Embracing constraint

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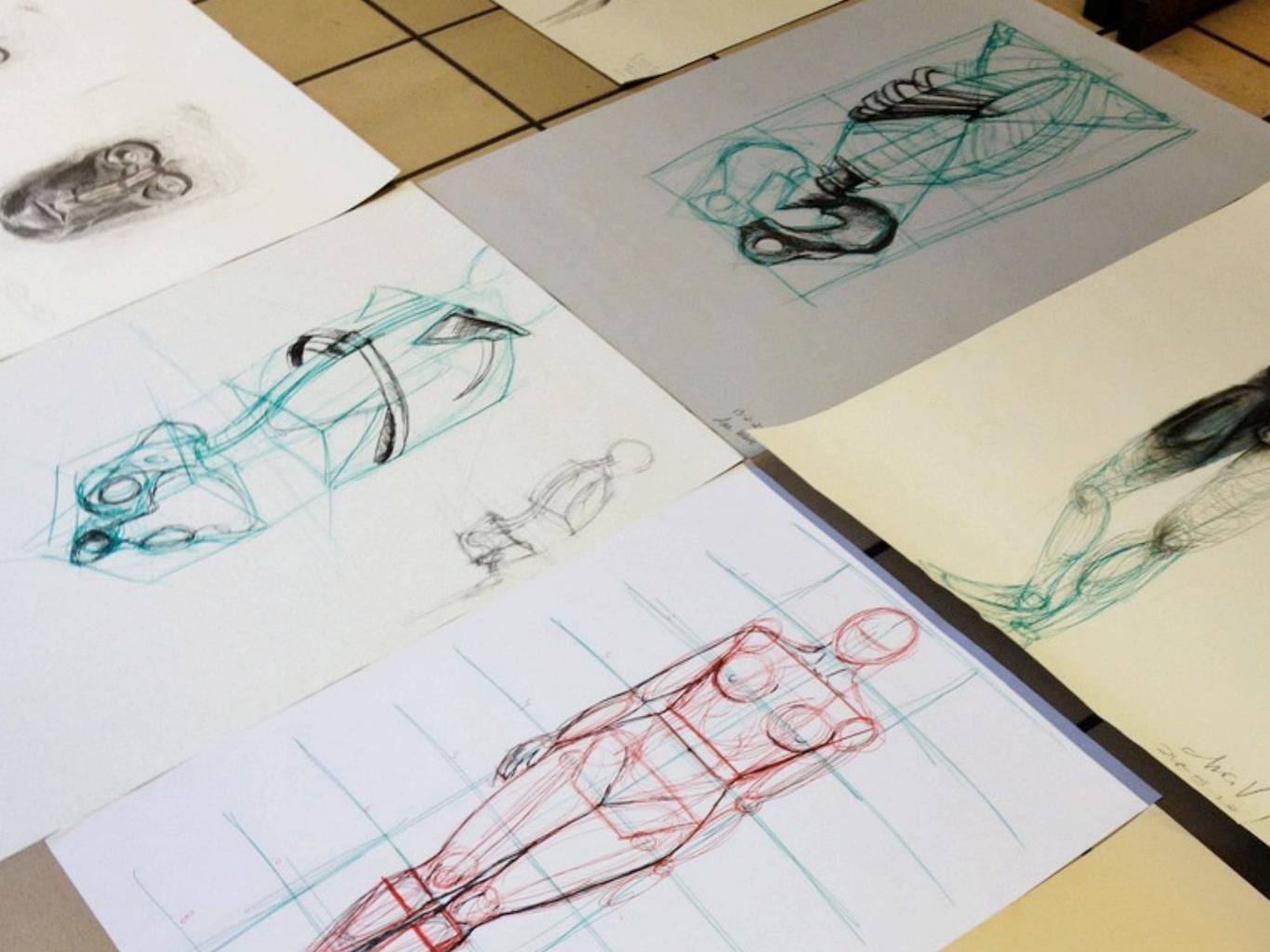


















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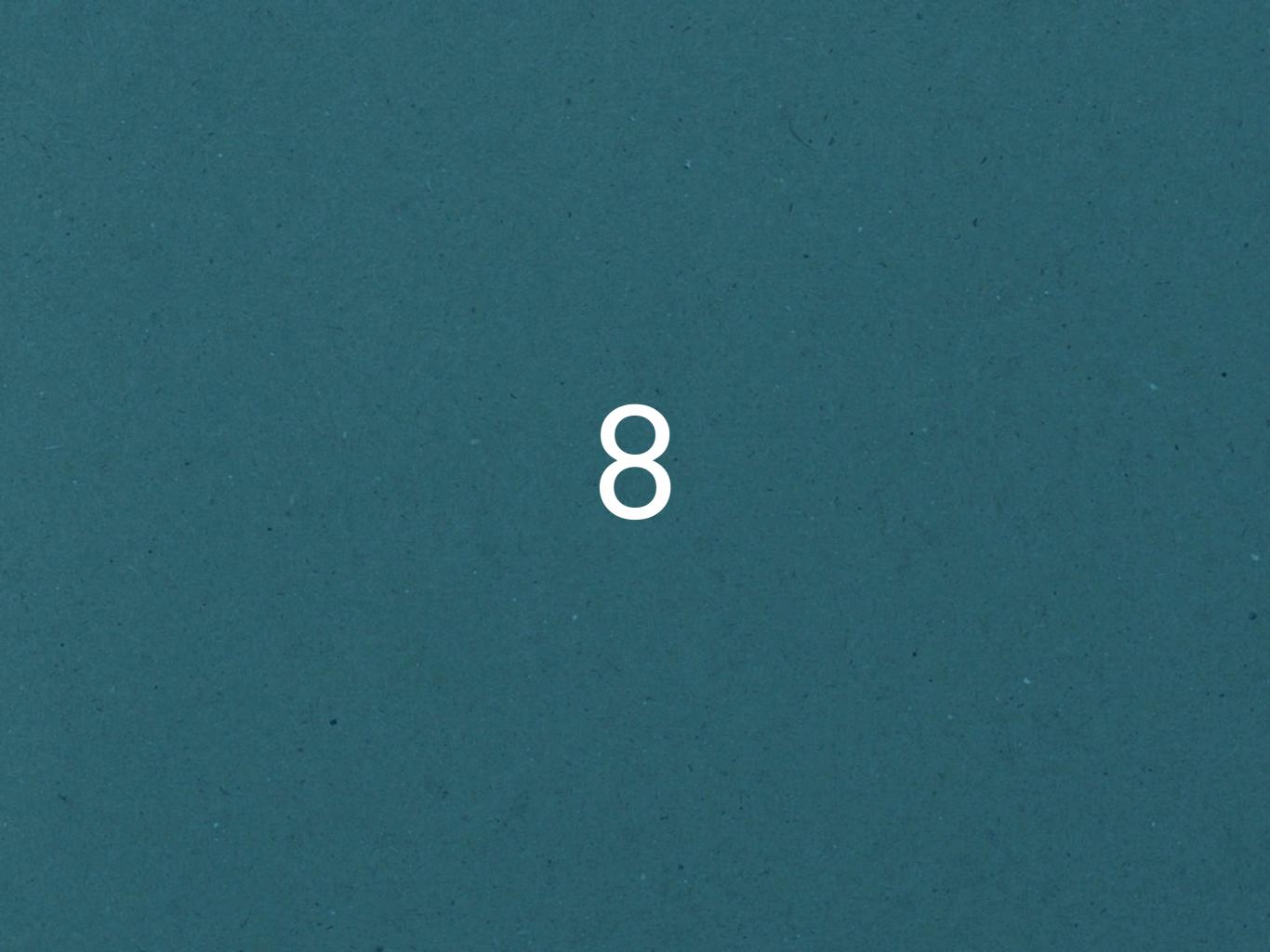
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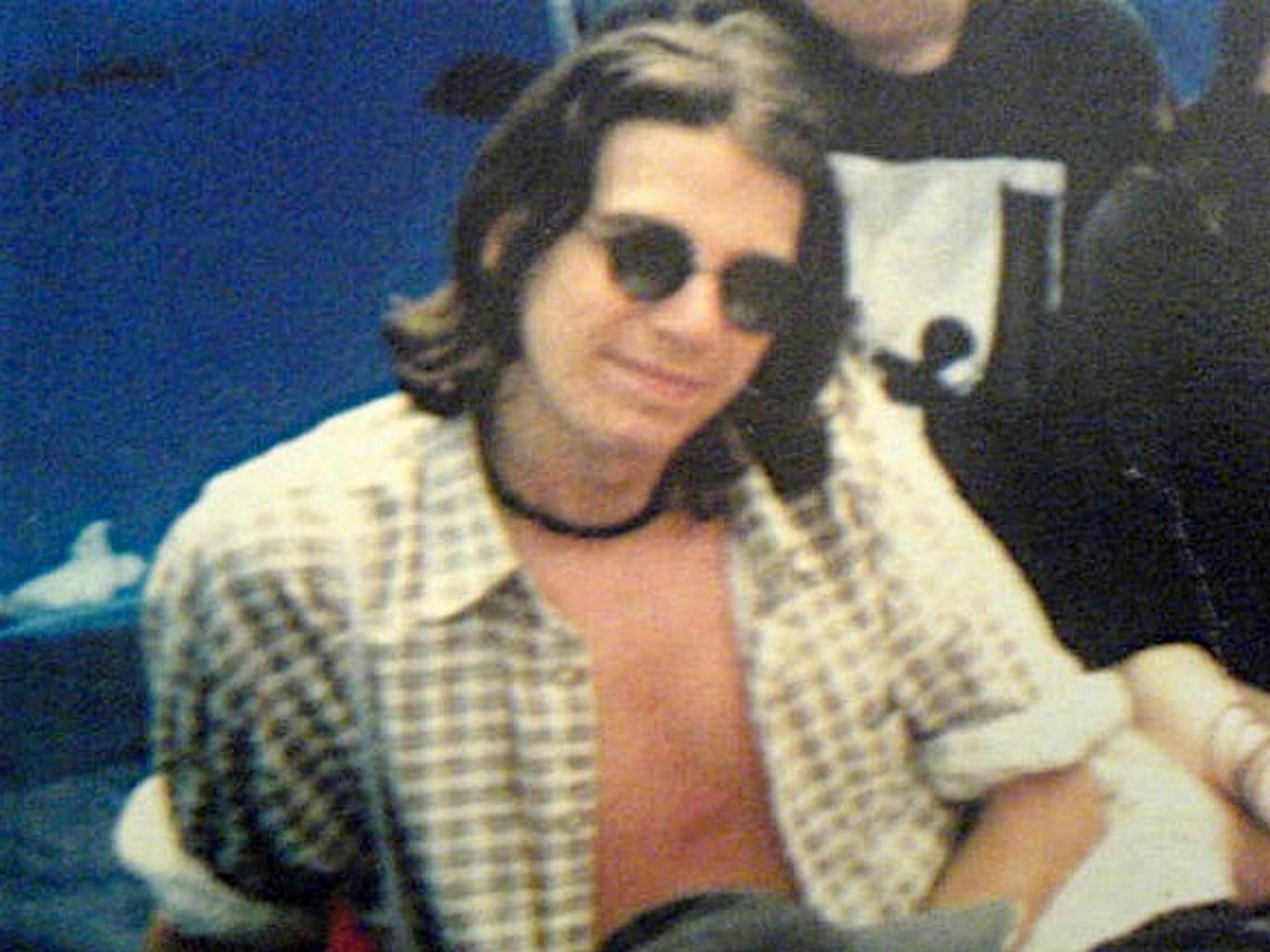












