

If you see a topic on which you have personal experience, and you would like to write / guest the episode, add your twitter/Instagram/email to it and we will reach out!

I'M FROM THE INTERNET

TOPIC IDEAS

Our podcast is about the early days of the internet. Right now, we are covering SomethingAwful.com, but in the future we intend to expand to explore the early internet as a whole. We would love help finding topics for episodes, guests, themes, books, and other resources.

We are less interested in topics like *This Website Used to Be Different* and more interested in topics about a unique phenomena of the early internet, how it was different to be online, and what we can learn about it. We are particularly interested in the experiences of anyone who is not a straight white man on the internet, so if you have anything there, we'd love to hear it.

We are also looking for small-to-mid level content creators who might be interested in guesting on the pod. Specific and detailed experience of the early internet would be best.

Guests:

People we can get:

- Frederick Brennan - Founder of 8Chan
- Kole Ross - Founder of DuckFeed
- Gary Butterfield - Founder of Duckfeed
- Jeremy Klapowitz - Funny guy from Harddrive
- Dave Ross
- Kyle Kinane
- Robert Evans
- Mel Buer - Leftist journalist activist
- (we have more but they're not settled yet)

People we would love to have on:

- Lily Alexandre
- TechnologyConnections

- Jenny Nicholson
- Aubrey Gordon - Maintenance Phase (diet culture) Podcast
- Jon Ronson, author of *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*
- Vint Cerf
- Megan Koester - Internet Journalist and master of vitriol
- (Interested in women of the early web!)

Themes:

- The Death of Trust Online
- Paywalls, Takedowns, and The End of the Bountiful Internet
 - Not Everything Was About Virality or Capitalism
- It Was a Distinct Place that was Gone When You Left It.
- The New Wild West - Everything Is Legal If No One Is Looking
- The Bad Stuff is Permanent, the Good Stuff is Gone

Websites:

- Ebaums World and Break.com - The First Funny Picture Round-Ups
Neopets and Webkinz
- Motherfucking Xanga - talk to steve about deadjournal
- The Marilyn Manson Triptych: Mansonusa / Marilyn Manson / The Nachtkabarett
- The Long Miserable History of the Doofuses that Own Deviantart
 - Oekaki - contact steenz stewart - oheysteenz on insta
- MyCoke and Hypercapitalist Social Sites
- The Webcomic Boom
 - The Downfall of *Pictures For Sad Children*
- The Early Days of Buying Bullshit Online (Woot)
- AlbinoBlacksheep
- GameFAQs and CheatCC - Open Source Game Walkthroughs and Cheat Codes
- NewGrounds - early flash games
 - The Flashpoint project (<https://flashpointarchive.org/>) has backups of tons of games and everything needed to run them, and is constantly accepting more (using View Source on a Newgrounds game's or animation's page will reveal a slightly obfuscated .swf URL)
 - The guy who originally started Flashpoint also scraped all of Newgrounds' animations and made a similar project called Newgrounds Auditorium - <https://bluemaxima.org/auditorium/>
 - Splodr
- YTMND and the first Meme-Centric Sharing Sites
- i recommend sploder.com. it was a website i used to frequent 10+ years ago that had rudimentary editors that allowed you to cobble together flash games. it had 2 different flavors of top down shooter maker, a sidescroller maker, and the most robust one, a physics

game maker that had the broadest use case. the site had comments, tags, forums, a little sidebar that showed what people were playing... i remember one of the most popular creators actually left the website in shame after trying to get someone else to delete their games because they were matching him in popularity. weird little community. no idea if it's still around. i think about it sometimes. - from sean harlow?

