



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

11 Jul 2011

Tag the UK's public paintings. This is fun! Watch the video for a nice explanation.

via: <http://www.metafilter.com/105390/Your-Paintings#3806769>



[Your Paintings](#)

[Tagger](#)



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8 Jul 2011

In case you feel like boycotting Murdoch's companies, here's a handy list.

(Now I understand what happened to the Times in the UK, which rapidly went from being a serious newspaper to being an awful rag.)

[List of assets owned by News Corporation - Wikipedia, the free <b>...</b>](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Digested and graphed: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-14104349> 11 Jul 2011

**Tim Hutton** - In Australia he owns *eight of the twelve main newspapers*. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-14077051> 14 Jul 2011



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The fallout when one newspaper destroys another. Interesting insights into how journalism works.



[Phone hacking:](#)

[O&A with Alan Rusbridger | Comment is free <b>...</b>](#)



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7 Jul 2011

I struggle to think of a more important issue than massive corporations wielding power over governments.



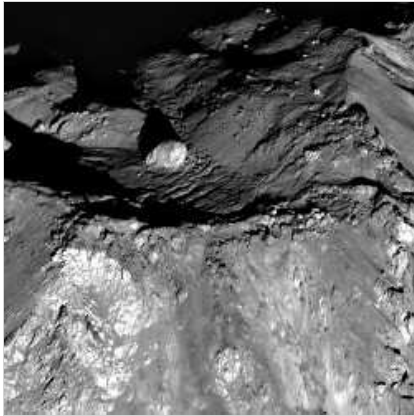
[Holy cow, taxman! Featherweight activist fights battle against the](#)

[<b>...</b>](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
Amazing new images of the Tycho crater.

1 Jul 2011



[ferkeltongs: Zooming in on Tycho](#)



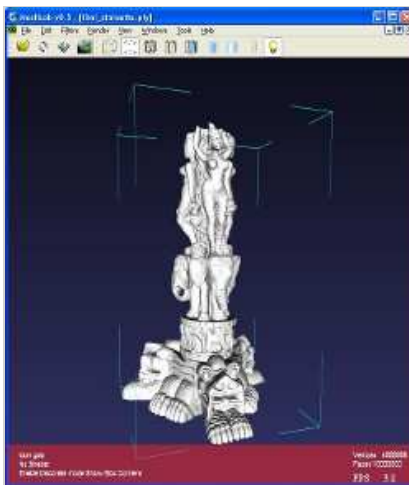
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30 Jun 2011

Today is MeshLab day at my work, it seems. I was recommending it to someone for mesh reduction work, and by pure coincidence, only seconds later we had a recommendation from Activision that we load some PLY files in it.

It's GPL and cross-platform and has some cutting-edge algorithms. Go MeshLab!

<http://meshlab.sourceforge.net/>





**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
wood

28 Jun 2011



[The Wood Art Of](#)

[Cha Jong-Rye: Pics, Videos, Links, News](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
Shave your rug into a maze.

28 Jun 2011



[Hedge Maze Area](#)

[Rug — DIY How-to from Make: Projects](#)

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24 Jun 2011

Imagine a human doing this. Inside our own skin (as an airtight barrier) we'd liquify, then some of our stem cells would consume the gunk and grow a whole new form. <shivers>

Reshared [post](#) from [Ian Bicking](#)

This is a little freaky: <http://bit.ly/kHMzeg> - caterpillars digest themselves inside the chrysalis and a few cells recreate the butterfly

**Tim Hutton** - They've got some chrysalides at Turtle's nursery as a nature demonstration. They started with some caterpillars in little jars, then transferred them to a net cage where they crawled to the top and attached themselves and are presumably now liquifying their own bodies. I thought for a moment about telling Turtle what was going on inside but I didn't want to give her nightmares. 27 Jun 2011

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I made a shed.

23 Jun 2011



[shed](#)

[ferkeltongs: pod](#)



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D-Dalus sounds fun. At first glance it looks like a Voith Schneider propeller but adapted to work in air instead of water.

22 Jun 2011



[entirely new genre of aircraft arrives](#) [Voith Schneider Propeller - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

[D-Dalus - an](#)

[Gitesh Khodiyar](#) - I'm sure that the bladerunner cars were powered by this engine. 24 Jun 2011



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

One Laptop Per Child, in Australia.

[The OLPC Australia program in action](#) [The OLPC Australia program in action](#)

17 Jun 2011



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10 Jun 2011

"In 2001 the IMF found out the Malawian government had built up large stockpiles of grain in case there was a crop failure, they ordered them to sell it off to private companies at once. They told Malawi to get their priorities straight by using the proceeds to pay off a loan from a large bank the IMF had told them to take out in the first place, at a 56 per cent annual rate of interest. The Malawian president protested and said this was dangerous. But he had little choice. The grain was sold. The banks were paid. ... The next year, the crops failed. ... The BBC described it as Malawi's "worst ever famine."

More, from 2002: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2002/oct/29/3>

[Johann Hari: It's not just Dominique Strauss-Kahn. The IMF itself should be on trial - Johann Hari, Commentators - The Independent](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Rebuttal by the IMF: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/malawi.htm>

via comments in the BoingBoing post: <http://www.boingboing.net/2011/06/09/imf-considered-harmf.html> 10 Jun 2011

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9 Jun 2011

Two amazing space videos from the last few days. The solar flare from two days ago (shot in ultra-violet), and the last ever space shuttle docked with the international space station (filmed from a departing Soyuz).

[7 June 2011 M2.5 Flare, AIA 193 Å](#) [7 June 2011 M2.5 Flare, AIA 193 Å](#) [Shuttle Endeavour Docked to Station](#) [Shuttle Endeavour Docked to Station](#) [The Sun lets loose a HUGE explosion | Bad Astronomy | Discover Magazine](#)

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8 Jun 2011

Photos from the International Space Station.



[Squishy moonrise](#)

[seen from space! | Bad Astronomy | Discover Magazine](#)

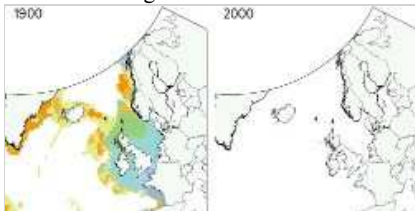
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8 Jun 2011

The fish are all gone.



