his two daughters, presumably posted online in Israel by Moshe’s ex-wife and her husband.⁹² The court of the first instance did not assert jurisdiction over the case because the statements under discussion were published abroad, i.e. the offence was committed outside the national territory.⁹³ The Court of Cassation disagreed and remanded the case for further consideration in accordance with its guidelines.⁹⁴

Like the Australian court, the Italian Court of Cassation makes a distinction between the act of the sender publishing defamatory statements online and the perception of these statements by a third party.⁹⁵ Further, mere availability of the injurious statements on the Internet is not sufficient, actual perception of them by a third person is

⁸⁹ *Id.* § 16.

⁹⁰ *Id.* § 19 (8) d.

⁹¹ *Id.* § 20.

⁹² Moshe D., Italy. Cass., closed session, Nov. 17–Dec. 27, 2000, Judgment No. 4741, *available at* <http://www.cdt.org/speech/international/001227italiandecision.pdf> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁹³ *Id.*

⁹⁴ *Id.*

⁹⁵ *Id.*

required.⁹⁶ Hypothetically it is possible to argue that the offence is not committed even if the material is online if, for example, nobody visits the web-site.⁹⁷ This is of course a very hard thing to argue and in practice it does not narrow the final conclusion of the court. Once “‘perception’ of the injurious contents of the messages took place in Italy, the offence must be deemed to have been perpetrated on the national territory”⁹⁸ and the Italian state is entitled to jurisdiction.⁹⁹

2.3.6 Findings

Currently the effects principle as applied in asserting jurisdiction in Internet content controversies is employed most broadly, capable to justify almost anything. It knows no limits and it offers no support for legal certainty or foreseeability of online communication activities. If the Internet content falls within concerns of a particular country, its accessibility alone provides a sufficient link for jurisdiction according to the interpretation of the effects principle of many national courts.

2.4 USA: Targeting-Based Analysis

The targeting-based analysis is not a completely new doctrine, it was already applied in defamation cases in printed media both in the US¹⁰⁰ and Europe.¹⁰¹ In the Internet settings, however, the United States alone favors its application. The Restatement of Foreign Relations provides that the jurisdiction in extraterritorial disputes must be reasonable.¹⁰² The comprehensive description of the factors to determine reasonableness offered by the Restatement is neither exhaustive nor mandatory,¹⁰³ and the targeting-

⁹⁶ *Id.*

⁹⁷ *Id.*

⁹⁸ *Id.*

⁹⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰⁰ *See, e.g., Keeton v. Hustler* 465 US 770 (1984). For more examples on jurisdiction in pre-Internet media *see, e.g., Denis T. Rice & Julia Gladstone, An Assessment of the Effects Test in Determining Personal Jurisdiction in Cyberspace*, 58 BUS. LAW. 601, 615-16 (2003).

¹⁰¹ *E.g.,* in a libel case *Shevill v. Presse Alliance SA* 1995 ECJ CELEX LEXIS 9163, § 33, the European Court of Justice held that the plaintiff can sue where the publication is knowingly distributed.

¹⁰² Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 403.

¹⁰³ *Id.* comments a & b.

based analysis accepted in interstate disputes by many US courts following *Zippo*¹⁰⁴ is likely to be applied in international disputes as well.¹⁰⁵

The *Zippo* court reflected on jurisdiction issue in an interstate trademark dispute. Most importantly, it stated that a “passive Web site that does little more than make information available to those who are interested in it is not grounds for the exercise personal jurisdiction,”¹⁰⁶ and distinguished two other categories – when there is “the knowing and repeated transmission of computer files over the Internet, personal jurisdiction is proper;”¹⁰⁷ in the middle “a user can exchange information with the host computer [and] the exercise of jurisdiction is determined by examining the level of interactivity and commercial nature of the exchange of information”¹⁰⁸ – also called the “sliding scale” analysis.¹⁰⁹

The test was developed further in numerous US interstate cases.¹¹⁰ For example, in *Young v. New Haven Advocate* the Virginian court did not assert jurisdiction over Connecticut newspapers in respect of online articles defaming a Virginian prison warden;¹¹¹ in *Neogen Corp. v. Neo Gen Screening, Inc.* the court concluded that the granting of passwords to and collecting personal information of Michigan users was sufficient proof of purposeful availment of the privilege of conducting activities within the forum and asserted jurisdiction over the Pennsylvania corporation.¹¹² Not all cases are consistent and there are some additional problems in international respect. For example, the Canadian Internet broadcaster iCraveTV had sought to limit its distribution to Canadians by conditioning access on passing through three stages of verifications and clickwrap agreements; nevertheless it was dragged into the US court.¹¹³ Besides, there are

¹⁰⁴ *Zippo Mfg. Co. v. Zippo Dot Com, Inc.*, 952 F.Supp. 1119 (W.D.Pa. 1997).

¹⁰⁵ See e.g. Henn, *supra* note 45, at 192.

¹⁰⁶ *Zippo*, 952 F.Supp. at 1124.

¹⁰⁷ *Id.*

¹⁰⁸ *Id.*

¹⁰⁹ *Id.*

¹¹⁰ For more examples see, e.g., Beverley Earle & Gerald A. Madek, *International Cyberspace: From Borderless to Balkanized*, 31 GA. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 225 (2003).

¹¹¹ 315 F.3d 256 (4th Cir. 2002).

¹¹² 282 F.3d 883, 890-91 (2002).

¹¹³ *Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. v. iCraveTV*, 2000 U.S. Dist Lexis 11670 (W.D. Pa. 2000). See also Michael Geist, *Is There a There There? Toward Greater Certainty for Internet Jurisdiction*, 16 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 1345,1351-52 (2001).

many examples of the US prosecuting foreign actors for computer crimes.¹¹⁴ Certainly, copyright or computer system security issues are different from content-related controversies but they are not completely irrelevant. At the moment there is not a big probability of an international Internet content dispute originated in the US due to the strong First Amendment protection but the possibility is not unimaginable – for example, in respect of child pornography or obscenity if the COPA or its successor passes the Supreme Court.

2.4.1 Discussion

Is the targeting-based analysis an adequate approach for determining jurisdiction in Internet content controversies? For some authors, “targeting is a key ingredient in the effects test.”¹¹⁵ Indeed, many would readily agree that “if an Internet content provider has taken some action to target citizens of a particular country, that country may assert jurisdiction for the content placed on that website.”¹¹⁶ Targeting is relatively easy to detect when commercial activity takes place but when a passive website merely provides information on objectionable subjects the targeting of a particular jurisdiction is far from obvious. What objectively perceivable factors can be distinguished for the targeting analysis of mere expression?

Interactivity or “the willingness to deal with persons in the forum state”¹¹⁷ could be appropriate for the analysis of commercial transactions but it is hardly applicable to a static website. Another proposal is to regard the use of a foreign language as “a primary test for a non-interactive web site... that would indicate a desire for citizens of a foreign jurisdiction to read the web page.”¹¹⁸ This one is certainly more suitable for

¹¹⁴ See, e.g., U.S. Department of Justice, *Russian Man Sentenced for Hacking into Computers in the United States*, Press Release, July 25, 2003, at <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/ivanovSent.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004) [hereinafter U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2003]; U.S. Department of Justice, *Russian Computer Hacker Sentenced to Three Years in Prison*, Press Release, Oct. 4, 2002, at <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/gorshkovSent.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004) [hereinafter U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2002].

¹¹⁵ Rice & Gladstone, *supra* note 100, at 649.

¹¹⁶ Henn, *supra* note 45, at 158.

¹¹⁷ A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues, *supra* note 16, at 1828.

¹¹⁸ Henn, *supra* note 45, at 175.

communication analysis but there are several problems as well. First, there are languages officially used in many jurisdictions (English, Spanish, etc.) and it would be problematic to determine, for example, whether an English-language website targets the US, the UK, Australia, or a number of other countries. Second, the globalization process on the Internet is prominent and the use of several languages for a website is not unusual, even without particular targeting intent. Anyway, the language factor would offer at least some restriction of unlimited application of the effects principle.

One more sound proposal is that “a web site that uses software technologies to target advertising toward the specific user should also be considered to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the specific user.”¹¹⁹ Quite logical, targeting advertising helps to derive financial and other benefits from a particular location and thus provides a link to foreign jurisdiction. Notably, there are many otherwise passive websites that have commercial advertising banners on them.

Targeting-based analysis could be a solution to the unlimited application of the effects principle if the courts could agree to accept it in a consistent form. However, currently there is not much prospect of it. European courts refuse to consider the use of foreign language as a factor for restricting jurisdiction (Toben and Yahoo case); for the US courts the problem is on the side of recognition of foreign judgments – Yahoo! used geographic identification technologies to target French citizens with French language banner advertisements but the French decision was not enforced by the US court.¹²⁰ Besides, there are still too many sites that do not expressly target anyone but welcome all interested surfers. Targeting-based analysis would exempt them from the states' control – the result the states cannot assent to.

2.5 *Protective Principle*

According to the protective principle a state can exercise jurisdiction over activities of non-nationals whether these activities occur inside or outside its territory for

¹¹⁹ *Id.*

¹²⁰ *Id.* at 176.

protection of important state interests, usually security or economy of the state.¹²¹ The application of the protective principle is quite limited, for example, in the US it covers conduct “directed against the security of the state or against a limited class of other state interests,”¹²² in Germany the offences that can be prosecuted under protective principle – “conduct directed against internal interests of the state” – are specifically enumerated in the Penal Code.¹²³ In the Toben case, for example, the German Federal Court of Justice mentioned that the international law allowed to assert jurisdiction for protection of important internal interests¹²⁴ but did not really relied on it.

In fact, if the protective principle were to apply broadly, many communication activities on the Internet would fall under jurisdiction of some state of the world. For example, insult of the Federal president is among offences specifically enumerated for application of protective principle in Germany,¹²⁵ bomb-making information on the Internet infringes on the laws and security interests of the United States.¹²⁶

2.6 Universal Jurisdiction

The universal jurisdiction is recognized by international law for protection of international interests only in very limited, even unique occasions, such as piracy, war crimes and some others – “conduct sufficiently heinous to violate the laws of all states.”¹²⁷ The application of the universal jurisdiction to Internet content controversies could arguably be conceivable when the Internet is used, for example, to incite genocide in violation of international law.¹²⁸ The scope of crimes covered by the universal jurisdiction is not strictly determined. The best international codification effort so far is the UNO of Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind;¹²⁹ national laws can expand the scope. Thus, German law justifies universal jurisdiction in several

¹²¹ STARKE, *supra* note 13, at 211.

¹²² Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (3).

¹²³ § 5 (1-5) StGB.

¹²⁴ Toben case, part D. II. 4.

¹²⁵ § 5 (3) StGB.

¹²⁶ *See, e.g.*, 18 U.S.C. § 842.

¹²⁷ STARKE, *supra* note 13, at 212.

¹²⁸ *See, e.g.*, Dauterman, *supra* note 3, at 208.

¹²⁹ Draft Code of Crimes Against the Peace and Security of Mankind, *available at* <http://www.un.org/law/ilc/texts/dcodefra.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

additional cases, including distribution of violent, animal and child pornography¹³⁰ – no doubt applicable to Internet communications as well but not yet tested in real life prosecution of a foreign offender.

3 INTERNET-SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 *Jurisdiction to Enforce*

The power to prescribe the law and adjudicate the dispute does not always correlate with the possibility to enforce the judgment. Among the three layers of jurisdiction - jurisdiction to prescribe, jurisdiction to adjudicate, and jurisdiction to enforce¹³¹ – the weakest layer in respect of Internet controversies that actually limits the power of the state to regulate Internet communication is undoubtedly jurisdiction to enforce. As Goldsmith convincingly argues, “the true scope and power of a nation's regulation is measured by its enforcement jurisdiction, not its prescriptive jurisdiction.”¹³²

“In general a nation can only enforce its laws against: (i) persons with a presence or assets in the nation's territory; (ii) persons over whom the nation can obtain personal jurisdiction and enforce a default judgment against abroad; or (iii) persons whom the nation can successfully extradite.”¹³³ “In the real world, discrepancy between prescription and enforcement traditionally causes various inefficiencies, including evasion of the law,”¹³⁴ in cyberspace the effect is even more extreme. First, in Internet disputes the proportion of persons with a presence or assets in the nation's territory in comparison to all involved is remarkably low so that a state is often not capable to enforce the judgment without external help.¹³⁵ Second, extradition for enforcement is rare, mostly based on

¹³⁰ § 6 (6) StGB.

¹³¹ See, e.g., Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 401.

¹³² As described by Matthew Fagin, *Regulating Speech Across Borders: Technology vs. Values*, 9 MICH. TELECOMM. & TECH. L. REV. 395, 417 (2003).

¹³³ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1216.

¹³⁴ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 690.

¹³⁵ There are areas of criminal law where the US tries to enforce its laws by all means, up to setting up a fake firm to get the criminals on the US sole but it is not likely to happen in speech cases. See U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2002, *supra* note 114. “This prosecution demonstrates the ability and resolve of the Department of Justice to vigorously investigate and pursue cybercriminals who attack

treaties and almost never of a state's own national; besides it is even less likely to occur in speech disputes because of costs and values clashes.¹³⁶ The third point of enforcement of a judgment abroad deserves particular consideration.

3.1.1 Enforcement of Foreign Judgments

There is no general obligation of states to enforce foreign judgments under international law,¹³⁷ although there are several international and regional conventions and treaties addressing the issue.¹³⁸ Usually the judgment will be enforced if a number of prerequisites are present. The most common are that the foreign judgment is rendered under proper jurisdiction;¹³⁹ in compliance with procedural rules of the issuing court that are compatible with general requirements of due process of law;¹⁴⁰ reciprocity is often required.¹⁴¹ There are also differences from country to country; for example, the US would rather enforce a foreign money judgment than a foreign injunction¹⁴² the latter being considered “far more difficult and intrusive upon a national sovereignty”¹⁴³ but for Germany or France the distinction does not matter.¹⁴⁴ On the other hand, American

American computer systems. We are committed to tracking down and prosecuting those individuals wherever they may be”, see U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2003, *supra* note 114.

¹³⁶ For example, on the extradition request of the Thai government in respect of a Thai woman who displayed the Thai national flag on her pornographic website in the UK it was commented, “it is unlikely the British government would not take action over such minor charges”. See Silicon.com, *Porn web woman faces extradition from Britain*, Dec. 08 2003, at <http://www.silicon.com/networks/webwatch/0,39024667,39117237,00.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹³⁷ See, e.g., Lothar Determann & Saralyn M. Ang-Olson, *Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Injunctions in the US*, SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNET LAW INSTITUTE 189, 191 (2003).

¹³⁸ See, e.g., list of Hague Conventions on Private International Law, available at <http://www.hcch.net/e/conventions/index.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹³⁹ For Germany see § 328 (1) 1 ZIVILPROZESSORDNUNG [Civil Process Code] [hereinafter ZPO]. For the US discussion see, e.g., Molly S. Van Houweling, *Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, The First Amendment, And Internet Speech: Notes for the Next Yahoo! v. Licra*, 24 Mich. J. Int'l L. 697, 699 (2003); *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴⁰ For Germany see § 723 (2) ZPO [the decision must legally in force in compliance with rules of the court that made it], § 328 ZPO (1) 2 [the defendant was not properly served], § 328 ZPO (1) 3 [no contradiction with previous decisions] or generally see Determann & Ang-Olson, *supra* note 137, at 197. For the US discussion see, e.g., Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 699; *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴¹ See, e.g., § 328 ZPO (1) 5.

¹⁴² See Determann & Ang-Olson, *supra* note 137, at 193.

¹⁴³ *Id.* at 195-96.

¹⁴⁴ *Id.* at 198.

punitive damages are not accepted in Germany.¹⁴⁵ But the particular problem of enforcement of foreign judgments in context of Internet content controversies is represented by the public policy exception secured in many legal cultures.¹⁴⁶ The US is especially well-known for its reluctance to enforce foreign judgments in speech cases due to the First Amendment protection¹⁴⁷ thereby considerably limiting the enforcement expectations of other states – frequently one of the parties in Internet content controversies resides in the US.

3.1.2 Should Prescribe If Cannot Enforce?

The courts are aware of the practical limits of enforcement of judgments entered against persons abroad, nevertheless, they expressively reject the enforcement argument.¹⁴⁸ They feel reluctant to openly admit the limits of their power but the reality prevails and judgments remain unenforced. Remarkably, after the Yahoo! successful litigation in the US that declared unenforceable the order of the French court, there was a twist of the French anti-racist policy and the approach to Internet content controversies changed in practice – the efforts to ensure the hate-free society and the hate-free Internet for local users concentrated on local ISPs instead of on foreign content providers. Thus, in 2001 a case appeared in a French court with plaintiffs almost identical to in the Yahoo! case that complained of the accessibility in France of a number of white-supremacy sites, particularly to those hosted under www.front14.org.¹⁴⁹ This time the anti-racist organizations did not venture into the meaningless race after the American hosting provider. Rather, that wanted to judicially oblige French ISPs to block access to the

¹⁴⁵ See HAIMO SCHACK, INTERNATIONALES ZIVILVERFAHRENSRECHT [INTERNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE LAW] 373 (2003).

¹⁴⁶ For Germany see § 328 ZPO (1) 4 that secures protection of fundamental principles of German law, particularly when in connection to basic human rights. For the US discussion see, e.g., Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 699; and *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴⁷ See, e.g., Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 700-01.

¹⁴⁸ *Inter alia*, in the above described cases.

¹⁴⁹ Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 30 octobre 2001, Association “J'accuse!...action internationale pour la justice” (AIPJ), La Licra, et autres c/ Association Française d'Accès et de Services Internet (AFA), 13 fournisseurs d'accès et prestataires techniques d'Internet [The County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, Oct. 30, 2001, Association “I accuse!... international action for justice” (AIPJ), La Licra, and others v. French Association of Internet Access and Service (AFA), 13

site.¹⁵⁰ Considering technical limits of effective blocking measures the litigation resulted in a general obligation on French ISPs to work out a workable technical solution in cooperation with the plaintiffs.¹⁵¹ Interestingly, before going to court LICRA and other plaintiffs contacted the Alaska-based host ISP that agreed to terminate hosting of hateful material.¹⁵² However, the site found another host in Boston that remained insensitive to LICRA's demands.¹⁵³

The practice proves that impossibility to enforce is a highly important matter; the question, however, is how to use this conclusion. On the one hand, there are suggestions that inability to enforce may amount to a practical reason for not extending jurisdiction too much;¹⁵⁴ on the other hand, there are views that on the contrary it may serve as justification for extensive prescriptive jurisdiction – since most entities have no assets other than in their “home” territory, there is no reason to worry and to exaggerate spillover effects of broad prescriptive jurisdiction.¹⁵⁵

One could question, what is the purpose of useless prescription? It produces litigation costs and no real result. Policy and value statements of the country are anyway apparent from criminal codes and other laws. At the same time worldwide jurisdiction contributes to legal uncertainty – even if it is not a meaningful factor anymore,¹⁵⁶ it remains a value. The powerless victims of the worldwide jurisdiction would be end-users that would have to check the laws of every country they travel to if they happen to have placed something on the Internet.

The point is, one have to look reality in the face. The courts regard it beyond their dignity to accept the enforcement argument; however, for a change they could worry on recognition of and respect to their judgments. The French court stated that it could not create exception of the Internet but ended up in measures on home ISPs. The ability to

Internet access providers and technical providers], available at http://www.legalis.net/cgi-iddn/french/affiche-jnet.cgi?droite=internet_responsabilite.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁵⁰ *Id.*

¹⁵¹ *Id.*

¹⁵² *Id.*

¹⁵³ *Id.*

¹⁵⁴ See, e.g., Tatjana Höernle, *Pornographische Schriften im Internet: Verbotsnormen im deutschem Strafrecht und ihre Reichweite* [Pornographic Materials on the Internet: Prohibiting Norms in German Criminal Law and their Scope], NJW 2002, 1008, 1013.

¹⁵⁵ See, e.g., Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 139-40; Watt, *supra* note 1, at 691.

¹⁵⁶ See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 419.

enforce should always be taken into consideration when asserting jurisdiction. It remains to hope that common sense prevails and courts would listen to the arguments similar to this one of a German commentator, “enforcement of German law against content providers abroad is illusionary... In the long run the capitulation before the power of reality and the adjustment of German law to the internationally enforceable minimal standards are unavoidable.”¹⁵⁷

3.2 *Consent to Jurisdiction*

Within the discussion on jurisdiction in cyberspace there are suggestions that private regulations will be crucial not only in determining jurisdiction as well as in Internet dispute resolution altogether.¹⁵⁸ “A more formal method to establish private legal orders in cyberspace is to condition access to particular networks on consent to a particular legal regime.”¹⁵⁹ Two main problems arise from this suggestion, one of a general character, the other relating to the subject matter of the article (Internet content controversies).

First, “[t]he validity of [the] contract, in which no positive assent is obtained and the Web site visitor is unlikely to have read the terms, stands on shakier ground.”¹⁶⁰ It is very doubtful that legal notices hidden among thousands of pages like “by accessing this web site both you and Netscape agree that the statutes and laws of the state of California, without regard to the conflicts of laws principles thereof, will apply to all matters relating to use of this web site,”¹⁶¹ may constitute informed consent. The user may not even be aware that there is such a notice. (In fact, the author of this article was not able to find this statement independently starting from the Netscape home page and had to follow the link provided in another article.)¹⁶² Several US courts already held that “it cannot be said that merely putting the terms and conditions in this fashion necessarily creates a contract

¹⁵⁷ Höernle, *supra* note 154, at 1013.

¹⁵⁸ See, e.g., Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 146.

¹⁵⁹ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1214.

¹⁶⁰ Geist, *supra* note 113, at 1382.

¹⁶¹ Netscape, *Applicable Laws*, at http://wp.netscape.com/legal_notices/laws.html (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁶² August, *supra* note 2, at 546-47, footnote 85.

with any one using the web site.”¹⁶³ Moreover, even in clearly contractual matters clickwrap agreement is not always valid. “In business-to-business contracts, choices of forum clauses are generally enforced in the United States, the E.U., and Japan. Their validity, however, may be problematic when one party is a consumer.”¹⁶⁴ Thus, EU regulation allows a consumer to bring a suit in the courts of a place where the consumer is domiciled.¹⁶⁵

Second, disputes involving Internet content controversies are clearly distinct from commercial transactions. Usually they involve either defamation lawsuit or criminal prosecution by the state for dissemination of illegal material where contractual consent doesn't play any role. Even Goldsmith, one of the main proponents of the “consent” approach mentions that “it is doubtful whether these private regulations will accord with the mandatory laws of territorial governments,” and it is not really a panacea.¹⁶⁶ Certainly, it doesn't matter for the government if it is asserted that the criminal act was committed under the laws specified on the respective webpage and it doesn't matter for a claim of a third-party who did not agree to any terms. In short, consent theory does not help in Internet content controversies.

3.3 Zoning Argument: Technology

In the recent years there appeared a wave of technology arguments led by Goldsmith claiming that “it is already possible for content providers to take measures to achieve significant control over information flows... As such control becomes more feasible and less costly, personal jurisdiction over cyberspace activities will become functionally identical to personal jurisdiction over real- space activities.”¹⁶⁷ According to them, the law should not be alone in protecting local values, “once harnessed to the law, technology can facilitate the exercise of prescriptive jurisdiction in the international arena, by providing the means to ensure perfect compliance with regulatory claims over

¹⁶³ Ticketmaster Corp. v. Tickets, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4553, 8; the same conclusion was held in *Mendoza v. AOL*, 90 Cal. App. 4th 1. (Cal.App. 1 Dist. 2001) on the terms of AOL member agreement.

¹⁶⁴ *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1860.

¹⁶⁵ Council Regulation 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, art. 16.

¹⁶⁶ Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 146.

cyberspace, by the use of filtering techniques¹⁶⁸ An interesting issue comes up, is it an argument for responsibility *if zone* or for obligation *to zone*? In the former case it would be an additional helpful factor for determining targeting within the effects test; in the latter case, however, it would require transformation of the Internet as we know it.

Obviously, for many commentators there is nothing extravagant in the obligation to zone, for them the claim that content providers should not be liable for harms everywhere where the content appears is justified only as long as “the content provider cannot control the geographical and network distribution of his information flows.”¹⁶⁹ Once adequate means to control information flows are available, they must be employed and the provider cannot complain of liability in a foreign state.¹⁷⁰

Today it is not contested that the quality of the Internet as a free borderless medium does not lie in its “nature“ but is determined by the computer code.¹⁷¹ There are various tools to identify the geographical location of the user¹⁷² and many companies routinely do that for targeting advertising purposes. Moreover, some companies already exercise regional self-censorship – Google and Yahoo were forced to stop running online casinos advertisements under the US prosecution threat but Yahoo limited this decision for the US territory.¹⁷³ Undoubtedly, “the rapid development of filtering and “zoning“ techniques, now used for purely commercial reasons such as targeting advertising to a particular public, provides clear evidence that geographical indeterminacy on the Internet is not inevitable, but results from ideological choice.”¹⁷⁴

Some fear that “to effectively prevent materials from entering states where they are not permitted will require “extensive self-identification of users before they receive access to information.”¹⁷⁵ In fact, this concern could be avoided with a slight change in

¹⁶⁷ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1218 -19.

¹⁶⁸ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 695.

¹⁶⁹ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1230.

¹⁷⁰ *Id.*

¹⁷¹ For detailed description see LAWRENCE LESSIG, CODE AND OTHER LAWS OF CYBERSPACE (1999).

¹⁷² See, e.g., Geist, *supra* note 113, at 1395.

¹⁷³ Matt Richtel, *Web Engines Plan to End Online Ads for Gambling*, NEW YORK TIMES, April 5, 2004, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/04/05/technology/05yahoo.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁷⁴ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 683.

¹⁷⁵ Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 445, citing Yochai Benkler, *Internet Regulation: A Case Study in the Problem of Unilateralism*, 11 EJIL 171, 178 (2000).

the architecture of the Web, for example, introduction of geographical indicator in the IP number of every computer would enable an easy check of the location of every site visitor and could make the site inaccessible for users from specific jurisdictions. The only real question is whether the Internet architecture should develop in this direction, which is a policy question. Throughout the recent history the Western world tried to promote its ideas to those who did not have access to them. The zoning argument, on the contrary, totally disregards the effect on freedom of speech.

3.4 *Costs and Effect on Speech*

Whether broad prescriptive jurisdiction in respect of Internet content cases may be effectively realized or not, is not the only question that should be examined. “Without assessing [other] factors [such as costs, overall impact on speech, and democracy] the impact of prescriptively legitimate unilateral exercises of jurisdiction upon the on-line community remains unclear.”¹⁷⁶ What would happen if states continue to insist on broad exercise of jurisdiction in Internet content matters?

3.4.1 **With Zoning Technologies**

In one scenario, broad exercise of jurisdiction would undoubtedly be legitimate if cyberspace were zoned and every author could control the spread of it creation. From the technical point of view, the architecture of the Internet is developed by people and any direction of its development is possible.¹⁷⁷ But do we really want, do we really need the “zoned” cyberspace? “Since the 1940's the United States has deployed anti-jamming technologies to make Voice of America and other United States government sponsored broadcasting available to people in nations with governments that seek to block news and information.”¹⁷⁸ Similarly, twice in the past three years the US Congress dealt with the bill on Global Internet Freedom proposed for the same purpose – to promote freedom of

¹⁷⁶ *Id.* at 421.

¹⁷⁷ *See*, generally, LESSIG, *supra* note 171.

¹⁷⁸ Elaine M. Chen, *Global Internet Freedom: Can Censorship and Freedom Coexist?* 13 DePaul-LCA J. Art & Ent. L. 229, 233 (2003).

expression on the Internet.¹⁷⁹ Zoning of the Internet would lead to an exactly opposite result. Not only would it make much of valuable content unavailable but it would also significantly raise the costs of Internet activities for all concerned – “in order to implement this technological solution, a multi-national actor must reconsider its relationships with *all* its users, regardless of national origin.”¹⁸⁰ That could lead to a particular speech-averse result - “assuming that technology continues to improve, it may become easier to withhold speech from foreign countries than to sort out inconsistent foreign laws that specify what counts as harmful where.”¹⁸¹

The insistence on general zoning would completely alter the current status of the Internet as a cheap, easily accessible medium enabling free flow of ideas worldwide as we know it and as many cherish it. The Internet would stop to be the medium of users – few private authors have the means to control the spread of their work and few Internet companies would provide free or cheap services when burdened by the obligation to employ geographical filtering in respect of content placed by their customers. Fortunately, this dark development is not probable to occur on a big scale;¹⁸² first of all because the US companies that enjoy the First Amendment protection are not likely to assume the additional costs without effective enforcement threats. Nevertheless some regional adjustments are possible and already in force, mainly due to regional business interests.¹⁸³

3.4.2 Without Zoning Technologies

In another scenario which is more similar to what is happening today, the courts will continue exercising worldwide jurisdiction but with limited success mainly due to the enforcement problem. One could reflect what would subjecting users to the laws of every country lead to? Would it lead to less objectionable content on the Internet? It is

¹⁷⁹ The bills were not adopted but the fact is significant anyway. See H.R. Res. 12, 107th Cong. (2001); H.R. Res. 48, 108th Cong. (2003).

¹⁸⁰ Yochai Benkler, *Internet Regulation: A Case Study in the Problem of Unilateralism*, 11 EJIL 171, 174 (2000).

¹⁸¹ Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 714-15.

¹⁸² See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 415.

¹⁸³ Human Rights Watch, *Yahoo! Risks Abusing Rights in China* (August 9, 2002), at <http://www.hrw.org/press/2002/08/yahoo080902.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

very doubtful, considering that the user is innocent under his or her local laws (if otherwise, the problem may be solved by the respective state, on the state's own initiative or on the notice of others). The only thing it can lead to would be the increasing amount of warnings like they appeared after the Toben case – “Travelers alert!... Stay out of prison! Stay out of Germany!”¹⁸⁴

Under the logic of effects principle as applied by many Western states in asserting jurisdiction over out-of-state actors, producers of swimming suits fashion or erotic could be arrested on their trip to Islamic states as infringing the morality of the country.¹⁸⁵ In fact, journalists, politicians, scholars, writers, enthusiasts, and anyone speaking in cyberspace would face the same risk – multiplied by the fact that it is not always obvious that the speech is objectionable and where exactly it is objectionable. Perhaps, one could maintain a database of all possible objectionable topics to make it certain not to experience prosecution process on a vacation trip. Irony apart, so far Islamic states did not to extend jurisdiction to foreigners with no connection to a state¹⁸⁶ fighting with objectionable content by local filtering measures but would they refrain from it long if Western states provide so many examples? It appears, Western states are less tolerant to Internet speech than Islamic societies traditionally criticized for oppression of freedom of expression.

3.5 *International Solution*

International agreement on jurisdiction in Internet-related issues would certainly be the best choice. One of the challenges for negotiating such an agreement is that the Internet activities involve too many topics (commerce, speech, criminal, civil, etc.) that were traditionally dealt with by different means. So far, there are many conventions on jurisdiction in non-Internet-related issues, all of them quite specific and not particularly

¹⁸⁴ See, e.g., statement at <http://www.zensurfrei.com/germanyinformation/> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁸⁵ HERBERT TRÖNDLE, STRAFGESETZBUCH UND NEBENGESETZE [PENAL CODE AND RELEVANT LAWS] 60 (2003).

¹⁸⁶ BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 122.

applicable to Internet controversies.¹⁸⁷ The Internet jurisdiction was shortly addressed by the Convention of Cybercrime but in no clear way.¹⁸⁸

The situation is further aggravated by the fact that among other topics speech issues imply clashes of values. Even regional cooperation efforts that are looked upon as a possible guidance¹⁸⁹ have their shortcoming for application on the international level. Thus, the EU E-Directive offers a combination of home country control (the website operator will be liable in the home state)¹⁹⁰ with an override procedure (the state can assert control over a foreign operator in enumerated exceptions (like public policy issues) but before taking measures should contact another Member State and notify the EU Commission).¹⁹¹ It may be a good solution for a region with more or less commonly shared values but it would hardly work for the whole world¹⁹² – there is little prospect to agree on something when countries do not have much in common from the beginning. Moreover, negotiations between governments on every Internet dispute involving public policy will be too burdensome. The conclusion seems to be that the solution may be found on the national level only, the world is not ready for the international solution yet.¹⁹³ The realistic goal could be to concentrate on harmonization of existing and developing rules in respect to jurisdiction in Internet disputes and to try generalizing them into customs of international law, establishing common principles not from “above” but from below.¹⁹⁴

3.6 *Towards Clarity of Rules*

¹⁸⁷ See, e.g., Henn, *supra* note 45, at 173, see also *supra* note 138.

