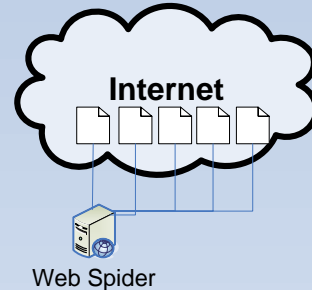


## Fishing Net with Mesh 5 by 7 by 5

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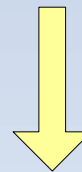
- Step 1** Web Spider Visits Random Web pages and collects text from each page.

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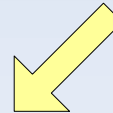
- Step 2** Text is searched for phrases with syllable count matching Haiku 5-7-5 pattern.

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- Step 3** Haiku is extracted and formatted.

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I have always been interested in the intersection of computer systems and conceptual art. There is so much opportunity for the artist to leverage the power of the computer conceptually and to give it the means to interact with the world around us. 'Fishing Net' emerged from my own curiosity as to what sort of poetic and narrative structures were embedded in the everyday news. I wondered if mixed in with the all the events and reporting were entities which stood on their own from an artistic perspective. From this starting point I developed an automated system to scan news websites for naturally occurring haikus. The resulting pieces, some of which are included, seem to indicate a collective unconscious at work in our communications networks. These poems, if we expand the definition of poetry and haiku to allow their inclusion, seem to be artifacts from our cultural zeitgeist, fished from an ocean of information, alien and profound in the same breath.

Fishing Net with Mesh 5 by 7 by 5 – Jared Chandler

America is  
all too keen to fight rather  
than talk. Pathetic.

Hormuz. The price of  
oil will go up through the roof  
and into the clouds.

They are begging for  
Armageddon and won't stop  
until they get it.

Such a strange world!!! What  
are American soldiers  
doing in Iraq?

Get rid of Iran  
then head to Venezuela  
and do the same thing.

Armageddon will  
become a reality  
in the Middle East.

Bill Clinton! He says  
he knows how to change the world.  
Now he'll tell you how.

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Haiku gathered automatically on the Evening of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 from sites linked to  
[www.DrudgeReport.com](http://www.DrudgeReport.com)