[No more fish in the sea](#)

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25 May 2011

Demo videos showing CG face mocap, on a hilarious dog boy character.

<http://vimeo.com/19261124>

<http://vimeo.com/19261370>

<http://vimeo.com/19437135>

[Gregs Avatar review](#) [Gregs Avatar review](#)

**David Moulder** - I've been following this dude for a few years. You should also check out his ice rendering videos on vimeo as well. Cool stuff. 25 May 2011

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16 May 2011

A photo of the scars left by a meandering river as it thrashes around over thousands of years.

(There is some semi-serious speculation that the Mississippi is about to change course.)



[encyclopedia](#)

[Michael Bay's Scenario « xkcd](#) [Meander scar - Wikipedia, the free](#)



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12 May 2011

There's something about recipe web pages that invites the creative troll. On a page about how to cook the perfect chilli con carne (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/wordofmouth/2011/may/12/cook-perfect-chilli-con-carne>)

"Shriek at the top of your lungs as the dog laps chunks of shin from your moonlit bum-crack."



<http://www.guardian.co.uk/discussion/comment-permalink/10716396>



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

4 May 2011

"broke up. Never that dis wood happen, heinz site is 2020 tho"  
"mayo need to look for a new gf"

Turns out that puns wielded in the service of snark against oblivious victims make me laugh most of all.

via: <http://www.metafilter.com/103159/The-best-dong-in-the-world>



[The 10 Best Obnoxious Responses To Misspellings On Facebook |](#)

[someecards.com](http://someecards.com)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

3 May 2011

The film only happened because the film-maker, Thierry, had a personal obsession with filming stuff to avoid losing his memories.



[ferkelongs: Exit Through The Gift Shop](#)

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3 May 2011

Control hardware directly from an Android phone, without rooting.



[SparkFun intros IOIO for Android, a hack-free breakout box to get your mind spinning -- Engadget](#) [IOIO for Android - SparkFun Electronics](#)

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29 Apr 2011

"Now my personal data's out there somewhere online, so thanks for that Sony you incompetent swines."

[The Sony Song - Because the Playstation Network is STILL down.](#) [The Sony Song - Because the Playstation Network is STILL down.](#)

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20 Apr 2011

Synth app based on lattice gas cellular automata:

[Otomata](#)

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15 Apr 2011

Greg Egan *predicted* in 1994 that there would be a 3D version of von Neumann's cellular automaton developed in 2010.

[Self Replication #3](#) [Self Replication #3](#) [ferkelongs: twenty-ten](#)

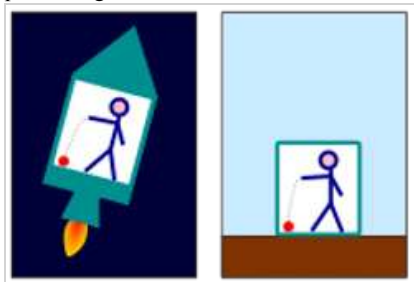
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13 Apr 2011

Fun fact: By being on Earth for one year you have experienced enough acceleration to propel you to exactly the speed of light.



[ferkelongs: traveling without moving](#)

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7 Apr 2011

Just came across Dasher in my Debian linux. I've never seen an interface before that set my heart racing! Also available on iPhone and Android. (I've been typing this in Dasher and squealing in delight.)

[Dasher Demonstration](#) [Dasher Demonstration](#) [Dasher - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Yeah a keyboard will be faster - for those of us with fingers. Dasher is really aimed at accessibility for those less abled. Apparently when used with an eye tracker it can be used to get fantastic speed, I'd love to try that. You can set it up to spit text into whatever application has keyboard focus (like Buzz). On Windows the setting is: Prefs, Application, Direct entry. 7 Apr 2011

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4 Apr 2011

Joseph Stiglitz on inequality.

[Of the 1%, by the 1%, for the 1% | Society | Vanity Fair](#)

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4 Apr 2011

Asked about the possibility of retribution from the authorities: "I have to deal with it, but not to prepare for it, because it is a kind of stupidity. If you prepare for it too much, you become a part of it."

[Ai Weiwei still missing after being held by Chinese police | Art and design | The Guardian](#)

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24 Mar 2011

This is awesome. Convert an image to 1024 Gaussian blobs, then mill a sheet of glass with 32x32 little lens shapes to cast light to each blob. Use the glass in your bathroom or wherever, and watch as an image slides across your wall every morning.

Watch the video.



[Engraved plastic panel casts image in light and shade - tech - 23 March](#)

[2011 - New Scientist](#) [Goal-based Caustics](#)

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22 Mar 2011

Blinky

<http://vimeo.com/ruairirobinson/videos/>

[Blinky™](#) [Blinky™](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Amazingly, the director doesn't seem to have broken into the film business yet. It can't be long. Or maybe it's already happened and it's still in the pipeline.

"Did I mention I'm available to direct? The set will contain small traces of grit, and there will be visible edges on it. Any scenes shot in an elevator, I will personally take the crew up to the next vertical level and shoot the scene there instead. I will place envelopes on the set so that I can push them around with my bare hands. I'm even willing to cut the edges off those envelopes! Cuz that's just how I roll. Alternately just tell me what you want to hear, and I'll say that instead. Are we in synergy?" <http://www.ruairirobinson.com> 22 Mar 2011

**Susanta Dutta** - 50% grey was great...it was very popular in 3dsMax community

<http://www.the-area.com/maxturns20/history> 23 Mar 2011

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20 Mar 2011

For the record, I know *nothing* about ants, and only wrote it because a silly question deserves a silly answer.



[cleaning - What's the best way to get ants out of laptop](#)

[keyboards? - Super User](#)

**Kerry M** - Living in Hawaii, I actually had ants on my keyboard from time to time. My strategy was to blow them off.

20 Mar 2011

**emily peterson** - Me too. Nothing like one crawling over your finger while typing or mysteriously appearing out of the G key. 21 Mar 2011



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10 Mar 2011

how long can you hold your breath for?

<holds breath and looks at me.....exhales.> "That much."