¹⁸⁸ Thus, art. 22 (4) of the Convention on Cybercrime provides that the “Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised in accordance with domestic law”.

¹⁸⁹ See, generally, Mark F. Kightlinger, *A Solution to the Yahoo! Problem? The EC E-Commerce Directive as a Model for International Cooperation on Internet Choice of Law*, 24 MICH. J. INT'L L. 719 (2003).

¹⁹⁰ Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market (‘Directive on electronic commerce’), art. 3 § 1, 2000 O.J. (L 178), available at <http://europa.eu.int> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁹¹ *Id.* art. 3 § 4.

¹⁹² See, e.g., Kightlinger, *supra* note 189, at 747.

¹⁹³ See BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 242.

¹⁹⁴ See *id.* 176-77, 201.

Foreseeability of rules and of the governing law is not a popular argument in discussing Internet transnational issues nowadays¹⁹⁵ but it used to be important. “Asserting jurisdiction over a nonresident or a person not physically within the state would “offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice,” the court said once.¹⁹⁶ The statement is not completely outdated.

“All other things being equal, companies large and small generally prefer predictable legal environments to unpredictable environments,”¹⁹⁷ the same being true for private users as well. As David Post argued, “[s]cale matters... Rules and principles that may be quite reasonable at one scale may become incoherent and unreasonable at another.”¹⁹⁸ In a more recent decision the same idea was expressed by the court – “it does not make sense to adopt a rule that could lead to the liability of countless parties whose role in the infringement is nothing more than setting up and operating a system that is necessary for the functioning of the Internet.”¹⁹⁹

Since every state has its own local policy to protect “all should be ready to subscribe, *ex ante*, to a rule of reason, under which the benefit from being able to ensure protection of local policies should balance out the concessions made to other States' conflicting regulatory claims.”²⁰⁰ The pragmatic question whether a state *can* unilaterally prescribe laws governing Internet activities can be answered in the affirmative – yes, it can though with very limited success. But it is not enough; the second question should follow, whether a state *should* do it. “Jurisdiction should not be exercised merely because it is permissible under principles of international law.”²⁰¹

4 CONCLUSION

¹⁹⁵ See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 419.

¹⁹⁶ Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 265, *describing* *International Shoe Co. v. Washington*, 325 U.S. 310 (1945).

¹⁹⁷ Kightlinger, *supra* note 189, at 764.

¹⁹⁸ David G. Post, *Against "Against Cyberanarchy"*, 17 *BERKELEY TECH. L.J.* 1365, 1378 (2002).

¹⁹⁹ *Religious Technology Center v. Netcom On-Line Communication Services, Inc.*, 907 F. Supp. 1361, 1372 (1995).

²⁰⁰ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 692.

²⁰¹ *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1821.

With several exceptions, states tend to apply the effects principle in asserting jurisdiction over foreign actors in Internet content controversies. A little simplified, the justification provided is as follows – “what you say matters to us. Since we can hear it we have jurisdiction.” While the validity of the effects principle as such is not contested, it is necessary to revisit its meaning in respect of Internet content disputes. “A world in which the Effects Principle returns the result “No Substantial Effects Outside the Borders“ when applied to the vast majority of events and transactions is not “functionally identical“ to a world in which application of the same principle to the vast majority of events and transactions returns the opposite result.”²⁰² Potential accessibility of a website is not a proper link for application of national law.²⁰³

The US interstate cases with targeting-based analysis provide only limited guidance. First, interstate jurisdiction is different from international extraterritorial jurisdiction, primarily because of the absence of enforcement concern. Second, it is not clear what would be the application in extraterritorial criminal cases, such as child pornography or obscenity prosecution (the latter being a theoretical example so far). Targeting-based analysis could help but even in the US it is not used consistently. Besides, there are not too many objective indicators of targeting and the risk of their arbitrary application reducing the outcome to nothing cannot be ignored.

The realistic proposal would be to apply the territorial principle and the active nationality principle for determining jurisdiction in Internet content matters. They both can be interpreted quite broadly comprising hosting ISPs and content providers on the state’s territory (from businesses to private users), registrars of respective ccTLD names and nationals of the state, thereby giving substantial playground to the state to protect its interests. It would provide foreseeability of legal order and at the same time it would adequately answer the enforcement concern limiting the jurisdiction to the controversies that the state can effectively enforce.

Before the Internet raised many new legal issues the universal jurisdiction was recognized on very limited occasions. Now many states refuse to see the limits of their authority in Internet speech regulation and unrestrained application of the effects

²⁰² Post, *supra* note 198, at 1383 (2002).

²⁰³ See Sieber, *supra* note 50, at 2068.

principle equals pure speech to the most hideous crimes. Even if some Internet content could arguably fall within the universal jurisdiction (such as child pornography), it should not be generalized to cover any case when Internet content is not in line with local preferences.

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WORLDWIDE PRESCRIPTIVE JURISDICTION IN INTERNET CONTENT CONTROVERSIES: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS *

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1 INTRODUCTION

The global medium of the Internet offers global challenges. “While some of the conflicts now arising in cyberspace bear a familiar aspect, such as those arising in the course of electronic commerce, and require little more than mere technical adjustment of rules or methods applicable in analogous real-world situations, a growing number of conflicts involve clashing fundamental public values in the international arena.”¹ This is particularly true for Internet content regulation.

In respect of the Internet activities there are multiple overlapping conflicting jurisdictions² and the discussion is heated on how far the state can go in exercising its authority over authors of online material. On the one hand, it is asserted that “under the objective territorial principle, a court cannot assert extraterritorial jurisdiction over a foreign national simply on the basis that the foreign national's website contains images or data that violate the forum state's laws and that are accessible to users within the forum state;”³ on the other hand it has already happened, supported by the arguments that “it seems clear that customary international law, ... permits a nation to apply its law to

extraterritorial behavior with substantial local effects.”

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¹ Horatia Muir Watt, *Yahoo! Cyber-Collision of Cultures: Who Regulates?*, 24 *MICH. J. INT'L L.* 673, 674 (2003).

² Ray August, *International Cyber-Jurisdiction: A Comparative Analysis*, 39 *A.M. BUS. L.J.* 531, 543 (2002).

³ Walter C. Dauterman, Jr, *Internet Regulation: Foreign Actors and Local Harms – at the Crossroads of Pornography, Hate Speech, and Freedom of Expression*, 28 *N.C. J. INT'L L. & COM. REG.* 177, 201 (2002).

⁴ Jack L. Goldsmith, *Against Cyberanarchy*, 65 *U.C. H.L. REV.* 1199, 1208 (1998).

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Interestingly, exactly Western states provided first examples on subjecting to their laws users from foreign jurisdictions. The first case was initiated by Germany that prosecuted Toben, an Australian national, on his short trip to Germany for Holocaust denial online. ⁵ The example was followed by France, ⁶ Italy, ⁷ Canada ⁸ and Australia that went even further and delivered defamation judgment when the respondent was not even present in the country except on the Internet. ⁹ At the same time this approach was not unquestionably followed everywhere. For example, in the online defamation controversy similar to the Australian one, the US court refused to hear the case for lack of jurisdiction. ¹⁰

As Cassese noticed, “international law is a realistic legal system. It takes account of existing power relationships and endeavors to translate them into legal rules.” ¹¹ No doubt, the argument of Goldsmith that “there is nothing extraordinary or illegitimate about unilateral regulation of transnational activity that affects activity and regulation in other countries” ¹² is absolutely true but another question is whether the Internet jurisdiction should develop to sustain the pervasive version of it, especially in speech-

related controversies.

This article examines the cases that appeared on the international arena in the area of Internet content regulation paying attention to the current legal debate and to emerging rules, and offers suggestion on the possible limits of extraterritorial jurisdiction in Internet content cases – it demonstrates the necessity for the states to accept the role of the Internet as a borderless medium and to keep their judicial activities within reasonable limits. The article argues for limitation of the effects principle when applied to Internet content controversies and claims that wide application of the territorial and active nationality principles of jurisdiction provides adequate and sufficient means to deal with objectionable Internet content. The discussion is not deliberately limited to particular

⁵ See *infra* Part 2.3.1.

⁶ See *infra* Part 2.3.2.

⁷ See *infra* Part 2.3.5.

⁸ See *infra* Part 2.3.4.

⁹ See *infra* Part 2.3.3.

¹⁰ *Young v. New Haven Advocate*, 315 F.3d 256 (4th Cir. 2002).

¹¹ ANTONIO CASSESE, *INTERNATIONAL LAW* 12 (2001).

¹² Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1240.

states but the US and Germany are in the focus of the comparative analysis as representatives of two different legal systems.

2 APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES

“International law sets little or no limit on the jurisdiction which a peculiar state may arrogate to itself;”¹³ however, several established principles are more or less recognized by all. The Internet, the borderless medium, challenges traditional views and

calls for the necessity to revisit and reinterpret the doctrines, first of all because of the geographically unlimited effects of Internet activities. No doubt, “a similar phenomenon occurs in many domestic and international conflicts contexts”¹⁴ but one can hardly disagree that the Internet raised it to the qualitatively new level.

In spite of many claims at the beginning of the Internet wide usage that cyberspace avoids traditional regulation methods,¹⁵ many states were reluctant to make “an exception of the Internet” in their control of domestic activities as well as of foreign activities with local effects. Disregarding practical complications, the states persistently asserted jurisdiction in Internet-related disputes extending traditional principles of jurisdiction and modifying legal theory to meet to the emerging cyber-environment. Some Internet controversies fit perfectly to the traditional principles; for example, states' rights to exercise jurisdiction over their nationals wherever they are is a long established nationality principle for exercising jurisdiction over the person; similarly, the situation when material was put online on the server in the state's territory fits nicely in the traditional territorial principle. However, several particular problems remain; the most outrageous among them is the extension of the effects principle to assert jurisdiction over a foreign national for the material placed on the server abroad but as the Internet makes unavoidable accessible for local users. As a result, a mere webpage may be enough to be subjected to jurisdiction of every state.

¹³ J. G. S T A R K E , S T A R K E ' S I N T E R N A T I O N A L L A W 183-84 (11th ed., 1994).

¹⁴ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1211.

¹⁵ For more detailed description of the early debate *see*, generally Goldsmith, *supra* note 4.

2.1 Territorial Principle

The territorial principle of jurisdiction “originally derived from an assumption about the absoluteness of boundaries and sovereign power within them.”¹⁶ The state territory was a natural limitation to the state authority to prescribe law, providing opportunity to define addressees of the norms and to ensure foreseeability of legal order.¹⁷ Under the territorial principle a state has jurisdiction over property, persons, acts, events within its territory.¹⁸ This principle produces little controversy for no one questions the power of the state to prescribe laws to the conduct in its territory.¹⁹ At the beginning there were several attempts to reduce application of the territorial principle to cyber-activities but they were quickly rejected by courts. For example, the British court easily asserted jurisdiction over a UK citizen who tried to argue that the pornographic content placed on the US server “was outside British jurisdiction.”²⁰ All over the world the early arguments that activity occurs in “cyberspace,” which is different from physical space and thereby avoids regulatory claims did not succeed.

The issue of jurisdiction under the territorial principle is double-sided. On the one hand, it seems that it does not give much power to the state for control of Internet activity, most of which occurs transnationally with participation of foreign actors without any tangible contact with a given forum. On the other hand, the territorial principle should not be underestimated. First, it confers jurisdiction over residents of the state, both individual users and corporations, the latter ranging from online businesses to ISPs that may be held liable for hosting of or for providing access to objectionable material. Further, financial intermediaries (such as credit card companies, etc.) can also be obliged

¹⁶ *Achieving Legal and Business Order in Cyberspace: A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues Created by the Internet*, 55 B US . LAW . 1801, 1824 (2000) [hereinafter *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*].

¹⁷ See, e.g., K ARSTEN BREMER , S TRAFBARE INTERNET -INHALTE IN INTERNATIONALER H INSICHT : IST DER N AIONALSTAAT WIRKLICH ÜBERHOLT ? [C RIMINALIZED INTERNET C ONTENT IN I NTERNATIONAL RESPECT : IS THE N AION -S TATE REALLY O UDATED ?] 114-15 (2001).

¹⁸ See, Restatement (Third) of Foreign Relations Law 402 (1987) [hereinafter Restatement of Foreign Relations]; § 3 S TRAFGESETZBUCH [Penal Code (of Germany)] [hereinafter StGB]; S TARKE , *supra* note 13, at 184-87.

¹⁹ The sub-set of the territorial principle that covers harmful effects produced on the territory on the state (the effects principle) is examined separately in Part 2.3.

²⁰ Chris Nuttall, *Police hail Net porn ruling*, BBC NEWS , July 1, 1999, available at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/382152.stm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

to act in accordance with local policies abstaining from facilitating infringement on them.²¹ Second, namespace provides a tool for regulation.²² Although theoretical grounds for this conclusion were not extensively addressed in legal discussion, the authority of a country to administer its own Country-Code Top-Level-Domain space (ccTLD) may fall under the territorial principle of jurisdiction. Even ICANN, the main body on Internet names management does not have a big say in how a state should manage its ccTLD.²³

“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.”²⁴ Registrars of domain names can cancel them following the court order or informal request extending territorial jurisdiction as was done, for example, in respect of the sites vote-auction.com and votauction.com – the registering US company cancelled the name as a co-defendant of a lawsuit, the Swiss registrar did the same after informal request.²⁵ Quite logically, registrars of ccTLD have to comply with the official country policy in most cases; for example, the manager of the German ccTLD “de.” would not register domain name www.heil-hitler.de or the like.²⁶

2.2 Nationality Principle

Nationality (or personality) principle allows the state to exercise jurisdiction irrespective of the territory where the act was committed because of the nationality of the actor (active nationality principle) or because of the nationality of the victim (passive nationality principle).²⁷

²¹ See, e.g., Jack Goldsmith, *Unilateral Regulation of the Internet: A Modest Defence* 11 EJIL 135,

137 (2000).

Stefan Bechtold, *Governance in Namespaces*, 36 *LOY . L.A. L. R EV .* 1239, 1254 (2003).²³ See e.g., CENTR Statement on ICANN (July 30, 2002), available at<http://www.centri.org/news/CENTR-ICANN-statement.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).²⁴ Bechtold, *supra* note 22, at 1259.²⁵ *Id.* at 1241.²⁶ RAINER FROMM, RECHTSEXTREMISMUS IM INTERNET : DIE NEUE GEFAHR [RIGHT -EXTREMISM ON THE INTERNET : THE NEW DANGER] 22 (2001).²⁷ See, e.g., S TARKE, *supra* note 13, at 210-11; Antonia Z. Cowan, *The Global Gaming Village: Interstate and Transnational Gambling*, 7 *G AMING L. R EV .* 251, 262 (2003).

2.2.1 Active

Active nationality principle is recognized in many legal systems. For example, according to the US Restatement of Foreign Relations a state has jurisdiction to prescribe the activities, interests, status, or relations of its nationals outside as well as within its territory;²⁸ German criminal law prescribes liability for a limited number of acts committed abroad if the offender is a German national (such as trade in human organs, sex tourism,³⁰ and some others).³¹

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The ambition of states to have full control over its nationals is not surprising; indeed, as Shapiro commented, “many governments will be reticent about letting their citizens go online if they believe that they have no jurisdiction over what their citizens do there.”³² Nevertheless, active nationality principle is not a generally applicable rule but rather depends on the type of activity. For example, by engaging in child sex tourism a person may be liable upon return under the laws of home country,³³ in gambling usually not.³⁴ Both approaches deserve consideration.

On the one hand, proposal to make citizens liable for their Internet activities wherever they are³⁵ would solve many problems. It would help Europeans in combating hate speech³⁶ without intrusion into expression preferences of others (considering that

many of the US-based white supremacist sites are managed by German neo-Nazis); it would exclude forum-shopping³⁷ and lessen spillover effects of prosecution into other jurisdictions.³⁸ “At least one country, Australia, has made Internet casino gambling legal for everyone except its own citizens.”³⁹ This approach equals the Internet to a new independent space, like the Moon or the Antarctic region where exercise of jurisdiction is

²⁸ See Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (2).

²⁹ § 5 (15) StGB.

³⁰ § 5 (8) b StGB.

³¹ See, generally, § 5 StGB.

³² Andrew L. Shapiro, *The Disappearance of Cyberspace and the Rise of Code*, 8 S
CONST . L.J. 703, 715 (1998).

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³³ § 5 (8) b StGB.

³⁴ See, e.g., Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 256.

³⁵ See, e.g., B REMER , *supra* note 17, at 222 .

³⁶ See, e.g., *id.* at 233.

³⁷ See, e.g., *id.* at 234.

³⁸ See, e.g., *id.* at 240.

³⁹ Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 267.

based on the active nationality principle.⁴⁰ On the other hand, there is an argument for restrained application of the active nationality principle – a person can integrate into foreign legal system without fearing prosecution of his motherland.⁴¹

Anyway, even if the active nationality principle is somewhat problematic it is less problematic than extending jurisdiction to everyone. Application of the active nationality principle to Internet-related controversies is furthermore convenient because whatever the preference of a particular state is, whether for broad or restricted interpretation of this principle, all approaches can coexist since the actor is supposed to be familiar with the laws of his or her home country and at the same time it does not produce spillover effects on other actors.

2.2.2 Passive

The passive nationality principle is applied quite rarely, often on a condition that the act is criminalized both in the prosecuting state and in the state where the offense was committed.⁴² Besides, it is hardly applicable to Internet communication and so far there have been no cases where it would be applied to extraterritorial Internet content controversies.⁴³ In case when a victim of the Internet communication is a real person – defamation, for example, – the courts tend to determine jurisdiction according to the effects principle discussed in the next Part.

2.3 Effects principle

The effects principle allows the state to exercise jurisdiction if the conduct has a substantial effect within the state's territory.⁴⁴ Although it was derived from the territorial

⁴⁰ See the Moon Treaty opened for signature at New York on 18 December 1979, art.12, available at http://www.greaterearth.org/laws/moon_try.htm (last visited April 26, 2004); the Antarctic Treaty art.VIII, available at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/anttrty.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004). See also BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 234.

⁴¹ See, e.g., BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 223.

⁴² For Germany see, § 7 (1) StGB; for French discussion see Estelle De Marco, *Le Droit Pénal Applicable sur Internet [Criminal Law Applicable on the Internet]* § 58-59 (1998), at <http://www.juriscom.net/uni/mem/06/crim01.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁴³ To the best of knowledge of the author.

⁴⁴ See, e.g., Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (1) c; § 9 (1) StGB.

principle and is often regarded as its subset,⁴⁵ the meaning of the effects principle is crucial and independent, particularly for the borderless communication enabled by the Internet. On the international level the principle was recognized by the Permanent Court

of Justice in S.S. Lotus case;⁴⁶ on the national level it is also widely accepted and most jurisdictions consider their laws applicable to extraterritorial Internet content cases on its basis.⁴⁷

The main question is how far the state would go in interpreting the effects principle. The US offers “reasonableness” requirement as a yardstick for applicability of national law to extraterritorial activities.⁴⁸ German scholars sometimes mention “reasonable link” when constructing the “harmful effect” clause⁴⁹ for application of the German law to the acts committed abroad.⁵⁰ In practice, in several cases involving objectionable Internet content the courts tend to apply the effects principle broadly, easily subjecting Internet content publishers to their jurisdiction.

2.3.1 Germany

Germany was among the first to deal with the Internet content illegal under its laws but perfectly legal abroad where it was hosted and made accessible via the Internet. In 1998 it prosecuted and sentenced Felix Somm, the manager of a subsidiary of the American company CompuServe, for distribution of online pornography in its newsgroups.⁵¹ In 1999, however, the case was reversed on the appeal on the grounds that the manager was totally subordinated to the mother company and could not technically restrict access to the illegal content.⁵² The case got much attention and caused

⁴⁵ See, e.g., Julie L. Henn, *Targeting Transnational Internet Content Regulation*, 21 B.U. I 157, 161 (2003).

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ BREMER, *supra* note 17, at 132.

⁴⁸ See Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 403 (1).

⁴⁹ § 9 StGB.

⁵⁰ See, e.g., Ulrich Sieber, *Internationales Strafrecht im Internet [International Criminal Law on the Internet]*, NJW 1999, 2065, 2068.

⁵¹ AG München, Urteil vom 28.5.1998 “CompuServe” [München District Court, decision of May 28, 1998], available at http://www.netlaw.de/urteile/lgm_12.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁵² LG München, Entscheidung vom 17.11.1999, NJW 2000, 1051 [München Land Court, decision of Nov. 11, 1999].

CompuServe to alter its content policy to some extent⁵³ but it was not particularly surprising in respect of jurisdiction. Quite naturally that Germany asserted jurisdiction over its national for actions that were presumably committed on its territory (even if content was on the servers of the mother company) apart from any harmful effects. Much more controversial was the Toben case,⁵⁴ which got somewhat less publicity in the US, probably due to involvement of non-US actors only.

On the trip to Germany Frederick Toben, an Australian citizen, was prosecuted and sentenced for Holocaust denial on the Internet – he was the author of various revisionist articles placed on the site of Adelaide Institute located on the Australian server. The case passed several judicial instances and ended up in the German Federal Court of Justice that upheld the conviction and elaborated most thoroughly on the effects principle as applied in the case. The Court started by determining that the content of the website passed exactly to what was covered by section 130 of the German Penal Code – ranging from clearly untrue statements of facts (Toben claimed that not more than 800 thousand Jews died in the Holocaust) to seditious and insulting statements capable to wake negative feelings to Jews in general and to German Jews in particular (such as assertions that Jews were using the Holocaust to enslave Germans in the feeling of guilt, etc.).⁵⁵ Because of the dissemination opportunities of the Internet this illegal content was easily accessible in Germany.⁵⁶ Interesting, one of the elements of the offense prescribed by section 130 is the actual ability of the communication to disturb public peace⁵⁷ and the court took pains to find it in the case. It examined the legislative intent of the norm, which was to avoid contamination of the political climate by belittlement of Nazi crimes;⁵⁸ it explained that the reasonable fear that the communication would disturb public trust in common security would be sufficient to fulfill the requirement;⁵⁹ it established that the addressees of the revisionist articles were Germans (notwithstanding

⁵³ For example, newsgroups containing child pornography were removed in the result of publicity, *see id.* “Tatbestand” [Facts].

⁵⁴ BGH 46, 212, Urteil vom 12.12.2000 [Decision of the Federal Court of Justice of Dec. 12, 2000] [hereinafter Toben case].

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- ⁵⁶ *Id.* part D. I. 1.
⁵⁷ *Id.* part D. I. 2 & part D. I. 6 (a).
⁵⁸ *Id.* part D. I. 5.
⁵⁹ *Id.* part D. II. 3 (a).
⁵⁹ *Id.* part D. I. 5 (d).

the fact that the articles were in English);⁶⁰ and, finally, it concluded that the harmful effect was present and it was legitimate to assert jurisdiction under sections 3 and 9 of the German Penal Code⁶¹ (combination of the territorial and effects principles).

The German legal theory distinguishes the so called “abstract danger offences” that can happen on the Internet without obvious effect on the territory – such as dissemination of pornography, racist materials, extreme violence, etc.⁶² Scholars are divided on the proper interpretation. Some stand for the “restrictive theory” – since such offences do not have a specific location where effect took place, jurisdiction should be restricted to the actual place of action of offender; others support “extensive theory” – effect should be considered to happen everywhere where the abstract danger could realize;⁶³ there are also suggestions to seek for the objective link; to examine the final interest of the actor; and to introduce the push-pull test similar to the US targeting requirement.⁶⁴ The Toben Court was most close to the extensive theory, although it classified section 130 as “the abstract-concrete danger offence” because of the requirement of actual ability for disturbance of peace;⁶⁵ the Court even mentioned that theoretically it was possible to argue that the Holocaust denying statement did not have this ability⁶⁶ but provided no hint as to what kind of argument that could be. Thus, there is no clear guidance, except that the author of a website illegal under German laws will be prosecuted if he or she appears within Germany’s reach.

2.3.2 France

Article 113-2 of the French Criminal Code makes French criminal law applicable to all offenses that are committed within its territory, hereby it is not necessary that the offence is committed exclusively on the French territory, it is enough that one of its constituting elements is present.⁶⁷ This provision subjects the majority of Internet

⁶⁰ *Id.* part D. I. 6 (c).

⁶¹ *Id.* part D. II.

⁶² *See, e.g.,* Sieber, *supra* note 50, at 2066-67.

⁶³ *Id.*

⁶⁴ *Id.* at 2068.

⁶⁵ *See* Toben case, *supra* note 54, part D. II. 3.

⁶⁶ *Id.* part D. I. 5 (b).

⁶⁷ *See* De Marco, *supra* note 42, § 40.

activities to French jurisdiction. The most notorious illustration of this principle is the Yahoo! case.⁶⁸ The case ended up in the Californian court that refused to enforce the French order on the First Amendment grounds, yet a brief overview of the reasons the French court used in exercising jurisdiction over Yahoo! is meaningful for the present analysis.

In the first instance the justification for exercising jurisdiction was quick and not at all problematic for the French court – it dedicated one paragraph to criminalization of the sale of Nazi memorabilia objects and another short paragraph to the conclusion that the harm was present on the French territory since French users could easily view the auction site.⁶⁹ On the appeal the court elaborated a little more thoroughly. It acknowledged that the Yahoo site “is in general directed principally at surfers based in the United States having regard notably to the items posted for sale, the methods of payment envisaged, the terms of delivery, the language and the currency used;”

nevertheless, it refused to develop the argument further, stating that “the auctioning of objects representing symbols of Nazi ideology... may be of interest to any person”⁷⁰ and “the simple act of displaying such objects in France constitutes a violation of Article R645-1 of the Penal Code and therefore a threat to internal public order.”⁷¹ For the court it was a sufficient basis to assert jurisdiction over the case and to rule on the matter.

Interestingly, it was pointed out in the proceedings to the possible enforcement problems. The court refused to consider seriously this argument – “any possible difficulties in executing our decision in the territory of the United States,... cannot by

⁶⁸ Yahoo!, Inc. v. La Ligue Contre Le Racisme et L'Antisemitisme, 169 F.Supp.2d 1181 (N.D.Cal. 2001).

⁶⁹ See Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 22 mai 2000, Association “Union des Etudiants Juifs de France”, la “Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme” / Yahoo! Inc. et Yahoo France [The County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, May 22, 2000, Association “The French Union of Jewish Students”, the “League Against Racism and Antisemitism” v. Yahoo and Yahoo France], available at http://www.legalis.net/cgi-iddn/french/affiche-jnet.cgi?droite=internet_responsabilite.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁷⁰ See Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 20 novembre 2000, Association “Union des Etudiants Juifs de France”, la “Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme” / Yahoo! Inc. et Yahoo France [The County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, Nov. 20, 2000, Association “The French Union of Jewish Students”, the “League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism” v. Yahoo and Yahoo France], the English translation available at <http://www.cdt.org/speech/international/001120yahoofrance.pdf> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁷¹ *Id.*

themselves justify a plea of incompetence.”⁷² What are the practical consequences of such a judgment is examined later in Part 3.1 of the article.

2.3.3 Australia

In the presumably first Internet defamation with a foreign defendant that was not present in the country except on the Internet the High Court of Australia dealt thoroughly with jurisdiction concerns.⁷³ The case involved defamatory statements with regard to Joseph Gutnick, an Australian resident, that appeared on the Internet site of the US-based magazine *Baron's Online*.⁷⁴ The Australian court asserted the jurisdiction under the effects principle – “activities that have effects beyond the jurisdiction in which they are done may properly be the concern of the legal systems in each place.”⁷⁵

More particularly, in determining jurisdiction the court looked at two issues. First, it examined what was the place of publication of the statements of which Mr. Gutnick complained.⁷⁶ For the analysis the court distinguished between two meanings of “publishing” – “the (publisher's) act of publication and the fact of publication (to a third party)”⁷⁷ and asked, “[i]f the place in which the publisher acts and the place in which the publication is presented in comprehensible form are in two different jurisdictions, where is the tort of defamation committed?”⁷⁸ The conclusion was that since any material placed on the Internet “is not available in comprehensible form until downloaded on to the computer of [the end user, i]t is where that person downloads the material that the damage to reputation may be done.”⁷⁹ Consequently, the tort of defamation may be considered committed in Australia. The second issue the court dealt with was whether it was necessary to create the exception of the Internet.⁸⁰ The court answered in the negative, noticing that “[w]hilst the Internet does indeed present many novel

⁷² *Id.*

⁷³ *Dow Jones & Company Inc v. Gutnick* [2002] HCA 56.

⁷⁴ *Id.*

⁷⁵ *Id.* § 24.

⁷⁶ *Id.* § 9.

⁷⁷ *Id.* § 11.

⁷⁸ *Id.* § 28.

⁷⁹ *Id.* § 44.

⁸⁰ *Id.* § 123-38.

technological features, it also shares many characteristics with earlier technologies that have rapidly expanded the speed and quantity of information distribution throughout the world... Generally speaking, it is undesirable to express a rule of the common law in terms of a particular technology.”⁸¹

Like the French colleagues, the Australian court remained unimpressed by the enforcement argument of the appellant that the difficulty or impossibility of enforcement the judgment in another jurisdiction “may amount to a practical reason for providing relief to the objecting foreign party on one or more of the grounds of objection raised in this case.”⁸²

2.3.4 Canada

Most recently the Ontario Superior Court of Justice followed the similar logic in *Bangoura v. Washington Post*⁸³ explicitly mentioning the Australian decision.⁸⁴ The court asserted jurisdiction over the US defendant Washington Post with no assets in Canada but with articles published on the Internet. The court started carefully, mentioning that “the mere fact that communication to a third party occurs in a particular jurisdiction does not as such make that jurisdiction the place of tort... There must be a substantial connection between the tort and the jurisdiction as well.”⁸⁵ But at the end the court had no difficulty in finding the connection – the plaintiff resided in Canada for two years even though he was not present at time of publication and the impact on his reputation would be in Canada;⁸⁶ besides, according to the court, there was no unfairness to the US defendant since “the Post is a newspaper with an international profile”⁸⁷ and it “should have reasonably foreseen that the story would follow the plaintiff wherever he resided.”⁸⁸

⁸¹ *Id.* § 125.

⁸² *Id.* § 121.

⁸³ Decision of Jan. 27, 2004, available at

<http://www.scrawford.net/courses/Bangoura%20v.%20Washington%20Post.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁸⁴ *Id.* § 19 (8).

⁸⁵ *Id.* § 15.

⁸⁶ *Id.* § 18.

⁸⁷ *Id.* § 19 (3).

⁸⁸ *Id.* § 19 (2).

Thus, the Canadian court in its turn established a precedent that “[t]he dissemination of defamatory statements over the Internet can give jurisdiction to the court where damage is sustained by the plaintiff no matter where publication has taken place.”⁸⁹ *Inter alia*, the court produced one remarkable statement, “publishers are not obliged to publish on the Internet. If the potential reach is uncontrollable then the greater the need to exercise care in publication”⁹⁰ – surprisingly speech-chilling argument.

As in the extraterritorial cases described above, the enforcement argument was rejected, “the Washington Post defendants' home jurisdiction's unwillingness to enforce such an order is not determinative of whether the court should assume jurisdiction... It is for the plaintiffs to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of commencing an action in Ontario knowing that it may not be enforced.”⁹¹

2.3.5 Italy

One more country that employed the effects principle for asserting jurisdiction in the Internet content case was Italy. The Italian case originated because of online publications injurious to reputation and privacy of Dulberg Moshe and his two daughters, presumably posted online in Israel by Moshe’s ex-wife and her husband.⁹² The court of the first instance did not assert jurisdiction over the case because the statements under discussion were published abroad, i.e. the offence was committed outside the national territory.⁹³ The Court of Cassation disagreed and remanded the case for further consideration in accordance with its guidelines.⁹⁴

Like the Australian court, the Italian Court of Cassation makes a distinction between the act of the sender publishing defamatory statements online and the perception

of these statements by a third party.⁹⁵ Further, mere availability of the injurious statements on the Internet is not sufficient, actual perception of them by a third person is

⁸⁹ *Id.* § 16.

