

Chat Room Log: Reality and Identity Group 1

Friday, September 28, 2007

11:01 AM: **Darcy** has entered the room.
11:01 AM: **Darcy** has left the room.
11:01 AM: **Darcy** has entered the room.
11:02 AM: **Amanda** has entered the room.
11:02 AM: **Darcy**: HEY AMANDA!
11:02 AM: **Amanda**: darcaaaayyyy
11:02 AM: **dirtyharry** has entered the room.
11:02 AM: **Amanda**: hi harry
11:03 AM: **dirtyharry**: hi guys
11:03 AM: **pennyp** has entered the room.
11:04 AM: **Darcy**: hey penny
11:04 AM: **Amanda**: according to Dibbell, we are "making things happen" right now
11:04 AM: **alias** has entered the room.
11:04 AM: **dirtyharry**: i dont know what that means
11:05 AM: **Darcy**: i think it means that...
11:05 AM: **Amanda**: thats just what it says in the first quote
11:05 AM: **Amanda**: when we type things into a computer we arent so much communicating as we are making things happen
11:06 AM: **dirtyharry**: i see
11:06 AM: **Darcy**: technology is becoming so essential to all of our lives that we are so easily able to communicate and make things happen through the internet and 'cyberspace,' as he would sa
11:06 AM: **Darcy**: say*
11:06 AM: **Darcy**: in a way, i guess that relates to the idea of reality
11:07 AM: **Amanda**: exactlyyyyyyy
11:07 AM: **Amanda**: couldnt have said it better myself
11:07 AM: **Darcy**: ps - what does authorship actually mean?
11:07 AM: **dirtyharry**: makes sense 2 me
11:07 AM: **Darcy**: like...ownership over whatever you write?
11:07 AM: **Amanda**: yes, i think so
11:07 AM: **Amanda**: how do you feel about MUDs?
11:07 AM: **dirtyharry**: i believe so
11:08 AM: **dirtyharry**: isnt that what the napster thing was about?
11:08 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, napster was about authorship.
11:08 AM: **Amanda**: ...what? authorship or MUDs?
11:08 AM: **pennyp**: hey Darcy suthorship means you wrote it, it's yours, you own it.
11:08 AM: **Darcy**: authorship
11:08 AM: **Darcy**: okay, thats what i was thinking! thanks pennyyyy
11:08 AM: **Darcy**: so lets talk about that
11:09 AM: **Amanda**: what?
11:09 AM: **Darcy**: about authorship
11:09 AM: **dirtyharry**: what's on ur mind about authorship?
11:09 AM: **alias**: how is isthe internet changing th way we think about thuthorship?
11:10 AM: **Darcy**: in the napster article, Devoss and Porter discuss how are, as in all of us in this chat, are threats to the publishing industry, the recording industry, and the music industry
11:10 AM: **Darcy**: well..
11:10 AM: **dirtyharry**: does mone have anything to do with that?
11:10 AM: **Amanda**: the internet allows us to see what other people write to "borrow" in some senses words or phrases that have already been written or spoken before
11:10 AM: **dirtyharry**: money*
11:10 AM: **Amanda**: the internet introduces us to a world of "sharing" rather than "stealing"
11:11 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:11 AM: **Darcy**: when napster used to be around, people used to steal music and videos and such...therefore it violated ownership and authorship
11:11 AM: **Amanda**: yes, but we are still doing that today on things such as limewire, bearshare, and kazaa
11:11 AM: **Darcy**: but what amanda is saying makes sense too, cause the internet is allowing us to share a lot of information
11:11 AM: **Amanda**: are we not?
11:11 AM: **Amanda**: thanks darce
11:11 AM: **Darcy**: truth, truth. you got me.
11:11 AM: **dirtyharry**: yes we r
11:12 AM: **Darcy**: sooo
11:12 AM: **pennyp**: you're welcome. Napster introduced one of the greatest technologies in the world. money has a lot to so with it. It's all about those record companies keeping their pockets tight.
11:12 AM: **Amanda**: so does that mean that we have accepted the idea of "sharing" or are we still considered to be stealing??
11:12 AM: **dirtyharry**: i guess it depends on what ur using the information for
11:12 AM: **Amanda**: yea
11:12 AM: **Darcy**: well programs like itunes makes you purchase songs and videos
11:13 AM: **Darcy**: so that would be borrowing
11:13 AM: **dirtyharry**: yah
11:13 AM: **Amanda**: theres a big difference between taking a whole paper and using it as your own and referring to information from several different sources'
11:13 AM: **Darcy**: we are throwing out all these good ideas and opinions, but what about the ideas of reality and authorship? i think we are getting a bit lost...
11:13 AM: **Amanda**: it is just important that we acknowledge the fact that what we are saying wasnt our own original thoughts
11:13 AM: **Darcy**: exactly
11:14 AM: **Amanda**: i feel like we would have to cite everything then
11:14 AM: **dirtyharry**: what contitutes reality when compared to authorship?
11:14 AM: **Amanda**: its really kind of confusing
11:14 AM: **Amanda**: i dk...good question harry
11:14 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, because anything you could come up with could already be out there on the internet. and then that ties into plagiarism.
11:14 AM: **Darcy**: i wrote about that in my blog, thats so confusing
11:14 AM: **dirtyharry**: thaaaaanks