[I'm 4 years old. AMAA. : IAmA](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

10 Mar 2011



[21 Amazing](#)

[Examples Of Shadow Art: Pics, Videos, Links, News](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

9 Mar 2011

Awesome electric skateboard has ABS brakes and wireless remote

□ [FiiK Skateboards Demo. The Best Electric Skateboard footage out.](#) [FiiK Skateboards Demo. The Best Electric Skateboard footage out.](#) [Awesome electric skateboard has ABS brakes and wireless remote | DVICE](#)

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4 Mar 2011

Woah. This isn't even corruption anymore. It's just business now.

(Please someone convince me that this kind of article is just biased nonsense. I would far prefer that to be true.)  
[Republicans attack Obama's environmental protection from all sides | World news | The Guardian](#)

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2 Mar 2011

Steve Grand, creator of the Creatures game, has been thinking about how to make a primitive life-form with a brain. One that would genuinely be alive and genuinely be thinking. Wanting to avoid the traditional game publishing route he started a Kickstarter project a few days ago, and is fast approaching his target **already**. A lot of people have a lot of faith in him. Whether or not he meets his own goals it will be a fascinating project.



[Blowing my own trumpet « Steve Grand's Blog](#)

**Dave Greene** - Boy, *that* was fun to watch! It's always gratifying to see this kind of non-standard funding model actually work well enough to make somebody happy. The numbers are still creeping up slowly but surely, too -- \$10K over the target already with a month still to go.

It seldom worked quite so reliably for Jason Rohrer, I'm afraid, though there have been a few exceptions:

<http://hcsoftware.sourceforge.net/jason-rohrer/> (see the "support my work" link).

Jason at one point was working on "subReal", which seemed conceptually quite similar to Steve Grand's Sim-biosis project --

<http://www.gamingsteve.com/blab/index.php?topic=15243.0>

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/simergy/>

-- 3D cells as building blocks for evolvable creatures. 6 Mar 2011

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1 Mar 2011

The "combined age" of the human race is 224 billion years. The age of the universe is 13.75 billion years. So collectively the people living on Earth right now have lived more than 16 times the age of the universe.



[ferkeltongs: combined age](#)

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21 Feb 2011

"Anonymous is the internet's collective id"

<http://www.metafilter.com/100752/Anonymous-warns-Westboro-Baptist-Church-stop-now-or-else#3531719>

Wow. What a great thought. Not the first time it has been said but very apt. Compare with the diabolical monster in Forbidden Planet:

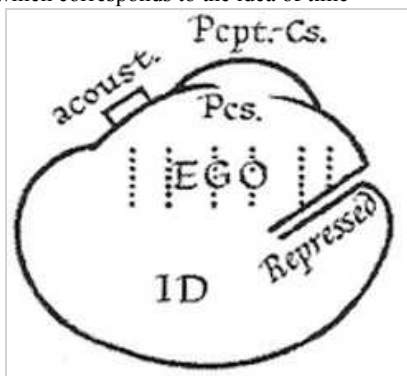
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Id\\_ego\\_and\\_super-ego#Notable\\_appearances\\_in\\_popular\\_culture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Id_ego_and_super-ego#Notable_appearances_in_popular_culture)

The monster should be Anonymous' new logo.

Freud describes the id like this:

"It is the dark, inaccessible part of our personality, what little we know of it we have learned from our study of the dream-work and of the construction of neurotic symptoms, and most of that is of a negative character and can be described only as a contrast to the ego. We approach the id with analogies: we call it a chaos, a cauldron full of seething excitations... It is filled with energy reaching it from the instincts, but it has no organisation, produces no collective will, but only a striving to bring about the satisfaction of the instinctual needs subject to the observance of the pleasure principle"

"contrary impulses exist side by side, without cancelling each other out....There is nothing in the id that could be compared with negation...nothing in the id which corresponds to the idea of time"



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

18 Feb 2011

Radiohead has put one of the songs from their new album (out tomorrow) on YouTube:

**Edited to add:** the album is actually out now!

[Radiohead - Lotus Flower](#)

via

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/musicblog/2011/feb/18/radiohead-king-of-limbs-live>

[Radiohead - Lotus Flower](#) [Radiohead - Lotus Flower](#)

**Kerry M** - awesome. 18 Feb 2011

**Tim Hutton** - Listening to the mp3's now. Ah, the happy uncertainty of a new Radiohead album.

Are you guys having a baby? That's most excellent! 18 Feb 2011

**Tim Hutton** - Somebody on that page comments: "either this is a new radiohead song or the WORST stripper I've ever seen..." 18 Feb 2011

**Tim Hutton** - A "pre-release review":

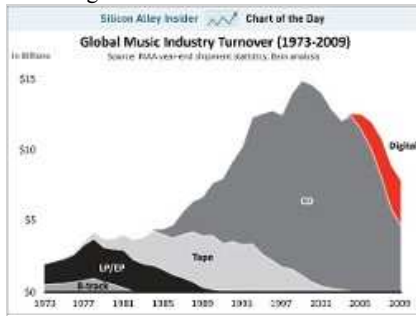
<http://www.viceland.com/blogs/en/2011/02/15/new-radiohead-album-the-first-review/#more-27307>

" "Babies' eyes / Babies' eyes / cancer, flies, thyroid pies," laments Thom, on this beastly overture, reminiscent of "The National Anthem", or perhaps "Killer Cars", while Johnny Greenwood plays a timpani with a zither as though the planet's alternative fuel options depended on it." 18 Feb 2011



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
Interesting

17 Feb 2011



[CHART OF THE DAY: The Death Of The Music Industry](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Now corrected for inflation and population growth:  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/these-charts-explain-the-real-death-of-the-music-industry-2011-2> 21 Feb 2011



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

16 Feb 2011

"Peculiar travel suggestions are dancing lessons from God."

☐ [15 Things Kurt Vonnegut Said Better Than Anyone Else Ever Has Or Will | Music | Inventory | The A.V. Club](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

11 Feb 2011

And then someone from Aaron Barr's company goes on IRC to talk to Anonymous, and to beg for their (already seeded) company emails to be taken off the internets. Things turn from bad to worse when Aaron turns up on the same channel...

