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Howard has arrived.

Howard says, "Hello!"

Butoh waves.

Der\_Wanderer bows

Howard gestures expansively

Michele says, "Hi, Howard."

Butoh says, "Hello! We are waiting for a few more poeple to arrive. You text is on the slates (virtual communities)."

Butoh prostrates.

Howard says, "Hi Michele! This must be your home cyberspace. ;-)"

Michele nods. This & Jay'sHouse...

Michele has been spending a lot of time in cyberspace lately.

Butoh lives in cyberspace (and has to pay for it as well).

Howard says, "No sense waiting, right? Anybody want to get this rolling?"

Butoh says, "The symposium in Graz with Kit Galloway is trying to connect to us as well."

Butoh says, "Sure."

Butoh says, "I am going to switch systems.and start"

Howard says, "Butoh, remind me of who will be conneting from where..."

Butoh says, "OK, I'll let you know as they connect. David Blair is here, as is Mike Stubbs of Time Based Arts in Hull/UK."

Butoh says, "Heather Barton of Melbourne (media theoreticain) is also here."

Howard says, "Butoh, you and David and Mike and Michele are at the physical Media Lab now?"

Butoh says, "There are about 30 other people who all went out to eat and are supposed to be back by now."

Howard says, "Heather are you one of the Guests?"

Butoh says, "No, we are in Vienna. "

Michele is the only one in Boston, actually.

Howard says, "Helps to get my map straight!"

Michele nods.

Butoh says, "She is not logged in. We only have three net connections. I will be typing for everyone."

Howard says, "What's happening in Vienna?"

Butoh says, "evryone is now throwing snowballs at the windows. I think they are back from eating."

Howard says, "I'm interested in the state of computer-mediated communication in Austria and Germany. I know a little about France and England. Can anybody say something about virtual communities in Europe?"

Butoh says, "The \*real\* forum has about 100 chairs and a video beamer, plus three monitors. We have three net connections."

Butoh says, "OK, the crowd is stariting to come in now."

Howard says, "Are we waiting for a quorum? Does anybody have a question? Should I just start blathering?"

Butoh says, "Yes, there are several questions. I am just waiting for everyone to get in."

Michele [to Butoh]: Maybe you should start asking now, so that Howard can start typing replies.

Butoh says, "Do you see VC's as being very seperate from real life communities?"

Howard says, "I think we need to look at a finer level of specificity to answer that. I think that you can have a virtual community in which people create value among themselves and who do reach out to each other in a human way, even if they never meet in person. Certainly, Elizabeth Reid makes a good case in Electropolis, and I find it to be true to a limited extent. But I also think that in order to become a real community in the physical world, VCs are best seen as places where people find each other and stay in touch -- a lot of the community-building has to take place in real life."

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Azure\_Guest says, "hello, new person here checking in... Paul Gillingwater from Vienna, Austria"

Howard says, "Greetings! "

You say, "Heather Barton asks how the definition of virtual relates to the Platonic conception of simutude"

You say, "Hello Paul, Patrick here, we missed eachother earlier."

Michele, Der\_Wanderer, Guest, Jade\_Guest, Howard, and Azure\_Guest are here.

Azure\_Guest says, "hello patrick, yes i just got the physical body fed and watered, and can now join this cyberspace discussion. "

Max has arrived.

Howard says, "I think that word fools us a lot because it does have so many connotations to some kind of -- is reified the right word? -- ideal world. We could say "online community" and ask the same questions without those connotations."

You say, "I agree, I think the word virtual has caused a lot of confusion."

Howard peers into the darkness, trying to see who is participating in this...

You say, "That was me (Butoh)."

You say, "People are still coming in to the physical UnitN room."

Howard says, "Something IS happening at the grass roots, all over the world, that is worth our attention. "

You say, "Butoh asks if Howard thinks that this has to do with the new "spirituality" movement (ie New Age)?"

Azure\_Guest says, "Grass roots networking is one of the objectives of the Association for Progressive Communications. Their objective is more to engage creative debate on issues such as environmental and peace activism rather than using the new medium for artistic expression. I had a long discussion with Carl Loeffler on this point at a network conference in korea recently."

Blue\_Guest materializes out of thin air.

Howard says, "There are some people who do use CMC very effectively as part of building spiritual community -- Peter and Trudy Johnson-Lenz"

azure-est

look azure-guest

I see no "azure-guest" here.

Blue\_Guest says, "i am so confused (i will sit here 'n listen)..."

You say, "I think that the artistic part of networking is just as important as the peace/environmental issues."

Azure\_Guest says, "Howard, what do you mean by spiritual? Without getting into an alt.magick style debate, it can be argued that every area of human endeavour can be spiritual. As for art, that is definitely an area where human beings can express their spiritual impulses. And all art (IMHO) is essentially communicative."