11:14 AM: **Amanda**: anytime
11:14 AM: **Amanda**: hmmm
11:15 AM: **Darcy**: what do you mean what constitutes reality when compared to authorship, harry? explain, if ya can
11:15 AM: **Amanda**: give it a shot!
11:15 AM: **Darcy**: :)
11:15 AM: **dirtyharry**: ummmm
11:15 AM: **Amanda**: is that like who is the REAL quthor?
11:16 AM: **Darcy**: author, she meant *
11:16 AM: **Amanda**: author*
11:16 AM: **Darcy**: ;)
11:16 AM: **Amanda**: thanks for having my back D
11:16 AM: **dirtyharry**: when u talk about reality...
11:16 AM: **Darcy**: ahaha
11:16 AM: **pennyp**: We are only stealing if we don't have permission. But from what I've seen there are sites like darcy said tht make you pay. Any way who wants to go out and buy a ten/ twenty year old album. In those cases it should be free. I can go to the library and get for free.
11:16 AM: **Darcy**: thats true...
11:16 AM: **Darcy**: so that is reality!
11:16 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:16 AM: **dirtyharry**: thats it
11:16 AM: **Amanda**: everyone is an author in some sense
11:17 AM: **dirtyharry**: well
11:17 AM: **dirtyharry**: when u put it that way penny
11:17 AM: **Darcy**: right, so in some way shape or form, everyone has dealt with the idea of authorship i guess
11:17 AM: **Amanda**: yes, to an extent
11:17 AM: **dirtyharry**: its hard to appreciate true authorship when money is involved
11:17 AM: **dirtyharry**: at least for me it is
11:17 AM: **Amanda**: only most times, when we do it, we arent doing it for money
11:17 AM: **Darcy**: why, what do you do harry?
11:18 AM: **pennyp**: why
11:18 AM: **Darcy**: or do you just mean in general?
11:18 AM: **dirtyharry**: in terms of music i mean
11:18 AM: **Darcy**: ohhh okay
11:18 AM: **Darcy**: wel
11:18 AM: **Darcy**: well**
11:18 AM: **Amanda**: yea
11:18 AM: **dirtyharry**: id rather down a couple good songs then buy the whole CD if the CD stinks
11:18 AM: **dirtyharry**: download*
11:18 AM: **alias**: lets look, for exampl, at a few of your blogs
11:18 AM: **dirtyharry**: than*
11:18 AM: **Amanda**: and even one of the articles said that the music business was doing better even when we are Dling music for free
11:18 AM: **alias**: right now, many of you have posted your own ideas, but you have not signed them
11:19 AM: **Darcy**: yeah true, less npeople are interestd when you nhave to pay
11:19 AM: **Darcy**: right, so tha tmeans anyone has access to them and can atke then, right?
11:19 AM: **Darcy**: because we dont have authorship over them at this piont.
11:19 AM: **dirtyharry**: i believe so
11:19 AM: **alias**: there is no trace of who wrote it -- as far as a reader knows something acled, for example, Reallygreatblog" is the author of all those texts
11:19 AM: **Amanda**: that makes sense darce
11:19 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:19 AM: **Darcy**: right
11:20 AM: **Amanda**: that bring in the whole idea about identity
11:20 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, and back to authorship. which then leads to reality. its like a circle
11:20 AM: **Amanda**: digital writing can be very discieving
11:20 AM: **alias**: so, how does that extend out--who are the authors of texts, especially if we locate meaning-making in the hands of the reader, not the author
11:21 AM: **Amanda**: anyone basically
11:21 AM: **Darcy**: ummm
11:21 AM: **Amanda**: theyre anonymous
11:21 AM: **Darcy**: well anyone can read it, and anyone can essentially take it, repost it as their own, and have no problem about it at this point because i havent signed anything on my blog
11:22 AM: **Darcy**: well, i have, but some of my other group members are not signing
11:22 AM: **Amanda**: for all we know, "reallygreatblog" could be one perso
11:22 AM: **Amanda**: n
11:22 AM: **dirtyharry**: yah
11:22 AM: **dirtyharry**: kind of creepy
11:22 AM: **Darcy**: yeah thats prob what people think
11:22 AM: **Darcy**: woops
11:23 AM: **Amanda**: that kind of brings up the idea of the MUDs
11:23 AM: **pennyp**: i thought it automaticlly put in the bloggers name at first
11:23 AM: **Darcy**: nope
11:23 AM: **Darcy**: just the blog name, not the individual person
11:23 AM: **Amanda**: where peopl can go and create new idenities for themselves and then communicate with other
11:23 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah me too
11:23 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, i was little lost about MUDS. what is that really?
11:24 AM: **Amanda**: "multi user duneons"
11:24 AM: **dirtyharry**: whats a duneon
11:24 AM: **Darcy**: dungeon?
11:24 AM: **Amanda**: its a place where many people can go, create new identities for themselves, and then communicate with others
11:24 AM: **Darcy**: ohhhh
11:24 AM: **dirtyharry**: ahh i see
11:24 AM: **Amanda**: im pretty sure thats what it said haha
11:25 AM: **Darcy**: well what is the point of that? you might as well just use AIM
11:25 AM: **pennyp**: why