<http://www.metafilter.com/100424/Whos-been-discredited-again#3512630>

Reshared [post](#) from [Kerry M](#)  
amazing. (via jroo)

[How one man tracked down Anonymous&mdash;and paid a heavy price - arstechnica.com](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

8 Feb 2011

More from the awesome Vi Hart. A nice story about Wind and Mr. Ug, who never seem to meet...

[Möbius Story: Wind and Mr. Ug](#) [Möbius Story: Wind and Mr. Ug](#)

**Gitesh Khodiyar** - Brilliant! 10 Feb 2011



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

7 Feb 2011

"Only a pure panpsychic would hold that a chocolate cake can experience the qualia of Elmlea. Are Sainsbury's really suggesting that a single slice can do just that? It's certainly a radical philosophical position for a major supermarket chain to adopt."



[consciousness?](#)

[internetsdairy: Buttercream icing: the neural correlate of](#)





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1 Feb 2011

The sting: "Google crafted one-time code that would allow it to manually rank a page for a certain term ... The only reason these pages appeared on Google was because Google forced them to be there. There was nothing that made them naturally relevant for these searches. If they started to appear at Bing after Google, that would mean that Bing took Google's bait and copied its results..."

Ha ha ha. Stupid Microsoft.



[Google: Bing Is](#)

[Cheating, Copying Our Search Results](#)

**Kerry M** - hilarious. 1 Feb 2011

**Tim Hutton** - On the same day that this blog post went live, Bing and Google were due to debate on stage about 'the future of search'. It immediately turned into an amazing slanging match, the video is now up here:

<http://www.mattcutts.com/blog/google-bing/>

The relevant part is 2:30 thru 11:30. 4 Feb 2011



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28 Jan 2011

Essential for making vegetarian gravy and French Onion Soup, browning onions is an useful skill, analysed here in detail with an eye to speeding up the normally hour-long process.

Distilled tips:

1. Cook some sugar in the pan first, down to a golden-brown syrup.
2. Add a tiny bit of baking soda.
3. Increase the heat but add tiny bits of water regularly.



[The Food Lab: A](#)

[Better Way to Caramelize Onions \(Plus, French Onion Dip!\) | Serious Eats](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

26 Jan 2011

"Market fundamentalism, this madness that's infected the human race, is like a greedy ghost that haunts the boardrooms and council chambers and committee rooms from which the world is run these days.

...

The greedy ghost understands profit all right. But that's all he understands. What he doesn't understand is enterprises that don't make a profit, because they're not set up to do that but to do something different. He doesn't understand libraries at all, for instance. That branch – how much money did it make last year? Why aren't you charging higher fines? Why don't you charge for library cards? Why don't you charge for every catalogue search? Reserving books – you should charge a lot more for that. Those bookshelves over there – what's on them? Philosophy? And how many people looked at them last week? Three? Empty those shelves and fill them up with celebrity memoirs."



[This is the Big](#)

[Society, you see. It must be big, to contain so many volunteers. | openDemocracy](#)



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26 Jan 2011

<http://vimeo.com/18842873>  
[Surface detail](#) [Surface detail](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

20 Jan 2011

Robert Llewellyn has started a blog!

The link below is his writing about electric cars, but there are other sections too.

[The LewBlog - Electric Cars](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

22 Dec 2010

Noticed this just now on my vl. Silly and pointless. I like it.



[VLC Player Puts Up a Red Christmas Hat \[Easter Egg\]](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

22 Dec 2010

Write games for Android in Python, using Pygame!

Here's the announcement mail:

<http://www.mail-archive.com/pygame-users@seul.org/msg14804.html>

You can either package your game to put it on the market for others to download, or it can live as source files on your phone's SD card. As I understand it, with an android text file editor you can program, run and debug games all on your phone! (People are working on that for Processing but nothing has arrived yet.)

<http://www.renpy.org/pygame/>

**Tim Hutton** - The SDL link on the renpy/pygame page says that SDL is already available for C++ programming on Android, using the NDK. Wow. 22 Dec 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

17 Dec 2010

I'm going to show Neela this...

Reshared [post](#) from [David Moulder](#)  
[this kid can move!](#) - [animation 2](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

17 Dec 2010

Mounting evidence that Apple, Microsoft, and Oracle are undertaking a coordinated attack on Android:  
[Apple, Oracle, Microsoft Acquire Novell Patents Together](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Oh, Groklaw suggests that it's not a (direct) attack on Android, since Google is a member of the OIN and so is protected against all those patents.

<http://www.groklaw.net/article.php?story=20101216113816651>

Maybe it's just a general coordinated attack on Google, because of Android. 17 Dec 2010

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16 Dec 2010

Reshared [post](#) from [Joe Burmeister](#)

Interesting combat strategy from MS in combating a open web:

<http://www.h-online.com/open/news/item/Microsoft-releases-H-264-Firefox-add-on-for-Windows-7-1154242.html>

Of course, the big guns of open source aren't going to fall for this as H264 is not a free format. But it's a interesting change of MS combat of open source. Add source trying to steer it in the way you want things to go.

MS want H264 as the standard as a) they are part owners, b) screws Mozilla if it becomes the format as they can't afford the licensing. So if H264 becomes the web standard, MS pull the plug on this plugin and Firefox is boned. Temporary support of Firefox to aid their bigger picture. Only that's not what will happen because the developer community is smart enough to see this coming and avoid the format. Even if not all the users are.

[Microsoft releases H.264 Firefox add-on for Windows 7 - The H Open Source: News and Features](#)

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16 Dec 2010

Resharing my own post simply to say:

9pm BBC4 **tonight!**

Reshared [post](#) from [Tim Hutton](#)

Dirk Gently

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16 Dec 2010

An amazing report from a recent visitor to Chernobyl on MetaFilter links to an excellent documentary called "The Battle of Chernobyl".

<http://www.metafilter.com/98485/A-Vacation-Spot-With-An-Afterglow#3418653>

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/the-battle-of-chernobyl/>

In it, Mikhail Gorbachev gives a candid interview. He says that for 3 days he couldn't get accurate information about the scale of the disaster. It was only when *Sweden* reported radiation fallout that he realised what was going on. This despite him being head of state! Meanwhile, his own scientific radiation committee were on site, getting a fatal dose of radiation because even they didn't know the risks - because the details of previous nuclear disasters had been kept secret from them!

