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Solar Protocol
A radically intelligent network.
This network is based on a series of interconnected servers and is used to create a shared infrastructure for the world.

Feminist Servers are therefore fragile, being transparent in regard to the conditions of production of running services. "A server is a service. This implies work and care, and it is illusory to think that it can always be free or that it can always be there for you, if you know the conditions necessary for a service to work," says Spideralex in the interview with Claire Richard (Richard 2019). That the refusal to reproduce the invisibility of infrastructure goes at the expense of functionality, is, from a feminist perspective, not coincidence but intention. It allows the Feminist Servers to not become invisible again as infrastructure, but to remain a decidedly communal project.

The activists are aware of this tension. The last point in the manifesto says: "She tries very hard not to apologize when she is sometimes unavailable" [The Feminist Server is deliberately gendered as female in the manifesto, author's note]. Spideralex speaks of this tension as an exchange: "You lose, and you gain other dimensions. And everything depends [...] on the needs of the people who inhabit the respective server." (Sollfrank 2018) What is lost is the self-evident functionality and efficiency of infrastructure together with its normative function, but in exchange, gained is a self-determined relationship to technology, a space to inhabit.



Niederberger, Shusha. ["Feminist Server - Visibility and Functionality: Digital Infrastructure as a Common Project."](#) Creating Commons, 2019.

