“Pages by Kids, For Kids”
Unlocking Childhood and Youth History through Web Archived Big Data

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Welcome to the Enchanted Forest

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The Enchanted Forest

Join us for an adventure in the only neighborhood made by children, for children.
What can we learn?

• We can see two things in the story of the **Enchanted Forest**

  • **First** – we can explore how children connected with each other and articulated a vision of community that’s alternative to the wide-open Web (primarily 1996 - 1999)

  • **Second** – we can get a scale of the data in the age of web historiography.
• Late 1997: ~ 200,000 homesteaders between 3 and 15;
• Enchanted Forest: 740,096 URLs, with 170,659,422 words
Living Life Online: Childhood History in the Web Age
Civil War in Warhammer 40,000

Who can say, but it certainly sounds amusing. Later days, Nyar.

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I was recently playing a game of Warhammer 40,000 when the opponents had a disagreement and decided that they would have a civil war. The two armies in question were Space Wolf, Blood Angels and Imperial Guard. The Space Wolf player opened up with his Cyclone and using 12 missiles, wiped out the 1500 point Imperial army, and the survivors were picked off by the Blood Angel's thud gun.

Although I was delighted by this, it made for a short game, as the only model I got to use was my Leman Russ, who picked off the survivors after the Blood angels picked off the Space Wolves.

Do you think Civil War is an acceptable rule?

Well If you're in another universe why not. But in terms of 40K no :) -- Bub 7262...@compuserve.com

once in a while, so long as the people fighting the war understand that they will lose (since they have

What is this civil war rule? I seem to have missed the original posting, sorry!
The web was not just made by dot.com companies, but that "eleven-year-old boys and grandmothers are also busy putting up Web sites. Of course, the quality of these sites varies greatly, but low-cost and even free home page services are a growing part of the on-line world."

The historiography of childhood and youth
What was GeoCities and what was the EnchantedForest?
Welcome to the Cigar Dude's Smoking Room

You are visitor number

since June 5, 1996

The main purpose of this page is to give me a forum to voice my views and opinions on cigars, good beer and fine wine. It's also a pretty good way for me to learn HTML. This page was first created on May 8, 1996 and will take some time to evolve, so if you are into cigars you might want to check back every once in a while to see what's up. It is always nice to know what other people...
GEOCITIES USERS:

OCT. 1995: 10,000 USERS
AUG. 1996: 100,000 USERS
OCT. 1997: 1,000,000 USERS
Neighbourhoods (1994-1999)

Neighborhood Directory and Profile

Our Homesteaders set up residency in one of our twenty-nine themed communities, based on the content of their home page. If you are interested in joining one of our communities, please read the descriptions below and choose the neighborhood whose theme corresponds to the intended theme of your home page.

For access to the neighborhood features, homesteader pages and a whole lot more, or to apply for residency, click on the name of the GeoCities neighborhood you’re interested in.
Topic-based clustering
Makeup

Survey of 432 websites:
20.8% built by adults;
15.9% clearly by children/youth;

The rest we weren’t comfortable determining.
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Technical dimensions
Using Warcbase: Filter-Analyze-Aggregate-Visualize Cycle
From exploring these sites we can begin to find the sites that form the core of our story.
Welcome to the Enchanted Forest Awards Page!

Hip Hip Hooray!

Everyone likes to win awards right?

Well what are you waiting for?
Criteria for an award

- **Links**: Links had to work and be age-appropriate (“Kidsafe”);
- **Graphics**: Graphics had to be working and could not just be linked from other servers;
- **Loading time**: Pages had to load in under a minute;
- **Navigation**: Sites had to be easy to navigate – suggested code was provided to make a drop-down menu at the bottom of your site;
- **Frames**: If a site had frames, it had to have a non-framed version for older browsers;
- **Content**: It had to “offer a person looking at your site more than just one thing to see”;
- **Personal Info**: Your site couldn’t contain personal information, such as last names, dates of birth, and address;
- **Layout**: The site needed to be “attractive and organized.”
The Connective Tissue of the Enchanted Forest
Finding pages of individual children
Hi! My name is Brandon. I am 10 years old. As you can tell from the music, I am a big fan of Star Wars. My hobbies include baseball (I hate that my season is over), football, watching nascar races (my favorite driver is Ernie Ervin), riding my bike, and playing my games. My favorite game on Virtual Boy is Mario Tennis, Sonic and Knuckles on Sega Genesis, Willy Beamish on Sega CD, Teenage Mutant turtles on Super Ninetendo [sic], and Star wars on 32x. When I grow up, I want to be a baseball player. We live in S.C. I would like to hear from you!
Help Pooh solve this puzzle! All you do is find the words in the blocks, then when you finish you will notice that there are 8 blocks not crossed out, just unscramble those letters and E-mail the word and your E-mail to me (at beauty12@geocities.com) TO GET YOUR AWARD!! Good Luck!!

Block 1: BEEKOLWO
Block 2: APEAQOQL
Block 3: DISNEYAH
Block 4: TIGGERBB
Block 5: EBRAOHBO
Block 6: LHHUVNIT
Block 7: GOPHERTH
Block 8: IAAMINE
Block 9: PEEYORER

This is the AWARD you will win!!
Suddenly we have access to the voices of thousands we never before would have had in our archives, and a method to find them.
But also dubious ones…

- One of the most central pages was the **GeoKidz club** - tenth highest PageRank in GeoCities
The GeoKidz Club

The catch...
“Part of [the survey] might ask them does daddy play golf, how many clubs does he have, do you have a cat or dog, how many rooms in your house, do you have a car, does mummy and daddy drive, and how many cars do they have.”

– Moira Scollay, Federal Privacy Commissioner of Australia, 1998
This is going to turn out well...
Internet Site Agrees to Settle FTC Charges of Deceptively Collecting Personal Information in Agency's First Internet Privacy Case

Commission Establishes Strong Mechanisms for Protecting Consumers' Privacy Online

FOR RELEASE

August 13, 1998

GeoCities, one of the most popular sites on the World Wide Web, has agreed to settle Federal Trade Commission charges that it misrepresented the purposes for which it was collecting personal identifying information from children and adults. This is the first FTC case involving Internet privacy. Under the settlement, GeoCities has agreed to post on its site a clear and prominent Privacy Notice, telling consumers what information is being collected and for what purpose, to whom it will be disclosed, and how consumers can access and remove the information. To ensure parental control, GeoCities also would have to obtain parental consent before collecting information from children 12 and under.

"GeoCities misled its customers, both children and adults, by not telling the truth about how it was using their personal information," said Jodie Bernstein, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "This case is a
Changed the dynamics.
All Good Things Must End...
Last Modified Dates in EnchantedForest Sample
Yahoo got rid of us! Sorry but we do not exist anymore. We haven't in a long time now. Yahoo doesn't care about the kids anymore. Pedophiles and porno sickos can now run rampant and there's nothing anyone at Yahoo is gonna do! They just don't care about the safety of children. All they care about is numbers and money! May God have mercy on them all!
Conclusions
A preliminary history of the Enchanted Forest
How we can work with these sources.
All of this matters.
Thanks very much!

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