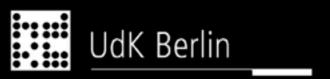
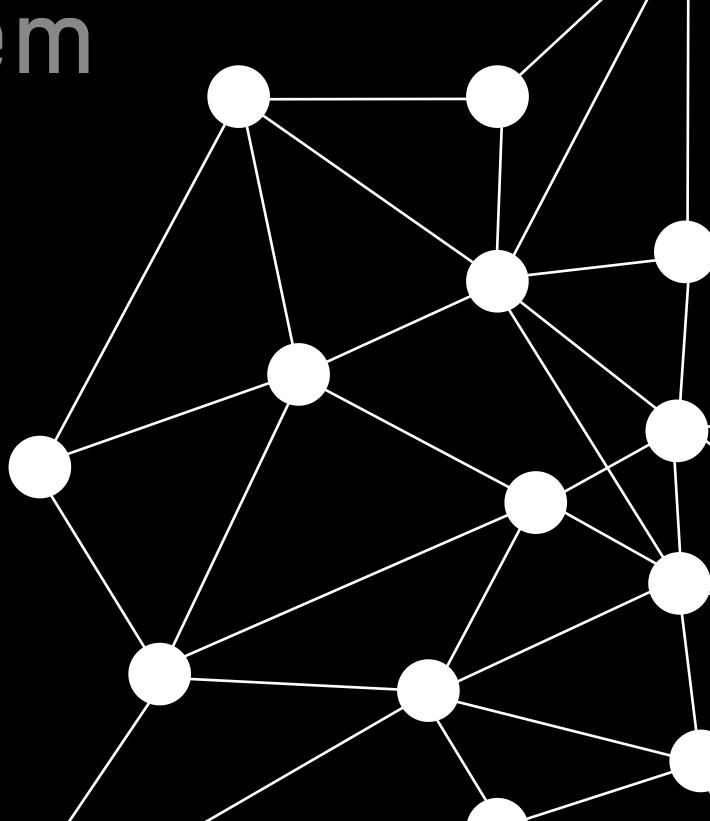
Design Fiction

Design as an early warning system

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Design Fiction

Design can imagine and project alternative futures in an experimental and playful way. Through images and prototypes it has the power to envision future scenarios that can create evidence and may trigger debate in a meaningful way. Design can play an important role in societal discourse: it is not as serious as science and not as down to earth as politics. It can be nasty, push the boundaries of imagination, it can exaggerate and be ironic - and therefore act as an early warning system for our society.

We are currently facing tough questions like:
How do we want to live together with robots?
Will they replace us? Do we trust them?
These questions are as old as the first robots appeared on fun fairs like the chess-playing turk in the late 18th century.



summer scouts measures
emotional contentedness in
vienna, e.g. tracing levels
of sunscreen in the pool,
tracking fresh air exposure
through tram windows,
measuring barbecue smoke
wafting through the air









Cyborgs

Who can draw the line between robot and human? Is there any distinction left between "nature" and "technology"? Bruno Latour argues there isn't - the purification of distinct categories has always been a modernistic endeavor. We have always been Cyborgs, as Donna Haraway states in the 1980ies.

Cyborgs





Synthetic Empathy: Susanna Hertrich

Shock device > coldness as an experience of fear
This device allows for the evocation of shivers through
the release of an ice spray on the user's back.
Panic device > constraint as an experience of panic.
A motorized contracting rig to press on diaphragm,
simulating a panic-like constraint of breathing.
Grief device > Lachrymatory excitation (tears) as
sorrowful experience. The third device is a
lachrymatory actuation system, causing tears in the
users eyes. This is achieved through an amulet which
contains a freshly cut onion.

We all know: we pay with our data, we are traced based on our data, companies are creating profiles about us based on our data. But what are the societal and political implications? What can we do to regain our digital sovereignty?

