

GOLEM TODAY. PROGRAMMING EXCESSES

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COMPUTER /NETWORK/ IS A GOLEM OF TODAY

*I have run through a number of essays... from God to the machine
... That machine ... is a modern counterpart of the Golem of the
Rabbi of Prague.*

Norbert Wiener: God & Golem, Inc.: A Comment on Certain Points Where
Cybernetics Impinges on Religion. 1964.

GOLEM OF PRAGUE & FIGURE/S/ OF EXCESS

- **Programming of excess 01 / Artistic virus**

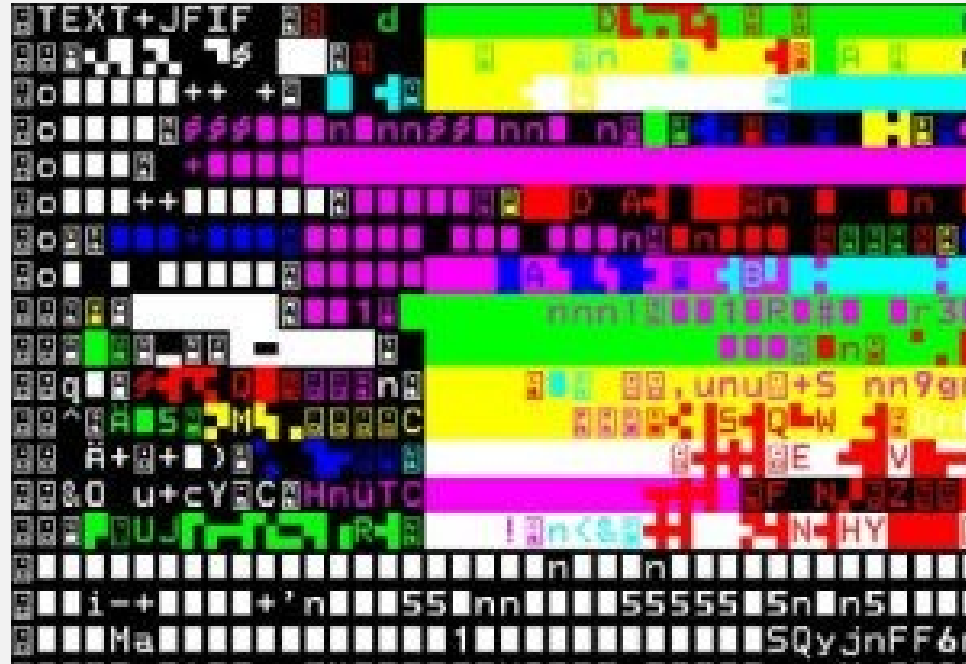
- Jaromil

- ASCII Shell forkbomb (2002)

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- Programming of excess 02 / Aesthetics of glitch
- Jodi
- <http://text.jodi.org>
- <http://www.jodi.org>



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- **Programming of excess 02 / Aesthetics of glitch**

“Functional machines, robots, mechanized people (from Judaism’s Golem, Frankenstein’s monster) to the rebellious computers of the twentieth century) are interpreted as alien to human nature, sooner or later becoming ‘evil’ as they stop functioning correctly.”

Olga Goriunova, Alexei Shulgin: Glitch. In *Software Studies / A Lexicon* (ed. M. Fuller), 2008, p. 104.

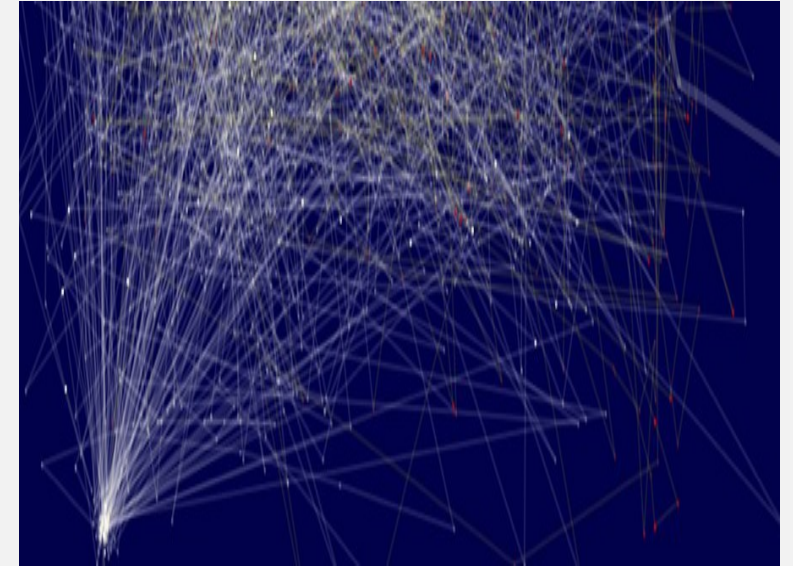
GOLEM OF PRAGUE & FIGURE/S/ OF EXCESS

- **Programming of excess 03 / Interrogability (reflexivity of the system)**
- Loops and feedbacks
- Andrew Spitz: *Me doing this* (2012)
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qt_pAhExHM&feature=related



GOLEM OF PRAGUE & FIGURE/S/ OF EXCESS

- **Programming of excess 03 / Interrogability (reflexivity of the system) The excess of self-portrait**



William Anastasi: Maintenance III (Self Portrait), 1967. / Georges Braque: Woman Reading, 1911. / Andrew Spitz: Me doing this, 2012.

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[GOLEM](https://www.pond5.com/sound-effects/1/walk-earth.html#1/2080/walk,earth)

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