- Also from Sean Harlow: Gen[M]ay and the [H]ardOCP forums it came from. I recall them being sort of like SA's annoying little brother.
- Emotion Eric and the history of personal microwebsites
- HomestarRunner - Massively Popular early video series
- SouthParkStudios - early creator/fan interactions
- Geocities and Early Personal Websites
 - Current Geocities archives besides Wayback (the Architeam page about this is outdated): geocities.ws (archive search is at bottom of front page), oocities.org, geocities.restorativland.org
- Beanz.com <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beenz.com>
 - Both beenz.com and its British counterpart redeemz.com are on the Wayback Machine.
- AintItCoolNews - controlling the narrative in the information age
- EverythingIsAwful
- PortalofEvil.com - Treating the Internet like a Museum
 - POe-news - portal of evil spinoff covering news, quickly became insane forum drama
 - ArcOnInternet from Twitter here - Portal of Evil's POEtv.com spinoff still exists! The guy who runs poehosting.com runs it to this day.
 - Also, the Facebook group which they have in case it goes down, like www.poetv.com currently is, but not poetv.com, due to Cloudflare DNS issues - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/309452562438606/>
- Oldmanmurray - comedy gaming news from 2 guys who ended up at Valve Software. How 2 idiots from Cleveland obsessed with Rudy Ray Moore and Roberta Williams ended up creating portal and left 4 dead. Highly influential in gaming news & game design
- Awful Websites of the Day from SomethingAwful
- GameTrailers - bespoke video hosting pre-YouTube
- Channel101 - <https://x.com/JMPappa/status/1831857734561755564>
 - Important Channel 101 links:
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 - Tons of old episodes and pilots: <https://archive.org/search?query=mediatype%3Amovies+%22channel+101%22>
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 - The Vimeo channel, with the latest episodes plus old ones, stretching back to before the previous link's cutoff point, including ones from screenings not yet listed on the current website): <https://vimeo.com/channel101official>

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- Waybacked guide to the shows from each screening, for use alongside the above links (click the orange buttons to go back and forth, and click tabs to change category):
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220304072610/http://www.channel101.com/shows>
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- Extra tip: on their Instagram, if there's an eventbrite link for tickets, the indicator that there's more links will be cut off - click it, then click the linktree link to find e.g. the Discord link
- Dan Carlin and Early Podcasting
 - Prolapse Music video - whatever the podcast associated with that was
- The Million Dollar Homepage
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Million_Dollar_Homepage
- TelevisionWithoutPity - Aaron Sorkin feuding with critics on the show
- 2chan - Japan's predecessor to 4chan (Fred is Fluent in Japanese + knows it personally)
- 4chan - From Early Lunatic Pig Men, to Prosocial Weeb Anonymous, to Nazi Pedophile Demons
- 8chan - Before and after Fred - Q
- JibJab - Early Political Commentary via Viral Videos
- KeenSpot/KeenSpace - webcomic megahost tried to open an animation studio
 - Notable KeenSpace comics include oneoverzero (by Tailsteak, who has made other webcomics and is still active) and Mansion of E (Keenspace's stubborn last escapee) - I recall that KeenSpace is still being maintained to some degree by the furry STrRedWolf)
- Home of the Underdogs - online preservation and piracy in the gaming worlds
- Go.com - Disney buys a premium web address and never lets go
- Mark Mitsubishi - forums justice on an unscrupulous car dealer
<https://forums.nasioc.com/forums/showthread.php?threadid=442510&perpage=25&pagenumber=1>
- StormFront - Hate Websites of the Early Internet - producer steve's nazi ex
- StickDeath.com
- The Temple of the Screaming Electron - Fringe Politics Go Online
- Purevolume dot com - weird early iTunes competitor
- Atom Films and the old Shockwave site could help illustrate just how many disparate sites YouTube killed
- whitehouse.com was a porn site, got an ineffective nastygram from White House lawyer
- Cdbaby – distribution and discoverability for indie artists
- Stumbleupon - visit random websites, back when there were more than 5 websites
- The Palace Chat Room - Katie Wentz on Facebook
- KiSS Dolls - Katie Wentz on facebook
- The first website for Gorillaz– first, I think they might have been the first animated band? But their original website was the first I encountered that was an explorable environment (you could go into the band members' room and click on stuff) which I think was completely novel at the time.

