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(54) **GHOST SPIDERS AND ZOMBIE AVATARS IN THE METAVERSE**

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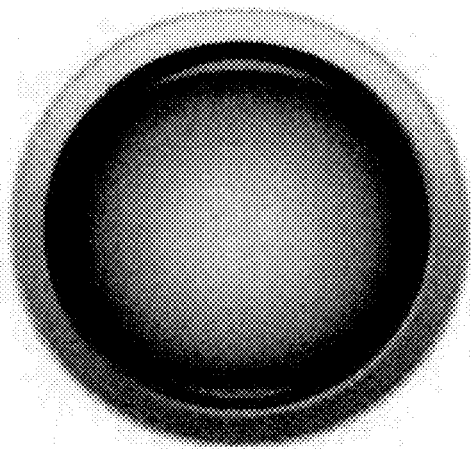
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ABSTRACT

Spiders scans websites. A ghost spider scans VR/Metaverse "rooms". The ghost spider does not use an avatar to represent itself when it visits rooms. It has no visible presence to avatars. A ghost spider can follow an avatar, documenting its activities. A room can have policies on forbidden items for avatars. Two common problems with rooms are (a) unauthorised use of trademarks; (b) when users with avatars visit a room, (zombie) avatars often remain logged in and static, as their users do other tasks. The room falsely benefits in attendance numbers with zombies present. Our specification attacks both problems.

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