YET ANOTHER AWKWARD QR CODE

(tentative
to demystify
the thing
that wants
to be scanned)

Context
About the research
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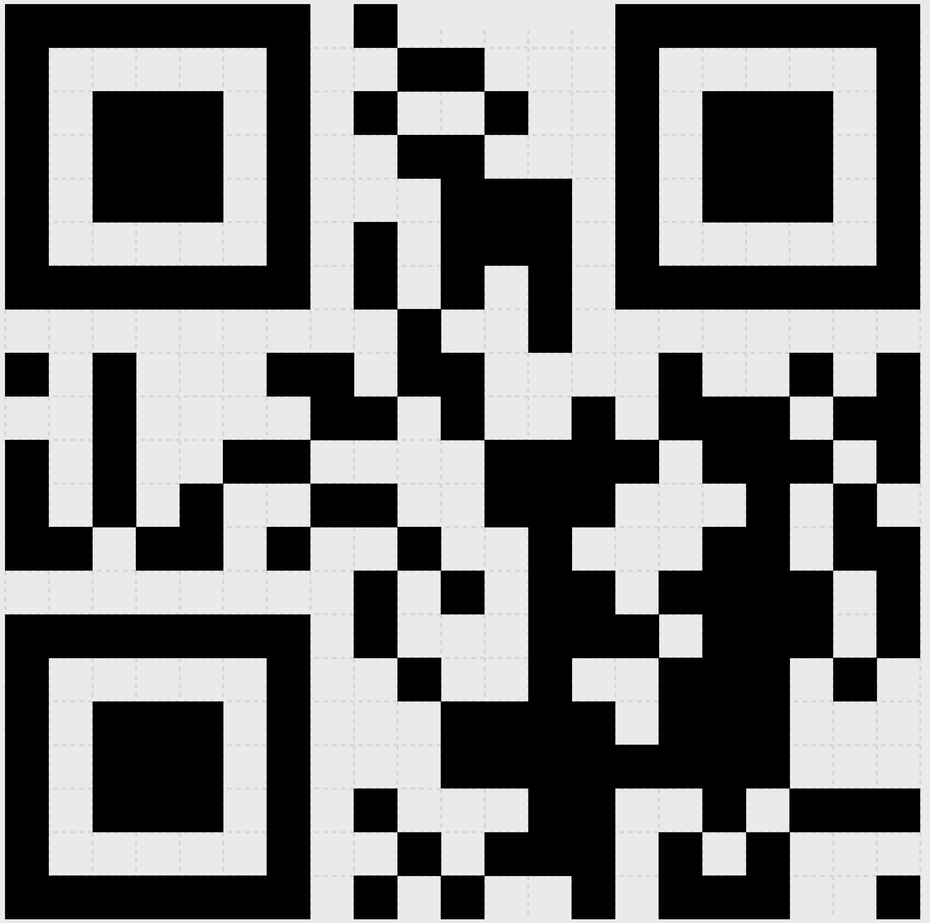
Context

- originally invented in 1994 to label industry products
- transitioned from industry-use to consumer based env.
- holds a strong production chain heritage
- QRs are two sided (physical / digital)
- give the opportunity to share data geolocally
- lowtech and accessible for publics to make and use

What are QRs?



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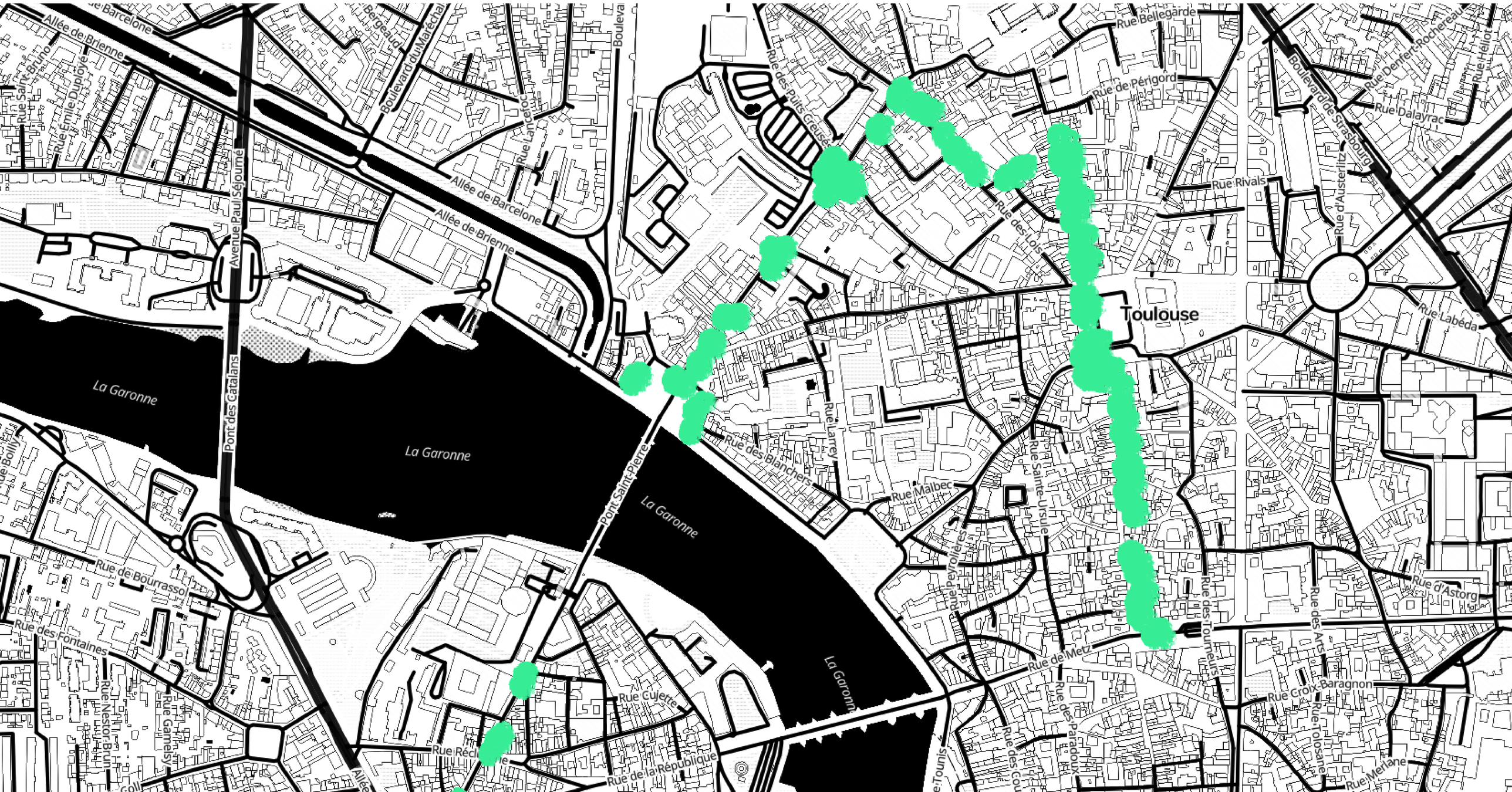

