

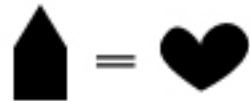
DOMESTIC HOME

POWER STRUCTURE: the domestic home

The difference between LOCATION & PLACE is that places have meanings for us which can't be reduced to their location...

People mean places / places also mean people

PLACE & IDENTITY are inexorably linked

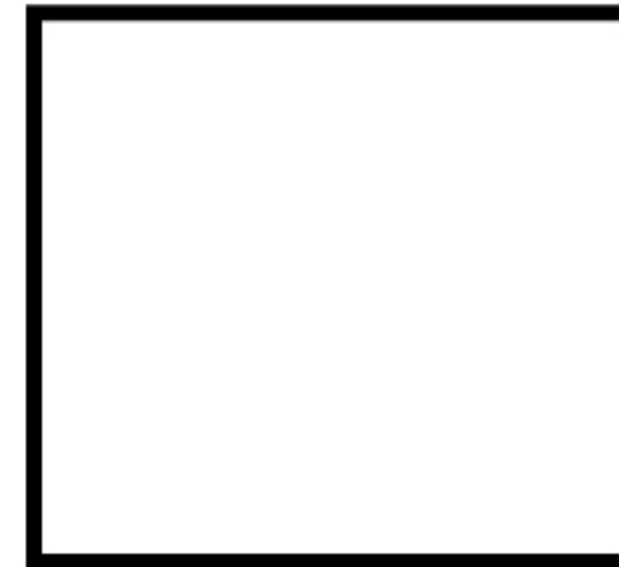


- But... what we mean by place has become increasingly bound up with the growth of MEDIA, the burgeoning of representations of the place
... the meaning of places has become so caught up in their media representations that the place itself becomes increasingly incidental: all that is solid melts into the airwaves.

The Media Representations Become The Reality Of PLACES

- The home is a place of both work & leisure
- A place where identities are formed
- A place of both conflict & security
- A place of belonging & one to escape
- Conflicted process of negotiation among those involved in producing a place called home (Roger Silverston)
- The house shelters daydreaming
- The house protects the dreamer
- The house allows one to dream in place
- The house is one of the greatest powers of integration for the thoughts, memories & dreams of mankind (Gaston Bachelard "The poetics of Space")

A place of alternation where traces/marks stay behind



WALL

Shelter / HOME / PLACE

- Increasing "mediation" → places are turned into mere locations
"by late modern times, this world had become increasingly placeless, a matter of mere sites instead of fixed places" (Casey, ibid)

- Places have become "mediated" → things may be lost others can be gained.

If our own sense of place has become less sure through the growing power of media to re-present places, then perhaps the growth of the same media also allows us the opportunity to reach out to other places, and to the people who live in them.

THROUGH REDEFINING OUR NOTION OF PLACES,
WE CAN REDEFINE WHAT WE MEAN BY
'US' & 'THEM'

(consumption & everyday life p.161, Chap. 4)

PLACES with PEOPLE insides INFLUSED and SHAPED by MEDIA / ELECTRONIC OBJECTS / GADGETS

DYNAMIC?

MEDIATED INTERACTION

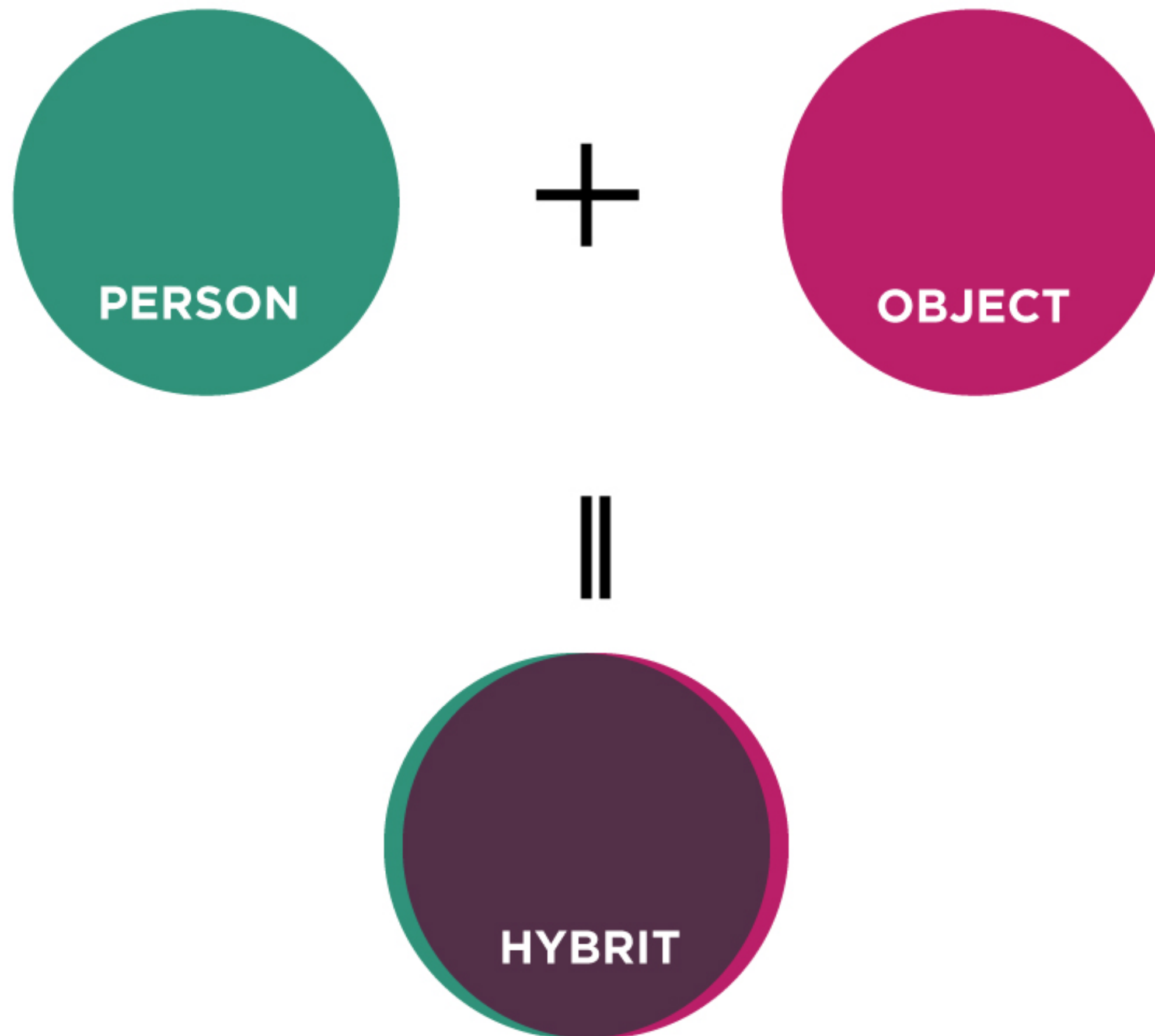
mail, fax, telephone,... and the like
which are person-to-person but
which clearly involve a loss of
certain kind of information

