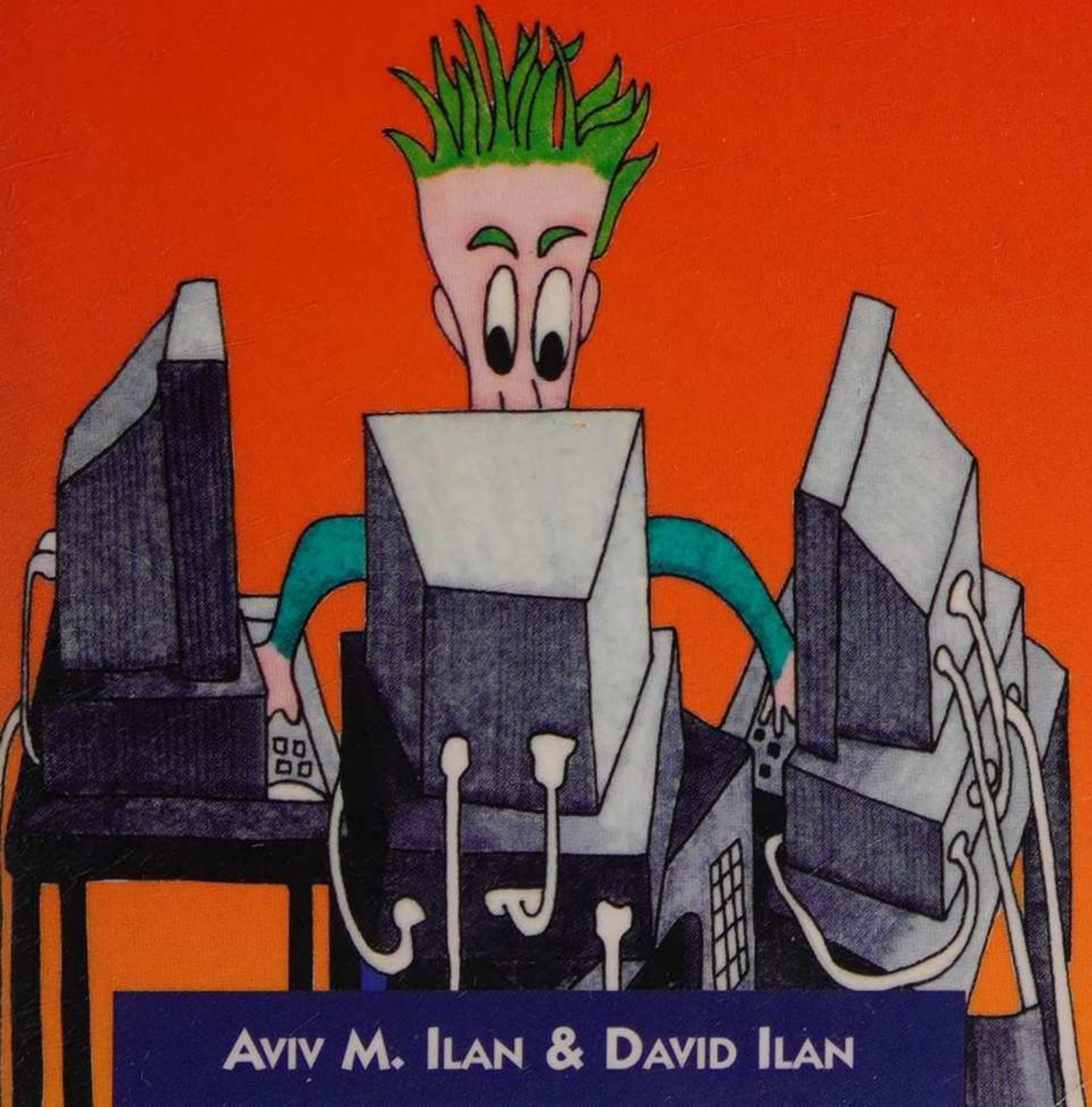


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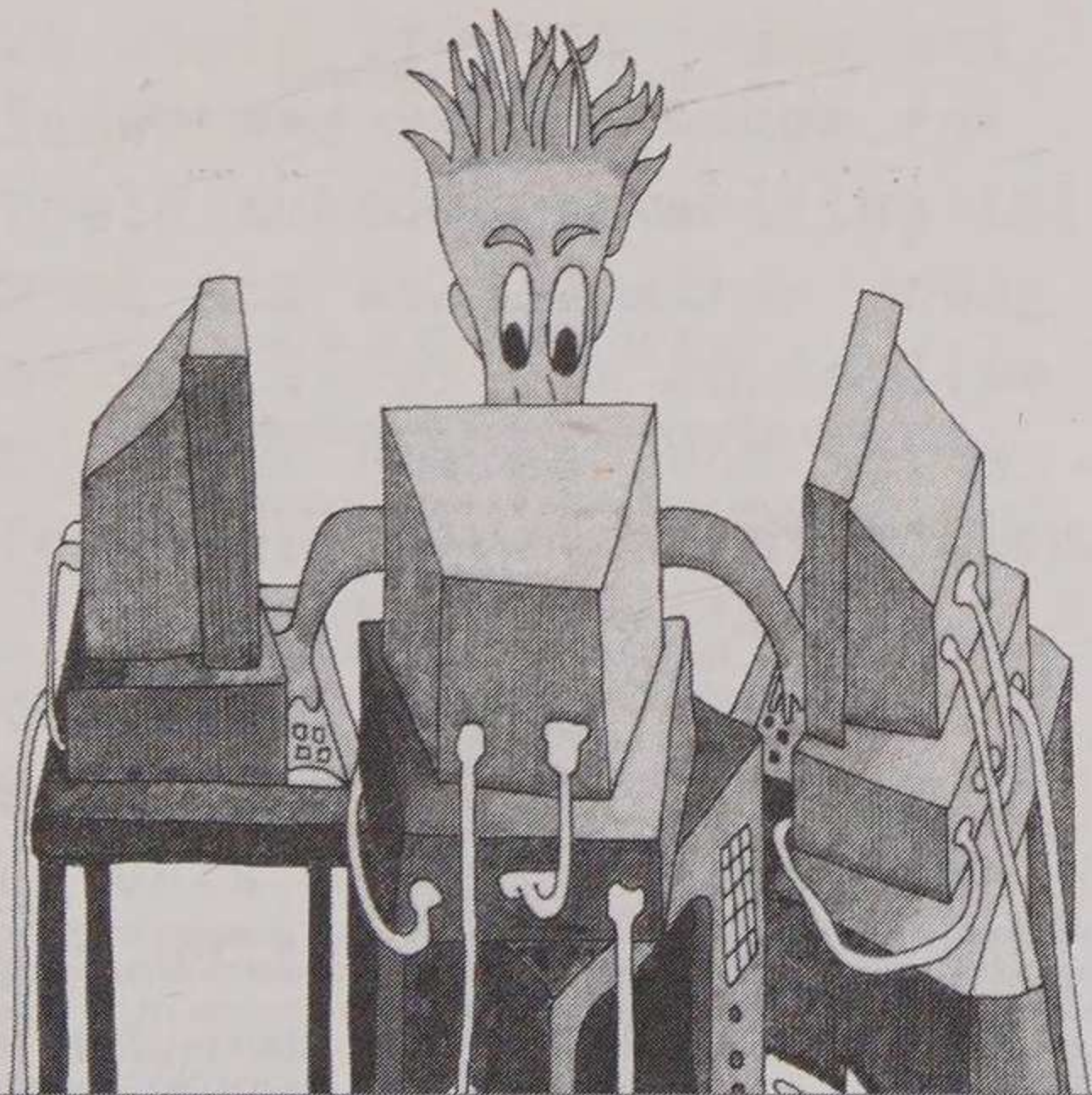
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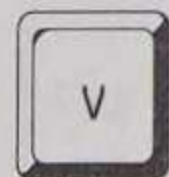
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Links

## INTRODUCTION

The Internet, the World Wide Web, the Information Superhighway. The possibilities are endless, the uses are unlimited. Well...maybe for some pathetic newbie. But not for you. You've seen every Web site, you've chatted in every chat room, you've B.S.'d on every BBS.

