

Introduction

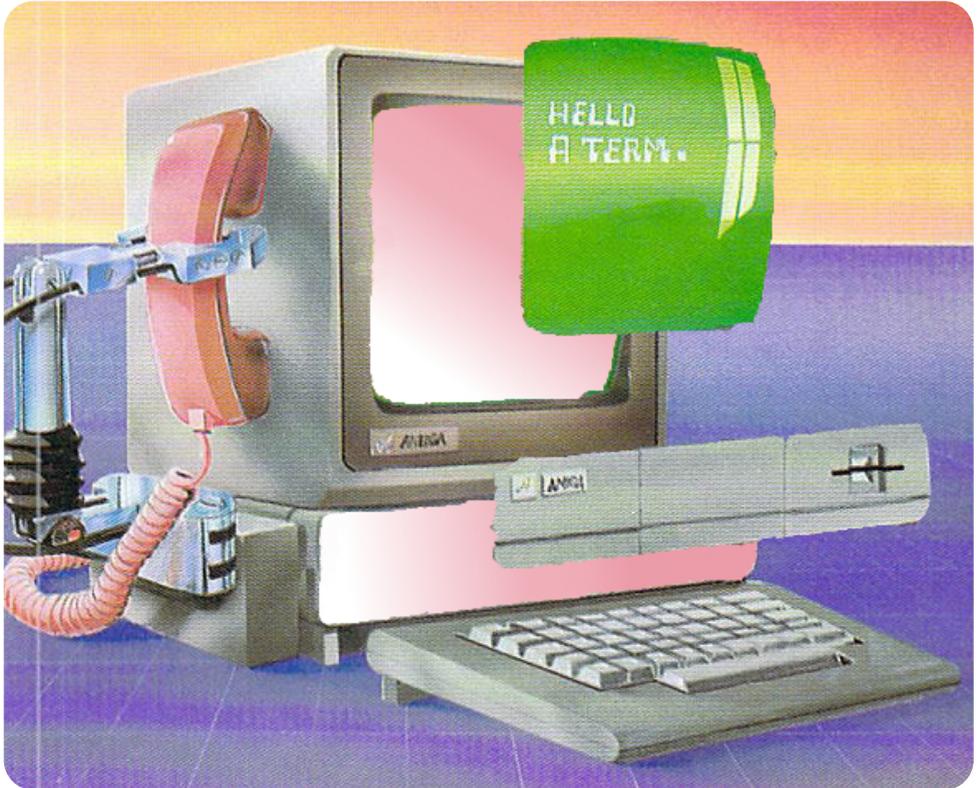
F(eminist)H(ack)M(eetings) are a series of research meetings and workshops initiated in Varia, Rotterdam. They explore the potentialities and imaginaries of feminist technological collectives. These gatherings aim to challenge who counts as a hacker, and what counts as hacking. The diverse activities of these gatherings includes socio-political discussions around technology and feminism, prototyping, skill-sharing and experimenting with various artistic practices. The sessions are open for anyone interested in technology and the processes of shaping it, to discuss and work together in thematic sessions such as Feminist Servers, Radio & Feminism, Speculative Fiction, Care & Inclusivity.

This idea started in February 2020 after our involvement to the Eclectic Tech Carnival in Athens in 2019. It was postponed by the Covid restrictions and our own numb-ness. Nevertheless, in 2021 we revived our gatherings in an online basis, and experimented with hybrid meetings. FHM brought together workshop hosts from different feminist communities, our own networks and expanded ones, from greece, austria, spain, the netherlands, and participants from around europe and latin america. Our need to come together, share skills, expand our feminist hacking networks and inform each other about our artistic, social and technological practices sparked five meetings. The FHM group until 2021 consists of Artemis, Julia, decentrallse, Angeliki.

This zine includes documentation of the five iterations of FHM happened from March until December of 2021. Around 80 artists, feminist hackers, students, designers, academics, independent researchers, archivists and programmers joined our sessions from different places. The sessions happened either in a space, online, or both. They were supported by the use of F/LOSS tools either hosted by Varia, FHM or by fellow feminist initiatives like constantvzw.org, futuretic.fr and anarchaserver.org. We created the space to be online and offline together, and understand the limitations and benefits of every specific moment in different time zones, bandwidth and languages. This zine is a journal is an inspiration to learn and tighten our relationships.

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Feminist Hack Meetings -Back in Time-

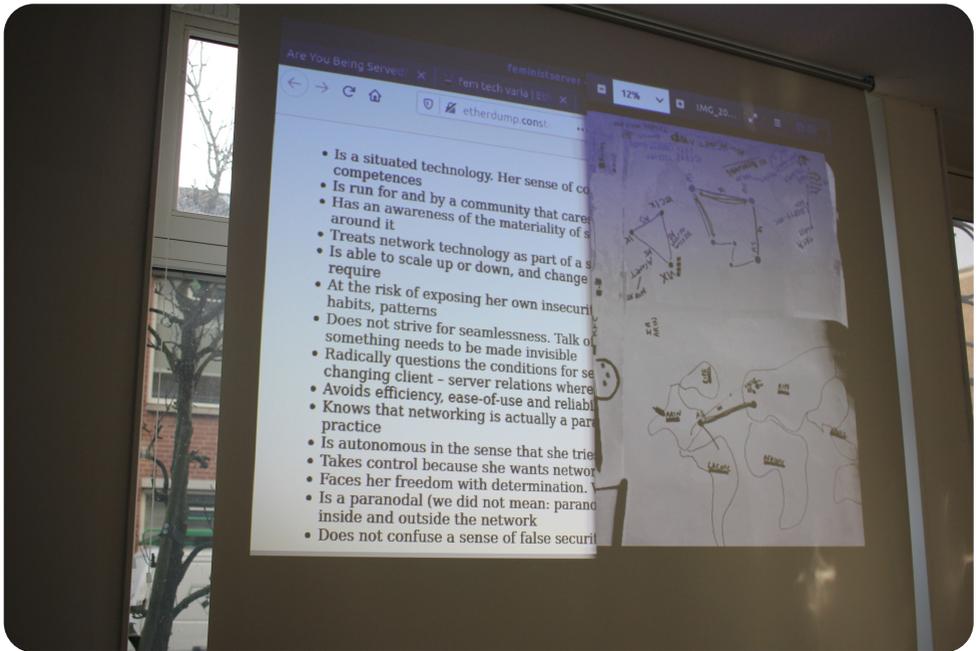
Let's talk about feminist servers!

That was our first invitation to initiate the series of our meetings in Rotterdam in 2020. We got together and read the Feminist Server Manifesto wondering about: *what does it mean for a server to be feminist; what and who does it/her/them serve; what does it take to create and maintain it/her/them?*

We collectively drew our speculations on a large piece of paper, and started discussing about setting up a feminist server at Varia as a base for our practice. Later we started playing around and experimenting with our computers and RPi's. It was a lovely day!

