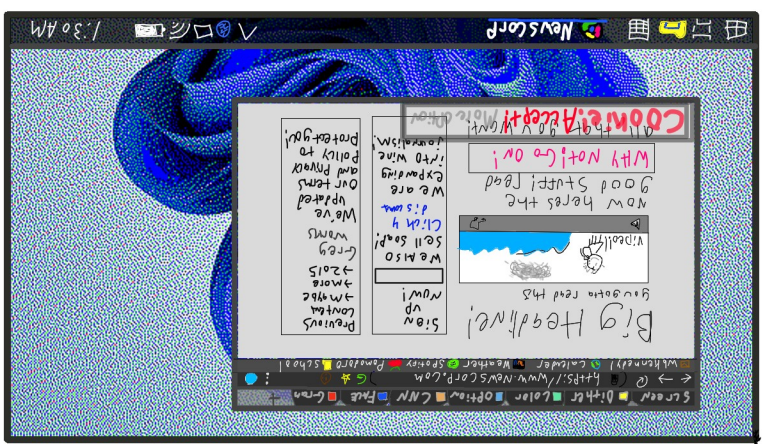


has "the algorithm" erased those early means of expression and connections?

sleek look. scratch because it won't have that modern by the idea of building your own site from on behind the hood. people are into updated frameworks can obviate what's going ads, cookies consent tricks, endless scrolls, AI generated fluff. modern life on the internet is now frenetic.



people shared information and resources and made connections. the modern internet still uses some of the same electronic protocols and paradigms from the early systems

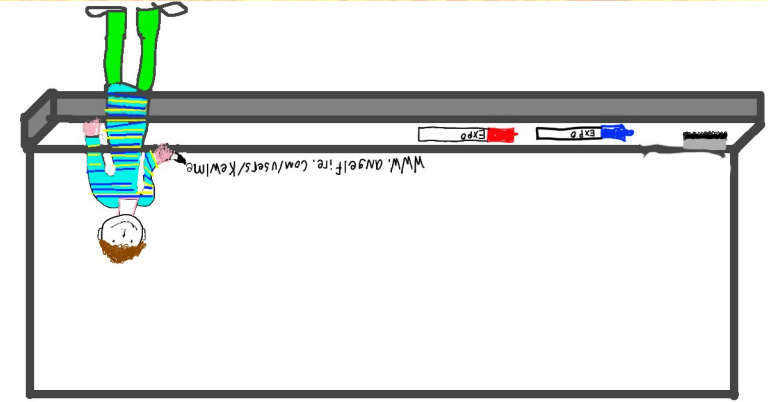


back in the 70s and 80s there were bulletin board systems (BBS)

? loved chatting on AOL instant messenger. ? talked with my friends in the neighborhood? school friends, a chat bot called 'smarterchild'; ? had a crush my online friends ! eventually had an internet girlfriend too

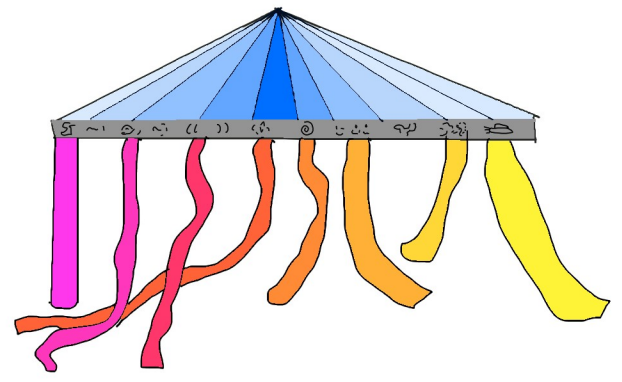


! would show up early to class in 5th grade to write my angel fire website on the whyteboard. the nerdy kids had websites with funny cat gifs and links to other cool websites. My website had a tiled fire background and a "hit counter" that told the you how many times the website has been visited



tilde town is a virtual town in the tildeverse. it is a magical community of folks sharing a unix computer. you log into it from a terminal on your computer. from there you are one of many users on the server, one of many citizens of the town. there is a bulletin board system, a chat room, a community garden, and more.

forums are like BBS'es. people still make their own websites. things like webrings, blogs, rss feeds, email lists and online radio stations make the internet feel small and special. collaborative google docs share resources and create community. there is still beauty in the modern web. you just need to look around for it. like neo.



Thanks for reading!
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check out the companion site to this zine to find links and resources to the 'small internet' www.freakylamps.com/communitymemory

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a personal journey into the early internet and its legacy peaking through the cracks