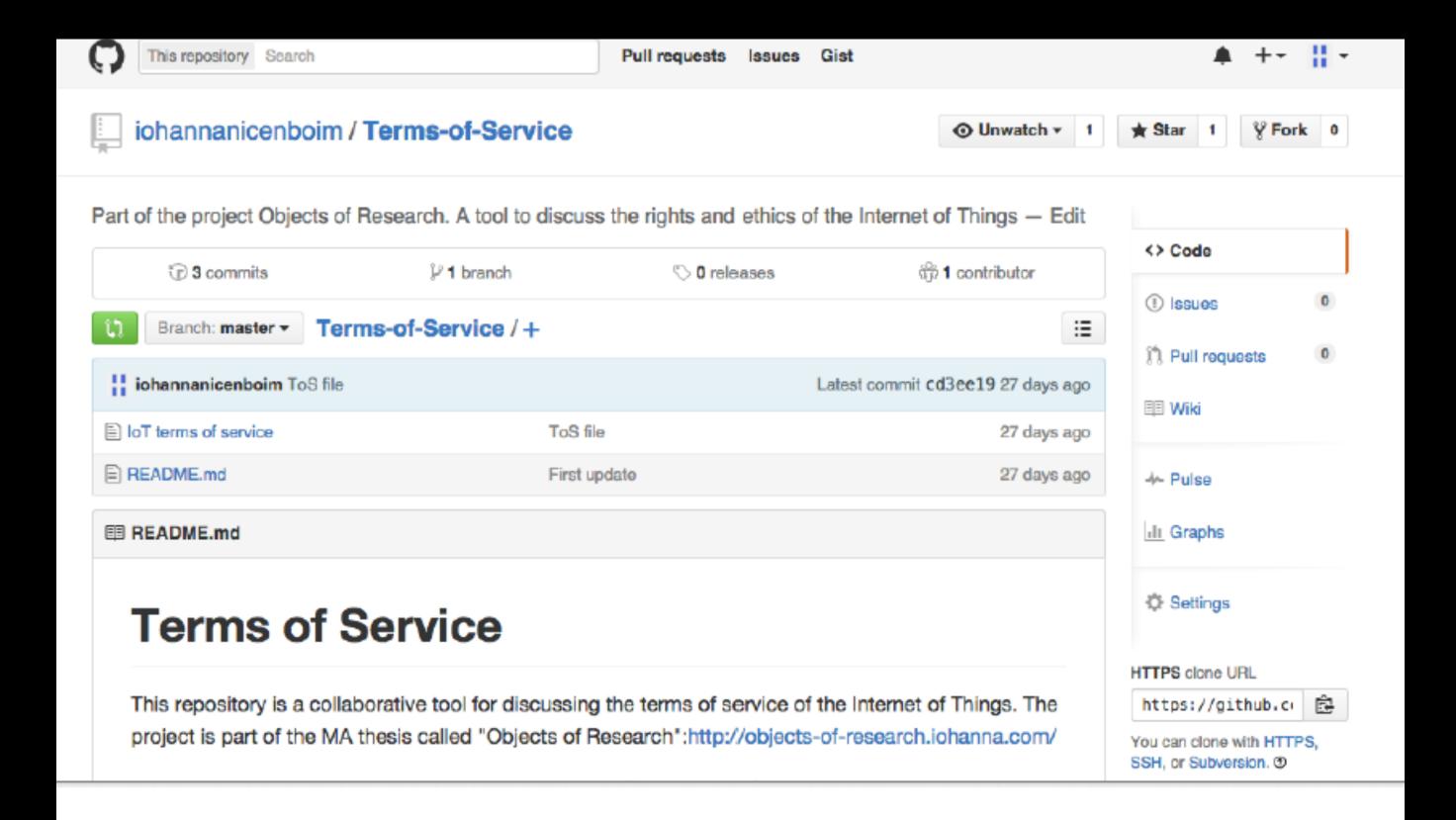
We constantly accept the terms of the digital services we use, even without reading them. How will this look like when these services are part of our everyday life? Will our house have terms? Will we still have the chance to decline these services?

