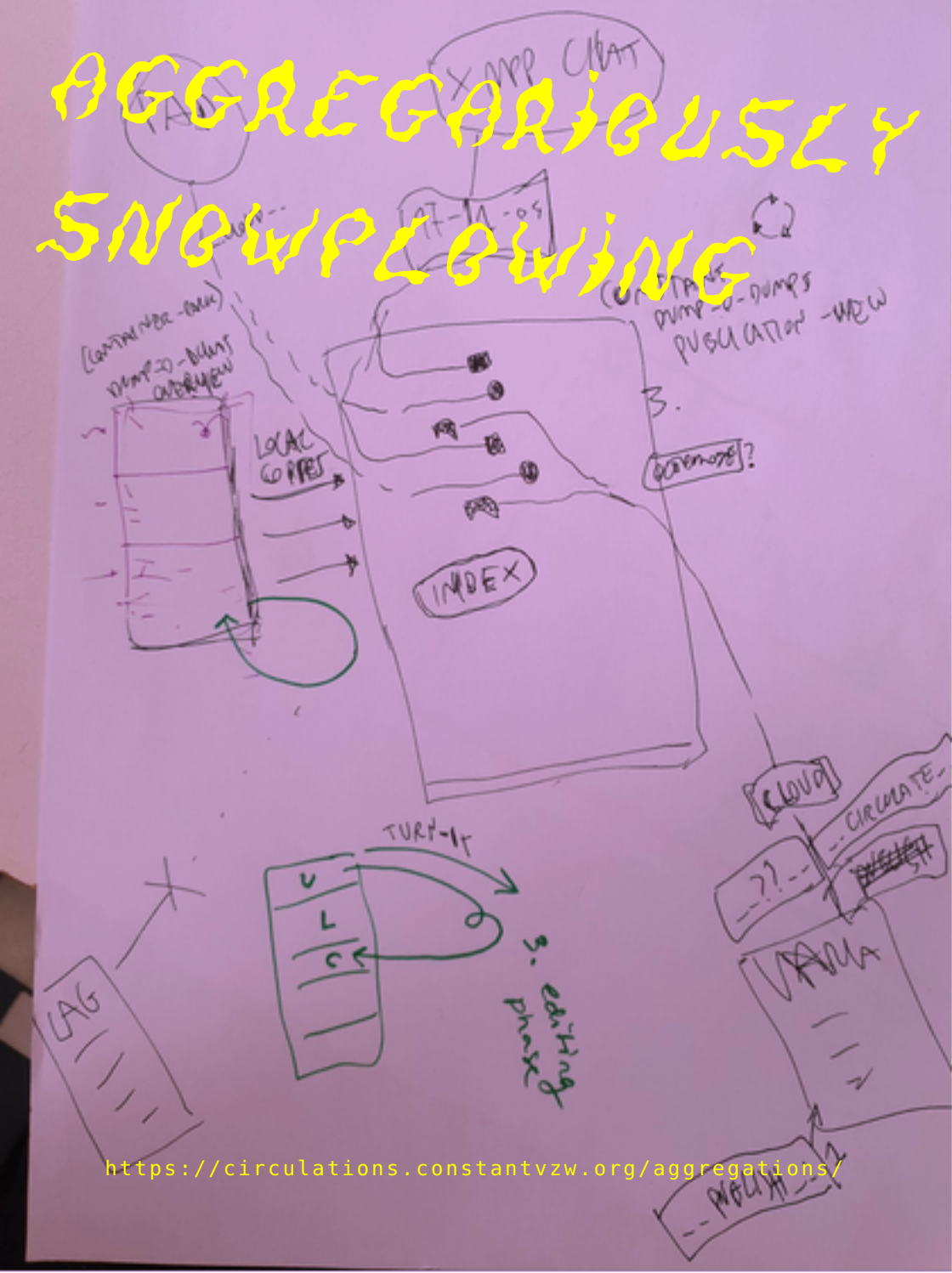
AGGREGARIOUSLY SNOWPLOWING



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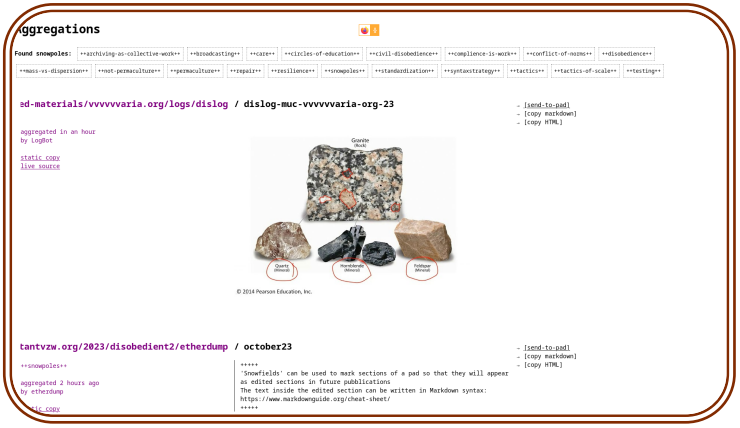

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This booklet shares the ongoing work and thought around two systems developed for continuous and promiscuous publication at and around Constant. It is both a manual to the functions currently available, as well as a test of the system to produce semi-printable material and a sharing of intents that inspired all this.

The main desire was to create a continuous space for an ongoing collective process of capturing/collecting materials, with open ended editing/publishing possibilities throughout the year, that would include Constant's publications but be opened to other re-circulations of materials as well.

The system is thought to allowing multiple moments of editing to be folded into the documentation of yearly activities, to grow a stream of published materials around techno-disobedient practices, based on RSS feeds.

The code of the aggregator is based on Konfluks (https://git.autonomic.zone/ruangrupa/konfluks/), written by Roel Roscam Abbing for https://lumbung.space in the context of documenta15 last summer. As an aggregator the system hooks into the possibility of other softwares to generate RSS feeds, which at the moment includes etherdump (https://gitlab.constantvzw.org/aa/etherdump) for pads, and logbot (https://git.vvvvvvaria.org/varia

/bots/src/branch/master/LogBot) for XMPP posts.

Aggregations at the moment