MEDIATED QUASI- INTERACTION

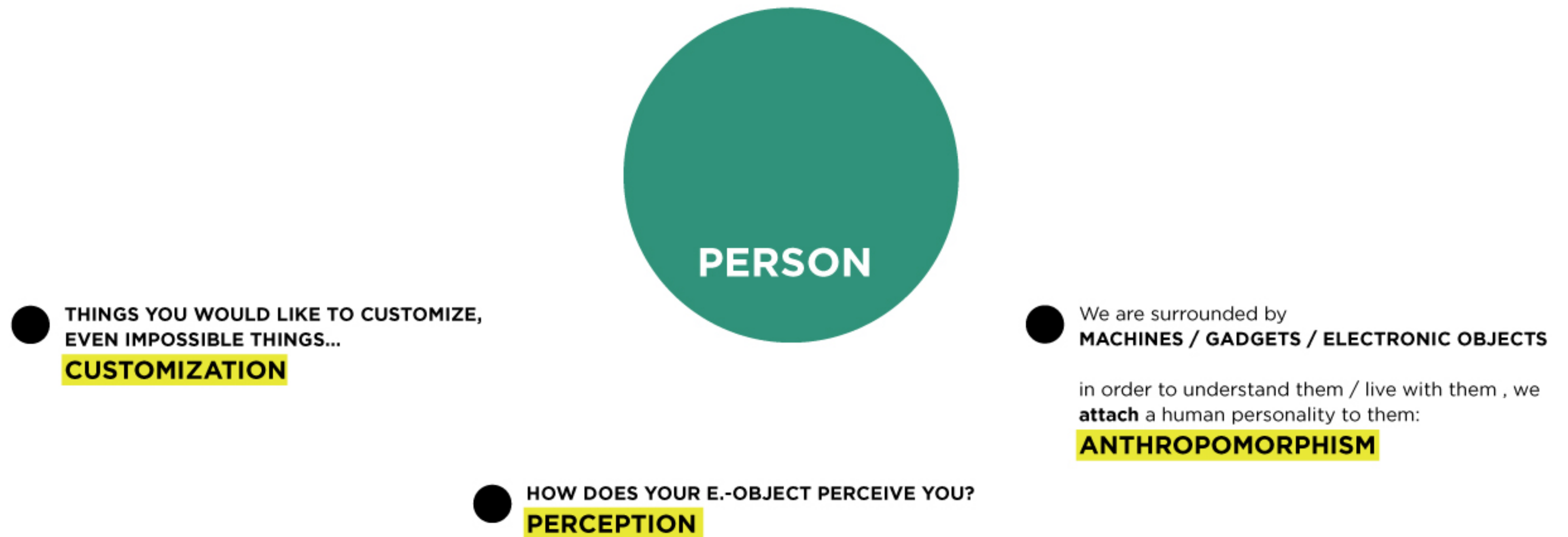
books, newspaper, radio, TV...
transmit information more gener-
ally - exploration of text, sound,
and images



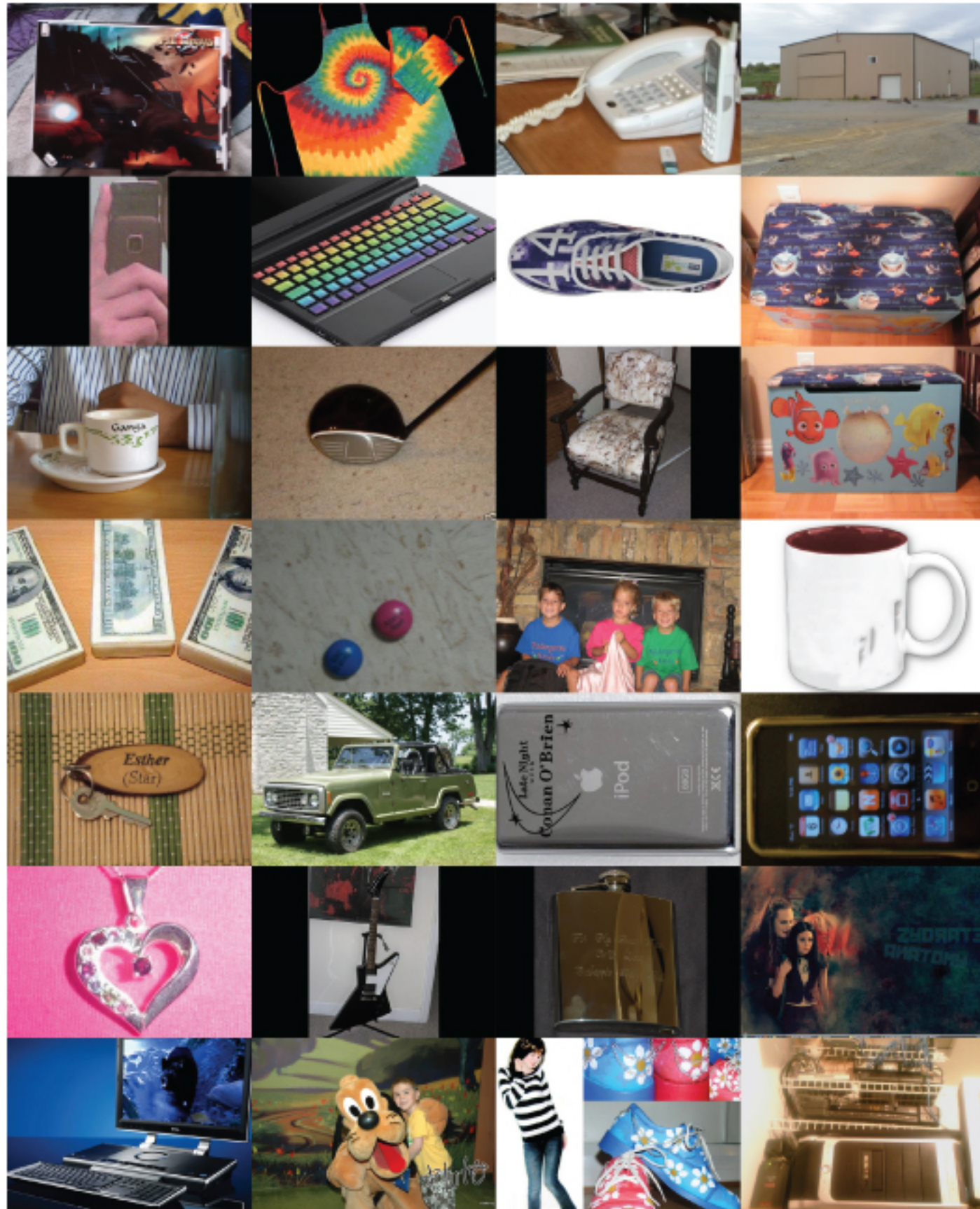
LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF BOTH
THE **PERSON** AND THE **ELECTRONIC OBJECT**
INTERACTING WITH EACH OTHER



Person interacting with electronic objects / gadgets



CUSTOMIZATION



1. Name me 5 things in your home that are CUSTOMIZABLE.
2. Name me 5 things that you wish would be CUSTOMIZABLE in your domestic space and how you would CUSTOMIZE them. (you don't need to be realistic, use your imagination - from your alarm clock to your roommate's barking dog... anything is possible)
3. Name me 5 things that you customized before purchasing.
(For example: a nike shoe)
4. Take a photo of your most favorite customizable object / thing.
(For example: Your yellow, green toaster with your loved ones name on it.)
Please email your photo to: studyobjects@gmail.com

NO.2 - best results... about 60 of them.