(((29 Feb 2020)))





Location:

Space of Varia in Rotterdam.

Tools:

Large paper, coloured pens, pencils, a projector and our computers.

Links:

Feminist Server Manifesto

- https://areyoubeingserved.constantvzw.org/Summit_afterlife.xhtml

- <https://etherdump.constantvzw.org/p/feministserver.diff.html>

WiFi hotspot zine workshop

- <https://applecargo.github.io/WifiZineThrowie/>

WiFi Zine throwies workshop

- http://pilote.byus.net/wpdiana/?page_id=1064

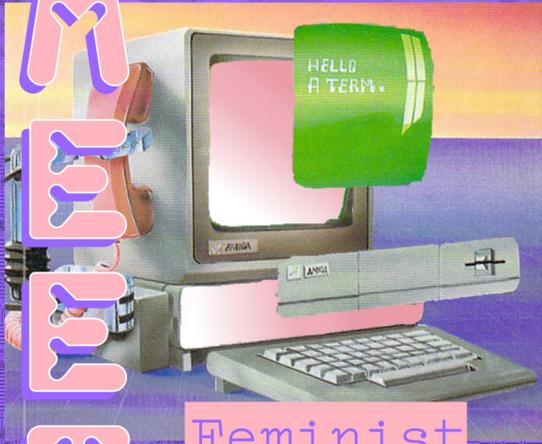
Writer who researches on the archaeology of networks

- <https://loriemerson.net/>

How to make a P2P connection in 10 minutes

- <https://www.codementor.io/@carlosgalzarza/make-a-p2p-connection-in-10-minutes-kb6k5505s>

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Feminist
Servers:
Backups,
migrations,
and other
painful
stories

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FHM #1 - Feminist Servers: Backups, migrations, and other painful stories

with Mara

The first Feminist Hack Meeting of 2021 was an online session coordinated by Mara and facilitated by the infrastructure of Constant and Varia Broadcats. We focused on migrating mailing lists between the old and the new server run by feminists within the Systemserver project.

During the session, we discussed several questions that regard grassroots tech communities: *how do we work together on technical tasks; how do we share skills; how does volunteering time affect us?* Feminist server projects often operate with assembled hardware instead of cloud hosting and volunteer time instead of paid work. Maintaining infrastructures on a donation basis results in a dynamic environment where the need for backups and migrations often arises for many different reasons: hardware failures, memory and software upgrades, making space for other projects, moving files, moving to new servers and so on.

(((13 March 2021)))

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10 <https://chat.vvvvvvvaria.org> - public vvvvvvvaria chat

11 <https://bbb.constantvzw.org/b/ang-twu-g0m-hib> - bigbluebutton call

12 <https://stream.vvvvvvvaria.org/> - experimental video stream (if you can't access BBB)

13 #fhm:untanga.org - Matrix chat room <https://element.io/> alt. <https://riot.untanga.org/>

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15 mara's zines:

16 <https://psaroskalazines.gr/zines/> - zines zines zines more on these zines: <https://prints.cucu.gr/>,

17 <https://git.systemserver.net/mara/vpn-zines/-/wikis/docs>

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19 tutorial:

20 <https://git.systemserver.net/systemserver/doc-website/-/wikis/Mailing-Lists-Docs/>

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23 *Jargon File!*

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26 **Jargon File:**

27 *The Jargon File is a glossary and usage dictionary of slang used by computer programmers.

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29 **Server:**

30 *The server looks like a 'pizza box' packed in a type of bookcase along with a whole lot of other similar servers. (<https://web.archive.org/web/20050408091620/http://systemserver.net/>)

31 *Εξυπηρετητής ή διακομιστής (αγγλ.: server) είναι υλικό ή / και λογισμικό που αναλαμβάνει την παροχή διάφορων υπηρεσιών, «εξυπηρετώντας» αιτήσεις άλλων προγραμμάτων, γνωστών ως πελάτες (clients) που μπορούν να τρέχουν στον ίδιο υπολογιστή ή σε σύνδεση μέσω δικτύου.

32 *A server is a software or hardware device that accepts and responds to requests made over a network. On the Internet, the term "server" commonly refers to the computer system that receives requests for a web files and sends those files to the client.

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36 **Autonomous server:**

37 *Autonomous servers are part of a broader movement of autonomous technical infrastructures, deriving from the Appropriate Technology (AT) movement of the '70s and '80s.

38 *Autonomous servers provide hosting and online services. Each collective has their own policies, terms of use, sustainability models. By running your own server you can have control over your/collective's personal data.

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41 **Feminist server:**

42 *A feminist server is a concept that combines the need for autonomous technical infrastructures with feminist urgencies. It is an ongoing effort to provide technical literacy and means to ensure that works, publications, data and memories of feminist communities are properly accessible and managed.

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45 *A feminist server does not only provide storage and services to preserve and protect feminist websites, wikis, mailing lists and social networks. It is also a powerful thinking tool that raises questions around technology today, e.g. issues of dependency, expectations, availability, openness, privacy and so many more. (from <https://vimeo.com/302087898>)

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48 *Feminist servers have been a topic of discussion, a partially-achieved aim and a set of political practices among an informal group of transfeminists interested in creating a more

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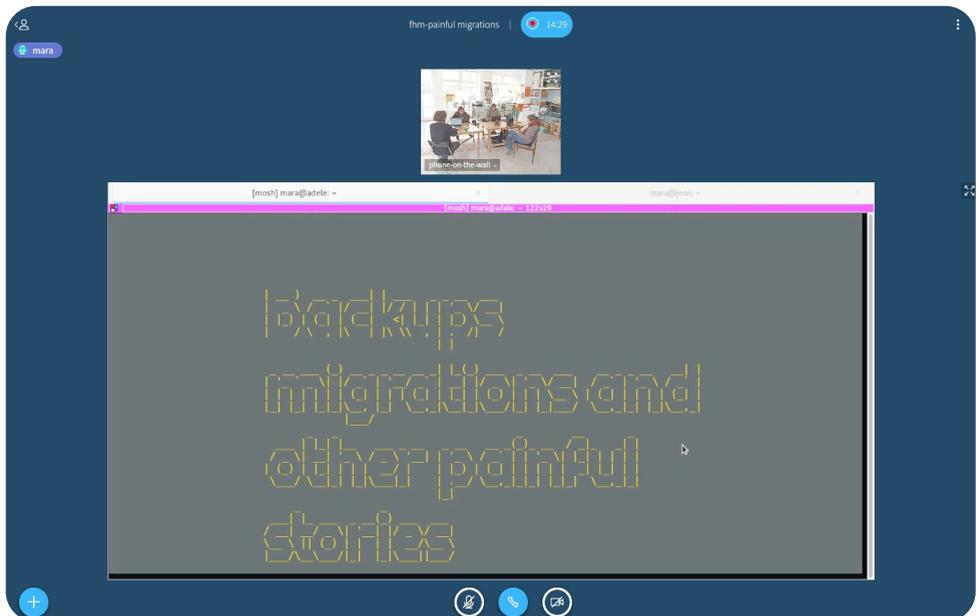
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Συνομιλία

The workshop was divided into two parts. In the first part, Mara guided us to a hands-on migration of one or more mailing lists of the anarchaserver, hersunday and femservers communities. They are all hosted by the *systemserver* project. This migration task was necessary to conclude moving to the new server and allowing the repurposing of the old server. The participants were involved by actively documenting together, trying out, intervening with questions and thinking through the technical problems.