Howard says, "It isn't so much political activism RATHER than art -- I think the same tool serves different communities. One thing that has surprised me from my research is that I started out interested in the personal and social-cultural parts of virtual communities -- because that is what I experience in my own life that turns me on -- but I am ending up realizing that right now, the POLITICAL potential of the medium is the most important aspect to attend to. Politics trumps everything else. If we lose control of our freedom to communicate like this, either to governments or big business, you can forget about artistic expression."

Blue\_Guest says, "i was about to say (forgive me -- i am confused) "art 'n networking"..."

You say, "Without the politics there would be no networks. I think that is definitely an important point."

Howard says, "And I'm NOT very political person. It's just that I've tried to do a good job figuring out what this all means, and what it means is that a thousand flowers are blooming now, but it is VERY possible that somebody will succeed in seizing, censoring, metering, and selling us this medium."

Blue\_Guest has disconnected:

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You say, "More or less in a Prodigy type setting. The question I think is who will "rule" these virtual communities."

Azure\_Guest says, "Howard, what do you think of the various freeNets springing up around the world? For example, we have a free Internet resource in Wellington, New Zealand (my previous home town), which is funded by the city council."

Howard says, "Didn't mean to drop the spiritual thread. I'm not on solid ground there. It isn't something I've been thinking about in specific terms, but I do know that it is what the Japanese call "kansei" -- something ineffable -- that STILL comes through, even when we squeeze ourselves through ASCII, that turns us all on."

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Howard says, "I think the Freenets are a great idea, but if they are to succeed, they must pay attention to the lessons of the pioneers. Ask Ken Philips what he would do in Santa Monica, for example, if they were to do PEN over again, knowing what the know now."

You say, "I think the freenets as well as the internets are a good alternative to the commercial systems out there (Compuserve etc). I think..."

Howard says, "Azure, can you say more about the WELLington system?"

You say, "...that we need to look at interconnecting all these nets as opposed to having many smaller nets."

Howard says, "I think we MUST think of an ecology of communities, in which small and medium sized regional systems continue to thrive, but which also have access to the whole Net."

You say, "exactly, the nets should be singular, but also have gateways."

Max has disconnected.

Azure\_Guest says, "Certainly it seems that the momentum has been built, and looks to be unstoppable. Howard, as for the Wellington system, it offers 8 dial-in lines absolutely free with access to news, telnet, rlogin, ftp, irc etc. Recent usage restrictions had to be imposed on the FTP due to large scale file transfers, especially from overseas, when the files already exist locally, although this is largely a matter of education. About 4 years ago, I set up New Zealand's first public access USEnet/Internet system, although we charge, because we don't have any money. "

Howard says, "At the municipal and regional level, you have the opportunity to use the online community-building to leverage and stimulate action in the real world where the participants live. At the same time, the locals can have access to Usenet and to other systems in other parts of the world -- I see that as a very exciting positive vision."

Howard says, "I think the Freenets and other municipal systems are reaching a point where it would be extremely valuable for representatives to think of getting together face to face somewhere in the world."

You say, "I feel that one of my personal goals is educating people about these virtual communities and introducing people to various ways of accessing them."

You say, "...accessing them."

Purple\_Guest has disconnected

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You say, "We need to bring more and more people into the nets."

Howard says, "Can I have a rundown on who is participating by now"

Howard says, "I mean in this forum -- either via the Net or sitting in a room..."

You say, "We are having a problem with one of the computers here. David Blair is attempting to write something. Physically there are about 20 people here in Vienna."

Michele, Der\_Wanderer, Guest, Jade\_Guest, Howard, Azure\_Guest, and Max are here.

Der\_Wanderer adds (21)

Howard says, "I think the cross-cultural potential of the medium is one of the most promising aspects. I absolutely would never have been able to understand even a small proportion of what went on around me in Tokyo if it weren't for the real-life friends I had known from the Net for a long time before I ever went there."

Max has connected.

You say, "evryone here seem sto be formulating their questions at the moment."

Howard says, "In fact, I found virtual communities in Tokyo, Kyoto, Paris, and London, that provided ready-made communities when I visited those places. And the friendships have turned out to be enduring."

You say, "Mike Stubbs would like to know how many of the people here now are black?"

Howard says, "You mean, how many people in cyberspace?"

You say, "Mike is curious how many minorities take part in cyberspace."

You say, "Is cyberspace limited to white well-educated males?"

Michele is not male.

Butoh just told mike that.

Howard says, "If you start looking around, you will find several hundred different BBSs and LISTSERVS and other discussion group focused on African-American issues."

You say, "But for the most part I think this is the case."

