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In the Serv(er)ing in-grid workshop, fellow members of in-grid and I set up our new feminist server that is based with Servus in Linz Austria. It was a very cozy day, we had a lovely lunch in one of the members houses in south east London. Once full and content we set out imagining what our new server could be through this exciting workshop.

The workshop ran for 3 hours and examined how we wanted to iterate our own [feminist server manifesto](#), in the form of the Femfester. Along this journey, as we set up the server, we felt out our initial server protocols. It was great to see everyone together, as we are usually in-a-grid online, working out how we want to use this collective infrastructure together. The workshop finished by posting the femfester and workshop notes online at [femfester.in-grid.io](#). We are excited to see what this server space will develop into, as well as how we can take this workshop to other groups within our research and creative networks. The Femfester will also be published on Servus' next journal edition.

Femfester

Intro

This femfester is In-grid's iteration of the [feminist server manifesto](#). As we rub up against and dance our way into network practices, our festering acts as a place to form intentions and imagine how we want to collectively meet here. We fester as we care for the holes in our pipelines, tend to the ooze that undulates out and sit with these leaky seamful infrastructures. We don't aim to cure these frictions or plug these holes, but to care for them. We ask how we can enable infrastructuring to fester otherwise from our pulsating practices?

A femfestering Server

- * Is a situated technology. The server feels out their context and considers themselves to be part of an ecology of
- * Is maintained by a community that cares enough for the frictions of accessing and maintaining a server, and where
- * Ferments the materiality of software, hardware and the relations of the bodies gathered around them.
- * Opens themselves to expose the difficult processes, tools, sources, habits and patterns to make accessible these
- * Does not strive for seamlessness, as it creates a bubble. Talk of transparency too often signals that something is
- * Avoids efficiency, ease-of-use, scalability and immediacy because they can be cages we need to abolish.
- * Knows that networking is actually an awkward, promiscuous, interdependent and pleasurable practice.
- * Is autonomous in that they feel out their own dependencies, relations and politics.
- * Radically questions the conditions for serving and service; practices queering client-server relations where they
- * Approaches network technology and sociotechnical systems as places of social change.
- * Enables networks and their practices to be improvisable and read-write accessible.
- * Does not confuse safety with security.
- * Takes the risk of exposing their insecurity.
- * Tries hard not to apologise when they are not available, as they learn to communicate their capacities.





