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Jacques Derrida on Jan 1 1970

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Derrida talks about interacting in a virtual environment.



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the airport text

Wanting to know where one is and how to navigate seems to be part of human nature. Even though the navigational structures have changed with technological alterations, the model of navigation used by the traditional MUSH is that of the mediaeval traveler—moving through spaces arranged along the cardinal points. From the networked perspective, such a worldview can seem archaic.



the forest text

MUSHes allow users to interact in a virtual "environment." The transparency of that architectural environment is often assumed. Post-structural analysis suggests that all experiences are mediated, but the transparency of the MUSH mode of interaction is not because the user is unaware of the mediated nature of the text but because the text is not aware of itself. This reading constrains the building of networked communities to that which can be fit into a Cartesian cosmography. The ontology of the networked environment has a complexity and flexibility that is not utilized by a transparent treatment.

Using the internet to create communities, because of its novelty, is worthy of study and exploration. Whether it matters if this creation of community takes place in an envisioned "natural" landscape or in a multidimensional hyper-environment is still to be answered.



the T.V. text

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Our attempt is an environment where transparency is transposed with textual autospectation, purpose with play and hierarchy with anarchy.

The text is inhabitable.

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