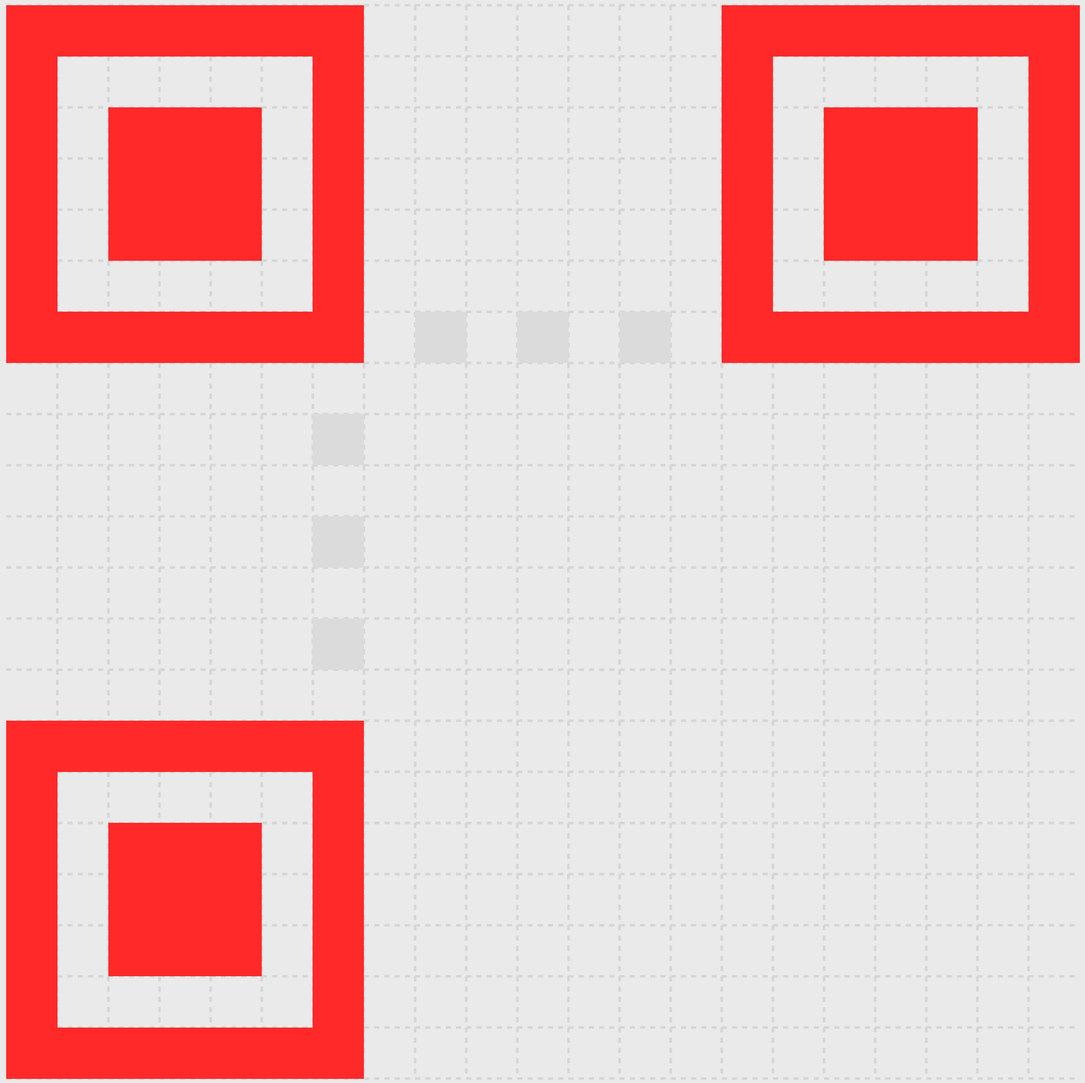

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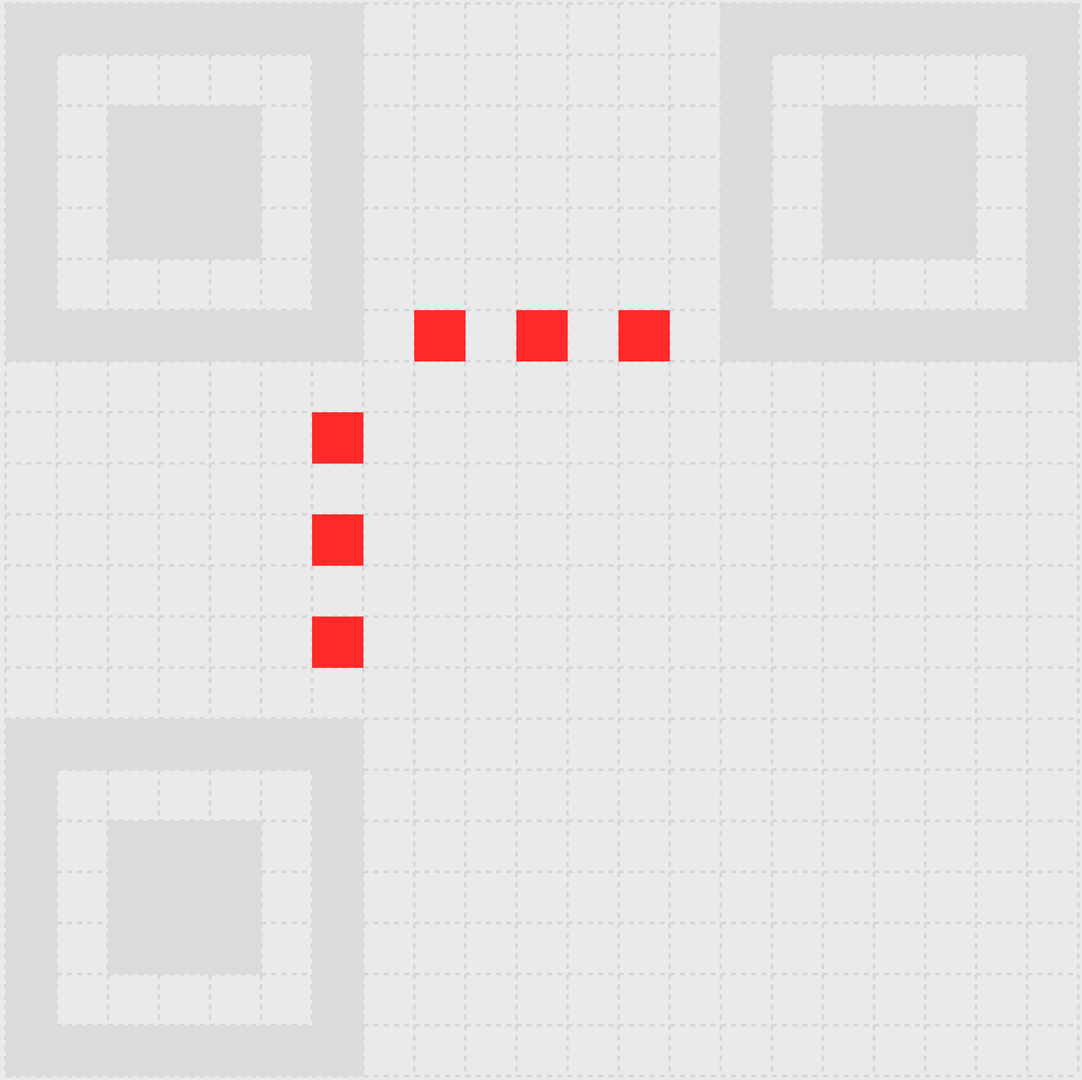

