



This collection of folder poems was created by the students of the School for Poetic Computation's Detroit Session.

We created poetry through building folder-villages on a shared local network for each other to inhabit & explore.

The class was called Peer-to-Peer Folder Poetry, taught by Melanie Hoff.

Folder Poetry is the practice of using common computer folder organization as a new kind of poetic form. By naming and nesting folders and files, we can create unfolding narratives, rhythmic prose, and choose-your-own-adventure poetry.

folder-poetry.txt

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jess_village
| openspace
|   lets_grow
|     | allourfood.txt
lets_tech
| machinesoflovinggrace.txt
lets_talk
| talkingt olive.txt
lets_eat
| humble_cooks.txt
the_gathering_place
| Let's
|   use_our_mouths_to
|     eat
|       | and_cook
|         | together___always.txt
talk
|   it_out
|     | and_make_it_right.txt
use_our_hands_to_make
| art
|   because_it's_what_we
|     | need
grow
|   our_gardens
|     | all_around_us.txt
tech
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sun--internal
goals
| To
| be
| grateful
| for
| what
| I
| have
| comfortable
| alone
make
| some
| decent
| homemade
| meals
| this
| | week!
| sort
| of
| positive
| impression
| impact
feel
| contented
| with
| how
| I
| feel
| look
| my
| place
| in
| | the
| | world
dreams
questions
| why
| can't
| I
| seem
| to
| feel
| comfortable
| okay
| trust
| my
| connect
| with
| my
| mom
how
| can
| our
| world
| manage
| to
| keep
| it
| | together.txt
| I
| help
| myself
| stay
| un-jaded
| about
| | the
what
if
| I
| never
| go
| outside
| | ferns.txt
| trees.txt
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thevillageus
| andthewaterheals
| | andthewaterheals.txt
wateroverhills
| deepinancientforests
| | beesareaplenty.txt
| | utopiandreams
| | | thereishoneyonthleaves
| | | | butitaintstickey
| | | | moreandmore.txt
| | | | beesaplenty.txt
deepinanancientforest
peoplearepeaceful
| inside-the-community.txt
tricklingsprings.txt
beesaplenty.txt
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 :)
 . ~ ~ - . \ / - ~ ~ .
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 (. - - .)
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 (:)
 ~ - - . ; . - - ~ . - ~ . - ~ . -
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 . - ~ ~ - . - - ' - . //
 . - ~ . - ~ } ~ ~ ~ - . ~ - .
 ' . - ~ . - ~ ; / ~ - . ~ - . / :
 / ~ - . - . - ~ ~ - . ~ - . -
 ~ - . <

We are all the pollinators
of a new tomorrow.

Flowers are everywhere.

They occupy every system.
You can not smell these
flowers.

beesaplenty.txt

The waters from the
Tricklings Springs are
known to heal

Protect these waters at all
cost.

The SYSTEM is designed to
contaminate it.

The BUG is not able to
float.

andthewaterheals.txt

BUILT IN DETROIT

12 Terminals

12 Souls

Determined to not be hacked
by those systems you can
not see.

inside-the-community.txt

```
stephens-village
| farm
|   onion.txt
|   bok-choy.txt
|   wheat.txt
|   potato.txt
|   rice.txt
|   garlic.txt
| studio
|   music
|     emo.txt
|     techno.txt
|     house.txt
|     soul.txt
|     indie.txt
| design
|   design-book.txt
|   computer.txt
|   sticky-note.txt
| art
|   sculpture.txt
|   mirror.txt
| fitness
|   yoga.txt
dogwood.txt
sequoia.txt
maple.txt
kitchen
| diner
|   hot-dog.txt
|   coffee.txt
|   secret-sauce.txt
|   burger.txt
|   hash-browns.txt
|   garlic-oil.txt
cafe
|   coffee.txt
|   tea.txt
|   kombucha.txt
noodles.txt
curry.txt
```

There's a yoga mat here, but there's no instructor or any resources for what to do. Maybe meditate for a few minutes?

yoga.txt

"i'm tall and i'm from California. i love hiking, surfing, and the smell of progress." - the sequoia

It's really just mayo.

