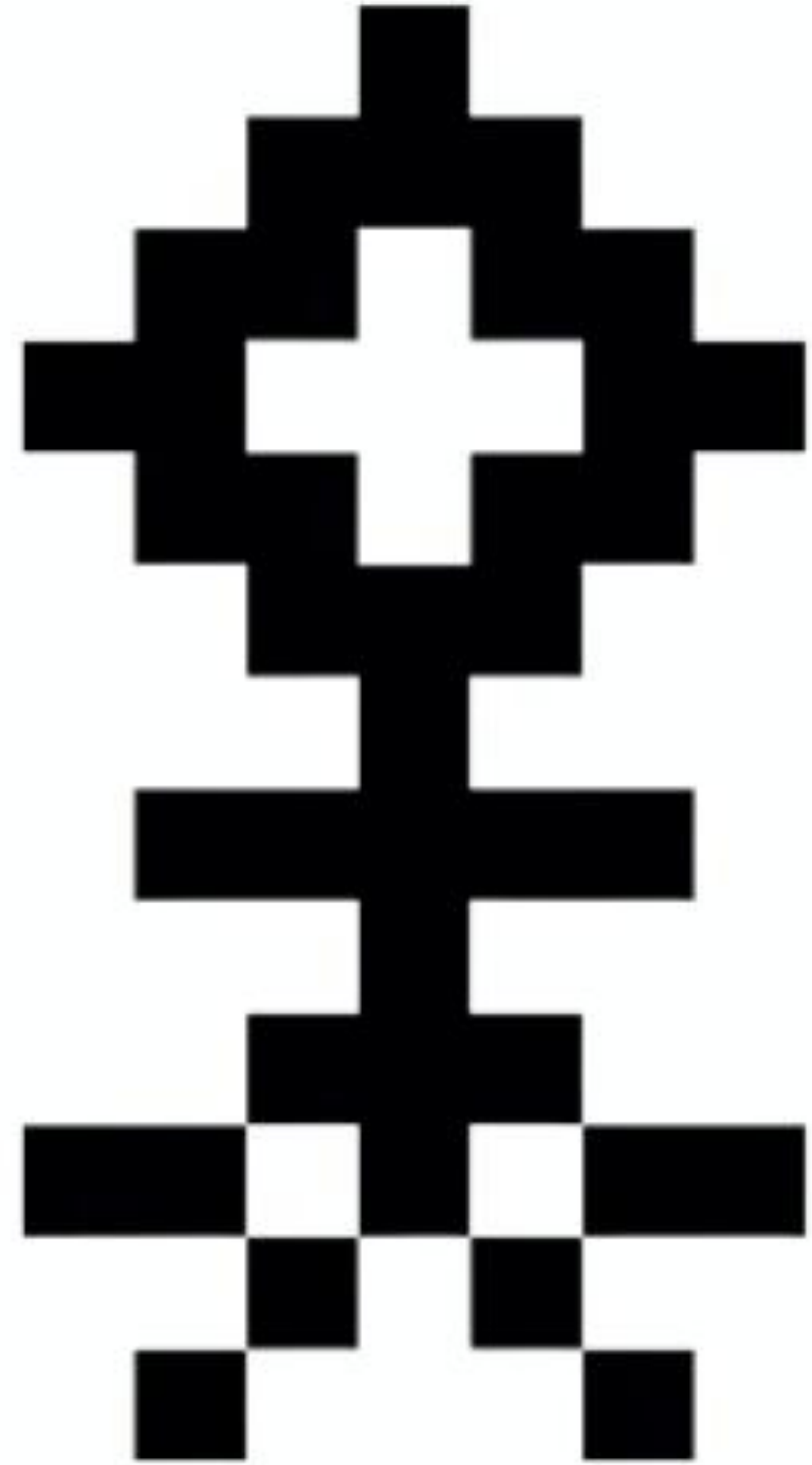




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Aesthetics



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What does the word *aesthetics* mean to you?

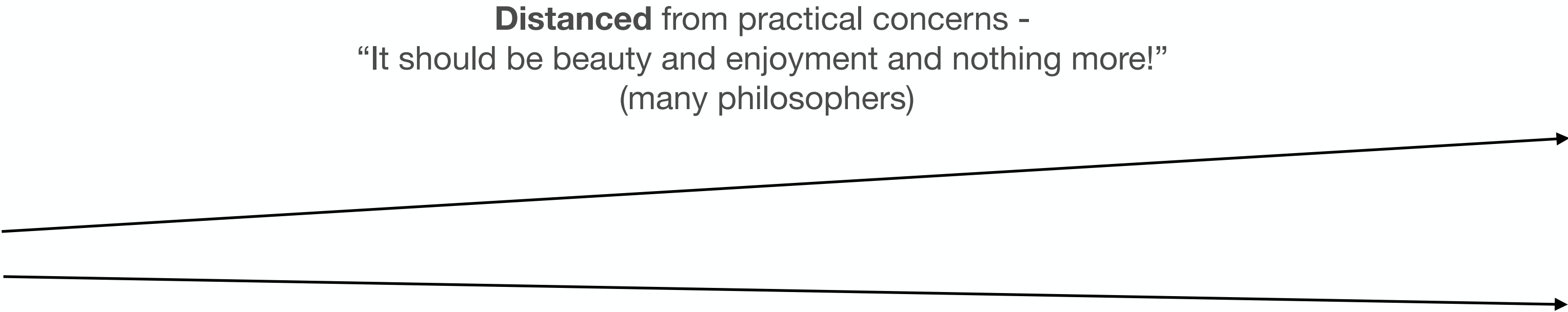
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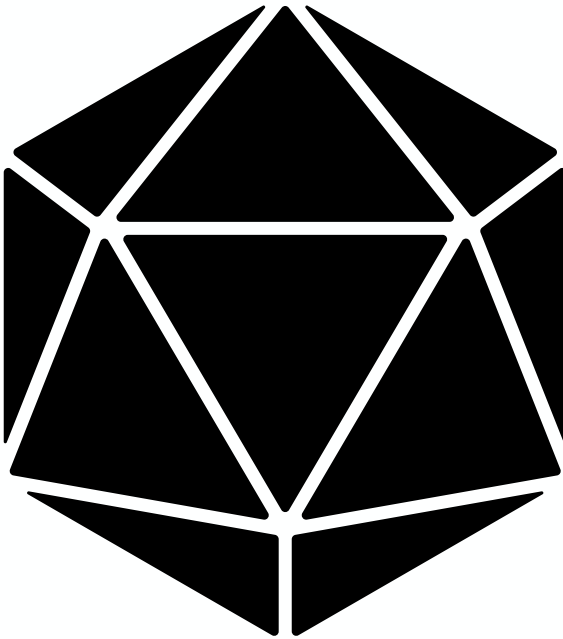
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The viewer