The ToS printer prints automatically the Terms and Conditions of every device that connects to the home network. As the printer has no accept or reject button anymore, it points at some of the challenges we might encounter in the adoption of pervasive technologies in the home. Thus, the artefact serves as a tool to discuss the conditions in which we want to adopt technology in our everyday lives.



http://objects-of-research.iohanna.com

MA Project, Iohanna Nicenboim



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Design Fiction

Design reflects on current topics like the battle between man and machine, technology becoming an inherent part of our body or the potentials of data sovereignty. Though creating (fictional) objects Design can project future possibilities - it shows the "what if...".

Design Practice

When it comes to Practice, Design can play the role of an enabler. It can enable people to reflect on future processes and consequences, it can enable participation in decision making and include people who might have been left behind.

Social - Digital

Open Source



Scalable



Digital Tools for re-use



Networks of Networks

Community now

Living Lab









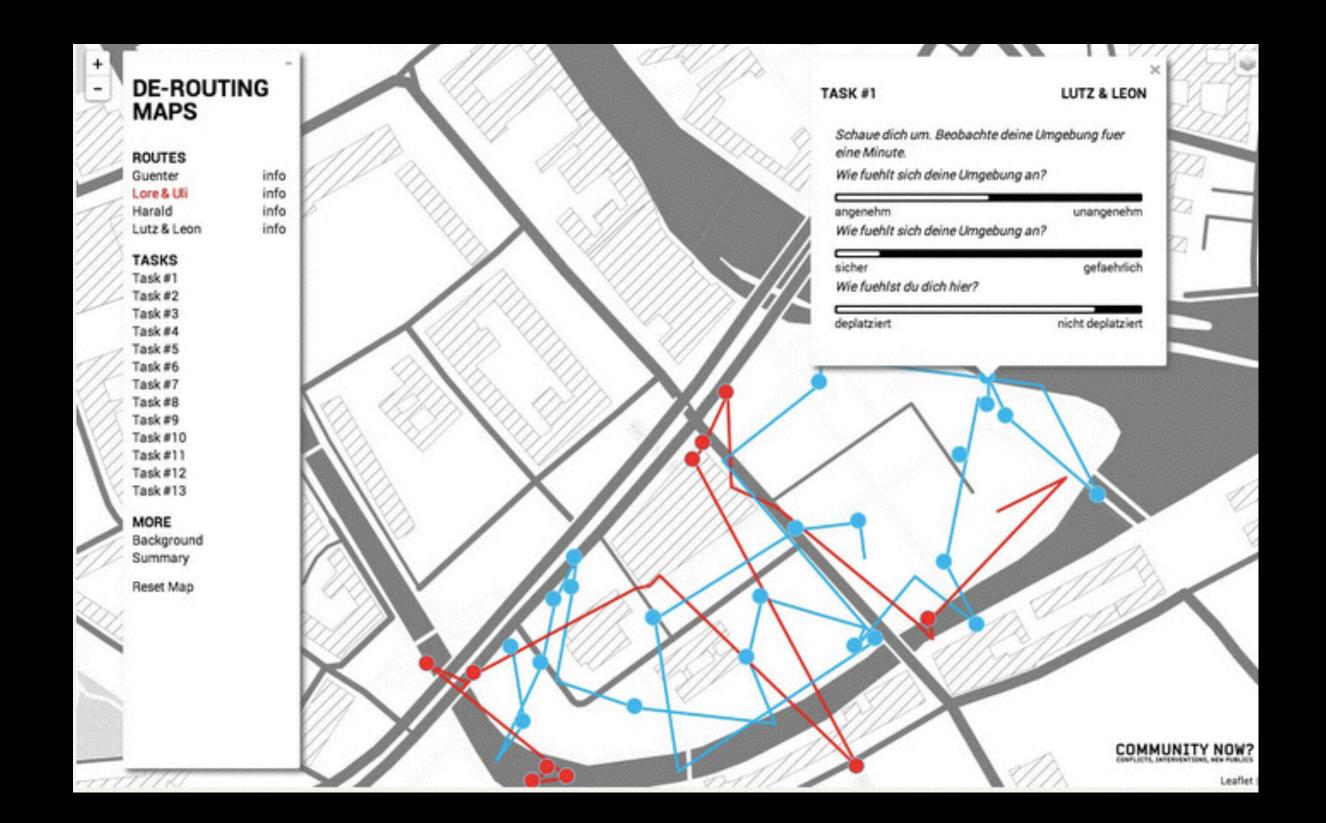


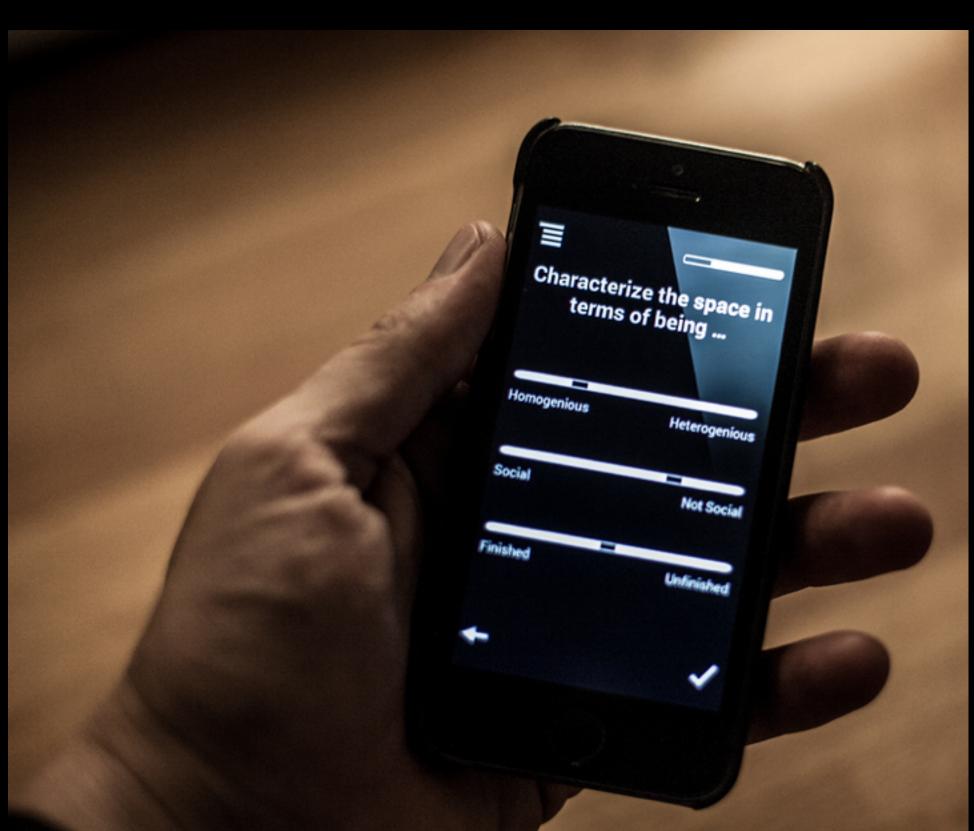






TOOLS







ROUTES

test info
the great gruop info
michal info
Group5 info
hagrotbi info
ravit franka hila bridget

info

TASKS

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Task #2

Task #3

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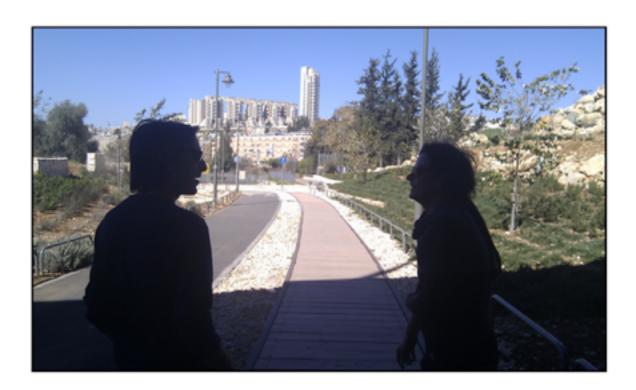
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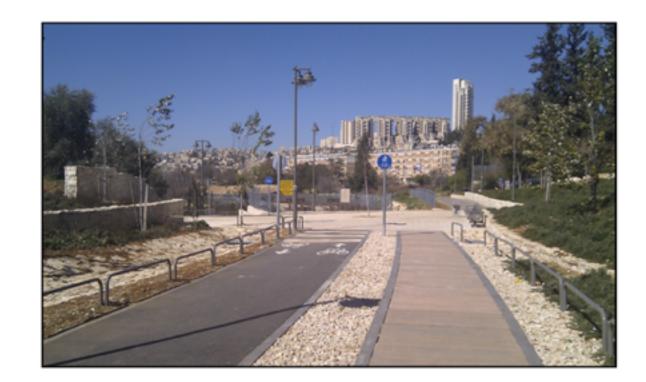
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Make 5 pictures that are relevant to social life in this space.