Azure\_Guest says, "I'm a New Zealander in Vienna, so I guess i'm in the minority. But Butoh's comment certainly is relevant."

Howard says, "I don't think most of the people who use this medium in Japan, Taiwan, Korea, would consider themselves "white." Most of them are male."

You say, "But African-American issues written by African-Americans?"

Max says, "well I would gues that is an important reason there should be terminals in public libraries, both in the cities, and in rural areas."

You say, "Good point. Is it important. I think getting evryone online if the want access is important, not what class etc they are from."

Howard says, "How do you know? The point is that racial issues only come into play here when the topic of discussion has a racial or ethnic content."

Howard says, "Equity of access is a class issue."

Michele :to Howard:: When referring to friendships formed over the net, are you talking primarily through email, which is a relatively non-anonymous medium, or also to environments like MUDs, which may be more or less anonymous?

You say, "The friendships I (Butoh) have formed through the net have been through various lists and through private e-mail."

Howard says, "I'm talking mostly about conferencing systems, BBSs, etc, where there is both a private and public component. Certainly people form strong bonds in MUDs despite the anonymity."

Michele notes that she has no idea what race some of her netfriends from MOOs are, unless they have told her. Gender is also the choice of the character in a MOO. She's not sure how true that is for non-anonymous systems. fairly un-anonymous.

You say, "I think MUD's are fairly un-anonymous."

You say, "The WELL's You Own Your Own Words idea for example. Very un-anonymous."

Howard says, "Equity of access is a political and economic issue. We MUST educate people about what all this means, or somebody is going to SELL what should be provided as a public good. Don't forget -- American taxpayers paid for the development of networking, as a WEAPON (a command and control system for nuclear combat)"

Max is david blair

You say, "Mike Stubbs says "Yeah, absolutley!"."

You say, "I think we need to get these systems away from businesses and schools and out in the public."

Howard says, "Elizabeth Reid raises the interesting point that on IRC you don't have to know who is behind an identity, but the community requires that identities remain stable -- hence, Nickservs that keep IRC chatters from using the same nicks."

You say, "Could you explain nicks?"

Max says, "excuse my hash.... newuser.... I think that access comes...."

Howard says, "Nicks are stable pseuds on IRC, which means you might never know that Blue Meanie is an identifiable person somewhere, but you know that Blue Meanie today is the same person that was Blue Meanie yesterday."

You say, "Oh, a kind of protection of character identity."

Howard says, "Friends, I am going to have to go soon. If you want to get in touch, please send email to me hlr@well.sf.ca.us I can stick around for a few more minutes."

You say, "Great Howard, thanks a lot for the time!"

Azure\_Guest smiles and waves at everyone.

Max says, "thanks for your time, Howard."

Howard says, "It's hard to have a community without stable identities, even if you don't know who they connect with in the real world. You need to know who you can trust to provide reliable information, and who you can't trust. This leads into the whole hairy area of disintermediation."

Howard says, "See you all later, somewhere...."

You say, "Herwig Turk wonders if there have been any major events organized purely over the nets (ie art festivals)."

Azure\_Guest looks around for the exit, edging towards the far corner of the room. He stops and picks up a drink from the table, then disappears in a puff of logic

Michele waves.

Howard waves

emote waves as well!

Butoh waves as well!

Der\_Wanderer waves

Howard has disconnected.

You say, "Well, we can continue with the remaining people if there is interest."

Michele :to Butoh:: Does Herwig Turk mean was the planning done over the net, or was the event held on the net?

You say, "Mike Stubbs wonders if it would be possible to connect a MUD to ISDN?"

Der\_Wanderer wonders if he made the wrong decision trying to catch up with howard's article before posing questions...

Butoh Herwig means the planning.

Michele knows of real events that were organized through LambdaMOO, but doesn't know how 'major' they would be considered.

You say, "I have the problem that I am limited to one line input so it is difficult for me to write lengthy questions."

Guest say Why would a MUD be anything special to ISDN? Should be irrelevant, imo.

You say, "Herwig wonders if these have been documented."

Michele hasn't seen any documentation, but can look for some and let you know later, Butoh.  
say Mike wonders how it would affect things if we could all see eachother, would~

You say, "Mike wonders how it would affect things if we could all see eachother,  
would it destroy the "magic"?"

Michele says, "The portions that were discussed by mailing lists were certainly  
recorded."

Max says, "certainly"

Michele wouldn't be here if it was IRL, because she is quite sick.

Max says, "but we see each other, a special situation"

You say, "Are there already ISDN conferencing systems?"

Michele doesn't know for sure.

Max says, "mathias is trying to overtake us on the phone"

The housekeeper arrives to cart Howard off to bed.

Azure\_Guest says, "isdn is used for video-conferencing in New Zealand."