Things I would like to CUSTOMIZE

Sound from the neighbor's apartment. I don't like their music, but I would like to hear the individual words when they fight instead of just jumbled yelling. I'm kind of nosy.

Oven. I would set it so each shelf could be a different temperature.

My furniture, I would love to be able to fold up my big comfy chair so I have space when I want it.

My boss' hairstyle

My friend's cigarette, i want that to be replaced with a fire cracker.

My bed, I wish I had heat setting on my bed so it would be nice and warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

my cat I would make a outfit out of his fur,

I would customize my husband if I could, make him in better shape and less annoying.

I would customize my children, take away their disabilities.

I wish my child was customizable, i'd make her 14 years old and artistic.

my 3 boys to stop fighting, be best friends and be no heavier than their optimum weight instead of 20+ pounds each.

I would customize my work out equipment, make it to where it would not be so much work to exercise.

I wish I could customize my shower. I would add arms that hold a soap and a washcloth. Add a set of two hands to wash my hair and back.

My closet would undergo major customizations. It would organize itself by color. Electronically put all my winter clothes to the back of the closet.

I would customize my chair to take me where ever I need to go in the house. Just with a flip of a button.

Tooth brush that can also be a mini fan and a flash light



we want everything to be ordered and perfect

they want order

they want to creat order

they want to organize their lifes

YET in the PERCEIVE PROJECT...

... my printer hates me, ...inorges, annoyed...

VERY TECHNICAL AND MACHINE LIKE

YET in the PERCEIVE PROJECT...

... my printer hates me, ...inorges, annoyed...

the printer for example has a function but it is not always so functional.....

PERCEPTION

Anthropomorphism take 3

We all have electronics objects and gadgets. Sometimes they don't really work the way we would like them to or they are supposed to - especially when we are busy and really need their full cooperation. We don't understand why and have no explanations for their misbehaving - so we start anthropomorphizing (to ascribe human form or attributes to (an animal, plant, material object, etc.).)

(My I-phone, his name is George, and he doesn't like when some of my friends are calling me - he just randomly blocks their calls - sometimes I think he is trying to protect me like a silly older brother...)

Why do you think your objects sometimes behave the way they do - out of control? How does your electronic object / gadget perceive you?

Give me 3 examples of your electronic objects / gadgets and write me a little on how do you think they perceive you and why!

Example: My toaster doesn't like me I think, because I eat more cereal than toast. But then every time I do feel like having a morning toast he somehow manipulates the timer and every single time the toast burns. Now the reason why I wasn't allowed to buy a new is because it toast perfectly for my husband every single morning. I just don't get it. I really think it is pissed at me because I prefer cereal and like to keep it in the dark kitchen cabinet.

HOW DOES YOUR OBJECT PERCEIVE YOU?

My coffeemaker wants to be treated with respect

My car doesn't like women drivers

My laptop wants me to slow down

I don't think my iPod likes me

My stereo in my room feels ignored

My blender is pretty much pissed off at me 24/7

Well, my PC likes me

My old vacuum cleaner abhorred me

My wireless router seems to really love me

My microwave hates me

My tv does not like me at all

My dryer really does not like me

My car really hates me

My cellphone does not like when...

My printer does not care for me

My alarm clock just never seems to like me

I think my TV is upset with me

My clock radio hates me

My answering machine is a prankster

I think my parents' internet connection likes to frustrate me

My cell phone lives in constant fear

My car is very sympathetic to my life style

The computers at work are like rebellious teenage boys

My flashlight thinks I'm not very brave

My camera thinks my pictures are tasty

I think my mp3 player dont like me

My iPod is very upset with me

My microwave oven is slowly giving up on me

My electric can opener is very fussy

My iPod is call carlos and he thinks I'm too highly strung

My laptop computer doesn't like me

My gas stove definitely doesn't like me

My laptop is a great and loyal friend

My coffee pot lives in another time warp than me

My Linux computer hates me

My old tablet laptop doesn't like me

My coffee maker thinks i am a coffee snob

1.

My coffeemaker wants to be treated with respect. It does not enjoy less than complete attention to detail. If the filter is placed in askew, for instance, it will somehow manage to completely collapse the filter and spew grounds into the coffee.

My laptop wants me to slow down. If it perceives that I am in a rush and feeling the stress of a deadline, it will shut down and force me to take a breather.

My car doesn't like women drivers. It drives fine for my son and my husband, but when I am behind the wheel it likes to flash its insults with warnings like "service engine".
USA

2.

Down here in South Florida thiers a million lightning strikes in the warm humid summers during the rainy season, the electric is about to blink right now , but the surge proctor next to my bed seems to start beeping right before, I'm failing a sleep, I think sally the surge protector is either lonley or afraid of the thunder.
USA

3.

I don't think my iPod likes me. Or actually, maybe she likes me a bit too much. Every time I try to turn her off, she just won't listen. It takes forever. Way too much effort. Maybe she's angry my brother keeps borrowing her? He listens to weird things...like Bob Dylan. My iPod and I both must find his voice kind of abrasive.

My stereo in my room feels ignored. I know this because every night, I have to look at his lights flashing. Sure, I'll turn him off, but if we lose power or something, the lights come right back on. It says things like "Hello" and the time over and over again. I just prefer my iPod, though...and my record player. I pretty much prefer everything to him actually. My poor stereo.

My blender is pretty much pissed off at me 24/7. I get pretty angry with him, too, I guess. It's very difficult getting everything to go to the right consistency, you see. So...sometimes...I just have to stab the inside of the blender with a wooden spoon so as to mix everything myself. I can't help it, I just have to make sure everything gets blended right. There have been times when he decides to fight back, however. For the record -- wooden spoon particles in your smoothie...not good.
USA

ANTHROPOMORPHISM

Do you experience moodiness with your electronic objects, or even attitude problems. (Your Ipod on shuffle only plays you the most awful songs you own; your printer just not responding; your toaster not able to spit out the toast in time and once again it is burned; the vending machine eats your money but no candy in return, your car not starting...)

1. Write a few sentences about your experience and how you deal with it - little details would be great. (Do you name it, pat it, ignore it, slam it against the wall, give it a time out, buy it a friend, take it on a walk...)

Example: My printer only sometimes works. It starts great and then it makes a loud noise and goes to sleep. When I brought it to a repair shop they tested it for days and it worked perfectly. Back at home the printer worked great, seemed like it just needed some time outside the house, but after a few days it just started acting up again. It is very temperamental, so now I named him Tony, (I once had a crush on Tony but he was just out of control moody and ... my printer kind of reminds me of him)

results...

My air conditioner started acting funny this summer. It was the first 90 degree day, of course, and I really needed it to be working. It's about 30 years old, so it's no surprise that it hadn't given out before this. I twiddled with the knobs and tried adjusting the air flow for about ten minutes, all the while muttering, "We can do this. Come on. You can blow harder than that!" Finally, in a fit of rage I smacked the side of the air conditioner and gave up. I worked over-time that week so that I could sit in the air conditioning, all the while cursing my broken dinosaur of an air conditioner at home.

I have an old laptop that I called Simon. Even though I haven't used it for a long time, I'm still pretty attached to it, and I think it has a personality. It's old and makes weird sounds when it's on, reminding me of my grandma's refrigerator. I tried to open it and clean it inside, and I hurt my finger with the screwdriver, so I got pretty angry at Simon! I put him into a plastic bag and hid deep inside my wardrobe, where I can't see it...