In the second part, we focused on a conversation about the intertwined paths of feminist server projects and the technical tasks that connect them; *how are different responsibilities, roles, tasks communicated among members of feminist communities; what are the difficulties of such processes, and how do we deal with them?*

We discussed and reflected on the frictions that appear when a required technical task needs to be completed by being collectively responsible, while at the same time, it is essential to give time to skills and knowledge sharing.



Technical steps for the workshop

related tickets:

NOTE: These git tickets are private

<https://git.systemserver.net/systemserver/notes/issues/11>

<https://git.systemserver.net/systemserver/notes/issues/10>

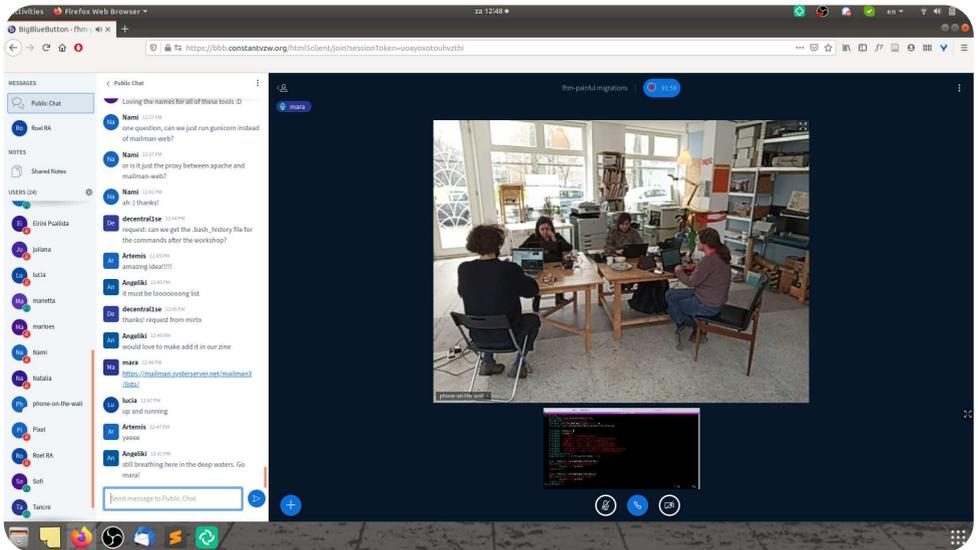
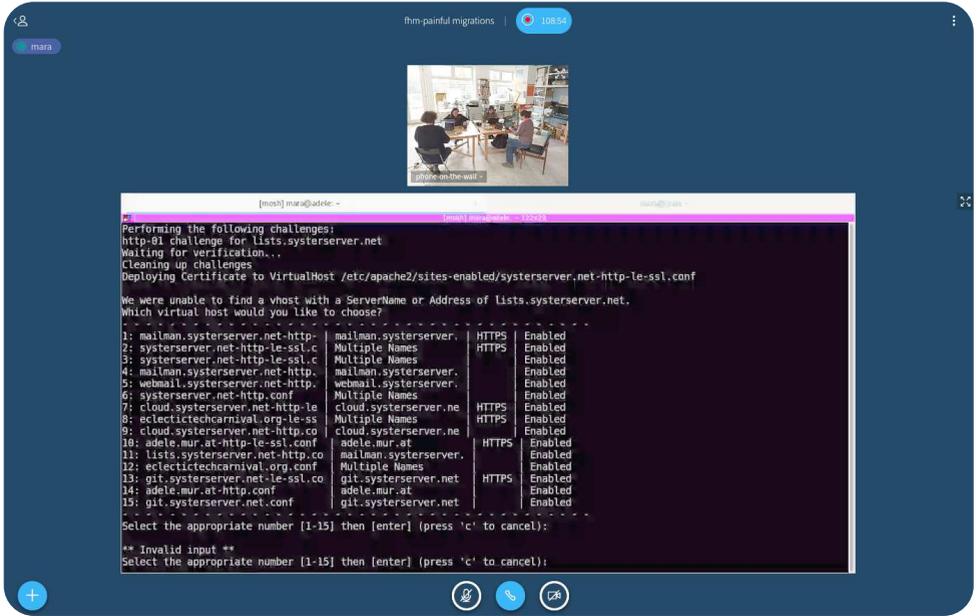
Introduction: GNU mailman docs are very helpful in providing all the configurations, however, some context and explanation are missing. For systemserver's mailman installation and configuration, we followed the GNU tutorial, but instead of Nginx, we used systemserver's available web server Apache2. Django sites need their own web gateway to handle requests, which can be done with either Gunicorn or WSGI software. Apache2 or Nginx in this case operates as proxies, forwarding requests to these python based server gateway interfaces wsgi or gunicorn, which in turn send requests to python based frameworks such as django or flask.

- We went through the latest version of Mailman, looking into configurations and requirements, but as Mailman was installed already on the server, this turn out in a quick and general introduction
- archived the existing lists in the old server, tar
- copy these archives to the new server, rsync, scp, sftp
- imported paths to Mailman
- look into Apache2, gunicorn configurations for running the web interface of Mailman
- Changed the lists DNS, to point to the new server

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a presentation slide titled "mailman3". The slide content includes:

- apache2 server** (represented by a server icon) and **hyperkitty UI** (represented by a laptop icon).
- A double-headed arrow between the server and laptop is labeled "requests, responses via apache2 gateway".
- Below the server icon, text reads: "passes requests to gunicorn via HTTP protocol because we are now in local environment".
- Below the laptop icon, text reads: "hyperkitty UI".
- At the bottom, a flow diagram shows: "gunicorn service" pointing to "mailman-web", which points to "mailman service", which points to "mailman", which points to "hyperkitty works".

The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://bib.constantvzw.org/html/Scient/join?sessionToken=ucayaxotuhvzthi>. The left sidebar shows a chat interface with a "Public Chat" and a list of users including Donna, RoelBK, and others.



