

Notes

My website is a shifting house

<https://thecreativeindependent.com/essays/laurel-schwulst-my-website-is-a-shifting-house-next-to-a-river-of-knowledge-what-could-yours-be/>

- Interesting to think about what websites could be, to expand on the idea of a website
- I've always thought a website was simply a container but have recently learned that it can be more of an experience
- It's interesting to think of all it could be, a garden, a puddle, a plant, a shelf
- The idea of the internet being a cloud is cool to think about but seeing it i do think it can be problematic, since the internet is so individual and made up of so many nodes, not just one large thing floating around
 - Flock of birds is definitely better
 - We each have a responsibility to maintaining the internet to be a helpful environment for all of us

A rant about technology

<https://web.archive.org/web/20201108174738/http://www.ursulakleguinarhive.com/Note-Technology.html>

- I think i've always internally thought about technology as being more than just ... high tech technology of the past few years but whenever anyone asked i would immediately think about phones, computers
- Technology is the active human interface with the material world
 - I like this a lot
- I also like at the end when it states that the technology in his novels might be a skeleton as opposed to an exoskeleton
 - Harder to see but just as important for foundation and structure
 - Often overlooked
- Interesting to think about how much of our lives is actually made possible by so many different forms of technology
- How the world has evolved so quickly to make us forget about advancements we use every day and to dismiss them

Journal Entry

After reading the articles, I feel like I have gained a new perspective on not only the internet and websites, but also on the definition of technology. I've always thought of a website as a container for information, but I can see now that a website can be anything, from an experience to a collection. The metaphors used during the article were quite eye opening, with a website being a garden, puddle, plant, shelf, or even a rock on its way to the bottom of the ocean. I really enjoyed the idea that the internet isn't just a cloud, as it is commonly referred to as, but rather a flock of birds, since the internet is so individual and made up of so many nodes. We are all responsible for contributing to the internet and making it what we want it to be, and contributing to the internet in a way that is beneficial to everyone. As for the idea of technology, I

think I've always known that technology is more than just high tech laptops and phones, but when everyone refers to technology as solely those items, I forget about everything else that is technology. Technology in all forms is an essential part of our lives, and the rapid evolution of our world has made us dismiss how revolutionary those advancements and the ones before them are. The statement at the end is very thought provoking, with the idea of technology being more a skeleton rather than an exoskeleton at times. It is integral but possibly overlooked or hidden.