It's this sort of culture of secrecy that WikiLeaks is aimed at. "Setec Astronomy = Too Many secrets", if you've ever seen the film Sneakers.

**Tim Hutton** - I find Gorbachev's smiling throughout really chilling but perhaps it's more amazement at what was happening. At the time he was already pushing for Glasnost (transparency) so he's really a good guy, despite the fact that (or perhaps because) it lead to the collapse of the Soviet empire. And yeah, the workers are sacrificing themselves for their country, for society. Any secrecy in government is a betrayal of them, just as it's a betrayal of our own troops in Iraq and Afghanistan that we went to war on false pretenses. Guess we need some Glasnost in the West, maybe WikiLeaks will give us some. 16 Dec 2010

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15 Dec 2010

A discussion of one of Julian Assange's essays on the philosophy and moral principles behind WikiLeaks.

"in a world where leaking is easy, secretive or unjust systems are nonlinearly hit relative to open, just systems"

[Julian Assange and the Computer Conspiracy: "To destroy this invisible government" « zunguzungu](#)

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Key quotes:

Rageh Omaar: "I didn't really do my job properly."

Jeremy Paxman: "I am perfectly open to the accusation that we were hoodwinked. Clearly we were." As a highly paid professional broadcaster, he omitted to say *why* he was hoodwinked.



[John Pilger: Why are wars not being reported honestly? | Media | The](#)

[Guardian](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

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Reshared [post](#) from [Kerry M](#)  
the dude behind the leaks.

[Bradley Manning Support Network](#) - [www.bradleymanning.org](http://www.bradleymanning.org)



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Dirk Gently

[Dirk Gently Dirk Gently](#) [Coming Soon: Dirk Gently trailer | Tor.com | Science fiction and fantasy | Blog posts](#)

**Tim Hutton** - The trailer is very short. Have you read Dirk Gently? Not sure this adaptation is going to work (isn't Gently supposed to be overweight?) but I'm still excited to see it. 9 Dec 2010

**Tim Hutton** - I know you're not keen on reading but seriously dude, this is Douglas Adams. :) 9 Dec 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

6 Dec 2010

Here's the official Gingerbread release video:

[Android 2.3 Official Video](#)

Reshared [post](#) from [Gitesh Khodiyar](#)  
[Gitesh: #Android 2.3 spec highlights: http://developer.android.com/sdk/android-2.3-highlights.html](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

29 Nov 2010

[Doodling in Math Class: Snakes + Graphs](#)

more in the same series:

<http://vihart.com/doodling/>

[Doodling in Math Class: Snakes + Graphs](#) [Doodling in Math Class: Snakes + Graphs](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

23 Nov 2010

Spectral imaging technique reveals a photo of Neela fighting the ghost of Richard Nixon using a stream of high velocity toast.



[internetsdairy: Last week, because of an advert for a mo](#)





**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

20 Nov 2010

Oil giant's building under water from rising sea levels (together with heavy rain). Wonder if this will give them pause for thought about climate change ... [no, of course not]



[Shell's London office UNDER WATER and besieged by GIANT](#)

[EELS • The Register](#) [Flood closes Shell Centre – Royal Dutch Shell plc .com](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

19 Nov 2010

"..now there's a screensaver in my head.."

Brilliant GoldenEye song parody.

[Goldeneye 007 Opening Cut Scene Parody Song](#)

[Goldeneye 007 Opening Cut Scene Parody Song](#) [Goldeneye 007 Opening Cut Scene Parody Song](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

18 Nov 2010

This story about somebody and their dogs moving house made me laugh.



[Hyperbole and a Half: Dogs Don't Understand Basic Concepts](#)

[Like Moving](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

16 Nov 2010

"I'm pretty sure the visual accompaniment Lady Gaga has in her mind's eye when she is singing 'Bad Romance' is this:"

[internetsdairy: This is the video for Lady Gaga's 'Bad R](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

12 Nov 2010

Interesting tech talk about sensor fusion in phones. Explains how accelerometers and gyroscopes and compasses are actually implemented on chips.

[Gingerbread to feature Wii-like motion processing – Android and Me](#)



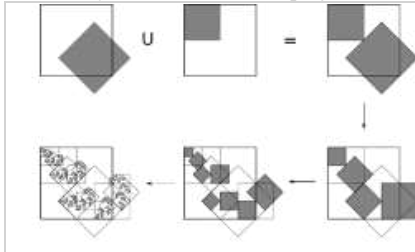
**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

2 Nov 2010

You've seen video feedback, like in the old Dr Who title sequences, where you point a camera at its own image to get weird effects.

This is the same idea but with multiple projectors instead of one screen. You get fractals!

This is very clever and very simple. It's exactly how iterated function systems work - the resulting image is the same as any one of the smaller projections of itself.



[How to make fractals without a computer](#) [How to make fractals without a computer](#) [How to produce fractals without a computer - Boing Boing](#) [Iterated function system - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

**Dave Greene** - Very nice indeed! I've been playing around with IFS fractals off and on for (good grief) a couple of decades now, but this hardware-only approach never occurred to me. Even after looking at the camera-pointed-at-TV section in *Godel, Escher, Bach*, many times -- shame on me...

You'd actually only need two projectors to get a fairly impressive variety of fractals -- spirals, dragons, and various rectangle and golden-bee tile dissections. 3 Nov 2010

**Tim Hutton** - So are we going to try it? We must have a few projectors around...

I did finally watch that documentary, Joe. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/secret-life-chaos/>  
One of the main points I found thought-provoking was that evolution gets much of its power from harnessing the natural pattern formation properties of complex systems. While not exactly a new thought, it contrasts with the traditional view that the genes directly determine the phenotype. Very few alife models, for example, make use of this - most of them have a straightforward mapping from genotype to phenotype. 4 Nov 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

25 Oct 2010

1. Stick a Bluetooth shield on your Arduino.
2. Get Amarino running on your Android phone.
3. Control any hardware you like in realtime from your phone!

(also possible on iPhones, but no code so far: <http://www.martin-lihs.com/news/iphone-arduino-flash-cs5>)



[Amarino -](#)

["Android meets Arduino" - Getting Started](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

23 Oct 2010

Reshared [post](#) from [David Moulder](#)  
Cool technology... Tim, this is what I was on about....

