

THE SLOW INTERNET CAFE

What systems bring information across the globe to your device? Log in to our garden of WIFI and consider the algorithms, agreements, and politics that happen along the way.

: : : **AUGMENTED CONNECTIONS** : : :

LOCAL

Explore the conflicts of psycho/cyber-geography by allowing access only to sites physically hosted within Spain. *Tuenti.com* is in, *Facebook.com* is out, Chinese *qq.com* makes the cut but not the California import *Google.es*. Try your local government and neighborhood businesses to see who holds their clouds close. *Are these files local?*

SWAP

Let's browse together. Log on and burst your filter bubble as bits of your neighbors' worlds squeeze in to your private frame. In exchange, you offer up images and snippets of text as you surf. Are you browsing what I'm browsing? *Works great with Twitter, Wikipedia, and long-form journalism.*

* SIMILAR

From Silicon Valley to the Uncanny Valley—this version of the web automatically replaces all images with their next most "visually similar" image as calculated by Google. *Try it with some apps; Tinder never looked so strange.*

FREE

In the beginning, the Internet's infrastructure was reserved for strictly non-commercial research use. Connect to *FREE* and all mentions of price will be removed, all advertisements filtered. Imagine an alternate history of a web founded on something other than commerce. *Goes well with Amazon.com and other shopping sites.*

ERASURE

An algorithm with politics seeks out and censors the faces of men. It's sloppy, unpredictable, dichotomous, ≈70% accurate, and biased by design; the false rhetoric of egalitarianism-through-technology is unmasked. *Pairs well with: Instagram, Facebook, anything with selfies, corporate executive portraits. Powered by Big Data.*

* Extra s l o w — be patient!

* SURF

Surf the web like you would surf a wave. Data doesn't just come when you ask it to; you must wait for the elements to align, and when they do, the wind might interfere, you might get a bigger wave than you are ready for, or your neighbors might drop in on you. Real surfing is patience and concentration, not a source of instant gratification.

BLACKOUT

Browse carefully. Every URL can only be accessed once per 24 hours through this WIFI router. Get to your favorite sites before someone else does, or seek paths beyond the ordinary.

: : : : **WIFI ON THE SIDE** : : : :

MICROHOMEPAGE

This WIFI network exists as an island, disconnected from all other nets. Connect to it and upload files, pictures, text. Everything remains local, only accessible to those who visit the Slow Internet Cafe in person, never transmitted over the public Internet. *Small is beautiful.*

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A public broadcast messaging system under your control— connect to the WIFI network with the —name between the dashes—, load up any web page, and change the name as you desire. You have 30 characters to make your move. *We encourage emoji.*

SHARE

The Slow Internet Cafe is best experienced while using someone else's computer. Ask a partner to exchange, negotiate your boundaries, and enter into their most intimate space.

: : : : **TRUST US** : : : :

You don't need to download any special software to use the Slow Internet Cafe. But to use many major sites (like Facebook, Twitter, & Google) you will need to TRUST US and install our security certificate. Connect to any of cafe's WIFI networks and visit:

---> <http://slowerinternet.com/trust> <---

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