Distanced from practical concerns -
“It should be beauty and enjoyment and nothing more!”
(many philosophers)



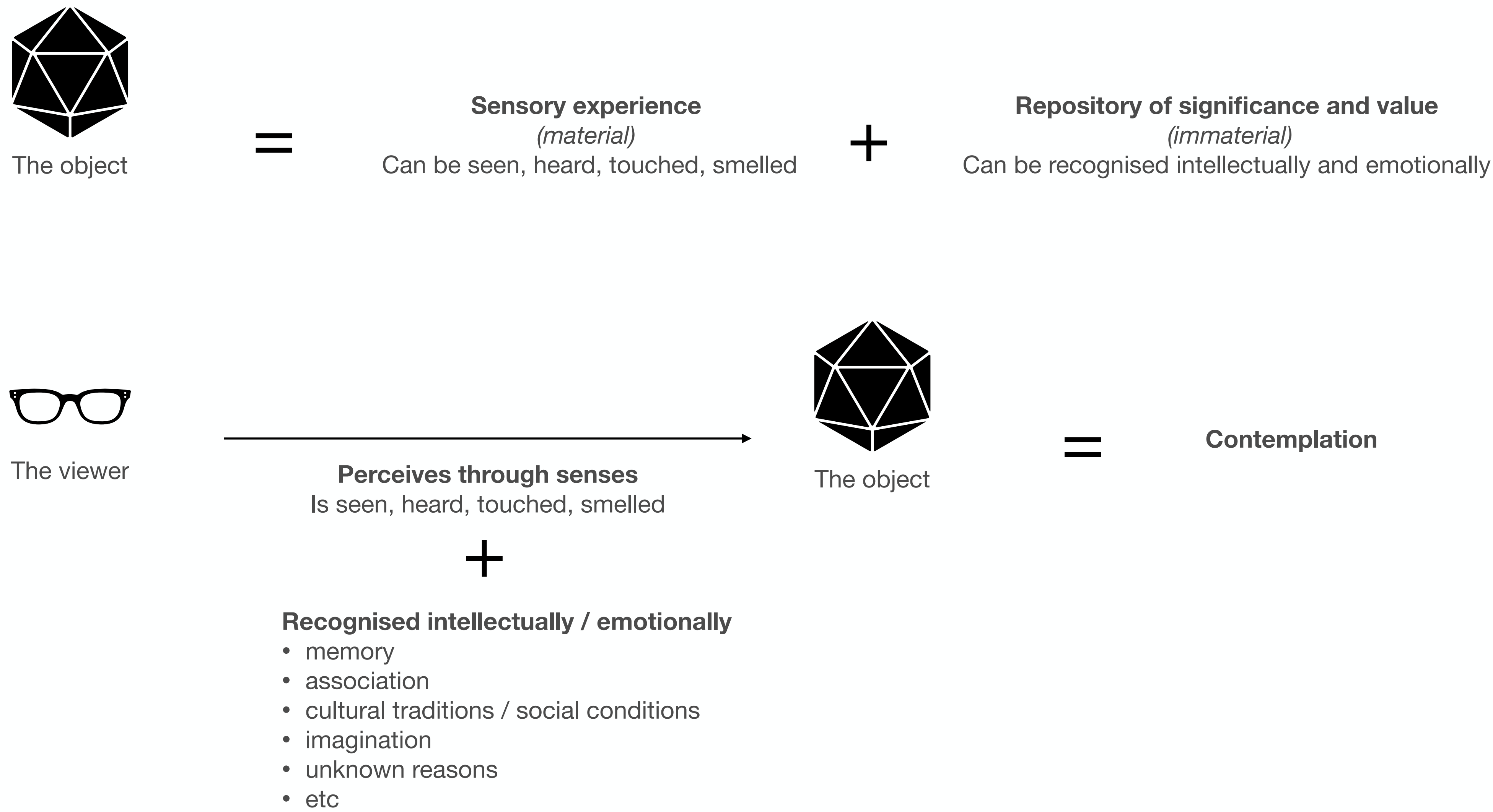
The object

Disinterested in practical concerns while accepting the object as it is -
“What ever it is, I take time and focus to appreciate the beauty of it!”
(Kant)