11:25 AM: **Amanda**: well i think its like a video game
11:25 AM: **Amanda**: atleast thats the impression i got after reading a rape in cyberspace
11:25 AM: **Darcy**: that articles was craaaaaazy
11:25 AM: **Amanda**: i know i was kind of confused
11:25 AM: **Amanda**: it said it all happens through writing
11:26 AM: **dirtyharry**: are MUDs used specifically used for literature?
11:26 AM: **Darcy**: yeah on the internet
11:26 AM: **dirtyharry**: MUDS specifically*
11:26 AM: **Amanda**: so theres probably descriptions of certain characters and what theyre doing and then they each communicate with others through typing
11:26 AM: **Darcy**: eh i guess so, thas what it says...a new form of collaboratively written lit
11:26 AM: **Darcy**: yeah like a chat kinda
11:26 AM: **Amanda**: exactly
11:26 AM: **dirtyharry**: i see
11:26 AM: **Amanda**: only the deception idea is thrown in there again
11:27 AM: **Amanda**: bc you dont know who youre really talking to
11:27 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, that could be dangerous. like mspace
11:27 AM: **pennyp**: true
11:27 AM: **Amanda**: right
11:27 AM: **Darcy**: okay so
11:27 AM: **Amanda**: the internet makes it so easy to lie
11:27 AM: **Amanda**: if you really think about it
11:28 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:28 AM: **Amanda**: for all we know dirty harry could be a girl
11:28 AM: **Amanda**: bc we dont know who that is
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: ahahaah
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: are you, harry?
11:28 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: wow!!!
11:28 AM: **Amanda**: creative
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: very
11:28 AM: **dirtyharry**: nah jk
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: ahahaha
11:28 AM: **Amanda**: harry!
11:28 AM: **Amanda**: see you just lied!
11:28 AM: **Darcy**: i think the reality of this all is that...the internet is ever-changing, we can find out about new things to do and new ways to communicate on a daily basis..
11:29 AM: **Amanda**: and we almost believed yo
11:29 AM: **dirtyharry**: yes i just proved ur point
11:29 AM: **Amanda**: thanks
11:29 AM: **Darcy**: AND, like amanda and harry are saying, people can lie and decieve people easier nthan they can in real life
11:29 AM: **dirtyharry**: i guess thats what authors and writers are having an issue with?
11:29 AM: **Amanda**: agreed
11:29 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, its almost as if they cant keep up
11:29 AM: **dirtyharry**: the fact that the internet makes it easy tpo lie?
11:29 AM: **alias**: take a look at the 3rd quotation--right now we are engaging in that activity--what are the implications?
11:29 AM: **Amanda**: kind of...again going back to the idea of authorship
11:30 AM: **Darcy**: well, it is implied that we are all inthis room, which we are...
11:31 AM: **Amanda**: how?
11:31 AM: **dirtyharry**: sending info
11:31 AM: **dirtyharry**: and ideas
11:32 AM: **Darcy**: we are able to say anything on here, but i bet you there are certain things that we would not say face to face to each other. chatting and blogging lets you express your true self, and sometimes people dont even edit what they say or use any excretion
11:32 AM: **Darcy**: discretion*
11:32 AM: **Darcy**: aahaha
11:32 AM: **Amanda**: yea thats sooooo true
11:32 AM: **dirtyharry**: yeah
11:33 AM: **Darcy**: in a way, we can be threats to each other by using false identities and such..or if we use mspace
11:33 AM: **dirtyharry**: dont have to look anyone in the face
11:33 AM: **Darcy**: and then we can be threats by stealing music and stuff
11:33 AM: **dirtyharry**: yah
11:33 AM: **Amanda**: broadening our comunication skills digitally is affecting the way we communicate in person'
11:33 AM: **Darcy**: this all makes the internet sound awful lol
11:33 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, ist kinda sad
11:33 AM: **Darcy**: its*
11:33 AM: **dirtyharry**: haha it does
11:34 AM: **dirtyharry**: its amazing to tihkn if there were no computers we wouldnt even be having this discussion right now
11:34 AM: **pennyp**: I think to be a threat we wouldhave to be involved in mass production and distribtion.
11:34 AM: **dirtyharry**: but u had some binary code and a whole new universe is created
11:34 AM: **Amanda**: as communication possibilities expand, we are taking away from the more personal and intimate conversations that only come face to face; the type of conversing that our parents and grandparents and so forth used
11:35 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, or we would be writing it down on pen and paper...
11:35 AM: **Amanda**: exactly
11:35 AM: **Darcy**: this is faster, and we can get more ideas out on the table quicker
11:35 AM: **Amanda**: people of past generations dont understand textin
11:35 AM: **Amanda**: or chatting online
11:35 AM: **Darcy**: ahah or chatting
11:35 AM: **pennyp**: so true, it really feeels like aomething is missing when your not face to face.
11:35 AM: **Amanda**: "if he really likes you, he will want to hear your voice...not text you"
11:35 AM: **Darcy**: lolol
11:35 AM: **alias**: what would happen if all the authors in the world just one day decided to publish all of their work online, for free? what would happen thne?
11:36 AM: **Darcy**: that would nbe craazzy

