



HyGrid

This collaborative art project has been evolving since December 1995. The idea behind this project is to create a "hyperlinked grid of visually interlocked images". Each square on the grid is a small image created by a participating artist. Each square is adjacent to another artist's square in the structure, appearing on the top, right, bottom or left side.

Creating images

When creating a new image for the HyGrid, the collaborating artist will (to some degree) attempt to make their image blend or fuse visibly with the adjacent squares. When successful, this "blending" creates the illusion of a seamless string of images.

Not two-dimensional

One notable characteristic of HyGrid is that the resulting structure is not a two-dimensional grid, but a hyperdimensional one. This hyperdimensionality is due to the fact that the sides of squares are locked only by references in the database. This pure-data link allows a visually confounding freedom of interlocking pieces. For example: one square can be linked to the "top" of a piece way on the "right side" of the HyGrid, but also be linked to the "left" side of a square way on the "left side" of the HyGrid, creating a bridge between the sides.

Ever-expanding

Of course, all positions on the HyGrid are essentially relative. There is no true "edge" of the structure except where there are "open" sides. That's where the artists (you?) come in... As with all of the collaborative art projects on SITO, you will need a SITO ID to participate.

Tools and features

Here are some features collaborators might find useful.



Report

This is a statistical report of HyGrid activity broken down in many ways.



List reservations

See who has what reserved and for how long.



Create Wurmhoels

Set up Wurmhoels ("loops", "bridges"). JavaScript required.



Fundamentals

VIEW IT | Jump into the HyGrid at a random location.

DISCUSS IT | Read and post in the HyGrid discussion topic.

Overview | Detailed "help file" style information about the project and instructions for collaborators.

Floppy | Jon compressed HyGrid enough that it would fit on a 3.5-inch floppy disk. What?!

Press

HyGrid press clippings and awards. These are links to other sites, for the most part.

Artistic Interaction and Computer Interactivity: Cooperative art on the Internet | by Juan Felipe Rincón

web-specific art. het world wide web als artistiek medium | from Spinster.be

Synergy Collaborative Projects on SITO | by Thomas Dreher for IASLonline

People, Machines and Art | by Tim Silverman

Prix Ars Electronica 1996 Web jury statement | by Karin Spaink

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