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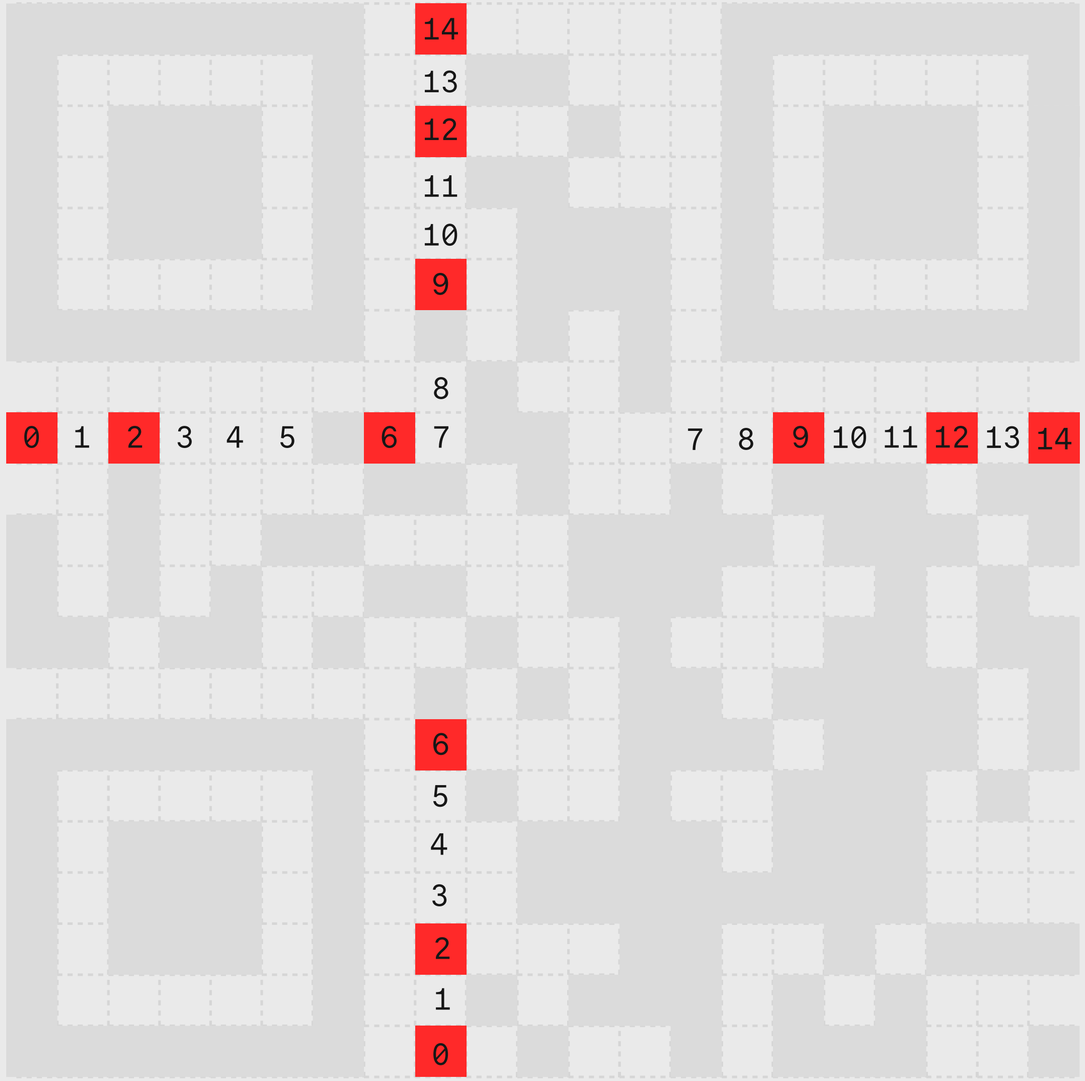

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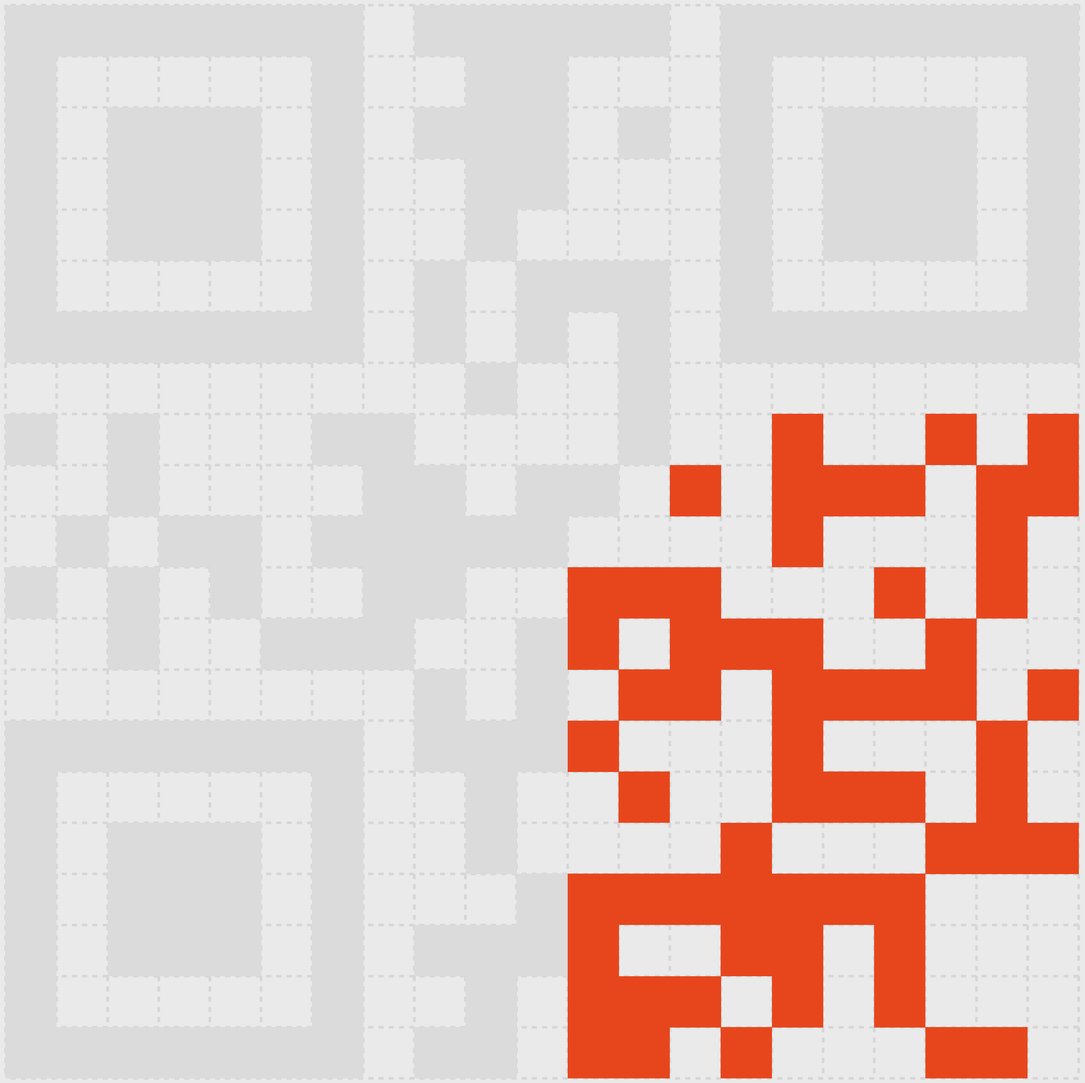