Location:

Online: Constant's BigBlueButton instance.

Space: Varia in Rotterdam.

Streamed by Varia Broadcats through Narrowcast

Tools:

BigBlueButton (open source web conferencing system), Etherpad (open-source, web-based collaborative real-time editor), Git (free and open source distributed version control system used for coordinating software development), Present (terminal-based presentation tool with colors and effects.), mailman (free software application from the GNU Project for managing electronic mailing lists.), Matrix (open standard for interoperable, decentralised, real-time communication over IP)

Links:

Zines on tech & feminism by Mara

- <https://psaroskalazines.gr/zines/>

Tutorial from the workshop by Mara

- <https://git.systerserver.net/systerserver/doc-website/-/wikis/Mailing-Lists-Docs/>

Video documentation hosted in Anarchaserver's repository of collective memories

- <https://repository.anarchaserver.org/index.php?/category/31>

BigBlueButton (BBB) instance hosted by Constant

- <https://bbb.constantvzw.org/b/ang-twu-g0m-hib>

- <https://constantvzw.org/>

Experimental video stream by Varia

- <https://stream.vvvvvvaria.org/>

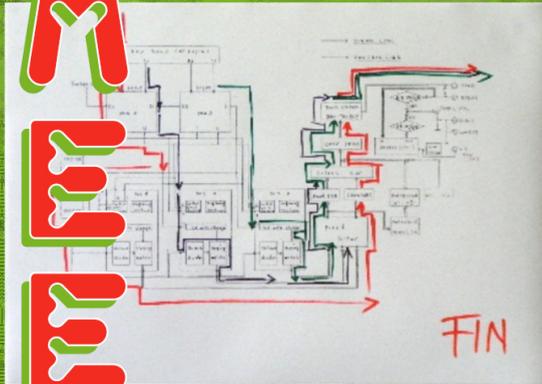
Public vvvvvvaria chat

- <https://chat.vvvvvvaria.org>

Notes of the day

- <https://vvvvvvaria.org/etherpump/p/fhm.raw.html>

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Polyphonic
Radio
Ensemble

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FHM #2 – Polyphonic Radio Ensemble

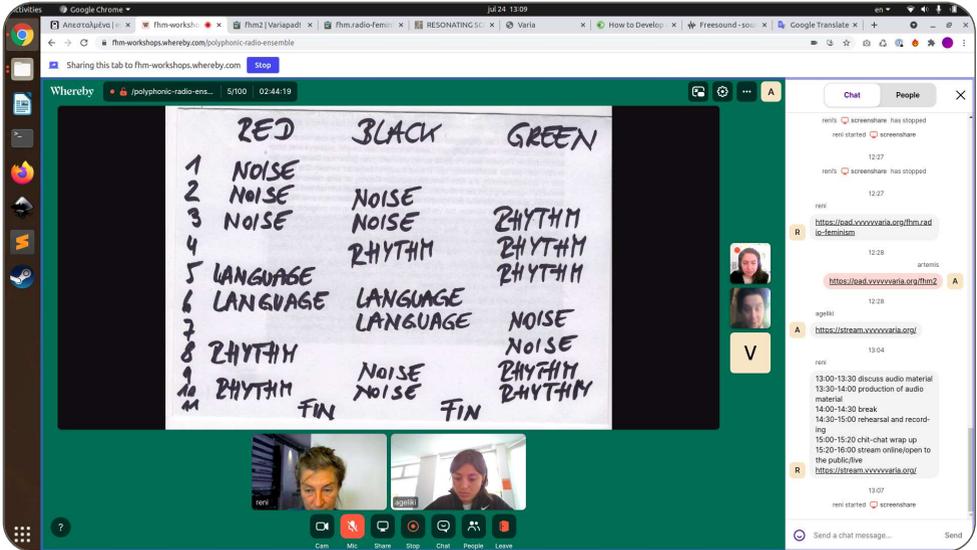
with Reni Hofmüller

Let's create a radiophonic piece together!

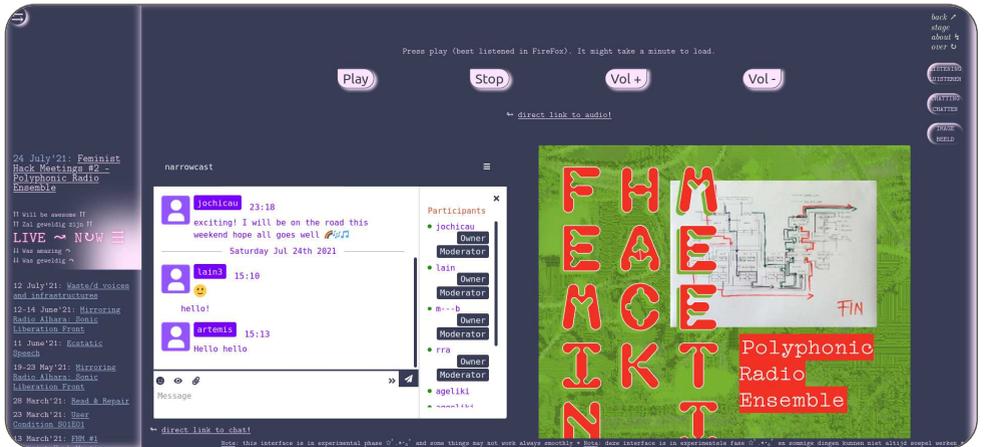
Reni Hofmüller introduced us to radio and the idea of catching the waves artistically and technically. We invited folks to join a session of radio improvisation by using and adapting the sound structuring system: *Polyphonic Ensemble* (<https://renitentia.mur.at/polyphonic.html>).

According to the Polyphonic Ensemble, we defined four modes of sound: *language, rhythm, noise, silence*. Participants of the session became musicians/dj's/real time composers. We chose material from our acoustic archives and created sounds working with our immediate environment. We formed groups defined by colours; the composer became the conductor; the conducting material was a series of drawings with colour and sound specifications; the conductor set the timeline by switching from one slide to the next. Reni sketched a visual structure for the improvisation work and drew it on paper. The participants chose one out of three colours and followed the instructions (see: https://renitentia.mur.at/poly_slides.html) coming from the shared screen. The sounds we made were eclectic, poetic, weird, harsh, gentle...

(((24 July 2021)))



If you'd like to listen to our collective experiment —>
https:// varia.zone/archive/Feminist-Hack-Meetings/FHM2_polyphonic-radio-ensemble.mp3



Through this collective radio work, we engaged with a technofeminist approach of sharing responsibilities, deconstructing the roles of making together, taking care of each other's understandings, needs and desires. We tried out a synchronous experimental radio performance, observing and listening carefully to each other.