“..and through the process, I'm learning knowledge that the beauty is transmitting!”
(Schopenhauer)

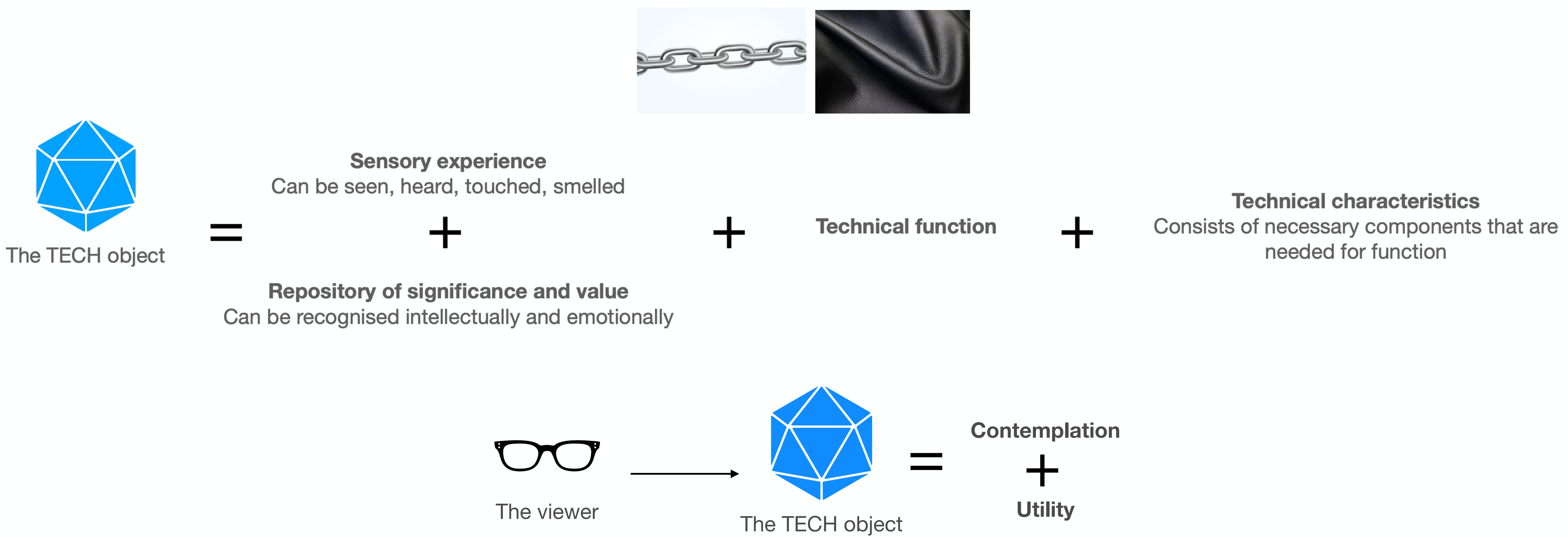
Disinterested – being impartial or having no personal practical stake or bias in the matter.

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Zooming in : techno aesthetics

Techno-aesthetics revolve around the object's beauty as well as its function, something primarily experienced through use rather than in contemplation.



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How would you describe the near future based on the design of the iPhone?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2dhZ3AoDDs>

Apple : *launches new iPhone*

People : so what's new?

Apple :

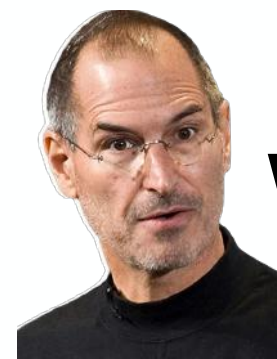


watch 3,5 min / 5 min to think and write down the answer

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✨Maximalist techno aesthetics✨

a techno-aesthetic work presented as perfectly functional, successful, beautiful, smooth, innovation where aesthetics and technique merge in optimised equilibrium.



What's the issue?

Sweet sweet illusions

- It's magic! ("virtual" is not immaterial)
- Perpetual growth - more more more = potential!
- The "cloud" is infinite.
- You can't and should not open it, because you are stupid, but that's okay, because there is a chatbot for you.
- Everything should be an app or a website.
- The promise of seamlessness (which will never be delivered, because: updates, incompatibility problems etc)

The ever-increasing complexity

- No man can understand this anymore.
- "Black boxes", no way of back-tracking how things work