Museums and exhibitions: www.whereweare.co.uk

Creating a web of wonder

WHERE are we? You Are Here, to quote the name of Nottingham's rapidly-expanding online service for visual artists, the creative visual arts sector and everyone who needs their services.

www.whereweare.co.uk was launched by two young artists who were frustrated at the lack of exposure and exhibition space available to Nottingham's emerging young creators.

But it has grown into a lot more than that, as is shown by a scroll through the latest edition (last update: December 7; next new issue: December 30).

Described as a visual arts resource for Nottingham and beyond, the site is now a highly-specialist service offering information and news both to artists and consumers, plus listings and features.

You Are Here Visual Arts and its whereweare site are the inventions of Simon Collison and Oliver Wood, creative artists in their own right but both paying their rents through work in Nottingham's booming graphic and web design sector.

Collison is with Agenzia and Wood is onethird of Casciani, Evans and Wood.

"We have become a magazine for the visual arts in Nottingham and the site is getting about 800 hits a day from all over the world," says Collison.

"That includes Germany, Finland, Mexico and Argentina.

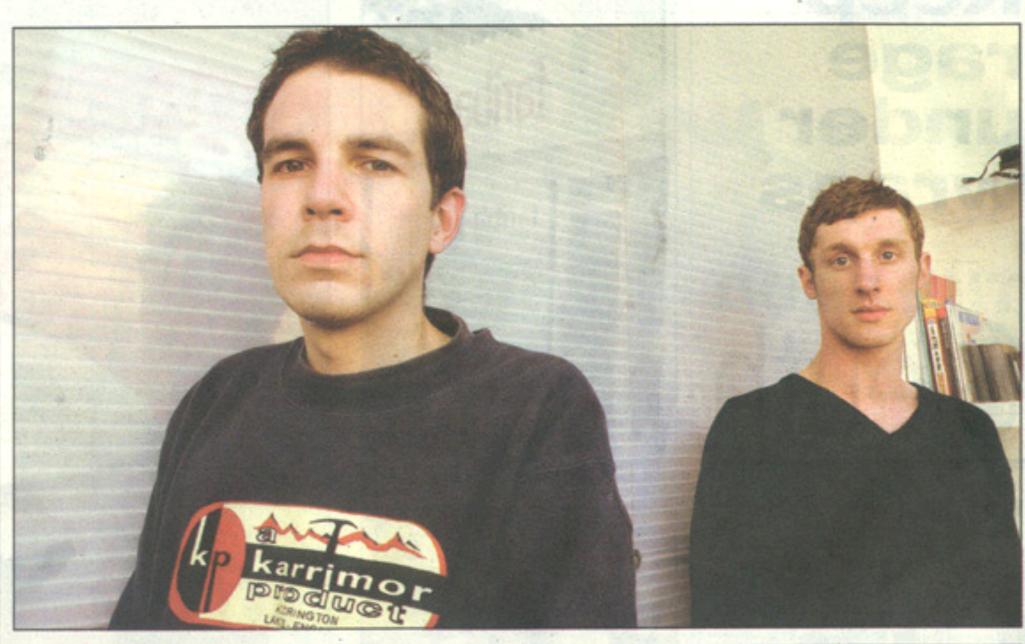
"The site will continue to be a magazine with articles and listings, but one of the key elements we have developed in the last few months has been reviews of exhibitions — we have an archive of 30-plus this year."

That includes a comprehensive critical account of this year's NOW festival — the Nottingham event has become one of Britain's most important annual showcases for experimental art.

As well as beefing up the editorial team regular contributors include Jen Ogilvie, Sarah Marshall and Emily Beckmann — You Are Here has become part of an increasingly potent network of enablers and information providers for artists operating in Nottingham and the East Midlands. There is often some overlap.

Collison's work at Agenzia, for instance, has him pioneering Shoutout, a showcase for art in the region.

The You Are Here team also has contacts with other agencies like the Createx artist support project, based at Nottingham fashion Centre, and City Arts.



Creative team: Simon Collison and Oliver Wood and (inset) the website

"It's not competition," says Collison. "A lot on the listings is shared across all databases, and we meet informally on a regular basis to discuss what's coming up in the future.

"We are hoping to put on a festival next June with Createx in the hope of promoting local artists.

"It won't be a Createx thing or a You Are Here thing, but a joint effort. After all, we are just the facilitators and we are all keen to safeguard resources for the arts. "There is a lot of selfless activity going on out there."