My oven burns everything I put in it, setting off the smoke detector and making me miserable. No matter how often I put a timer on something goes wrong and I end up with my mean oven burning my food to a crisp. The smoke detector seems to be in on this with the oven because it will not stop going off once it starts. I take the batteries out of it but somehow they keep ending back up in the ridiculous device. I have taken to cooking all of my food in the microwave but it has been giving off sparks recently so I think what really is happening is that my oven wants my food again...

I talk to my car as if she were a real person. When she accomplishes a task, like climbing a snowy hill, I pat the dashboard and tell her she is a good girl. I never mistreat her or speak ill of her for fear that she will hear me and stop working properly.

The CD player I have hooked up to my receiver is an old soul, resistant to change (burned discs are out of the question) and stuck in its ways (preferring certain CDs and refusing to play others). But I am at a loss to replace it. The big-box electronics store in my neighborhood no longer carries stand-alone CD players - of course there are innumerable other choices for playing media, but nothing that I can simply plug into my receiver. So I speak in a loud voice and enunciate clearly, "come on now, let's get your pants on..." Occasionally he has better days, and I can listen to music with hardly any trouble at all.

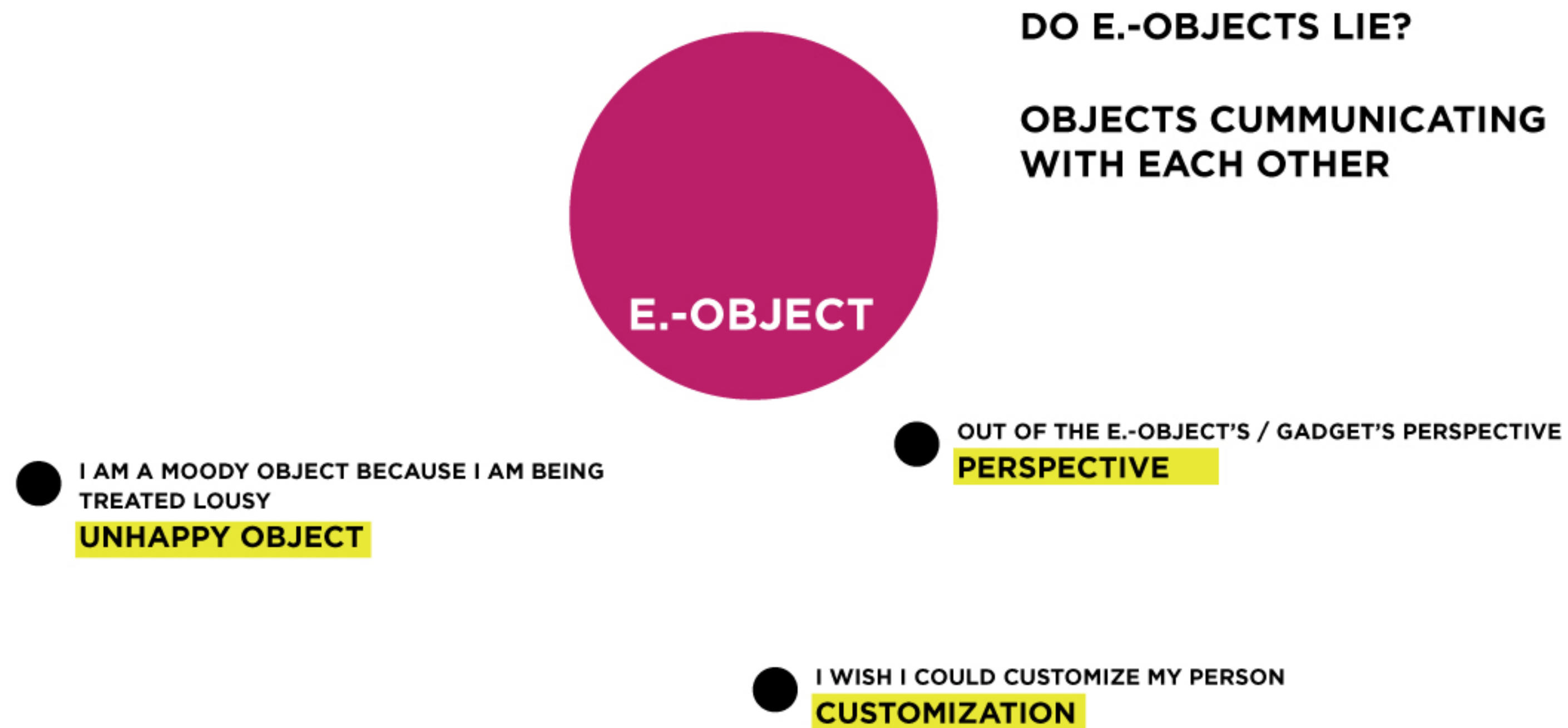
Ever since Uncle Sam mandated us to change to DTV, my television has been acting up lately. We would enjoy our dinner and all of a sudden the screen would go blank. I cursed at it with every word imaginable, thinking it would somehow learn how much pain it's causing us. I would sometimes pound on it just to teach it a lesson. Maybe it was retaliating because we wouldn't get cable for it. Once in a while he would whine and screech and all of a sudden display an array of colors. Maybe it might just do it some good if I send it off to some distant repair shops, tricking him into believing it would never see us again.

My car is afraid of the doctor. The automatic door constantly sticks, the sunroof won't open, and the radio display does not work. Frustrated, I finally took my Toyota mini van in. When it got there, the door slid like a charm, the sunroof opened, and the radio display worked! Bewildered, I canceled my appointment and drove home. Of course, a week later, all the symptoms came up again! I finally drove it in after a month of the things not working. This time Nothing worked still when I dropped it off. They fixed the door and the sunroof, but the radio display worked just fine again! I thanked the service, and drove home. Again, within a week the radio display stopped working. I've learned to live with it. :)

One of the two lights in our bedroom only turns on when it wants to: sometimes it will be months before it suddenly allows us to turn it on for a few bright days before it then retreats back into hibernation. We've tried the conventional replacement of the bulb and jiggling of the fixture to no avail. When those methods failed we took to treating the light like a shy friend that just needs some space. Ultimately, we found that kind words and the occasional rub of the bulb allow us to have those few days of light.

On rare occasions, my car won't start. At these times, I usually turn back the key in the ignition and talk nicely to the car a la, "Come on, please." and "You can do it." My car is named Clifford, because it's big and red.

I don't trust my alarm clock. It was probably my fault, but I still don't trust it. I missed an alarm one time and swore that I put the alarm on the night before. It made me late to class. I also don't like the "snooz" button on my alarm clock because the more times it goes off, the more it pisses me off. It makes me want to punch it. Again, that's my fault because it's not the clock that has to wake up - it's me. But I still appreciate my clock.

