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Released a game yesterday!

It is as if you were on your phone

pippinbarr.com/it-is-as-if-...

(For phones only)

Let me know what you think!




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 [zz 🌵 🤖](#) @boringcactus.com · 3d
wow this really is just like being on my phone

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 **Pippin Barr** @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 3d
Isn't it just??

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very reflective! a little painful how habitual some of the interactions feel haha. excellent piece of art.



Tobias Kopka @dedux101.bsky.social · 2d

Distilled „The medium is the message“. Gorgeous.



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[@pippinbarr.bsky.social](#) Especially seeing yourself in the reflecting screen make you / me reflect the dispositive of sitting and clicking/swiping etc.

Recommended not to play in the dark



Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 2d

Ohhhh, that's really nice and had not thought of it!



Tobias Kopka @dedux101.bsky.social · 2d

👏 - was assuming the dark background was an intentional [#masterplan](#)



jae @jkap.gay · 2d

it's like a phone in here



Tom Granger @tomgranger.bsky.social · 2d

Love it. I can also tell the amount of research that went into this.

Also on my phone I wasn't able to drag this into that so it was as if I wasn't on my phone for a moment.

Mutter under your breath then
laugh quietly.

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Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 2d

Yeah having some trouble with hammer.js + Android Chrome I think? Gonna have to investigate (was that your setup?)

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Tom Granger @tomgranger.bsky.social · 2d

you see right through me



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Jade Fae Britzman @jadefae.bsky.social · 2d

I played this on the train. Really great train game. Was afraid someone would be like "What the fuck are you faking using your phone?" But no I was completely convincing. It's as if I was on my phone.



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T045T @t045t.zmb.cm · 2d

What's going on?

- ☐ It's annoying or not interesting
- ☒ I'm in this photo and I don't like it
- ☐ I think it shouldn't be on Facebook
- ☐ It's spam

ALT



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Simon @inkstaindanny.bsky.social · 2d

i love mimicking human behaviour



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Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 3d

It's almost like you were!



sound art games - Dragica Kahlina @soundartgames.ch · 3d

Liked it, the rotating bar was a almost meditative and chasing red dots without any reason whatsoever is exactly my mood this Friday afternoon, will make use of this game to keep my digital social shield up when I feel like I have drained social media of all its newness



Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 3d

Hey thanks for that feedback! That's super helpful. And your point about the rotating bar is particularly on point for me as I'm thinking about a follow up that centres meditation more fully...



azure @azureii.bsky.social · 2d

This will be invaluable the next time I have to pretend to be using my phone.



Ridima @rhythmicssheep.bsky.social · 2d

Wow, love this! I think it would do well as a "scroll breaker" on tiktok or reels too. and I guess it was just a scroll breaker for me on blue sky haha



John @farawaytimes.bsky.social · 2d

A+, excellent simulation of being on my phone



Zet @zet237.bsky.social · 1d

Okay, I kinda love it? 🤔

When moving one circle to another down, I would trigger the browser's „refresh“ instead. Is that known? Seems to be a Safari specific issue because fuck Safari (worked on iOS Chrome).



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Watch the screen.



Write your reply



Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 1d

Ohhhh that's good feedback. I thought I'd blocked off the various ways the page might register that "pull down to refresh" response. I'll look at whether there's something Safari specific. Thanks!



wanton goggles @andycs.bsky.social · 2d

couldn't do anything! do I need to try a different browser?



wanton goggles @andycs.bsky.social · 2d

ah hmm. managed to get tapping to work but it's very sluggish. animations running at maybe 10fps. stock Android & chrome. phone isn't new but it's not ancient and everything usually works fine



Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 2d

Yeah, there's a definite issue with Android+Chrome. Not sure how to figure it out as I don't have the platform. I'll see if I can reproduce in emulation of some kind.



Dorian @damousey.bsky.social · 1d

Same experience with Android and chrome, but Firefox focus was smooth and quick.

Good art. Very good art.



Pippin Barr @pippinbarr.bsky.social · 1d

Hmm. I updated with a line some people claim can help, if you ever have a moment to check if it works on Android+Chrome I'd appreciate it.



Dorian @damousey.bsky.social · 1d

It's better, yes. The interactions respond a lot better, cleaning up a lot of what felt like tiny misdirection. The framerate itself is just quite low, so still not ideal - but playable.



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