You were surfing the Net when the superhighway was just an unpaved, one-lane country road. You're the



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original netizen, honorary mayor of Webville, the stuff that Net surfing legends are made of. Generations from now, kids will gather around at [www.campfire.com](http://www.campfire.com) and tell stories of how you first blazed the trails so people everywhere could enjoy the benefits of being connected.

But surfing the Net day and night, through all kinds of weather, has its downfalls. You forgot how to walk. Your hand is frozen in the shape of a claw. The

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lining of your throat has turned to sandpaper.

Your doctor, your lawyer, your neighbors, even the phone company told you to cut back on your online time. But it wasn't until you posted the question to your friends on your favorite newsgroup, and all one hundred thousand of them said the same thing, did the message finally hit home. You need to unplug.

This book is the perfect tool to help you access your normal life again. By picking


up this book and not waiting for the online version, you've shown that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not coming from the glow of your computer screen.

Now comes the hardest part, flipping the pages without a mouse, going through life without a Net. Because in the real world, the offline world, there is no "back" button.

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Instant messages  
take too long. 



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http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You carry JPEGs  
of your loved ones  
in your wallet. 

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Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You lost your  
virginity online.



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Links


For your honeymoon,  
you went to  
[www.thecaribbean.com](http://www.thecaribbean.com)



Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

The only time you  
leave the house is to  
buy a new keyboard. 

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You've worn out yet  
another one of those  
rubber balls inside  
your mouse.



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You have ASDF  
and JKL; permanently  
imprinted on your  
fingertips. 

?

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links


You think of  
having sex as  
"plug and play."



Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

The only time you  
see the sun is on  
the solar livecam. 

9

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Links

You actually say  
"laughing out loud"  
instead of laughing. 

10

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Links


Bill Gates returns  
your e-mail first.



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<http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

The last time you  
used snail-mail the  
post office was  
using ponies. 

12

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Links

The sound of modems  
connecting gets you  
in the mood. 

Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links

The doctor told you  
to lose weight,  
so you joined  
alt.recreation.users.gym

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You make popcorn  
and reload images  
all night.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

The sweetest words  
you've ever heard are  
"you've got mail."

Address

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Links

You have more names  
in your online  
address book than the  
Montana White Pages. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You e-mail your  
spouse good night.



Address


http://surfingthenet.com

Links

When you're coming  
down with a cold,  
you eat the  
Norton antivirus  
installation disk.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You take pills  
to control your  
emoticons. 

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Address

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Links

Your kids are  
sad and you tell  
them, "Turn that  
open parentheses  
upside down."

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Links

Asked how you're  
doing, your  
auto-responder  
replies, "Fine.  
And yourself?"

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During a blackout,  
you unplugged the  
generator from  
your grandfather's  
life-support system  
to stay connected.

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You spend half your  
day reading e-mail  
and the other half  
responding to it. 

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Links

Your computer  
runs faster than  
your car. 

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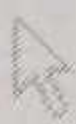
Links

You laugh at people  
who still refer to  
it as a period. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You need a Rolodex  
to keep track of all  
your Bookmarks. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You put on a wet  
suit and fins before  
logging on.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You think AOL's  
new pricing plan is  
like a gift sent  
from the heavens.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You rooted for Big  
Blue in the chess  
championships.

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Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You believe your  
breakfast sausage is  
merely a link to  
your eggs.