You Are Here has chosen not to seek funding or commercial sponsorship in order to protect the integrity of its service.

"It means we can say what we like, with no hidden agenda," says Collison. "Anyway, the site doesn't cost us much money — the investment is mainly in terms of time."



HAVE NO DEA WHAT I'M DOING



Having complete freedom is possibly the worst way to start any project.

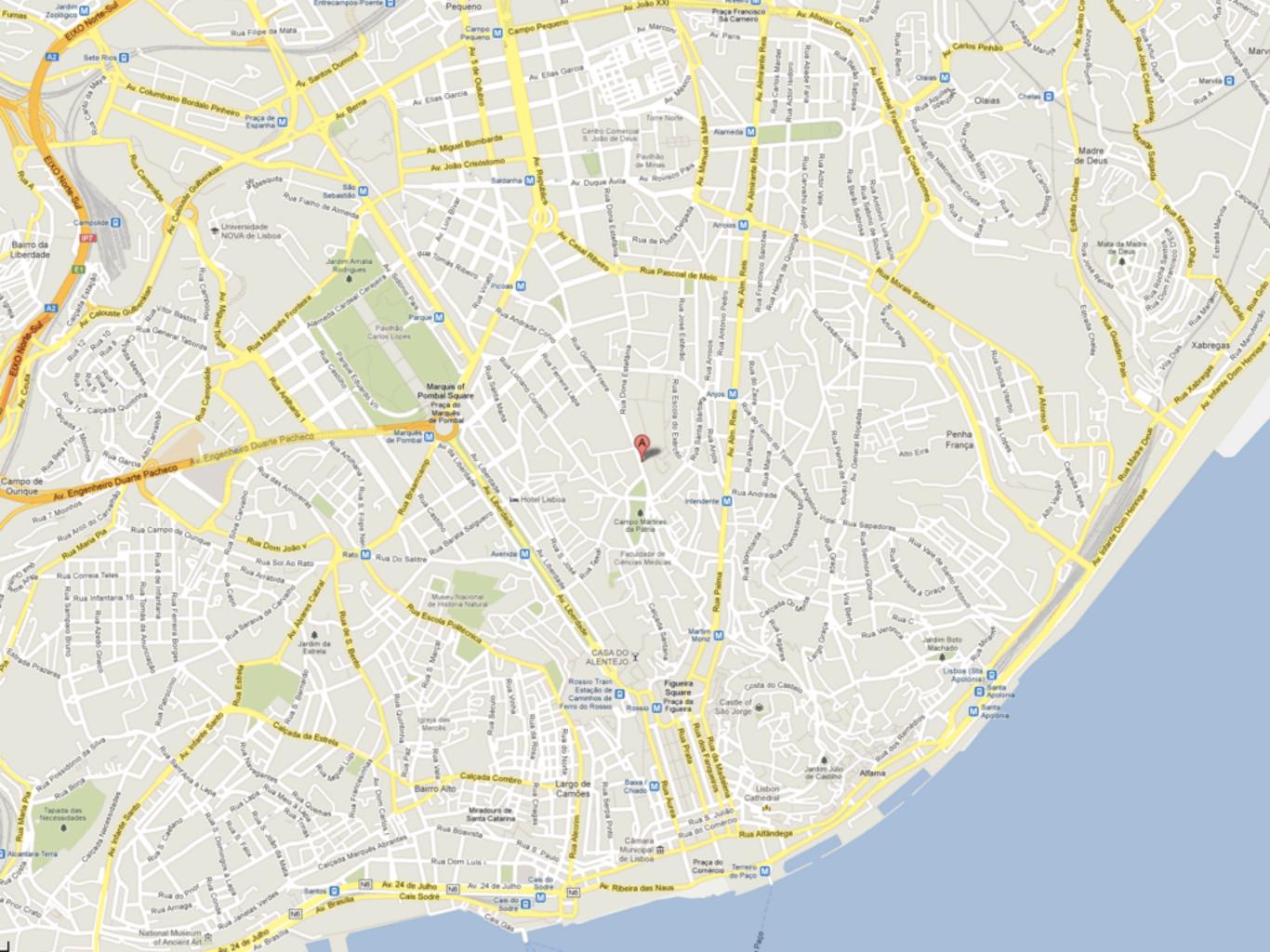
