



Salivette Party, the 23andme kit

My Avatar is Not a Weakling

**DOWNLOAD RAW DATA from the #1 Salivette Party
genome [albertine meunier Full 20100114.zip](#)**

Albertine, who is interested in digital identity and online social networks, carried out the experiment « 200 grams of DNA » in order to more closely examine decoded DNA and how it is shared on the Web 2.0 by the online service 23andme.

[23andme.com](#) is an American company financed by Google, which analyzes anyone's DNA for about 300 euros and introduces them to a network of DNA'ed people.

Albertine was curious: What does DNA look like? What is its form? How much does it weigh? She decided to use the results of this experiment to make an artwork.

Saliva Parties can be organized to get some ?real DNA?. It's quite simple. Just order a kit from 23andme (350 euros) and get some aseptic test tubes. Guests spit into a test tube, which then collects their saliva. In the end, only one test tube is randomly selected and sent to 23andme to decode the DNA.



A first Saliva Party took place during Nuitnumérique#7 in October 2009 at the Saint Exupéry Cultural Center in Reims.

the results into the 23andMe web site of the first Salivette Party

As a result from this party, and from the "selected" saliva, the raw data of the person's genome is accessible online and can be downloaded at 23andme.com in the form of a text file (genome_albertine_meunier_Full_20091230004950.txt).

Here is an excerpt of this very long list:

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# This data file generated by 23andMe at: Wed Dec 30 00:49:50 2009
#
# Below is a text version of your data. Fields are TAB-separated
# Each line corresponds to a single SNP. For each SNP, we provide its
# identifier
# (an rsid or an internal id), its location on the reference human
# genome, and the
# genotype call oriented with respect to the plus strand on the human
# reference
# sequence. We are using reference human assembly build 36. Note
# that it is possible
# that data downloaded at different times may be different due to
# ongoing improvements
# in our ability to call genotypes. More information about these
# changes can be found at:
# https://www.23andme.com/you/download/revisions/
#
# More information on reference human assembly build 36:
# http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/mapview/map_search.cgi?
# taxid=9606&build=36
#
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rsid	chromosome	position	genotype
rs3094315	1	742429	AA
rs12562034	1	758311	GG
rs3934834	1	995669	CC
rs9442372	1	1008567	GG
rs3737728	1	1011278	GG
s11260588	1	1011521	GG

etc ... there are many lines in this file!

My Avatar is not a Weakling is not a project to



reconstitute an avatar from this raw data.

The first avatar could be modeled in 2D, 3D, photography, text, etc, but would find its graphic representation and specific behavior? why not in a bot?

Other avatars, resulting from other Saliva Parties, could be created in order to generate a real community.

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Exhibitions

2010 Passage en Seine - La Cantine - Paris, France

2010 Radart #2 - La Cantine - Paris, France

2009 - Centre Culturel Saint Exupéry - Reims, France



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