Starting and learning from the practices that we and others were already busy with, we begun by aggregating the etherpad sheets that are produced during most activities as notes and traces of what is explored together. To allow aggregationg and re-ordering of these notes, we use the etherdump software to creates static copies of the live documents, and add them to an RSS flux, with additional tags (“SNOWPOLES”) and pointers to segments of texts that have been edited with context or readabiltiy in mind (“SNOWFIELDS”).

Another source that is currently aggregated is a *dislog* log (https://vvvvvvaria.org/logs/dislog/), a static record of materials that we share with each other in a (XMPP) chat room while working on this publishing system. The *dislog* is a meta channel used to stay in touch with each other and collect traces of the process along the way. The chat itself is served from the server of Varia in Rotterdam and the log page plus RSS feed is generated by logbot.

More sources could be added through RSS feeds as we go:

- https://circulations.constantvzw.org/2023/disobedient1/etherdump/snowpoles.rss
- https://circulations.constantvzw.org/2023/disobedient2/etherdump/snowpoles.rss
- https://vvvvvvaria.org/logs/dislog/feed.rss.xml
- …

The resulting collection of materials can be encountered in the “Aggregations” page, which is thought as the in-between step to collect and re-order materials in view of re-publication.

https://circulations.constantvzw.org/aggregations/

SNOWPOLES

Snowpoles can be used to cluster pads. You can use multiple snowpoles in one pad, at any place in the document.

When ++SNOWPOLES++ are used, pads are included in the technodisobedient aggregator: https://circulations.constantvzw.org/aggregations/.

Next to that, snowpoles also appear in the etherdump index and can be used as navigational tools there.

