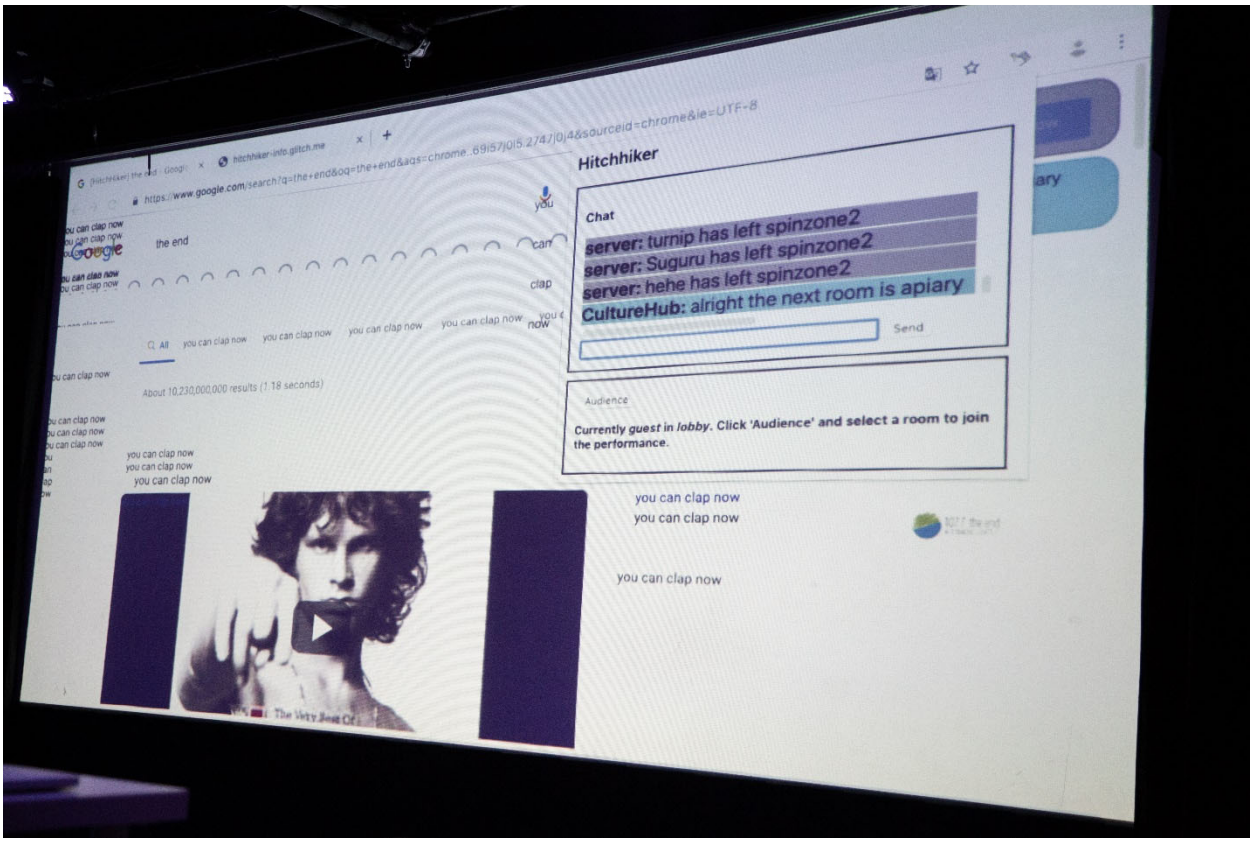
Work Sample for Todd Anderson

HitchHiker
(in development)

HitchHiker is a chrome extension for doing live performances inside other people's web browser that I am developing as part of my residency at CultureHub July 2019-June 2020. A performer creates a room and any number of audience members can join through the extension interface. Whenever the performer goes to a new website on their computer, all of the audience members are taken to that website. The performer can then modify the content of the website, speak through text-to-speech voice, play sounds or layer images on top of the screen, all of which is conveyed onto every audience members' browser. This tool can be used for remote performances, or for hybrid live performances with many computers in the same space as well as some remote participants. The pictures below were taken from an evening of live performances at CultureHub on November 1st 2019 by Lívia Sá. The project can be found on Github here. Video of a performance, albeit with some technical difficulties, is available here (30:24-37:40 is a good excerpt)

IT'S CRUNCH TIME
crack·ing
What is mean by cracking?


Hitchhiker
Chat
server: turnip has left spinzone2
server: Suguru has left spinzone2
server: hehe has left spinzone2
CultureHub: alright the next room is apiary
Send
Audience
Currently guest in lobby. Click 'Audience' and select a room to join the performance.
you can clap now
you can clap now
you can clap now

WordHack Anthology
July 2019

The WordHack Anthology is a collection of 56 project by 57 artists from across the first five years of WordHack, the language+technology themed talk series I organize at Babycastles. The anthology includes poetry generators, games, songs, installations, illustrations, videos, powerpoint decks, academic papers, poems, stories, experimental performances and more, all in a downloadable PC/Mac/Linux software book also available as a laser-engraved custom USB drive. I curated, edited, produced and wrote the introduction for the anthology and one of my earlier works, “Yardley PA, 1997” is available inside it.

You can find the anthology online at: https://toddwords.itch.io/wordhack-anthology

A free download of the anthology is provided to the review committee here

HOTBOX
June 16, 2018

HOTBOX is a 45-minute electro-percussive musical in which a young man searches for meaning through purchasing products online with the help of a friendly advertising algorithm, a guitar-playing UPS driver and a voice-activated digital assistant. HOTBOX was created by my performance group H0t Club for Ars Nova's All New Talent Fest in the summer of 2018. I wrote much of the script, designed a custom chrome extension for the performance, and played the role of the algorithm demon.

Performance video available here, algorithm demon sequence starts at 3:50 and ends at 13:40.