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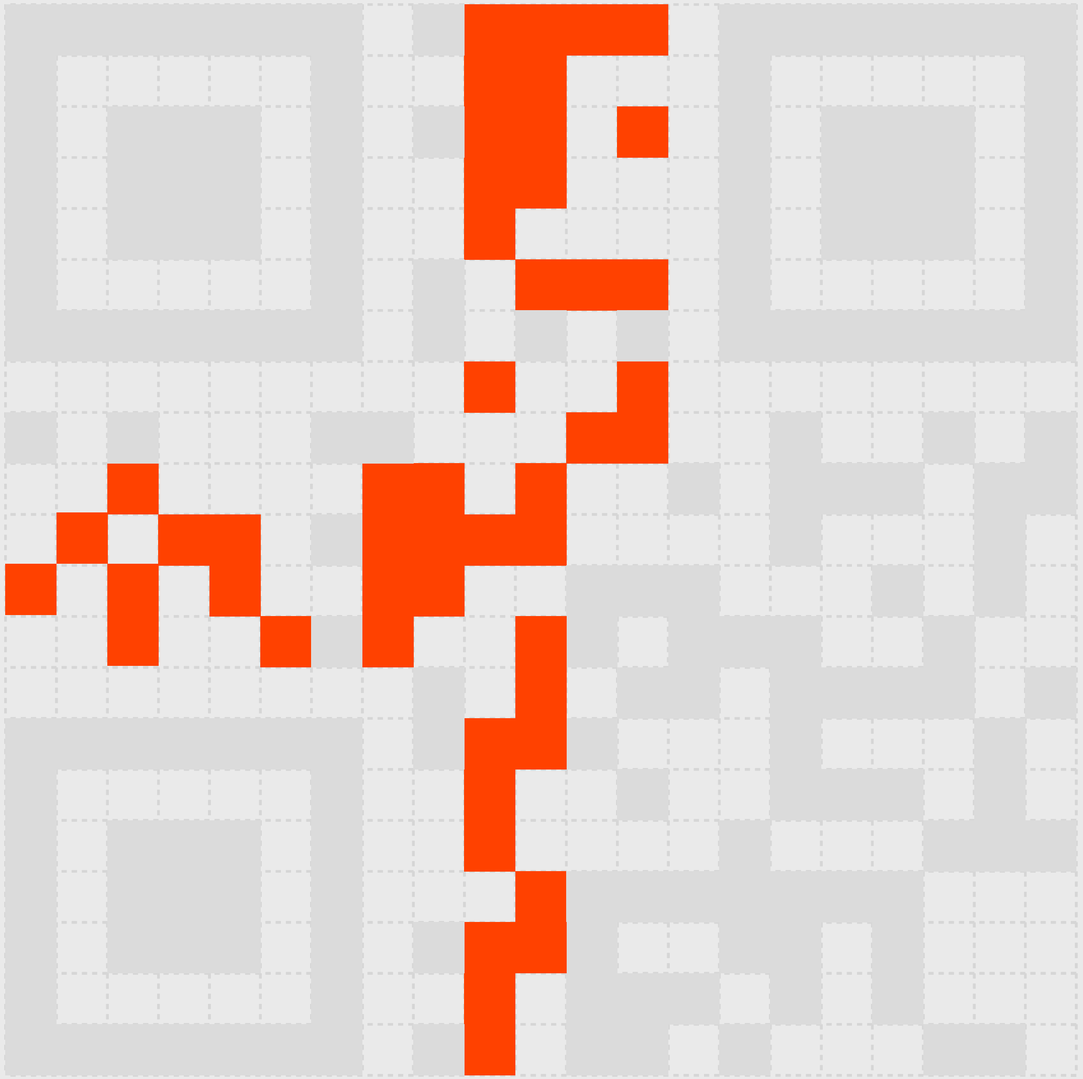


5. Error Correction

We made a cheatsheet :)

Disarming

The ethics of disarming

- sabotage of urban objects can often have the right effect but the wrong consequences

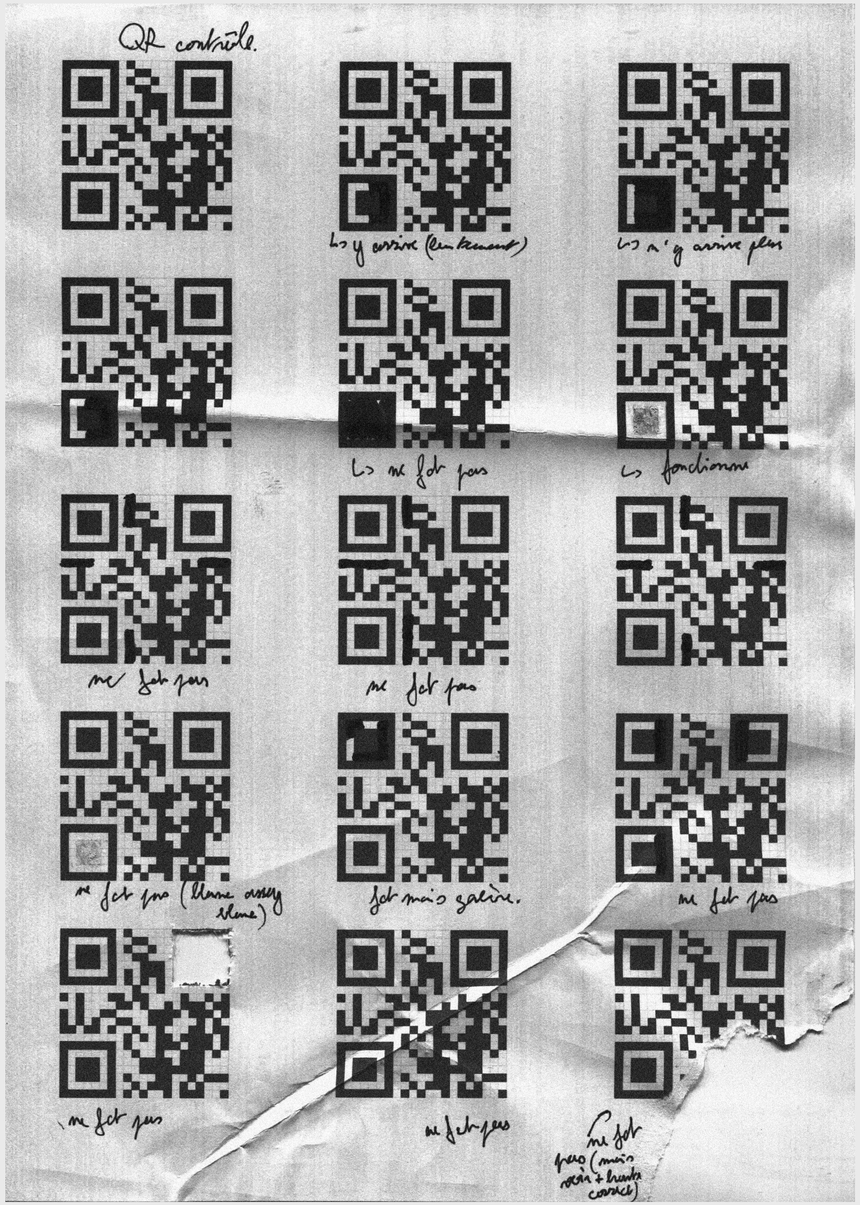
- how to respect maintenance/cleaning personnel && avoid class struggle dissonance ?

