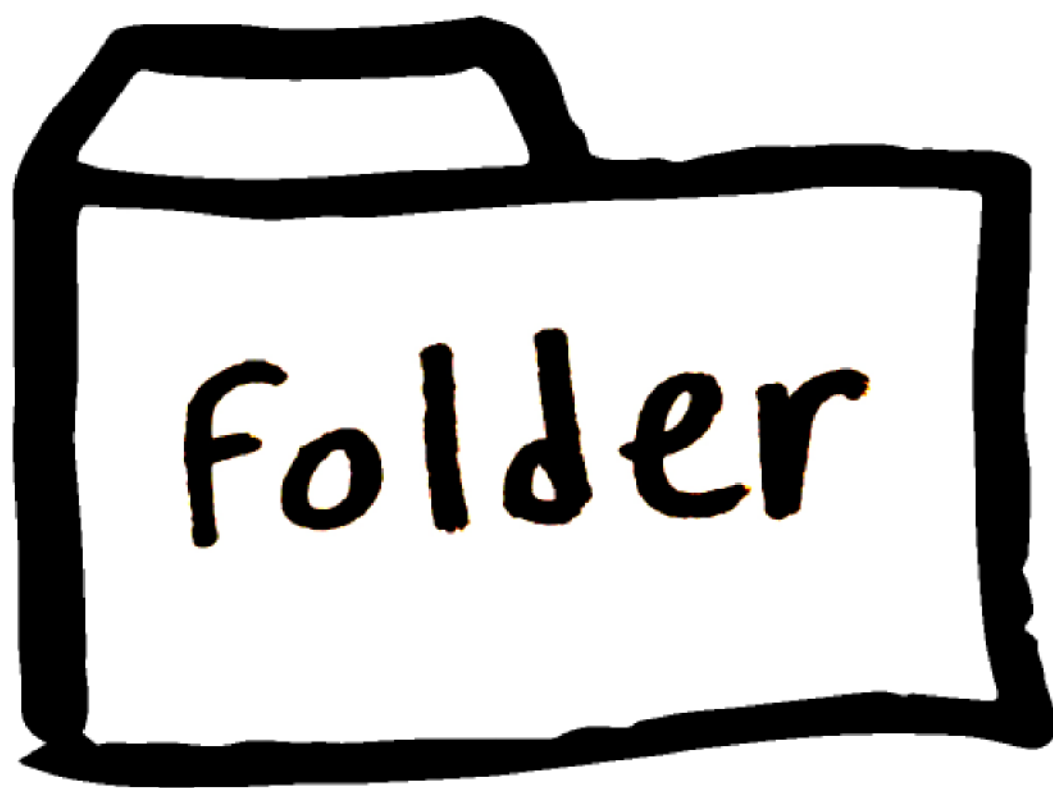




This collection of folder poems was created by the students of the School for Poetic Computation's Detroit Session.

We created poetry through building folder-villages on a shared local network for each other to inhabit & explore.

The class was called Peer-to-Peer Folder Poetry, taught by Melanie Hoff.

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→ <https://github.com/sfpc/detroit>

Folder Poetry is the practice of using common computer folder organization as a new kind of poetic form. By naming and nesting folders and files, we can create unfolding narratives, rhythmic prose, and choose-your-own-adventure poetry.

folder-poetry.txt

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jess_village
|
| openspace
| |
| | lets_grow
| | | allourfood.txt
| | lets_tech
| | | machinesoflovinggrace.txt
| | lets_talk
| | | talkingtolive.txt
| | lets_eat
| | | humble_cooks.txt
| the_gathering_place
| | Let's
| | | use_our_mouths_to
| | | | eat
| | | | | and_cook
| | | | | | together__always.txt
| | | talk
| | | | it_out
| | | | | and_make_it_right.txt
| | use_our_hands_to_make
| | | art
| | | | becauase_it's_what_we
| | | | | need
| | | grow
| | | | our_gardens
| | | | | all_around_us.txt
| | tech
```

talkingtolive.txt

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cooking for you
cooking for me
cooking for us

[Monday]
[Tuesday] [Wednesday]

humble_cooks.txt

between all the living spaces of
the people will live all the
other living
things
in and around and
throughout

A complex drawing of a person's face and upper body, composed of various symbols like 'w', 'v', 'u', 'y', 'j', 'g', 's', 'u', 'i', 'o', 'p', 'q', 'r', 's', 't', 'u', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z', '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '!', '@', '#', '\$', '%', '&', '*', '+', '-', '=', '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', '}', '~', '!', '@', '#', '\$', '%', '&', '*', '+', '-', '=', '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', '}', '~'. The drawing is highly stylized and abstract, with a focus on geometric shapes and patterns. The face is composed of various symbols, including 'w', 'v', 'u', 'y', 'j', 'g', 's', 'u', 'i', 'o', 'p', 'q', 'r', 's', 't', 'u', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z', '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '!', '@', '#', '\$', '%', '&', '*', '+', '-', '=', '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', '}', '~', '!', '@', '#', '\$', '%', '&', '*', '+', '-', '=', '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', '}', '~'. The drawing is highly stylized and abstract, with a focus on geometric shapes and patterns.

allourfood.txt

nan--internal

goals

To

be

grateful

for

what

I

have

comfortable

alone

make

some

decent

homemade

meals

this

week!

sort

of

positive

impression

impact

feel

contented

with

how

I

feel

look

my

place

in

the

world

dreams

questions

why

can't

I

want

to

feel

comfortable

okay

trust

my

connect

with

my

mom

how

can

our

world

manage

to

keep

it

together.txt

I

help

myself

stay

un-jaded

about

the

what

if

I

never

go

outside

ferns.txt

trees.txt

We are all the pollinators
of a new tomorrow.

Flowers are everywhere.

They occupy every system.
You can not smell these
flowers.

beesaplenty.txt

BUILT IN DETROIT

12 Terminals

12 Souls

Determined to not be haked
by those systems you can
not see.

inside-the-community.txt

The waters from the
Tricklings Springs are
known to heal

Protect these waters at all
cost.

The SYSTEM is designed to
contaminate it.

The BUG is not able to
float.

andthewaterheals.txt