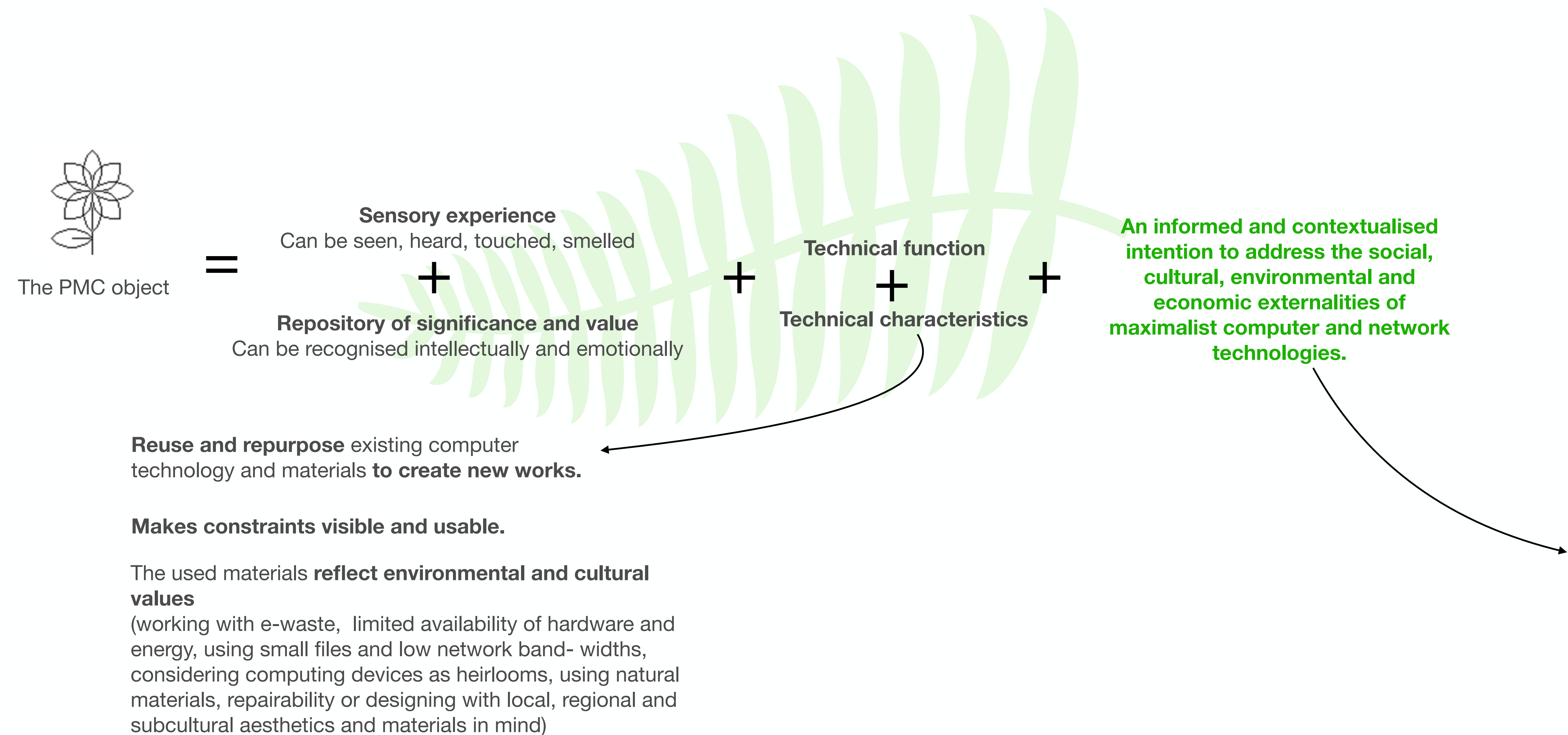
Resource consumption

- What is kept hidden from view - the money channels; nothing is ever free
- The resources - from what is it made..
- The production - how it's made..
- The usage - short lifespan by design..
- The waste - where does it go..
- Unequally affecting the Global South

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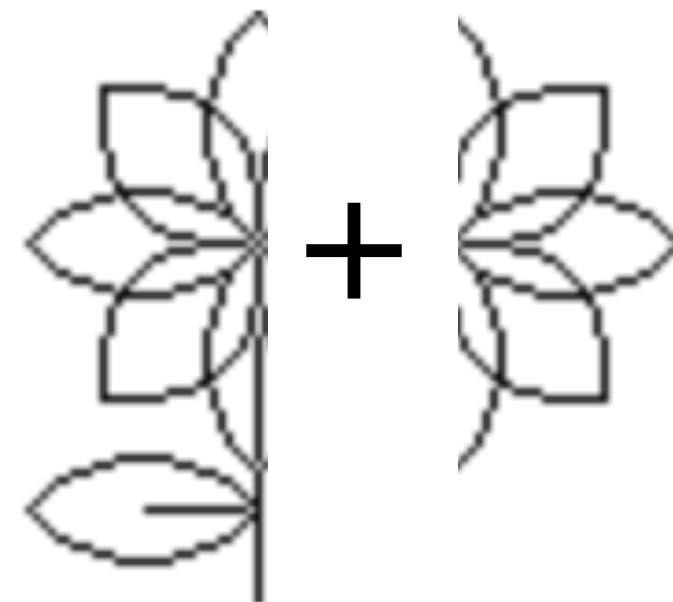


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<https://permacomputing.net/Principles/>



https://permacomputing.net/three_levels/

Let op!

Retro-computing – is a practice that is strongly characterised by nostalgia and often favours the cult of simpler times, is associated with a privileged childhood and/or fetishising a past that never really existed.