Take Picture 1

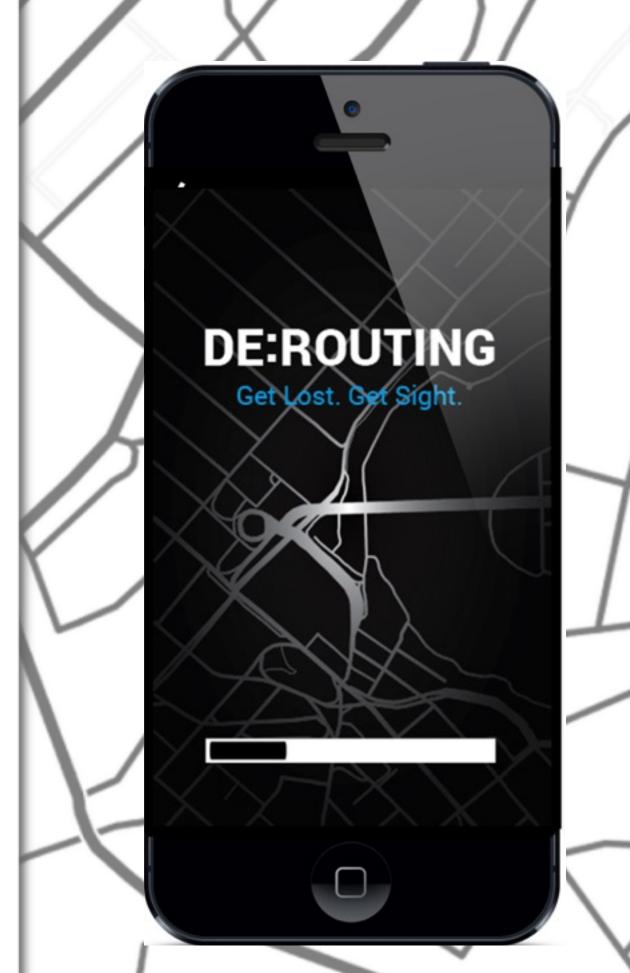


Take Picture 2



Take Picture 3





http://farseer.de/cultural-probe/map/#exploration/30



Leaflet |-





















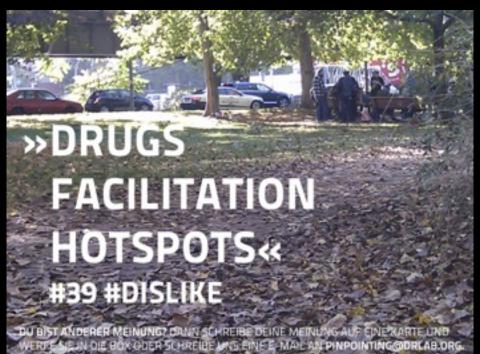


















Challenges

- Not only including the "digital elite"
- Creating inclusive interfaces
- Bridging the gap between analogue and digital
- Shifting the authorship to local actors
- Creating interfaces between local and global
- Designing scalable tools and processes (open source)

Design Fiction and Practice

Design can act as a social catalyst and trigger discourse and action:

- through its fictional power projecting possible futures
- through its practical power as a tool and enabler

It can act as a third power between science and politics, between people and technology. By focusing on its responsibility and power within our society it can reinvent itself.