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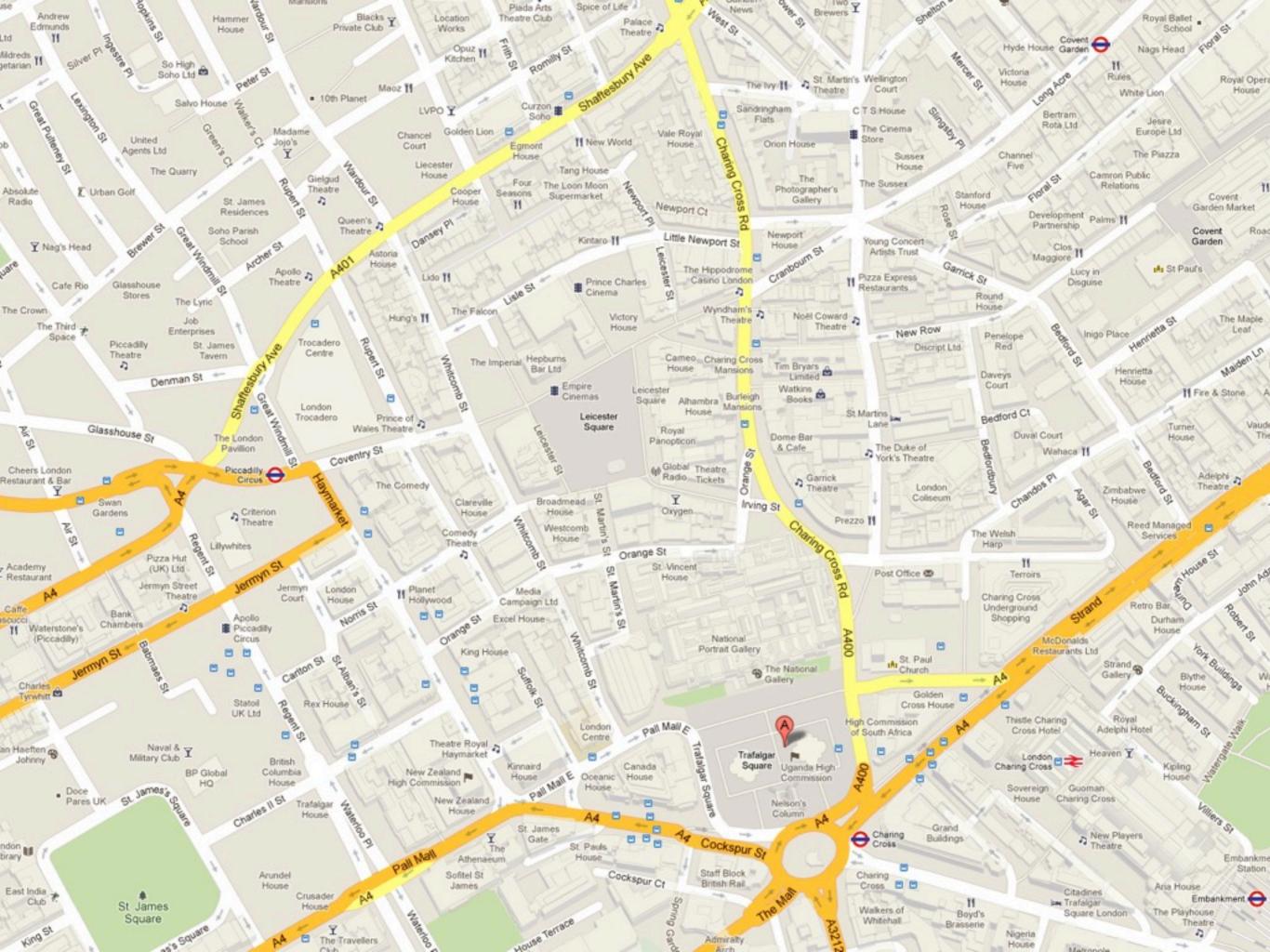
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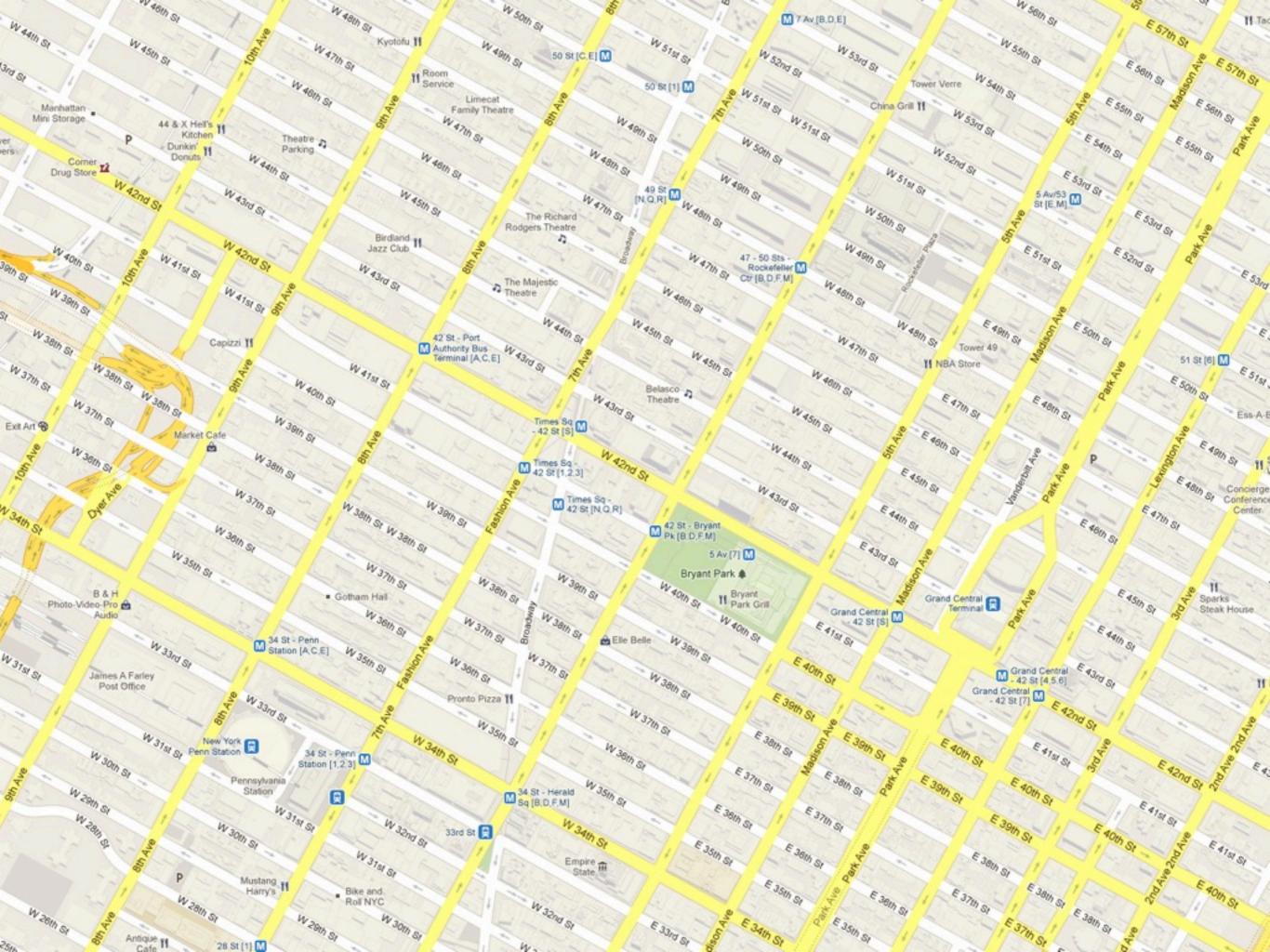
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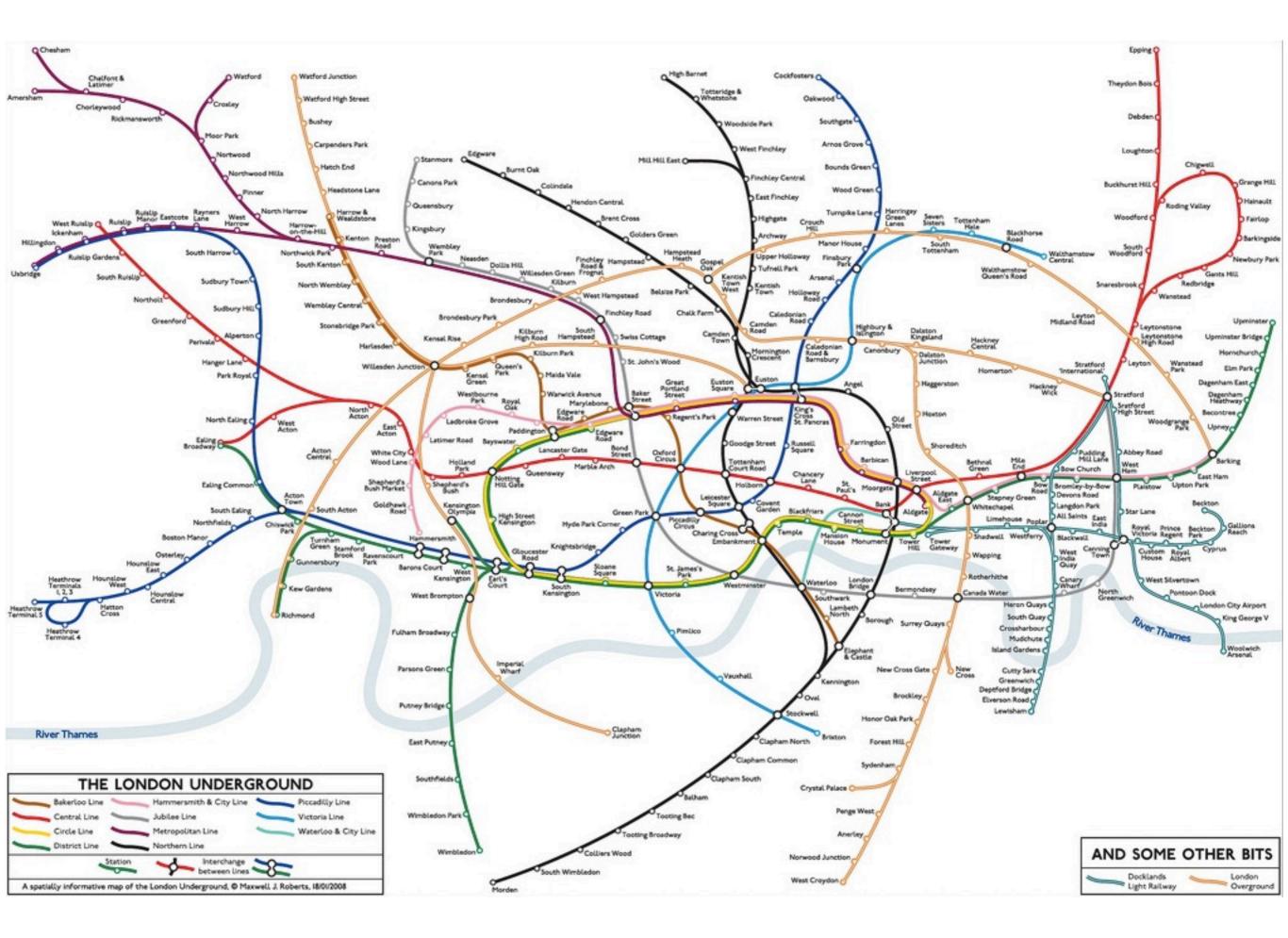
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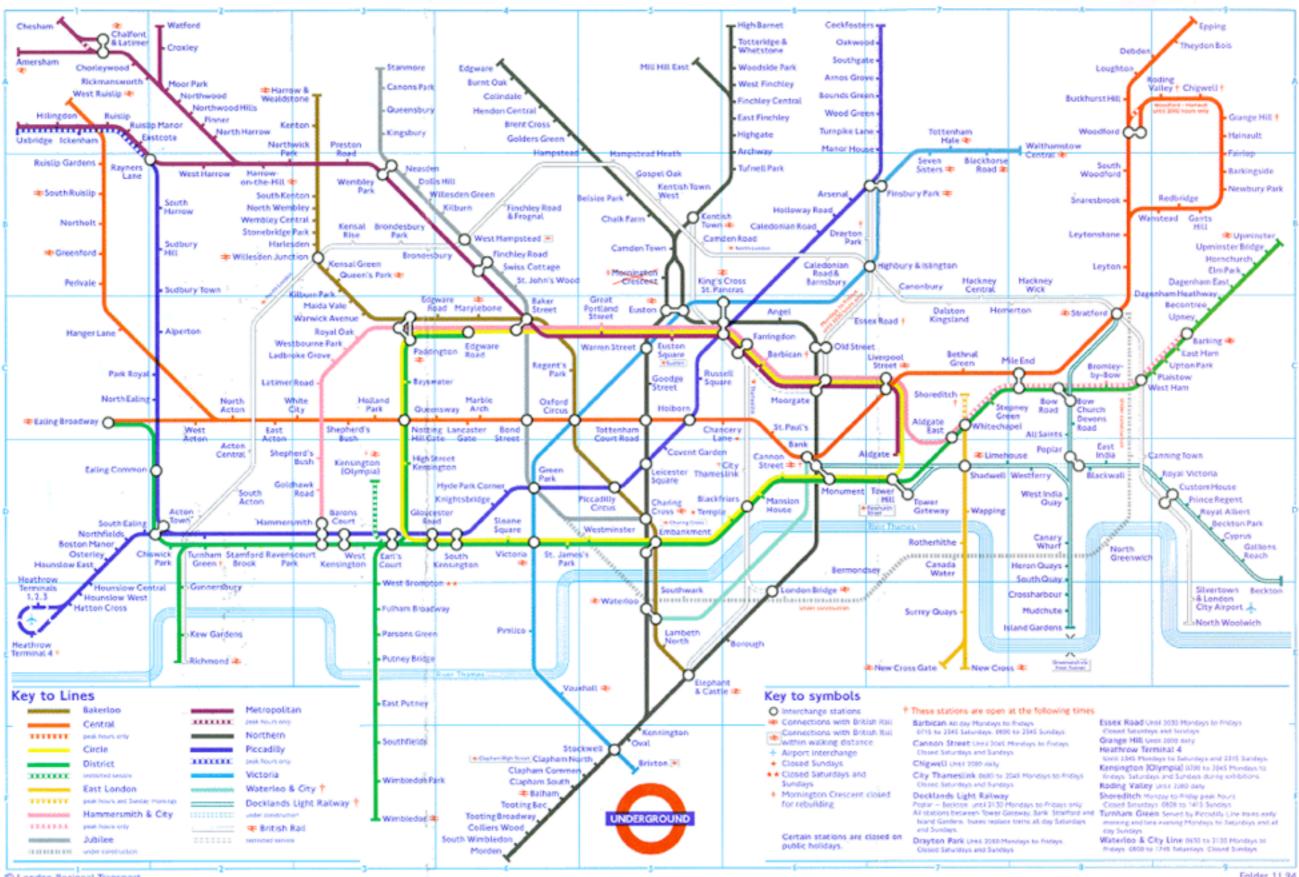
Less is more. Simple is better. Right?