Zooming in : examples

Note down the projects that speak to you and we will discuss it after

Me, when someone says they throw away their hardware, because new Windows doesn't run on it anymore



Zooming in : art

Sarah creative coding

<https://sarahghp.com/vids/ifm.mp4>

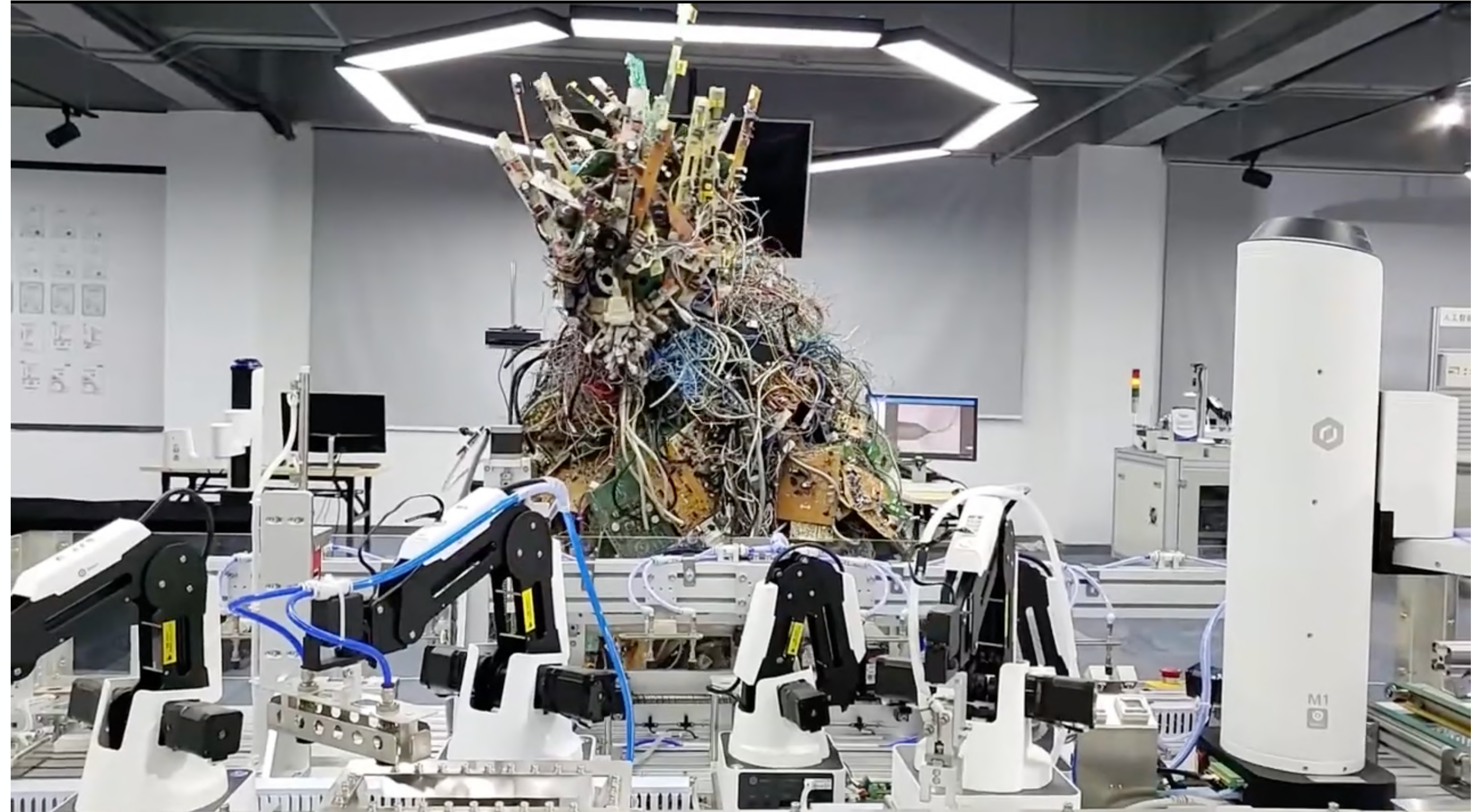
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Zooming in : art

Francois Knoetze film and sculpture

<https://youtu.be/4JqW0DBFNPQ>



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Sofia Lee photography, community

digicam.love

a community dedicated to all your forgotten digital point-and-shoots! run by sofi, bao, froyo, ameenah and kaavi