Guest says "PacBell had one running about 7 years ago, Project Victoria. I worked on it."

Michele :to auz:: Point to point, or accessible to anyone?

Max says, "Ive heard that isdn is almost a modem add on in the US (vaporland=)"

Guest says "ISDN here (in US) means you don't need a modem, just an ISDN converter board"

Azure\_Guest says, ":to Michele: ISDN is effectively point-to-point, since its switched via the same PSTN  
exchanges. It's accessible to anyone who has the number."

Max says, "Michele, I visited the Media Lab, and saw funny litte isdn bubbles..

You say, "Bubbles?"

Michele :to Azure\_Guest:: I meant can anyone join the conference--as they could  
here.



You say, "Michele, can you people float ISDN images on soap bubbles?!?"

emote grins.

Butoh grins.

Michele nods. The Media Lab is using ISDN lines.

Max says, "into the headset.... what was that.... is that part of your mythic..."

Azure\_Guest says, "As Butoh suggested earlier, isdn is simply a technology. It's largely irrelevant. Do you care whether your signals go over copper or fiber?"

Max says, "superconnection?? It even said isdn."

Michele doesn't know much about ISDN. Sorry. She does care how fast the signals go.

You say, "The lack of quality lines is a major problem. For example we can only connect with 2400 where I am now."

Michele says, "Because of the modems at the point you dial up to, right?"

Max says, "well, i prefer electronics to cloth."

Azure\_Guest says, "Well, Michele, i can't type faster than my 2400 bps modem can handle. Of course, if we were using UNIX workstations with real-time video via JPEG, then isdn (or other high bandwidth) becomes important."

Butoh thinks that Michele would care if she were working with the connection that Butoh has.

Der\_Wanderer remarks that speeds > 1MBit/s will be unavailable in large parts of Europe for quite some time to come

Michele \*does\* care about speed. 2400 bps is too slow for her.

You say, "Not to mention Africa or South America where there is a large lack of nets."

Max says, "how about full screen editors (note: you dont see what we.re typing one."

You say, "what do you mean David (MAx)?"

Michele :to Azure\_Guest:: I can't type faster either, but I do need to wait to see what other people type when I'm on a 2400 bps modem.

Max says, "well this may not be to the pint... though the thread may have been..."

Butoh is now turing into some other people.

Max says, "... lost here, but it hard to have a virtual community when.."

Guest who

Azure\_Guest says, "Getting back on topic :virtual community: it seems that keyboard literacy is a major obstacle to most people who might benefit from network community."

Der\_Wanderer adds what about \*language\* ?

You say, "butch has had a transsexual operation and is now gerda, eva and christine"

Max says, "I agree... but keyboards present 0 keyboards used.... that.s why..."

Michele giggles. Welcome Gerda, Eva, and Christine!

Max says, "... library terminals are important."

Michele would think language would be the first issue, then keyboarding skills.

Der\_Wanderer agrees fullheartedly

You say, "i innocent, what about we are taling "

Max says, "... if you.re in a library, you know how to talk... then it is just .

Max says, "... a matter of learning how to type to machines, then folk."

You say, "i mean talking"

Michele :to Max:: So you aren't talking about international communities?

Max says, "Butoh has been doing some intersting work in this area, it seems."

Max is now Butoh

Max says, "Aha, I have a keyboard back!"

Der\_Wanderer isn't sure who is who (but perhaps he should blame the late hour)

Max says, "Max was talking about my work with Nativenet."

Michele wonders if she's the only one 'here' who isn't in the same room as you are all in now.

Der\_Wanderer is not in the same room (but in the same town, tho'...)

Max says, "No, Wandy is accross town."

You say, "max is not butoh !!!"

Der\_Wanderer now knows who max is

Max says, "The guests are somewhere else"

> Azure\_Guest mumbles something about being alone in a room. (But Wagner is playing in the next room.)

Max is Butoh (still)

Guest is in Berkeley

Max says, "Those women took over my terminal!"

Der\_Wanderer applauds

Max says, "well Hi guest!"

You say, "we also know who der wanderer is and max and ....."

Azure\_Guest wonders whether anyone here read Howard's book on VR?

Max says, "There are about six people trying to type on one keyboard. It takes them quite a bit of time to type one sentence."

You say, "the identity problem is growing"

Max says, "Yup, 1 out of 12"

You say, "butoh who is max has read it not"

Max wonders what the hell they are doing with my poor character.

You say, "but butoh who is the girlies knows everything"

Der\_Wanderer has checked the local library and found Rheingold H.: Virtual Reality, Summit, New York, 1991.

Michele grins. Of course they do!

Der\_Wanderer wonders if this is the book azure referred to...

