

The first hacklabs of Europe were part of the broader autonomist scene. They developed in the mid-'90s, being self-organised technological as well as political spaces, connected with squatting culture and media activism. Most active participants in hacklabs were men, having experience with pirate radios, electronics or coding, often with engineer or computer science backgrounds.



Consider:

being one of the very few women in a hacklab. When you ask the guys to help you with something, like how to install Linux on your machine, they just take over and start telling long stories with jargon that you cannot follow.

What would you do?

The ASCII hacklab in Amsterdam, photo by Jørgen Krielen, NRC Handelsblad.

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