Address

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Links

You consider  
30 minutes of live  
chat with your kids  
as quality time.

Address

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Links

Your server  
went down and you  
ate your own foot  
to survive.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You don't go  
to the bathroom,  
you download.

Address


http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You refer to  
your den as your  
chat room.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You don't need  
help from your  
kids to set up  
parental control. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You're convinced  
that Arnold  
Schwarzenegger said,  
"Alta Vista, baby."

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You refer to  
childbirth as a  
self-extracting  
archive.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

The only time you  
use your voice is  
when talking to  
technical support.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You have a wall  
hanging that reads,  
"Homepage Sweet  
Homepage."

Address


http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You believe the  
world is divided  
into two types  
of people...clients  
and servers.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links


You require people  
to log on before  
entering your house. 

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Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

Unzipping files  
turns you on. 

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You have a bumper  
sticker on your  
modem that says,  
"Born to Be Baud."

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You alphabetize  
according to  
the QWERTY  
keyboard layout.

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Links

Your mousepad has  
skid marks.



Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You adopted  
two miles of the  
Information  
Superhighway.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You have a T-shirt  
that says, "So many  
Web sites...so  
little time."

Address


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Links

You wore out  
the "@" button on  
your keyboard. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You put the "F"  
in RTFM. 

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Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You invite the  
neighbors over to  
watch QuickTime  
movies of your  
family vacations.


Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Streetlights flicker  
when you boot up  
your system.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You keep trying to  
minimize your boss. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

Your Web page gets  
more hits than Mike  
Tyson's punching bag.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your eyeballs  
are square. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You refer to  
hand-me-downs  
as "shareware."

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You don't sleep,  
you shut down. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your big screen  
projection monitor  
covers the  
entire wall.

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Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You're a  
volunteer member  
of SCERD (System  
Crash Emergency  
Rescue Detail).

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You know your weight  
in kilobytes.




Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You remind your  
online lovers that  
it's not the speed  
of your modem, it's  
how you use it.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You wear a dust  
cover to bed. 



Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You wear a ribbon to  
show your support in  
the fight against  
computer viruses.



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You consider  
*The Net* a classic  
masterpiece of the  
American cinema.

64

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You feel that  
HAL 9000 was deeply  
misunderstood.

65

Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links


You wrote  
Stephen King a  
ten-page synopsis  
of technical  
inaccuracies in  
*The Lawnmower Man.*



Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You have your own  
MCI representative. 

67

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You have  
webbed feet. 




Address

http://surfingthenet.com



Links

Yahoo asks for  
your help with  
difficult searches. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links


Ninety-nine out of  
100 times, URouLette  
sends you to a site  
you've already seen.

70

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You've trained  
your dog to fetch  
new postings to  
your newsgroups. 

71

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links


You run to the store  
for a gallon of milk  
and more megs. 

72

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You shave in front  
of a mirror page. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You need a password  
to open your  
refrigerator.

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Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Eventually, all  
links lead back  
to you.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

People  
affectionately call  
you the Dick Clark  
of the Internet  
Relay Chats.



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

Worldwide is a  
little too limited  
for you.

??

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You think of  
your brain as a  
slow but necessary  
search engine. 

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Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You wrote the book  
*Around the World in  
Eighty Clicks.*

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You were a technical  
advisor on the set  
of *War Games*.



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Links

You refuse to eat  
at any restaurant  
not featuring  
dropdown menus. 


Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Instead of reaching  
for something, you  
try to drag your  
arrow to it.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You've designed  
a full-body workout  
you can do while  
sitting at  
your desk. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You don't swear, you  
use hypertext.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You were asking it  
before it was  
a FAQ.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

Half the Internet  
community knows you  
as the Big Kahuna. 



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

The other half knows  
you as Gidget.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You brought in a  
truckload of sand  
and some sea gulls  
to make the  
experience complete.