An example could look like this:

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++CONFLICT-OF-NORMS++
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SNOWPOLES MADE SO FAR:

++archiving-as-collective-work++
++broadcasting++
++care++
++circles-of-education++
++civil-disobedience++
++complience-is-work++
++conflict-of-norms++
++disobedience++
++mass-vs-dispersion++
++not-permaculture++
++permaculture++
++repair++
++resilience++
++snowpoles++
++standardization++
++syntaxstrategy++
++tactics++
++tactics-of-scale++
++testing++

SNOWFIELDS

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Snowfields can be used to mark edited sections on a pad **that is already tagged by a snowpole**. The idea is that they will eventually be pushed to the aggregator, and thus be made public. You can highlight a field in a pad by sandwiching a part of the text between 5 plus signs

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++++++
Snowfields are a system developed during this very
worksession to edit together!
+++++
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same here :

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+++++
Anne-Laure's presentation was interestingly showing the
internal conflict of a data-scientist between wanting to
have 'clean' data
+++++
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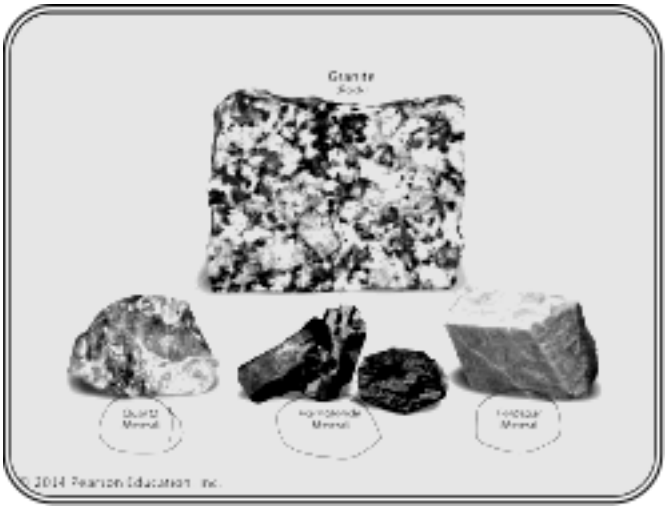
AGGREGATIONS



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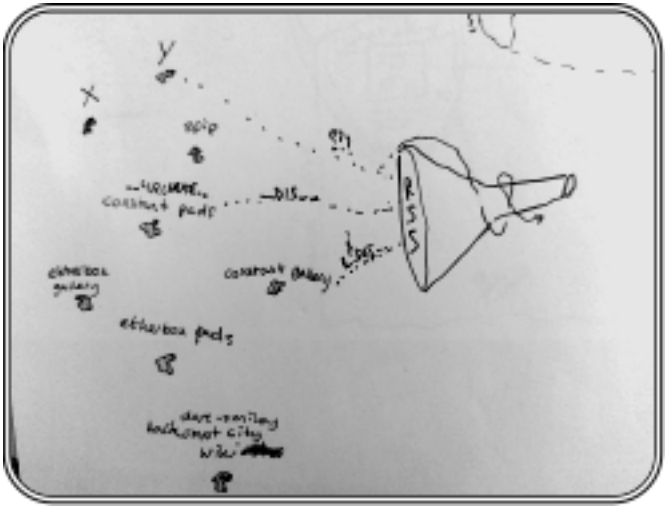

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At this point it's not civil disobedience any more, but it is still a conflict of norms.
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+++++
how to build a collective actor ?
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what is inside the data?
data should be described but .....
answer: standardize the data flow
+++++

+++++
++Standardization++
to make data obedient to the standard is to respect international norms
+++++

+++++
there is poetry in good nomenclature
describing every physical movement or object..
what is a house, is a one door room from a two doored?
description is poetic and activist
tentation is to immobiliereality
you need to normalize the process of normalization.. looping
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+++++
Anne-Laure's presentation was interestingly showing the internal conflict of a data-scientist between wanting to have 'clean' data
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people will leak data if they feel something is wrong
if they agree with for example tracking migrants they will not leak information out
technical capacities are not an important factor with the leaking aspect, it is the political aspect that has more priority
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Aggregated from: https://circulations.constantvzw.org/2023/disobedient1/etherdump/first-sharing.diff.html with the snowpoles: ++civil-disobedience++, ++conflict-of-norms++, ++archiving-as-collective-work++, ++complience-is-work++, ++standardization++

