



A couple of days ago I finished a long and fascinating email [interview with Alan Liu](#), author of *The Laws of Cool*. The interview first ran on the nettime mailinglist, a ten year old habit of mine. The image was provided by INC associate and Piet Zwart Institute student Nancy Mauro Flude. Thanks, Nancy! I met Alan Liu for the first time at UC Santa Barbara in the Iraqi invasion spring 2003 when I did a residency at his English department. I will be there again, early April for the [Digital Transitions conference](#).