You say, "max what are you doing with my poor charcter"

Max says, "You can buy it in Vienna, I think everyone here is just lazy!!"

Max says, "I read it."

Max says, "It is translated into German as well."

Michele :to Max:: So what did you think?

Guest r read Howard's book in Varna...pretty close to all you I think?

Max says, "Azure tell us about your work with the United Nations?"

Max says, "Where is zthat?"

Max says, "Did guest mean Nirvana?"

Der\_Wanderer would appreciate some info about Azure's identity...

Guest says "in Bulgaria"

Max slaps Wandy for being so frech.

Der\_Wanderer thinks max should catch up his geography classes...

You say, "who is wandy"

Azure\_Guest says, "I am a UNIX nd networking specialist working at the UN here in Vienna."

Der\_Wanderer :to butoh: you don't want to know!

Max says, "i thought that is an international discussion"

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You say, "like for example stand on your head or give us some choclate"

Amy materializes out of thin air.

You say, "please some problems"

Amy waves hi

Der\_Wanderer waves at amy

Michele waves.

Max says, "we get connected now to australia!!"

Der\_Wanderer :to azure: tnx!

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Azure\_Guest says, "It's mostly setting up a database which can be used by various UN agencies, both for internal and external access."

Max says, "this is a wake-up call for the girlies!!!"

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You say, "who wants to talk with whom ?"

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Der\_Wanderer recalls reading a few messages in the local newsgroup recently...

Max says, "wher are the aussies"

You say, "if you want to wake us up you must do something interesting"

Der\_Wanderer wonders if michele could provide an overview about how various countries are represented in mediamoo.

You say, "hi amy"

Azure\_Guest quickly digitizes some chocolate covered roasted coffee beans, and leaves them in a jar on the table by the south door.

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Max says, "we are not discoursiv enoug, i.m told"

Guest wonders if there are other sessions like this one with Howard...and if so, will Butoh tell people on the WELL about them?

You say, "azure you know how to treat women a real gentleman"

Michele :to Guest:: We do plan to have other such sessions. If you have any suggestions, feel free to send them to me.

Azure\_Guest says, "My concern relating to keyboard skills is still a problem to be addressed. Especially we need to use our imagination to find a way for non-techie people to gain access and empowerment from interacting on the Net."

Max creis as Butoh is no longer anywhere!

Michele :to Azure\_Guest:: Yes, that and language issues.

Max says, "The interface problem. Where is Brednda Laurel when you need her! What would be a simpler solution to the keyboard."

You say, "where does max get the permission from to send butoh home ??????"

Max says, "I have been screaming (Butoh) about the language issue over at the WELL for awhile now."

Der\_Wanderer keyboard, language and primary net access (in order of increasing priority)

Azure\_Guest says, ":to Michele: yes, language is certainly an issue. But there's not much technology can do to help. Ich lerne Deutsch!"

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You say, "is there in the US"

Max says, "There are small language enclaves on the net, but english knowldge is amost a prerequisit for net use."

Azure\_Guest says, "fortoonitly, speeling is not a prerequisite. :-)"

Der\_Wanderer says, "take a look at nordunet, then - plenty of finnish, swedish, etc. text..."

Max says, "I am really curious what would be a better solution for a text based system (ie pen based interface?)."

You say, "we mean snow is there any snow anywhere or not. IF not wyh and whatabout"

Michele would \*much\* rather type than write with a pen!

Max says, "There are also Hungarian, Irish, Welsh, Polish and Estonian lists (and nets to some extent)"

Der\_Wanderer acknowledges Max-Butoh-Patrick's "polyglott" capabilities

Max would also rather type than write.

Amy disappears suddenly for parts unknown.

Max admires Wand Unix terminl.

Der\_Wanderer would (at times) rather speak than type

Max meant wandys terminal.

Der\_Wanderer would rather HIT than type right now 8-)

Azure\_Guest says, "my vision of future computer-mediated discussion matrix involves using a multi-window workstation, with sketch pad, real-time video, image stills (copied from a library), sound, text (various fonts, colours etc.) and speech. Of course this can be replayed, and fed through translators. And people can set up clones to handle listening for them."

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Der\_Wanderer sighs recalling the planned networking activities in Europe for the next decade...

Max says, "But... can you make it stable enough (and cheap enough) to install in schools, libraries and community centers?"

Azure\_Guest says, "Also, we must ensure that those with visual impairment are not restricted."

Michele says, "Sure, that's what we'd all like. But part of the problem is standardization."

Max says, "There are already braille computer systems. "

Der\_Wanderer wonders if any of the present has followed the "electronic superhighway" discussion...

Max says, "There is a small strip that translates ascii to braille."