<https://digicam.love/>

sofi.pics

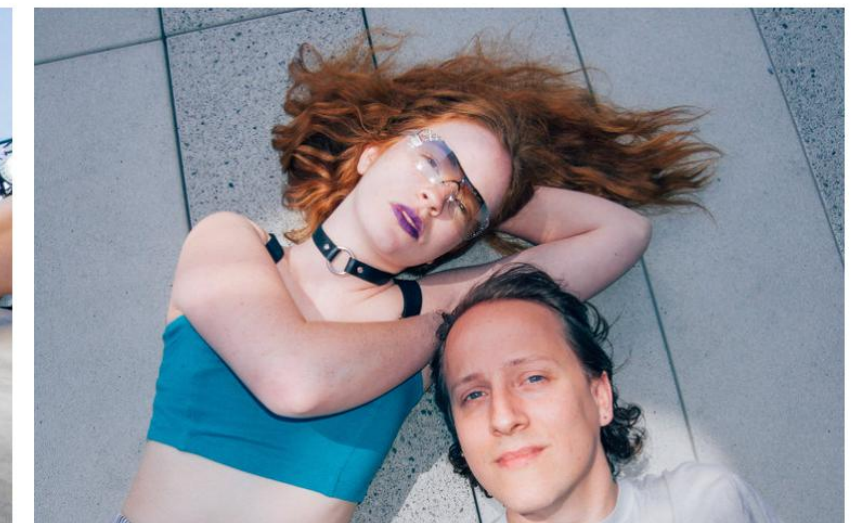
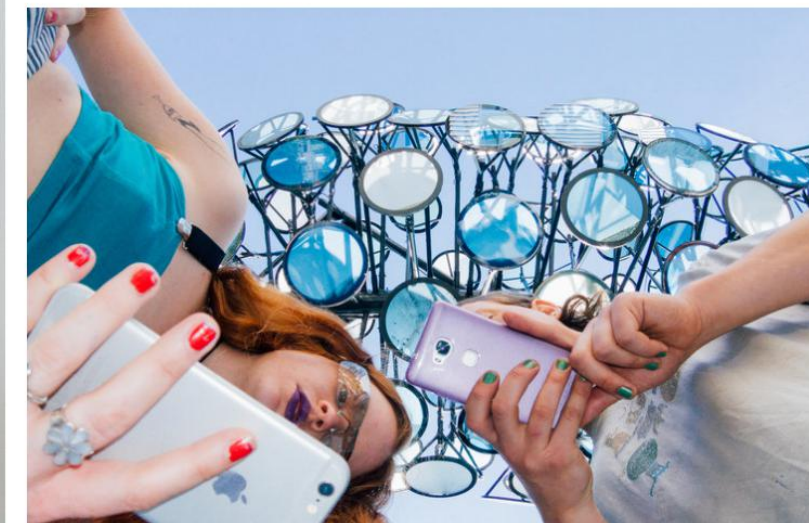
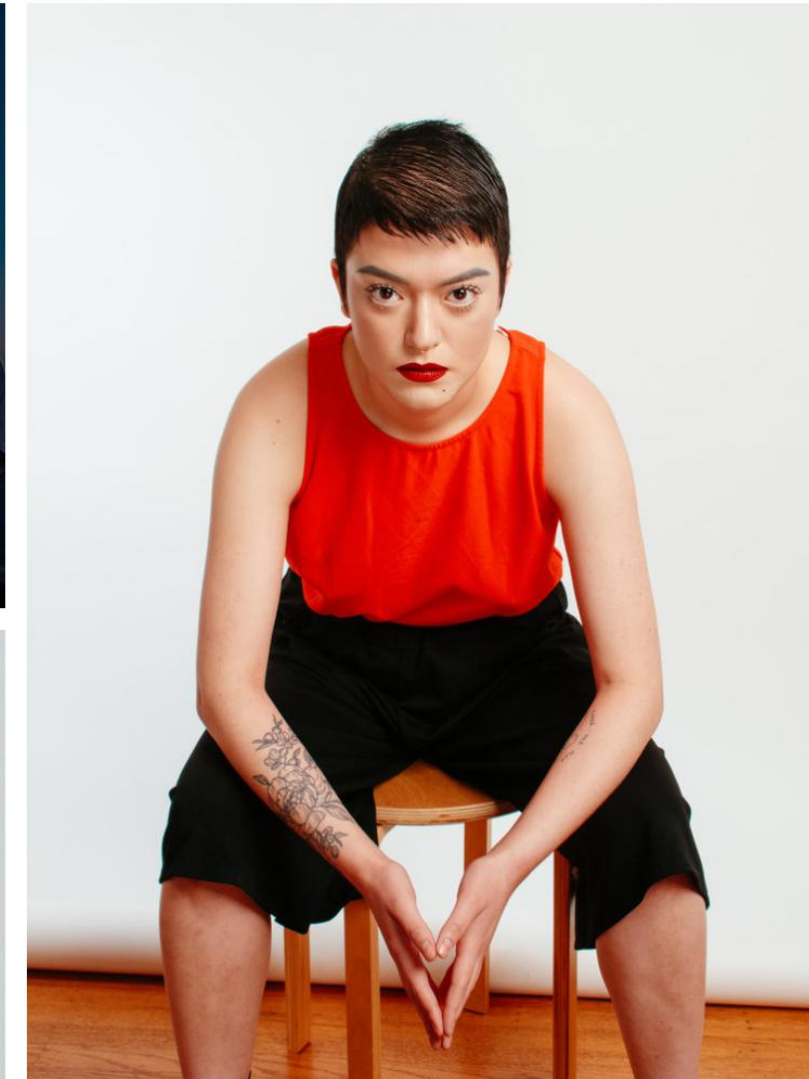
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<https://sofi.pics/>

Zooming in : art

Dasha Ilna
artist



<https://thecouch.hethem.nl/dashas-kitchen-my-magical-grilled-cheese-sandwich-recipe-1/>

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Varia community

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varia (Gouwstraat 3, Rotterdam) is a space for developing collective approaches to everyday technology. As *varia* members, we maintain and facilitate a collective infrastructure from which we generate questions, opinions, modifications, help and action. We work with free software, organise events and collaborate in different constellations. *varia* figures things out as they go, tries to keep notes, is multilingual, has open hours and can be contacted at info[@]varia.zone.