Location:

Online: Whereby online room provided by FHM
 Space: Varia in Rotterdam.
 Streamed by Varia Broadcasts through Narrowcast

Tools:

Whereby, Etherpad, Narrowcast

Links:

- Polyphonic Ensemble by Reni Hofmüller
 - <https://renitentia.mur.at/polyphonic.html>
- Resonating Sculpture II, Handarbeit by Reni Hofmüller
 - <https://renitentia.mur.at/resonating-sculptureII.html>
- Playing the building by Reni Hofmüller
 - https://renitentia.mur.at/playing_the_building.html
- Radio Picnic by Ralf Homann
 - <https://wiki.ralfhomann.info/sculpture?s>
- Whereby browser-based video conferencing tool
 - <https://whereby.com/>
- Experimental video stream by Varia
 - <https://stream.vvvvvvaria.org/>

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Feminist
Futurotopixs :
Inventing
Feminist
Technologies

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FHM #3 - Feminist Futurotopixs: inventing feminist technologies

with Spideralex

In this session, Spideralex introduced us to Feminist Futurotopixs. The workshop enabled participants to dream, invent and desire together feminist technologies.

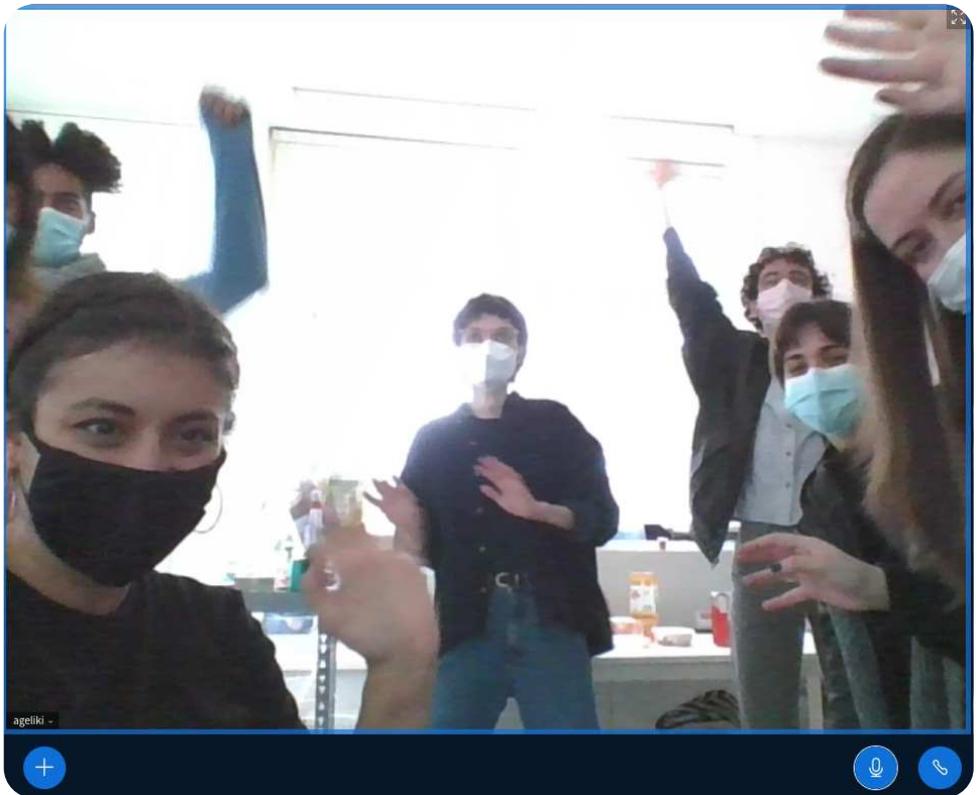
We invented narratives, speculative fiction and radical imaginaries as alternatives to existing oppressive or dystopian models. We co-designed stories and created new worlds as processes to imagine and dream together about feminist desired futures. Participants were open and curious to imagine and share with others alternative realities they have dreamed about. Desiring together opens up possibilities for those dreams to become one other reality.

(((06 November 2021)))



An ancient computer system that unveils the divine nature of the cosmos.

Khipu+electrotextiles_prehispanic_computer.png



- (the sure confident normative human named Jan) I said I dont like to be here! I am stuck in your ego, stupid nutshell!!!

- (all the bacteria together): **and who told you to be here? Go back to your sure and confident normative cave, sure and confident normative human.**

6. we have tried to transcend the stomach of this sure and potentially short person (Jan) through, in a nutshell, an experience while gnawing on the Void from the MacDonals around the corner, some porridge and indigestible normative thoughts. But its a bit hard sometimes. To be a body of bodies inside another body. We think we might be a little confused, have lost our way. Where we precisely are located in time and space. What is up what is down? How to consume something? The only constant is this shaman spitting vowels around the room. Equally spreading a body of bacteria in the process.

7. the collective of bacteria is stuck in an impasse, the consensus protocol is taking too long and they haven't reached a decision in more than 2 months. meanwhile part of the bacteria are striking and have clogged the intestines of the mad shaman. the mad shaman is angry and is summoning spirits to possess the bacteria. the bacteria is turning more and more rebellious preparing to establish a rebel army inspired by the zapatistas. when one of the the clogging bacteria gets possessed by a spirit, it starts trying to convince the cloggers to give up their fight. this bacteria is especially charismatic and their good rhetoric manages to convince cloggers and non-cloggers alike to release the digestion of the shaman they held hostage. the spirit returns to the realm of the non-living waiting to collect the shaman's debt

