To an interface manifesto

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Manifesto as a methodology

Collecting information:
- Activities
- Network
- Tools

- The starting point
- The motor
- The arrival point
- Changing shape

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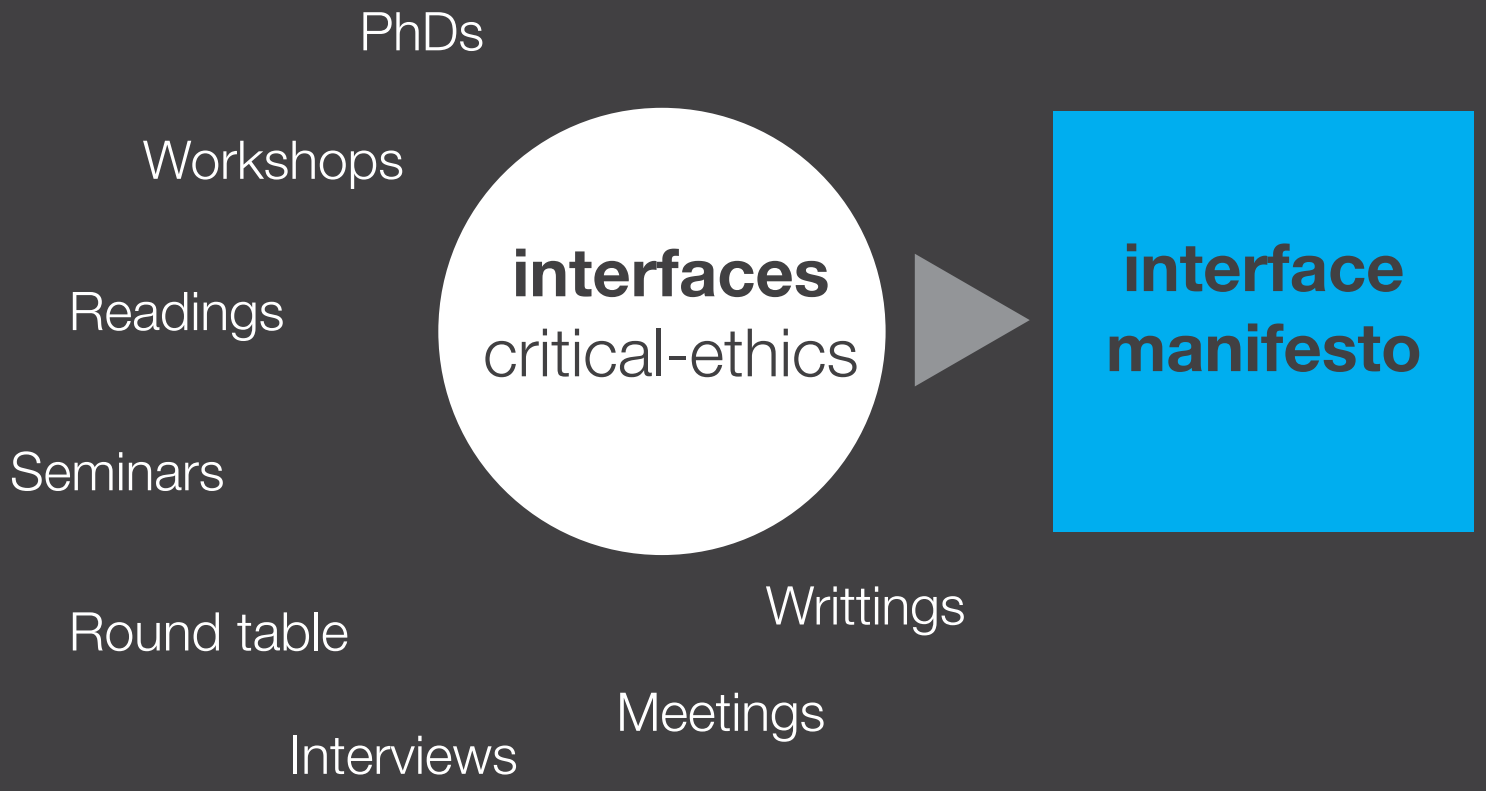
Developing activities