⁹⁰ *Id.* § 19 (8) d.

⁹¹ *Id.* § 20.

⁹² Moshe D., Italy. Cass., closed session, Nov. 17–Dec. 27, 2000, Judgment No. 4741, *available at* <http://www.cdt.org/speech/international/001227italiandecision.pdf> (last visited April 26, 2004).

⁹³ *Id.*

⁹⁴ *Id.*

⁹⁵ *Id.*

required.⁹⁶ Hypothetically it is possible to argue that the offence is not committed even if the material is online if, for example, nobody visits the web-site.⁹⁷ This is of course a very hard thing to argue and in practice it does not narrow the final conclusion of the court. Once “perception’ of the injurious contents of the messages took place in Italy, the offence must be deemed to have been perpetrated on the national territory”⁹⁸ and the Italian state is entitled to jurisdiction.⁹⁹

2.3.6 Findings

Currently the effects principle as applied in asserting jurisdiction in Internet content controversies is employed most broadly, capable to justify almost anything. It knows no limits and it offers no support for legal certainty or foreseeability of online communication activities. If the Internet content falls within concerns of a particular country, its accessibility alone provides a sufficient link for jurisdiction according to the interpretation of the effects principle of many national courts.

2.4 USA: Targeting-Based Analysis

The targeting-based analysis is not a completely new doctrine, it was already applied in defamation cases in printed media both in the US¹⁰⁰ and Europe.¹⁰¹ In the Internet settings, however, the United States alone favors its application. The Restatement of Foreign Relations provides that the jurisdiction in extraterritorial disputes must be reasonable.¹⁰² The comprehensive description of the factors to determine reasonableness offered by the Restatement is neither exhaustive nor mandatory,¹⁰³ and the targeting-

⁹⁶ *Id.*

⁹⁷ *Id.*

⁹⁸ *Id.*

⁹⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰⁰ *See, e.g., Keeton v. Hustler* 465 US 770 (1984). For more examples on jurisdiction in pre-Internet media *see, e.g., Denis T. Rice & Julia Gladstone, An Assessment of the Effects Test in Determining Personal Jurisdiction in Cyberspace*, 58 B US . LAW . 601, 615-16 (2003).

¹⁰¹ *E.g., in a libel case Shevill v. Presse Alliance SA* 1995 ECJ CELEX LEXIS 9163, § 33, the European Court of Justice held that the plaintiff can sue where the publication is knowingly distributed.

¹⁰² Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 403.

¹⁰³ *Id.* comments a & b.

based analysis accepted in interstate disputes by many US courts following *Zippo*¹⁰⁴ is likely to be applied in international disputes as well.¹⁰⁵

The *Zippo* court reflected on jurisdiction issue in an interstate trademark dispute. Most importantly, it stated that a “passive Web site that does little more than make information available to those who are interested in it is not grounds for the exercise personal jurisdiction,”¹⁰⁶ and distinguished two other categories – when there is “the knowing and repeated transmission of computer files over the Internet, personal jurisdiction is proper;”¹⁰⁷ in the middle “a user can exchange information with the host

computer [and] the exercise of jurisdiction is determined by examining the level of interactivity and commercial nature of the exchange of information”¹⁰⁸ – also called the “sliding scale” analysis.¹⁰⁹

The test was developed further in numerous US interstate cases.¹¹⁰ For example, in *Young v. New Haven Advocate* the Virginian court did not assert jurisdiction over Connecticut newspapers in respect of online articles defaming a Virginian prison warden;¹¹¹ in *Neogen Corp. v. Neo Gen Screening, Inc.* the court concluded that the granting of passwords to and collecting personal information of Michigan users was sufficient proof of purposeful availment of the privilege of conducting activities within the forum and asserted jurisdiction over the Pennsylvania corporation.¹¹² Not all cases are consistent and there are some additional problems in international respect. For example, the Canadian Internet broadcaster iCraveTV had sought to limit its distribution to Canadians by conditioning access on passing through three stages of verifications and clickwrap agreements; nevertheless it was dragged into the US court.¹¹³ Besides, there are

¹⁰⁴ *Zippo Mfg. Co. v. Zippo Dot Com, Inc.*, 952 F.Supp. 1119 (W.D.Pa. 1997).

¹⁰⁵ *See e.g. Henn, supra* note 45, at 192.

¹⁰⁶ *Zippo*, 952 F.Supp. at 1124.

¹⁰⁷ *Id.*

¹⁰⁸ *Id.*

¹⁰⁹ *Id.*

¹¹⁰ For more examples *see, e.g.*, Beverley Earle & Gerald A. Madek, *International Cyberspace:*

From Borderless to Balkanized, 31 *G A. J. INT'L & C OMP. L.* 225 (2003).

¹¹¹ 315 F.3d 256 (4th Cir. 2002).

¹¹² 282 F.3d 883, 890-91 (2002).

¹¹³ *Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. v. iCraveTV*, 2000 U.S. Dist Lexis 11670 (W.D. Pa. 2000).

See also Michael Geist, *Is There a There There? Toward Greater Certainty for Internet Jurisdiction*, 16 *BERKELEY TECH. L.J.* 1345,1351-52 (2001).

many examples of the US prosecuting foreign actors for computer crimes. copyright or computer system security issues are different from content-related controversies but they are not completely irrelevant. At the moment there is not a big probability of an international Internet content dispute originated in the US due to the strong First Amendment protection but the possibility is not unimaginable – for example, in respect of child pornography or obscenity if the COPA or its successor passes the Supreme Court.

Certainly,

2.4.1 Discussion

Is the targeting-based analysis an adequate approach for determining jurisdiction in Internet content controversies? For some authors, “targeting is a key ingredient in the effects test.”¹¹⁵ Indeed, many would readily agree that “if an Internet content provider has taken some action to target citizens of a particular country, that country may assert jurisdiction for the content placed on that website.”¹¹⁶ Targeting is relatively easy to detect when commercial activity takes place but when a passive website merely provides information on objectionable subjects the targeting of a particular jurisdiction is far from obvious. What objectively perceivable factors can be distinguished for the targeting analysis of mere expression?

Interactivity or “the willingness to deal with persons in the forum state”¹¹⁷ could be appropriate for the analysis of commercial transactions but it is hardly applicable to a static website. Another proposal is to regard the use of a foreign language as “a primary test for a non-interactive web site... that would indicate a desire for citizens of a foreign jurisdiction to read the web page.”¹¹⁸ This one is certainly more suitable for

¹¹⁴ See, e.g., U.S. Department of Justice, *Russian Man Sentenced for Hacking into Computers in the United States*, Press Release, July 25, 2003, at <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/ivanovSent.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004) [hereinafter U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2003]; U.S. Department of Justice, *Russian Computer Hacker Sentenced to Three Years in Prison*, Press Release, Oct. 4, 2002, at <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/gorshkovSent.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004) [hereinafter U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2002].

¹¹⁵ Rice & Gladstone, *supra* note 100, at 649.

¹¹⁶ Henn, *supra* note 45, at 158.

¹¹⁷ *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1828.

¹¹⁸ Henn, *supra* note 45, at 175.

communication analysis but there are several problems as well. First, there are languages officially used in many jurisdictions (English, Spanish, etc.) and it would be problematic to determine, for example, whether an English-language website targets the US, the UK, Australia, or a number of other countries. Second, the globalization process on the Internet is prominent and the use of several languages for a website is not unusual, even without particular targeting intent. Anyway, the language factor would offer at least some restriction of unlimited application of the effects principle.

One more sound proposal is that “a web site that uses software technologies to target advertising toward the specific user should also be considered to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the specific user.”¹¹⁹ Quite logical, targeting advertising helps to derive financial and other benefits from a particular location and thus provides a link to foreign jurisdiction. Notably, there are many otherwise passive websites that have commercial advertising banners on them.

Targeting-based analysis could be a solution to the unlimited application of the effects principle if the courts could agree to accept it in a consistent form. However, currently there is not much prospect of it. European courts refuse to consider the use of foreign language as a factor for restricting jurisdiction (Toben and Yahoo case); for the US courts the problem is on the side of recognition of foreign judgments – Yahoo! used geographic identification technologies to target French citizens with French language banner advertisements but the French decision was not enforced by the US court.

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Besides, there are still too many sites that do not expressly target anyone but welcome all interested surfers. Targeting-based analysis would exempt them from the states' control – the result the states cannot assent to.

2.5 Protective Principle

According to the protective principle a state can exercise jurisdiction over

activities of non-nationals whether these activities occur inside or outside its territory for

¹¹⁹ *Id.*

¹²⁰ *Id.* at 176.

protection of important state interests, usually security or economy of the state.

¹²¹ The

application of the protective principle is quite limited, for example, in the US it covers conduct “directed against the security of the state or against a limited class of other state interests,” ¹²² in Germany the offences that can be prosecuted under protective principle – “conduct directed against internal interests of the state” – are specifically enumerated in the Penal Code. ¹²³ In the *Toben* case, for example, the German Federal Court of Justice mentioned that the international law allowed to assert jurisdiction for protection of important internal interests ¹²⁴ but did not really rely on it.

In fact, if the protective principle were to apply broadly, many communication activities on the Internet would fall under jurisdiction of some state of the world. For example, insult of the Federal president is among offences specifically enumerated for application of protective principle in Germany, ¹²⁵ bomb-making information on the Internet infringes on the laws and security interests of the United States. ¹²⁶

2.6 Universal Jurisdiction

The universal jurisdiction is recognized by international law for protection of international interests only in very limited, even unique occasions, such as piracy, war crimes and some others – “conduct sufficiently heinous to violate the laws of all

states.”¹²⁷ The application of the universal jurisdiction to Internet content controversies could arguably be conceivable when the Internet is used, for example, to incite genocide in violation of international law.¹²⁸ The scope of crimes covered by the universal jurisdiction is not strictly determined. The best international codification effort so far is the UNO of Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind;¹²⁹ national laws can expand the scope. Thus, German law justifies universal jurisdiction in several

¹²¹ STARKE, *supra* note 13, at 211.

¹²² Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 402 (3).

¹²³ § 5 (1-5) StGB.

¹²⁴ Toben case, part D. II. 4.

¹²⁵ § 5 (3) StGB.

¹²⁶ *See, e.g.*, 18 U.S.C. § 842.

¹²⁷ STARKE, *supra* note 13, at 212.

¹²⁸ *See, e.g.*, Dauterman, *supra* note 3, at 208.

¹²⁹ Draft Code of Crimes Against the Peace and Security of Mankind, *available at* <http://www.un.org/law/ilc/texts/dcodefra.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

additional cases, including distribution of violent, animal and child pornography¹³⁰ – no doubt applicable to Internet communications as well but not yet tested in real life prosecution of a foreign offender.

3 INTERNET -SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Jurisdiction to Enforce

The power to prescribe the law and adjudicate the dispute does not always correlate with the possibility to enforce the judgment. Among the three layers of jurisdiction - jurisdiction to prescribe, jurisdiction to adjudicate, and jurisdiction to

enforce¹³¹ – the weakest layer in respect of Internet controversies that actually limits the power of the state to regulate Internet communication is undoubtedly jurisdiction to enforce. As Goldsmith convincingly argues, “the true scope and power of a nation's regulation is measured by its enforcement jurisdiction, not its prescriptive jurisdiction.”

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“In general a nation can only enforce its laws against: (i) persons with a presence or assets in the nation's territory; (ii) persons over whom the nation can obtain personal jurisdiction and enforce a default judgment against abroad; or (iii) persons whom the nation can successfully extradite.”¹³³ “In the real world, discrepancy between prescription and enforcement traditionally causes various inefficiencies, including evasion of the law,”¹³⁴ in cyberspace the effect is even more extreme. First, in Internet disputes the proportion of persons with a presence or assets in the nation's territory in comparison to all involved is remarkably low so that a state is often not capable to enforce the judgment without external help.¹³⁵ Second, extradition for enforcement is rare, mostly based on

¹³⁰ § 6 (6) StGB.

¹³¹ See, e.g., Restatement of Foreign Relations, *supra* note 18, 401.

¹³² As described by Matthew Fagin, *Regulating Speech Across Borders: Technology vs. Values*, 9

MICH. T. ELECOMM. & TECH. L. REV. 395, 417 (2003).

¹³³ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1216.

¹³⁴ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 690.

¹³⁵ There are areas of criminal law where the US tries to enforce its laws by all means, up to setting up a fake firm to get the criminals on the US soil but it is not likely to happen in speech cases. See U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2002, *supra* note 114. “This prosecution demonstrates the ability and resolve of the Department of Justice to vigorously investigate and pursue cybercriminals who attack

treaties and almost never of a state's own national; besides it is even less likely to occur in speech disputes because of costs and values clashes.

¹³⁶ The third point of enforcement of a judgment abroad deserves particular consideration.

3.1.1 Enforcement of Foreign Judgments

There is no general obligation of states to enforce foreign judgments under international law,¹³⁷ although there are several international and regional conventions and treaties addressing the issue.¹³⁸ Usually the judgment will be enforced if a number of prerequisites are present. The most common are that the foreign judgment is rendered under proper jurisdiction;¹³⁹ in compliance with procedural rules of the issuing court that are compatible with general requirements of due process of law;¹⁴⁰ reciprocity is often required.¹⁴¹ There are also differences from country to country; for example, the US would rather enforce a foreign money judgment than a foreign injunction¹⁴² the latter being considered "far more difficult and intrusive upon a national sovereignty"¹⁴³ but for Germany or France the distinction does not matter.¹⁴⁴ On the other hand, American

American computer systems. We are committed to tracking down and prosecuting those individuals wherever they may be", *see* U.S. Department of Justice Press Release 2003, *supra* note 114.

¹³⁶ For example, on the extradition request of the Thai government in respect of a Thai woman who displayed the Thai national flag on her pornographic website in the UK it was commented, "it is unlikely the British government would not take action over such minor charges". *See* Silicon.com, *Porn web woman faces extradition from Britain*, Dec. 08 2003, at <http://www.silicon.com/networks/webwatch/0,39024667,39117237,00.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹³⁷ *See, e.g.*, Lothar Determann & Saralyn M. Ang-Olson, *Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Injunctions in the US*, SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNET LAW INSTITUTE 189, 191 (2003).

¹³⁸ *See, e.g.*, list of Hague Conventions on Private International Law, available at <http://www.hcch.net/e/conventions/index.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹³⁹ For Germany *see* § 328 (1) 1 Z IVILPROZEBORDNUNG [Civil Process Code] [hereinafter ZPO]. For the US discussion *see, e.g.*, Molly S. Van Houweling, *Enforcement of Foreign Judgments, The First Amendment, And Internet Speech: Notes for the Next Yahoo! v. Licra*, 24 Mich. J. Int'l L. 697, 699 (2003); *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴⁰ For Germany *see* § 723 (2) ZPO [the decision must legally in force in compliance with rules of the court that made it], § 328 ZPO (1) 2 [the defendant was not properly served], § 328 ZPO (1) 3 [no contradiction with previous decisions] or generally *see* Determann & Ang-Olson, *supra* note 137, at 197. For the US discussion *see, e.g.*, Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 699; *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴¹ *See, e.g.*, § 328 ZPO (1) 5.

¹⁴² *See* Determann & Ang-Olson, *supra* note 137, at 193.

¹⁴³ *Id.* at 195-96.

¹⁴⁴ *Id.* at 198.

punitive damages are not accepted in Germany.¹⁴⁵ But the particular problem of enforcement of foreign judgments in context of Internet content controversies is represented by the public policy exception secured in many legal cultures.¹⁴⁶ The US is especially well-known for its reluctance to enforce foreign judgments in speech cases due to the First Amendment protection¹⁴⁷ thereby considerably limiting the enforcement expectations of other states – frequently one of the parties in Internet content controversies resides in the US.

3.1.2 Should Prescribe If Cannot Enforce?

The courts are aware of the practical limits of enforcement of judgments entered against persons abroad, nevertheless, they expressively reject the enforcement argument.¹⁴⁸ They feel reluctant to openly admit the limits of their power but the reality prevails and judgments remain unenforced. Remarkably, after the Yahoo! successful litigation in the US that declared unenforceable the order of the French court, there was a twist of the French anti-racist policy and the approach to Internet content controversies changed in practice – the efforts to ensure the hate-free society and the hate-free Internet for local users concentrated on local ISPs instead of on foreign content providers. Thus, in 2001 a case appeared in a French court with plaintiffs almost identical to in the Yahoo! case that complained of the accessibility in France of a number of white-supremacy sites, particularly to those hosted under www.front14.org.¹⁴⁹ This time the anti-racist organizations did not venture into the meaningless race after the American hosting provider. Rather, that wanted to judicially oblige French ISPs to block access to the

¹⁴⁵ See HAIMO SCHACK, INTERNATIONALES ZIVILVERFAHRENSRECHT [INTERNATIONAL CIVIL PROCEDURE LAW] 373 (2003).

¹⁴⁶ For Germany see § 328 ZPO (1) 4 that secures protection of fundamental principles of German law, particularly when in connection to basic human rights. For the US discussion see, e.g., Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 699; and *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1875-76.

¹⁴⁷ See, e.g., Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 700-01.

¹⁴⁸ *Inter alia*, in the above described cases.

¹⁴⁹ Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris, Ordonnance de référé du 30 octobre 2001, Association “J'accuse!...action internationale pour la justice” (AIPJ), La Licra, et autres c/ Association Française d'Accès et de Services Internet (AFA), 13 fournisseurs d'accès et prestataires techniques d'Internet [The

County Court of Paris, Interim Court Order, Oct. 30, 2001, Association “I accuse!... international action for justice” (AIPJ), La Licra, and others v. French Association of Internet Access and Service (AFA), 13

site.¹⁵⁰ Considering technical limits of effective blocking measures the litigation resulted in a general obligation on French ISPs to work out a workable technical solution in cooperation with the plaintiffs.¹⁵¹ Interestingly, before going to court LICRA and other plaintiffs contacted the Alaska-based host ISP that agreed to terminate hosting of hateful material.¹⁵² However, the site found another host in Boston that remained insensitive to LICRA's demands.¹⁵³

The practice proves that impossibility to enforce is a highly important matter; the question, however, is how to use this conclusion. On the one hand, there are suggestions that inability to enforce may amount to a practical reason for not extending jurisdiction too much;¹⁵⁴ on the other hand, there are views that on the contrary it may serve as justification for extensive prescriptive jurisdiction – since most entities have no assets other than in their “home” territory, there is no reason to worry and to exaggerate spillover effects of broad prescriptive jurisdiction.¹⁵⁵

One could question, what is the purpose of useless prescription? It produces litigation costs and no real result. Policy and value statements of the country are anyway apparent from criminal codes and other laws. At the same time worldwide jurisdiction contributes to legal uncertainty – even if it is not a meaningful factor anymore,¹⁵⁶ it remains a value. The powerless victims of the worldwide jurisdiction would be end-users that would have to check the laws of every country they travel to if they happen to have placed something on the Internet.

The point is, one have to look reality in the face. The courts regard it beyond their dignity to accept the enforcement argument; however, for a change they could worry on

recognition of and respect to their judgments. The French court stated that it could not create exception of the Internet but ended up in measures on home ISPs. The ability to

Internet access providers and technical providers], available at http://www.legalis.net/cgi-iddn/french/affiche-jnet.cgi?droite=internet_responsabilite.htm (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁵⁰ *Id.*

¹⁵¹ *Id.*

¹⁵² *Id.*

¹⁵³ *Id.*

¹⁵⁴ See, e.g., Tatjana Höernle, *Pornographische Schriften im Internet: Verbotsnormen im*

deutschem Strafrecht und ihre Reichweite [Pornographic Materials on the Internet: Prohibiting Norms in German Criminal Law and their Scope], NJW 2002, 1008, 1013.

¹⁵⁵ See, e.g., Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 139-40; Watt, *supra* note 1, at 691.

¹⁵⁶ See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 419.

enforce should always be taken into consideration when asserting jurisdiction. It remains to hope that common sense prevails and courts would listen to the arguments similar to this one of a German commentator, “enforcement of German law against content providers abroad is illusionary... In the long run the capitulation before the power of reality and the adjustment of German law to the internationally enforceable minimal standards are unavoidable.” ¹⁵⁷

3.2 Consent to Jurisdiction

Within the discussion on jurisdiction in cyberspace there are suggestions that private regulations will be crucial not only in determining jurisdiction as well as in Internet dispute resolution altogether. ¹⁵⁸ “A more formal method to establish private legal orders in cyberspace is to condition access to particular networks on consent to a particular legal regime.” ¹⁵⁹ Two main problems arise from this suggestion, one of a

general character, the other relating to the subject matter of the article (Internet content controversies).

First, “[t]he validity of [the] contract, in which no positive assent is obtained and the Web site visitor is unlikely to have read the terms, stands on shakier ground.”

¹⁶⁰ It is

very doubtful that legal notices hidden among thousands of pages like “by accessing this web site both you and Netscape agree that the statutes and laws of the state of California, without regard to the conflicts of laws principles thereof, will apply to all matters relating to use of this web site,” ¹⁶¹ may constitute informed consent. The user may not even be

aware that there is such a notice. (In fact, the author of this article was not able to find this statement independently starting from the Netscape home page and had to follow the link provided in another article.) ¹⁶² Several US courts already held that “it cannot be said that merely putting the terms and conditions in this fashion necessarily creates a contract

¹⁵⁷ Höernle, *supra* note 154, at 1013.

¹⁵⁸ *See, e.g.*, Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 146.

¹⁵⁹ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1214.

¹⁶⁰ Geist, *supra* note 113, at 1382.

¹⁶¹ Netscape, *Applicable Laws*, at http://wp.netscape.com/legal_notices/laws.html (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁶² August, *supra* note 2, at 546-47, footnote 85.

with any one using the web site.” ¹⁶³ Moreover, even in clearly contractual matters clickwrap agreement is not always valid. “In business-to-business contracts, choices of forum clauses are generally enforced in the United States, the E.U., and Japan. Their validity, however, may be problematic when one party is a consumer.”

¹⁶⁴ Thus, EU

regulation allows a consumer to bring a suit in the courts of a place where the consumer is domiciled. ¹⁶⁵

Second, disputes involving Internet content controversies are clearly distinct from commercial transactions. Usually they involve either defamation lawsuit or criminal prosecution by the state for dissemination of illegal material where contractual consent doesn't play any role. Even Goldsmith, one of the main proponents of the "consent" approach mentions that "it is doubtful whether these private regulations will accord with the mandatory laws of territorial governments," and it is not really a panacea. 166

Certainly, it doesn't matter for the government if it is asserted that the criminal act was committed under the laws specified on the respective webpage and it doesn't matter for a claim of a third-party who did not agree to any terms. In short, consent theory does not help in Internet content controversies.

3.3 Zoning Argument: Technology

In the recent years there appeared a wave of technology arguments led by Goldsmith claiming that "it is already possible for content providers to take measures to achieve significant control over information flows... As such control becomes more feasible and less costly, personal jurisdiction over cyberspace activities will become functionally identical to personal jurisdiction over real- space activities." 167

According to them, the law should not be alone in protecting local values, "once harnessed to the law, technology can facilitate the exercise of prescriptive jurisdiction in the international arena, by providing the means to ensure perfect compliance with regulatory claims over

¹⁶³ Ticketmaster Corp. v. Tickets, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4553, 8; the same conclusion was held in *Mendoza v. AOL*, 90 Cal. App. 4th 1. (Cal.App. 1 Dist. 2001) on the terms of AOL member agreement.

¹⁶⁴ *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1860.

¹⁶⁵ Council Regulation 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, art. 16.

¹⁶⁶ Goldsmith, *supra* note 21, at 146.

cyberspace, by the use of filtering techniques¹⁶⁸ An interesting issue comes up, is it an argument for responsibility *if zone* or for obligation *to zone*? In the former case it would be an additional helpful factor for determining targeting within the effects test; in the latter case, however, it would require transformation of the Internet as we know it.

Obviously, for many commentators there is nothing extravagant in the obligation to zone, for them the claim that content providers should not be liable for harms everywhere where the content appears is justified only as long as “the content provider cannot control the geographical and network distribution of his information flows.”¹⁶⁹

Once adequate means to control information flows are available, they must be employed and the provider cannot complain of liability in a foreign state.¹⁷⁰

Today it is not contested that the quality of the Internet as a free borderless medium does not lie in its “nature“ but is determined by the computer code.¹⁷¹ There are various tools to identify the geographical location of the user¹⁷² and many companies routinely do that for targeting advertising purposes. Moreover, some companies already exercise regional self-censorship – Google and Yahoo were forced to stop running online casino advertisements under the US prosecution threat but Yahoo limited this decision for the US territory.¹⁷³ Undoubtedly, “the rapid development of filtering and “zoning“ techniques, now used for purely commercial reasons such as targeting advertising to a particular public, provides clear evidence that geographical indeterminacy on the Internet is not inevitable, but results from ideological choice.”¹⁷⁴

Some fear that “to effectively prevent materials from entering states where they are not permitted will require “extensive self-identification of users before they receive access to information.”¹⁷⁵ In fact, this concern could be avoided with a slight change in

¹⁶⁷ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1218 -19.

¹⁶⁸ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 695.

¹⁶⁹ Goldsmith, *supra* note 4, at 1230.

¹⁷⁰ *Id.*

¹⁷¹ For detailed description see LAWRENCE LESSIG, *CODE AND OTHER LAWS OF CYBERSPACE* (1999).

¹⁷² See, e.g., Geist, *supra* note 113, at 1395.

¹⁷³ Matt Richtel, *Web Engines Plan to End Online Ads for Gambling*, *NEW YORK TIMES*, April 5, 2004, available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/04/05/technology/05yahoo.html> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁷⁴ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 683.

¹⁷⁵ Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 445, citing Yochai Benkler, *Internet Regulation: A Case Study in the Problem of Unilateralism*, 11 *EJIL* 171, 178 (2000).

the architecture of the Web, for example, introduction of geographical indicator in the IP number of every computer would enable an easy check of the location of every site visitor and could make the site inaccessible for users from specific jurisdictions. The only real question is whether the Internet architecture should develop in this direction, which is a policy question. Throughout the recent history the Western world tried to promote its ideas to those who did not have access to them. The zoning argument, on the contrary, totally disregards the effect on freedom of speech.

3.4 Costs and Effect on Speech

Whether broad prescriptive jurisdiction in respect of Internet content cases may be effectively realized or not, is not the only question that should be examined. “Without assessing [other] factors [such as costs, overall impact on speech, and democracy] the impact of prescriptively legitimate unilateral exercises of jurisdiction upon the on-line community remains unclear.”¹⁷⁶ What would happen if states continue to insist on broad exercise of jurisdiction in Internet content matters?

3.4.1 With Zoning Technologies

In one scenario, broad exercise of jurisdiction would undoubtedly be legitimate if cyberspace were zoned and every author could control the spread of it creation. From the technical point of view, the architecture of the Internet is developed by people and any direction of its development is possible.¹⁷⁷ But do we really want, do we really need the “zoned” cyberspace? “Since the 1940's the United States has deployed anti-jamming

technologies to make Voice of America and other United States government sponsored broadcasting available to people in nations with governments that seek to block news and information.”¹⁷⁶ Similarly, twice in the past three years the US Congress dealt with the bill on Global Internet Freedom proposed for the same purpose – to promote freedom of

¹⁷⁶ *Id.* at 421.

¹⁷⁷ See, generally, L. ESSIG, *supra* note 171.

¹⁷⁸ Elaine M. Chen, *Global Internet Freedom: Can Censorship and Freedom Coexist?* 13 DePaul-LCA J. Art & Ent. L. 229, 233 (2003).

expression on the Internet.¹⁷⁹ Zoning of the Internet would lead to an exactly opposite result. Not only would it make much of valuable content unavailable but it would also significantly raise the costs of Internet activities for all concerned – “in order to implement this technological solution, a multi-national actor must reconsider its relationships with *all* its users, regardless of national origin.”¹⁸⁰ That could lead to a particular speech-averse result - “assuming that technology continues to improve, it may become easier to withhold speech from foreign countries than to sort out inconsistent foreign laws that specify what counts as harmful where.”¹⁸¹

The insistence on general zoning would completely alter the current status of the Internet as a cheap, easily accessible medium enabling free flow of ideas worldwide as we know it and as many cherish it. The Internet would stop to be the medium of users – few private authors have the means to control the spread of their work and few Internet companies would provide free or cheap services when burdened by the obligation to employ geographical filtering in respect of content placed by their customers. Fortunately, this dark development is not probable to occur on a big scale;¹⁸² first of all because the US companies that enjoy the First Amendment protection are not likely to

assume the additional costs without effective enforcement threats. Nevertheless some regional adjustments are possible and already in force, mainly due to regional business interests.¹⁸³

3.4.2 Without Zoning Technologies

In another scenario which is more similar to what is happening today, the courts will continue exercising worldwide jurisdiction but with limited success mainly due to the enforcement problem. One could reflect what would subjecting users to the laws of every country lead to? Would it lead to less objectionable content on the Internet? It is

¹⁷⁹ The bills were not adopted but the fact is significant anyway. See H.R. Res. 12, 107th Cong. (2001); H.R. Res. 48, 108th Cong. (2003).

¹⁸⁰ Yochai Benkler, *Internet Regulation: A Case Study in the Problem of Unilateralism*, 11 EJIL 171, 174 (2000).

¹⁸¹ Houweling, *supra* note 139, at 714-15.

¹⁸² See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 415.

¹⁸³ Human Rights Watch, *Yahoo! Risks Abusing Rights in China* (August 9, 2002), at <http://www.hrw.org/press/2002/08/yahoo080902.htm> (last visited April 26, 2004).

very doubtful, considering that the user is innocent under his or her local laws (if otherwise, the problem may be solved by the respective state, on the state's own initiative or on the notice of others). The only thing it can lead to would be the increasing amount of warnings like they appeared after the Toben case – “Travelers alert!... Stay out of prison! Stay out of Germany!”¹⁸⁴

Under the logic of effects principle as applied by many Western states in asserting jurisdiction over out-of-state actors, producers of swimming suits fashion or erotic could be arrested on their trip to Islamic states as infringing the morality of the country. In fact, journalists, politicians, scholars, writers, enthusiasts, and anyone speaking in

cyberspace would face the same risk – multiplied by the fact that it is not always obvious that the speech is objectionable and where exactly it is objectionable. Perhaps, one could maintain a database of all possible objectionable topics to make it certain not to experience prosecution process on a vacation trip. Irony apart, so far Islamic states did not to extend jurisdiction to foreigners with no connection to a state¹⁸⁶ fighting with objectionable content by local filtering measures but would they refrain from it long if Western states provide so many examples? It appears, Western states are less tolerant to Internet speech than Islamic societies traditionally criticized for oppression of freedom of expression.

3.5 International Solution

International agreement on jurisdiction in Internet-related issues would certainly be the best choice. One of the challenges for negotiating such an agreement is that the Internet activities involve too many topics (commerce, speech, criminal, civil, etc.) that were traditionally dealt with by different means. So far, there are many conventions on jurisdiction in non-Internet-related issues, all of them quite specific and not particularly

¹⁸⁴ See, e.g., statement at <http://www.zensurfrei.com/germanyinformation/> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁸⁵ HERBERT TRÖNDLE, STRAFGESETZBUCH UND NEBENGESETZE [PENAL CODE AND RELEVANT LAWS] 60 (2003).

¹⁸⁶ REMER, *supra* note 17, at 122.

the Convention of Cybercrime but in no clear way.

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The situation is further aggravated by the fact that among other topics speech issues imply clashes of values. Even regional cooperation efforts that are looked upon as a possible guidance¹⁸⁹ have their shortcoming for application on the international level. Thus, the EU E-Directive offers a combination of home country control (the website operator will be liable in the home state)¹⁹⁰ with an override procedure (the state can assert control over a foreign operator in enumerated exceptions (like public policy issues) but before taking measures should contact another Member State and notify the EU Commission).¹⁹¹ It may be a good solution for a region with more or less commonly shared values but it would hardly work for the whole world¹⁹² – there is little prospect to agree on something when countries do not have much in common from the beginning. Moreover, negotiations between governments on every Internet dispute involving public policy will be too burdensome. The conclusion seems to be that the solution may be found on the national level only, the world is not ready for the international solution yet.¹⁹³ The realistic goal could be to concentrate on harmonization of existing and developing rules in respect to jurisdiction in Internet disputes and to try generalizing them into customs of international law, establishing common principles not from “above” but from below.¹⁹⁴

3.6 Towards Clarity of Rules

¹⁸⁷ See, e.g., Henn, *supra* note 45, at 173, see also *supra* note 138.