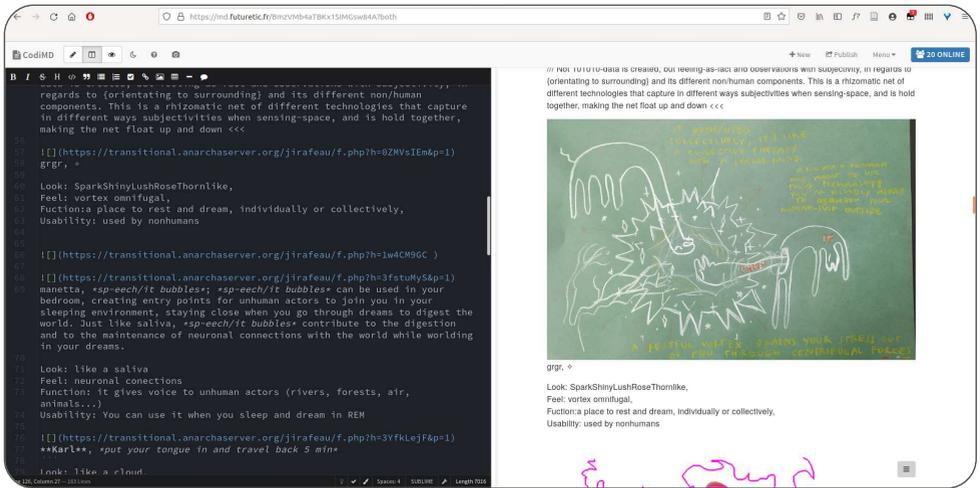
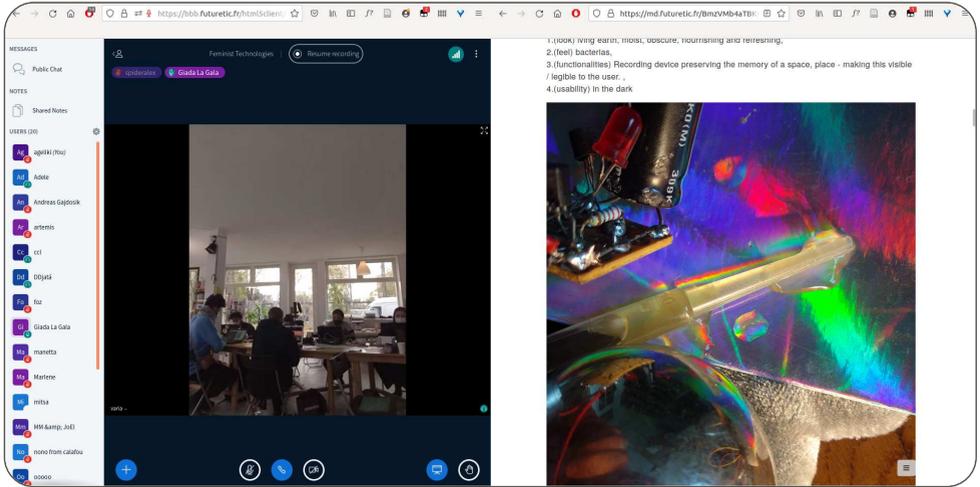
8. And the collective bacteria continued to resist the Jan's efforts to eradicate them. They fight and fight, and hold onto the body of Jan. Jan imagines he is in pain, but this bacteria is good, it only hurts at first but is there to heal him of his own misogyny and toxic masculinity. After some efforts, Jan decides to give up. Shaman has succeeded, Bacteria wins, Jan has transformed into his true shape.

9. therefore, the very sure and confident person finds themselves dissolved, I mean, the consciousness is dissolved amongst the bacterial collective. the shaman cries and laughs, sings about the future bacterial beings through the voice of the very confident person which is now many and multiple. suddenly there is a short circuit interrupts the functioning of the technology and both the shaman and the collective bacteria disappear inside the nutshell. the person is now a person again.

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group_seamfull archipel

oh, already everything here:

- Write the name of the feminist technology and its 4 features - Look, Feel, Functionalities, Usability. can smell awkward. Press GO to start, when it gets to much press the button STOP. Can connect differents islands of emotion in one person or create archipels between entities You can play the CD after recording to feel the emotions again through sound, smells, images...

look: bridges to different islands

feel: seamful

functionalities: sharing emotions/moods in the form of soundatmospheres or visuals, smells, tactile sensations on the spot

usability: intelligent and self-replicating

- Brainstorm 1, 2, 3 characters that will be included in the story, who are they (individual, collective? human, nature, machine? what are their name, age, gender, location? are they creating, mantaining, testing, using, exposed to the technology). Write the info about those 1, 2 or 3 characters at the start of the pad.

1. Coralita: Entity of choral that has been with a lot of pollution last years but now it gets better and in two days they will reproduce with the rest of choral around the worl

2. Nido, magic needle that put together the archipels of islands, it can put together any physical elements together, it is organic based and decomposed.

3. Filo, electric wire that can fill the current path of emtions and feel alone cuase it/he/they are spcial and tru to connect with other entities

4. symbiowonderslime

obviously, symbiowonderslime should be one of the agents more about its capacities and powers here:

https://antonieta.vedetas.org/p/Feminist_Hack_Meetings_%233_-_Feminist_Futurotopix

and a nice picture of it also here:

<https://md.futuretic.fr/BmzVMb4gTBKx1SIMGsw84A#>

- Depending of how many people in the group write those numbers below in the pad,

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symbiowonderslime

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Actually, symbiowonderslime already had slided happily over the surface of our archipelago game engine, pressed the button (with its whole body, very gently) and was then immediately catapulted into waves of sound. As we already know that symbiowonderslime helps entities to connect with each other's emotions, it then lazily waited for its next users. But hey, who was there, simming and swimming in some extra-curly soundwaves nearby? Yay, Nido and Filo, the sexiest phallic feminist tools you will ever have met. So symbiowonderslime slided neatly between the both, creating a connection... and with the synergetic energy of the moment set free all the three of them knew immediately: Corality was saved! We should keep in mind, however, that all this synergy between our faithful tech agents was only possible because of the magic engine fuelling all the three of them, the seamful archipelago. And now wait, you would never have guessed that, would you: this tech had been created by goddess Coralita herself, putting all her energies in it. And afterwards waiting, exhausted... waiting for others making a proper use of it to come...

2. Filo finally had the opportunity he was dreaming of for his entire existence, connecting with other entities to share he found emotions in itself. Electricity can be felt and it feel like something, somehow, like humans feel their hormones so that for wires they feel their electrons and depending on voltage and current combination it can feel good or bad...they can even burn and this has consequences if like filo you have a consciousness of the flow through you. Because of this wonderful feminist technology apparatus he meets two very different entities Coralita and Nido. Nido is the real match for her because she is the connecting freak wanting to connect to everything and that's exactly what she can feel in love with.

3. Everyone were already getting sad with the distance. Many people were getting sick in their archipelagoes, and the shamans that could do something, were no longer there. Coralita had a great idea and evoked nido so they could look for someone stitching the other archipelagos, someone who could still remember the old natural remedies! Behold, they find Filo! No one imagined that filo was still among us. This one who always enlightened minds and hearts, with his wisdom, surely Filo would know what to do.

4. So even if it looked for a while that the archipel of islands that enable the "Seamfull archipel" technology to work and capture snapshots of the emotions of the different species and entities that inhabited there was broken, it was not broken. It only needed to regenerate for a while cause it was tired. Nido had been putting so many elements together, forcing islands to be connected through bridges underwater made of chroal, and through birds and butterflies that would travel over seas from one island to another one, and Nido did not take into account that its energy was limited and needed to regenerate, so at one stage looked like that seamfull archipel could not capture the emotions anymore; it made Filo scared and sad, because for once he had establish a new friendship with coralita, he/she/they was pretty sure that they did not dream about it that coralita was aiming to be its friendship request, but as the technology was weak they could not verify that emotion, did it happen, did they dream about it?. In the end the seamfull archipel came back full power and Filo could check its feeling and see that Coralita was indeed its new friend. The emotion was there captured like a 4D picture that they could keep with them for ever.