[Microsoft Unwrap Mosaics: A new representation](#)  
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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

23 Oct 2010

This Star Wars advert for Currys / PCWorld just came on TV... Features the original voice actor for C3PO. Woah.

[Currys & PC World Megastores TV Ad Director's Cut](#)



[Star Wars duo add force to Dixons ads | Media | guardian.co.uk](#) [Star Wars C-3PO and R2-D2 reunite for a multi-million pound TV advert for Dixons | Mail Online](#) [Movies - News - &#39;Star Wars&#39; characters to appear in UK TV ad - Digital Spy](#) [Currys & PC World Megastores TV Ad Director&#39;s Cut](#) [Currys & PC World Megastores TV Ad Director&#39;s Cut](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

17 Oct 2010

Processing for Android is pretty cool. It really is stupidly easy. And now in 3D! Thanks to Kerry for his earlier Buzz! I have already had so much fun programming my new phone.



[Ketai 3D](#) [Ketai 3D](#) [3D in Processing for Android](#) « codeanticode

**Kerry M** - fun! I guess I need an Android phone, so I can play too! 18 Oct 2010

**Tim Hutton** - Or learn Objective-C, to program your iPhone. It's probably quite easy too, when you get started. You have to pay to test your app on a real device though, I've read.

<http://icodblog.com/2008/07/24/iphone-programming-tutorial-1-getting-set-up/> 19 Oct 2010

**Kerry M** - I really need to learn Python, if I'm going to learn anything. But thanks for the encouragement. 19 Oct 2010

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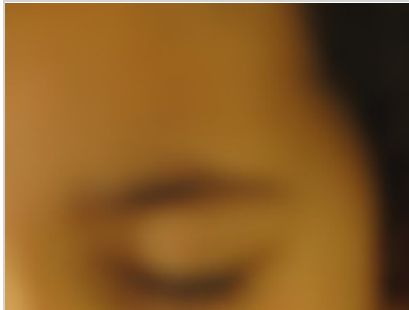
**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
Turkey

15 Oct 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
some of Turtle's self shots

1 Oct 2010



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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

30 Sep 2010

This town looks like Dresden after the bombing. You have to ask "what *happened* here!?"



[David Byrne's](#)

[Journal: 09.23.10: Don't Forget the Motor City](#)

[emily peterson](#) - You might like Byrne's Bicycle Diaries which talks a lot about landscapes. 2 Oct 2010

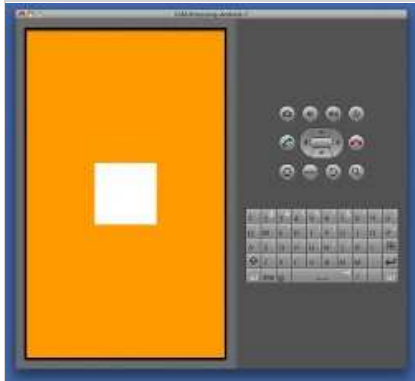
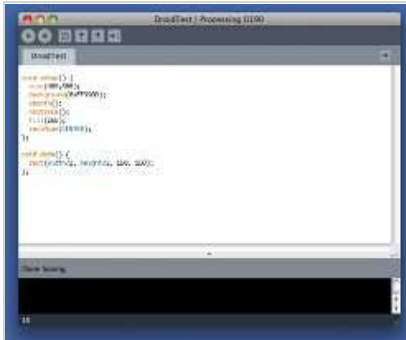
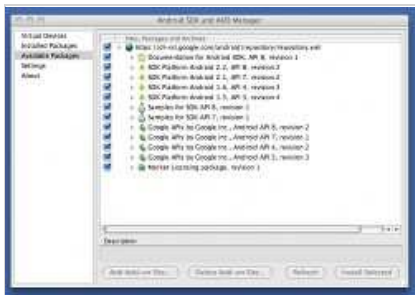
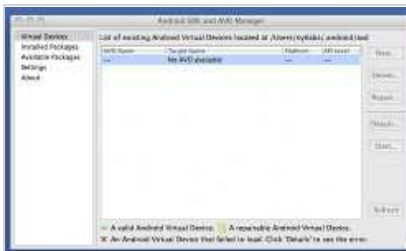


**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

26 Sep 2010

Reshared [post](#) from [Kerry M](#)  
kinda makes me want an android phone. Don't tell my iPhone.

[Processing & Android: Mobile App Development Made \(Very\) Easy - blprnt.blog](#)



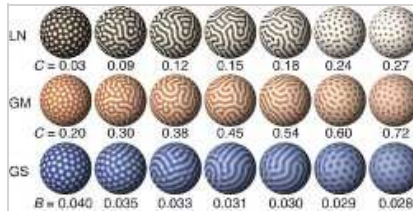
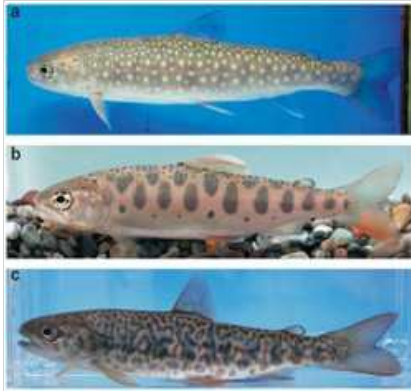
**Tim Hutton** - The HTC Desire is much the same as the Nexus One and that guy's host mode has apparently been ported to it. 30 Sep 2010



Tim Hutton - Buzz - Public

21 Sep 2010

More evidence just published that Turing reaction-diffusion is used for generating patterns on animal skins:



[spots plus spots equals maze: how animals create living patterns | Not Exactly Rocket Science | Discover Magazine](#) [Blending of animal colour patterns by hybridization : Nature Communications : Nature Publishing Group](#)



Tim Hutton - Buzz - Public

21 Sep 2010



[explorations in generative design and natural phenomena](#)

[Nervous System -](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

20 Sep 2010

A talk from 2007. Nothing new here but he's an inspirational speaker.  
[Larry Lessig on laws that choke creativity | Video on TED.com](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
(...it's a river of dead fish.)