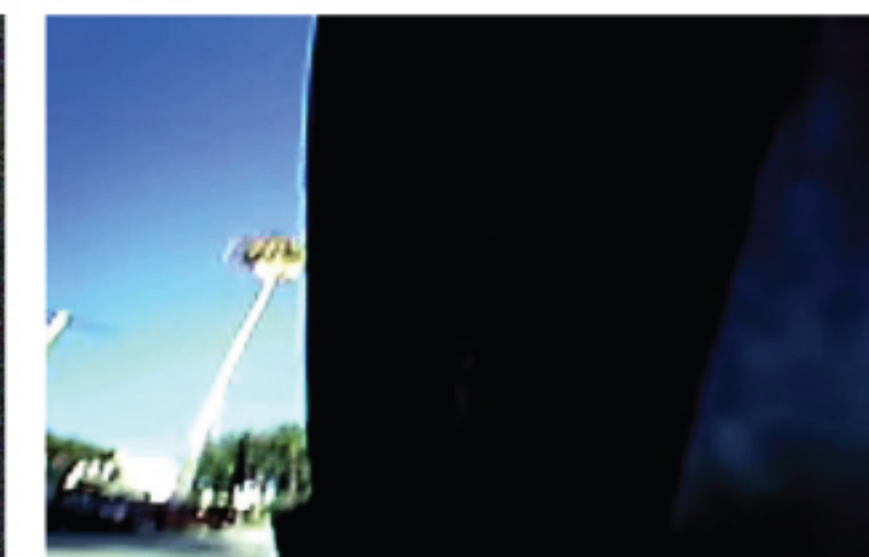
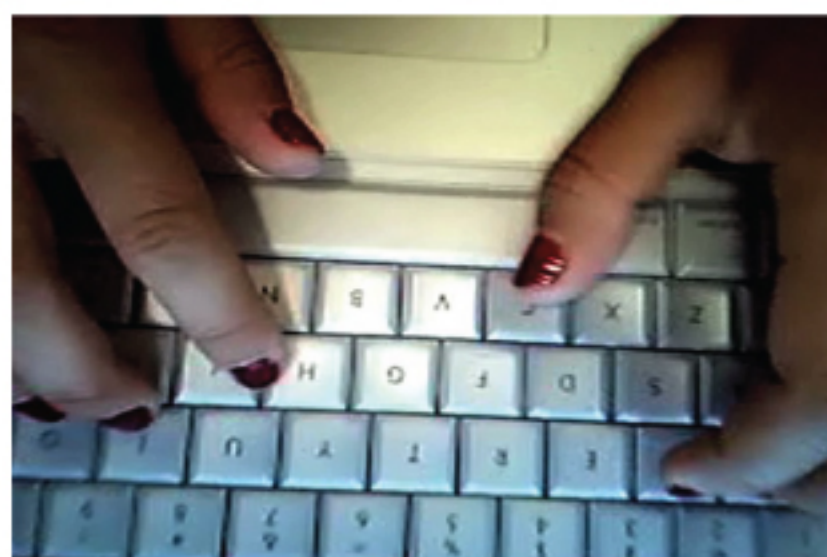
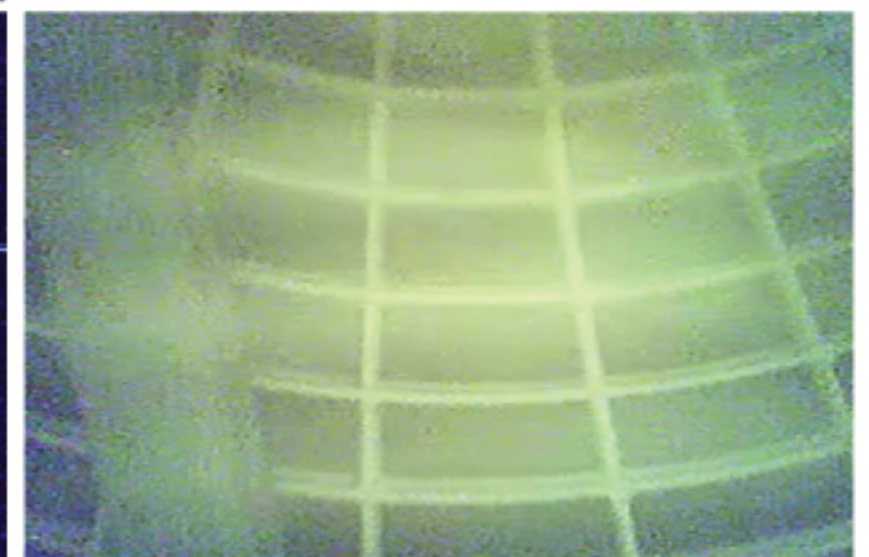
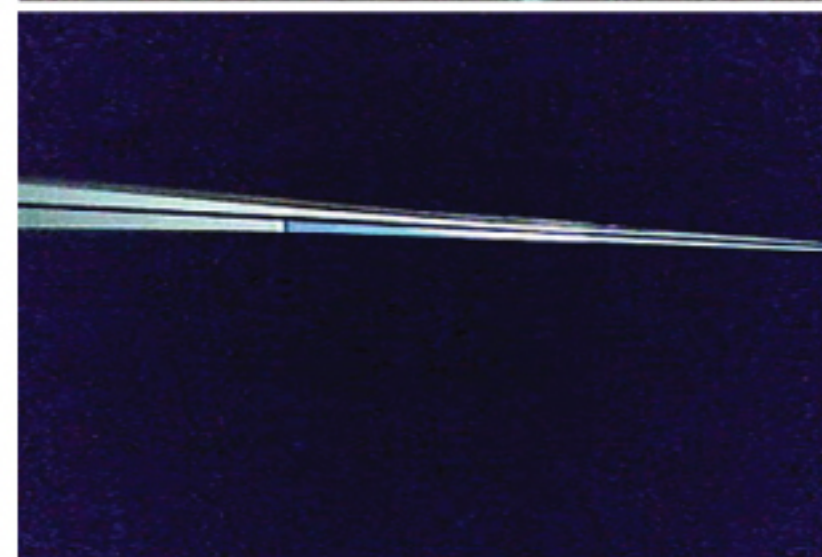
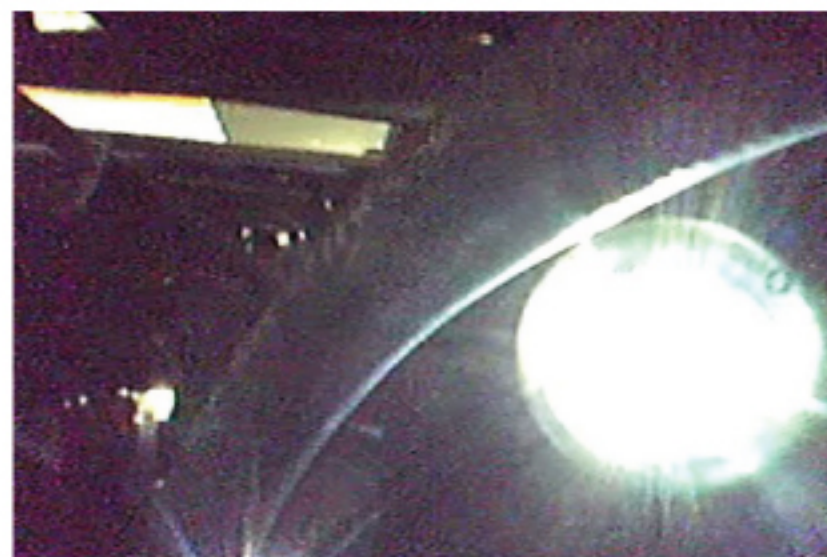
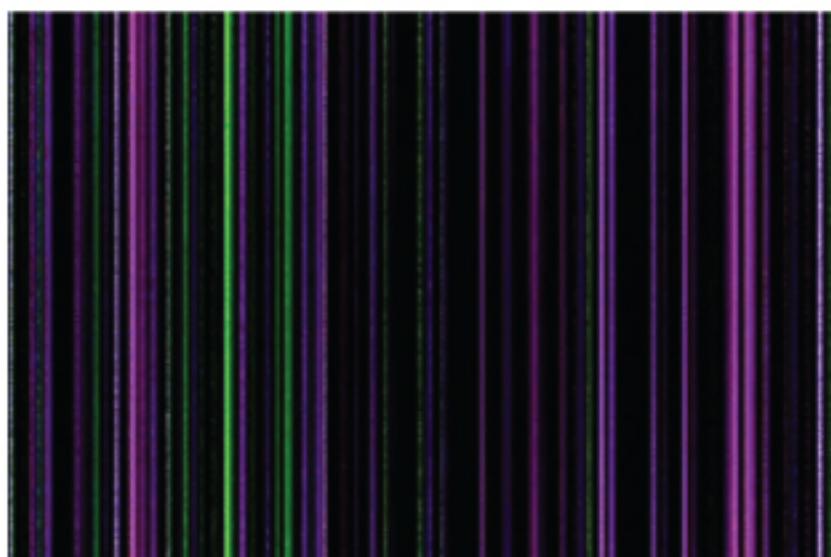
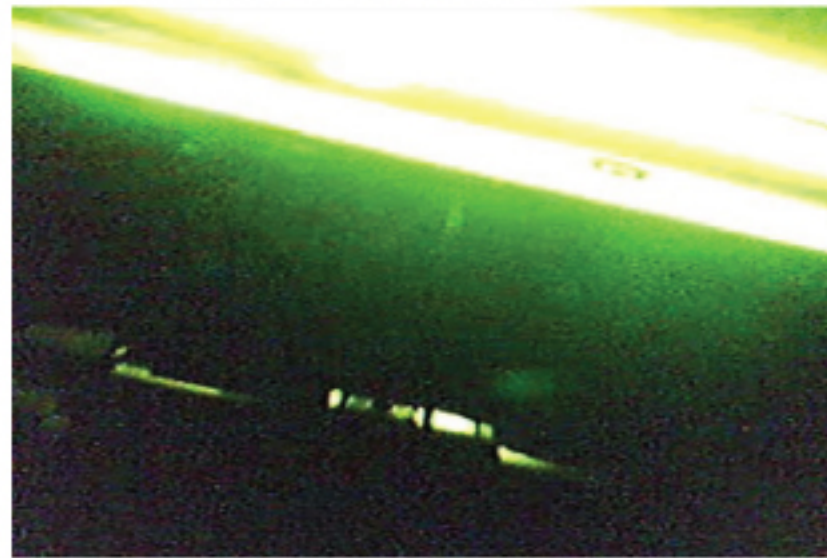
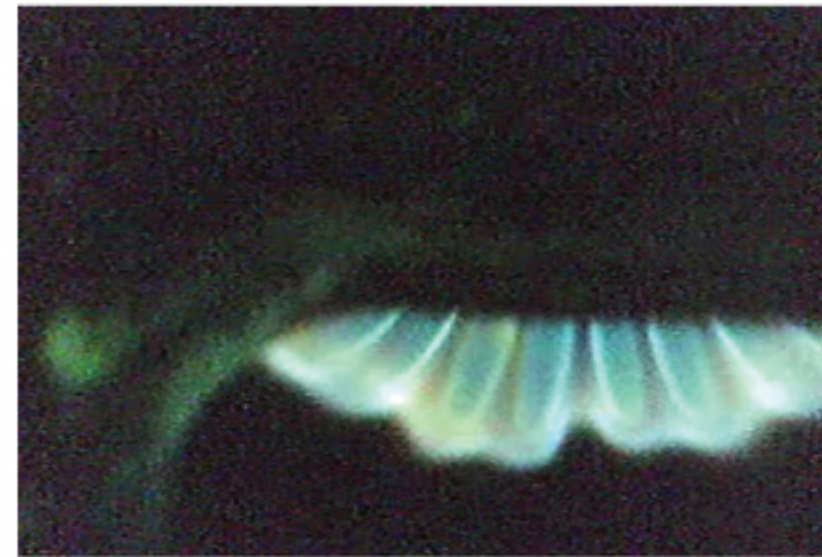