- Actually, their website in general is notable. For every album promo cycle, they would overhaul the whole thing, going from the original 2001-ish interactive environment to a second, more polished incarnation in 2005, to a fully-voiced flash-based adventure game tying into their third album. Up until then (circa 2011), the band had an in-house design studio supporting the site, adding silly things regularly, keeping it alive and updated for years on end. Several of the key people are still around, and could be (and have been) contacted to talk about it. Ask about buckets.
- I haven't looked into it lately, but at one point a snapshot of at least the first incarnation of the site was archived by fans. The "Phase" album wrap-up DVDs (also produced by the same studio) have site tours as bonus features and CD-ROMs with standalone versions of the flash games on them, plus a bunch of easter eggs *for* frequent visitors of the site and related ARGs.
- Related, if it's of interest for the story, I do have means of getting in contact with the admin of the Gorillaz-Unofficial fansite at the time. Officially acknowledged in interviews and the band's autography/artbook, to the point that he was scouted by management to run the official fansite for a later Damon Albarn band.
- TUMBLR, bought by yahoo in 2013 and they got rid of porn so a lot of users left but it was known for being socially progressive, also the pro-Ana and pro-meth blogs were a highlight. Current aesthetics and design often have a tumblr elements. Anonymous messages!
- Vampirefreaks.com, alternative culture social media website started in 1999. Great way for weirdos to network, even find love. However, some past members were school shooters, murderers, and predatory pedophiles. The most impactful aspect of Vampirefreaks is that it existed during the murders of both Brian Deneke and Sophie Lancaster. I guess this also kind of ties into fears after Columbine. Agh.
- Huge old link collections on the Wayback Machine: amused.com and weirdlinks.com
- stupidvideos.com
- Drudge Report
- Worlds.com and Active Worlds - virtual online worlds before Second Life
- Metafilter, the link dump site that would/will not die (and former rivals in4mador and memepool)
- Yahoo Groups
- Yahoo directory via Wayback
 - <https://oldavista.com/> - a streamlined way of exploring its countless links (its links link to Wayback's backups by default)
 - Yahoo's rival dmoz.org (also on Wayback)
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- Digg
- Fark
- Encyclopedia Dramatica

Topics

- Anime music videos (AMVs) - early fair use arguments
 - re: the above, fan subs for anime that hadn't come to the US yet
- Early mmos - ordering pizza in EQ2, the guy who died playing WoW, text based MUDs/MUCKs/etc. (the general term is MU*), (Kari Castor) Asheron's Call
 - *Speaking of MMOs, IDK that this is useful or relevant in any way to anything you'd actually want to talk about, but I did a study for a grad class (would have been circa 2008-09) about character naming conventions in WoW and I'm pretty sure I still have all the data and whatnot. I also taught a freshman composition class around that same time which was thematically based on WoW (assignments were structured as "quests," etc). - Kari Castor*
- Web 2.0 (™) - flickr, stumbleupon
- Diablo 2 - battle.net- first real money transactions for items online
- Secondlife - didn't people make entire livings from selling virtual clothes and houses and stuff? Now .. just porn lol
- Nerdcore hip hop- how was there an entire genre ? MC Chris, Futuristic Sex Robotz, MC Frontalot – if you cover this, you should talk with Sammus aka Enongo Lumumba-Kasongo, who is a rapper and scholar, and who has insightful things to say about why only white men got to be “nerdcore” - talk to producer steve about futuristic sex robots and frontalot
- Revenge MySpace pages - early cyber bullying
- SuicideGirls and the emancipation of porn. - Potential guest Joanna Angel
- Goatse.cx and Shock Sites
 - lemon party
 - The Pain Olympics
 - 2 girls 1 cup; 1 guy 1 jar (these may not be really “early” internet, but clearly carrying on the shock tradition)
 - NEDM - Don't Fuck With Cats
 - Rotten.com
 - Meatspin
 - Blink-182.org (or similar. Misleading url that looped a clip of tubgirl)
 - Stile Project
 - Hoax horrors like bonsai kitties
- The First Viruses, Malware, and
- The First Hackers
- Expert Knob Twiddlers - Electronic Music in the Early Days of the Web
 - Technomaha
- Eternal September - Everyone Is Always New Here
- There Is No Place To Be a Kid Online
- Cappers / Early Livestreaming Culture
 - The Sordid History of Internet Blackmail
- Torrenting and Piracy Culture / Cracking Culture
 - AOL Warez - Mike Murphy
 - IRC File servers - Mike Murphy
 - DRM - Early Anti Piracy Measures

