

# Access to Computers



and the inconvenient politics thereof

**“Access to computers should be  
unlimited and total.”**

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First principle of the Hacker Ethic

**“How do we satisfy unlimited wants with limited resources?”**

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The economic problem

# Computer access

1. Who
2. When
3. How

# Who

1. Gender
2. Country/continent
3. Class
4. Economy
5. Government

# When?

1. First mover advantages
2. Network effects
  - a. Twitter
  - b. Bitcoin
3. Security arms race
4. Information revolution

# How

1. Corporate (apps) vs open (web)?
2. Power structures?
3. Surveillance

**Technology is neither good nor  
bad; nor is it neutral.**

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Kranzberg's Law