OUT OF THE E.-OBJECT'S / GADGET'S PERSPECTIVE

PERSPECTIVE

GO TO!!!!!!

<http://people.artcenter.edu/~cholzheid/m5/Anthropomorphism/anthropomorphisms.html>



I WISH I COULD CUSTOMIZE MY PERSON

CUSTOMIZATION

Customization Twisted Around

Imagine your inanimate electronic objects suddenly aren't so liveness anymore but have a full fletched personality. What do you think they would want to change about you?

We all have electronics objects and gadgets. Sometimes they don't really work the way we would like them to or they are supposed to - especially when we are busy and really need their full cooperation. We don't understand why and have no explanations for their misbehaving

I have done a few studies lately on anthropomorphism and customization. "We all have electronics objects and gadgets. Sometimes they don't really work the way we would like them to or they are supposed to - especially when we are busy and really need their full cooperation. We don't understand why and have no explanations for their misbehaving - - so we start anthropomorphizing (to ascribe human form or attributes to an animal, plant, material object, etc.)"

I asked earlier how does your electronic object / gadget perceive you?
And if you could customize anything what would it be and how?

Image we live in a world where there is no more the wall between you and an electronic object. It is all kinds of them same and we all live together. The electronic objects have personalities and a mind of their own. You can still own them but it is not so easy anymore because you have to conceder their needs as well.

No more just charging your cell phone in a dark corner on the floor... they'll probably scream...

Imagine your electronic objects can think - what would they like to change about you?

How would they customize you, their owner?

Name me one electronic object in your domestic space and 5 things it would like to customize about you, or change. But please try to give me some good explanations! (you can even write out of the perspective of your object)

Example: Hey, I am C's cell phone. I wish her voice wouldn't be so squeaky it really hurts my microphone sometimes, especially when she gets excited about a phone call. Hair nails, I really wish she would keep them short I have to talk to the nail clipper sometimes, for real....

HI, I am Connie's printer and I just love to print, but I wish she wasn't so strict. I print a lot of times for no reason (or so she thinks!) but I wish she would stop being such a stick in the mud about me printing. She gets all flustered, which I can't tolerate, and makes me stop printing. I hate that! I'm a printer, it's my job! I hope she can become a little calmer. Hey, can't talk to long, I'm Connie's microwave and to be honest, I wish to high heaven that she wasn't so forgetful. I heat up her coffee as per instructions and beep and beep and beep to let her know it's ready. I wish she was a little smarter too, because time and time again she pushes the wrong buttons. I wish she would try to concentrate more. Take her Ginkgo and focus! But no... off she goes, probably messing around with that goofy printer. Talk about a troublemaker!

I'm Mel's answering machine. First, I wish she would delete a message off of me after she plays it instead of letting me fill up and then deleting all of my messages at once - that's exhausting. She really needs to get on a Do Not Call list too because I'm tired of all of these calls about getting rid of her debt. She also needs to teach her family to leave normal messages. Some of those messages are just weird. I'm Mel's TV and I'm currently working hard while she's off in another room typing on her computer. She could have turned me off before she left. The remote is an extension of me and she treats the remote very poorly - the back is falling off, I get lost several times a day and she pushes the wrong buttons half the time. She needs to put my remote on a table and leave it alone. I like to watch a show from start to finish without jumping around, so somehow I've got to teach Mel to have an attention span and stick with one show for its entirety.