- I don't see any mention of demoscene, which was crazy back in the early internet days. Existed kinda between the piracy and developer spheres. Also Napster/Limewire/pirate bay but that pretty much fall under the DRM bullet. I see you touched on drugs but the silk road by name would be good. TOR and it's inception/ lasting uses. - user john belushi
 - Talk to SleepyMurph on twitter RE: Warez and IRC bots
- Dial Up - You Used to Have To Pay For This Shit by the Minute
- ISPs - The Ways We Got Online -local isps where they could see everyone's internet traffic lol
- Y2k Was Actually A Big Fuckin Deal
- The World of Blackpilling - Misery Loves Company
 - Suicide and the Internet
- Proto-Redpilling - The Manosphere Needs You - Toxic Masculinity and Online Culture
- Loveshy, MGTOW, and other pre-incel loneliness movements
- Newspapers enter the information age
- The First Person Convicted for an Internet Crime
 - Laws about the internet in general
 - Emails as legal documents
- The first dotcom Superbowl Ads (compared to NFT superbowl)
- There Are No Girls On The Internet
 - No One Is On The Internet (dead internet theory)
- Trans People Are Online / Early Trans Subcultures
- Early Furry Internet Cultures
- Kiwifarms, Raiding and Internet Mobs - talk to steve about ED and LJDrama
 - Jon Ronson, *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*
 - Early internet dogpiling victim David Gonterman (overlaps with MST3K 'mistings' below)
- Early Online Paranormal Videos
- Livejournal Rating Communities - Nonuglies
 - Message [allisonleabrown](#)
- LAN Parties / Early Online Gaming
 - Doom 2 with Vint Cerf
- IRC - Discord for Boomers
- The Narwhal Bacons at Midnight - Early Reddit Culture
- Early Online Activism / Leftism
- Anonymous - Who They Are, What They Did - 9000 Penises
- Stories of Moderators Getting a fucking Thimble of Power and losing their minds
- Internet Ghost Towns - Sites that are still up for some reason - SpaceJam.com
 - infiltration.org is still kept up and maintained in honor of its deceased creator
 - <http://lemmykoopa.com/> is still up, despite the Something Awful front page's joke about it vanishing - <https://www.somethingawful.com/awful-links/lemmys-land-koopa/>
- Dril - The Man The Myth The Legend
- The Dawn of Online Pornography