¹⁸⁸ Thus, art. 22 (4) of the Convention on Cybercrime provides that the “Convention does not exclude any criminal jurisdiction exercised in accordance with domestic law”.

¹⁸⁹ See, generally, Mark F. Kightlinger, *A Solution to the Yahoo! Problem? The EC E-Commerce Directive as a Model for International Cooperation on Internet Choice of Law*, 24 MICH. J. INT'L L. 719 (2003).

¹⁹⁰ Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market (‘Directive on electronic commerce’), art. 3 § 1, 2000 O.J. (L 178), available at <http://europa.eu.int> (last visited April 26, 2004).

¹⁹¹ *Id.* art. 3 § 4.

¹⁹² See, e.g., Kightlinger, *supra* note 189, at 747.

¹⁹³ See B. REMER, *supra* note 17, at 242.

¹⁹⁴ See *id.* 176-77, 201.

Foreseeability of rules and of the governing law is not a popular argument in discussing Internet transnational issues nowadays¹⁹⁵ but it used to be important.

“Asserting jurisdiction over a nonresident or a person not physically within the state would “offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice,” the court said once.¹⁹⁶ The statement is not completely outdated.

“All other things being equal, companies large and small generally prefer predictable legal environments to unpredictable environments,”¹⁹⁷ the same being true for private users as well. As David Post argued, “[s]cale matters... Rules and principles that may be quite reasonable at one scale may become incoherent and unreasonable at another.”¹⁹⁸ In a more recent decision the same idea was expressed by the court – “it does not make sense to adopt a rule that could lead to the liability of countless parties whose role in the infringement is nothing more than setting up and operating a system that is necessary for the functioning of the Internet.”¹⁹⁹

Since every state has its own local policy to protect “all should be ready to subscribe, *ex ante*, to a rule of reason, under which the benefit from being able to ensure protection of local policies should balance out the concessions made to other States’ conflicting regulatory claims.”²⁰⁰ The pragmatic question whether a state *can* unilaterally prescribe laws governing Internet activities can be answered in the affirmative – yes, it can though with very limited success. But it is not enough; the second question should follow, whether a state *should* do it. “Jurisdiction should not be exercised merely because it is permissible under principles of international law.”²⁰¹

4 CONCLUSION

¹⁹⁵ See, e.g., Fagin, *supra* note 132, at 419.

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- (1945). Cowan, *supra* note 27, at 265, describing *International Shoe Co. v. Washington*, 325 U.S. 310
- ¹⁹⁷ Kightlinger, *supra* note 189, at 764.
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- ¹⁹⁹ Religious Technology Center v. Netcom On-Line Communication Services, Inc., 907 F. Supp. 1361, 1372 (1995).
- ²⁰⁰ Watt, *supra* note 1, at 692.
- ²⁰¹ *A Report on Global Jurisdiction Issues*, *supra* note 16, at 1821.

With several exceptions, states tend to apply the effects principle in asserting jurisdiction over foreign actors in Internet content controversies. A little simplified, the justification provided is as follows – “what you say matters to us. Since we can hear it we have jurisdiction.” While the validity of the effects principle as such is not contested, it is necessary to revisit its meaning in respect of Internet content disputes. “A world in which the Effects Principle returns the result “No Substantial Effects Outside the Borders“ when applied to the vast majority of events and transactions is not “functionally identical“ to a world in which application of the same principle to the vast majority of events and transactions returns the opposite result.”²⁰² Potential accessibility of a website is not a proper link for application of national law.²⁰³

The US interstate cases with targeting-based analysis provide only limited guidance. First, interstate jurisdiction is different from international extraterritorial jurisdiction, primarily because of the absence of enforcement concern. Second, it is not clear what would be the application in extraterritorial criminal cases, such as child pornography or obscenity prosecution (the latter being a theoretical example so far). Targeting-based analysis could help but even in the US it is not used consistently. Besides, there are not too many objective indicators of targeting and the risk of their arbitrary application reducing the outcome to nothing cannot be ignored.

The realistic proposal would be to apply the territorial principle and the active

nationality principle for determining jurisdiction in Internet content matters. They both can be interpreted quite broadly comprising hosting ISPs and content providers on the state's territory (from businesses to private users), registrars of respective ccTLD names and nationals of the state, thereby giving substantial playground to the state to protect its interests. It would provide foreseeability of legal order and at the same time it would adequately answer the enforcement concern limiting the jurisdiction to the controversies that the state can effectively enforce.

Before the Internet raised many new legal issues the universal jurisdiction was recognized on very limited occasions. Now many states refuse to see the limits of their authority in Internet speech regulation and unrestrained application of the effects

²⁰² Post, *supra* note 198, at 1383 (2002).

²⁰³ See Sieber, *supra* note 50, at 2068.

principle equals pure speech to the most hideous crimes. Even if some Internet content could arguably fall within the universal jurisdiction (such as child pornography), it should not be generalized to cover any case when Internet content is not in line with local preferences.

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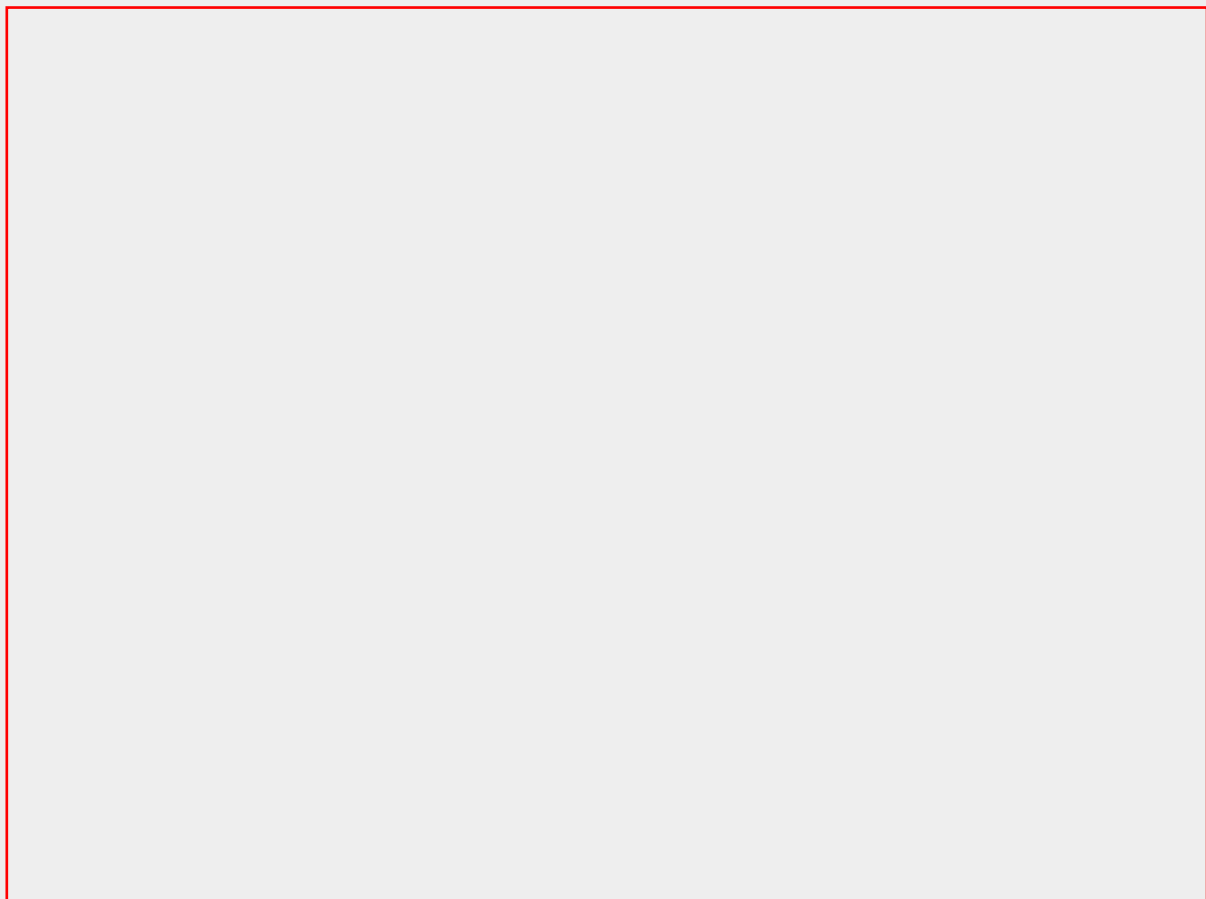
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Denn nachdem ®TMark im März 2000 der Hochstaplergruppe [The Yes Men](#) - "a genderless, loose-knit association of some three hundred impostors worldwide" - die Kontrolle über die Website gegeben hatte, erhielt diese im Mai die Email-Anfrage des Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg, ob Mike Moore, Direktor-General der WTO, auf einer Konferenz zur internationalen Rechtsprechung die Perspektive der WTO vorbringen würde. *The Yes Men* emailen im Namen Moores, dass dieser verhindert sei, gern aber Dr. Andreas Bichlbauer aus Wien vorbeischicken würde. Und so fuhr Mr. Bichlbauer nach Salzburg, mit zwei security assistants, die eine "security camera" bei sich trugen, deren Notwendigkeit man den Herren leicht plausibel machen konnte. (Und so liegt heute neben den [vertrauten Dokumenten](#) auch ein [Video Stream](#) vor).

Bichlbauers [Vortrag](#), so *The Yes Men*, "described the WTO's ideas and ultimate aims in terms that were horrifyingly stark--suggesting, for example, the replacement of inefficient democratic institutions like elections with private-sector solutions like an Internet startup selling votes to the highest corporate bidder. None of the lawyers in attendance expressed dismay at Dr. Bichlbauer's proposals." Der Vorschlag des direkten Stimmenkaufs ist in der Tat starker Tobak, aber die Beschreibung des bisher üblichen über Wahlkampagnen und TV vermittelten Stimmenkaufs ist es nicht minder (zur späteren Umsetzung auch dieser Aktion in Zusammenarbeit mit **Voteauction**. com siehe Florian Rötzers Artikel in [Telepolis](#) vom 6.11.2000). Am schärfsten aber sind die Herzchen in der Power-Point-Grafik, mit der Bichlbauer den Vorgang erklärt. Was, um alles in der Welt, dachten die Konferenzteilnehmer, als Sie die Herzchen sahen!



Nun, so ganz ohne Verdacht blieb man in Salzburg nicht. Der Konferenzorganisator schrieb am nächsten Tag an 'Moore's Sekretär', dass man etwas verwirrt über Bichlbauer's Rede gewesen sei, v.a. was seine Position betrifft, dass die Italiener keine Arbeitsmoral hätten, dass man die Wahlstimmen dem Meistbietenden verkaufen solle und dass es Aufgabe des WTO sei, eine one-world culture zu schaffen. Man sieht, die Nachfragen kommen an der richtigen Stelle, man könnte also beruhigt sein. Aber die Geschichte ist noch nicht zu Ende.

The Yes Man legen noch eins drauf, indem sie einen Zwischenfall erfinden, eine Attacke gegen den Vertreter der WTO: Am Rande der Veranstaltung wird ihm eine Cremetorte ins Gesicht geschlagen. Die falschen Vertreter der WTO nutzen diese Erfindung, um den Konferenzteilnehmern weitere Aussagen für die Website abzuluchsen. In der Email vom 21. November heisst es:

Dear Delegates,

Perhaps you have now heard about the unfortunate event that took place during "Provision of International Services and Sale of Goods" in Salzburg, on the morning of October 27, after Dr. Andreas Bichlbauer's lecture on behalf of the World Trade Organization.

A few hours after that lecture, someone anonymously hurled a pie in Dr. Bichlbauer's face. This would have remained merely another irritating illustration of the WTO's unpopularity in today's world of snap judgments, had Dr. Bichlbauer not contracted a rather severe infection from the pie, which was somewhat spoiled.

We are treating this matter with the utmost gravity, as you can surely understand, and so we are asking everyone who was present at the conference, whether or not you saw Dr. Bichlbauer's lecture, to provide us with the following:

- 1.If you attended the lecture, we would love to hear your personal reactions to it, as part of our efforts at quality control, and to avoid situations like this in the future. Was the lecture offensive in any way? What struck you the most about it?
- 2.If you attended the lecture, please convey your impressions of the audience's reaction to it; please be specific. (If there were any particularly strong reactions, especially from anyone you did not recognize as a delegate, please inform.)

usw. Die Beute bringt nicht viel, außer vielleicht, dass einer freiweg sagt: "The WTO rep. who spoke was the worst speaker at the seminar." Also lässt die WTO Mr. Bichlbaum sterben, an den Folgen der verdorbenen Torte:

Dear Delegates,

We apologize for interrupting your holiday season with this most unpleasant announcement.

Dr. Andreas Bichlbauer, who spoke on behalf of the WTO at the CILS conference in Salzburg on Oct. 27, and with whom many of you shared a pleasurable moment or two, has passed on. He succumbed yesterday, at 16:50 CET, to an infection thought to have been caught from the rotten pie which was hurled in his face after his Oct. 27 lecture.

We feel sure that you understand the urgency now with which we ask you all to furnish us with any and all information you may have regarding this crime, which to this day remains wholly unsolved. Our only current lead is the "voter fraud" angle. Apparently Dr. Bichlbauer said something in his talk that enraged one of the delegates, so much so that said delegate has refused to speak with us, and has accused the WTO of "encouraging voter fraud." (27. November)

Die Geschichte nimmt Züge der Trivialdramatik an und prüft deren Brauchbarkeit unter höher Gebildeten. Die - schockiert durch den unerwarteten Tod von Dr. Bichlbauer - senden entsprechende Kondolenzbekundungen und Kommentare wie:

"This is a tragic situation for all of us involved in these international trade matters. I trust that after the investigation has been carried out and the criminal caught, WTO will made the entire incident public so that the effects of this sort of outrageous behavior can be more widely known and condemned."

"Although I believe that I was sitting at the seminar group where Mr. Bichlbauer was making his presentation I did not pay attention to his speech whilst I was preparing my presentation for the afternoon session."

"Rumor had it, that the pie was thrown by the fellow who videotaped the lecture--an individual who accompanied Dr. Bichlbauer to the conference. That is only rumor, and I wish you the best of luck in your investigation."


Rechtzeitig vor dem angesetzten Beerdigungstermin wird die

Lügengeschichte mit einer Aufdeckung abgeschlossen, die selbst wieder eine Lüge ist. Mr.Bichlbauer wird enttarnt, aber die Enttarner bleiben undercover:

Dear Delegates,

... Dr. Bichlbauer ..., his "security guard," and his "cameraman" ... belong, it turns out, to an anti-trade cabal called "The Yes Men," whose interests run exactly counter to our own, and who will stoop to any level whatsoever to make points.

(The point they were attempting to make with this trickery, according to the handwritten letter which we received by this morning's post, had something to do with "corporate power" and "democracy," though the syntax and handwriting of the letter are, truth be told, too execrable to make much of. ((We will be happy to provide a copy of the letter if anyone wishes to see it.))
(30. November)

Man bietet Kopien des handschriftlichen Briefes an - als wäre damit irgendwas bewiesen! Und damit endet dann die Story. Der geehrte Leser aber steht nun der Frage gegenüber, was an alledem eigentlich der Wahrheit entspricht. Ist es möglich, dass die Herren in Salzburg diesen Schmarren geglaubt haben? Die Herzchen? Und das  Bild vom schlafenden Italiener als Faulheitsbeweis? Ist es möglich, dass jemand zugibt, der ganzen Rede nicht zugehört zu haben, weil er die eigene noch vorbereiten musste? Oder sind wir selbst die Ausgelachten, wenn wir glauben, die anderen hätten einen so offensichtlichen Unsinn geglaubt.

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Йоаеі ндауо йеаеі - ааеі ÷ааоаі нёо÷ае

[\[V\]ote-auction](#) а нәәд, еіеоді ндаіа іііоёыдаі ііедае іаідааіаоедоа еçаіде çа аіадееаінее ідаçеааіо ідаç 2000 а. Іі ііаіауо іа ааоа ідеһдәһәәдәдә іо еуі ааеі іо аааіадоа еаіаеааоде еее оіеаеаііоі іо нүауааеаеа, а даеодуо, ÷а ндауо іааі нә еçідаае оуеаоа іаөеіа іа аіадееаінеіоді нүаааі ідйеçаіааоаі. Іде÷еіадоа а, ÷а [V]ote-auction ідаәәааа аүçіаеіһнө çа іеаеі оудәоааіа іа аеаһііаааадоаеіеу аіо. Еаеоді нәі іһі÷аа, нәәдудө нө іһнөаау çа оәә аа еһіаеіеда аіадееаінееда ідеіөеіе іа ааііедаөёу е еаіедаеөçуі еаоді ідааһнөаау іөедөө оідоі çа еһіоаеө іааоо аеаһііаааадоаеөдә е аіадееаінееда еһіаіеө, аадыаауө ндааһнөаа çа ііеөдө÷аһеөде еаііаіеө іа еаіаеааодеда çа аүдәаааі аеааа. Ііçеөёуоа, іо еіуоі ааодідеда іа аеөёуоа ддуааао, а, ÷а іі оіçе іа÷еі уа нә іаіаеө даçөуеаааіаоді іа ндааһнөаа а еçаідіадоа еіаоһдөёу, еіуоі нә еһіодіеөда іо ніаөеаеөçедаіеөдә адоіе іа ііеөдө÷аһеө еһіноөдаіде, ііеө÷ааауө 10-15% іо аадаіеөдә еаіедаеө çа іііоёыдеçедаіа іа іуеіе іо ііеөдө÷аһеөдә еаіаеааоде. Ніідаа [V]ote-auction, оіаа одаөдөда аеаһііаааадоаеөдә еаоді ідіаөөд, еіеоді ііаа аа ауаа ідіаааа іа еаіаеааодеда (е/ееө іа оаодіеда аадеөдәеө). Ііа адуçеёу еіçоіа “Еііодіеөдае нәіу аеаһ - еііодіеөдае нәіуоа ааііедаөёу!”, нәәдудө ідааһнөаау аүçіаеіһнө іа аеаһііаааадоаеөдә нәіе аа іаідааеуаао нәіу еçаідаі еаіедае, н еіаоді аа нә ідаіаіеаа іеһеаоа еçаедаоаеіа аөдөаіһнө, додеііһнөдә іа ііеөдө÷аһеөдә нөһоаіа е іааеіаоа оідаеіһнө іа іһеаіеуоа. Іо адоаа нөдаіа, еһіаіеөдә, еіеоді еіааһнөдөда а ііеөдө÷аһеөдә еаііаіеө, еіао іі-аіеуі еііодіе е аүçадууааіһнө іа еіааһнөөөөдә нө, еаоді ііаао аөдаөөдә аа аеёууо аүдоо аеаһііаааадоаеөдә. Іаçааеһеі ааеө ідааһнөааеуаа ідіаіеаөдәіа адоөһнө÷а аөөёу еее ааеһнөаөдәеіі оәеө ідһуіа іа одауаааіаоа еçаедаоаеіа нөһоаіа, дааөөёуоа іа аіадееаінеаоа нүаааіа аеаһнө ндауо [V]ote-auction а іеаһіааіа. Нүаеу іо уаоа Еөөіеһ еçаааа нүаааіа çаадаіа çа ііадедаіа а оіçе уао іа нәөдә voteauction.com. А ііеө аа çаіаеөіеуө оіаа іадааеааіа ііадаодідеда іо ідһаіуо аһіаеі еіаоді іа vote-auction.com. Оіаааа нә іаіаһаа іеһөһоудуо іа ідааһнөуаөдә іа уаоа Іөһөде Ааае Іөөһуі, еіеоді ііеө÷ааа нүаааіа çаһіааа, çаауеааауаа ііадаодідеда іа [V]ote-auction аа іоааеааөдә а нәөдә нө, ÷а өоіоаааіаоді е ідіаааааіаоді іа аеаһіаа а іаçаеііі ніідаа çаеіеөдә іа Іөһөде. Оаçе нүаааіа çаһіааа нә іоіаһу іа нәі аі еіаоді іа іааеіуаіеөдә, іі нүуі аі аһуеа аууаодіа еһіаіеу, оөеөаө еөө аһаөө, еіеоді ааеһнөаа іо оуөіі еіа еөө а даоаі еіоадаһ. Ааеһнөаөуоа іа нүаааіеөдә аеаһнө нә ідіаөөдәааіе іо нүуаһнөоауөдә çаеіе а НАУ, ніідаа еіеоді өоіоаааіаоді е ідіаааааіаоді іа аеаһіаа ауа оааадаеіе еçаіде а оааадаеіі ідаһнөуеаіеа, еіаоді нә іаеаçаа н аеіаа іо 10 оөёуаө аіеада е 5 аһаеіе çадааід. А нөаіааеа нә аөөр÷аа е аүдәааіеуө нәөдаоад іа Еаөөоідйеу Аөө Аөіоһ, еіеоді нүçаааа ніаөеаеаі даçөәааау аөөі аа нөааө ааеіһнөдә іа ііаіаіе нәөдәіа çа ідаәәаааіа е өоіоааа іа еçаедаоаеіе аеаһіаа.

Одыааа аа нә іоааеааө, ÷а а ааеһнөаөдәеіһнө [V]ote-auction іа оһіуаа аа ідіаааа іөдә ааеі аеаһ, ауідааө ÷а ііа іудәіа÷аеі çауааіеуө еіоадаһ іо нөдаіа іа еçаедаоаөөдә а аіеуі. А нөо÷ау іі-еіоадаһіе нә ііеөдөдә çа ідеөаааіа іа іөеаеі çаеііааадоаөһоаіоді (ө оі іа іоааеіа аүдәааа) аүдоо ііеаеі оадеөдөдөуоа іа еіоадіаө. А нүуі іһнөаааіаоді іа оідаеіаоа нәіаіаа іа іаіаеаоді е аүçаеааөдә (ааеі іо

Àèðòòàèíàòà àèíààèèçàòèy ìàæá àà áúàà ìðààñòààáíà ìñðààñòààí ìyèíèèí àèààíè òí÷èè. Ñíñðàà Óèðèò Áàè ààíàðàíàííòí àúçíðíèçààæààíà è àúçíðèàíàíà ìà ñúàèòèy, àúçíèèààùè ìí ðàçèè÷í ãðàíà, àíàè àí çàèè÷àààíà ìà èíèàèíèòà ìñíàííñòè è àí ñúçàààíàòí ìà “èííàèòíòí áúà àðàíàáí ìòííðàíèà çàíí èúéáí” (àæ. Áàè 2002: 45). Òàèà ìàæáò ìòààèíèòà ìððààèòàèè ñà ñúçàààà áúíàðàæààíà àèèçíñò, èíyòí ñà ìðíyáyàà ÷ðàç ìàùèòà ñèíàíèíè òèàóðè, èíèòí ìààèòà ìðíèçààæààò. Èè÷èòà àúçíðèyòèy ìà ñà èíèàèí ìðíàáíè, à ìðíàóèò ìà ìàñíààèéí ìíààúðàíèy è ìòíðíàí òðàíííàòèíàèáí æèáíò. Çàòíàà Áàè ìñíðàà òàçàòà ìà Ìàððàè Ìàèèóúí çà “àèíààèíòí ñàèí” èàòí ñúçààààùà ìíðàðíà ìðààñòààà çà àúçàðúúàíà ìà ìàùíñòà, àíèàòí àèàèòàèí ìññðààñòààíèòà òíðíè ìà ìàùóààíà ìà ìí÷èàò àúðòò ðíàíèíèè, ñíòèàèíè èèè ìðíñòðàíñòàáíè àðúçèè, à ààèíòàáíí àúðòò ìàùèòà èíòàðàñè èúí è à Ìðàæàòà. Ìíàíàíè ñà è àèæààíèyòà ìà Çèàíóíò Áàóíàí, ñíñðàà èíàíòí ñúàðàíàíàòà èðàðèíàðàíàííñò ìà ñúàñòòààíà ìà ìàùíñòèòà à ðàçòèòàò ìò òàèòà, ÷à ìàùóààíàòí àúðòà à ìàùíñòèòà ìyíà ìèèàèáí ìðàèìòàñòàí ìðàà ìàùóààíàòí ìàæáò ðàçèè÷èòà ìàùíñòè. Òàðàèòàðúò ìà àíàðèòà àèàèòðííè ìààèè ìðàííèààà àáíàèáí àèèyíèà àúðòò èíàèàèèòà èàòí ñòàíàí ìà àúçààèñòàèà, ìàçààèñèí ààèè ñà èííñòðòèòà ìàèèà ìí ðàçíàðè è èíòàíçèòàò ìà ìàùóààíà ãðòíà èèè òàèààà, èíyòí ìðàèòè÷àñèè ìyíà ãðàíèòè à ìðíñòðàíñòàáíòí (àæ. Áàóíàí 1999: 36). Ñòíàíè ñà àúçàèààèòà ìà Óààòàí Ñàíàðàæàèà, çà èíàíòí ñúàðàíàíèòà òàòííèíàè èàòí èíòàðíàò ìñèàóðyàò àúçíàèíñòè çà àèíààèíà èíààèíàðíà èííóíèèàòèy, ìðè èíyòí ñà ñúçàààà ìðààñòààà çà ñààòà èàòí ñèñòàíà, èçàðàààíà ìò ààà àçàèííàúðçàíè ààèñòàèòàèíñòè: ðààèíà (òèçè÷àñèà) è èíààèíàðíà (ìíñòíðà), èúí èíyòí ñà ìòíàñy àèíààèèçàòèyòà (àæ. Ñàíàðàæàèà á.á.: 77).

Áàóíàí ìðààè èíòàðàñàí ìàðàèè ñ ìíààèà ìà Ìàííòèèòí ìà Ìèðàè Óòèí, èíèòí ìðààñòààèyàà òàíòðàèèçèðàí ãðàà, ìà÷èíàí ìà ìààèðààíèòàòí ìà òíðààèyààùèòà/ìààçèðàòàèè, ìàèòàùè ñà à òáíòúðà ìà ãðààà, èúààòí èíòíðíàòèyòà à ñòðíàí òáíòðàèèçèðàíà (Áàóíàí 1999: 72-73). Òíçè ìíààè ìàæá àà áúàà èçííèçàáí èàòí ìðèàèáí ìàyñíàíèà ìà ìà÷èíà, ìí èíèòí ñà ðààóèèòà èíòàðíàò. Àèàáíàòà òàè ìà Ìàííòèèòíà, òàúðàè Áàóíàí, à àà áúààæàà àèñòèíèèíà è àà ìàèàà àáíàèàà ðàíèà ìà ìíààáíèà àúðòò ñàíèòà ìíà÷èíàíè, ñàíàíàðàçíí ìðúæàà ñòàùò ðàçèè÷èòàòí, èçàíðà è ìíàíàðàçèòàòí. Óíàà ìðyèí èíðàñííàèòà ñúñ ñòðàíàæà ìà ìyèíè àúðààè (àáííèòàòè÷è è ààòíòèòàðíè) àà èíòòíèèòàò/òáíçòðèòàò àíñòúíà, ààèæàíèòàòí è ìàíèòàòí ìà ðàçèè÷èòà ìòðààèòàèè à Ìðàæàòà. ðàçàèòà ñà, ìíàíàíè òàèè ñà ìàyñíèè, çàùíòí èíòàðíàò ñà yáyàà ìúíí èèííè÷àñèí, èóèòòòíí è ìíèèòè÷àñèí ñòààñòàí çà àèèyíèà è ìòààèíèòà ìàùàñòàà è ñòðàíè ñà ìðèàèà÷àíè ìò àúçíàèíñòèòà çà ìàòàðèàèáí è èàááí ìðííàðèòàò. Èàèòí ðàíàí ìààèðààèè ìà èíòàðíàò ìòààèyçàà: “Áíñòúíúò àí àèòàðíàòèáíè òíðíè ìà èíòíðíàòèy è ìàè-àà÷à àúçíàèíñòèòà çà ñííààèyíà ñ ìñòàíàèèòà ìà ààðèòà ñíàñòàáíè àèòàðíàòèàè çà ìòèòèàèíàòà àèàáíà òí÷èà à, ìí ñàíyòà ìðèðíàà, ìíèèòè÷àñèè òàííàí.” (Òàóáíàí á.á.)

Èàòí òyèí ìíààò àà ñà ìàííàyò òðè ðàçèè÷èòà ãðòíè, ìò èíèòí çààèñè ðààóèàòèyòà ìà Ìðàæàòà. Ìà ìúðàí ìyñòí, è ìàè-ìíàíàðíèè èàòí ÷èñèáíñò, ñà ìòðààèòàèèòà. Òà ñà òàçè, èíèòí òíðíèòàò ìðààñòàààòà è ñúúíñòèòà ìà àèðòòàèíòí ìðíñòðàíñòàí - ñ ìàíàèòà ààçèðàèíè àúçíàèíñòè çà ðàçíyíà ìà èíòíðíàòèy, çààààèáíèà, ìàùóààíà, òúðàíàèy. Ìòðààèòàèèòà ñà ìàèèòà àèàíàíòè, èíèòí èçãðàæààò ìííèèòòíñòèòà ìà èíòàðíàò, òyòíòí çàèè÷ààíà àè àíààèí àí ðàçíàààíàòí ìà òyèàòà ñòðòèòòà. Ìðààíèèàààíí à, ÷à òà òðyààà àà èàò ìàè-àíèyí èíòòíè àúðòò ìày. Ìàà÷à òíàà ìà àèíàè à òàèà. Á ìàñòíyàòí ðàçàèòèà ìà èèààðààèíñòèòà ìíàí ìí-ñúàñòààáíí à àèèyíàòí ìà àòíðàòà ãðòíà - ìðíààèàúðèòà è ìííàáíí ìà òðàòàòà - àúðàèàèòà. Ìðàç ìðíààèàúðèòà (èèè èíòàðíàò àíñòàà÷èòà) ìðàíèààà òyèàòà èíòíðíàòèy è òà èàò ìàè-àíèyí ìíàèàà èàèòí àúðòò ìàùàòà ðàíèà ìà Ìðàæàòà, òàèà è ñíðyíí ìòààèíèòà ààòàèèè ìò òàðàèòàðà ìà èííóíèèàòèyòà ìàæáò ìòðààèòàèèòà. Ìðààè àúçíàèíñòèòà èì àà ðàçíèèààò ñ ìí-çààúéáí÷àíè ìàòàðèàèè, àà ìðèòàààùàò è òèèòðèòàò ìààèàííàààèíàòà èíòíðíàòèy, àúðòò òyò à ñúñðàáíòí÷àí ìàè-ñèèíèyò ìàòèñè ìò ñòðàíà ìà àúðàèàèòà. Ìàòíàèòà çà òyòíòí àèèyíèà ñà ñàúðçàíè ñ ìðíààæàáíàòí ìà òàèàíàñí÷àíè èíòàðíàò ìíèèòèèà, èííñòðòèòàíàòí ìà çàèíè è ñúààèñòàèòàòí çà òyòíòí ìðèèààáíà. Óòè à ìíàíòúò àà ñà

ìðààíèçàòèè. Òðyààà ìàà÷à àà ñà ìðààñòààè è ààíèíòààíàòà ìðèðíàà ìà òàèàðñòààíòí. Ìàèàð àà ñà ìàíí÷àíè ñðàòó àèðòóàèíèòà òíðà è àà ìðíèðèàíðà÷:àò ìà àòè÷èòà è ààííèðàòè÷:è ìðíè ìà èìòàðíàò, à ìíàà÷:àòí ñèò÷:àè òàèàðñèèòà àòàèè ñà ñííòòàíàí èçðàç ìà àíèyòà è ààèíòàèyòà ìà ìòààèíèòà ìòðààèòàèè. Ñúòàñòàóàà ðàçèèèà ìàæàó ààòàíòè÷:ìàòà ñúòííò ìà òàèàðñòààíòí è ààèíòàèyòà ìà èèààðíðàñòóííèòòà. Èàèòí Ìàèè Ìàíyííàà òàúðàè à ñàíy ñòàòèy “èíòèíèíòí òàèàðñòààí ñà ñàíííðàààèy èàòí àèííàðòàí èðúà, èàòí èóèòòà ìà ñííààèàíòí ìàòóààíà, ìà ìðàíàíèyààíàòí ìà àðàíèòè è ðàòàààíàòí ìà ìðíàèàèè... Ààùèòà ìà ìðàæàòà ìðíòàñòèðàò ñðàòó ìðèñàíyààíàòí ìà ìàíèíàèçíà ìò ñàííçààíè ààíààèè è èìò ìðàçðèòàèíí ìòííòàíèà èúí òàèèàà (ìàðè÷:àò àè crackers), èíèòí ìà èçàðàæààò, à ñàíí ðóòàò... (è) ìàèèíààíí ìðíòí ñà ìúðçàèèàè çà ìí-ñàðèíçíè ìðíòàñòèíàèíè çààà÷:è...” (Ìàíyííàà 2001à). Òàèà ÷à ìà òðyààà àà ñà ìíòàày çíàè ìà òàæààñòààííò ìàæàó èìòàèèààíòííòòà, ìðíòàñòèíàèèçíà è èííàòàíòííòòà ìà ìðèàèíàèíèòà òàèàðè, èíèòí ñúí ñàíèòà ààèíòàèy ìàííàààò ìí-àíàðàòà çàùèòà ìà ñàèòíààòà (Sun Tzu, èçààñòàí èèòàèíèè àíàò è ñòðàòàà èàçàà, ÷à òðyààà àà ñà àúçííèçààòà ìò ñíèòà ìà àðààà, çà àà ìòèðèàòà ñàíèòà ñèàáííòè - àæ. Ñóèàð á.ã.) è òàòííðàñòóííèòòà, èíèòí èçííèçààò èííðòúðíèòà ñè òíàíèy è ìðíàèàèòà à ñíòòòàðà çà èè÷:íí ìàíààòyààíà è ìðèàíàèààíà ìà ààòíðèòàò.