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Feminist Hack Meetings #3 Exhibition



Public Chat

MESSAGES

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Shared Notes

we are ready

USERS (12)

Messages:

- ageliki 2:55 PM: hello
- foz 2:55 PM: Bf nono
- foz 2:55 PM: still dont listen
- foz 2:55 PM: hahaha
- foz 2:55 PM: hahaha
- ageliki 2:55 PM: hey sorry
- vk 2:55 PM: because they are cheating and writing for hours
- foz 2:55 PM: hahahahaha good
- foz 2:55 PM: :3
- vk 2:55 PM: hach... wonderful, really
- spideraxe 2:55 PM: jajaja
- vk 2:55 PM: especially with the greek tragedy chorus in the background

Send message to Public Chat

Feminist Technologies

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esoteric disruption... 1 20%

Rimatron3000 1 20%

Transcending_Th... 1 20%

seamfull archip... 1 20%

Location:

Online: BigBlueButton by FuturÉtic

Space: Varia in Rotterdam.

Tools:

BigBlueButton, Jitsi, Etherpad, CodiMD, Kanban, Jirafeau

Links:

Pad for the workshop hosted in the brasilian feminist server <https://vedetas.org/>

- https://antonieta.vedetas.org/p/Feminist_Hack_Meetings_%233_-Feminist_Futurotopix

BigBlueButton room by FuturÉtic

- <https://bbb.futuretic.fr/>

CodiMD to write and share markdown by FuturÉtic

- <https://md.futuretic.fr/>

Jirafeau to send encrypted files hosted in Anarchaserver

- <https://transitional.anarchaserver.org/jirafeau/>

Literature / References:

Radical Feminist Storytelling and Speculative Fiction by Sophie Toupin, Spideralex

- <https://adanewmedia.org/category/issue-no-13/>

Black Quantum Futurism (everything they do):

- <https://www.blackquantumfuturism.com/>

Possible Bodies inventory

- <https://possiblebodies.constantvzw.org/inventory/>

Sutured Broken Mirrors of the Impossible by Lucía Egaña Rojas

- <https://adanewmedia.org/2018/05/issue13-rojas-engl/>

Hackers of Resistance

- <https://adanewmedia.org/issue13/hors/index.html>

Technological Sovereignty: Learning to love machines again by Alex Haché

- <https://sobtec.gitbooks.io/sobtec2/content/en/content/02intro.html>

Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice

Nos permitimos imaginar: escrituras hackfeministas para otras tecnologías

- <https://sursiendo.org/2019/08/hackerfeminismo-afectadas-y-afectando-desde-las-tecnologias/>

Think South: Reimagining the Internet

- https://archive.org/details/think_south_2019/page/n9/mode/2up

Atelier Ondes Sauvages, Futurotopies Féministes - Bandits Mages par Spideralex + rAAadio cAArgo

- Fanzine: <https://archive.org/details/OndesSauvagesFanzine001Converted/page/n3/mode/2up>

- Audios: https://archive.org/details/futurotopiesfeministes_201901/Impro_audios_texte_jour4.mp3

- Texts: https://archive.org/details/FuturotopiesFeministes_20190111/page/n1/mode/2up

Momentanea

- <https://ciberfemgt.org/momentanea/>

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Varia, Gouwstraat 3
Saturday 18/12/21
14:00-17:00

FHM #4 – One family plenty connections

with Julie Boschat Thorez

This session aimed to open conversations about our communication with family and friends outside the Netherlands using several applications for instant messaging, voice messages, stickers and video calls. We planned to come together for tea and discuss how we all use these apps, how they have changed the way we interact with each other, what we find convenient about them and what more we wish they could do.

FHM intended to gather folks living in the neighbourhood of Varia, Charlois in Rotterdam. We walked the streets and reached out to community spaces around us, inviting them to join. Engaging with the neighbourhood and build relationships and connections takes time. It was an attempt to create networks of trust and safety and we are aware that this is a slow and organic process. We got together and spent an afternoon with some neighbours and friends. We shared stories and gossip of the uses, joys and frustrations communicating back home through instant messaging apps.

(((18 December 2021)))

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FHM zine workshop

fhm.varia.zone

SPREAD Zinefest 2021

Winschoterkade 10,
Groningen

21 September

12:00 – 15:00 pm

scanning overlapping

uploading editing

archiving wiking cssing

resizing annotating

exporting transforming

messaging speculating

printing re-reading

cutting glueing marking

patching sticking

stitching scissoring

nailing screwing

sharing earing folding

holeing stapling

iterating perforating

sewing binding

FHM #5 - Zineing with FHM

Zineing with FHM was a workshop that took place in Groningen during the SPREAD Zinefest @ SIGN Gallery. F(eminist)H(ack)M(eetings) invited participants to a day of scanning, overlapping, uploading, editing, archiving, wiking, styling, cssing, resizing, rearranging, annotating, exporting, transforming, making over, messing, speculating, re-reading, disconnecting, printing, cutting, glueing, marking, reforming, patching, sticking, stitching, scissoring, nailing, screwing, sharing, giving, caring, folding, holeing, stapling, iterating, perforating, sewing, binding... In other words, it was a zine making inspired by practices and aesthetics of feminist hacking!

(((21 September 2021)))







Location:

SIGN, Winschoterkade 10, Groningen

Tools:

Sewing machine, A3/A4 white/colour paper, glue, scissors, rulers, pens/markers, needles, twine, thread, cutters, rubbers, folding machine, big stapler for paper, hole puncher, textiles, ink for textile, wiki

Links:

FHM wiki

- <https://fhm.varia.zone/>

SpreadZine festival

- <https://spreadzinefest.hotglue.me/>

Sign+ Groningen

- <https://sign2.nl/>

Het resort Groningen

- www.hetresort.nl

ARTisBOOK Groningen

- www.blockc.nl

Systems

Mara is an artist and sysadmin, based in Athens, Greece. They enjoy making zines and silkscreens about tech. They run together with other queers a collective of feminist servers. <https://psaroskalazines.gr/>

Donna Metzlar is a system administrator, officially trained as a nurse. She is involved in many social and political activities, organising multiple workshops, events, and feminist projects. She is one of the core members of Genderchangers, co-founder of the Eclectic Tech Carnival, Girl Geek Dinner Amsterdam and the Systerserver.