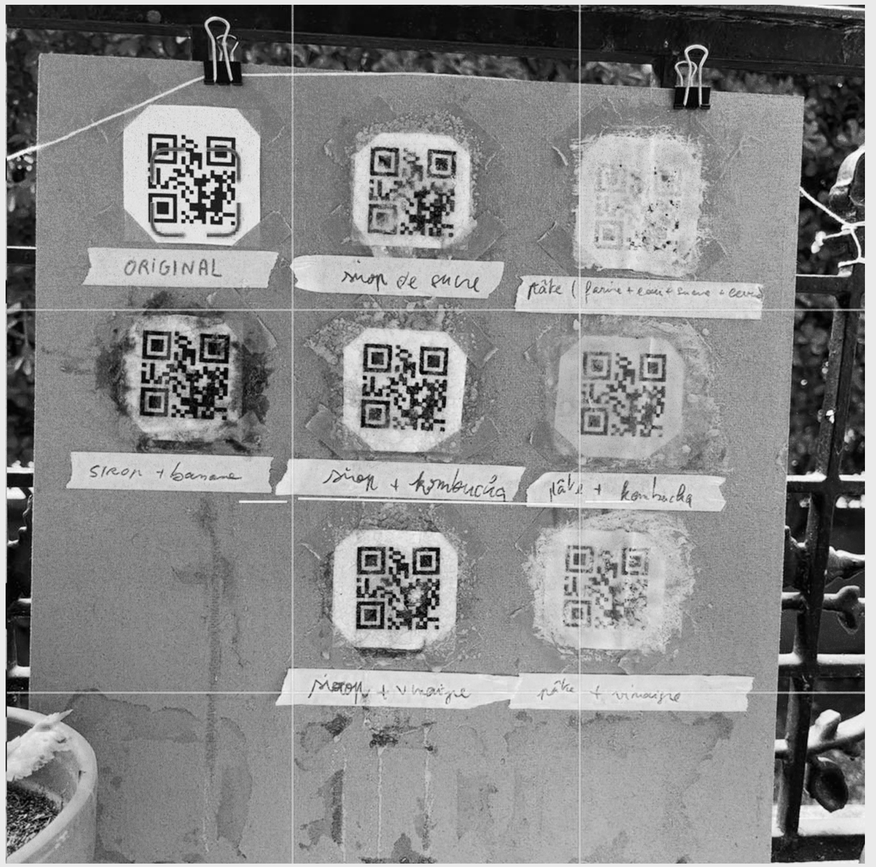
- disarming rather than sabotaging, covert practices that do not prompt direct maintenance

- discreetly shifting consumer frustration from activist’s acts of sabotage to companies making useless objects

Disarming

Disarming research





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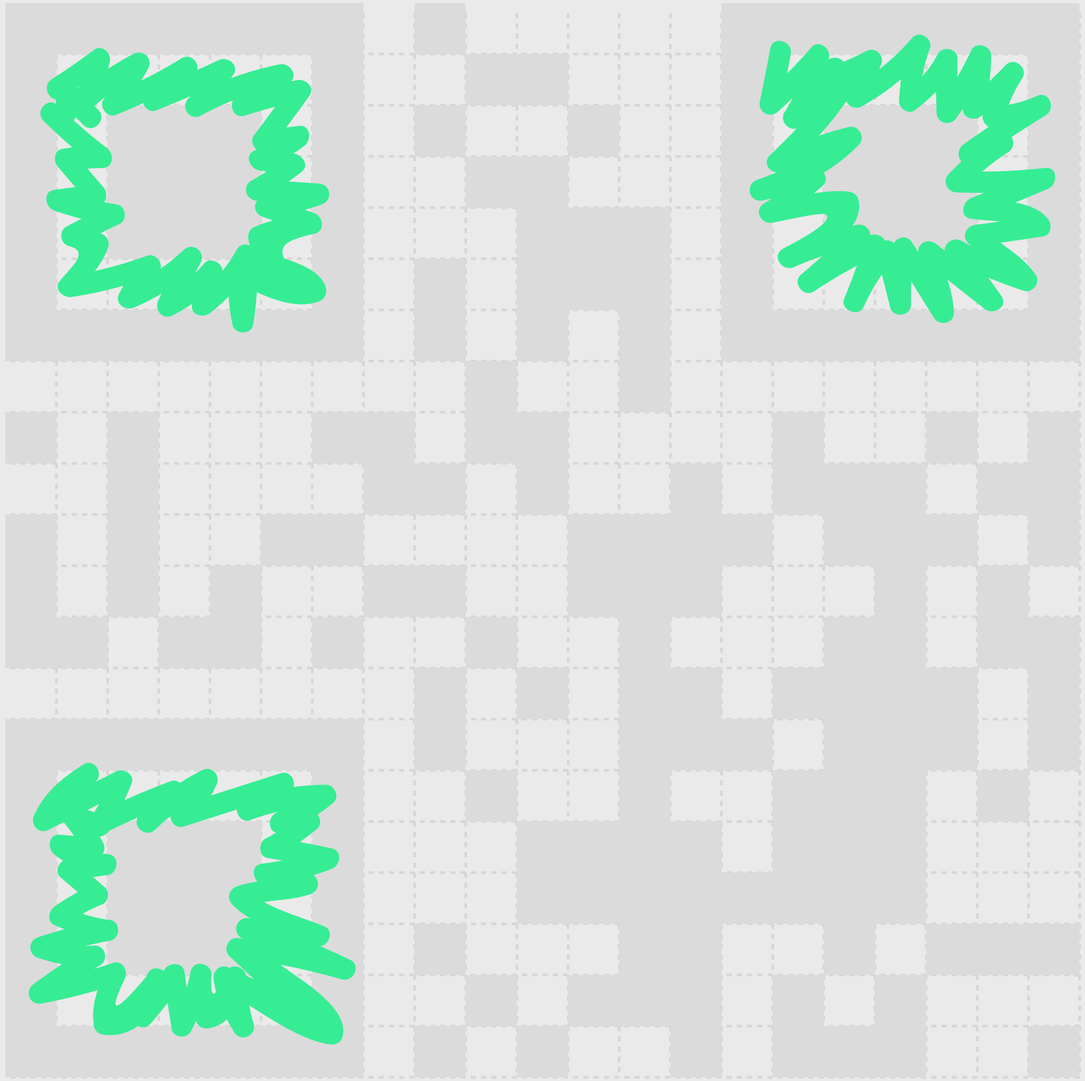