11:36 AM: **Amanda**: they would not get paid for it
11:36 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, and they would be offended, im sure
11:36 AM: **Amanda**: they would be writing for self fulfillment only
11:36 AM: **alias**: not if they, themselves, decided to do it
11:36 AM: **Amanda**: and feel shorted that they werent being recognized or honored for their work
11:36 AM: **Darcy**: oh yeah, thast totally differentthen...
11:37 AM: **alias**: who, in the end, would loose most of there were no printed books anymore?
11:37 AM: **Darcy**: we would.
11:37 AM: **Amanda**: i dont think so.
11:37 AM: **Darcy**: the readers, who read all of the stuff and copied it for free off the internet
11:37 AM: **pennyp**: Amanda that's true cause ii'm sitting here haveing a hard time trying to come up with thoughts and read everyones and respond and hit the right buttons. It' s jus not natural to me
11:37 AM: **Amanda**: because we are so computer-based now
11:37 AM: **Darcy**: and the libraries nwould lose too
11:37 AM: **alias**: no--we would have MORE accessto ttheir materilas
11:37 AM: **alias**: who makes the most money--the authors or the publishing companies, like Sy. Martins, and Harcourt, and etc
11:37 AM: **Amanda**: exactly
11:37 AM: **Amanda**: and at our own convenience
11:38 AM: **dirtyharry**: publishing companies?
11:38 AM: **Amanda**: probably the publishing companies
11:38 AM: **Darcy**: so, what youa re saying is that the publishing companies would lose , but we would gain?
11:38 AM: **alias**: so, wat happens if there are no longer any books to print?
11:38 AM: **pennyp**: thats true
11:38 AM: **dirtyharry**: no more publishing companies
11:38 AM: **Darcy**: the publishing companies lose out.
11:38 AM: **Amanda**: the profit would go straight to the author
11:39 AM: **Darcy**: we would essentially be helping the authors.
11:39 AM: **Amanda**: only it woud be online so it would be at our access for free
11:39 AM: **alias**: so, in whose best interest, then, is it to try and keep authorship bound within the pages of books, and not distributed online?
11:39 AM: **Darcy**: right, free for us, but they still get paid
11:39 AM: **alias**: like bloggers now get paid
11:39 AM: **Amanda**: it is in the authors best interest
11:39 AM: **Darcy**: it is in the best interest of the author
11:39 AM: **Darcy**: yeah
11:39 AM: **alias**: how can we see what we are doing now as "competition with publishing regines"?
11:39 AM: **alias**: regimes
11:40 AM: **pennyp**: not all of it because you still have to pay for the technlgy in one way or another. They would just come up with other ways to make money
11:40 AM: **dirtyharry**: i thought it was the publishing companies
11:40 AM: **Darcy**: what we are doing now is competition because publishing companies want authors to publish books and they want us to read them that way, but the authors would rather post their writings online and we would still be able to access them for free
11:41 AM: **Darcy**: the only people it really hurts is the companies, right?
11:41 AM: **dirtyharry**: why are the publishing companies "regimes"?
