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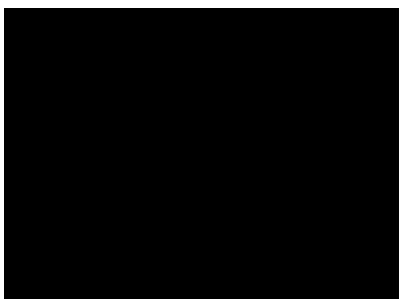
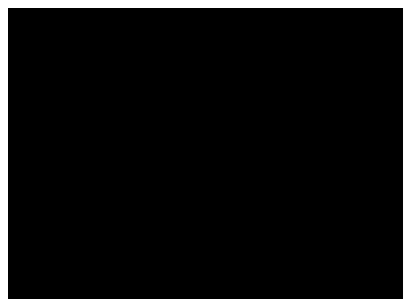
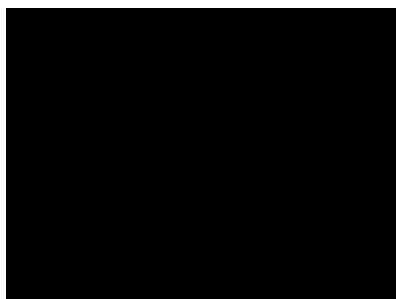
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## ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS CRUCIAL TO A FUNCTIONAL DEMOCRACY.

Unglitch is a New York based activist organization connecting artists and technologists to facilitate discussions around technology and policy. In response to the FCC's decision to reclassify the internet and deregulate Net Neutrality laws, we've begun an initiative to build creative works that educate the general public on the state of the policies structuring the access to internet.

As a project for Pioneer Works' 2018 S4A day, we propose an installation consisting of three parts and built on a network setup specifically for Pioneer Works. The installation would include a series of free, informative Zines that walk people through how the internet works and the state of the politics around it; an educational digital game showing how alternative networks can help combat corporate monetization of digital public spaces and a demonstration of the usefulness of mesh networks with a suite of apps accessed by users on the mesh network.



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## The Zines

A series of printed and digital zines will be available for everyone to enjoy and take with them. These Zines will explore such topics as how the internet works utilizing networks built by large ISPs, the history of the battle for the net, and what kinds of alternative networks there are. The goal of these zines is to make the basic concepts presented in tech-policy regulation more accessible so voters can be more informed when participating in these debates.

## Milestones

These Zines will be designed and printed in the spring of 2018. They will be distributed at local libraries, galleries and at the Northside Festival Art Walk in June.

## Needs

This portion of the installation will require The Zines themselves and signage (provided by Uglitch). A table and a couple of chairs would be helpful for the demo blocks at S4A.

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## The Game

To play the interactive digital game, we would require users to log in anonymously to the mesh network we've set up locally at Pioneer Works. By logging into the network we set up locally, we will be able to walk users through how very similar an alternative network experience can be to the way accessing internet feels in its present iteration. The game would be an educational experience in which users combat ISP monopolies by building alternative networks connecting people all over a city.

## Milestones

The Game will be designed and built in the spring of 2018, and tested in the summer of 2018.

We are reaching out the NYU Tandon School's Game Library, Eyebeam, Superchief Gallery and various meetups for playtesting.

## Needs

This portion of the installation will require a mesh network to be set up within Pioneer Works. To accomplish this, we will be procuring a router and a raspberry pi and asking for the help of MeshNYC to install it. We are sourcing a projector and a couple of monitors for the actual game itself.