17 Sep 2010

I still hear people questioning the environmental benefits of organic farming. Eutrophication (the depletion of oxygen in the river) killed those fish. The primary cause is nitrogen run-off from the use of synthetic fertilizers in farming.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fertilizer#Eutrophication>

[This is not a road ... - Boing Boing](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

17 Sep 2010

"So I took out my Snuff-gun and tried it on him. The snuff in it is so potent that one shot, delivered somewhere in the region of a man's moustache, is quite enough. It is now eleven o'clock at night. Prahlad is still sneezing. If my calculations are correct, he will continue to sneeze for the next thirty-three hours."

(Thanks Susanta!)

[ferkeltongs: Professor Shonku](#)

**Susanta Dutta** - Welcome.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-11345987> 17 Sep 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

10 Sep 2010

Recent photos



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**Kerry M** - turtle is so big! 10 Sep 2010

**Tim Hutton** - she was 3 on sunday. how time flies. 13 Sep 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

9 Sep 2010

"He doesn't know much about dolphins anyway," [Fidel Castro] said, pointing to Garcia. He's actually a nuclear physicist."

"You are?" I asked.

"Yes," Garcia said, somewhat apologetically.

"Why are you running the aquarium?" I asked.

[The woman in the back of the photo below, with the blondish hair, is Che Guevara's daughter, who works as a vet in the aquarium.]



[Fidel: 'Cuban Model Doesn't Even Work For Us](#)

[Anymore' - International - The Atlantic](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

9 Sep 2010

Another inspiring speech from Eben Moglen, Richard Stallman's bulldog:

18:04: "[The Software Freedom Law Center]'s operation in India, which is just beginning ... is intended to assist an immense transition which is coming in what will be by the middle of this century the **biggest software powerhouse in the world**.

23:39: "I was a solo most of my career, a law professor working part-time for a person most of the world who knew him thought was crazy. **That** was comparatively easy, quiet, interesting and undemanding work compared to [the patent crisis we face] now."

Here's a quote from a 2007 speech of his:

"The 22nd century will say, 'How quaint.' But it was the beginning of... affiliation rather than territorial location or political domination, as the source of legitimacy for legislation. It was the beginning of the idea that cooperative private agreement can substantially oust public law institutions without challenging the legitimacy of the Governments that participated in making the public law. And it provides an escape from the moral dilemma presented by the myth of endlessly acquisitive homo economicus..."



[Eban Moglen: Current Legal Issues in Defending FOSS | The Linux](#)

[Foundation Video Site](#) [ferkeltongs: more on the GPL](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

6 Sep 2010

This is what Alan Turing was working on in the years before his death.



[FitzHugh-Nagumo - Spiral Turbulence](#) [FitzHugh-Nagumo - Spiral Turbulence](#) [FitzHugh-Nagumo - Tip Splitting](#) [FitzHugh-Nagumo - Tip Splitting](#) [ferkeltongs: reaction-diffusion](#)

**Tim Hutton** - No I haven't yet. BZ is pretty amazing. Belousov couldn't get his results published at first because no-one believed that such a thing was possible. In 1990 another real-chemical reaction was discovered that produces stripes: <http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.152.4094&rep=rep1&type=pdf> 7 Sep 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Posted from the web - Public

3 Sep 2010

How To Make Organically-Shaped Gears

[How To Make Organically-Shaped Gears](#) [How To Make Organically-Shaped Gears](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

25 Aug 2010

2 photos

[Laser Microscope](#) [Laser Microscope](#) [Laser microscope projection - Hack a Day](#)

**Susanta Dutta** - that cat must be confused ...only thing he needs to arrange some chips 25 Aug 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

23 Aug 2010

Two quotes from this excellent article:

"IT pros always and without fail, quietly self-organise around those who make the work easier, while shunning those who make the work harder, independent of the organisational chart."

"When the rules are loose and logical and supervision is results-oriented, IT pros are loyal, open, engaged and downright sociable. Arbitrary or micro-management, illogical decisions, inconsistent policies, the creation of unnecessary work and exclusionary practices will elicit a quiet, subversive, almost vicious attitude from otherwise excellent IT staff."

[How to manage geeks - ComputerworldUK.com](#)





**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
4 photos

18 Aug 2010

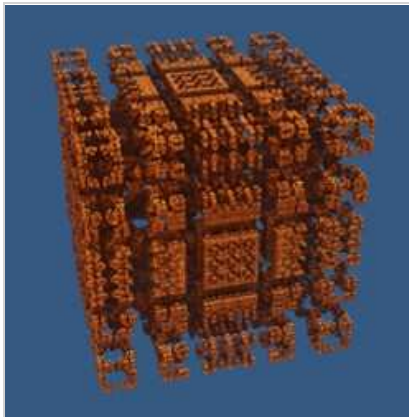
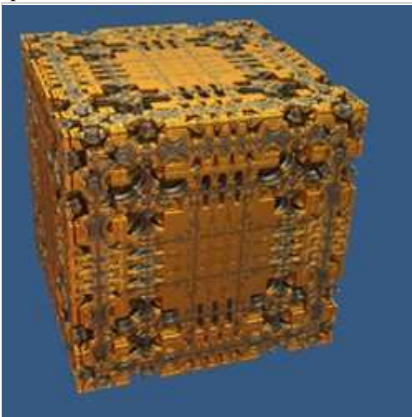


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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
5 photos

17 Aug 2010



[Mandelbox trip](#)

[Mandelbox trip](#) [Ned Batchelder: Mandelbox](#) [Mandelbox - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

12 Aug 2010

"Piku-Piku" is a smooth version of wiggle stereoscopy.



[ferkelongs: Piku-Piku](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

9 Aug 2010

A beautiful but completely impossible 'quiz' (advertising for a book).



[up the right trees? | Books | guardian.co.uk](#)

[Prize draw: Barking](#)





**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
[June2010 | tim.hutton](#)

3 Aug 2010



[June2010 \(7\)](#)

**Kerry M** - She is so adorable. And getting so big! What happened with the blue paint? 3 Aug 2010

**Tim Hutton** - At nursery they've done hand printing and foot printing, so she knows it's fun. And it was a sunny day, so we didn't stop her when she decided to cover herself with paint. (Blue is totally her favorite color at the moment.) Obviously we don't let her do this all the time! Have you ever covered yourself in paint? Hang on, don't answer that. 5 Aug 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

30 Jul 2010

COMPUTER 1: My robot has no nose.  
COMPUTER 10: Connect input device.