Max says, "I have tried to follow it for the past couple of years. I am just hoping something happens in the coming years. "

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You say, "in the moment butoh is two girls and one of the girls says it is boring, i go hone means home "

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Michele waves.

Azure\_Guest says, "Braille is not useful. My friend in NZ uses a speech synthesizer to read to him, and simply touch types his replies. He interacts well on the net."

Max says, "At the speed the Austrian monopoly (postal) \*kills\* everything, I wonder if it even matter to those of us in Austria."

You say, "micheke michele always waves what is with your arm ?"

Michele knows a scientist who uses a Braille system. He really likes it.

Max slaps Butoh up (but no the \*real\* Butoh)

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You say, "max you bonehead"

Azure\_Guest says, "Well, it's past my bedtime. I'll just wander over for a look at the Super-gopher i discovered today, then off to bed... g'night all!"

Michele notes that it's the tradition in MOO to wave at people when they say they are leaving.

Max has left.

Der\_Wanderer waves

Neon\_Guest has arrived.

Guest waves

Max has arrived.

Michele says, "or when they arrive, for that matter."

Max says, "Welcome Mr. or Ms. Neon!"

Azure\_Guest waves at everyone, leaving some more chocolate covered coffee beans in the jar before leaving...

Der\_Wanderer :to Azure: stay in touch...

Max waves!

You say, "for us, beeing new in the net the discussion about the net itself is n  
ot so interesting"

Azure\_Guest says, "Sure, my address is paul@actrix.co.at."

Der\_Wanderer has take a note. Bye, Azure!

Azure\_Guest says, "Auf wiedersehen!"

Der\_Wanderer smiles

Azure\_Guest says, "Now, where's the exit?"

Michele notes that help create will tell people how to get characters here if they like.

You say, "see you azure"

Michele says, "try look"

Max eats his coffee beans.

Azure\_Guest says, "Thanks for the info, Michele!"

Michele waves.

Drave has arrived.

Max says, "Stop by the gallery tomorrow Azure! "

Drave has left.

Max says, "Hey, what are you doing with Drave Michele!"

Azure\_Guest says, "why, what's happening in the gallery?"

Michele :to Butoh:: You might want to change those exit messages, so people would see Drave went south...

Max says, "Me!"

Der\_Wanderer stares at the trace left in the ceiling by flying-by drave

Neon\_Guest says, ""

Max says, "Just kidding. Online symposium with Graz at 10am"

Michele/Drave was only checking the exit message, to show people the way out...

Der\_Wanderer says, "you mean in 9 HOURS??"

Max says, "I wish I could, but being Max at the moment makes it hard."

Azure\_Guest says, "I won't make it. I'm off on a walking tour tomorrow. "

Neon\_Guest has disconnected.

< disconnected: Neon\_Guest. Total: 9 >

Azure\_Guest has disconnected.

< disconnected: Azure\_Guest. Total: 8 >

Max says, "Yup, in 9 hours. I will probably be in bed. :-)"

Der\_Wanderer will DEFINITELY be in bed!

Max grins and pats wandu on the head.

Max says, "Ross Harley was going to come, he seems to have gotten lost somewhere over the ocean."

Max says, "Ahh, Jade\_guest, are you still with us?"

You say, "this is herwig again: internt"

Max says, "Hi Harry!"

Der\_Wanderer wonders about copyright issues re: tonight's (sorry michele! X-) on line meeting's transcripts...

You say, "im interested in organizing some artevents only over the net"



Max says, "There were a couple interesting points brought up. I captured I don know who else did."

Michele says, "Tha't something that needs to be determined in advance. Or you could ask everyone in particular."

Der\_Wanderer is at a loss...

Max says, "I would think that this bein a public place everything said goes into the public domain."

Michele :to Butoh:: Are the other people working with your art events all on the net?

Guest says fwiw you have my permission, but what Max said about public domain is not true, at least in the US.

Michele says, "well--to the person typing behind Butoh's character."

Max says, "You mean Max (who is really Butoh). No, most aren on the nets. Part of the purpose of the event is to introduce people to the net."

You say, "it should be only artists that are conne cted by net and places that are also connected"

Max says, "I have been giving a couple talks on what the netscan do. Many people know of the nets but belive they hold nothing for them."

Michele says, "This isn't really a public domain..."

Michele says, "And many people think MOOs are just a game, too."

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Max says, "Yeah, well.... It is kind of public. That is how I think of it. How do you think of it. I think if it is a forum, it public."

< disconnected: Erik. Total: 8 >

Guest wonders if the public domain issue might vary by country?

Michele nods. So does copyright.

Der\_Wanderer herewith asks all the present if any would object having the transcript of this evening circulated in his dept. (he will contact howard via e-mail...)

Guest says ok by me, but you don't even know who I am!

Max says, "I know who you are."