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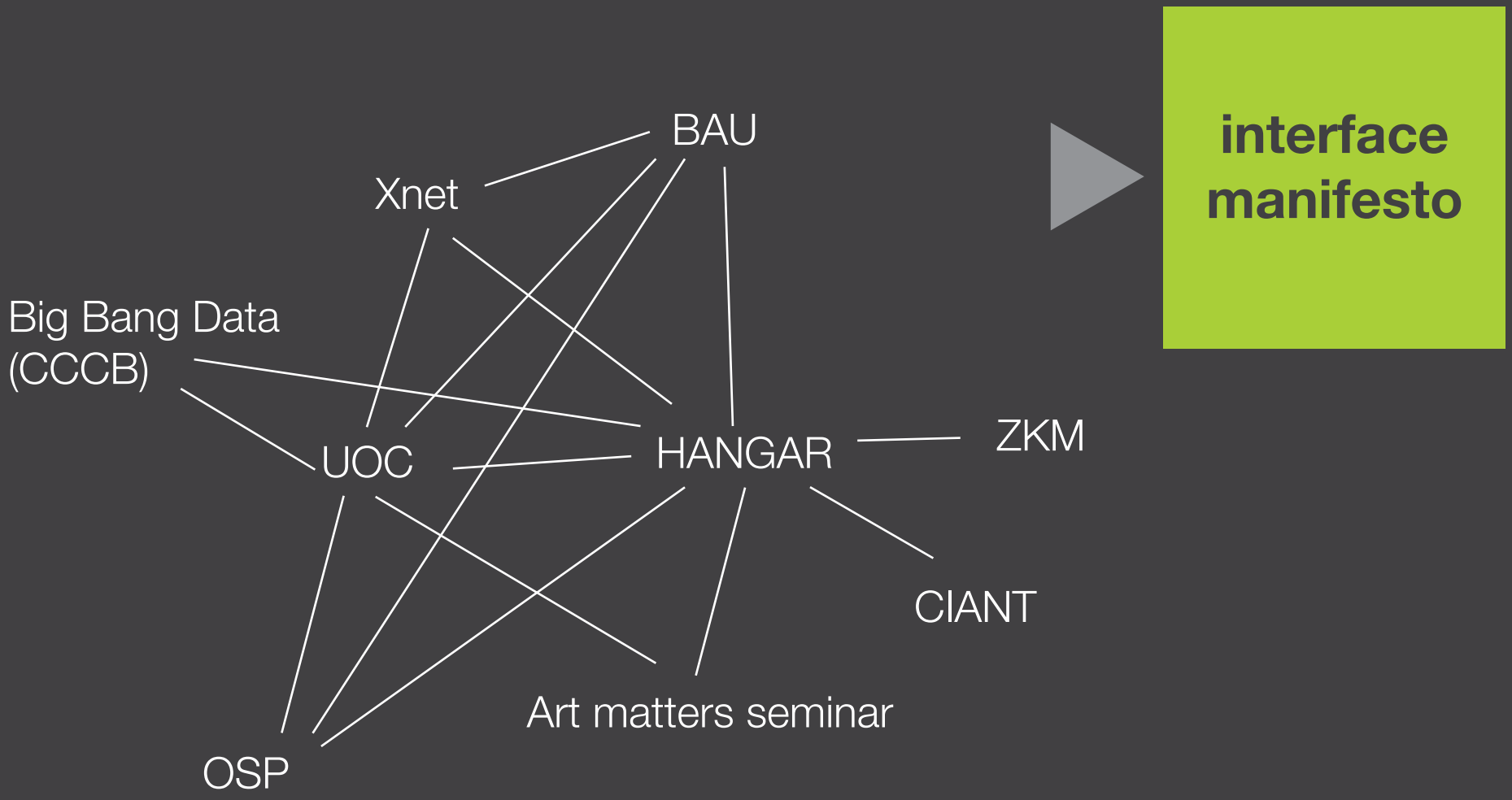
Bulding networks