Reni Hofmüller is an artist, musician, composer, performer, organizer and activist in the fields of usage of (new) media, technology, feminism(s) and politics in general, engaged in development of contemporary art. "I want to have a biography that is my own." <https://renitentia.mur.at/>

Spideralex is a cyberfeminist. She founded the Donestech collective which explores the relationship between gender and technology. She coordinated the international network "The gender and technology Institutes", which developed training to include gender in digital security for women human rights defenders and LGTIQ activists. She is the editor of two volumes on the panorama of technological sovereignty initiatives. She also supports feminist infrastructure initiatives such as feminist servers. In her free time she organises feminist futurotopias workshops.

Julie Boschat-Thorez is an artist, researcher and fellow Varia member. Her work focuses on knowledge organisation systems and the stories which can be extracted from them. She primarily investigates archives, collections, datasets, and museums, with an interest for variability, circulation, community and access. Her practice materialises in installations, performed lectures, printed matter or online interfaces. Julie has been trained in Fine Arts at the ERG in Brussels and Media Design at the Piet Zwart Institute in Rotterdam.

decentralise is a computer programmer, member of Varia and initiator of collective projects around technology and social organisation.

Julia Bande comes from Chile with an audio-visual background, an interest in

storytelling, experimental forms of archiving, cassette tapes and feminist practices. She did an Erasmus masters in Media Arts Culture, ended up living in Rotterdam and orbiting Varia as a friendly satellite. Nowadays, she is making friends to look into and play around with analogue, ancient and digital technologies in fun, experimental and critical ways.

Angeliki Diakrousi likes to see herself as a radical meanderer. She has co-initiated the Feminist Hack Meetings in Rotterdam and has joined Varia since 2019. She is part of the collectives WordMord, Systerserver, Feminist Search Tools and /etc. She is an Architecture graduate of the University of Patras in Greece and holds an MA from the Experimental Publishing Master at Piet Zwart Institute in Rotterdam. Angeliki enjoys hanging out in online spaces and broadcasts with artists and peers to support and discuss needs and dreams of servers, archives and streams. <https://w-i-t-m.net/>

Artemis Gryllaki is a media artist, member of Varia and part of the collectives Systerserver and Solisoft. She has studied Experimental Publishing at the Piet Zwart Institute in Rotterdam and architecture in Athens. She co-initiated the Feminist Hack Meetings in Rotterdam in 2020. She likes to explore the potentials of feminist technological practices and experiment with F/LOSS tools.

Amélie Dumont is a graphic and type designer, developer based in Brussels. She works with free softwares only and has a very special interest for web-to-print technologies, for developing programs especially for a project or for experimenting with code. She also leads research on gender inclusive glyphs in typography. <https://www.amelie.tools/>

SPREAD Zinefest is a festival focusing on self published art and prints, including a library, a zinemarket, workshops, lectures, petanque and network moments in a splendid setting! SIGN (www.sign2.nl) + HET RESORT (www.hetresort.nl)

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 and can be contacted at [info@\[@\]varia.zone](mailto:info@[@]varia.zone). Keep updated about events through the Varia newsletter <https://we.lurk.org/mailman3/lists/varia.we.lurk.org/>.

FemLibs

FHM links

- Wiki: <https://fhm.varia.zone>
- Archive: <https://www.varia.org/archive/Feminist-Hack-Meetings/>
- Varia: <https://varia.zone/>

FHM zine collection for SPREAD Zinefest

- Geo Barcan (2021) "Kid of the internet", self-published. https://pzwiki.wdka.nl/mediadesign/Geo_Barcan:_Kid_of_the_internet
- Maddalena Fragnito & Institute of Radical Imagination, "Zine", self-published. <https://instituteofradicalimaginationorg.wpcomstaging.com/>
- Clara Gradel (2019) "Lexicon", self-published.
- Amélie Dumont (2021) "ETC 2018 documentation", self-published. <https://gitlab.com/ameliedumont/etc-2018-documentation>
- Jara Rocha & Manetta Berends "x-dex" (n.d.) <https://iterations.space/files/iterations-x-dex.pdf>
- Colectiva Feminista CódigoSur (2019) "Guía de protección digital" <https://escuelafeminista.red/material/guia-de-proteccion-digital.pdf>
- Euna Lee and Nami Kim (n.d.) "The K-Eldest Girl" <http://www.textyours.world/keldestgirl/indexk.html>
- Alice Strete (n.d.) "Techno/Cyber/Xeno-Feminism" <https://portfolio.alicestrete.me/xeno>
- Alice Strete (2018) "over/under" <https://portfolio.alicestrete.me/overunder>
- Angeliki Diakrousi (2019) "Let's amplify unspeakable things" <https://eaiaiaiai.w-i-t-m.net/>
- Participants of /etc (2019) "/etc Athens 2019"

Resources

- Feminist Server Manifesto 0.01 https://areyoubeingserved.constantvzw.org/Summit_afterlife.xhtml
- Eclectich Tech Carnival <https://eclectictechcarnival.org/>
- Anarchaserver <https://anarchaserver.org/>
- Systemserver <https://systemserver.net/>
- Genderchangers <https://genderchangers.org/>
- Feminist Tech zines <https://psaroskalazines.gr/zines/>
- Feminist Health Care Research Group <http://www.think-tank.nl/health/zines.html>
- The Digital Archive of Artists' Publishing <http://daap.network/>
- Lesbian Zine Belgium <https://www.balbrussels.be/>
- Solidarity! Revolutionary Center and Radical Library <https://archive.org/details/solidarityrevolutionarycenter>
- Grrrl Zine Network <http://www.grrrlzines.net/>
- Independent Voices: An Open Access Collection of an Alternative Press <https://www.jstor.org/site/reveal-digital/independent-voices/feminist/>
- MayDay Rooms https://maydayrooms.org/archive_home/
- Accessible Zines <https://www.mapping-access.com/accessible-zines>
- Xenofeminism: A Politics for Alienation Laboria Cuboniks https://www.laboriacuboniks.net/20150612-xf_layout_web.pdf
- Memory of the World/Feminism <https://library.memoryoftheworld.org/#/search/tags/feminism>
- Donestech <https://donestech.net/>
- Mz*Baltazar's Lab <https://www.mzbaltazarslaboratory.org/>
- Miss Despoinas <https://www.miss-hack.org/>
- Vedetas <https://vedetas.org/>
- Marialab <https://www.marialab.org/>
- Cl4ndestinas <https://clandestina.io/>
- La Bekka <https://labekka.red/>
- CódigoSur <https://codigosur.org/>
- MaadiX <https://maadix.net/>
- Matriar.cat <https://matriar.cat/>
- 1984 <https://www.1984.is/>
- Diebin <https://www.diebin.at/> ...and many more

Colophon

Feminist Hack Meetings is a project initiated in Varia, Rotterdam.

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Documentation: FHM

Design and development: FHM

Tools: The zine was generated with the use of pandoc, etherpad, css, markdown

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