You say, "i think it is important to try organizing such events, because right now most things that happen on the net (concerning art ) have...."

Michele eyes Max warily.

Max says, "Michele and the others know how to use third person here."

Michele tries, anyway.

You say, "in reality nothing to do with art.."

Guest says "heh" "I doubt it"

Der\_Wanderer happens to know someone from the viennese academy of applied arts with strong interests in multimedia - he could raise the issue to (?) him..

Michele tries to remember if she said anything silly before she says you can quote her...

Guest says "The 'art' is just beginning...so far we have invented 'paint' and a 'brush', but so far we haven't made much real 'art', imho

Max says, "If I could add some random noise here.... we have 3 terminals..."

Max says, "... here, and I can really feel that has not been enough tonight."

You say, "to guest i did not want to start a diskussion about what art is i just dont think that waving into a picturephone or something..."

You say, "like that as an art event is interesting"

Michele nods. If discussion has to be funneled through one keyboard it does'nt seem to get far.

Max says, "Well, the main thing is that the personal keyboard lets there be deeper"

< connected: Gold\_Guest. Total: 9 >

Gold\_Guest materializes out of thin air.

Max says, ".. conversation... it.s like 3 people, 1 room, 1 videocamera."

Max says, "Where did you come from Gold Guest..."

You say, "to michele do you know where we can put down information about UNITn in the net ???"

Gold\_Guest says, "Hi, this is Azure Guest after a color change"

Max says, "Well, I can say immedately you should post on the future.list"

Gold\_Guest says, "Has anyone got the telnet address for the super gopher service that David Blair showed earlier Saturday?"

Max says, "sure, just a moment..."

Max says, "he ho colorchange, # is 192.77.173.2, longon nysernet"

Gold\_Guest says, "Thanks Max! Or should I say thanks to the max.? :-)"

Max says, "how about xam?"

Max says, ":-)"

Gold\_Guest says, "This sounds like time for a joke about dyslexia."

Der\_Wanderer THINKS some info about unit-n could be added to gopher.ai.univie.ac.at, so it could be traced via veronica (for a beginning...)

Michele would like that.

You say, "markus wants to know what other smilies exist. can you give us some ex  
amples"

Gold\_Guest says, "Like the one about the dyslexic Satanist who ended up worshipping Santa. "

Michele was away from the keyboard for a moment, and is now scrolling back.

Guest DAM...Mothers Against Dyslexia

Gold\_Guest quietly walks away, chuckling to himself....

Der\_Wanderer thinks that DNA is too well know to be funny any more..

Gold\_Guest has disconnected.

< disconnected: Gold\_Guest. Total: 8 >

Michele doesn't know where to put UnitN info on the net, but thinks your gopher site would be a good start.

Der\_Wanderer adds that by putting something at ftp.ai.univie.ac.at it would make its way into the alex WAIS database automatically...

< connected: Neon\_Guest. Total: 9 >

Guest says goodbye, thanks for the session here

Guest waves

Der\_Wanderer waves

Michele waves.

Neon\_Guest has arrived.

You say, "who is neon"

Neon\_Guest says, "'I'm bubbling up from below'"

Der\_Wanderer :to Max-Butoh-Patrick: could you upload some generic unit-n info to our anon ftp site then?

Guest goes home.

Neon\_Guest says, "'Who is Butoh?'"

Max says, "Patrick (Butoh) has to go now but will be online tomorrow. His characters will be living on and on though."

You say, "sleep well guest be our guest next time"

Max Butoh is Patrick Maun, king of Cyberspace(TM)

Der\_Wanderer :to butoh: good night - see ya...

Max says, "Good night. See you tomorrow."

You say, "butoh is a schizophrenic person consisting of 3 male and one female personalities"

Neon\_Guest says, "'What time is it in Vienna?'"

You say, "servas "

< disconnected: Guest. Total: 8 >

Der\_Wanderer :to butoh: (where are you heading for, anyway?)

Max says, "They are torturing the real Butoh!"

You say, "0.45 uhr"

Max says, "A friend of mine just got 4 VHS tapes of Deep Space Nine and I pormi

Neon\_Guest says, "'They shouldn't engage in such torture'"

Max grins

Der\_Wanderer says, "it's a quarter to 1 (a.m.!)"

Max says, "Perfect viewing time!"

Der\_Wanderer says, "(to butoh) - care for a ride somewhere?"

Neon\_Guest says, "'That's early, or should I say perfect viewing time. What's on?'"

...

You say, "neon-guest pretends not to be in europe. Can he/she be trusted?"

Max says, "We are going to Karlsplatz (my brother and I) if you are coming this way?"

Der\_Wanderer says, "I could pick you up in 5 minutes in front of the WUK (Wahringerstr.)"