11:41 AM: **Amanda**: basically, authors dont want someone else to be reembered for their work
11:42 AM: **alias**: youre on the right track Darcy, but be sure to remember that that was a hypothetical senarios--that authors wanted to put stuff online instead
11:42 AM: **Darcy**: right, i know. but now the whole idea is becoming clearer
11:42 AM: **Darcy**: of authorship
11:43 AM: **alias**: its about socially constructed ideas of what authorship should be
11:43 AM: **Amanda**: but the idea of authorship before, and authorship now is changing
11:43 AM: **dirtyharry**: what should authorship be?
11:43 AM: **Darcy**: hnmm
11:44 AM: **Amanda**: "should be" though is only an opinionated view
11:44 AM: **Darcy**: authorship, in my eyes, should be what that particular author wants it to be
11:44 AM: **dirtyharry**: well what do u tihnk then
11:44 AM: **Darcy**: i dont think it should be a general rule really
11:44 AM: **Amanda**: we are in the generation now where it "could be" alot more than it was, even a year ago
11:44 AM: **pennyp**: authorship shold be about your work and you being paid for and acknowledged for what you created.
11:44 AM: **Darcy**: right, and next year, it will be different than it is now
11:45 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, but the internet makes that so difficult now
11:45 AM: **Amanda**: and some authors dont even want to be recognized bc they are anonymous
11:45 AM: **pennyp**: true
11:45 AM: **Darcy**: yeah, my group def needs to fix our blog. im realizing that now lol
11:45 AM: **Amanda**: haha
11:46 AM: **Darcy**: okay so
11:46 AM: **dirtyharry**: so if there so many different ideas of authorship, why the big fuss about authorship and authors not getting recognized for theor work and such
11:47 AM: **Amanda**: because there isnt a clear cut definition of what authorship really is i guess
11:47 AM: **Darcy**: right, but wewere supposed to come up with our own idea
11:47 AM: **Darcy**: i think penny's was pretty accurate in some ways
11:47 AM: **pennyp**: one has to be created
11:47 AM: **Amanda**: lol oh jeez
11:47 AM: **Darcy**: despite the fact nthat the iternet makes it pretty tough
11:47 AM: **Darcy**: ahaha
11:47 AM: **Amanda**: yea i do like penny's definition
11:47 AM: **Darcy**: she said...
11:48 AM: **Darcy**: pennyp > authorship shold be about your work and you being paid for and acknowledged for what you created.
11:48 AM: **Amanda**: yes
11:48 AM: **dirtyharry**: but u guys said some authors dont want recognition
11:48 AM: **Darcy**: which i agree with, buttttt
11:48 AM: **Darcy**: the internet makes it tough to acknowledge authors at all times
11:48 AM: **Amanda**: ...so long as they provide an identity
11:49 AM: **dirtyharry** has left the room.

11:49 AM: pennyp has left the room.

11:49 AM: Darcy: because either they dont want to be recognized, or they simply forgot or didnt know how to publish it personally (ie: my blog)

11:49 AM: Amanda has left the room.

11:49 AM: Darcy: byeee

11:49 AM: Darcy has left the room.

11:49 AM: alias has left the room.

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