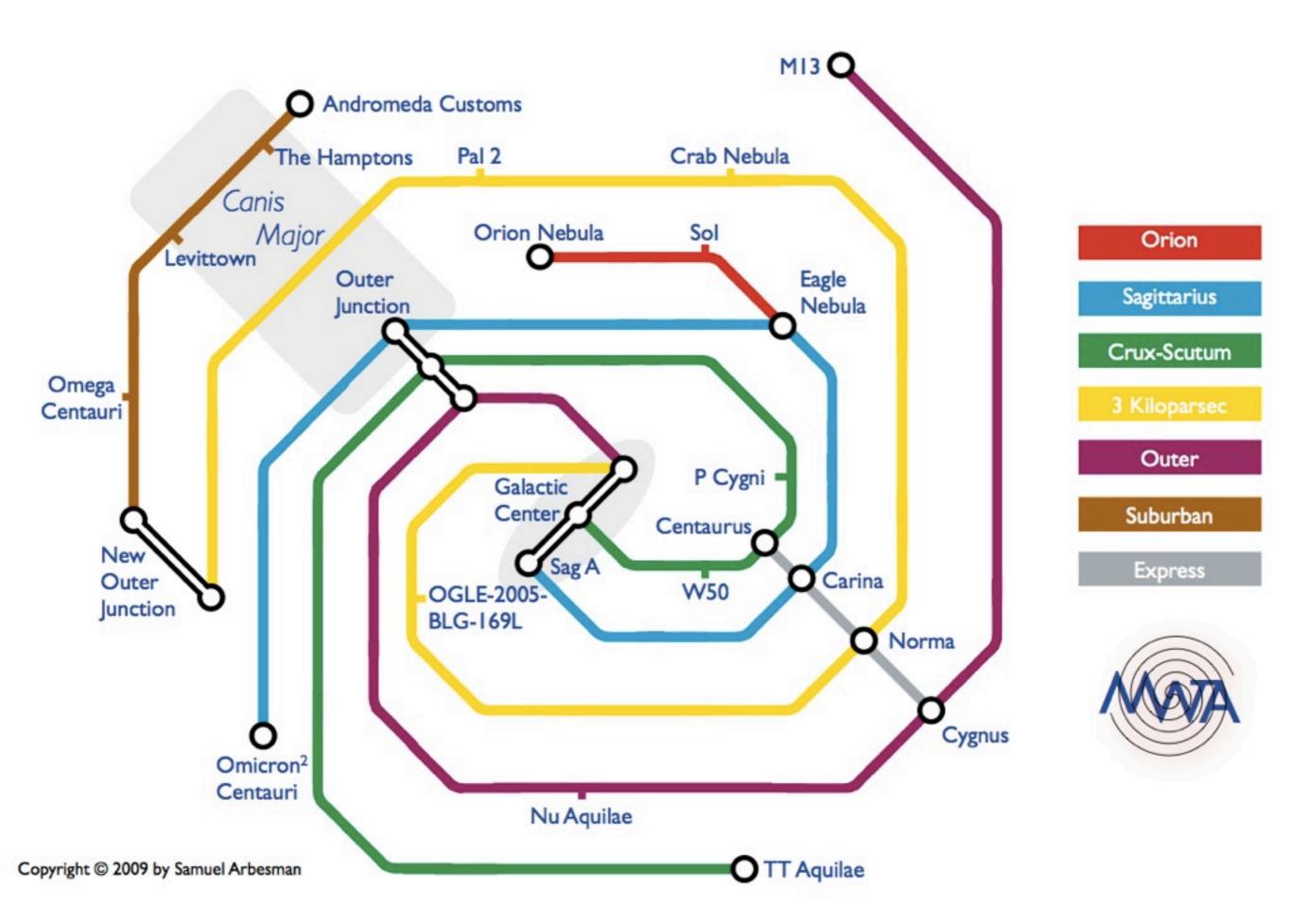








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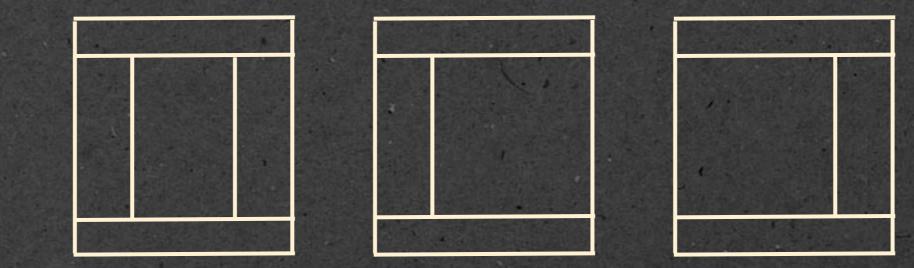