Max says, "OK cool, I hope not virtually :-)"

Neon\_Guest says, ""Neon"

Der\_Wanderer says, "ok - let's make it 1 sharp "

Max says, "See you then. See the rest of you later on!"

Der\_Wanderer says, "look for a RED car 8-)"

Neon\_Guest says, ""Hey, are all you guys gonna leave me alone in this big room?"

Der\_Wanderer :to michele: TNX a LOT! - "See" you soon...

Der\_Wanderer :to neon: please accept my apologies for this time ...

Max says, "Nppe, Max will stay logged in. I am just going to stop typing now. David Blair will become Max again now."

You say, "go ahead, make my day (night)"

Der\_Wanderer waves and precipitates out of the office to be in time for the rendezvous with Butoh...

Max says, "See you tomorrow Michele (Butoh)."

Der\_Wanderer byebyes a last time...

You say, "the last one turns the lights off"

Max waves and metamorphs into..... David

Der\_Wanderer has disconnected.

Neon\_Guest says, ""Hey Max, how's your heAd space?""

Max says, "notice how large my knees are... the change didnt quite work..."

You say, "filled uo with garbage, for sure!"

Max says, "... my feet are sweating terribly..."

Max says, "... I want my old form back..."

Michele grins.

You say, "i can smell it"

Michele says, "What about a character of your own?"

Max says, "... i didnt volunteeer for this..."

Max says, "... this hurts..."

Max says, ".... where am I????"

Max says, ".... where is everyone?"

You say, "...uuuh pungent stench in here"

Neon\_Guest says, ""You sure did volunteer. Keep those sweaty socks to yourself""

Max says, "...my suffering is your joke."

Neon\_Guest says, ""Your jokes are our suffering""

You say, "eat them"

Neon\_Guest says, ""But we don't mind if you don't share your culinary delights""

Neon\_Guest says, ""Max says, ".... where am I????" I say "who am I????""

Max says, "I think that there is an ethical problem here..."

You say, "we are in a \*\*\*-stars restaurant, virtual! Bon appetit"

The housekeeper arrives to cart Der\_Wanderer off to bed.

say they always say they the houskeepers, but the truth is..

You say, "they always say they the houskeepers, but the truth is.."

Neon\_Guest says, ""I don' understand that. Please exapnd upon your ethical dilemma

Michele eyes you warily.

You say, "pjkhgpkgu"

Michele says, "That's the truth?"

Max says, "michele should not watch butoh all the time, if she doesnt want to make me jelous"

Neon\_Guest says, ""pjkhgpkgu" Is that permissable? I think there are laws about that sort of thing""

You say, "try to catch me"

You say, "who the hell is neon guest (tell it to maxs)"

Neon\_Guest says, ""Max knows who Neoon is""

You say, "he pretends to, but can he be trusted?"

Max says, "i guess its mathias"

Max says, "i think butoh is a very mistrusting person"

Neon\_Guest says, ""say ""Never lend money to "

You say, "hi, mathias, have your virtual coming out"

Max says, "is mistrusting an english word"

Neon\_Guest says, ""I trust the mistrustful the most. Honesty cannot be trusted""

Max says, "david says he wants to go for a drink and says to michele that she should make her homework now instead of playing around in the network"

Michele says, "homework?"

Neon\_Guest says, ""For tommorrow""

Michele is a PhD student. she doesn't have homework.

Max says, "i think david has a wrong impression about your age, because he talked to patrick about you before"

Michele does have tons of reading to do...?

You say, "tomorrow is sunday. something for church, a prayer?"

Neon\_Guest says, ""An offering. Just something small, a gesture""

Michele will leave so you can leave politely, ok?

You say, "dont laugh about religous items"

Max says, "we in vienna dont know what a p..student is"

You say, "p like pee?"

Neon\_Guest says, ""Don't be so serious about such metaphysical things""

You say, "botoh will leave now, good night (or good day) to everyone! hope to see you again (its the real max writing!)"

waves

Butoh waves

Michele waves.

Michele says, "good night all!"

Max says, "as it is 1 o'clock now in vienna we all want to go for a drink now after a long day of work and then go to bed without the housekeeper"

Neon\_Guest says, ""Neon waves""

You say, "to max i think you should also leave now, we have to sleep now!"

Max says, "michele we all wave to you (about 10 people)"

Butoh stare at max

You click your heels three times.

Green tent

It is a large green dome tent, the kind you would usually see in the woods. This tent is used to house the curator of the virtual gallery.

Obvious exits: out to UnitN

You see Macintosh Powerbook 140 and the UnitN noteboard here.

@quit

@quit

\*\*\* Disconnected \*\*\*

Session ended. <ENTER> to return to CMS.

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