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Disarming

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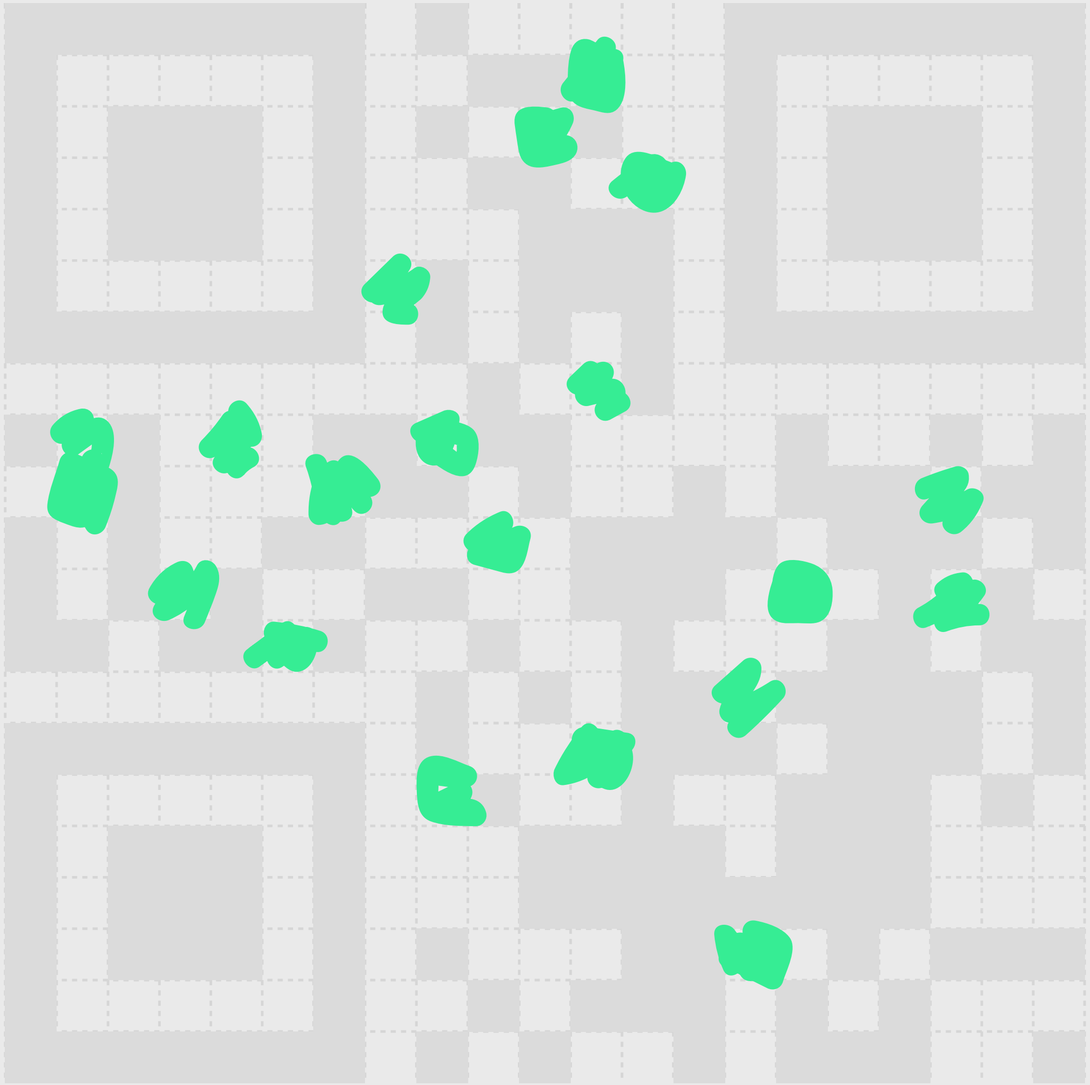

