

marcel duchamp, a Trojan Horse, even is a Trojan horse with virus-like characteristics all aimed towards producing what appears to be a practical joke. It is a machine expression of practical joking, which was a personal characteristic of Marcel Duchamp, and sometimes a characteristic of his art.

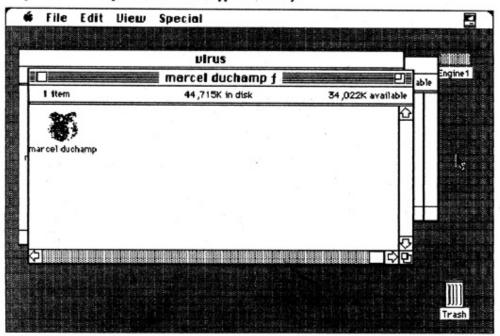


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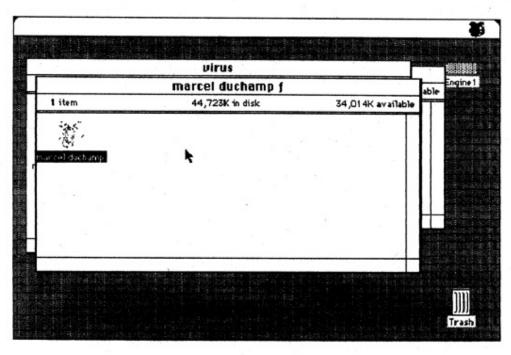
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The Trojan Horse comes with its own folder, marcel duchamp f. When the folder is opened, the desktop of the Macintosh appears this way:

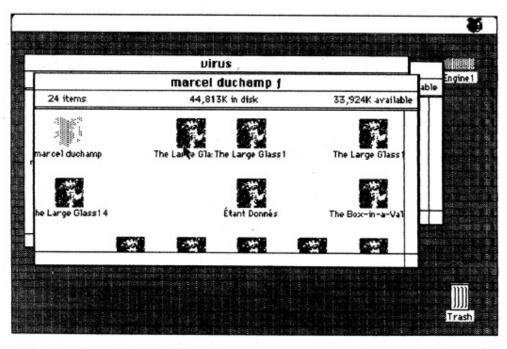


When the Trojan Horse is started with a double-dick,...



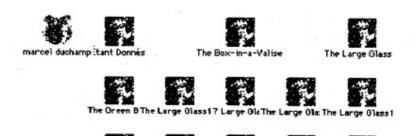
... it can be seen that this horse is not an application, but an application fragment. There is no menuber, so mercul dechargo... can't be quit. There are no windows, as in a typical Macintosh application, just Presh Widow(s) and mercul dechargo... runs its course.

Icons begin appearing. Sometimes there are ten as in this instance.



Then they stop accumulating, but continue moving around, as replacements with the same name are generated.

When the run ended, if you examined the entire marcel duchamp f and its contents, you would discover a mosaic like this:















mercel duchamp... is quite random. Another sequence might begin with three icons all named THE LARGE GLASSx like this...

Why are there so many Large Glasses?

During his lifetime, Duchamp authorized, either before or after the fact, one replica of the LARGE GLASS made by Ulf Linde, and one by Richard Hamilton. Additionally, he made, or supervised making LARGE GLASS miniature replicas for The Box-in-a-valise. The Box-in-a-valise edition numbered 300 copies, so the icons named The Large Glass0 through The Large Glass23 are pointers to a potential infinity of copies of this seminal work.

Why are all the icons of the generated files of Étant Donnés, when all but one have names that refer to other works?

The standard way to view Duchamp's art is to view it all of a piece. As Arturo Schwarz remarks:

Duchamp's opus is a single continuum, each item being a page of a work in progress. ...

The full impact of each work can be appreciated only if it is seen in its proper chronological and thematic order.

text for MULTIPLES, Neuez Berlinez Kunstverein, May 8-June 15, 1974, p. 47.

