Daniel Schwarz

MDR (Micro Data Repository)

2017

WiFi router, custom software, aluminum prints, aluminum shafts

Courtesy of the artist

commissioned by the Nevada Museum of Art for the *Unsettled* exhibition, *MDR* (*Micro Data Repository*) consists of a hanging stack of three aluminum prints and a WiFi Router which hosts an openly accessible local file sharing platform. With *MDR*, artist Daniel Schwarz addresses the activities that occur in the Greater West due to the abundance of open space and inexpensive land. For example, in a remote area of Utah between Utah Lake and the Great Salt Lake, the National Security Agency (NSA) operates the Utah Data Center, also known as Bumblehive.

In response to the government's on-going surveillance at Bumblehive and elsewhere, Schwarz has created a local file sharing platform with essays, interviews, hands-on instructions, and information on civil liberties and rights. Visitors can download, contribute, and share by connecting to the platform with any WiFi-capable device, such as their smartphones, laptops, tablets, etc. The network functions locally and is not connected to the Internet.

Instructions to connect to the WiFi Network

Mobile phones:

Turn on Airplane mode
Activate WiFi and connect to MDR
On Android: if prompted, select 'Use network as is'
Navigate to mdr.com in your browser

All other devices: Connect to WiFi MDR

Navigate to $\underline{\text{mdr.com}}$ in your browser

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