Random Square Filling

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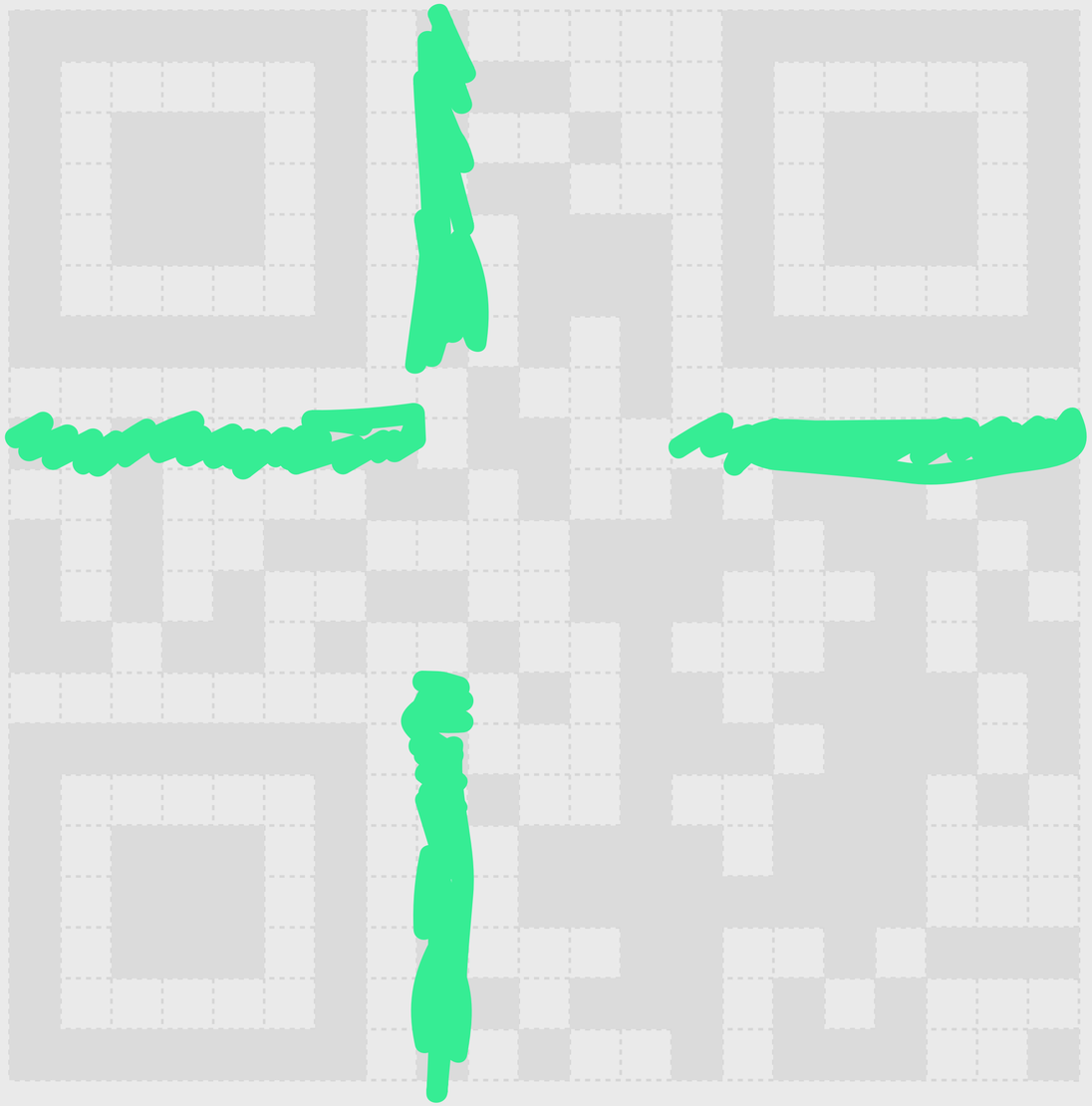
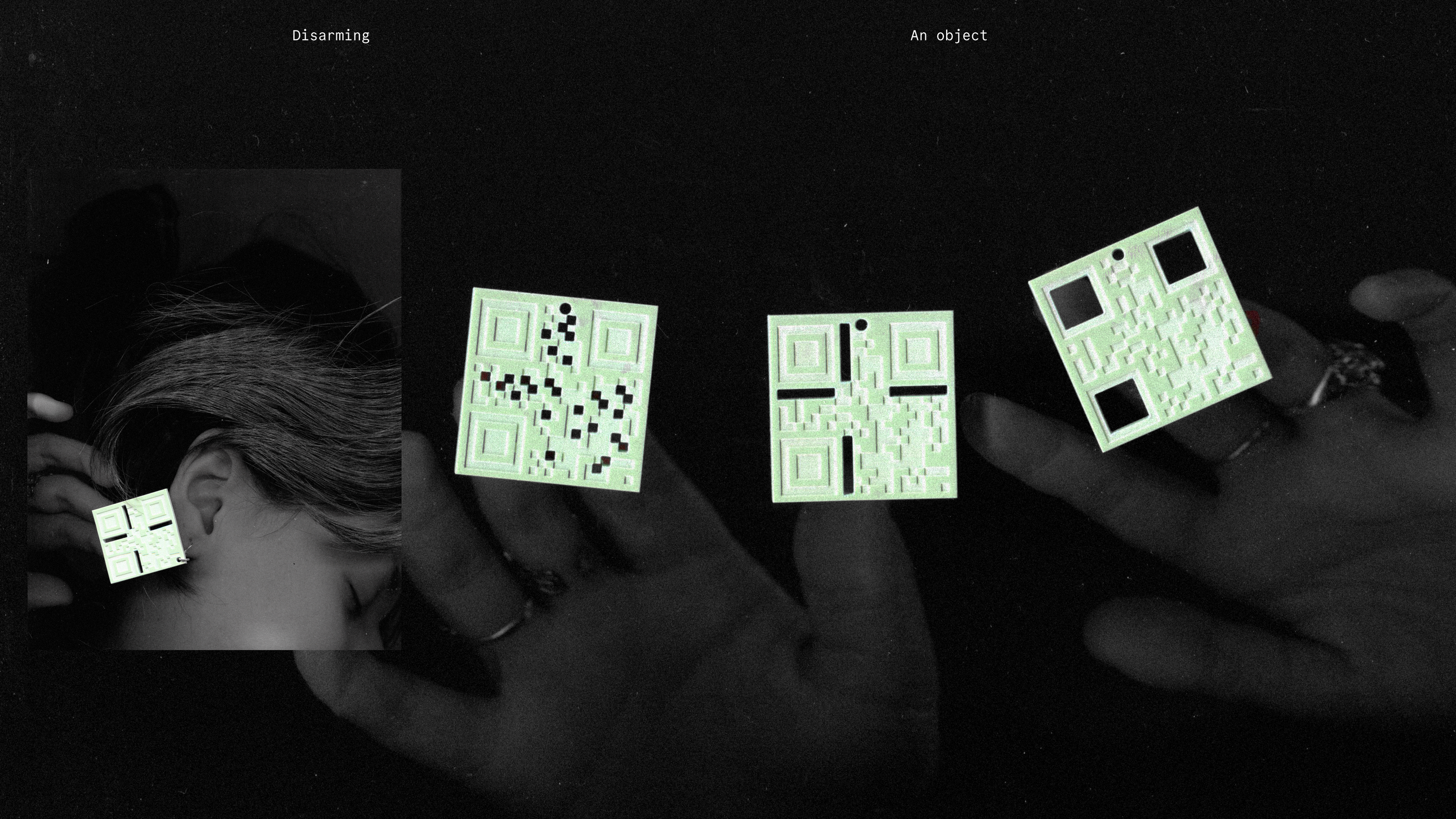


Two Lines

Disarming

An object



- using the QRs in subversive ways to challenge their conventional uses and implications

- reconfigure structures of power by by using their systems against themselves

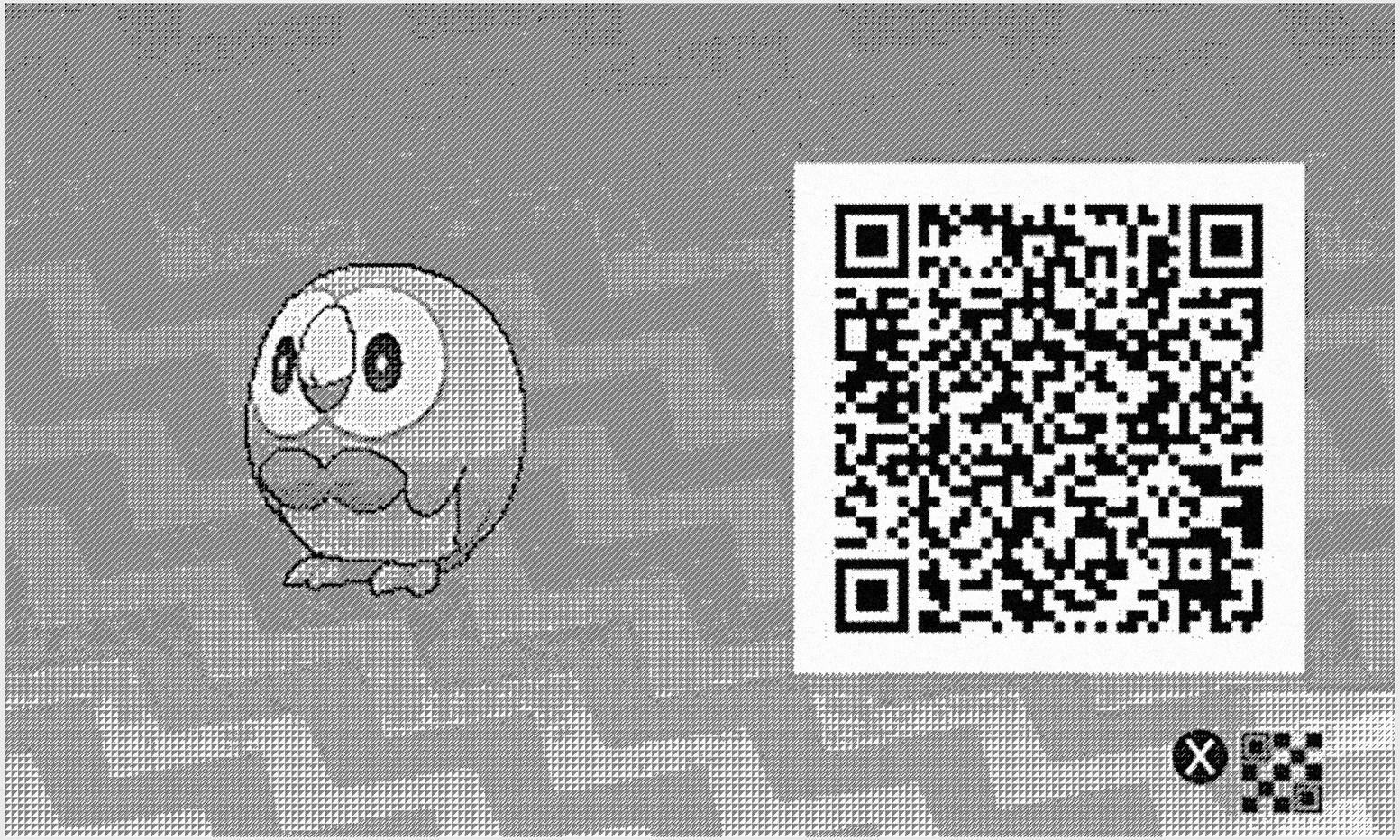
- learning how to exploit QRs also gives us knowledge on how to be more aware of the the everydays risks involved in using them