The icon for the generated files is not actually from Étant Donnés. Rather it is a scanned version of Given the illuminating gas and the waterfall (preparatory study) from the years 1948-49. It is pointing to Étant Donnés and it is alluding specifically to the fixed point perspective this diorama demands of the viewer. Instead of considering Duchamp's works chronologically, view them experientially. Pirst, the powerful and actual visual experience of what is, then the great abstractions of The Large Glass. In this reverse chronology, you, the viewer, are glued to the peephole, seeing another man's experience of time. As an astronomer searching the heavens, the more you can see and identify, the further back in time you are going.

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; Marcel Duchamp, a Trojan Horse, Even
;; Copyright @ 1991 by Fred Truck
                                                        Loads files necessary for developing
(optimisation 3)
(load "Engine1:scheme:chap20.data")
                                                        on incomplete Macintosh interface.
(load "Engine1:scheme:chap20.traps")
(load "Engine1:scheme:v2.chap4.data")
                                                        Sets the counter "a" to 1.
(load "Engine1:scheme:v2.chap4.traps")
(load "Engine1:scheme:fs.sch")
                                                        Evaluates and writes Readymade code,
load "Engine1:scheme:files.sch"
                                                        but changes its form from LIST, which is
(let ()
 (define a 1)
                                                        enclosed in parentheses, to STRING,
                                                        which is enclosed in double quotes.
    (let ((q (open-output-string)))
  (write ((lambda (x) (list x \( ', x \))))
                                                        This will allow it to be written to a text
                                                        file.
       '(lambda (x) (list x '',x))) q)
(get-output-string q)))
lication-builder
                                                                While "a" is less than 50, and these two
  (application-builder
(lambda ()
                                                                Readymades, while equivalent, are not
                                                                identical, because they are stared in
                                                                different memory locations, do the
     (while (and
                                                                followiing...
              (< a 50)
              If the counter "a" is equal to ar greater
              (cond ((and (>= 35 a)
                                                              than 35, and the random number genera-
                           (even? (random 2)))
                                                              tor generates a zero, write all the follow-
                      (write-file
                                                              ing test fles...
                       (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                        (number->string (random 24)))
                       0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
Complies
                      (write-file "The White Box" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
(write-file "Étant Donnés" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
application.
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
                                   0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
                      (write-file "The Box-in-a-Valise" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT")
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                   (number->string (random 24)))
                                                                                      ... through this one.
If the counter "a"
                                   0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
is less than 35,
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
write the next
                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
                                   O (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
series of text files
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
                     0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"))
((even? (random 2))
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
                                   0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                   (number->string (random 24)))
                      0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT")
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                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
                                   0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
                      (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                   (number->string (random 24)))
                                   0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
                       (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                    (number->string (random 24)))
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0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"))

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Otherwise, do these.
                              (write-file "Etant Donnés" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
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(write-file "Stant Donnes" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")))
                                                                                                                                         Do this if (random
                (if (even? (random 2))
                                                                                                                                         2) produces on
                        (begin
                          (write-file "The Green Box" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT")
(write-file "Étant Donnés" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT"))
write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                                                                                                         odd number.
                                                                         (number->string (random 24)))
                                              0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"))
                (if (even? (random 2))
                        (begin
                          (write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
(write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT")
(write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"))
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                        (begin
                         | Degin | (write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT") | (write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT") | (write-file "The White Box" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT") | (write-file "Stant Donnés" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT")) | (west? (random 2))
                                                                                                                                         number.
                        (even? (random 2))
                        (begin
                          (write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                                                                           (number->string (random 24)))
                          0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"]
[write-file "The Green Box" 0 (1) "SALT" "TEXT"]
[write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
                         (write-file "The Box-in-a-Valise" 0 (i) "SALT" "TEXT")
(write-file (string-append "The Large Glass"
(number->string (random 24)))
            (set! a (+ a 1)))
((exit))))
                                                                                     Add one to the counter
                                                                                     and loop back to while.
  Exits from the application-builder when
  compiling, or from the application when
  conditions of the while command are
  fulfilled.
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