Hi im alexis tv. I wish she wouldn't turn my volume up so high it really hurts my circuits. I don't like when she turns me off ether she bangs on me when I don't shut off immediately. She also has a habit of dusting me with a wet cloth which isn't good for me could cause me to short circuit. Hello im alexis radio. I can't stand when she slams me onto the floor when I don't go off because she forgot to set me. I really don't like it ether when she is always telling me that she wants to replace me especially when its her fault when things don't go right. I also don't like when she puts in used batteries into me and expects me to run efficiently I deserve brand new fresh batteries.

My name is Dell and I am T's notebook computer. I absolutely despise it when she begins to tap harder and harder on my mouse pad, I find it extremely annoying and after awhile it gives me a headache. Sometimes I freeze the pad up just to teach her patience...And then she has this habit of leaving the room for long periods of time, choosing to ignore me. Doesn't she realize that I too have feelings and enjoy her company? If I could, I would place a strap on my shell just so she could carry me around like she does her camera; that would make me happy. Oh, and if only she would take me outside every now and then. I am a portable computer you know and I hate it when she leaves me inside this stuffy room all day long. I need some fresh air! I am T's "other" Desktop computer, confined to a nook under her desk. She uses me only as a server for her wireless internet. I am soooooo bored sitting here in this dark space, alone. I wish she would recognize my value and place me in a spot that has at least a bit of daylight. She even unplugged my monitor which was my only way to see and communicate with the world. I pray every day that she plugs my monitor back in so I can look out and see her face. The worst part is the fact that she keeps me running 24/7...I never get any rest. Work, work, work, that's all I do. Will somebody please tell her to turn me off sometime so I can recuperate?

I AM A MOODY OBJECT BECAUSE I AM
BEING TREATED LOUSY

UNHAPPY OBJECT



My computer is very sad due to its having to share space with my printer on a tiny desk what sadness I call her betty she shuts down due to such tight quarters she and I have a better understanding when I show her pictures of large office space

Here is the other picture of betty computer squeezed in tight office space

master of the house / home

in the domestic home

LANGUAGE

- changing language changes our identity!
- How does language reveal an internal process?

DICTIONARY of WORDS:

(words overlapping the world of technology and humans)

“talk” (computer talks to printer)

“short circuit”

“compatibility”

“equalized”

“glitch”

“defect”

“label”

“functionality”

“on / off”

new HYBRID
(a new shape)

Is there no more bridge
between a person and an object?

2.

Too late - you can't perceive your
cohabitants anymore...

you have a “hybrid illness”
this is very much pathologic /
an illness process

1.

You still perceive your cohabi-
tants, but how do you
communicate with each other?

- how have your communication
skills, behaviour, language, feel-
ings shifted, ...?

- I am so involved/infused by my
E.-objects that I can only perceive
you on a functionality level!

● I AM YOU NEED TO BE

I AM = declaration of the self / projected image

YOU NEED TO BE = requirements / clear labeling

● ROOMMATES INTERVIEWS ROOMMATES LIVING TOGETHER

● My roommate - sigh DOMESTICATION / TAMING

● HOW TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT ROOMMATE PERFECT ROOMMATE

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AUDIO FILE!!!!

I AM... YOU NEED TO BE

I am: spiritual, artistic, outgoing, fun, laid back, a vegetarian, and a healthy lifestyle living person. ☺

You NEED TO BE: a quiet, single individual that is at least 30 years old - WHO GOES TO A 9 to 5 Job - - not at ALL into drugs - and respects other's privacy.

We are looking for someone, financially stable, clean, pays rent on time, non-smoker, drug user, non-alcohol, and no pets allows. Chinese Speaker Preferred.

Looking for a financially stable and responsible FEMALE who is clean and respectful. You'll be sharing the home with myself, a 27 year old female.

You should be: normal, respectful, and dog friendly, clean your hands every time you use the restroom, responsible, honest, kind, dependable, don't smoke crack, no kids, no stalkers Ex's, are mentally sound, creative, entertaining and love Rock-n-Roll, you must be employed and self sufficient.

looking for a FEMALE roommate, 22-35 years old, who is positive, friendly and respectful.

I am: relatively neat and friendly and looking for the same.

You: someone whom is responsible, has a stable job, clean, does not smoke, laid back, and respects privacy without a lot of friends coming in and out of the apartment.

You should be: employed FT, able to pay the rent on time every month, preferably a guy but I'm open on that. Someone that is quiet at night, doesn't do drugs, cleans up after himself, doesn't have pets and doesn't smoke cigarettes. No couples please. Other than that I'm pretty open-minded and not much shocks me. I'm cool with 420, am a social drinker myself, str8/bi/gay friendly, not a prude about nudity or roommates in their underwear, and am cool with you having friends over from time to time.

I am very easy going & open to new things, enjoy a good laugh - great sense of humor; however I do like my personal space as well. I am psychotherapist / social worker, work a lot & I am very big on respecting someone's personal space.

You need to be: female, highly preferred, no couples because couples always fight, someone younger in their 20's or so like ME, mature in the no drama way and responsibly pays rent on time is a must, fun would be cool, down to earth, has something going on like school or work or aspiring actress, model... or "goth/punk/dominatrix/stripper/former sority girl" would be fine too.

I am ...not looking for a best friend but going to a bar sometimes would be cool but not a must. I wouldn't mine other things like museums too.

I AM: a graduate student and professional female in my late-20s. I'm neat (but not a neat freak) and very laid back!

ROOMMATES INTERVIEWS

ROOMMATES LIVING TOGETHER

I interviewed 2 households with roommates.

3 guys living in a 1 bedroom apartment with 2 cats

2 couples living in a 2 bedroom apartment

I interviewed them separately and as a group. As a thank you I took them grocery shopping and documented this too. Everyone got a disposable camera for the following week, where they

1. had to take photos of their roommates interacting
2. roommates interacting with objects.



My roommate - sigh

DOMESTICATION / TAMING

Only for people having roommates / living in roommate situation

Most of you have probably have tones of roommate stories and experiences.

Either when you were the lease holder looking for a new roommate or when you were the one in need for a new place...

Please always give a few examples and how you delta with this dilemma and felt about it (maybe even state consequences)

1.
Have you ever felt like your roommates was trying to control you? Maybe by making up rules for the house hold or even on a more personal level. (maybe lots of nagging, eyes rolling, sighing, written reminder notes, finding your unclean dishes sitting in your bed, the vacuum cleaner leaned against your door...)

2.
Have you ever felt like you need to tame your roommates in order for them to fit into your domestic home? Maybe there was a moment where you thought to your self about your roommate "Hey, not like this! You are out of control, wild, and monstrous. I need to domesticate you..."

3.
Where there any times where you felt like you needed to be wild and rebellious because there is no way you are being domesticated. And your roommate is a control freak.

4. Have you ever thought that your roommate is talking to you in strange tongues, orders you around, gives you commands - like you are some kind of device.

6.
What were the biggest disruptions, glitches, annoyances you have ever experienced in a roommate situation?

What country are you from?

THANKS!