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Using tools

Visuals	Paper & pencil	Mural.ly
Sharing content	e-mail	Google drive	EtherPad
Bibliography	Zotero	
Output during the project	WordPress (pipes.hangar.org)	

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Work in progress

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Some related manifestos

GNU manifesto (1985)

Hacker's manifesto (1986)

Mozilla manifesto (1998-2014)

First thing first manifesto (1964)

First thing first manifesto (1964-2000)

Critical engineering manifesto (2011)

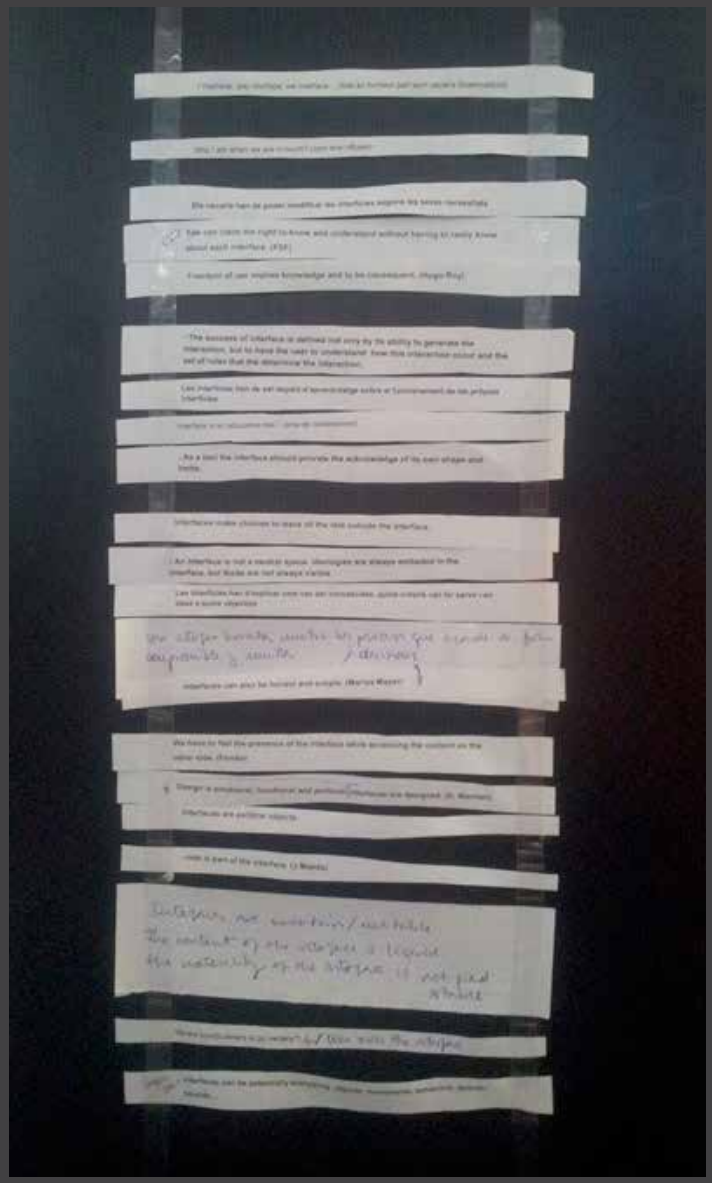
Manifesto for a post-digital interface criticism (2014)

Critical interface manifesto

Why to write a manifesto?
and how can we contribute to this field?

Critical interface manifesto

- I interface, you interface, we interface.
- An Interface is not a neutral space. Ideologies are always embeded in the interface, but those are not always visible.
- The success of interface is defined not only by its ability to generate the interaction, but to have the user to understand how this interaction occurs and the set of rules that determines the interaction.
- As a tool the interface should provide the acknowledge of its own shape and limits.
- Freedom of use implies knowledge and to be consequent.
- Interfaces can also be honest and simple.
- You can claim the right to know and understand without having to really know about each interface.
- Design is emotional, functional and political. Interfaces are designed.
- Interfaces can be potentially everything, objects, movements, behaviors, spaces, sounds…



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One of our challenges and hopefully our contribution to this field would be to transform the previous statements into an interface

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