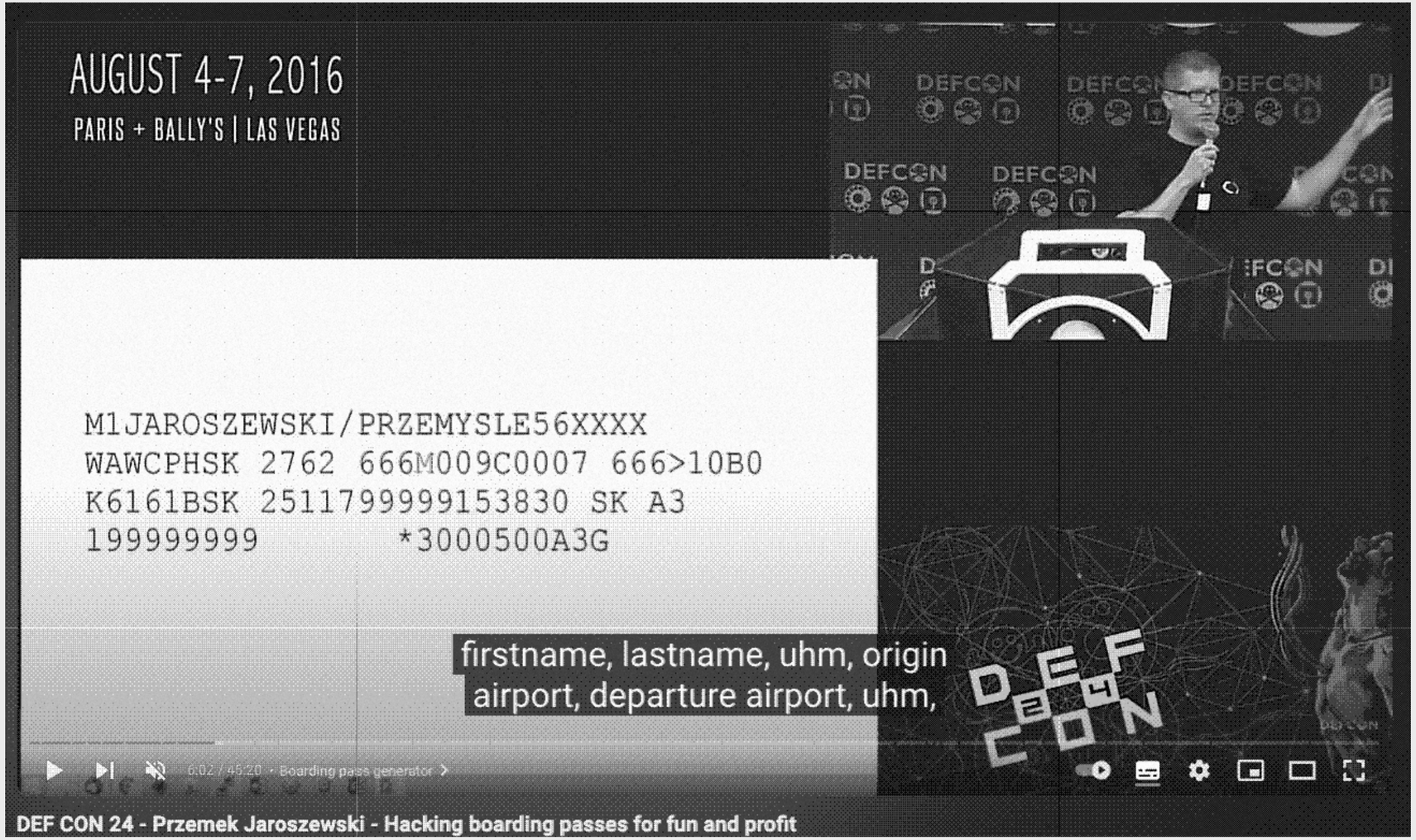
Disarming

QRishing

Tactical QRs

Sharing Information

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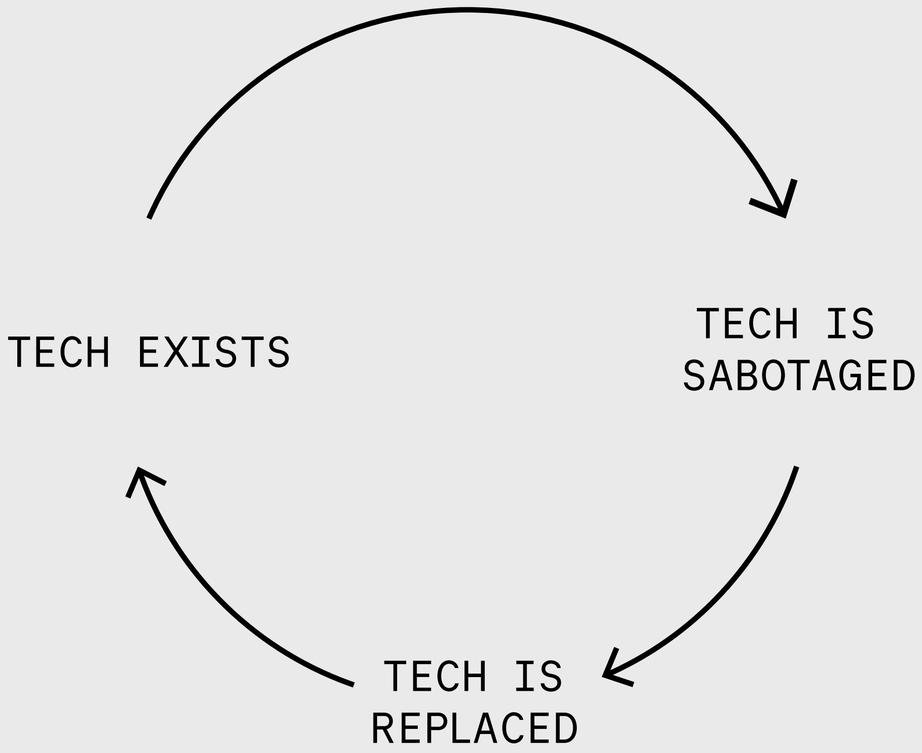
- Everybody hates QR codes

- QR can be re-employed to fit anti-productivist agenda’s, to become tactical tools, or simply popular information sharing methods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Conclusion

Opening

- saccing and being scanned
- buy old scanning tools