- The Google Graveyard - All the projects that Google abandoned
- The First Scams and Grifts
- The First Let's Play Videos
 - The First People to Make their living playing video games
 - Slowbeef / Michael Sawyer
 - Dark Id - Drakengard - Serial liar accusations - hedonistcooking on insta
 - Didn't Something Awful's let's-players once come up with a kind of 'let's player dictatorship', complete with logo, with which to bully let's-players they thought were bad?
- The first microcelebrities - millionaires (MySpace girl group), Jeffree Star "started" on Myspace
- Nine Inch Nails - Year Zero Promo campaign ARG (Rob Sheridan @rob_sheridan had a big hand in the ARG, he was nin's art director for a long time. He would be an interesting guest, he created the dancing baby gif and got the nin gig by making a fansite in college)
 - Marilyn Manson: Secret Websites for Mechanical Animals and Holywood
- BBS / Usenet / Protoforums
 - Listservs and forums – fandom and niche interest communities, evolution towards today's versions of these communities (Reddit, Discord...) (From Kari Castor)
 - suggest for the above maybe covering how forums sometimes bridged into IRL friendships and connections, eg the Pseudome Rising Stars of Manga forum, also there was a super influential metal forum that formed bands/friendships. I can try and find the name if you're interested
- Fake and Gay - The First Openly Gay Subcultures on the Internet
- Narcotics, Online! - Purchasing, Discussing, Addiction Treatment, and Beyond
- Early Copypasta / Creepypastas - Campfire Stories of the Early Internet
- Sex Work - The First Escort Websites
- The First Memes Were Imports From Non-Internet Content
 - Monty Python, Star Trek, Douglas Adams
- Early Internet Predictions about the Internet - Where Did People Think This Was Going?
- Early Flimflam - Bullshit Internet-centric products
- The Anarchist Cookbook - Columbine and Beyond
 - Mass Shootings and the Internet
- Second Life - 3D Meet-ups with friends
- eBullion - Bitcoin before Bitcoin
- It's Always a Fed - Hiring Murderers Online
- Where Did All These Pedophiles Come From
- Anonymity is Going to Save and Kill Us All
- The First Deplatformed Content Creators
- Banned - People Who Legally Cannot Post
- The First Internet-Based Conspiracies
 - Zeitgeist film series
- Real Life Cults Going Online / Cults Starting Online Entirely
- I Can Tell By From the Pixels - Early photoshop hoaxes

- Ken M and Shared Characters
- SpiralFaceMan - The Internet's Worst Dude
- Tor / The Dark Web
- Everything Sucks - The Angry Review Boom (YMS, AVGN, Yahtzee)
- Early mental healthcare on the internet
 - Idk but there's gotta be something there
- Drugs on the Early Internet
 - You can straight up buy poppy plants online
 - Erowid.com - buying psychedelics online
- The First Movies to Feature the Internet
- The World Wide Web - What the Internet was like in other countries
- Ad-Block and the Birth and Death of the Pop-Up Ad
- DARPA and the ARPANET
- 9/11
- Celebrity impersonation online - how it started/how its going (Twitter legal decisions)
- Accessibility - using the internet without senses/with disabilities
- Internet Yellow Pages and Guides
- Did anybody actually get a free iPod?
- Non-website early internet navigation (AOL Keywords)
- Physical internet infrastructure over the years
- Horse eBooks - natural wonder to browser game blunder (plus how bot accounts work) - talk to steve about the coding
- The early days of fanart - legal threats from Fox over Simpsons clips etc
- Early dating sites - Craigslist personals, ASL in the chat
 - Cyber Sex with Kari Castor
- Time Warner acquires AOL, instantly regrets it
- Online auctions before eBay - eBay having to come out and say "you can't sell body parts on here"
- ILoveBees
- Why ARGs died out
- Who made the 3d animated GIFs in 90s internet
- Early eBooks - Stephen King's direct sales, DRM,
- Online support groups - Drugs, Sex, Violence, and Beyond
- The Fatwallet Effect - dogpiling freebies and discounts
- Extreme Couponers
- Animation Outsourcing Pipeline - from Fax machines to email to real-time collaboration
- The anime website BLAXXON, Picrew, and early online virtual spaces
- Church of the Subgenius - very Internet popular in the 90s and 00s, famous members, conventions, unreleased FMV game Dueling Firemen which has insane videos
 - Second and third paragraphs at <https://arconinternet.tumblr.com/post/706362793494020096/believe-it-or-kill-me-audio-mr-f-le-mur> are a guide to finding tons of episodes of the Subgenius radio show, the Hour of Slack.
- The Flying Spaghetti Monster and Internet Atheism becoming reactionary