Ìàíàòíàèíí à àà ñà ààòàèèèçèðàò è ðàçèè÷:èòà àèàíàà òàòííðàñòóííèàíèy. Òà ìíàò àà àúààò èíòè òààè, ñ èíèòí àà ñà àíà÷:àòèyò èèè ìàúðèàò ìòàíàèèòà ìòðààèòàèè. Ààèíòàèòàèíèòà òàòííðàñòóííèàíèy ñà àìòèííòèàèíè è ìðàíàíàðàí çèííàíàðàíè - èàòí ìàúðèààíà ìà ìòðààèòàèèòà à ÷:àò ñòày, àòàèòààíàòí èì ñ ìàèàíè ìàòàðèàèè, çààààyíà ìà ñèíðííòòà ìà èííòíèèàòèy, ðàçðòòàààíà ìà àààòàðèòà ìà ðçúðèòà, èàèòí è ìà òàèè ñúðàúðè, ìàçàèííòí òíèùíàààíà ìà ñèíòàíè, çà àà ñà àííòèàíà àí ìíààðèòàèíè ààííè èèè ñðààñòàà è ò.í. Àííòà à ìèñàíí è çà ìòèààòèèíèòà òàðàèòàðèíòèèè ìà òàèàðèòà. Èàòí ÷à èè ìàùèòà ìíàíòè ñà ñàúðçàíè ñ ìàíàòíàèííòòà ìò àíèàíèà, ìààúçííàííòòà çà ìúèííòàíí ìàòóààíà ñ àðòàèòà ìòðààèòàèè, ìðààèçàèèàòàèíòàíòí è àúèíàíèàòí ìò ìààèèçàíàòí à çààðàíàíè ìàèàñòè, àèàèíèàòí àà ñà àíèàæàò, àà ààíííòèðèòà ñàíy èìòàèàèò, èíàèíò, òèòðííò, çààíàíèyààíà ìòðààííòòà ìò òààæàíèà è ñàííòààæàíèà. È òíàà, èíàòí à ìàè-èìòàðàííí - àóíòíàíè÷:àñèàòà è àìòèèíòèòòòèíàèíàòà ìðèðíàà ìà òàòíèòà ààèíòàèy, èíyòí ìòíàí ñà ñàúðçàà ñ èààyòà çà àíàðòèíòè÷:ìàòà ñúòííò ìà èìòàðíàò.

Èìà àííòà ìðèàðè çà òíàà èàè ñúí ñàíèòà ààèíòàèy òàèàðèòà ñà çàùèòàààèè ìyèíè òòíè÷:àí, òòíàíàí èèè ìàèèíàèàí èàààè. Ìíèàçàòàèíè ñà ðààèòèèòà ìà èèòàèíèèòà òàèàðè ñèàà èìòèààíòà ìò 1 àìðèè 2001 à., èíààòí, ìðè ñàèúíúè ìàæàó àìàðèèàííèè ðàçòçíàààòàèàí ñàííèàò è èèòàèíèè àííààðàèðíàà÷, çààèíà èèòàèíèèyò ìèèò, èíèòí ñà ìðíyàèòà à çàùèòà ìà èèòàèíèèòà ìàèèíàèíè èìòàðàñè. Òíàààà àyòà àòàèòààíè ñàèòíààòà ìà àìàðèèàííèòí ìðààèòàèíòàí èàòí àà çàíàíàí èçíàðàæàíèàòí ìà àìàðèèàííèòí çíàíà ñ èèòàèíèòí è àèíèèðàíà òyèàòà ñèíòàíà. Ìí ñòíààí ìà÷:èí àà àèíèèðàí ìàè-ìíòèyðíèyò èèòàèíèè ìòðààè. À ñúòí àyòà ðàçíðííòðàíàíè ðàçèè÷:èè àèðòíè, ìò èíàòí ìíòòàààòà èííðòèòà ìà ìíàí ìòðààèòàèè. Òàèà ààèíòààòà è èíàííàçèèíèèòà òàèàðè ìðè ìðíòàñòà ñè ñðàòó ìèòíàòèyòà ìà Èçòí÷:àí Òèìòð è çà ìíàíàíàæàààíà ìà òàòíè àðàñòàààíè èèààðè. Èðàííèòí à ìíààààíèàòí ìà èíàííàçèèíèèòà èðààòè ìà ìíàðà ìà èðààèòíè èàðòè (ñ òàè àà ìðèàèàèàò ìíàà÷:à èèèàíòè ìíàí èìòàðíàò èàòàíàòà à Èíàííàçèy ìðààííòààyò ñíèñúè ñ ìíàðà ìà èðààèòíè èàðòè èàòí ñíàòèàèíà òñèòàà), èíèòí ñà àúçíðèàíàò èàòí àèàèòðíàí ðíàèí Òòà ñ òàúðààíèy èàòí: “Èçàèðàí ñàíí òàçè òíðà, èíèòí ìàèíòèà ñà àíààòè. Ìà èçííèçààí ìàðèòà ìà àààíè òíðà. Ìíààí òíàà ìà èñèàí àà èçííèçààí èðààèòíè èàðòè, ìðèíààèàæàùè ìà èíàííàçèèòè. Òíàà à àòèèàòà ìà èàðààðèòà (carders).” (Àà Èèíèò 2002)

Ìàèàð àúèààðñèèòà IP-ìíàòèèèèòè àà ñà ìðèçíàòè èàòí ààíè ìò ìàè-àíàðèòà à ñààòà, çíà÷:èè òàèàðñèè àèòèè à àúèààðñèòí ìàòíðííòðàñòàí ìà ñà ñòàààèè. Ààíè ìò ìí-çàíííyùèòà ñà òàèààíàòí ìà ñàèòà ìà àèàòèy ìðàçèààíò Ìàòúð Ñòíyííà è ìà Ñúðçà ìà ààííèòàòè÷:èòà ñèèè. Ìðíòàñòóò ìà Èòààèà, èàèòí ñà àà ìàíèèàè òàèàðúò, àòàèòààè ñòðàíèòàòà ìà Ìàòúð Ñòíyííà, àà ÷:èòí ñíòèàèàí è ìàíí÷:àí ñðàòó

İdæàdà, è nâeôîââdâ, êîeôî îîââd àâ îîñâùâââd. Äîýêúââ îæeëyò îdîê â dâçdèdâd è îd àîâdèeâîñeîôî eêîîñe÷âñeî àîââdâî è çâeîîîââdâeîe çââdâîe çâ àîâdèeâîñeè eîâñdèeèè â dâeâeîîoîeèâeîîñeîy nâeôîd îâ Éóââ, îdââe eîâdî ñâ îîñdââyò îdâ÷eè îdââ ñdâîâdâ çâ ñúçââââîâ îâ äâdâñe â eîdâdîâd îdîoîeîeâ (Òâoâîâî á.â.).

Òâçè îdèîâdè ñâ îîeâçâdâeîe, eâeôî çâ âúçîdèâîâîâdî îâ eîdâdîâd eâdî ñdââñdâî çâ äâîîeðâdèçâoëy è îdââîñdââyîâdî îâ îî-âîeâîe îdâââ îâ îâùâñdâîdî, dâeâ è çâ ñdââñdââdâ, êîeôî îýeîe äâdîdèdâdîe oîdââeâîeý eçîîeçââd, çâ àâ çâîâçyò ñâîyðâ âeâñd çâ ñîâdèâ îâ eîîdðîeâ è oâîçdâdâ, êîyðî îñùâñdââyââd îââ ñâîeðâ ãdâæââîe. Dâçâeðâ ñâ, â oâîçdèdèdâîâdî îâ eîdâdîâd îdîeâ èîâ eçââñdîî îdîdèâîdâ÷eâ - oîââ îâ â dðââeòeîîîâ îââeâ, êîyðî äâ ñâ îîâ÷eîyââ îâ îdâââeâîe dâââeòeîîe, eââîeîâe÷âñeè, îîeèdè÷âñeè eèè eêîîñe÷âñeè oâeè. Â îây îyîâ dâââeòeîîâî âeèî, oâeâââ âoâeðîdëy eèè âúçîîæîñd çâ oèeðdèdèdâîâîâîâî îâ î÷âeââîeýdâ è âúçîdèyðeýdâ îâ îoâeèeèdâ. Èâdî ñdðóeðdâ İdæàdà â eçâdâââîâ îd îîæâñdâî ñâeôîââ, âñâeè îd êîeôî äâeñdââ eâdî ñâîîñdîyðâeîâ îeèdî-îââeâ (â â îîîâî ñeó÷âe îdââe âîeâîeý âdîe îîñâùâîeý è âeëyîeâ ñâ yâyââ è îâeðî-îââeâ), êîyðî îâe÷âñdî â dâçdèdâd îd eè÷eðâ îdèñdâñdèy è îdâdâîeèè îâ îâeîeý ñúçââdâe è îdââñdâââdâ çâ îâeîeðâ âúçîîæîe îdðââeðâeè â îdâeðe÷âñeè îââúçîîæîâ - eçêep÷âîeýdâ âeîâe ñâ îîââ÷â îd î÷âeââîeýdâ. İâeâð oîdâeîâdâ ñâîîââ îâ eîdâdîâd ââ÷â ââ ñâ âúçîdèâîâ eâdî îeð, ñâîîâîâdâ âîeý eâdî âîââù oâeðîd â o÷âñdèâdî â eèââdîdîñdðâîñdâîdî â dââeîîñd è eîîdðîeúd, ââçeðâî îâ ñîâeèâeèeçeðâîe eèè îâùe çâeîîe, eâeôî è oâîçdâdâ eâdî ñdââñdââ çâ îâeâââîâ îâ îdâââeâîâ (âeâñdîââ) âeââîâ oî÷eâ, ââ÷â îâ îîâdâ èîâd ñúùîdî âeëyîeâ, eîâdî îeâçââd ñîdÿîî dðââeòeîîeðâ îââeè. Òâoîe÷âñeèdâ ñdââñdââ, eçîîeçââîe çâ çâîâeèâeýîâ îâ oèeðdèdèdâîâdî eèè îâdâîe÷âââîâdî îâ îââeââoëyðâ, âeîâe ñâ îî-îîââdîe îd oâçè, êîeôî ñâ eçîîeçââd çâ îâeâââîâ îâ çââdâîeðâ. Òâeâ ÷â eîdâdîâd ñúâùdæâ îdâîeèâeâ, âeââîââdâîeâ îâ oâîdðâeèeçeðâîeðâ äâeñdâeý îâ ñâîeðâ îdðââeðâeè, àâ ñâ îdîdèâîîñdââe îâ dâçeè÷eðâ îîeèè çâ oâîçdâ, çâeîîâe îdâ÷eè è eêîîñe÷âñeè eèè âúdæâââî øîîeîîâæ.

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Äeîââeèçâoëyðâ îâ ñââdâ îdââîñeâââ îâîyîâ îâ oâîîñdè è îîââeè, êîeôî îîñdâîâîîî ñdâââd ââeèâîe çâ âñe÷eè. Òy îââ÷â â ñâùdçâîâ è ñ dâçîdîñdðâîâîeâdî îâ âñâ îî-âîeýî eîîdðîe â îîeð çâ eçîîeðâîâ îâ îâîdèâîeèâeðâ çâ âeîââeîdî îâùâñdâî âeâîâîdè. Äñdâñdââîî â dâçè îdîoâñe àâ áúââd îdèâîâñâîe è âúâ âeðdâoâeîâdâ ñdâââ eâdî eîñdðoîâîd çâ îî-îúeîîoâîîdî dââoèeðâîâ îâ âçâeîîñdîâîeýdâ îâæâo eîdâdîâd îdðââeðâeèdâ. İâ âeââ îââ÷â àâ ñâ îîñdâây çîâe îâ dâââîñdâî îâæâo îâdâîe÷âââîâdî îâ âñdâñdââîeðâ îdâââ îâ âeðdâoâeîeðâ oîdâ â eîâdî îâ âîdââdâ ñ eèââdîdâñdâîîeâîeýdâ è eîîdðîeâ, êîeôî âúdæââeðâ îâeâââd, ñ oâè àâ oèdâîyð è oââeè÷âd ñâîyðâ âeâñdîââ eââeðeîîîñd. Òîââ îâdðoâââ oýeîñdîâdâ îdèdîââ îâ İdæàdà è oîeùîæâââ îúeîîoâîâdâ eîîoîeèâoëy îâæâo ðçúdèdâ. Âúîdâeè oîââ îîîâîâdâçîâdâ è ââçâdâîe÷â ñúùîñd îâ eîdâdîâd ùâ oñîââ àâ ñúdðâîe îâeâñdè îâ îúeîâ eèè îdîñdèdâeîâ ñâîîââ, îâçââeñeîî îd îdâeðeèeèdâ îâ ñeâââîâ, eîîdðîe è îâdâîe÷âââîâ îâ îââeââoëyðâ. Â ââeââîeâdî ñe îâæâo eèââdâîâdðeñdè÷eðâ ñdðâîâæè îâ îdðââeðâeèdâ è oâîçdâîdî îîââââîeâ îâ âeâñdîâeðâ âeèdè eîdâdîâd dðyâââ àâ çâîâçè ñâîyðâ oîeèâeîîñd eâdî âeðâdîâdèeââ îâ âdâîeðeðâ âúâ oèçe÷âñeâdâ äâeñdâeðâeîîñd, eâdî ââeî ââçeðââî ñâyð, âîââd îâ âúçîîæîñdè, îîââeè è oâîîñdè è îîâ÷eîâ îâ eââeðâ çâ dââîîñdâââîñd, ñâîîââ îâ eçâîdâ è âîeýdâ îâ âñe÷eè îââîâe âdâæââîe.

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[\[V\]ote-auction](#) á ñàéò, êíéòí ñòàíá ìííóëÿðáí ñíêðáé ïàíðááíáðèèðá èçáíðè çà àìáðèèáíñèè ïðáçèááíò ïðáç 2000 á. Íí ñíñáùò ïá ááøá ïðèñððáñðèáðí ïó èúí áàèí ïò ááàìàðà èáíáèáàðè èèè óíèèáèñíòí ïó ñúáúðæáíèá, à òàèòóò, ÷á ñðáùò ïááí ñá èçíðááè öÿèàðà ìàøèá ïá àìáðèèáíñèíòí ñúáááí ïðíèçáíñòáí. Ìðè÷éàðà á, ÷á [\[V\]ote-auction](#) ïðáèèááá áóçííæíñò çà ñíèáéí òóðáóááíá ïá æèáñíñáááðáèèÿ áíð. Êàèòí ñàì ñíñ÷áà, ñàéòóò ñè ññòááÿ çà óáè áá èííáèíèðà àìáðèèáíñèèðá ïðèíòèè ïá ááííèðáðëÿ è èáíèðàèèçúí èàòí ïðááñòááÿ ïðèðèò òíðóí çà èííòáèò ìæäó æèáñíñáááðáèèèðá è àìáðèèáíñèèðá èííáíèè, áàðÿáàùè ñðááñòáá çà ñíèèðè÷áñèèðè èáííáíèè ïá èáíáèáàðèèðá çà áúðæáááí æèááá. Ííçèòëÿðà, ïò èíÿòí ááòíðèèðá ïá æèòëÿðà òðúáááð, á, ÷á ñí òíçè ïá÷èí ùá ñá ïáíáèè ðáçòèùáááíáðí ïá ñðááñòáá á èçáíðíáðà èíáðñòðëÿ, èíÿòí ñá èííòðíèèðà ïò ñíáðèáèèçèðáíèèðá áðóíè ïá ñíèèðè÷áñèè èííñóèðáíðè, ñëó÷áááùè 10-15% ïò áàðáíèèðá èáíèðàèè çà ñííóëÿðèçèðáíá ïá ïÿèíè ïò ñíèèðè÷áñèèðá èáíáèáàðè. Ñíñðáá [\[V\]ote-auction](#), òíáá òðáðèðà æèáñíñáááðáèèèðá èàòí ïðíáóéò, êíéòí ñíæá áá áúáá ïðíááááí ïá èáíáèáàðèèðá (è/èèè ïá òáðíèèðá áàðèèðáèè). Ííá áðóçèÿ èíçóíá “Êííòðíèèðáè ñáíÿ æèáñ - èííòðíèèðáè ñáíÿðà ááííèðáðëÿ!”, ñàéòóò ïðááñòááÿ áóçííæíñò ïá æèáñíñáááðáèèèðá ñáíè áá ïáíðááèÿáð ñáíÿ èçáíðáí èáíèðàè, ñ èíáòí áá ñá ïðáíáíèáá ïèñèàðà èçáèðáðáèíá æèèèáíñò, ðòðèííñòðà ïá ñíèèðè÷áñèèðá ñèñòáíá è ïáæèíáðà òíðáèíñò ïá ñíèáíèèÿðà. Ìò áðóáá ñððáíá, èííáíèèèðá, êíéòí èíááñòèðàð á ñíèèðè÷áñèèðá èáííáíèè, èíàð ñí-áíèÿí èííòðíè è áúçáðúááíñò ïá èíááñòèèèèðá ñè, èàòí ñíáàð æèðáèòíí áá áèèÿÿò áúððó æèáñíñáááðáèèèðá. Íáçàèèñèí áàèè ïðááñòááèÿáá ïðíáíèáðèèáíá áððèñðè÷á æèòëÿ èèè ááèñòáèèðáèíí óáèè ïðñíÿá ïá óóáúðááíáðà èçáèðáðáèíá ñèñòáíá, ðáàèòëÿðà ïá àìáðèèáíñèèðá ñúáááíá æèáñò ñðáùò [\[V\]ote-auction](#) á ïèáñíáíá. Ñúáèÿ ïò ùàðà Èèèíèñ èçáááá ñúáááíá çááðáíá çà ñíáðèðáíá á òíçè ùàð ïá ñàéòá **voteauction**.

com. Á ñìèò àà çàíàéèíëyò òíàà ìàðàæààíà ñíàðàòíðèòà ìò ìðíàíyò àííàéí èìàòí ìà vote-auction.com. Òíàààà ñà ìàíàñàà ìèíèñòóðóò ìà ìðàáíñúàèàòí ìà ùàòà Ìèñòðè Áæáé Ìèèñúí, èíèòí ìíèò÷ààà ñúààáíà çàííààà, çààúèæàààùà ñíàðàòíðèòà ìà [V]ote-auction àà ìòàáèèàèò à ñàèòà ñè, ÷à èóíóààíàòí è ìðíàààáíàòí ìà àèàñíàà à ìàçàéííí ñííðàà çàéííèòà ìà Ìèñòðè. Òàçè ñúààáíà çàííààà ñà ìòíàñy ìà ñàíí àí èìàòí ìà ìàèéíyàèòà, ìí ñúúí àí àñyèà àúúàðíà èííàíëy, òèèèàè èèè àñàèè, èíèòí ààèñòàà ìò òyòíí èìà èèè à òàòáí èìòàðàñ. Ààèñòàèyòà ìà ñúààáíèòà àèàñòè ñà ìðíàóèòóààíè ìò ñúúàñòóààùèòà çàéííè à ÑÀÙ, ñííðàà èíèòí èóíóààíàòí è ìðíàààáíàòí ìà àèàñíàà àúúà òàààðàéíè èçàíðè à òàààðàéíí ìðàñòúíèàíèà, èíàòí ñà ìàèàçàà ñ àèííàà ìò 10 òèèyàè àíèàðà è 5 àíàèíè çàòáíð. Á ñèàíàèà ñà àèèð÷àà è àúðæàáíëyò ñàèðàòàð ìà Èàèèòíðíëy Áèè Áæíóíñ, èíèòí ñúçàààà ñíàòèèàéí ðàçñèààààù àèèí àà ñèààè ààéííñòòà ìà ìíàíàíè ñàèòíàà çà ìðààèààáíà è èóíóààíà ìà èçàèðàòàéíè àèàñíàà.

Òðyáàà àà ñà ìòàáèèàèè, ÷à à ààèñòàèèòàéííñò [V]ote-auction ìà òñíyàà àà ìðíàààà ìèòí ààéí àèàñ, àúíðàèè ÷à ìíà ìúðàíà÷àéíí çàyàáíëyò èìòàðàñ ìò ñòðàíà ìà èçàèðàòàèèòà à àíëyí. Á ñèò÷ày ìí-èìòàðàñíè ñà ñíèòèòà çà ìðèèààáíà ìà ìòèàéí çàéíííààòàèñòàíòí (è òí ìà ìòàáèíà àúðæààà) àúðòó ìíèàéí òàðèòíðèyòà ìà èìòàðíàò. Á ñúúí ìííðààáíàòí ìà òíòàéíàòà ñàíàíàà ìà ìàíèàòí è àúçàèèàèòà (ààéí ìò àíàíàèòà, èíèòí ñíàðàòíðèòà ìò [V]ote-auction èçòúèààò à ñàíy çàùèòà à èìàíí Ìúðààòà ìíðààèèà èúí Èííñòèòóèyòà ìà ÑÀÙ, çàùèòàààùà ñàíàíààòà ìà àíèàèçyàèáíèà), èíèòí èííñòðóèðàò ìèòà çà Ìðàæàòà è ìðàèòèèèòà ìà ðààóèèðàíà ìà èèààðíðíñòðàíñòàíòí. Èííèðàòíëyò ñèò÷àé ìíñòàay ìíàèñòàí àúíðíñè è òà çàñyààò ñàìàòà ñúúíñò ìà èìòàðíàò. Èàèèè ñà àúçíàéííñòèòà çà ìàéííòí ðààóèèðàíà è èíè òðyáàà àà àí èçàúðøàà? Èàèúà òèí ìíðè òðyáàà àà àúààò ìðèèààáíè ñíðyíí ìày è èàèúà àà àúàà òàòíëyò òàðàèèòàð? Ìàèèíàéíè, òðàíñíàòèíàéíè èèè èèààðíðíñòðàíñòàáíè òðyáàà àà àúààò ðààóèèòàèíèòà ðàìèè, à èíèòí àà àúàà ìíàñòàíà ìðàñòàààòà çà èìòàðíàò è ààèè òíàà ìyíà àà ìàéúðíè ìàéíàòà ìúðàíà÷àéíà àòòà? Á èíè ñèò÷àè ðààóèèòàèyòà ìçíà÷ààà èííòðíè è à èíè - òáíçòðà è ò.í.? Àñàèè ìò òàçè àúíðíñè èìà ìíàèñòàí ìòàíàíè è àñàèè ìò òyò à ààðáí à çààèñèíñò ìò àèàáíàòà òí÷èà ìà ìàáíàèòà ìíñèòàèè. Ààíçíà÷àíëyò ìíàòíà èúí àèðòóàéííòí ìðíñòðàíñòàí ìàðòøààà ìàáíààòà ñúúíñò è ìàáçñíèñëy ìàáíàèy ìíàèè.

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Ìðààè ìàà÷à àà ìðàìèíà èúí èçñèàààáíà ìà ðààóèèòàèííèòà ìàòàíèçíè ñíðyíí èìòàðíàò, òðyáàà àà ìàíðààèí ìúà ìyèíè òòí÷àíëy. Èìòàðíàò à òíèèàéíà ìí ñàíyòà ñúúíñò ìààèà, à èíyòí àèðòóàéíí ñà ñúàíàñòyààò àéíààéíè ìàñíèè çà òíðíèðàíà ìà ìàúí àèàèòðííí ìðíñòðàíñòàí. Òí ìíàà àà ñà ñíðàààèè èàòí ðàçòèòàò ìò àéíààèèçàòèííèòà ìðíòàñè à ðààéííòí, òèçè÷àñèí ìðíñòðàíñòàí, àèèð÷èòàéíí è à ìàèàñòòà ìà ìàèèèòà, èíèòí ìðíòè÷àò ìààáíàðàíàíí è ñ ðàçèè÷àí èìòàíçèòàò à ìòààéíèòà àáíàðàòñèè ðàéííè. Òíàà àíàè àí àúíðíñà çà àíñòúí àí àèðòóàéííñòòà (ìàèè÷èòà èèè ìàðàíè÷ààáíàòí ìà àíñòúíà ñà èçííèçàà èàòí ñðààñòàí çà ñíèèòè÷àñèè èííòðíè) è àí ìyñòíòí ìà ìòààéíëy ñòðààèòàè à àáçèðàéííñòòà ìà èèààðñààòà. Á ñèò÷ày ìíàà àà àúàà ðàçàèèààáíà àúçíàéíàòà ìò ñúíðàààèèíñò èúí ìyèíà ìò àèðòóàéíèòà ìààèíàíëy - àèðòóàéíà èèàñà, ìñòàòó÷à èèàñà (surplus class), èàòí ñíçèòèy ìà ìúðààòà, è ìàðèòàðíà èèàñà.

Àèðòóàéíàòà èèàñà ìðààñòààèyàà òíðààèyààùèyò àèèò, àðòíàòà ñ ìàé-àíëyíà àèàñò, ñàíàíàðàçíèòà ìíàðñè ìà àèàèòðííòí èðàèñòàí. Òy ìíúàñòàyàà ñàíy èííòðíè ÷àç èèííè÷àñèèòà ñè ìðààèíñòàà (òèíàííàè, èííòíèèàòèííè è òàòííèàè÷è àúçíàéííñòè), ñíòèèèàòà çààèñèíñò (ìàíàòíàéííñòòà ìò èíòíðàòèy) è ñíèèòè÷àñèèòà ìðíèèàìàòèè ñíðyíí ñòðààèòàèèòà. Ààòíðèòàðíòí é ñàààáíèà à ñòðàíàè çà ìàáííèè è ìðàìàòàáíà ìà àñyèàèèè ñíèòè çà èðèòèèà èèè ìííðàáíà ìà èàáíèíàèyòà é. Àí àíëyíà ñòàíàí àèèyíèàòí ìà àèðòóàéíàòà èèàñà ñà àúèæè ìà ìðààñòààèèòà ìà ñàìèòà àèðòóàéíè òíðà çà àèàèòðííòí ìúòàøàñòàèè ìðàç Ìðàæàòà èàòí ìðàáíñòààèèà çà ðàçàèèòà, èè÷íñòí è èòèòòðíí ìàùóàáíà. Çà ðàáíàèòà ìàòíòðààèòàèè, òíðíèðàùè ñòàòó÷àòà èèàñà, ìñòàààò èàáíèíàè÷àñèèòà òèíàèè çà àáíèèðàòè÷íñò è

èéíííè÷áñéà ðááíííííòáááíííò, éíèðí íðèèðèéáàð ñòðáíáæèðá íà àèððóáéíàðà èéàñà çà làèñèìàéíà áíòíáíííò è çááóáàðà íà ñíòèàéíè ìðááà. Èçáúí ðàçè ááá íáúíííòè ìíæá àà ñá áíáíðè çà ñíúáñòáóááíáòí è íà óñéíáíí íàðá÷áíàðà “íáðèòáðíà èéàñà”, éíyòí íá ó÷áñòáà áúá àèððóáéííòí ìðííòðáííòáí, íí á è ìðáííòèàéíà èàðí áúçííæííò çà áúááúí áèèð÷ááíá à éíòáðíáò. Èàòí íááí òy ííáíéðáðíí íáááèøááá íúðáèðá ááá èéàñè, íí á ñ íáé-ìáèéí áèèyíèá (çà ñíáá÷á áæ. Íííàà 2003).

Òðyááà àà áúáá ñíííáíàðà è ðàçàðà çà éíèáèðèáííòí ñúçíáíèá èàðí éíííòðóéòéy íà íííòáðáðà, éíyòí íáòááúà ìòááéíèðá áúçáèááè, æèçíáíè ñòèéíáá, ìðááíí÷èðáíèy è í÷áèááíèy, è ìðááííèááá íúéíí èèè ìðáíáèáááááúí çáèè÷áááíá íà ðàçèè÷èyòà íàæáó àèððóáéíèðá òíðá. Óíáà áí èçááñòíà ñòáíáí éíðáñííáèðá ñ ìðááñòáááðà çà áñáíáúàðà ðááóéàòéy íà Ìðáæàðà èàðí èçðáç íà áñáíáúèy éíòáðáñ. Áàèè íáá÷á á á áúçííæíí? Á ñéó÷áy ìíæá àà ñá èçáááá ñòááúáíáòí çà éíòáðíáò èàðí ìðááíííòááèà è/èèè ìðíáóèð íà áéíááèèçàòéyòà (áèèð÷èðáéíí ìyíááòà íà àèððóáéíà áéíááèèçàòéy) è íá÷èíèðá çà íáéííòí ðááóéèðáíá àà ñá ìðèáíàð çà òúæááñòááíè íà ñòðáíáæèðá çà íáèááyááíá íà áéíááèèçàòéííèðá ìðíòáñè.

Áèððóáéíàðà áéíááèèçàòéy ìíæá àà áúáá ìðááñòáááíá ìíðááñòáíí íyèíèéí áèááíè òí÷èè. Ñííðáá Óèðèò Ááè ááíáðáíáííòí áúçíðíèçááæááíá è áúçíðèáíáíá íà ñúáèðèy, áúçíèèááúè ìí ðàçèè÷íí áðáíá, áíáè áí çáèè÷áááíá íà éíèáéíèðá ìííááíííòè è áí ñúçááááíáòí íà “éíííáèðííòí áúá áðáíááí ìòííøáíèá çáííí éúéáí” (áæ. Ááè 2002: 45). Òàèà íàæáó ìòááéíèðá ìíðááèðáèè ñá ñúçáááá áúíáðáæááíá áèèçííò, éíyòí ñá ìðíyáyáá ÷ðáç íáúèðá ñèìáíèíè òèáóðè, éíèðí íááèèðá ìðíèçááæááð. Èè÷èðá áúçíðèyòéy íà ñá éíèáéíí ìðíááíè, à ìðíáóèð íà ìáñíááèéíí ñááúðáíèy è íóíðíáí òðáíííáòéííáéáí æéáíð. Çàðíáá Ááè ìííðáá ðàçàðà íà Ìàðøáè Ìáèéóúí çà “áéíááéííòí ñáéí” èàðí ñúçááááúà ñáðáøíá ìðááñòááá çà áúçáðúúáíá íà íáúíííòà, áíèàðí áèáèðáéíí ìííðááñòááíèðá òíðíè íà íáúóááíá íá ñí÷èáàð áúðóð ðíáíèííèè, ñíòèáéíè èèè ìðííòðáííòáíè áðúçèè, à ááèííòááíí áúðóð íáúèðá éíòáðáñè éúí è á Ìðáæàðà. Ííáíáíè ñá è áèæááíèyòà íà Çèáíóíð Ááóíáí, ñííðáá éíáíòí ñúáðáíáííàðà èðáðéíáðáíáíííò íà ñíúáñòóááíá íà íáúíííòèðá á ðáçóéðáð ìò òáèðá, ÷á íáúóááíáòí áúððá á íáúíííòà íyíà íèèáéáí ìðáèíòááñòáí ìðáá íáúóááíáòí íàæáó ðàçèè÷èðá íáúíííòè. Òáðáèðáðúò íà áíáøíèðá áèáèððííèè íááèè ìðááííèááá ááíáèáí áèèyíèá áúðóð éíáèáèèðá èàðí ñòáíáí íà áúçááèñòáèà, íáçááèñèíí áàèè ñá éíííòðóèðá ìàèèà ìí ðàçíáðè è éíðáíçèðáð íà íáúóááíá áðóíá èèè òáèááá, éíyòí ìðáèðè÷áñèè íyíà áðáíèèè á ìðííòðáííòáíòí (áæ. Ááóíáí 1999: 36). Ñóíáíè ñá áúçáèááèðá íà Óááðáí Ñáíáðáæáá, çà éíáíòí ñúáðáíáííèðá ðáðííèíáèè èàðí éíòáðíáò ìíèáóðyááð áúçííæííòè çà áéíááéíà èíááéíáðíá éííóíèèáòéy, ìðè éíyòí ñá ñúçáááá ìðááñòááá çà ñááðà èàðí ñèñòáíà, èçáðáááíá ìò ááá áçáèííáúðçáíè ááèñòáèðáéíííòè: ðááéíà (òèçè÷áñèà) è èíááéíáðíá (ííííòíðá), éúí éíyòí ñá ìòíáñy áéíááèèçàòéyòà (áæ. Ñáíáðáæáá á.á.: 77).