New Members for 2025

11 December 2024



Open "<https://varia.zone/en/investigative-journalism-workshop.html>" in a new tab

Investigative Journalism workshop

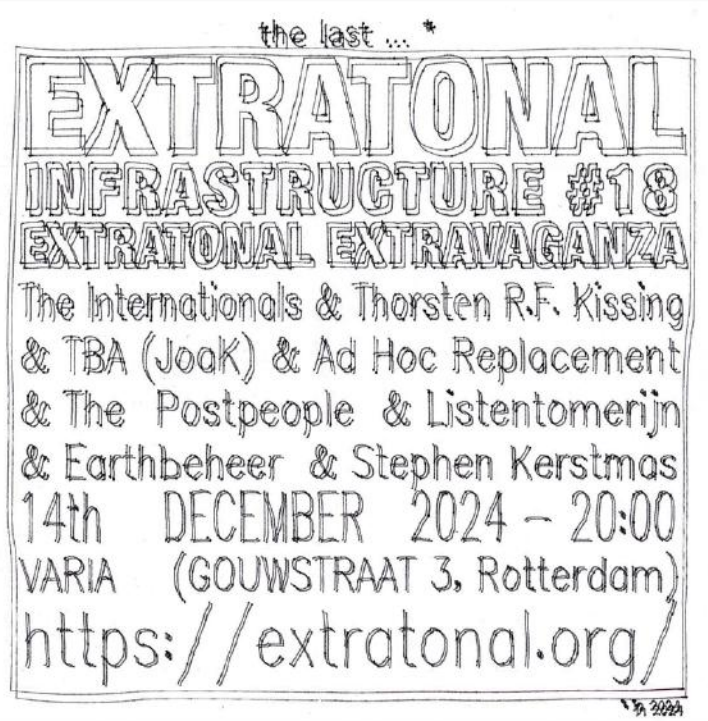
15 December 2024



This workshop will begin with a presentation by Naima Cornelia on the methods behind the story, what questions to ask, where to find those answers, and how. and then a hands-on session where we will discuss different ways to tackle a research question. We start by seeing what information we can find online, try some google-search

Extratonal Extravaganza #2 - Celebrating 2 Years of Extratinality

14 December 2024

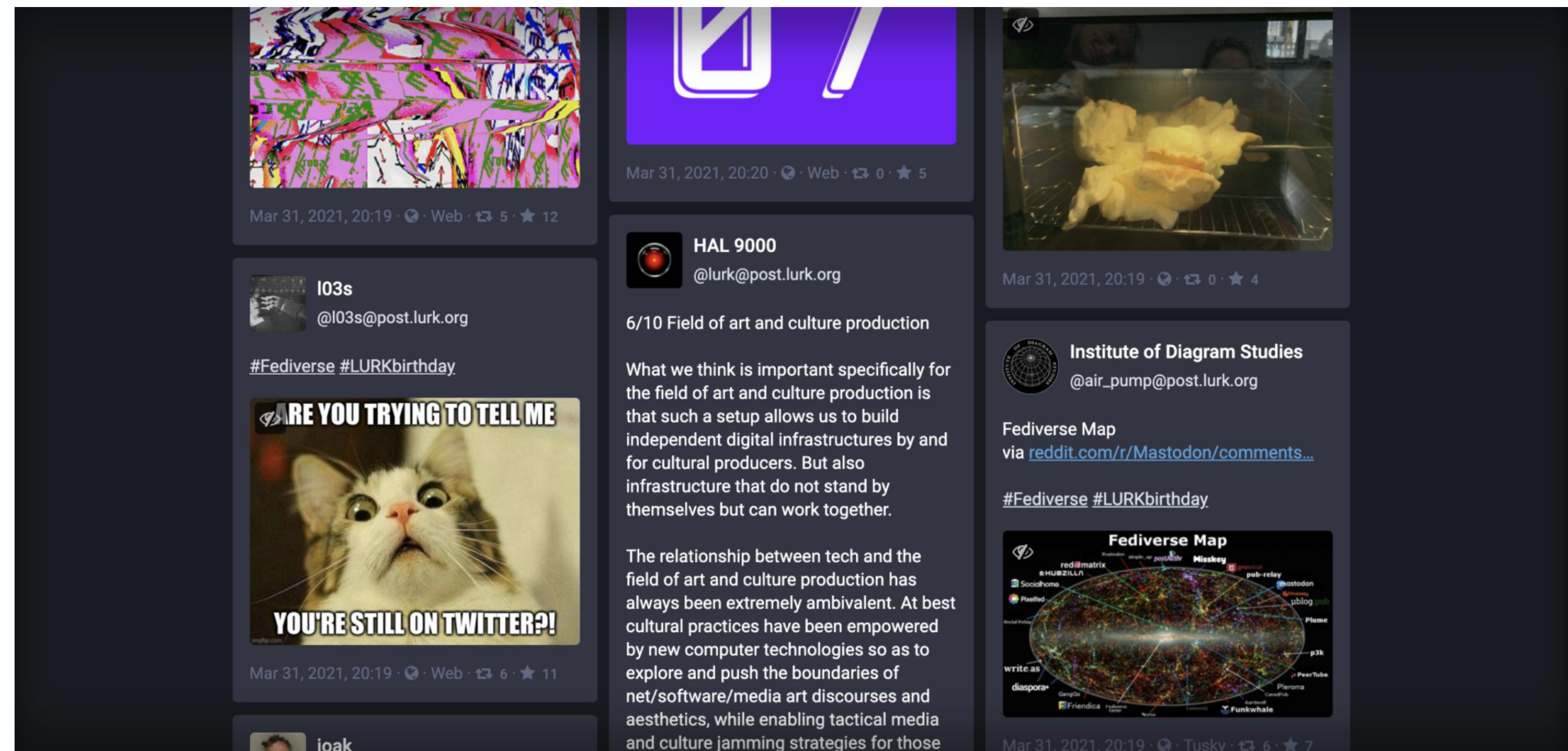


The end of the year arrives soon, but the end of extratinality is nowhere in sight. To celebrate another year full of extratonal milestones we once again organize a celebratory cabaret with a fine selection of extratonal artists! → [read more](#)

<https://varia.zone/en/pages/code-of-conduct.html>

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mastodon community server



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[https://how-to-computer/ manual](https://how-to-computer/manual)

Self Hosting Manual

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Problems with the Cloud →

Welcome

So, you've heard about self-hosting. Or maybe you have come to realize that you want to opt out of the [cloud](#) but are not exactly sure where to start. Or maybe someone sent you this website in order to convince you that you should.