```
stephens-village
|
| farm
|   | onion.txt
|   | bok-choy.txt
|   | wheat.txt
|   | potato.txt
|   | rice.txt
|   | garlic.txt
| studio
|   | music
|   |   | emo.txt
|   |   | techno.txt
|   |   | house.txt
|   |   | soul.txt
|   |   | indie.txt
|   | design
|   |   | design-book.txt
|   |   | computer.txt
|   |   | sticky-note.txt
|   | art
|   |   | sculpture.txt
|   |   | mirror.txt
|   | fitness
|   |   | yoga.txt
| dogwood.txt
| sequoia.txt
| maple.txt
| kitchen
|   | diner
|   |   | hot-dog.txt
|   |   | coffee.txt
|   |   | secret-sauce.txt
|   |   | burger.txt
|   |   | hash-browns.txt
|   | garlic-oil.txt
|   | cafe
|   |   | coffee.txt
|   |   | tea.txt
|   |   | kombucha.txt
|   | noodles.txt
|   | curry.txt
```

There's a yoga mat here,
but there's no instructor
or any resources for what
to do. Maybe meditate for a
few minutes?

yoga.txt

"i'm tall and i'm from
California. i love hiking,
surfing, and the smell of
progress." - the sequoia

It's really just mayo.

secret-sauce.txt

"I know I get a bad rep for
making people smell bad,
but what if it smells good
to someone? There's gotta
be people out there who
love the smell of garlic
and wanna know what you
ate!" - a head of garlic

garlic.txt

"i like to hide
underground, but i'm really
a soft person at heart once
you know me! i've lived in
really cold climates and
i'm actually from South
America, not Ireland!" - a
potato

potato.txt

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detroit

agriculture

east-side-farms
north-end-farms
communal-gardens
central-town-farm
west-side-farms

workshops

ironworks
robotoics
medicalequipment
engineering-and-constructuion
woodworks

transportation

regional-spoke-from-central-train-system
green-ways
regional-transit-system
e-bike-systems
boat-taxis
autonomous-bus-system-on-grid-of-roads

universities

central-sciences-univ
western-agricultural-univ
humanities-univ
governance-and-communal-care-center
eastern-engineering-tech

zoological

west-zoo
north-zoo
east-zoo
botanical-gardens-central
botanical-gardens-north

utilities

north-east-passby-center
west-power-station
north-power-station
east-solar-field
central-water-filtration
east-power-station
north-west-pass-by-center
west-side-water-filtration
west-wind-farm
east-side-water-filtration
main-power-station
east-wind-farm
north-pass-by-center
west-solar-field

athletics		
recreation-center-east		
recreational-center-west		
recreational-center-north		
recreational-center-riverside		
architecture		
east-museum		
west-museum		
central-museum		--/)
north-museum		.-(-(=:
residential		
outer-east	\	\)
rivertown	\	
east-side	\	
north-end	\	
outer-west	\	
outer-north	\	
west-side	\	
markets		
western-market		
eastern-market		
northern-market		
river-market		
governance		
central-community-governance		
community-governance-east		
community-governance-north		
community-governance-west		
sciences		
east-side-medical-center		
childrens-science-center		
observatory		
north-end-medical-center		
west-side-medical-center		
central-observatory		
central-medical-center		
theatre-district		

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the-garden-of-forking-paths
| stand-still
| | the-network-is-a-folder-poem.txt
walk-to-your-left
| always-already-programming.txt
walk-to-your-right
| software-hardware-and-invisible-villages.txt
```

ALWAYS ALREADY PROGRAMMING is about how everyone who interacts with computers has, in a very real way already been programming. The distinction between programmer and user is maintained by a tech industry that benefits from a population rendered computationally passive.

Together we can build up and cultivate one another's agency to shape technology and online spaces that support and care for each other and our communities.

always-already-programming.txt

be the poet

the-network-is-a-
folder-poem.txt

this-collection-includes-poems-by
| jessica-rogner
| antajuan-scott
| sam-griffith
| tyrone-clemmons
| stephen-song