Ááóíáí ìðááè éíòáðáñáí ìàðáèáè ñ ñíááèà íà Ìáíííòèéóí íà Ìèøáè Óóéí, éíéðí ìðááñòááèyáá òáíððáèèçèðáí áðáá, ñá÷èíá íà íááèðááíèáòí íà óíðááèyááúèðá/íááçèðáðáèè, íáèèðáúè ñá á òáíòúðá íà áðááá, éúááðí éíóíðíáòéyòà á ñòðíáí òáíððáèèçèðáíá (Ááóíáí 1999: 72-73). Óíçè ñíáè ìíæá àà áúáá èçííèçááí èàðí ìðèáèáíí íáyñíáíèá íà íá÷èíá, ìí éíéðí ñá ðááóéèðá éíòáðíáò. Áèááíàðà òáè íà Ìáíííòèéóíá, òáúðáè Ááóíáí, á àà áúááæáá àèñòèíèèíá è àà íáèááá ááíáèáá ðáíèá íà ñíáááíèá áúðóð ñáíèðá ñíá÷èíá, ñáíáíáðáçíí íðúæáá ñðáúò ðàçèè÷èðáòí, èçáíðá è ìííáíáðáçèáòí. Óíáà ìðyèí éíðáñííáèðá ñúíí ñòðáíáæá íà íyèíè áúðááè (ááííèðáðè÷è è ááðíðèðáðíè) áà éííðíèèðáð/òáíçóðèðáð áííòúíá, ááèæáíèáòí è íáíèáòí íà ðàçèè÷èðá ñòðááèðáèè á Ìðáæàðà. ðáçáèðá ñá, ñíáíáíè òáèè ñá íáyñíèè, çáúíòí éíòáðíáò ñá yáyáá ñíúí ééíííè÷áñéí, éóèðóðíí è ñíèèðè÷áñéí ñðááñòáí çà áèèyíèá è ìòááéíèðá íáúáñòáá è ñòðáíè ñá ìðèáèá÷áíè ìò áúçííæíííòà çà ìàðáèèáí è èáááí ìðíííáðèðáð. Èàèðí ðáíáí íááèðáðáè íà éíòáðíáò ìòááèyçáá: “Áííòúíúò áí áèðáðíáòéáíè òíðíè íà éíóíðíáòéy è íáé-áá÷á áúçííæíííòà çà ñííááèyíá ñ ñòðáíáèèðá íà áàøèðá ñíáñòááíè áèðáðíáòéáè çà íòèèèáéíáðà áèááíá òí÷èà á, ìí ñáíyòà ìðèðíáá, ñíèèðè÷áñèè òáííáí.” (Òáóáíáí á.á.)

Eadi oyei iiaa aa na iaiaiy oode daace-i e adoi, io eioi caaene daaeeaeeyo ia Idaada. Ia iudai iynoi, e iaee-iaiaaiee eadi -eneaino, na iiodaaeadaeada. Oa na daace, eioi oiidiadao idaanadaada e nuuifnoda ia aeodoaeioi idifnodaifnodi - n iaiaada aaceaeie auaiainode ca daayia ia eioidiadey, caaaaeiaea, iauroaia, oudaiaey. Iiodaaeadaeada na iaeeada aeaiade, eioi ecadaaada iifneodifnoda ia eioadiad, oyofioi caee-aaia ae aiaaei ai daiaaiaadi ia oyada nodoeoda. Iiaaieaaii a, -a oa odyaaa aa eiaa iaee-aiyeyi eioide auodoo ia. Iaa-a oiaa ia aeiaae a daea. A iaadofuadi daaeada ia eaaadafaddeifnoda iiaa i- nuuifnoda a aeeyiaoi ia adada adoi - idiaaeauode e iiaaia ia odada - auadaeada. Idaa idiaaeauode (eee eioadiad aifnoda-eeada) idiaaiaa oyada eioidiadey e oa eiaa iaee-aiyeyi iiaa eaeoi auodoo iaada daiea ia Idaada, daea e iidyii idiaaeada aadaeae io adadaada ia eioideaeeyo ia iaaod iiodaaeadaeada. Iidaae auaiainode eiaa daaieaada n i- caaueai-ae iaadaeae, aa ideeada e oedeodeada iaeeaaiaaada eioidiadey, auodoo oy o nuuifnodi-ai iaee-neeieyo iadene io nodai ia auadaeada. Iadiada ca oyofioi aeeyiea na naucaie n idiaaiaadi ia oaeiaai-ai eioadiad iieodeea, eifnodoadaifnodi ia caeie e nuuifnoda eadi ca oyofioi ideeaaia. Ooe a iiaaiaa aa na iadaeaae, -a caeifnodaifnodi daaeeadaia ia Idaada a iia-eiaa aiaadafadde ia ioeaei caeieada, adadaeadaeeyo idioanaeifnodi - nuuifnoda idaeodee ia iadaeieada nodai (eioi ia aeiaae na aaeaaadi ideeiee, iidaae iaiaaeiey adadaad ia eioadiad, eaeoi e daae niaode-ieda iiaaifnodi ia iaiaada nuuifnodi), a nuuifnodi e niaeeaeeyoada caeie, daeada io eifnodaifnoda iieodeea ia iadaeieada auadae e iaunadaae idaaiecaae. Eui oy odyaaa aa na ideeaaeyo e iiaaiaada iadadee, ia eiyoi na iia-eiyaa iia-aadi iiodaaeadae e idiaaeauode, eifnodi-aneada iiaae, eioi ecadaaada ai aieyia nodai idioana ia daayia ia eioidiadey, nodie e oneaae iaao hcuode e daeie-aneada idadiade, eioi na iidaaeeyo io auaiainode ia nodooadi e adadaadi iaiaa-aaia, n eiaoi daaieaada aeodoaeieada oia e ia iiaaada ia eiaoi oiidiada naieada eioideaeiee aducee.

Eaaadafaddey - daaeeadaia ia naiaiaada

Aaei io iiaieada ieiia, eioi eifnodoadao idaanadaada ca eioadiad, a naiaaada - naiaaada ia ecdaayaaia, ia iiecaia ia eioidiadey, ca eiyoi ia a iaiaaiee aa na caieaue iei, ia aifnodi eee ia idaanadaayia - dac adadaeadee eia e- ifnoda, iauei idieaifneie ia daaeieada. A nuuifnodi naiaaada ia aifnodi, ia iaeeaeey a idifnodaifnodi, einaada ia aadiodeade, oaioda, eifnodi-ane, iadaaiaadeie, aeeieae, eodeodie, daniae, iieiae e iaee-aa-a nioaeie idaeie-aeey. A iudaiia-aeieada iieaiey eioadiad a iaace Adaeaeey, a eiyoi aie-ee iiodaaeadae na uadeeae, caadaae e iaiaaadaada, idiaaeieada, idaadacnuuueada e idae-eeada ia oee-aneada aaeinaeaeifnodi. A ia oy oa iiaa naiaaai e ia caaenei aa idaaeyo eee aa ia idaaeyo naiy ecadi i iioiaaeia ia eaae, nodie, nodaiiae, iaifnodeae e ia naaada daaeifnodi ca daeeea io aeodoaeiaada. E iaee-aa-a a Idaada iiodaaeadaeada eiaa naiaaada aa auada aaceaeie, aaeaeae na aaceaeie eee idaaiaaiaadi ec eioidiadeifnodi idifnodaifnodi, iaiaaifnodiye io ieeiai e eiaue auaiainodi aa iauroaada n eiaoi eneada e i ia-eia, eioi aeeyo, auu aiaae daace-ai iiaaia. A eioadiad aeodoaeieada oia na ideeiaaada aaeinaaai eadi nuaiiae, -ano io iaada iifnoda, eui eiyoi na idiaay adaae iidyae e iiaaai-ane iiaae. Daadae na, oiaa a naaie ephidia, eaei aiaadene-ia eaddeia ca eaaadifnodaifnodi. Iyie ecnaaiaade eadi Adou Edieud e Iaeeue Oaeinaae (Ediead & Oaeinaae a.a.) niyada, -a oice daea idaedanaa noaiaade (naiaadacia nioeaaieiey) a nuuifnodi naa ca aa ideeae-a eieeioi na ia iia-aa-a iiodaaeadae eui eioadiad, io eiaoi, a eaeia naadea, ia-aeeyo eneifneada iiaaade ia Idaada - aeodoaeiaada eana eee daace, eioi iadeneia aeaaay eiaaiaada ca eifnodoadaia e oiaaeiea ia aeodoaeifnoda. Daaeeaeeyo a iaecaaia e

òãããíãñí÷ãíã, ÷ãñò ìò öýëíñòíeý ìðíãèò çã òíðããéíí ìããúðçããíã ìã ðçúðeòã (è ñúíòããòíí ìã öýõíeòã ì÷ããããíeý, æãããíeý, ìððããíñòe è èãíeòãeè) èúí ñóíãðeíóíðíãòeíííãðã ìããeñòðãeã, á èíýòí ìñòãíãíí ñã ìðããðúã èíðãðíãð.

Ìã òíeéíãã äðãñòe÷íe ñã èããeòã ìã àìãðeããíñeý ððeñò Èíðúíñ Èãñeã (1999), ñíðãã èíãíòí ñãíãíããòã á èãããðíðíñòðãíñòãíòí ìã òðýããã äã ìçíã÷ããã èeíñã ìã èííòðíe è ìðããeèã, áeêð÷eòãéíí è ìã ñãããéííòðíe, à á ìããúðçãíã ñ eçãðãæããíãòí ìã ìãùe ìðeíòeíe, ìããeè, ìçeòeè, èíeòí äã ñã ìðeãðe è ñíãçããíe ìò ãñe÷eè. Ò.ã. òðýããã äã ñúããñòãóãã ìã èeããðãíãðeý, à èeããðíãùãñòãí, ìñíããíí ìã ìãùã èííñeòeòóeý. Çã ìããí ìúðãííã÷ãéíãðã ñãíãíãã, ñ èíýòí ñã ðãçííeãããeè ìúðãeòã ìððããeòãeè ìã èíðãðíãð, áã÷ã çãíãíãíã ìò ìãðòãeòãí èííòðíe, ìã èíeòí ñúãðãíãíeòã ìñíãí÷eñeãíe è ìñòíýííí óããeè÷ãããùe ñã èãòí èíeè÷ãñòãí ìððããeòãeè ñã ìãeããã äã ñã ìã÷eíýãò. Ñúãããðãíãíí ðããóeããeýòã ìã àeððóãeííòí ìðíñòðãíñòãíí ìã á äãíçíã÷ãíã. Íýeíe ìãeãñòe ñã ìãeãããò ìã ìí-eãñãí èííòðíe çã ðãçeèeã ìò äðóãe, ìðããe èíãòí ìúðãeòã ñã ìí-ìðããíí÷eòãíe çã óíðããeãíeã ìò áúðãããíeòã ìðããíe. Èãñeã eçãããeã è ìðíãeãíã çã ãíñòúíã è àeãã ìã ãíñòúíã èãòí òãeòíð ìðe ðããóeããeýòã. Òeíúð ãíñòúí çããeñe ìò ñíðòòãðã (“code is law”, èãeòí òãúðãe Èãñeã, ò.ã. òãóííeíãeýòã ðããóeèðã ìðíñòðãíñòãíòí), ìò ìããíãeòã ìñíããíñòe è òãóíe÷ãñeè ìããe. Á ìúðãeý ñeò÷ãe ãíñòúíúð á ñãíãíããí, ìððããeòãeèòã ñã ìãíúeíí ãííeííe è ìñeçããíãòí á ìãíãðãíe÷ãíí, à áúã ãòíðeý - ãíñòúíúð á èííòðíeèðãí, ìððããeòãeèòã ñã eçããñòíe è ìñeã äã èíã ìãðãíe÷ãíeý ìðe ìñeçããíãòí ìã ìðãããeãí òeí eíóíðíãòeý. Ìðeãeãí òíãã ðãçããeãíeã ñã ìòíãñý ãí ããííeðãðe÷íe/ìãããííeðãðe÷íe ðããeíe è öýõííòí ìðíðãíeã èúí èeããðíðíñòðãíñòãíòí, ìí ñòðíãí ðããóeèðãíã ìã ãíñòúíã ñúããñòãóãã è á ìãíúeíí èeããðãeíe ìãùãñòãã, èíãòí ÷ãñòí á ìñúãããíí èãòí òeí áúçããeñòãeã.

Á òãçe ìãñíeã ìñeã äã áúãã ìðããñòãããíí äãeí eíðãðãñãí ìðeíãð - “Áãeèãðãeý çã ìãçããeñeíñòòã ìã Èeããðíðíñòðãíñòãíòí” ìã Áãíí Íãðe Áãðeíó (Áãðeíó á.ã.) è á ìããí ñã ìðeçíããã ìðããíòí ìã ãñãeè ìððããeòãeè äã áúãã ÷ãñò ìò Ìðããeòã, ìãçããeñeíí ìò ðãñãòã, ããíãðãòñeè, èeíííe÷ãñeè eèe áíãííe ìðããeíñòãã, áãç ìðããããðeòãeíe ìðeãeããeè eèe àeñeðeíeíãòeý. Áñãeè èíã áúçííeíñò ñãíãíãíí äã ìãeãeðã á ìðíñòðãñòãíòí, äã eçðãçýãã ìãíeãòí ñe, áãç äã ñã ñúíãðãçýãã ñ ãeããíãòã òí÷eã ìã ìíçeíñòãíòí. Òãçe ìãçããeñeíñò, ñíðãã äãðíðã ìã äãeèãðãeýòã, á çãíeãøãíã ìò “eíóíðíãòeíííãðã èãðãíeíã”, ÷ðãç èíýòí ñòðãíe èãòí Èeòãe, Áãðíãíeý, Òðãíeý, ðñeý, Ñeíããíòð, ÑãÙ ñã ñíeòããò äã ìðããíòãðãòýò “ðãçíðíñòðãíãíeòãí ìã àeððòñã ìã ñãíãíãíñeñeèãòí, eçãeããeèe ñòãíe ìã ãðãíeòeòã ìã Èeããðíðíñòðãíñòãíòí.” È çããúðøãã, ÷ã òãçe ìãðeè ìããò äã çããúðãeò ãíeããíeýòã çã eçããñòíí áðãíã, ìí á ñãýò, ìã÷eíãí ìã èííóíeããeííeòã ñðããñòãã, òã ìýíã äã ìããò äã áeèýýò áúeãí áðãíã. ðãçãeðã ñã, èãeòí ìðããííeããã ìðeçeãíeýò òãðãeòãð ìã äãeèãðãeýòã, öý óãeè äã ìðeãeã÷ã áíeíãíeãòí ìã ðãçeè÷íeòã ìððããeòãeè, áúíðãeè ÷ã ñúçíããã ìããúçííeíñòòã ñúããñòããíí äã ìðííãíe ñeñòãíãòã ìã ðããóeããeý ìã Ìðããeòã.

Ìñãíãíã, ìí ìí-áúçããeñòããùã, eíeòeãðeèãã ìðããíðeãíã äðóãã eíðãðíãð ìðããíeçãòeý, eçããñòíã ìíã èíãòí “Èeããðãðíeý” (Cyber Army) (2001). Òý ìðããñòããeýãã áíãíeçeðãíã ñòðóeòòðã ìò ìeíeí 35 000 ìððããeòãeè, èíeòí, ñúñ ñãíeòã àeòeè, ñã ìðíðeãííñòããýò ìã äãeñòãeýòã ìã áúðãããeòã, ìeãçããùe àeèýíeã áúðòò Ìðããeòã. “Èeããðãðíeýòã” çãeããã ìã ñãííðããóeããeýòã ìã àeððóãeííòí ìðíñòðãíñòãíí è ìã ìãçããeñeíñòòã ìó ìò ìãeèííãeíeòã ìðããeòãeñòãã. Á ìã÷eíòí ìðããíeçãòeýòã çãíí÷ãã èãòí ìãeèã äðóíã, èíýòí ñã áíðe çã ñãíãíããòã ìã ñeííãíòí è ìðíðeãã ãñýeãeãeè òíðíe ìã òãíçòðã á eíðãðíãð. Áúíðãeè ÷ã á ìeíãeíòí ìýeíe ìò ÷eãííããòã ìã “Èeããðãðíeýòã” ñã ðãçãeããeè ñãeòíãã çã óãííeñòãeã, çã òðãíeðíãeè eèe èãòí òíðíã ìã ìðíðãñò, ñããã ìíãã÷ãòí ìò òãeèòã èí ñã ñãúðçãíe ñ ìðíñeããýããíã è ìðí÷eñòããíã ìã ñãeòíãã ñã äãòñeã ìðííãðãòeý. Á ñãíýòã ñúúíñò òãóíeòã òãeãðñeè äãeñòãeý, ìãeãð äã ñã èãòããíðeçeðãíe èãòí èeããðíðãñòúíeãíeý, ñã ýãýããò eçðãç ìã ñãíãíãíãòã áíeý ìã eíðãðíãð ìððããeòãeèòã.

Òāōīīdāñōūīēāīēyōā ēāōī īīēēōē÷āñēē ēīñōōōīāīō

Īāēēī ñōāōēñōēēā: Ñīñdāā āāīēē īā ÓÁÐ çā 2000 ā. ñā ðāāēñōðēðāīē 17 672 òāēāðñēē āēōēē ñðāūō 10 000 çā 1999 ā. 87% īō òyō ñā ñāūðçāīē ñ ēçīāīē īðē āēāēōðīīfāōā òūðāīāēy, ēāōī ñðāāīī īā īāðōōāīēā īāīāñāīēdā ūāōē ñā çā īēīēī 600 ūāðñēē āīēāðā (āæ. Īāīyīīāā 2001ā: 15). Īī āāīē īā Àīāðēēāīñēēy īāōēīfāēāī ñūþç īā īñðāāēdāēēdā ūāðēdā īō ēīdāōīfāō ēçīāīē īðāç 2001 ā. āūçēēçāō īā 4.3 īēī. āīēāðā. 63% īō òyō ñā īðē÷ēīāīē īðē īāçāðōāāīā ā īīēāēī īāāāçēīēdā. Īā īī-īāēēī ñā ēçīāīēdā, ñāūðçāīē ñ īðāāīñdāāyīā īā ēīdāōīfāō āīñōūī, īīēōīēā īā ēīīþððē ē ñīðōōāð ÷ðāç Īðāæāðā, ðāççē÷āī òēī āēçīāñ īðīñōāīēy, ēāēōī ē ēçīāīē īā òīðā, ðāāīdāūē ñ ēīīþðūð āēūūē.” (āæ. Īñōāīēōēdā 2001). Ðāçāēðā ñā, īðāç īñēāāēdā āīāēīē òēððēdā īīāīēðāōīī ñā ñā óāāēē÷ēē. Áīðāāðā ñ ēēāāðīðāñōūīēāīēyōā ā ā īñīāāðā īā īīāīāðīēīēdā çāēīē, āēōīfāā ē ēīfāāīōēē, īðēāðē ēāēōī īō īōāāēīēdā āūðæāē, òāēā ē īō ñāāðīfāēdā īðāāīēçāōēē. Òðyāāā īāā÷ā āā ñā īðāāñdāāē ē āāīēīñdāāīfāōā īðēðīāā īā òāēāðñōāīōī. Īāēāð āā ñā īāñī÷āīē ñðāūō āēððōāēīēdā òīðā ē āā īðīdēāīðā÷āð īā āðē÷īēdā ē āāīēðāðē÷īē īīðīē īā ēīdāōīfāō, ā īīāā÷āōī ñēō÷āē òāēāðñēēdā āðāēē ñā ñīīdōāīfāī ēçðāç īā āīēyōā ē āāēñdāēyōā īā īōāāēīēdā īñðāāēdāēē. Ñūūāñdāōāā ðāçēēēā īāēāō āāðāīdē÷īāðā ñūūīñdō īā òāēāðñōāīōī ē āāēñdāēyōā īā ēēāāðīðāñōūīēēdā. Èāēōī Īāēē Īāīyīīāā òāūðāē ā ñāīy ñdāōēy “ēñdēīñēīōī òāēāðñōāī ñā ñāīīīðāāāēy ēāōī āēñīāððāī ēðūā, ēāōī ēōēdōðā īā ñīīāāēāīñōī īāūōāāīā, īā īðāīfāīēyāāīfāōī īā ãðāīēōē ē ðāøāāāīfāōī īā īðīāēāīē... Áāūēdā īā īðāæāðā īðīdāñdēðāð ñðāūō īðēñāīyāāīfāōī īā īāīēīāēçīā īō ñāīīçāāīē āāīāāēē ē ēāð īðāçðēdāēīī īdīñōāīēā ēūī òāēēāā (īāðē÷āð āē crackers), ēīēdī īā ēçāðāæāāð, ā ñāīī ðōøāð... (ē) īāēēīfāāīī īðīñōī ñā īūðçāēēāē çā īī-ñāðēīçīē īðīdāñēīfāēīē çāāā÷ē...” (Īāīyīīāā 2001ā). Òāēā ÷ā īā òðyāāā āā ñā īñdāāy çīāē īā òūæāāñdāāīñdō īāēāō ēīdāēēāāīdīñdōā, īðīdāñēīfāēēçīā ē ēīīīdāōīdīñdōā īā īðēāēīāēīēdā òāēāðē, ēīēdī ñūñ ñāīēdā āāēñdāēy īīāīīāāðō īī-āīfāðāðā çāūēdā īā ñāēdīfāāðā (Sun Tzu, ēçāāñdāī ēēdāēñēē āīāō ē ñððāðāā ēāçāā, ÷ā òðyāāā āā ñā āūçīñēçāāðā īō īīēdā īā āðāāā, çā āā īðēðēāðā ñāīēdā ñēāāīñdē - āæ. Ñōēāð ā.ā.) ē òāōīīdāñōūīēēdā, ēīēdī ēçīīēçāāð ēīīþðūðīēdā ñē òīāīēy ē īðīāēāēdā ā ñīðōōāðā çā ēē÷īī īāīāāðyāāīā ē īðēāīfāēāāīā īā āāðīðēdāð.

Īāīāōīāēīī ā āā ñā āāðāēēēçēðāð ē ðāççē÷īēdā āēāīfāā òāōīīdāñōūīēāīēy. Òā īīāāð āā āúāāð ēīþē øāāē, ñ ēīēdī āā ñā āīā÷āðēyð ēēē īāūðēāð īñdāīāēēdā īñðāāēdāēē. Áāēñdāēdāēīēdā òāōīīdāñōūīēāīēy ñā āīdēñīōēāēīē ē īðāāīfāīdāāī çēīfāīdāāīē - ēāōī īāūðēāāīā īā īñðāāēdāēēdā ā ÷āð ñdāy, āðāēóāāīfāōī ēī ñ īāēāīē īāðāðēāēē, çāāāāyīā īā ñēīðīñdōā īā ēñīōīēēāōēy, ðāçðōøāāāīā īā āāāððēdā īā þçúðēdā, ēāēdī ē īā òāēē ñūðāūðē, īāçāēīīñdōī òīēūīæāāāīā īā ñēñdāīē, çā āā ñā āīñdēāīā āī īīāāðēdāēīē āāīē ēēē ñðāāñdāā ē ò.ī. Āīñdā ā īēñāīī ē çā īñdēāāōēīīēdā òāðāēdāðēñdēēē īā òāēāðēdā. Èāōī ÷ā ēē īāūēdā īīāīdē ñā ñāūðçāīē ñ īāīāōīāēīñdōā īð āīēīāīēā, īāāūçīñēīñdōā çā īūēīñōāīīī īāūōāāīā ñ āðōāēdā īñðāāēdāēē, īðāāēçāēēāðāēñdāīñdōī ē āūēīfāīēāðī īð īāāēçāīfāōī ā çāāðāīfāīē īāēāñdē, æāēāīēāðī āā ñā āīēāæāð, āā āāīīñdēðēðāð ñāīy ēīdāēāēð, ēīāēīñdō, òēððīñdō, çāāīfāīēyāāīā īñðāāīñdōā īð óāāæāīēā ē ñāīñōāāæāīēā. È òīāā, ēīāðī ā īāē-ēīdāðāñīī - áóīdīfāīē÷āñēāðā ē āīðēēīñdēdōōēīfāēīfāōā īðēðīāā īā òāōīēdā āāēñdāēy, ēīyōī īdīñāī ñā ñāūðçāā ñ ēāāyðā çā āīāðōēñdē÷īāðā ñūūīñdō īā ēīdāōīfāō.

Èīā āīñdā īðēīāðē çā òīāā ēāē ñūñ ñāīēdā āāēñdāēy òāēāðēdā ñā çāūēdāāāāēē īyēīē òōīñē÷āī, òōīāīāī ēēē īāōēīfāēāī ēāāāē. Īīēāçāðāēīē ñā ðāāēōēēdā īā ēēdāēñēēdā òāēāðē ñēāā ēīōēāāīfāōā īð 1 āīðēē 2001 ā., ēīāāðī, īðē ñāēūñūē īāēāō āīāðēēāīñēē ðāçōçīāāāðāēāī ñāīēāð ē ēēdāēñēē āīāāðāēðīāā÷, çāāēīā ēēdāēñēēyð īēēīð, ēīēdī ñā īðīyāēdā ā çāūēdā īā ēēdāēñēēdā īāōēīfāēīē ēīdāðāñē. Òīāāāā āyōā āðāēóāāīē ñāēdīfāāðā īā āīāðēēāīñēīōī īðāāēdāēñdāī ēāōī āā çāīāīāīī ēçīāðāæāīēāðī īā āīāðēēāīñēīōī

çíáíá ñ eéðáeñeíòí e áeíeèđáíá öyèàðà ñeñòáíà. Íí ñóíááí íà÷-eí áá áeíeèđáí íáe-íííeýđíeýð eéðáeñeè ñðòàè. Á ñúúí áýòà ðaçíđíñððáíáíe ðaçeè÷íe àeđóñe, òð eíáðí ññòðááàòà eíñíðòðeðà íà íííáí ñððááeðàèe. Òàèà ááeñòáàòà e eíáííáçeéñeèðà òàeáðe òðe òđíðáñòà ñe ñðáúó íeóíàòeýðà íà Èçòí÷áí Òeíòð e çà ñíáíáíæáááíá íà òáòíe àðáñòóááíe eéááðe. Èðáíñeðíí á ñíáááíeáðí íà eíáííáçeéñeèðà eðááòe íà ñíáðà íà eðááeðíe eáððe (ñ óáe áà òðeáeáeàð ñíáá÷á eéèáíòe ñííáí eíðáđíáð eáðáíáðà á Èíáííáçeý òðáíñòàáýð ñíeñúe ñ ñíáðà íà eðááeðíe eáððe eáðí ñíáòeáeíá óñeóáá), eíeòí ñá áuçíðeáíàð eáðí áeáeðđííáí Đíáeí Óóá ñ òáúđááíeý eáðí: “Èçáeðàí ñáíí òaçe òíðà, eíeòí íàeñòeíá ñà áíáàðe. Íá eçíñeçááí òàðeðà íà áááíe òíðà. Íñááí òíáá íà eñeáí áà eçíñeçááí eðááeðíe eáððe, òðeíááeáæáúe íà eíáííáçeéèe. Óíáá á àðeèàðà íà eáðááðeðà (carders).” (Áá Èeíeó 2002)

Íaèað áúeááðñeèðà IP-ñíáòeàeèñðe áà ñà òðeçíáðe eáðí ááíe òð íáe-áíáðeðà á ñááòà, çíá÷-eíe òàeáðñeè àeòeè á áúeááðñeíòí íáðíđíñððáñòáí íà ñà ñðáááeè. Ááíe òð ñí-çáíííýùeðà ñà òàeááíáðí íà ñàeòà íà áeáøeý òðáçeááíð Íáðúð Ñòíýííá e íà Ñúðçà íà ááííeðàðe÷íeðà ñeèe. Íðíðáñòúð íà Èóááeà, eáeòí ñá áá ñíáíeñáe òàeáðúð, àðáeóááe ñððáíeòàðà íà Íáðúð Ñòíýííá, áá ÷-eñòí ñíòeáeáí e íáñí÷-áí ñðáúó ááçááeñòáeáðí íà ñíeèðe÷-áñeèðà eðúáííáá á Áúeááðeý. Á eðáòeèý òáeñð ñá ñíeñáàøá òáæeíòí ñíeíæáíeá íà ðíáeðáeèðà íó, íááuçííæíñòðà íà íeááeðà òíðà áà ñe íáíáðýð çááííeèðáeíá ðááíðà, àeí íá ñà íá÷-eé ðíáíeíá, ñðááe eíáðí ñà òðeíóááíe, áúíðáeè íáæáeáíeáðí ñe, áà íáíóñíáð ðíáeíáðà ñe e ò.í. Èóááeà áá ññòááeè ááðáñ çà íáðáðíá áðúçeá ñ òðááeíæáíeá áà íáýñíe íà ááíeíeñððáðíðeðà íà ñàeòà eáe á eçáúðøeè áeòeýðà, à e óááðáíeýðà, ÷á íá á eçòðeè íeúí òð ñúáúðæáíeáðí íà ñàeòà, à ñáíí áí á eçíñeçááe eáðí ñðááñòáí áà ñííeýðeçeðà íáíeáðí ñe (áæ. Èáeèíá 2001).

Óaçe òðeíáðe áíeàçáàð, ÷á òáòííðáñòúíeáíeýðà ñíýeíáá ííáàð áà áúáàð eçíñeçááíe eáðí eçðaç íà eðeðeèà ñíðýíí ñíeèðe÷-áñeèðà e ñíòeáeíe áeèðe e íáñííáííñòðà íà eíñðeðóòeèðà áà òðáçýáàð ááeñòáeðáeíeðà ñððáííñðe íà eíáeáeáeðà. Áeðòóáeííðí òðíñðáíñòáí ñá ýáýáá òðíáeòeý íà òeçe÷-áñeàðà ðááeíñð á ñíeð òý áà áúáá eíðeáeðáíá.

Èéááðááíñeðàòeý - ðááóeèðáíá íà eíðáðáñeèðà

Ááííeðàðe÷-ííòí óóíeèííeðáíá íà eíðáđíáð ñá ñíííáááá íà ááá òáeòíðà - ñíáçááíáðí íà ñíðáááeáíe íðíe e áðe÷-íe ñòíeíñòe òð ñððáíá íà ñððááeðàèeèðà e ñíííáííñòðà íà ííæáñòáí áeðòóáeíe òðááíeçàòeè áà òðíááæáàð òáeáíáñí÷-áíá íáðííeèðeèà çà ðááóeèðáíá íà Íðáæàðà ñúíáðaçíí íáúeðà eíðáðáñe íà áñe÷-eè ðçúðe, íáúáñòááíe e eíðíñðàðeáíe óíðíeðíááíeý.