[what do you get when you cross a laughter with a candy ? a laugh saver . | MetaFilter](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

28 Jul 2010

I've always wondered why they play so much crap on the radio. Even our blessed BBC isn't immune - it seems to play far more from the Simon Cowell end of the musical spectrum (the shallow end, let's call it) than anyone could stomach.

[Payola! \(or, How to undermine your own argument to Congress\)](#) [Payola - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#) [Payola: Once a dirty word, now the basis of internet radio | Music | guardian.co.uk](#) [David Byrne&#39;s Journal: 7.30.05: Payola](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public  
4 photos

28 Jul 2010



[The Phonebox Cosy](#)

[tale « Knit the City](#) [Mark Thomas joins the guerrilla knitters | Life and style | The Observer](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

15 Jul 2010

This is a bit like the magic of OpenMP - add a single line at the top of your code and suddenly it runs thousands of times faster!

[Memoization in Ruby and Python](#)

**Tim Hutton** - Yep, but python has these things called function decorators which means you can add memoization to a function at the drop of a hat. 15 Jul 2010

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

15 Jul 2010

"RMS: You shouldn't write software to use .NET. No exceptions."

[Richard Stallman on .NET, Mono and DotGNU - Community - ComputerworldUK](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

7 Jul 2010

2 photos



[Birth of a world beater - The Inquirer](#)

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

9 Jun 2010

35 photos



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**Kerry M** - TONGS! Miss y'all. 10 Jun 2010

**Tim Hutton** - Hi Kbo! Yeah it was like old times. 11 Jun 2010

**emily peterson** - Maybe next year? 11 Jun 2010

**Tim Hutton** - Love to, Em. Turtle would be happy wherever there's a sandy beach to play on, and other children. 15 Jun 2010

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**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

21 May 2010

4 photos



[ferkeltons: A Slanted Hexagon](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

21 May 2010

A couple of awesome blog entries about hexagonal versions of Truchet tiling.

[□ □ □ □ The Joy of Hex](#) [« Lessons taught; Lessons learnt](#) [Algorithmic worlds - Blog](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

3 Apr 2010

Zuntz et al. (2010) Orthographic Correlations in Astrophysics, arXiv:1003.6064v1

"our conclusions can be made significantly more robust by improving the data directly [10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17][18][19][20][21]."

I don't want to spoil the joke for you, just go and read it.

(via <http://blogs.nature.com/news/thegreatbeyond/>  
[\[1003.6064\] Orthographic Correlations in Astrophysics](#))



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

25 Mar 2010

"Opinions are so often just a front for something else: the yawning abyss of ignorance. Very few people hold fixed opinions about things that matter deeply to them. Instead they hold nuanced and thoughtful interests. That's not to say that I wouldn't claw your eyes out if you hurt my child, but that's different from having an opinion on Tiger Woods or abortion or whether or not Obama is doing a good job. Most of us aren't Tiger, a pregnant woman facing a choice or the President. Most opinions are shallow, and the holder of them guards their superficiality with outrage and emotion to prevent you from getting close and discovering nuance. People hold opinions out of fear or loyalty. But when it comes to something you really care about, it's less about an opinion and more about the nuanced, many layered, complex fabric of knowledge, practical, theoretical, aspirational and emotional."

from:

[Respectfully agree to disagree | Ask MetaFilter](#)

**Kerry M** - so true. I never trust committed people. 25 Mar 2010

**Tim Hutton** - When I first read that comment of salishsea I felt inside that I had just grown up a little. I don't think I'll ever be the same again. 25 Mar 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

19 Mar 2010

Q. What's a polar bear?

A. A Cartesian bear after a change of co-ordinates.

from:



[Professor Stewart's mathematical curiosities and treasures |](#)

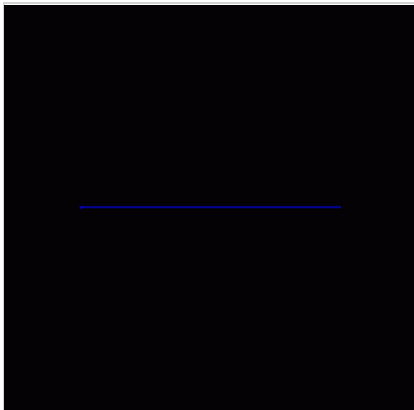
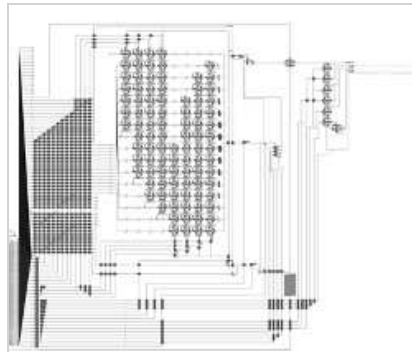
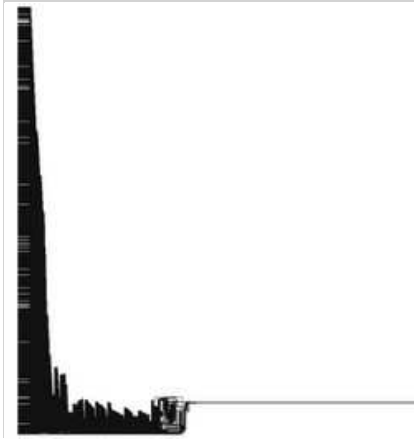
[Science Book Club | Science | guardian.co.uk](#)



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

10 Mar 2010

"It has been an enormous amount of fun getting it to work. A bit like putting an engine together, you don't really know if it's going to actually work until the last moment when you actually turn it on."



[ferkeltongs: Codd's Self-Replicating Computer](#)

**Tom Rokicki** - Absolutely awesome! 10 Mar 2010



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

12 Feb 2010

Climbing Thorpe Cloud with Neela - her first proper mountain.



**Tim Hutton** - Buzz - Public

11 Feb 2010

Is Buzz something I'd have to be a teenager to understand?

**emily peterson** - not at all! :) 11 Feb 2010

**Alan Tennant** - It looks to me like a personal RSS, like Twitter. 14 Feb 2010