MY ROOOOOOMMATE - SIGH

yes...i find it difficult when she uses my bed.... of course....i become wild when she was talking about the rules...that i have to follow... yes....i was treated like a dog....to which she is mastering me....

He decided where the dishes would go and move them without notice. Furniture appeared and disappeared. I found the garbage can in my bathroom once, as a hint.

When he brought home a dog without putting it on the lease or asking the rest of us if it was ok.

no. the way that I would deal with this is that I would set up a "house meeting" and together we would decide what we wanted the "house community" to be like.

no. I'm not a wild kind of person.

Absolutely. Some of my roommates have claimed the living room, so I was forced to go elsewhere to do work... Almost all of my roommates have trouble cleaning the dishes and keeping the kitchen clean. It always bugs me, but they never seem to learn.

Nope. Although my roommates have given me cryptic signals before. Similar to "I want you to do X, but I'm going to beat around it by asking about Y instead.

When I found a couple in my bed during a party. Seriously, now.

well, yes one started taking drugs, and it wasnt to good.

Yes my roommate would always tell me to do the dishes right away even though it didnt matter.

back to the guy that took drugs, he did get out of hand and become delusional and started yelling at me.

Being messy in the bathroom leaving hair in the sink.

Yes my roommate is so annoying he tries to tell everyone that the house has to be spotless all the time and things have to all be in order and organized.

Having to deal with his orders on a daily basis I wish he was kicked out but we need his income.

Notes are abundant in my household. Post-its on the knife block say, "Hand wash these! They'll rust in the dishwasher!" On the counter by the sink: "If you use a dish, wash it!" Eventually, I took them all down and wrote them all on the dry erase board we use for splitting up bill costs. Once bills came due, they erased the summary of notes and never put the post-its back up.

Well I guess I can consider myself lucky because I no there are lots of roommate problems out there but my biggest with the light comment but thats kind of mild if you ask me

HOW TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT ROOMMATE

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This part I don't have yet....

but I am basically following someone find the perfect roommate.

Having them read their ad. They collecting photos of the people that have looked at the place and at the end having him sit in front of the photographs and have me tell why this person, why not this one..... and how much of a compromise he would make... in order to live with this person.....



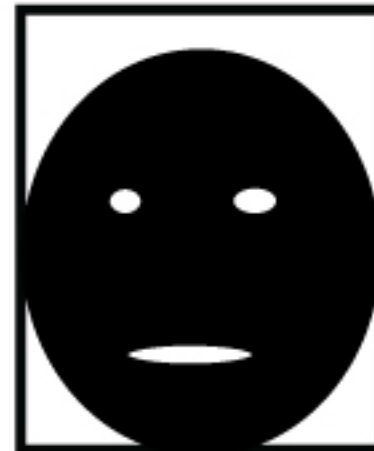
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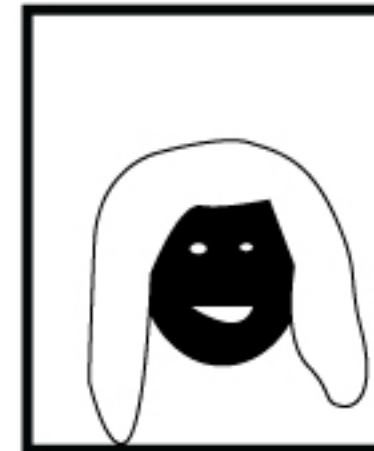
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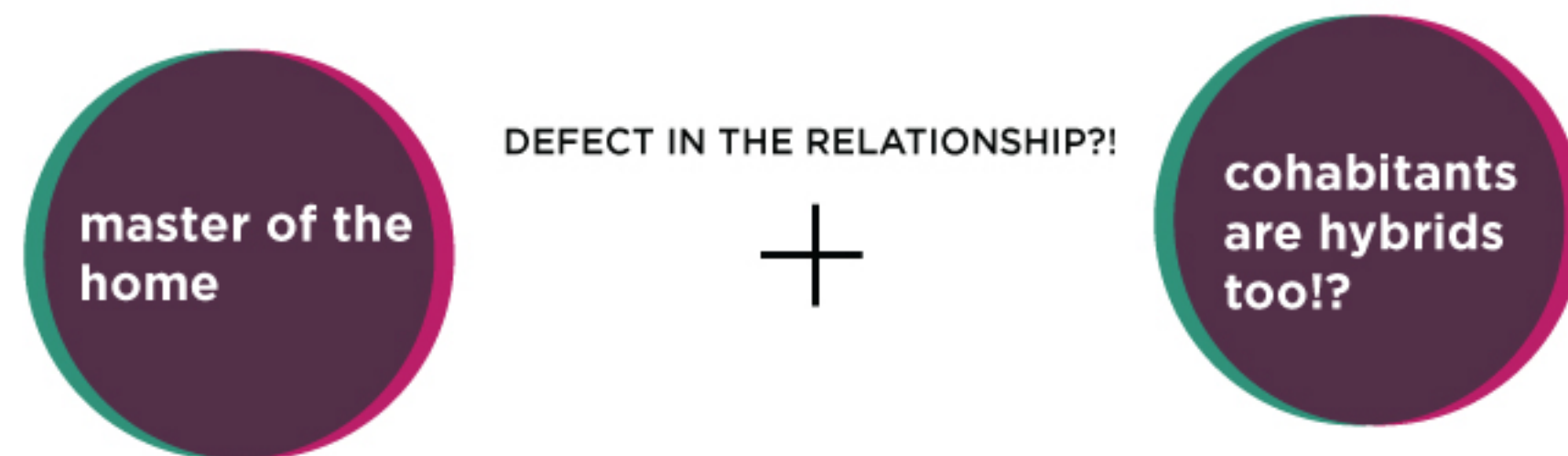


to fat!!!!!!



seemed nice,
maybe!!!!!!

THINGS TO CONSIDER / IDEAS



- Gadgets have to make my life easier so do roommates!!!!
- Can I domesticate my roommates?
- The have to comply!
- Is a roommate a friend or just a "something" that helps you pay the rent, a temporary thing?

- Can we be disobedient?
- Are we wild?

How does this all help itself to

- inform
- play
- confuse
- amuse
- provocative
- surreal

MAYBE MULTIPLE POINTS OF VIEW

chopping things up , the relationship between people and objects.

you give us a persepctive into the everyday life (what seems unimportant is suddenly interesting)

I will never look at my toaster in the same way after I have seen your project!

PICK OUT RELEVANT MATERIAL ONLY

SHARPEN CATEGORIES / MAKE ALL THE INGREDIENTS CLEAR (words / phrases)
add and subtract - to make the perfect mixture in the blender!

THINK ABOUT: SHAPES, EMOTIONS, ...

BE: PROVOCATIVE, OUTRAGEOUS, SURREAL

WE INHABIT DOMESTIC SPACE

OBJECTIFICATION OF OTHERS / GADGETIFICATION?

MY WORK IS ACAN BE A RESOURCE FOR OTHER DESIGNERS - BUT KEEP THE AMBIGUITY!!!!

have us perceive gadgets as no gadgets anymore!

you could create a new space as a designer for designers , that inspires but also is playfull

CRAFT IT - make it playful, fun - pull us in - show the crazyness!

ALIANATION?

sounds(people and objects have a voice)

you could put people on the same level / in the same possition as objects in an installation. Neal down to see the world as a printer does....

tangible physical world, also very surrealte, you could create a new world...