Aggregations lookbook

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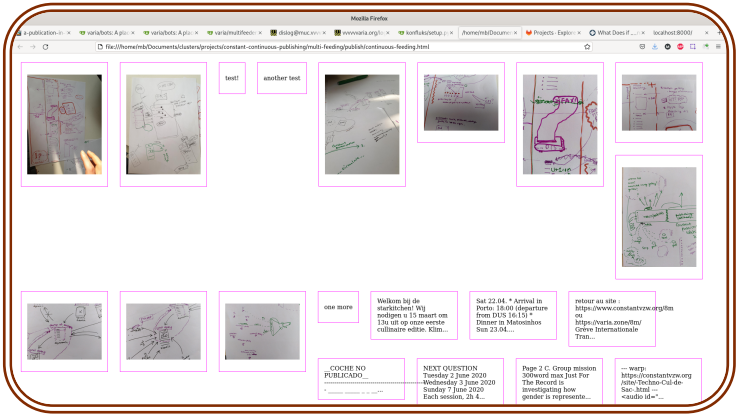

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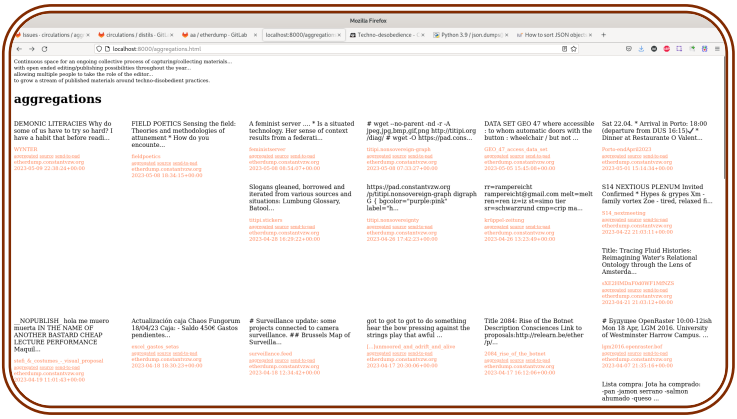

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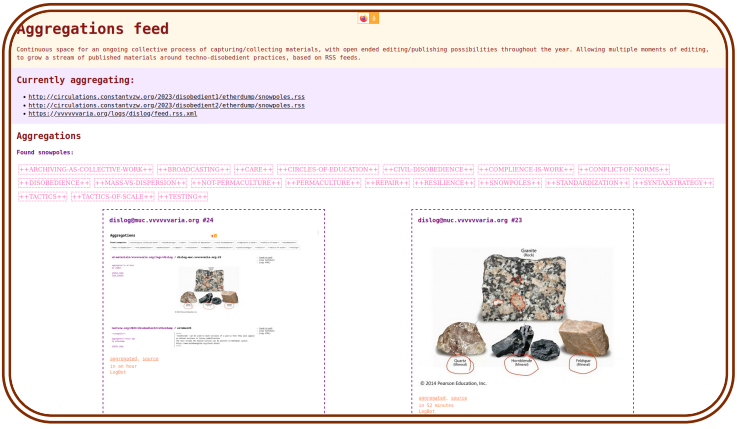

Around June, 2023

This booklet

An in-progress manual of the aggregation thinking and publishing system in flux, worked on by Manetta Berends, Martino Morandi, Anita Burato and Imane Benyecif and in close proximity of the infrastructural setup of the (sometimes referred to as) rosamex server. We are currently using this git repo to store the code-in-progress: https://gitlab.constantvzw.org/circulations/aggregations.

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