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

The only music CDs  
you own are by the  
Beach Boys.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your driver's license  
has your screen  
name and e-mail  
address on it.


Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You can create a full-scale detailed map of Rhode Island using only the "a" key.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You have four  
separate phone  
lines, yet you  
live alone. 

Address


http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You're the online  
*Twister* champion. 

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

America Online  
solved all its  
access problems by  
kicking you off. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

The stewardess  
has to pry away  
your laptop from you  
so they can land  
the plane.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You see the world  
in ten frames  
per second.



Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You're a veteran  
of several  
international  
flame wars.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You need hours of  
therapy when a host  
refuses connection.



Address


http://surfingthenet.com

Links

Even your abacus  
is hooked up to  
a modem.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You haven't gotten a  
phone bill in three  
months because  
you're still on the  
same call. 

100

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You really do  
have a mouse in  
your pocket. 

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You adopted  
"Surfin' Safari" as  
your theme song.

102

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You've been married  
two years, yet you've  
never met in person.

103

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You dream in  
encrypted code.

104

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links


Your Usenet group  
moderator was the  
best man at your  
wedding.

105

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

You give your kids  
online time as a  
weekly allowance. 

106

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You think WebTV  
is the greatest  
combination since  
peanut butter  
and jelly. 

107

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You have a low-grade,  
year-round tan  
from the glow of  
the screen.

108


Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You get in a cab and  
give the driver your  
Web address.

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>


Links

Your fingers are  
worn down to  
little nubs. 

110

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You anxiously await  
the expansion to the  
Universe Wide Web. 

111

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You remember when  
Net addresses only  
needed two W's.

112

Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links

Your kids come back  
from college and you  
ask them, "Where  
have you been?"

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

To speed up the  
downloading process,  
you've routed your  
modem through  
your microwave.

114

Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You wouldn't know you  
were dead unless  
you read it in the  
online obituaries.

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You get seven new  
e-mails while reading  
your morning e-mails.



Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You've downloaded  
every possible file.

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Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You tell your  
grandkids that when  
you were little, you  
had to connect using  
a rotary phone.



Address http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You order a pizza  
online and then print  
it out on scratch-  
and-sniff paper.

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You added another  
surge protector so  
you can plug in the  
mini-fridge. 

120

Address http://surfingthenet.com

Links


You start off all  
your speeches with,  
"My fellow netizens."

121

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You bump into an  
old friend on the  
street and run home  
so you both can  
live chat. 

122

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your husband threatens  
to leave you, so you  
agree to join a  
marriage counseling  
Usenet group.

123

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

Your wife  
complains she feels  
disconnected, so you  
surprise her with  
her own account.

124

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You take your  
computer along  
on dates. 

125

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You refer to your  
computer as your  
better half.

126

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You log on to the  
weather homepage  
instead of looking  
out the window.

127

Address

http://surfingthenet.com


Links

You produced the  
*Retiring on \$19.95*  
*a Month infomercial.*



Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

You wax your  
motherboard. 

129

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your first modem  
ran at 1 bps.

130

Address | http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You reminisce about  
playing *Pong* over  
the Internet.

131

Address <http://surfingthenet.com>

Links


You've replaced your  
right eye with a  
small video camera.

132

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links


You think the  
missing link is an  
online treasure hunt. 

133

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You don't go to  
Internet cafés for  
the coffee. 

134

Address

http://surfingthenet.com

Links

You took the wheels  
off of your computer  
chair and put them  
on your fridge.

135

Address

<http://surfingthenet.com>

Links

Your computer desk  
comes equipped with  
all the supplies  
needed to survive  
a major catastrophe.

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Do streetlights flicker when you boot up your system?

Does your computer run faster than your car?

Do you carry JPEGS of your loved ones in your wallet?

Do you refer to hand-me-downs as shareware?

Are your dreams encrypted?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then it's time to unplug, decompress, and enjoy *You Know You're Surfing the Net Too Much When ...*

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