- The Brick Testament, website that hosted the Bible illustrated entirely with legos by atheist lesbian trans woman, Elbe Spurling / Reverend Brendan Powell Smith
- Art Bell, Internet Conspirator
- Christian Internet Services, a wholesome ISP - from Jessthismess85 on insta
- Did the Guy who created Hamsterdance Kill Children? No. *But What If He Did?*
- Early Burning Man Meetups
- MST3k
 - “ArcOnInternet from Twitter here, and... hoo boy, this'll take a bit. MST3K is connected to a big internet rabbithole: MiSTings. MST3K fanfics that consist of characters - usually the MST3K team from one of its eras - riffing on a piece of text, usually a fanfic. There used to be a huge archive of them called Website Number 9. It went offline in '03, but the raw files (minus the search engine and tag system) briefly came back in '19, and was archived on the Wayback Machine by Archiveteam before it vanished again. Lots of links in the comment below.”
 - Links (tip: for web.archive.org links, add id_ immediately after the string of numbers to remove the top bar - good for saving pages locally, which I suggest you do if you do an episode on this, in case anything happens to the Archive - I plan to do it myself):
 - The Waybacked MiSTing archive:
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190707122137/http://masemware.com/mistings/>
 - doorsclosing.com's 'A Hamdinger of a Time', an informative page with lots of links:
<https://doorsclosing.com/lursk/mst/>
 - An Amazing, Colossal Episode Guide To Sonic the Hedgehog MiSTied Fanfiction, the above-linked site's archive of a list of Sonic fanfic MiSTings, along with its own archived copies of them: <https://doorsclosing.com/lursk/mst/sth3k.html>
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 - The Stephen Ratliff Misting Archive, a list of MiSTings of the Star Trek TNG fanfiction of Stephen Ratliff (tip: at least one text file isn't archived, but is present, likely under a different name, on the big archive at the first link -just Ctrl-F an early keyword from the title):
<http://web.archive.org/web/20070410183945/http://home.netcom.com/~mblackwl/mst.html>
 - And a couple of sites with material not covered on the big archive:
 - The MSTing of... Dragonball Z:
<https://geocities.restorativland.org/Tokyo/Shrine/7990/> and on Wayback with images missing at
<https://web.archive.org/web/20200229194339/https://geocities.restorativland.org/Tokyo/Shrine/7990/>
 - The Pink Boy Buffet: an example of an MiSTing writer's own homepage, including their own five-part storyline: https://members.tripod.com/pink_boy/
- Early Snopes - talk to steve about binkowski
- The Dancing Baby that Rob Sheridan Made
- The rise of Amazon, from online book store to mega-monolith

- FanFiction: tensions between authors/creators and fanfic writers; some authors ignored fanfiction, some actively encouraged, some took legal action against it; heavily female- and queer-dominated space on the early internet; development of AO3 – attempt to preserve, collect, categorize, and establish legal protections for fanfic (example: Anne Rice) - Talk to Kari Castor and producer Steve
- Cultural shift from “going on the internet” (as a discrete activity) to being always online – how it changed our whole perception about how available we are / ought to be to each other. Going from calling your friends and maybe leaving a message with their parents or on an answering machine to having AOL instant messenger running 24/7 and setting away messages (and the pressure to have a clever or profound one) to text messaging which often comes with the expectation of instant response (Kari Castor)
- The makeoutclub-livejournal overlap. This was such a niche space but was a good example of early online communities and social networks starting to take shape (remember Orkut lol?). I’m actually planning on doing sort of a digital ethnography project on MOC itself (I’m a researcher), to declare my own interests here. - Kati Driscoll
- i don't see it mentioned here but AIM– an under-appreciated aspect of very early AIM use was that there was no concept of limiting access, so you could literally look up and message anyone who was on it. I messaged the cartoonist Ted Rall when i was like 16 just bc I could?
- Languages of the early internet– I33tspeak! Amanda Montell might be a good interview for this (her research is in shared, specialized language as a form of creating communities of “insiders”)
- Bodybuilding.com MISC forum
- Publicly available information on the web (I couldn’t find a good spot to nest this as its related to privacy and also legal issues). Not every location (state, city, county, etc) has a online court records system available to the public but the state of Missouri uses CaseNet. You can go through anyone’s criminal record and it even displays their address, these crimes can include traffic tickets. Ancestry.com has been around since the 90’s and didn’t make any changes about identity theft until 2011, a membership gets you access to an incredible amount of information.
- Internet question-and-answer sites like Forum 2000, Conversatron, TMOL, Hateatron, Ministry of Misanthropy etc. (list and Wayback links: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Q%26A_comedy_website) and their (still-running!) user-powered ancestor, Internet Oracle (originally Usenet Oracle)
- Seanbaby
- I-Mockery and similar sites the7thlevel.com and x-entertainment.com (from the guy who now does Dinosaur Dracula - sample: <https://archive.li/IVIdv>)
- Progressive Boink (Mike Westfall is on Twitter as fallwestmike) - most of the original site is no longer on the live internet, but is on the Wayback Machine
 - tip: this is a helpful list - <https://web.archive.org/web/20120628064229/http://archives.progressiveboink.com:80/> - if you click a link and the article wasn’t saved on wayback, remove the ‘archives.’ before the progressiveboink part in the URL
- The Emo Game flash game series (archived by the Flashpoint project)

