

CS-234

Technologies for  
Democratic society

Fall 2022

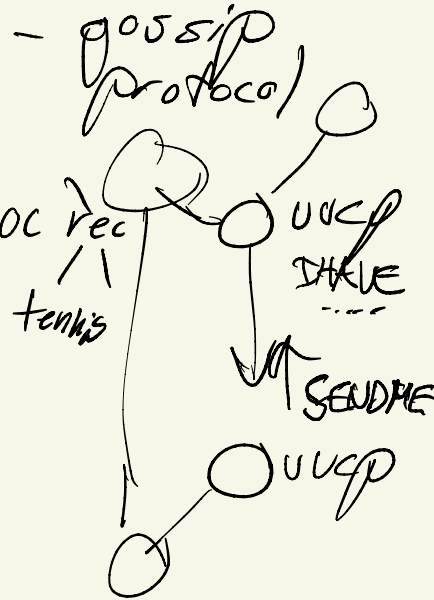
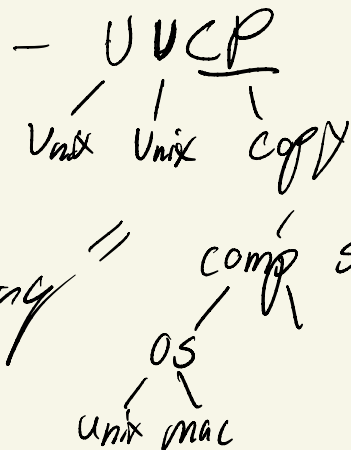
Week 2

# A Computer as a Communication Device

- Video calls!
- Cooperative modeling: Google Docs, Wikipedia
- Online communities grouped by interest
- OLIVER - AI-based assistants (Siri, Alexa, Clippy, Bonza buddy)
- No more jobless people
- Normalization of ideas, behaviors
- Spam, filtering
- Message-based networks (ARPAnet) @

# Use Net

- 1979 - Truscott & Ellis
- 1981 - small but growing
- 1986 - "The Great Renaming"
- 1995 - "Peak Usenet"



Wayback Machine

# "Democracy" + "Democratization"

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- Robert Dahl - political scientist - Yale

- Essential elements

- Effective participation

- Voting equality at the decisive stage

- Enlightened understanding

- Control of the agenda

- Inclusiveness

UseNet: "democratizing"?

- accessible / open to all?

- low cost

- access to information

- voting online - digitally

Digital Divide

(good?)