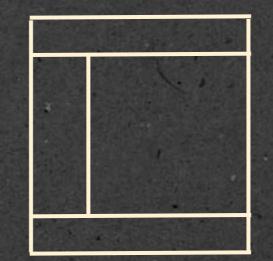


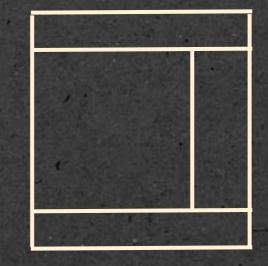


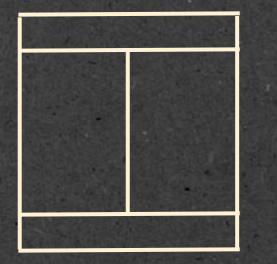
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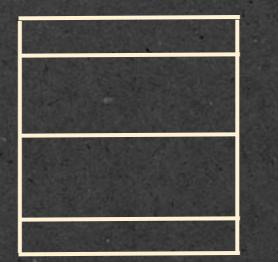


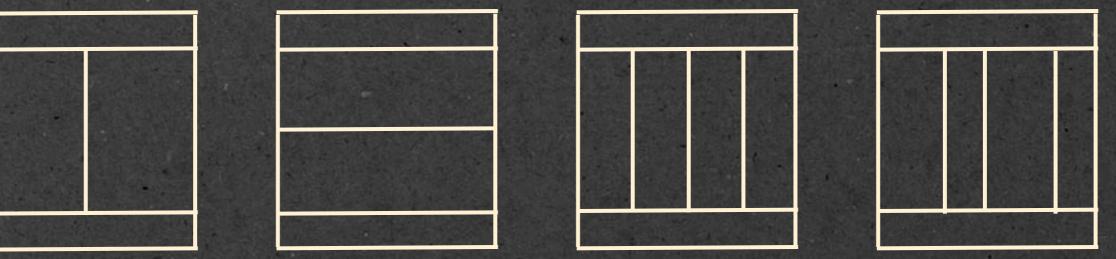


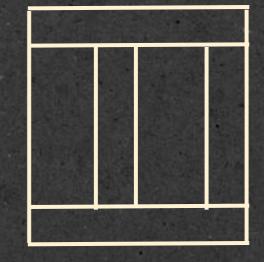


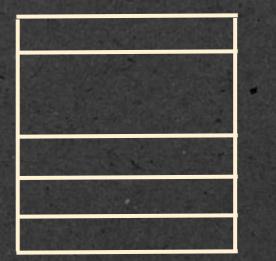


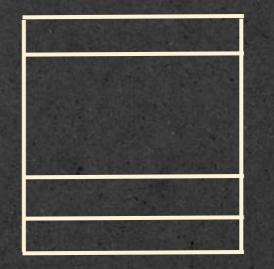


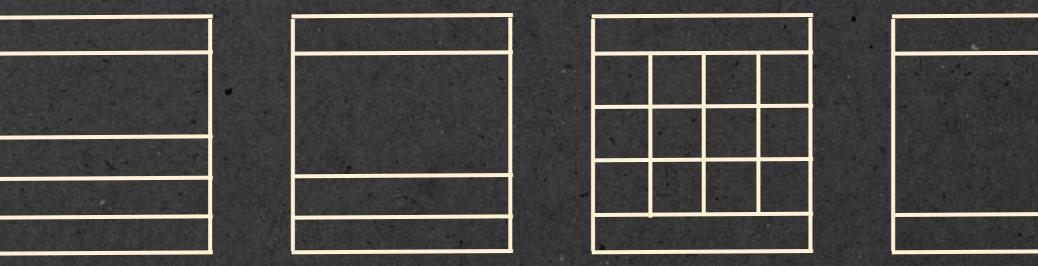


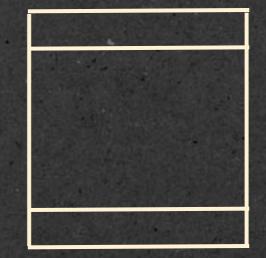


















Devices sorted by size

Diagonal cm (in)	Resolution	Pixels	Aspect	ppcm (PPI)	Details	Width cm (in)	Height cm (in)
3.8 (1.5)	176×132	23232	4:3	58 (147)	media player display, Apple iPod Nano 1st & 2nd generation	3.0 (1.2)	2.3 (0.9)
4.6 (1.8)	240×320	76800	3:4	87 (222)	phone display, Sony Ericsson W880i	2.7 (1.08)	3.7 (1.44
4.8 (1.9)	176×220	38720	4:5	58 (148)	phone display, Sony Ericsson W810i	3.0 (1.19)	3.8 (1.48
5.1 (2.0)	240×320	76800	4:5	79 (200)	phone display, Nokia 6300, Sony Ericsson W850i & W890i, Apple iPod Nano 3rd & 4th generation	3.0 (1.2)	4.1 (1.6)
5.3 (2.1)	176×208	36608	11:13	51 (130)	phone display, Nokia N70, Nokia N72	3.5 (1.36)	4.1 (1.6)
5.3 (2.1)	352×416	146432	11:13	102 (259)	phone display, Nokia N80, Nokia E70, Nokia N90	3.5 (1.36)	4.1 (1.6)
6.2 (2.46)	640×480	307200	4:3	129 (328)	phone display, Nokia E6	5.0 (1.97)	3.8 (1.48
6.4 (2.5)	420×293	123060	3:2	81 (205)	camera display, Sony MVC-CD300 and Sony DSC-W7 approximate	5.2 (2.05)	3.6 (1.43
6.6 (2.6)	240×320	76800	3:4	61 (154)	phone display, Nokia N95	4.0 (1.56)	5.3 (2.08
6.9 (2.7)	320×240	76800	4:3	58 (148)	camera display Nikon D5000	5.5 (2.16)	4.1 (1.62
7.1 (2.8)	240×320	76800	3:4	56 (143)	phone display, Nokia N92, Nokia N95 8GB, Nokia N96, HTC Wizard, HTC Tattoo, HTC Touch2	4.3 (1.68)	5.7 (2.24
7.1 (2.8)	480×640	307200	3:4	113 (286)	phone display, HTC Touch Diamond, Touch pro, Neo 1973, Neo FreeRunner, Glofiish M800	4.3 (1.68)	5.7 (2.24
7.1 (2.8)	800×480	384000	3:5	131 (333)	phone display, LG LU1400	6.1 (2.4)	3.7 (1.44
7.6 (3)	480×854	409920	16:9	129 (327)	phone display, Sharp 930SH, Sharp 934SH, Sharp 936SH		
7.6 (3.0)	528×436	230208	17:14	90 (228)	camera display, Sony DSC-H50 [(approximate)		
7.6 (3.0)	720×480	345600	3:2	113 (288)	camera display, Canon EOS 60D, Canon EOS 650D, Canon EOS 600D, Canon EOS 550D		
7.6 (3.0)	640×480	307200	4:3	105 (267)	camera display, Canon EOS 7D, Canon EOS 50D, Canon EOS 5D Mark II, Canon EOS 500D, Canon EOS-1D Mark IV		
7.6 (3.0)	640×480	307200	4:3	105 (267)	camera display, Nikon D90	1	
7.6 (3.0)	480×800	384000	3:5	122 (311)	phone display, Toshiba Portege G900, Sony Ericsson Xperia X1		
7.9 (3.1)	800×480	384000	3:5	120 (300)	phone display, Samsung Jet (S8000)		
7.9 (3.1)	480×320	153600	2:3	73 (186)	phone display, Palm Pre		
8.1 (3.2)	720×480	345600	3:2	110 (270)	camera display, Canon EOS-1D X, Canon EOS 5D Mark III		
8.1 (3.2)	480×854	409920	16:9	120 (306)	phone display, Sharp SX862		
8.1 (3.2)	320×480	153600	2:3	71 (180)	phone display, HTC Dream, HTC Magic, HTC Hero		
8.1 (3.2)	480×800	384000	3:5	115 (292)	phone display, HTC Touch Diamond2		
8.1 (3.2)	320×480	332800	2:3	71 (180)	phone display, HTC Wildfire S, Sony Ericsson Live With Walkman		
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51 (20.1)	1080×1050	1764000	16:10	28 (88)	monitor display		
53 (21)	1024×768	786432	4:3	24 (61)	monitor display		
53 (21)	1280×1024	1310720	5:4	31 (78)	monitor display		
53 (21)	1600×1200	1920000	4:3	37 (95)	monitor display		
53 (21)	1920×1440	2764800	4:3	45 (114)	monitor display		
55 (21.5)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	40 (102)	monitor display, Apple iMac		
56 (22)	1680×1050	1764000	16:10	35 (90)	monitor display	48.7 (19.17)	27.4 (10.78)
56 (22)	2048×1536	3145728	4:3	47 (120)	monitor display, A201HT		
56 (22)	3840×2400	9216000	16:10	81 (205)	monitor display, IBM T220/T221 LCD monitors	48.7 (19.17)	27.4 (10.78)
58 (23)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	38 (96)	monitor display		
58 (23)	1920×1200	2304000	16:10	39 (98)	monitor display		
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61 (24)	1024×768	786432	4:3	21 (53)	monitor display		
61 (24)	1920×1200	2304000	16:10	37 (94)	monitor display	53.1 (20.92)	29.9 (11.76)
61 (24)	1920×1440	2764800	4:3	39 (100)	monitor display		
64 (25)	1280×1024	1310720	5:4	26 (66)	monitor display		
66 (26)	1920×1200	2304000	16:10	34 (87)	monitor display		
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69 (27)	2048×1152	2359296	16:9	34 (87)	monitor display		
69 (27)	2560×1440	3686400	16:9	43 (109)	monitor display, Apple iMac		
69 (27)	2560×1440	3686400	16:9	43 (109)	monitor display, Dell UltraSharp U2711		
76 (30)	2560×1600	4096000	16:10	40 (101)	monitor display		
81 (32)	1366×720	1049088	16:9	19 (48)	television, 720p		
81 (32)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	32 (81)	television, 1080i, 1080p		
94 (37)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	24 (60)	television, 1080i, 1080p		
110 (42)	640×480	307200	4:3	7.5 (19)	television, 480i		
110 (42)	854×480	409920	16:9	9.1 (23)	television, 480p		
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110 (42)	1280×720	921600	16:9	14 (35)	television, 720p		
110 (42)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	20 (52)	television, 1080i, 1080p		
130 (50)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	17 (44)	television, 1080p		
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140 (55)	1920×1080	2073600	16:9	16 (40)	television, 1080p		
140 (55)	3840×2160	8294400	16:9	31 (80)	television, 2160p		