- The 90's text adventure/Interactive Fiction development community (some key names: Andrew "Zarf" Plotkin, Emily Short, Graham Nelson))
- The Orion's Arm Universe Project - still going!
- The webcomic Penny Arcade - still going too
- The Webby Awards - you get the picture
- bad-candy.com (a Portal of Evil affiliate)
- World Dream Bank (worlddreambank.org - still going)
- boytaur.net (gay multi-limb and transformation kink site) and its current successor metabods.com
- The Daria fanfiction community
- ZZT, the text-mode DOS game engine made by Epic Games when they were Epic Megagames (Anna Anthropy has written about it - another person to talk to is Dosmeow aka Dr. Dos) - also MegaZEUX, the ZZT successor made by a transwoman
- Adventure Game Studio (archive.org has a collection of games up to 2008 - <https://archive.org/details/adventuregamestudio>)
 - The Maniac Mansion Mania and Reality-on-the-Norm shared universe projects
- The flash animations of joecartoon.com, killfrog.com, zthing.com and the like (use Wayback Machine with Ruffle browser extension - some of it is also on the Flashpoint project)
 - Wayback tip - replace the long number in the URL with an asterisk and put an asterisk after a URL's final slash to get a big file list of captured URLs starting with that
- The saga of Bob's Game
- The history of emulation and ROM sites
 - Relatedly, the Visual Pinball community, making unofficial digital versions of pinball tables powered by the original ROMs
- Jerkcity, later renamed Bonequest
 - The departure of Rands, and his total replacement in every comic where he speaks with the character Atandt, whose 'player' is the guy behind rotten.com
 - Jerkcity sharing its website with a restaurant (which Rands gave the original URL to when he left and the comic's name was changed)
 - How to Operate Your Frog and Frog Tips
 - Microsoft Comic Chat and its artist, Jim Woodring (whose official word on Jerkcity was 'This is so damn peculiar!')
 - An uncanny bit of trivia: in The Frank Book, Jim Woodring describes multiple failed attempts at putting dialog in his ultimately dialogless Frank comics - one involved constant profanity, eerily presaging Jerkcity
 - The comics by Spigot's 'player' - Leisuretown and The Dilbert Hole - and the time the latter got a C&D from Scott Adams
- Pokey the Penguin by Steve Havelka (he's still going!)
 - According to the text at the end of the text adventure Progly the Puffin (by the creator of Frog Fractions, and based on his old parody of Pokey the Penguin), Pokey was itself a parody of a very cheesy children's webcomic that has since become forgotten