secret-sauce.txt

"I know I get a bad rep for making people smell bad, but what if it smells good to someone? There's gotta be people out there who love the smell of garlic and wanna know what you ate!" - a head of garlic

garlic.txt

"i like to hide underground, but i'm really a soft person at heart once you know me! i've lived in really cold climates and i'm actually from South America, not Ireland!" - a potato

potato.txt

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detroit
  agriculture
    east-side-farms
    north-end-farms
    communal-gardens
    central-town-farm
    west-side-farms
  workshops
    ironworks
    robotics
    medicalequipment
    engineering-and-constructuion
    woodworks
  transportation
    regional-spoke-from-central-train-system
    green-ways
    regional-transit-system
    e-bike-systems
    boat-taxis
    autonomous-bus-system-on-grid-of-roads
  universities
    central-sciences-univ
    western-agricultural-univ
    humanities-univ
    governance-and-communal-care-center
    eastern-engineering-tech
  zoological
    west-zoo
    north-zoo
    east-zoo
    botanical-gardens-central
    botanical-gardens-north
  utilities
    north-east-passby-center
    west-power-station
    north-power-station
    east-solar-field
    central-water-filtration
    east-power-station
    north-west-pass-by-center
    west-side-water-filtration
    west-wind-farm
    east-side-water-filtration
    main-power-station
    east-wind-farm
    north-pass-by-center
    west-solar-field
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athletics
| recreation-center-east
| recreational-center-west
| recreational-center-north
| recreational-center-riverside
architecture
| east-museum
| west-museum
| central-museum
| north-museum
residential
| outer-east
| rivertown
| east-side
| north-end
| outer-west
| outer-north
| west-side
markets
| western-market
| eastern-market
| northern-market
| river-market
governance
| central-community-govenrance
| community-governance-east
| community-governance-north
| community-governance-west
sciences
| east-side-medical-center
| childrens-science-center
| observatory
| north-end-medical-center
| west-side-medical-center
| central-observatory
| central-medical-center
theatre-district
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graph TD; theatreDistrict[theatre-district] --> centralMedicalCenter[central-medical-center]; theatreDistrict --> childrensScienceCenter[childrens-science-center]; theatreDistrict --> eastSideMedicalCenter[east-side-medical-center]; theatreDistrict --> observatory[observatory]; theatreDistrict --> northEndMedicalCenter[north-end-medical-center]; theatreDistrict --> westSideMedicalCenter[west-side-medical-center]; centralMedicalCenter --> centralObservatory[central-observatory]; centralMedicalCenter --> centralScienceCenter[central-science-center]; centralObservatory --> centralCommunityGovenrance[central-community-govenrance]; centralObservatory --> communityGovernanceEast[community-governance-east]; centralObservatory --> communityGovernanceNorth[community-governance-north]; centralObservatory --> communityGovernanceWest[community-governance-west]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> recreationalCenterEast[recreational-center-east]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> recreationalCenterWest[recreational-center-west]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> recreationalCenterNorth[recreational-center-north]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> recreationalCenterRiverside[recreational-center-riverside]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> eastMuseum[east-museum]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> westMuseum[west-museum]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> centralMuseum[central-museum]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> northMuseum[north-museum]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> outerEast[outer-east]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> rivertown[rivertown]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> eastSide[east-side]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> northEnd[north-end]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> outerWest[outer-west]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> outerNorth[outer-north]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> westSide[west-side]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> westernMarket[western-market]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> easternMarket[eastern-market]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> northernMarket[northern-market]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> riverMarket[river-market]; centralCommunityGovenrance --> athletics[athletics];
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the-garden-of-forking-paths
| stand-still
|   | the-network-is-a-folder-poem.txt
walk-to-your-left
| always-already-programming.txt
walk-to-your-right
| software-hardware-and-invisible-villages.txt
```

ALWAYS ALREADY PROGRAMMING is about how everyone who interacts with computers has, in a very real way already been programming. The distinction between programmer and user is maintained by a tech industry that benefits from a population rendered computationally passive.

Together we can build up and cultivate one another's agency to shape technology and online spaces that support and care for each other and our communities.

always-already-programming.txt

be the poet

the-network-is-a-
folder-poem.txt

this-collection-includes-poems-by
jessica-rogner
antajuan-scott
sam-griffith
tyrone-clemmons
stephen-song