Constraint is key to understanding complexity. Increase constraint and you create an ordered system; do that inappropriately and you create the conditions for catastrophic failure; remove constraint and the system is chaotic.

Dave Snowden, The 5 C's of Complexity

Content as constraint

The constraints we know, and the constraints we've yet to encounter. Work Thoug

Press Page

Here you'll find everything you'll need to get that blog post or magazine article rolling. Because there's already oodles of information about me online—on this site and elsewhere—I advise against contacting me for Q&A style interviews. Plus they're kind of lazy. Writers are awesome; let them actually write!

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Press Photos Work Usage FAQ

Biography

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Jessica has become as well known for her side p work. While she doesn't consider herself a web desi projects are web-centric. She's created several educ Mom This is How Twitter Works, Should I Work fo Internet (with Russ Maschmeyer), each as entertain coined the term "procrastiworking" to describe her client work by working on personal projects.

Jessica's clients includes Wes Anderson, Tiffany Penguin Books, Target, Leo Burnett, American Exp She has also released several commercial typefaces store. Jessica has been named a Print Magazine Ne one of Forbes 30 under 30 in Art and Design, an AD Watch" by GD USA, and one of 25 Emerging Artists been personally profiled in many magazines includ Communication Arts, Grafik Magazine (UK), and N She is currently serving on the Type Directors Club her time fairly evenly between San Francisco, Brook design and illustration conferences.

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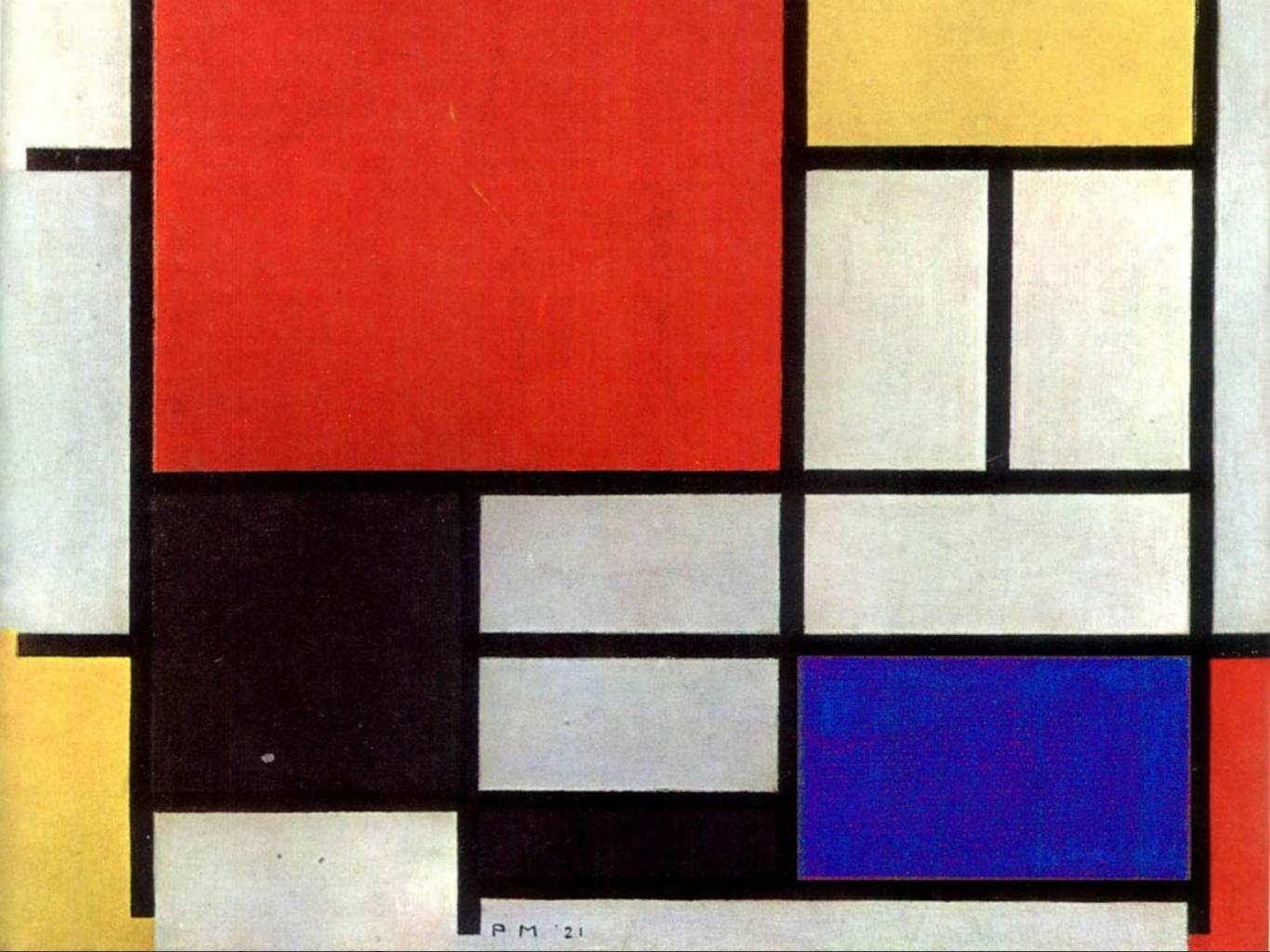
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Unleash complexity in orchestrated phases, and increase power gradually. Constraints as selling point



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COLUMBIA



Aaron Britt takes the road less traveled around San Francisco

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As part of California's great unwashed masses (out here that's pronounced "CAR-less"), I rely wholly on public transportation. My monthly transit pass is my ticket to every system within the 7x7 and I'm happy to make use of it. But this is only part of the picture of how I get around town. For those trips that require too many bus transfers, too much foresight, and having had a few too many martinis, I hop a cab. And Zipcord fills in the rest.