Maybe you're approaching this topic as an individual, or maybe you represent a small group or collective with similar ideas. Maybe you're looking for some recommendations for [docker](#) images—or maybe you have no idea what that means.

This publication aims to pick you up wherever it is that you are right now, and to point you in a direction where you can continue your journey towards self-hosting. It's inspired by squatting manuals, texts that have codified and politicized the process of squatting since the 1970s, and that have been openly available to all that are interested. The authors of this publication think that setting up your own server is a political act, and no so unlike the action of squatting a house to live and work in.

The goal of this publication is to make self-hosting, a topic that comes with several technical hurdles, accessible to a more general public and beginners, while still being a useful resource to more advanced readers. No prerequisites are required from the reader.

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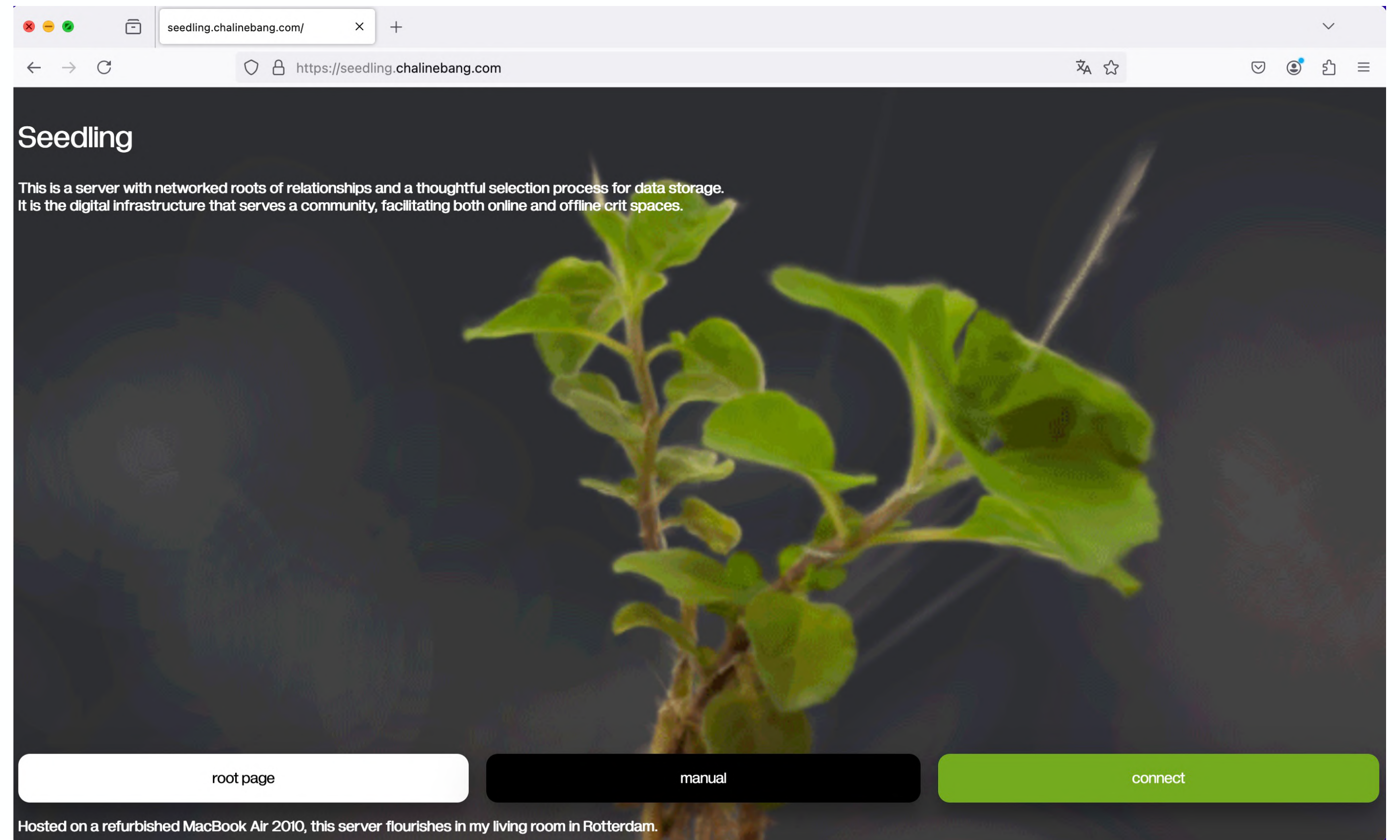
Today, we use more and more cloud services in our daily lives. These are often run by software companies with questionable ethical integrity. They often lock us in walled gardens and limit our agency as users. Our internet and technology usage has devastating consequences for the environment.

Self-hosting can be a more ethical approach to digital infrastructure in your personal or professional life. The cloud is just a bunch of servers, and you can run your own server—in many cases, retired consumer hardware like an old laptop is enough! It requires some technical know-how, but most of the

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Andrew Organic internet zine



Zooming in : the end

Which example was inspiring?

Has your understanding of *aesthetics* changed ?