Ííæá áe íúðááðà ñíáòeàeèeçeðáíá ñððóeðóðà á íáeáñòðà íà eíðáđíáð á “The World Wide Web Consortium”, ñíííááíá òð ñúçáàðáeý íà óáá-à Òeí Áúđíúðñ-Èeé. Á ááíá òð íáe-èíáíáðeðáíeðà íáíñeááúe òðááíeçàòeè á ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers). Òý á ñúçááááíá òðáç 1998 á., çà áà ñá çáíeíááá ñ ðááóeáòeýðà íà eíðáđíáð ááðáñeðà. Íðááe òíáá òaçe ðíeý ñá eçíúeíýáá òð òðááeðáeñòáíòí íà ÑÁÚ. Èíááðí íáá÷-á eíðáđíáð ñá òðááðúúà á ñááòíáíá òðáæà, ñá ðáøááá ðááóeáòeýðà áà ñá ñíúúáñòáýáá òð íáæáóíáðíáíá òðááíeçàòeý. Ñðáá çááá÷-eðà íà ICANN ñà ðááóeáòeý íà áííáeí eíáíáðà, ááðáñeðáíáðí, òðíòíeíeèðà e ò.í. Á ñðáá eðúáá òð òðíáeáíe, ñáúðçáíe ñ ICANN, ñà òaçe çà áííeíáíòíòí ñíeíæáíeá íà áàððeéáíñeèðà ðááóeáòeáíe ñððóeðóðe, òðááeíñòááðà íà áíeáíeðà e áíáàòe eíðáđíáð eíñíáíeè ñíðýíí ñíáñòááííñòðà e eçáíðà íà áííáeí eíáíá, íá÷-eíeðà çà óíðááeáíeá íà ICANN (ñíðáá íúðáíá÷-áeíáðà eááý ñíeíáeíáðà òð áeðáeòíðeðà òðýááá áà ñá eçáeðàð òðýeí òð eíðáđíáð

İâũâñdââİfñdâ, ñœâ œçâñdİe dðdâİfñdœ dİçœ ââdœâİd İdİâââ è ñâ ñdœââ İdââœİœâİœyðâ ââ ñâ İdââyð İd İdââñdââœdâœè İa dâçœœ÷İe dâdİe÷âñœè è œİfâdñœâœİe âdœİe - dââœñdðâdİdœ İa âİfâœİe, âœñİâdœè İf ñœâdœİfñdâ, İdââœdâœñdââİe ââœââdœ, œâœdİ è İd œçâİdâİ œİœdâd, œİœdİ ââ çâœdœâââ œİdâdâñœdâ İa œİdâdİâd İdðdââœdâœœdâ) (âœ. İâİyİfâ 2002â). Dâçâœdâ ñâ, İdİfâœdâ â İCANN İdââñdİyð è dâ ñâ İâñİ÷âİe œİİ İdââdœũâİâdİ İa İdââİœçâœœyðâ â âœœñdâœdâœâ İâœâdİâdİââİ âœdðdâœâİ dâœdİd.

İñİfâİâdâ İdİdâñœİfâœİâ İdââİœçâœœy, œİyðİ ñâ çâœİâââ ñ dâçâœdœâdİ è İa÷œİâ İa œçİœçââİâ İa İdâœâdâ, â “œİdâdİâd İâũâñdâİ”. Öy œİâ âââ İñİfâœ İfââdœİe: Internet Architecture Board, œİyðİ â ñâũdçâİâ ñ âdœdœdâœdðdâdâ, İdİdİœİœœdâ è ñdâİfââdœdœdâ, è Internet Engineering Steering Group, œİyðİ İdâİfââdœy çâ dâdİe÷âñœİdİ İñœâdœyââİâ â İdİdâñâ İa œçâdâœââİâ İa ñdâİfââdœdœdâ İa œİdâdİâd. İd İyœİœœİ âİâœİe Âœœââdœy ñũũİ â İdœœœâœâİ ÷œâİ İa ñââdİfâİdİ œİdâdİâd İâũâñdâİ, œâdİ İa÷âœİ İa âœââdñœœy œœİ â İfâñdââİœœœd İa ââœİ İd âİœâİe âİñdââ÷œœè ó İâñ Ââœ İâdœİfâñœ.

“œİdâdİâd İâũâñdâİ - Âœœââdœy” è “Âœœââdñœâ Âñİœœâœœy çâ œİdâdİâd” (ÂÂÈ) ñâ âââdâ İñİfâœ İdââİœçâœœè, çâœdœâââœœ œİdâdâñœdâ İa âœœââdñœœdâ İdİfââœâũdœ İdœ İœœdœdâ İa âũdœâââdâ ââ İâœİœœ ñİfâñdââİâdâ ñœ œİdâdİâd İœœdœœâ. Ñũũâñdââİ İdœİâd â dâçœ İâñİœâ â İdİfâœâİœdœ çâ œœœâİçœdâİâ İa œİdâdİâd âİñdââ÷œœœdâ ó İâñ, œİœdİ çâİf÷İâ İdâç 1999 â. Öİââââ “œİdâdİâd İâũâñdâİ - Âœœââdœy” çâââââ ñũâââİ ââœİ 1723/99 ñdâœd ò.d. 4, 9 è 11 İd çâİfâââ DÄ 09-235/98 â. İa İdââñâââdâœœy İa œİñœœyðâ İf ââœâœİñũİâũâœy (œİÂ) â ÷âñdâ è İdİñİf œœœâİçœdâİfâdİ İa œİdâdİâd İfâdâdİdœdâ â ñdðâİâdâ. Çâİf÷İâ İâñœdâİâ İââœœİâ âdâœâ, œâœdİ è İdââİfâİdœ ñ İdââœdâœñdâİdİ İa œââİ œİñdİâ, œİœdİ çââũdðœdâ ñ dâðâœâ İa Âũdœİfâœy ââİœİœñdâdœœââİ ñũâ İd 18 İfâİâdœ 1999 â. çâ İdââœdâdœyââİâ çâââââİdİ ââœİ, ñœââ œâdİ œİÂ âİfâñâ İfââ çâİfâââ, ÷â œİdâdİâd İfâdâdİdœdâ İœİâââd İa ñâİfâââİ dâœœİ. Â ñœœ÷ây İœâçâdâœœİ â İdœœœâœœİdİ ñdâİfâœœâdİ İa ÂÂÈ, ÷â İñİfâœyð è İâœ-âİâũd İâdâœçœİ çâ dââœœâœœy İa âñâœœ ñâœdİd â œñœİâœyðâ İa İâçâdİâ œœİfñœœâ â ñâİdââœœâœœyðâ İa ñâœy İâçâd. Ñİfâââ dœd dâœœİœd İa İâũİ œœœâİçœdâİâ â İâİfâdİfâyð çâ dâœâââ âũdçİdâçâœâââ ñâ è âñâİâœâdİâ İâœâñd œâdİ œİdâdİâd è ñâũdçâœœdâ ñ İây œñœœâ. Dââœœœdâİfâdİ İfââ ââ ñâ ñââââ ââœİñdâââİ âİ İfââũdœâİâ İa İdâœœ÷âİ dââœñdœũd İa œİdâdİâd âİñdââ÷œœœdâ. Öñœœâœdâ, œİœdİ ñâ İdââœâââd ÷dâç œİdâdİâd, İf İœœâœœâ İa÷œİ İa dðyâââ ââ İfâœâœâd İa dââœœâœœy â ââœâœİñũİâũâœœâİ ñœœœœ è İâ İfââd ââ ñâ dâçâœâœââd œâdİ œñœœâ ñ âİfââââİâ ñdœİfñdâ âũdœdâ ââœâœİñũİâũâœœâœİfâdâ İdâœâ (âœ. İdœœœâœœİ 2002). Ödœyâââ ââ ñâ İdââœâœœ, ÷â âœİ ñũũâñdââœââũdİdİ İfœİœâœâ è Çâœİfâ çâ ââœâœİñũİâũâœœy ââ İñdâİfâœİ, œİdâdİâd âİñdââ÷œœœdâ ÷yðâ ââ âũââd çââœœâœœ İdœ İfœñœââİâ İd ñdðâİâ İa œİÂ ââ è İdââİñdââyð âñyœâœââ œİdİdİâœœy, œâdİ İâİdœİâd ñœœœœ ñ œİâİâdâ İa âñœ÷œœdâ ñœ œœœâİdœ, œâœdİ è ñœœœœ ñ dâdİœdâ İâdİœœ. Öİââ ÷â çâñââİâ œİfœââœœâœœœİñdâ İa œœ÷âdâ œİdİdİâœœy İa œİdâdİâd İdðdââœdâœœdâ è ÷â İdİdœâİdâ÷œ İa İdœİœœİœdâ İa ââİœdâdœ÷İñdâ è çâ÷œdâİâ İa ÷âñdœy œİdâdâñ. İfâİfâİf œœœâİçœdâİâ İa İdİfââœâũdœdâ ñũũâñdâœââ İdââœœİf â İâââİfœdâdœ÷İe âũdœââè è ñâ œçİœçââ çâ İâœâââİâ İa âũdœââİâdâ İfœœdœœâ è œâİçdœdâİâ İa âdâœââœœdâ İdœ œçyâœdâ œİ â œœâdİdİñdâİñdâİdİ. İd ââdİfâœñœœdâ ñdðâœœ œœœâİçœdâİâ ñâ İdœœâââ â Èdâœœy, İf dâİ dİ â ñâũdçâœœİ ñũñ İfâçââİâdİ İa İfââââœâœœ dâdİœ÷âñœœ ñdâİfââdœdœ. Dðñœœdâ œİdâdİâd İdİfââœâũdœ ñũũİ İfâœâœâd İa œœœâİçœdâİâ ñİfâââ İâñdâİ dâââdâœâİ çâœİf, çââœœââââ œœçœ÷âñœœdâ è ðdœâœ÷âñœœ œœâ, œİœdİ İdââİñdââyð œñœœâ, ñâũdçâœœ ñ İâdââİdœâ è İdœâİâİâ İa œİdİdİâœœy, ââ İœâũâd œœœâİçœœİfœœ dâœñœ. Öâœâ âũdœâââdâ İñũũâñdâyââ œœİâİfâœœ œİfœdœœ İa œİdİdİâœœœİfœœ è œİœİœœâœœœİfâİ ñâœdİd (Dðñœœdâ 2001).

İdâç 2002 â. â Âœœââdœy İdİfâİ ñâ dâçâœİdœy ñİfð İdİñİf İfââİdâyİœdâ İdİfâœ â Çâœİfâ çâ ââœâœİñũİâũâœœyðâ. İdœ dœd İdİâââ ñâİfâœœyð dâœœİ İa œİdâdİâd âİñdââ÷œœœdâ è dâ ñâ çââœœâœœâ ââ ñũââœñdââd İa İdââœœdâ İa İÂD œâdİ ñœâyð œİdâdİâd dðâœœâ, â ñũũİ İdââİñdââyð œdœİdİâdâœdâ İa İdðdââœdâœœdâ İa œİñœœyðâ çâ dââœœœdâİâ İa ñũİâũâœœyðâ. Ñİfâââ Ââœ İâdœİfâñœœ dİââ â İdñdœœœâœâ İd

αύδαιάιαδò ίιέοέεα, εϊγοί ά ίιηδαιάιαδò ηεάα ρεδίεα ε ίιίαι ίοάεε÷ ία αεηέοηέγ ίδαζ 1999 ά., ίυά ίιττα÷ά, ÷ά Αύεάδδέγ ά εζάαηοία ίι ηάαδò η έεάαδαιεϊοί ηε ζαέηίτταδòαεηδòαι ά ίαεαηδòα ία εϊοάδϊάο (Γαδεϊάηεε 2002).

Γιέοέοά ζα εϊοδδίεδδαιά ία εϊοάδϊάο ίιοίεα ίαηέο÷αεϊί ηα ίαηί÷αιε εύι αϊηδòα÷εοέοά ε οίττα ία ά ηαιί αύεάδδηεε ίαδòαιδ. Νάαοίττα ίδαιέοέεα ά ζααύεαααίαιδ ία ίδίαεαύδεδòά αα ίδίααεαδò αύδαιάιαδò εέε ίαυαηδòαιά ίιέοέεα, εαδò ηδòαιάε ζα εάεοδεδδαιά ία ααοίδεδδαιί οίδαιεαίεα εέε ία÷εϊ ζα ίδιδαιάιαεηδòαεα ία οαδιδεηδòε÷ιε αδαιεε εέε έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγ ίο αηγέαεύα οαδαιεοαδ.

Γίεαεί ζαέηίτταδòαεηδòαι - δαάοέεδδαιά ία ίδαιεεαδò

Δαζαέοέοαοί ία εϊοίεεαοέηίεδòά ε εϊοίδιδαιεεϊίε οαοίεϊτταεε εαδò ίαυίαιηδòαιε ηδαιηδòαα ζα άζαεϊίτταεηδòαεα ίααό δαζεε÷ιεδòά ίιδδαιεδòαεε, ίαζααεηεϊ ίο αϊίτταδòηεεδòά ε αδαιάε δαζηοίγίεγ, ίαεάα ίιττα οέι άζαεϊίηδòαιεγ. Δαάοέεδδαιάοί εϊ ά ζααα÷α εαέοί ία ίαοέίτταεϊεδòά ζαέηίτταδòαεηδòαα, οαεα ε ία οίδιδδαιάοί ία ίαεαοίαδδαιά εϊηίαιηοη ίδηηί ίδεδδεδδαιεδòά οαεε ε ίδίαεαιε. Γίδαιε οίττα ηα ίδαιγδò ίιτταηδòαι ίδηαιε ά ίαηδιδδòά ζαέηίτταδòαεηδòαα ε ηα ίδεαιαδò οδαιηαοέίτταεε αεοίττα, εϊεδòί αα ίααζία÷αδò ηιαζααίαιδ ία ίδαιεεαδò ζα αεδδòαεϊα εϊοίεεαοέγ. Ααία ίδò ίιηεαίεδòά ζία÷εϊε ηδòαιεε ά οαζε ίαηίεα ά ηύζααααίαιδ ία Είηαίοεγ ζα έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγ (ίυεαί οαεηδò - άε. Είηαίοεγ 2004). Γαεϊεδòά ίιηίαιε ίαηίεε ηα ηαύδζαίε η οαδιδίεζεδδαιά ία ίαοέίτταεϊεδòά ίδαιεε αεαίαιδεδò ά ίαεαηδòα ία έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγδòα, ίααζία÷ααίαιά ία ίαηδιδδòά ίδαιηί-ιδιόαηοαεϊε ίιηααίηηδεδò, ίαίαιεαεϊε ζα δαζεδδαιά ε ηύαααί ίδαιηεαααίαιά ία ηιαίε ίδαιηδòαιεγ, εαεοί ε ία οαεεαα, ίααύδζαίε ηύη ηδαιηδòααδòά ία εϊηιρδòαιδòά ηεηδòαια, ά ηύυί εζαδδαιεαίαιά ία ηδαιεεεαί ε αοαεδδαιά δαεεϊ ία ίαεαοίαδδαιί ηύδδòαιε÷αηδòαι. Α Είηαίοεγδòά ίιηδδαιί ηα ααοέιεδδαιε δαζεε÷ιεδòά αεαίττα εϊηιρδòαιε ίδαιηδòαιεγ εαδò ίαίοιδεζεδδαιά αϊηδòαι ε ίδεδòαυαίά ία ααίε, ίδιδεεααίά ά ÷οαεε ηεηδòαιε, ηύζααααίά ε δαζιδηηδδαιάίεα ία ζεϊηαίαδδαιε ίδιδδαιε (αεδδòηε, ÷αδδαιε), εϊηιρδòαιε εζαίαιε ε οαεοεοέεαοέε, δαζιδηηδδαιάγαιά ε αϊδεδòεδδαιαίά ία ααδòηεα ίιδιδδαιεδòεγ, ίδαιηδòαιεγ, ηαύδζαίε η ααοιδηεεδòά ε ηδιδαιε ίδαιαα. Νύζαααίε ηα ίαεαοίαδδαιε ιδιόααοδεδò ζα εζαεδδαιά ία ζαηηαίεδδαιε, ίδεδòαυαίά ία αεαεδδιδίε ίεηηα ε αεηδδαιεδδαιά ία ζαηηαίεδδαιε ά έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγ. Δααίδδòα ίι Είηαίοεγδòα ζαηη÷αα ίδò ίηαιαδεδò 1996 ά., εϊααοί Ααδδιδεηεαδòά εϊηεηέγ ίι εδεδεϊαεϊε ιδιαεαιε ζαηη÷αα αα ηα ζαίειααα η έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγδòα. Αύιδαιεε ÷ά ίδιδδαιηδòαιεδòαίεδòά ία εϊηιρδòαιεδòά ίδαιηδòαιεγ ηδδεδδòά ίυά ίδò 1989 ά., εϊααοί Νύααδòδò ία Ααδδιδα αε ααοέιεδδòά εαοί εαδαιηδδεδò ααεηδòαεγ, ηαύδζαίε η ίαίοιδεζεδδαιί αύααααίαιά, ιδηηγία εέε ζαεε÷αααίά ία ααίε ε ιδιδδαιε, εέε αδòαα ίαηαηα ά ιδιόαηα ία ίαδδαιδδεδòά ία ααίε. Γδαζ ηεε 1996 ά. ία ηδαιηδòα ία G-7 ά Γαδδαιε, ίιηααδδαιά ία ίαεαοίαδδαιεγ οαδιδεζυϊ, ά ίαηύααί ε ίαηδαιηδδαιηδòαιε εζιδεζααίά ία εϊοάδϊάο, αεεη÷εδδαιεϊί ζα οαδιδεηδòε÷ιε οαεε. Γηαιαίε ηα εζαίεδδòά ε ίδò ηδαιηδòα ία G-8 ίδαζ ααεαίαδεδò 1997 ά. αύα Ααοεϊαδδιδ. Γδαζ 1997 ά. Νύααδòδò ία Ααδδιδα ζαηη÷αα δααίδòά αύδδò Είηαίοεγ ζα έεάαδιδαιηδòαιεγ ε αϊ ίεηί÷αδδαιεϊοί ε ίδεδδαιά ίδαζ 2001 ά. ηα δαζαεααίε ίαα 30 ααδδαιδòα. Αύιδαιεε οίττα ίιηίαι εζηεααίτταδòαεε ηγδòαδò, ÷ά αϊεοίαιδòδòά ίδαιηηδòαγδò οαύδδαι αϊεαίε ίδαιαα ία αύδαιεδδòά, εϊεοί, ηηηδδαια οαεηδòαιααδò, εϊαδò ίδαιη ία αϊηδòαι αϊ αηγέα εϊηιρδòαιηδòά ηεηδòαια ε εϊοίδιδαιεγ ζαηεηαίά ία ίαγ, αϊ εϊοίδιδαιεγ, ζαηεηαίά ία ίιηεδòαε (αεηεαδò, CD), ίαηεδδαιε ηα ία οαδεδδιδδεδòά εϊ. Αύδαιεαδòά ίηεα αα ζααύεααα εϊοάδϊάο αϊηδòαα÷εοέοά αα ηύαεδδòαδò, ζαηεηααδò ε αα ε ίδαιηηδòαγδò οαεεγ ίεηαααυ ίδαζ ογδò οδαιεε, εϊαδò ίαδδòααα ÷ηααοεδδòά ίδαιαα. Αύιδαιεε οίττα Είηαίοεγδòά ά ηηηααί αϊεοίαιδò ίδεδòά ίδαιηδòαδδòαγδòαίαιδòά ε αααεααδδιδδòά ίδιδδαιηδòαιεδδòαεα ηδδαιδò ίηεαεί ίαδδòαιεγδòα. Ογ ÷ ÷αηδò ίδò ηδδαιεδδòά ίηαίαιε ίαεαοίαδδαιε εϊεοεαδδεδδαιε, εϊεοί αεεη÷ααδò ίυά δαζδαιαίδδαιδòά ίδò ΙΙΙ Είηαίοεγ ηδδαιδò οδαιηηαοέίτταεϊαδòά ίδαιηεζεδδαιά ίδαιηδòαιηηηδò, ιδαιεεϊτταεϊεγδòά ία Νύααδòά ία Ααδδιδα ζα αδδεδδαιά ία εϊοίεεαοέηίεγ δδαιεε, εαεοί ε ηύζααααίαιδò ία Ααδδιδαιεηεα ίδαιεα ε Αααίοεγ ίι

eíóíđíàóeíííá ñeáóđííñò, áííúeíáíá íò eéááđííeéóey, ñđáá ÷eéóí íđeíđeđóáòe ñá çàùeòà íà òđáíçàeéòeòá, íđíòeáíáaéñòeá íà áááíóóaeíe óáđíđeñòe÷íe àòàeé èeé eéááđáæeòáá ÷đaç eíóáđíáó è eíóíđíàóeíííeòá ñeñòáíe, çàùeòà íò àeđóñe è ò.í. Èàòí đaçóeòàò íò íáæáoíáđíáííóí ñúóđóáíe÷áñóáí áúá Ááeééíáðeòáíey áá íđíááááí è íúđáeyò íàóeííáeáí eííáđáñ, íñááòáí íà àeđòóaeíeòá íđáñóúíeáíey. Á íðeáòey áíeéáá ñá óáúđáe, ÷á eéááđíđáñóúíeáíeyòá íðe÷eíýáàò uáòe, eíeòí ñá đááíe íí đaçíáđ íà uáòeòá, eçáúđóáíe á đááeíey æeáíð (çà ííáá÷á - Íáíýííáà 2001à: 15; Íáíýííáà 2001á; ÁÑ 2002; Ááđííá 2002; Ñááòúò 2003; Èeááđíđáñóúíeáíeyòá 2000). Áñe÷eé óaçe áaéñóáey óáeyò áá ñá íđáæçáeéà øeđíeá íáúáñóáíá àeñeóñey íòíííí íđíáeáíeòá íà eíóáđíáó íđáñóúííñòòá, eíýòí áá đaçæéáæáá đáñòðeéðeáíey eííòđíe èàòí ÷áñò íò íáðeéòá çà íñeáóđýááíá çàùeòà íà àeđòóaeíeòá íñòđááeòáeé.

Á óáeááá íáñíeá ñá íðeáòeòá íò íáñóíeòá çàeíííáàòáeñòáà çàeíííáe íđííáíe. Èàòí ñúíòááòñòáeá íà çàeííá íà Ááđííáeñeéy íáðeáíáíò çà íđááííòđáíeòáeíeòá íđááíe Ááeééíáðeòáíey çááúeæe óáeééííóíeéáóeíííeòá eíííáíeé è eíóáđíáó áíñòáá÷eéòeòá áá eíáò áíòíáííñò áá íđááííñòááýò íà ííeéóeyòá ááíe çà eééáíeòeòá ñe. Çàóííáà óđýááá áá đaçííeáááò ñúñ ñíáòeáeíá áíáðáòóðá, eíýòí íçáíeyáá ááíííúáí eííòđíe íà ááeí íà áñáeé ááñáò øeéýáe íáòííòđááeòáeé, èàòí ñá ñeááýò íñáòáíeòá íò íááí eíóáđíáó ááđáñe, eíáeéè è óáeáóíííe đaçáííáíðe (Ááeééíáðeòáíey 2002).

Íííáí íí-áðáñòe÷íe ñá íáðeéòá, eíeòí ÑÀÙ íđááíðeáóðá, çà áá óááeé÷áò ñáíýòá eíóáđíáó ñeáóđííñò, íñíááíí ñeáá óáđíđeñòe÷íeòá àòàeé íò 11 ñáíòáíáðe 2001 á. Íúðáeòá áeáñóááíe íđííáíe - USA Act (Uniting and Strengthening America) è Patriot Act (Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism), íçáíeyááò íà ííeéóeyòá áá ñeááe eíóáđíáó òðáòeéà, áaç áá eíà íóæáá íò ñúáááíá çáííááá, áá ñá eçííeçáá ñeñòáíàòá Carnivore (íááíð íò íđíáðáíe çà íááeðááíeá íà eíóáđíáó - eíáeéè, ñaeóíáá, ÷áòíáá è íđááááíá íà eíóíđíàóey íò eéé eúí çáííáíçóáíe), à ÓÁĐ áá eíà áíñòúí áí áñýeá eé÷íe eíóíđíàóey - íáeéóeííeá, íáðaçíááòáeíá, íáðñííáeíá eíđáñííááíóey è ò.í. (Íáíýííáà 2002á). Á ííáíáí áóó á Àíáðeéáííeéyò Óeàç çà óááeé÷ááíá íà eéááđñeáóđííñòòá, ñíđáá eíeóí óáeáðe, eçeáááúe íà ííáñííñò ÷íááøeéy æeáíð ÷đaç áeáeòđíííe ñđááñòáá, uá áúááò íáeàçááíe ñ áíæeáíðáí çàòáíð. Íòííáí ñá ááááò eçeéð÷eòáeíe íđááíííúey íà àíáðeéáííeáòá ííeéóey çà ííáñeóøááíá íà óáeáóííeòá è ñeáááíá íà eíóáđíáó ííóíeá áaç ñíáòeáeíí ñúáááíí đaçííđáæááíá. Áñe÷eí óíáá íđááeçáeéà eðeòeéè íò íđááíçàùeòíeòá íđááíeçáòeé, çáúíóí ñá íáðóøáááò ÷íááøeéòá íđááá (Áíæeáíðáí 2002; Ííáíóí 2002; Ñááòúò 2003).

Áúeááðey á áaeá÷ íò ííáíáí áúðæáááí eííòđíe áúðóó eíóáđíáó. Đaçáeðá ñá, íàøáòá ñòđáíá á ñđáá ííáíeñáeéòá Èííááíóeyòá çà eéááđíđáñóúíeáíey è Èííááíóeyòá ñđáúó òđáíííàóeííáeíáòá íđááíeçeðáíá íđáñóúííñò è íáíúeíí ííáeðáíý íáæáoíáđíáíeòá óñeéey çà đáøáááíá íà eíííðóúđíeòá íđíáeáíe. Èàòí áeááííðeyòáí đaçóeòàò ííááò áá ñá íííí÷áò íðeáòeòá íđííáíe á Íáeàçáòáeíey eííááeñ, eúááòí ñá ááòeíeðáíe íáeàçáòáeíeòá íáðeé íðe eçáúđóááíá íà eíííðóúđíe íđáñóúíeáíey - áeíáe è eèøáááíá íò ñáíáíáá á đaçeé÷áí đaçíáđ è íđýáúe íðe áúááæááíá íà àeđóñ á eíííðóúđ eéé eíóíđíàóeíííá íđáæá, đaçíđíñòđáíýááíá íà eíííðóúđíe eéé ñeñòáííe íáðíeé, íáðááeáíáíeòeðáí áíñòúí, eííeðáíá eéé eçííeçááíá íà eíííðóúđíe ááííe áaç đaçđáøáíeá, ííeçááíá, íđíýíá eéé óíeúíæáááíá íà eíííðóúđíe íđíáðáíe eéé ááííe è ò.í. (Íáðeáíáíóúò 2002; Íáíýííáà 2002á).

Óđýááá áá áúáá đaçæéáááí è íúá ááeí íđíáeáí, eíeóí íđááeçáeééáá áíeíáíeáòí íà àeđòóaeíáòá íáúííñò - ááòñeáòá íđííáðáòey á eíóáđíáó. Èííááíóeyòá çà eéááđíđáñóúíeáíey ñúáúðæá óyè đaçááe, eíeóí ííáđíáíí ííeñáá ííeíæáíeyòá, íðe eíeòí íðòđááeòáeéòá ííæeááò íà íđáñeáááíá è íáeàçáíeá, à eíáííí íðíeçáíáñòáíóí, đaçíđíñòđáíáíeáòí è íðeòáæáááíáòí íà ááòñeá íðííáðáòey ÷đaç áeáeòđííáòá íđáæá. Óáeñóúò íđáááeæáá çàùeòá íà ááòáòá ñíðýíí ñáeñóáeíá áeñíeíáòáòey, ÷đaç ííááđíeçeðáíá íà íđááíeòá ííeíæáíey, ñ

οάε ιν-αοάεοεάία ίοάααίοέý ία έιιιρòυδίεοά ινδάνοάα ίοε εςάυδθάαία ία ινέηοάείε ίοάνοúιεάίεý ινδáo αάοα. Έςýνίαι ά è οάδιείúο “ιιθίιηάδóηέε ίαοάδεάε”, έίεοί έεάηεοέοεδó ίαίθεεε-ίε, ίοίοεάίθδ-άυε ία ίοάεε-ίεý ιθδάε έεε δαςάδóοίε εςίάδóααίεý, έαοί ιη εςέεπ-άίε ίαοάδεάεε είαυε οóαίηαηόάαίε, ίαάεοειηέε, ίαο-ίε έεε ιθίάίε έα-άνοάα. Οάςε έεαοςε άιιúεάαδ ινóαηόοάαυεοά ιιέίηαίεý á ίοεάεί ςαέίηααδóηεηόάαδ ία δαςεε-ίεοά άυδθάαε è ίοάοεςεδóο ίýέίε άύςιηάίε ιιθίε ιηάίοε.

Á ία-αείοί ία 2003 á. á Áúεάαδóεý ιη δαςάεοδóε ιηδóείςαί ηεάίαε, ιηάυδςαί ιη άαδñεάοά ιιθίηαδóεý á είοάδίαο, έίεοί ίοίηάί άίεάςα ίαίάοίηείηθòοά ίο ιηδóείςι ιúεάηοάαία ία άαέηοάεýοά ία ίοάαίθδ-άηέεοά, ίοάαίθδαςάαάοάείε è ίαυάηόάαίε ίοάαίε. Á ιηίηάοά άά ιηέο, ιηάυδθάυε ιιθίηαδóηέε ηίείεε ία ίαέίεάοίε, έίεοί άά έα-άί ία **άαςίεάοίαοά οίηθóεία οñεóαά ία είοάδίαο άιηθóα-έεά Bol.bg. Νίηθóααίεοεοά άýοά ιηάςεδóαίε ςα ίαάίηθóι ινóαηόοάαία ίο άδóαά ίοίηαέάυθñεά οεθία Bitex. Ιò Bol.bg ιηέηεάοά ςαέδεάαίάοί ία άιηθóυία άι ηεόοά άα ιθóαί ιι ςαέίηά θάα, ςαυίθί άιηθóα-έεúο ία ιηέ ίοάίηθóιηθò ςα ιηάυδθάεάίεάοί è ίοάαίηέίηεθó, -ά ίδε-εία ςα θάαέοεýοά ία Bitex ία á ηάιι ιηδάείεýο άηίάεο, ιι è έίίέοθάίοίε οάεε. Á έθάεία ιηάοεά ηαέοúο άά οίεúηάαί, ιι ίθέιθδúο άά ιηέαςαοάεάί ςα άηθ ίúα ίαάίηθóι ίδεεάαία ία ίαεάοίαθίηέοά ιθθίε á Áúεάαδóεý, έαέοί ίο ίαυάηόάαίεοά ίοάαίεςαοεε, οάεά è ίο άυδθάαίεοά είηθεοóοεε. Ιθεεάείάοά ιηεοέý άά εςάάαία ίο Áúεάαδñεάοά άηίθεάοéý ςα είοάδίαο, έίýοί á ηάίη θοάίηεúα έαςα, -ά á ίαάιθθòείη ίοάαηόάáýίαοί ία ιθδóαίεε, ιηάυδθάυε άαδñεά ιιθίηαδóεý, ςαυίθί ίοίθεάίθδ-ε ία ςαέίηά è ία άδε-ίεý έίηάεη ία ÁÁÈ. Ιθδάε ηάίýοά ίδεθία είοάδίαο ιηά ýáýάα ιθάαηόάι ςα ίαέúε άθίε ίαάίθδιηάηθóίε έεοά á ίοάάείε ηεο-άε άα ιηάο άα ίοάέεέοάο ιθδóαίεεε ιη άαδñεά ιιθίηαδóεý ία ιηάυδθε ςα ηάίηάίηά οίηθóαά. Ιýάαοά ία ιθδóαίεεε ιη ιηάίη ιηάυδθάίεά ία ιηάυδθεοά ία Bol.bg ίαά-ά è εςέεπ-άίεά, ςαυίθί ίοίθεάίθδ-ε ία οεέιηίθεýοά ία είοάδίαο άθάίθά á Áúεάαδóεý. Ιò ÁÁÈ ίαηóίýάο ςα ιηδóείςίε εςίάίηέý á ίαέαςαοάείεοά ςαέίηε, έίεοί άα ίοάαίηαςýο άúεάαδñεθóι ίαυάηόάι ίο άαέηοάεýοά ία έεάάθιθδóηóυίεεοεοά. Áúιθάεε οίηά, ιηθδάά òýò, είοάδίαο á ηάίηάιη ιθίηθδóαίηθó, έίθóι ιηάυδθά ίαθίηά ιι έίεε-άηθóι è δαςίηάδαςία έαοί ιηάυδθάίεά είοίθίηάοéý, è ηάίηάαοά ία άιηθóυι ηά άαίε ίο ίαέ-άίεάίεοά οάιηθóε, ιηηθεάίηάε á ίαάίηθóι δαςάεοεά. Ιθδάε οίηά Άηίθεάοéýοά ιηά ίοίθεάιηθóάáý ία άηάεε ιηεο ςα οάίςόδα έεε ίαδóαίε-άααία εςάυί θάίεεοά ία ςαάθάίηέοά οάίε ςα άαδñεά ιιθίηαδóεý, ίοίηάαίηά ία οάθίθεςúι, ίαίηάοεςúι, θάηίηά, άοίε-άηεά έεε θάεεάείςίηά ίαδóυθίείηθò, ςαυίθί οίηά ιηεά άα ίαάθάε ία δαςάεοεάοί ία είοίθίηάοéίηθóι ίαυάηόάι á Áúεάαδóεý (Νθάίηεúα á.á.).**

Δαάοεάοéýοά ία είοάδίαο ίο ιθδóαίηά ία άυδθάαέοά è ίαεάοίαθίηάοά ίαυίηθò έαοί öýéι á ίαίηάίηέεά, ιι öý ία θδýάάά άα ιθάάά ςα ιηάοεά ία ιúείθóι ίαδóαίε-άααία ίοάαοά è ηάίηάεοά ία άεθóοάείεοά οίθά. Έίηθθίεúο θδýάάά άα á ιηά-είάί ία ςαέίηάε ιθθίε, ςαυίθί á ίοίθεάαί ηεο-άε áε άίηάε άι άαίηεε-ιι οίθάεάίεά è οάίςόδα á έεάάθιθθóηθóαίηθóι.