But going from cab to cab, or cab to bas, or Zpour+ to BART or any GET EMAIL UPDATES combination of these means that I rarely stop, let alone smell the Be the first to find out. Our weekly roses. And that's a shame. I decided missive announces new events, discounts and backstories. to expand my notion of San Francisco transit to include things like Segways, kayaks, and hell, even

the zip line. And instead of fussing over the quickest way to get from e Park+ to Union Square, I took the form of transit that would give me the best experience. I suppose my aim was to see the city in a different way, to travel like that wide-eyed optimist and perpetual butt of jokes - a

tourist.

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TOP 5

So then, my second Top 5 post. Just before I broke my leg. I spent a week on the Isle of Man learning to Scuba dive, and it was great. If any of you reading this have been contemplating learning, please let this article persuade you to actually get started. I can tell you for certain that it's one of the greatest things you will ever do. Enjoy.

Reason #2

Reason #1 IT'S FUCKING AWESOME

Yeah, I know, obvious mason, but I couldn't think of a better way to sum the whole sport up.

I've always been a fan of the sea and what's under it, but to be able to immerse and envelop yourself fully in it, to put yourself and your safety in the hands of such an elemental force is only awesome (for want of a better word).

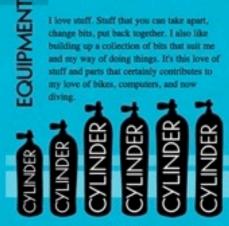
And there's the exploratory angle. I have an active imagination, and when I was 15-20 meters below the surface it was very easy for me to imagine that no other human had ever been to the places I was finning around. When all you can see is your buddy and a whole host of sea life in 10 meters of visibility it's very easy to convince yourself of this.

But add to that the knowledge that during your diving career, you probably will do exactly this, no imagination required. The sea is a pretty big place, and when you start diving deep to areas that no human actually hasn't been before, you are an explorer, in the best sense of the word.

I love stuff. Staff that you can take apart, change bits, put back together. I also like building up a collection of bits that suit me and my way of doing things. It's this love of stuff and parts that certainly contributes to my love of bikes, computers, and now

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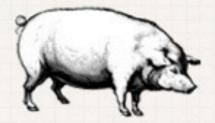


I frankly can't wait to start building my own kit up, having everything working how I want it. I'm going to love browsing catalogues and online shops for ages, searching for the perfect part of equipment that I need. For me, the satisfaction you get from buying and learning to maintain your own kit is immense.

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ello. I'm Simon Collison (a.k.a Colly)—a designer, speaker, and occasional author, spending my days trying my best at Erskine. Welcome to my celebrated new miscellany. More → Dropping science like it's hot THE SPLENDID JOURNAL



Redesigning the undesigned For two years—and with much embarrassment, I have been apologising for my undesigned blog. Well, no more shall I blush. To mark this fourth redesign... More → Catalogued bipolar outpourings EXHAUSTIVE ARCHIVES



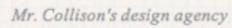
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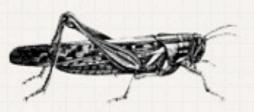


pinions & queries this way Drop me a line if you wish, or maybe just download my business card for future reference. I'll do my best to send a reply—although I don't always manage to do so. →

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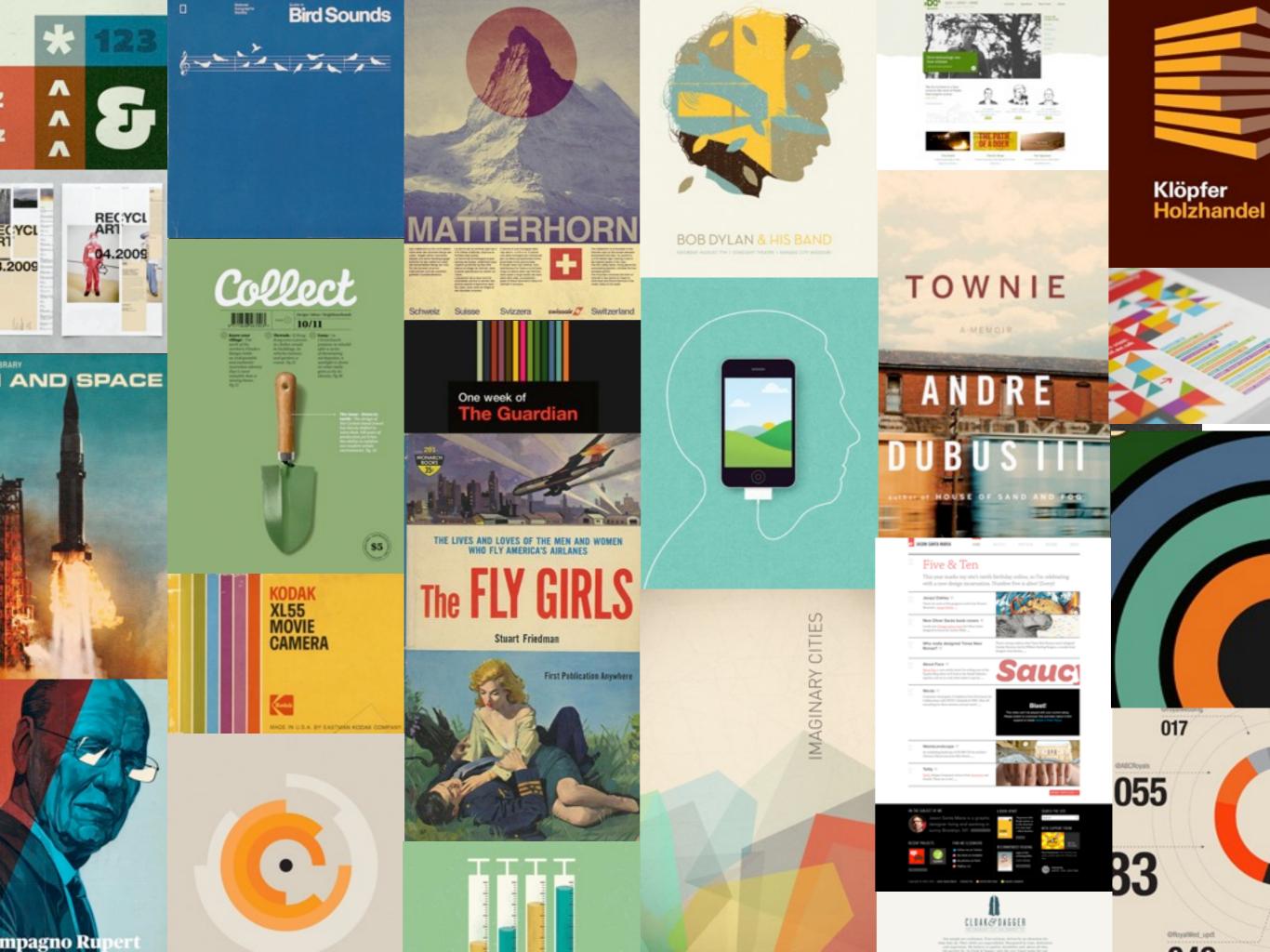
The tweets of @simoncollison

TWITTER HAPPIER



Preferring it to MySpace

We design to communicate, and we seek emotive responses.





delight / emotion / surprise systems / constraint / restraint simplicity / complexity / focus context / reduction

Thanks

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