- thefriendsociety.com, previously thefucksociety.com (both on Wayback - Flash stuff is usable with Ruffle, and some is on Flashpoint and/or Newgrounds (and thus also Newgrounds Auditorium) as well) - Talk to producer steve
 - Sites by animator juho aka somebody aka aaaa: www.weirdweirdweird.f2s.com and coolslime.com
- British internet history - Weebl's Stuff, Joel Veitch/Rathergood (we like the moon et al), b3ta.com.uk (and its creator's website, b3ta.co.uk on Wayback), goaste.cx (note spelling) - later <http://razstar.brinkster.net/goaste/> (also on Wayback Machine thanks to Archiveteam in case of anything vanishing - all the Flash stuff is on the Flashpoint project and the goaste-connected forum n3ta.com (past incarnations are on Wayback)
- Weird animator David Homfray, from Weebl's Stuff and especially goaste (again, note spelling), best known for Da Fly Guyz Go Pop - currently on Tumblr as blombluss and blomblusstoo
- Awful Fantasy III, the Something Awful FF3/6 romhack (by X JAKK, who currently has a YouTube channel)
 - Downloadable from here - <http://www.mediafire.com/download/v3sat70cp41r542/awfulfantasy.smc> - via forum post here - <https://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?threadid=3781368&userid=25863#post461547962>
 - Modified version with quality improvements here - https://www.geocities.ws/ninja_sasukesr/awfulfantasy.html
- John Solomon aka Fuego Fish, Your Webcomic Is Bad And You Should Feel Bad, and the Bad Webcomic Wiki it inspired
- Shareware games (Richard Moss wrote a book about them)
- The Doom modding community
- Webrings
- Elfwood, the precursor to DeviantArt (elfwood.lysator.liu.se and later elfwood.com)
- drivemeinsane.com
- People becoming able to indulge in weird kinks
- The mockery-to-demonization pipeline (see: <https://forums.somethingawful.com/showthread.php?noseen=1&threadid=3834475&pagenumber=322&perpage=40&highlight=kiwi,farms,sometimes#post539057321>)
- The fluffy pony fandom and Fluffybooru
- Smurfs fandom figures - Vic George (writer of Christian Smurf fanfic) and the guy who wrote and drew baby Smurf abuse fanfic
- The Starlight Lines Employee Forum, the accidental roleplaying community (originally starlightlines.com, later starlightlines.net, both Waybacked)
- The anti-Wikipedias, everything2.com and h2g2.com
- Hot or Not
- MSN Messenger (but also its chat rooms, and then how the chat rooms got shut down in part because they were infested with pedophiles: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/3133192.stm>)
- Jennifer Diane Reitz

- Early ARG Ong's Hat
- Ilovebees ARG
- Midi files
- Tracker music
 - Mod Archive - modarchive.org
- Strange Society aka Strange Table - <https://dpsycho.tripod.com/STmain.htm>
- Brian Firenzi (e.g. 5 Second Films and the Sega CD Games Twitter account)
- Angelfire - unlike Geocities, their old pages are still up and even have a directory: <https://angelfire.lycos.com/directory/index.tmp> - Tripod also keeps theirs up too
- Jesus, Bastard Son of the Lord (<http://web.archive.org/web/20050324001543/http://bsotl.org/> - formerly <https://web.archive.org/web/19990225155933/http://www.trog.com/jesus/>)

Stickdeath.Com

It got incredibly Islamophobic after 911. I personally put it in the Wayback machine and the creator had it removed. I tried to find him a few years ago but google was of little assistance, cant nail down who it actually was.

Pardon My formatting as I'm a Ludite and don't know what I'm doing.

Shockwave.com, Joe Sparks Ruled, he abandoned IG a few years ago, I hope he's well. He started TheSpark.com that because OkCupid

- Russian YouTube cartoon character Mr. Freeman - starting in 2009 in Russian, and dubbed in English since 2016 - posting on Twitter (@MrFreeman0) since July 2024 (note: website is mf0.me, not www.mf0.me)

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