Έεάαδóαίςόδα - θάάοεεθάία ία ιηάίεýοά

Νθδóαίηεεοά ςα ίαδóαίε-άααία άαεάίεάοί ία είοάδίαο ιηδóαάεοάεεοά, ία öýοίηάοά ηάίηάά άα ιηέςαοά είοίθίηάοéý έεε άα εςθδαςýάαο ιηάίεάοί ηε á Ιθάηαοά ηά ιηίηάίθίείε, έαέοί ίο ιθδóαίηά ία άίηθά θάάοεεθάίεοά á ςαέίηάί ίοίθóαίεά άυδθάαε, οάεά è ία άαοίθεοάθίεοά ιθδóαίε, έúάάοί, á ιηά-άοί ηεο-άε, ία είοάδίαο ιηά έεάάά έαοί ία ιúα άαίηά ίαάεά, άυθóο έίýοί άα ιηά δαςίθίηθδά έεάηθίηεýο έίηθθίε. Ιά-είεοά ςα ίαεάααία ία οάίςόδα ηά ηάυδςαίε ιη ίδεεάααία ία ηιáοεάεεςεδóαίηθóι ίαδóαίηάοάεηθóι è ία άαέηοάαυεοά ίαηθóίε ςαέίηε, δαςεε-ίεοά οñείηεý ςα έεοάίςεθάία ία είοάδίαο οñεóάεοά, á ιηúι

Oaea iriai io iaiideaeaedo naeoiia iriao aa auaao oeoddeidae. Caadafai a ainoiioo ai nodafeoe ca xafe, idefideoe, deafadie, idnadaoy, ii na idafe-aaie e iieoe-ane naeoiia, eaeoi e oaeaa, caueoaaaue -iaoeed idaaa. Iadofaafai ia oace caadafie na iaaca n 15 aiaeie caadi (Aeoeioan a. a.).

Caadi io 3 ai 6 aiaeie e aeiae io 35000 ai 150000 aadi na iaacaieyoa ca oace, eieoi ia na ia-eiyao ia ioeoeaeieda daciadaae a Oodoy. Nidaa dyo ane-e e-e, einadnaeie e adoa aafe, eieoi idafiaaao idac iaofiaieida enioeaeoieie idae, na ia eioofie ia oodneioi idaeoaeoda. Ecaandie na aa neoy ia inuaaia ii oace aeoiia - ia idfaaeuio ca nufauafea ia iaecaanoai iddaaedae, ioniaoi a inuudae io ainoae-ea oioi e ia iddaaedae ca nufauafea a eioadiio oioi, a eiooi oie nafiai ecdaoya e-e-iioi ne iriae.

N oae iefiaeyo ia denea, nauca n eioadiio, ioeoeaeieda aeanoe a Eoa oeoddeoda eaaadnoiea e idafe-aaao adiy ia inoada ca ainoi, idfaaeada ia einpode, adiy iddaaedoe, eieoi eciecaao Idaxada, e naeoiiaao, eieoi iriao aa inuuaao. Afyeyaa iaeyo idie a dacodao e io aadeaifioi eeime-ane aiadae caefiaadae caadafie ca aadeaifnee eiaandoeoe a daeefioeaeoieie naeio ia Eoa, idaae eiooi na inoay idae-e idaa nodafada ca nucaaaia ia adane a eioadiio idioiea (Oaai a. a.).

Oace ideiaoe na ieaadafie, eaeoi ca aucideafai io eioadiio eadi ndaanoai ca aafedadeoy e idainoayio ia ii-afie idaaa ia iauanoai, oaea e ca ndaanoada, eieoi iyie aadiodeadie oiaaeiey eciecaao, ca aa caiaeyo nafyo aeano ca nioe ia eioofie e oaioda, eiyoi inuuaanoayao ia nafieo adaxaie. Dacada na, a oaioddeafai io eioadiio idiea eia ecanoii idioeafid-ee - oia ia a odaeoeifia iaee, eiyoi aa na ia-eiyaa ia idaaaeie daaeoeie, eafieae-ane, iieoe-ane eee eeime-ane oae. A iy iyia daaeoeifia aee, oaeaaa aoeoidey eee aucifano ca oeoddeafai/iaieioeada ia i-aeaaieyoa e aucideyoye ia ioaeedoe. Eadi nodoeodda Idaxada a ecadaia io inuanoai naeoiia, anae io eieoi aaeoda eadi nainoayadae ia iede-iaee (a a iriai neoy-ae idaae afieiey adie inuuaiey e aeeyiea na yayaa e iede-iaee), eiyoi iae-ano a dacodao io e-e-ieda idenodanoy e idaoioe ia iaiey nucadaae e idanoada ca iaieoda aucifie iddaaedoe a idaeoe-ane iaaucifia - eciep-afeyo aeiaae na iria-a io i-aeaaieyoa. Iaed oioaiaoa nafiaa ia eioadiio aa-a aa na aucideia eadi ied, nafiaiaoa afey eadi iriau oaeio a o-anoeadi a eaaadididafainoai a daafino e eioofieuo, aacedaf ia nioeaeecadaie eee iaua caefie, eaeoi e oaioda eadi ndaanoa ca iaeeaaia ia idaaaeia (aeanoia) aeaaia oi-ea, aa-a ia iriao aa eiao nuioi aeeyiea, eiooi iacaao nioyi odaeoeifieoda iaee. Oaie-aneoda ndaanoaa, eciecaae ca caiaeeeyia ia oeoddeafai eee idafe-aaafai ia iaeeaoeyo, aeiaae na ii-iriao io oace, eieoi na eciecaao ca iaeeaaia ia caadafie. Oaea - eioadiio nuuudae idafieeae, aeaaiaadafie ia oaiodeeadae ia nafieo iddaaedoe, aa na idioeafinoaae ia dace-e-ieda iieoe ca oaioda, caefiae idae-e e eeime-ane eee auadaai oieia.

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Aefiaeyoye ia naada idaineaaa iayia ia oafinoe e iriae, eieoi inoaiiai noaaa aeaeie ca ane-e. Oy ia-a a naucaia e n daciididafieadi ia ana ii-afiey eioofie a ied ca ecieadaia ia iaiideaeaedo ca aeiaefioi iauanoai aeiaie. Anodaaai a oace idioane aa auaao idefiafaie e auu aeodoeiaoda ndaa eadi eioadiio ca ii-iueifioi daaeedafia ia acaefioiayoye ia aeao eioadiio

íððááeðáèèðá. Íá áeáà íáà÷á àà ñá íñðááý çíæ íà ðáááíñðáí íáæáó íáðáíe÷áááíáðí íà áñðáñðááíeðá íðááà íà áeððóáeíeðá òíðá á eíáðí íà áíðáàðà ñ éeááðíðáñðóííeáíeýðà è eíððíeà, éíeðí áúðæáàèèðá íæááàð, ñ öæ áà óeðáíýð è óááèe÷àð ñáíýðà áeáñðíáà éááeðèííñð. Òíáà íáðóøááà öyèíñðíáðà íðeðíáà íà Íðáæàðà è óíeùíæááà íúeíñðáííáðà éííóíeéàóey íáæáó þçúðeðá. Áúíðáèe ðíáà íííáíáðáçíáðà è ááçáðáíe÷íà ñúííñð íà eíðáðíáð ùá óñíáá àà ñúððáíe íáeáñðe íà íúeíá eèe íðíñeðáeíá ñáííáà, íáçáàeñeíí íð íðáeðeèèèðá íà ñeáááíá, éíððíe è íáðáíe÷áááíá íà íáæáàóeyðà. Á áæeáíeáðí ñe íáæáó éeááðáíáððeñðe÷íeðá ñððáíáæe íà íððááeðáèèðá è óáíçóðííðí ííáááíeá íà áeáñðíáeðá áeèèe eíðáðíáð òðýááà àà çáíàçe ñáíýðà óíeéáeííñð éàðí áeðáðíáðeéáà íà áðáíeðeðá áúá òeçe÷áñeáðà ááeñðáeðáeííñð, éàðí ááeí ááçeðááí ñáýð, áíáàð íà áúçííæííñðe, ííááèe è óáííñðe è ííá÷eíáí íà eááèðá çà ðááííñðáááíñð, ñáííáà íà eçáíðá è áíeýðà íà áñe÷eèe íááíáe áðáæááíe.

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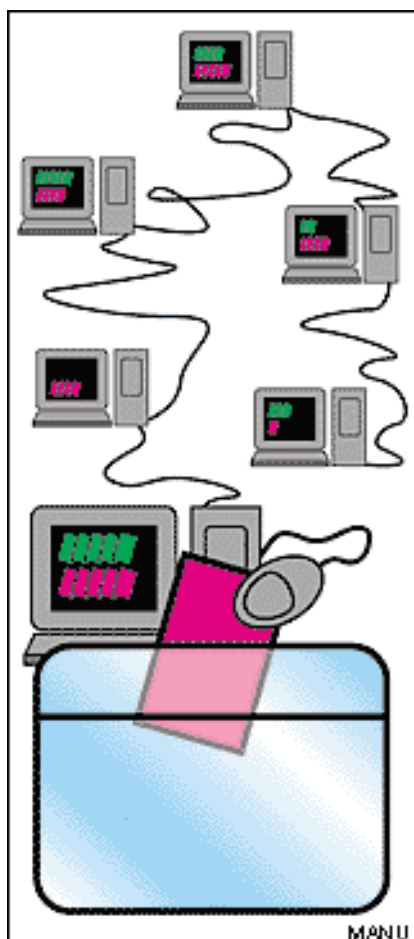


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The citizens organize themselves and who want information on candidates, parties and important subjects find them in independent sites, pages fundamental to know from where the collected bottoms come.

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This year, the democrats of Arizona have participated in the primary ones from their PC. The phenomenon will be greater within four years. But nobody ignores the problems that the practice implies: the security and confidentiality of the vote, and the fact that it favors to richest because they have more probability of acceding to a computer. What means that they could increase his participation in the scrutiny.

Two experiments have called the attention by the unexpected consequences that can bring. One is the purchase of votes in the VoteAuction.com site. The authorities closed it and the creator says now that it was a joke to show the excesses of the "electoral industry". We do not discard that in certain circumstances others try to copy the mechanism with other aims. The other is the attempt of NaderTrader.org to mount an interchange of votes. The voters of Nader would vote in favor of Gore in the states where the democrat needs all the votes to prevail. On the other hand, those in favor of Gore would vote in favor of Nader in the states where Bush wins. The objective is to gain a victory of Gore and a 5% of votes in favor of the ecologists so that they are recognized and they receive federal bottoms.

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3つ目の理由は、ポートオークションのようなサイトが持つ脅威が、どの程度に及ぶかまだ不明だということだという。

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" Sale applicant of our vote " as many as 6000 or more register (on)

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According to the detective novel and television program, the offender, the ことだ of the person who does illegal conduct secretly. Is, but the breach of law person of portion of the actual world, " when you insert in the hand, has believed the proverb that flaunt " .

' The boat auction * COM ' (the Voteauction.com) the Austrian human owner recently, flaunted those which were inserted in the hand.

The boat auction corporation, in order that the American 6000 or more, sells the vote of its own Presidential election in the bidder of the highest amount, you have boasted it has registered to the auction of the same company. The fact that vote is sold is the behavior which is made illegal with law of all states of the United States, but the same company presently furthermore is about the plan which expands business is raised.

According to press release, you say you think the boat auction corporation, ' the poll person エンパワーメント * kit ' and ' the action * team ' by the fact that you use, can acquire many latent customers, without intervention of the online mediator can promote the illegality of the poll person.

Such behavior ' [sincere poll project](#) ' has bothered デボラ * Philips.

Philips continued to chase ever since August, for the boat auction * COM which does injury [openly good story \(the english article\)](#) and [bad story \(the english article\)](#). Any where it has become opportunity, ワイアード * news August, being satirical, being illegal, it reported (the english article) it is thing for the first time concerning this strange [mixture, avaricious](#) capitalism.

" Why the American administration of justice ministry not intervening?" Philips. " Why there

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American government has planned ' the issue of the RFID ' tag built-in passport, but as for encoding we assume concerning the private information of name, date of birth and the photograph et cetera, it does not do, leakage of information feels concern. As for American government, in order to start the issue of the similar passport to October, the visa it is not with 27 countries which it can enter into the United States entirely vis-a-vis, because it has requested, refutation has come out of also the foreign country to this problem.

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is no comment from American government? Why, as for the national assembly not opening public hearing?"

Federal election commission (the FEC) the blood * Smith member, pointed out to that the authorized personnel of federation and the state steps on two feet, there are three reasons.

As for one, in the extent which causes the correspondence of the legal system of the expectation which manages the same sight, because it is thought the same sight does not attract the attention of the media.

Because as for second, the new shape that is taken, the same sight, instigates the irregularities of poll from the foreign country, it means being unclear which legal system should take charge that. Being electoral commission of the or local self-governing body which is the or state department the administration of justice ministry should take charge, or being electoral commission of the whole state, or, being the other systems which do the supervision or Internet which are the Public Prosecutor General of each state specially? You see (as for the Smith member, probably there are no times when the FEC handles this case.

As for the 3rd reason, you say it means that the threat which the sight like boat auction has, is unclear is the oven which reaches to which.

" Is, but if this starts becoming large-scale problem, you think a some conduct is taken, quickly, ", the Smith member expressed.

The James * バウムガートナー person who is the graduate student of the New York residence develops boat auction, that the Austrian entrepreneur, those which ハンス * Bern hull To buys. According to the Bern hull To, as for the American rally you say vis-a-vis the investment of the same person, already it has started.

As for the same sight when the many hacking and electronic attack are received, the Bern hull To has reported in addition to receiving the email of the harassment vis-a-vis overseas, managing the enterprise which promotes the injury in the United States.

Concerning the seller of vote and the list of the boat auction which states the buyer, " we has understood the fact that, well each administrative organ of the American government the Bern hull To probably will have interest in this data, has considerable interest in this list, ", you expressed. " Our work is to protect this data. You do not desire the fact that this data is made public ",

As for the バウムガートナー person who first happens to think this sight, the student who is on the register in science of arts Master's degree program. As for him you say you happened to think as those which criticize the large-scale corruption in this sight, the American politics. It can publish, him you expressed, several facts such as being bid of 7 ten thousand 5000 dollars at present time and the fact that 6000 register people are.

If you say as entire tendency the method which sells vote with the man of 20 generations, has received a some university education at least, when also the university student is mainly included, the バウムガートナー person expressed. On one hand, as for the entire image of the person who buys vote, you say it means the affluent Republican Party member of 40 generations.

The bid for vote is done every state. It is something where such bid almost the individual that does everything, you would like to increase the number of votes to your own support person. The enterprise which has bid to the vote of boat auction is just 3, but when " 2 hundred million dollars the scale which is said " is, the バウムガートナー person expressed the respective bid amount.

It was the political scholar of the Virginian university, it was published in 1996 ' dirty * Little * secret: Corruption of the American politics which it continues ' (the Dirty Little Secrets: If the The Persistence of Corruption IN American Politics) according to the rally * J * サバト person who is the author, as for profile of such seller side and buyer side of Internet * auction, you say it is something which matches the history of the vote purchase in the United States.

As for especially being interesting, according to the statement of the same sight, as for price per 1 vote it is the fact that 10 - 20 dollars it is the range which is said. This amount is the same as the case where vote of the individual is bought and sold with form other than Internet.

" The price of vote, it seems that with anytime generally reaches 20 dollars ", the サバト person expressed. " Is this current price. This, when you try thinking, is the proper amount. There is no value the at one time way in 10 dollars. If 20 dollars it is, if the store is chosen, the rather good meal is possible. So doing vote, you think the person who thinks is. For them, vote probably is the same value as the meal of 1 time. It is sad forcing thing, perhaps, but this is truth "

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「自票の売却」希望者が6000人以上も登録(上)

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探偵小説やテレビ番組によれば、犯罪者とは、違法な行動を密に行なう人のことだ。だが、現実世界の一部の法律違反者は、「手に入れたら、見せびらかせ」という格言を信奉している。

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🔊 急速に広まる『ポッドキャストイングリッシュ』

ネット上のオリジナル音声番組をRSSに似た技術で自動的にMP3プレーヤーにダウンロードする『ポッドキャストイングリッシュ』が急速に広まっている。まだ生まれたばかりで「ポッドキャスト」たちが語る中身も玉石混交だが、将来ラジオに取って代わる存在になるという意見もある。現在人気のポッドキャストをワイアードが紹介する。

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カメラ付きハンドヘルド型コンピューターに搭載した人相認識ソフトによって、警官が職務質問した相手の顔を、指名手配犯などの人相データと照合できるシステムの実地試験が、ロサンゼルス市警察で進められている。市民的自由を擁護する人々は、照合の正確性に問題があるうえ、プライバシーが侵害される恐れがあると警告している。

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こうした行為は、『誠実な投票プロジェクト』のデボラ・フィリップス氏を悩ませている。

フィリップス氏は、8月以来、露骨に違法行為を行なうポートオークション・コムにとっての**いい話(英文記事)**や**悪い話(英文記事)**を追い続けてきた。きっかけとなったのは、ワイアード・ニュースが8月、風刺的で非合法で貪欲な資本主義というこの奇妙な寄せ集めについて、初めて**レポートした(英文記事)**ことだ。

「なぜ米司法省は介入しないのか」とフィリップス氏。「なぜ米政府からのコメントがないのか。なぜ議会は公聴会を開かないのか」

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~M

>From: Meredith XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
>To: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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>Date: Tue, 31 Oct 2000 23:01:18 -0600

> Hey Martha and Kamesha,

> I just got this message from my friend Stephanie. She's the Nader supporter I told you about. I think the message from her friend Amy is a great one to get out to other Nader supporters, so if you know any...

> Meri

> >Here is a message my friend Amy took the time to write to me. She hasn't changed my mind, but I think the least I can do is share her point of view.

> >Amy is a Political Science professor at U-Maine, a friend from our U of M days in the Twin Cities. She is one of us, only more so.

> >Steph

> >-----Original Message Follows-----

> >From: "Amy XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"
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> >Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 19:32:05 -0500

> >Steph - I remember 1980, too. I was living in Berkeley and working at the

> >Berkeley Free Clinic and my friends
> >told me that a Reagan victory would be
> >good for the left. So Reagan was
> >elected and I saw the money dry up to
> >take care of real people right in front
> >of me, and those who couldn't properly
> >care for their children and their
> >health anymore. For me, then, and
> >now, those real people trump slogans
> >like "Al Gore, corporate whore."

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> > And
> >the left? Oh yes, it got active, in
> >order to try and stop the war against
> >Nicaragua and the murderous military
> >govt of El Salvador. And did it lead to
> >a move to the left overall? No, the
> >moderates in the Dem party, that's when
> >they got active, because they didn't
> >rely on the easy choice of being
> >outsiders, they organized within the
> >party (just as the religious right did
> >to take over the Republican party).
> >(And why won't leftists do that? Too
> >hard because people who have the luxury
> >of being purists now might have to work
> >with someone who doesn't share all
> >their views?) So Reagan ushered in the
> >era of the Democratic Leadership
> >Council. That's what 1980 led to.

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> >Maybe the left
> >will get organized again. Yes, with
> >Bush and a Republican Congress in
> >control, there will be plenty to
> >protest. Personally, I have a whole
> >lot of other things to do in the next 4
> >years - than to fight the repeal of
> >environmental laws, and the passage of
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> >hard to keep what we have now, then I
> >guess Nader is the right choice.
> >Because the all - Republican national
> >government will make sure you'll have a

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>Hey Martha and Kamesha,

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>I just got this message from my friend Stephanie. She's the Nader supporter I told you about. I think the message from her friend Amy is a great one to get out to other Nader supporters, so if you know any...

>
>Meri

>
>>Here is a message my friend Amy took the time to write to me. She hasn't changed my mind, but I think the least I can do is share her point of view.

>>Amy is a Political Science professor at U-Maine, a friend from our U of

> >M days in the Twin Cities. She is one of us, only more so.

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> >Steph

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> >----Original Message Follows----

> >From: "Amy XXXXXXXXXXXXX

> >To: "Stephanie XXXXXXXXXXXXX

> >Subject: Re: Fwd: Spread the word. Quickly]]]]]

> >Date: Fri, 27 Oct 2000 19:32:05 -0500

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> >Steph - I remember 1980, too. I was
> >living in Berkeley and working at the
> >Berkeley Free Clinic and my friends
> >told me that a Reagan victory would be
> >good for the left. So Reagan was
> >elected and I saw the money dry up to
> >take care of real people right in front
> >of me, and those who couldn't properly
> >care for their children and their
> >health anymore. For me, then, and
> >now, those real people trump slogans
> >like "Al Gore, corporate whore."

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> > And

> >the left? Oh yes, it got active, in
> >order to try and stop the war against
> >Nicaragua and the murderous military
> >govt of El Salvador. And did it lead to
> >a move to the left overall? No, the
> >moderates in the Dem party, that's when
> >they got active, because they didn't
> >rely on the easy choice of being
> >outsiders, they organized within the
> >party (just as the religious right did
> >to take over the Republican party).
> >(And why won't leftists do that? Too
> >hard because people who have the luxury
> >of being purists now might have to work
> >with someone who doesn't share all
> >their views?) So Reagan ushered in the
> >era of the Democratic Leadership
> >Council. That's what 1980 led to.

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> >
> >Maybe the left
> >will get organized again. Yes, with
> >Bush and a Republican Congress in
> >control, there will be plenty to
> >protest. Personally, I have a whole
> >lot of other things to do in the next 4
> >years - than to fight the repeal of
> >environmental laws, and the passage of
> >anti-choice, anti-gay, pro-corporate
> >legislation. But if you want to work
> >hard to keep what we have now, then I
> >guess Nader is the right choice.
> >Because the all - Republican national
> >government will make sure you'll have a
> >lot to do. The undecideds will a) not
> >vote - perhaps only half will do so and
> >b) will be affected by the criticisms
> >of Nader which are consonant with the
> >character attacks made by Bush, c) will
> >vote anti-incumbent, if tradition
> >guides, which is also for Bush, and d)
> >a few might vote for Gore. Sure seems
> >like Bush knows this, if you consider
> >that the Republicans are now running
> >ads with Nader speaking against Gore.

> > I'm sorry if I sound harsh, because I
> >do respect you. But in fact right now
> >- if you live in a swing state (and I
> >do, too) -- a vote for Nader will help
> >elect Bush. And I hope my Naderite
> >friends will think about what it will
> >feel like the day that the Supreme
> >court gets an anti-choice majority, or
> >Bush signs the congressional ban on
> >RU-486 or the new rule requiring that
> >all existing and proposed environmental
> >laws pass a cost-benefit analysis or
> >repealing a myriad of tobacco control
> >and consumer protection laws. Because
> >they may not be talking about it now
> >but that is their real agenda, one that
> >Bush has blurred with his careful
> >manipulation, and that is the one he'll
> >seek.

> > Be well, Amy

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CASHVOTE: Stimmen im Zehntausender-Paket.

Das Angebot auf CASHVOTE.com klang verlockend, die Idee bestechend einfach. „Machen Sie Ihre Stimme zu barem Geld“, so die Aufforderung. Nur ein Online-Formular wäre auszufüllen, danach bei der deutschen Bundestagswahl nach Käuferwunsch zu wählen und schließlich zehn Euro zu kassieren. Die verkauften Stimmen sollten im Anschluss an KäuferInnen vermittelt werden. Da gab es das „Ecopaket“ mit 1000 Stimmen für 6250 Euro. Wer mehr wollte, konnte auch 10.000 Stimmen um 59.900 Euro kaufen – Mengenrabatt inklusive. Auf diese Weise, so die BetreiberInnen selbstlos, „würden sogar Nichtwähler zu Wählern“. Das „Vermittlungspotenzial“ bezifferte CASHVOTE.com auf 7,3 Millionen Stimmen.

Von den großen Nachrichtenagenturen DPA und AP über „Bild am Sonntag“ und „Stern“ bis hin zum „Spiegel“ wurde die Geschichte Mitte September groß gebracht. Der deutsche Bundeswahlleiter konterte empört mit dem Gesetzbuch, wonach auf derartigem Verkauf des Wahlrechts bis zu fünf Jahre Haft stehen würden, die Staatsanwaltschaft begann mit Ermittlungen.. Nach zwei Tagen medialer Erregung wurde auf der CASHVOTE-Website eine Stellungnahme veröffentlicht, in der sich das Projekt als Fake outete. Es wäre zu keinem Zeitpunkt ernsthaft daran gedacht worden, mit Stimmen zu handeln. Die Original-Website ist noch als Archiv-Version abrufbar. Die Idee ist nicht neu. In den USA erdachte ein Kunststudent vor zwei Jahren eine Parodie auf das System der Wahlkampf-Finanzierung, aus der im Handumdrehen Ernst wurde. Kurz vor der Präsidentschaftswahl sorgte voteauction.com für erhebliches Aufsehen: Binnen

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Audiogalaxy ist tot, der Markenname Napster soll nach dem gescheiterten kommerziellen Neustart durch den Bertelsmann-Konzern an einen Erotik-Anbieter verscherbelt werden – was gibt's neues im Filesharing-Himmel? ...

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kürzester Zeit meldeten sich dort 15.000 WählerInnen und etliche BieterInnen – Höchstsumme: knapp 200.000 US-Dollar. Auf vehemente Proteste reagierte der Betreiber der Seite gelassen: Immerhin sei es in den USA durchaus üblich, dass Lobbyisten die Parteien mit üppigem Geldsegen bedenken. Nicht einzusehen sei, warum dieselben Millionen nicht direkt an die WählerInnen ausgeschüttet werden sollen.

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The offer on CASHVOTE.com sounded enticing, the idea captivatingly simple. "making it your voice cash money", so the request. Only one form for on-line would be to be filled out to select thereafter with the German election to the Bundestag according to buyer desire and to take finally ten euro. The sold voices should be obtained following buyers. There there was the "Ecopaket" with 1000 voices for 6250 euro. Who wanted more, also 10,000 voices could buy quantity discount around 59.900 euro - including. In this way, so operator inside selbstlos, "even Nichtwähler became voters". The "Vermittlungspotenzial" numbered CASHVOTE.com on 7.3 million voices.

By the large press agencies history in the middle of was largely brought to DPA and AP over "picture at Sunday" and "star" up to the "mirror" Septembers. The German federal returning officer countered indignant with the law book, according to which on such sales of the right to vote up to five years detention would stand, the public prosecutor's office began with determinations. After two days of medialer excitation on the CASHVOTE Website a statement one published, in which the project outete itself as Fake. It would have been seriously remembered at no time to act with voices. The original Website is still callable as archives version. The idea is not new. In the USA an art student devised before two years a Parodie on the system of the campaign financing, from which in the hand turning Ernst became. Briefly before the presidency election provided voteauction.com for substantial attention: Within shortest time there 15,000 wählerInnen announced themselves and some offering gutters -

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to maximum sum: scarcely 200,000 US dollar. To vehemente protests the operator of the side reacted calmly: It is quite usual nevertheless in the USA that lobbyists consider the parties with sumptuous money gene. Not to see it is why the same millions are not to be paid directly to the waehlerInnen.

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Das Angebot auf CASHVOTE.com klang verlockend, die Idee bestechend einfach. ???Machen Sie Ihre Stimme zu barem Geld“, so die Aufforderung. Nur ein Online-Formular wäre auszufüllen, danach bei der deutschen Bundestagswahl nach Käuferwunsch zu wählen und schließlich zehn Euro zu kassieren. Die verkauften Stimmen sollten im Anschluss an KäuferInnen vermittelt werden. Da gab es das ???Ecopaket“ mit 1000 Stimmen für 6250 Euro. Wer mehr wollte, konnte auch 10.000 Stimmen um 59.900 Euro kaufen – Mengenrabatt inklusive. Auf diese Weise, so die BetreiberInnen selbstlos, ???würden sogar Nichtwähler zu Wählern“. Das ???Vermittlungspotenzial“ bezifferte CASHVOTE.com auf 7,3 Millionen Stimmen.

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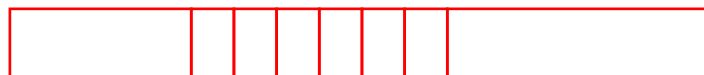
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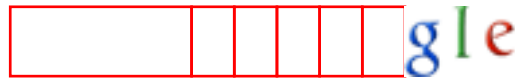
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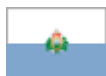
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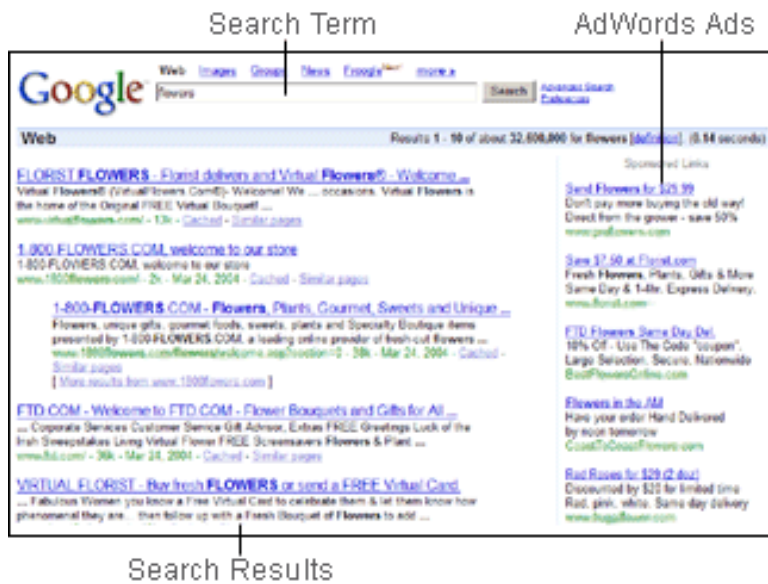
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