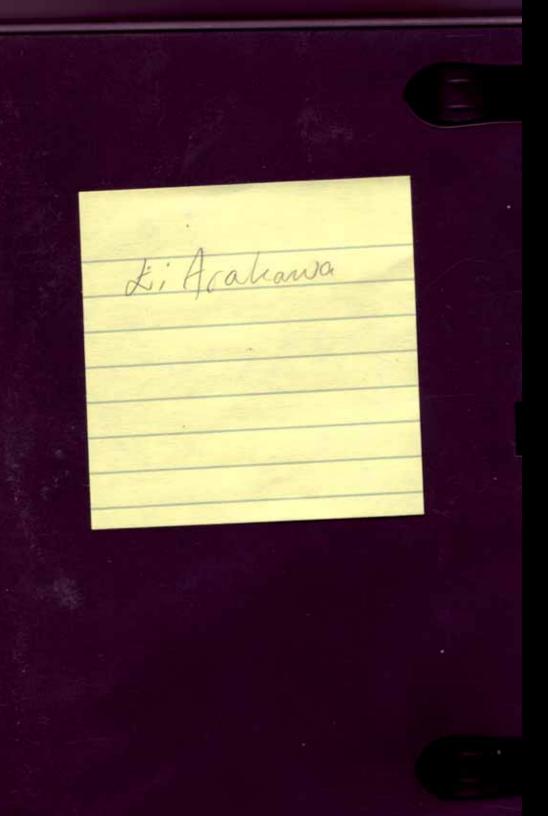


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## TOWARDS A STANDARD ARCHITECTURE

4 Days LIVE PERFORMANCE by

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spoke to that day volunteered concern about the serious effect the deteriorating situation of Long-Term could have on world markets." Peter Fisher, executive vice president at the NY Fed, decided to take a look at assistant treasury secretary Gary Gensler, and bankers from Goldman and JP Morgan, many cases it had put on a new swap to reverse a position rather than unwind the first sheet leverage. LTCM had done swap upon swap with 36 different counterparties. In swap, which would have required a mark-to-market cash payment in one direction or tenfold by LTCM's off balance sheet business whose notional principal ran to around visited LTCM's offices at Greenwich, Connecticut. They were all surprised by what monitored their bilateral positions, they had no inkling of LTCM's total off balance the other. LTCM's on balance sheet assets totalled around \$125 billion, on a capital the LTCM portfolio. On Sunday September 20, 1998, he and two Fed colleagues, base of \$4 billion, a leverage of about 30 times. But that leverage was increased they saw. It was clear that, although LTCM's major counterparties had closely

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valuation among its partners, would have put its portfolio through stress tests to match Surely LTCM, with two of the original masters of derivatives and option recent market turmoil. But, like many other value-at-risk (Var) modellers on the street, their worst-case scenarios had been outplayed by the horribly correlated behaviour of the market since August 17. Such a flight to quality hadn't been predicted, probably because it was so clearly irrational.

biggest deals with each of their top 20 counterparties. That produced a worst-case loss According to LTCM managers their stress tests had involved looking at the 12 of around \$3 billion. But on that Sunday evening it seemed the mark-to-market loss, just on those 240-or-so deals, might reach \$5 billion. And that was ignoring all the other trades, some of them in highly speculative and illiquid instruments.

and JP Morgan continued to review the problem. It was still hoped that a single buyer The next day, Monday September 21, 1998, bankers from Merrill, Goldman for the portfolio could be found - the cleanest solution.

day, of \$500 million. Half of that, says Lewis, was lost on a short position in five-year According to Lewis's article LTCM's portfolio had its second biggest loss that UBS, with its particular exposure on a \$800 million credit, with \$266 million invested By this time LTCM's capital base had dwindled to a mere \$600 million. That evening, markets to drive up the option price to profit from LTCM's weakness. At that time, as was learned later, AIG was part of a consortium negotiating to buy LTCM's portfolio. equity options. Lewis records brokers' opinion that AIG had intervened in thin as a hedge, sent a team to Greenwich to study the portfolio.

The Fed's Peter Fischer invited those three banks and UBS to breakfast at the working groups to study possible market solutions to the problem, given the absence Fed headquarters in Liberty Street the following day. The bankers decided to form







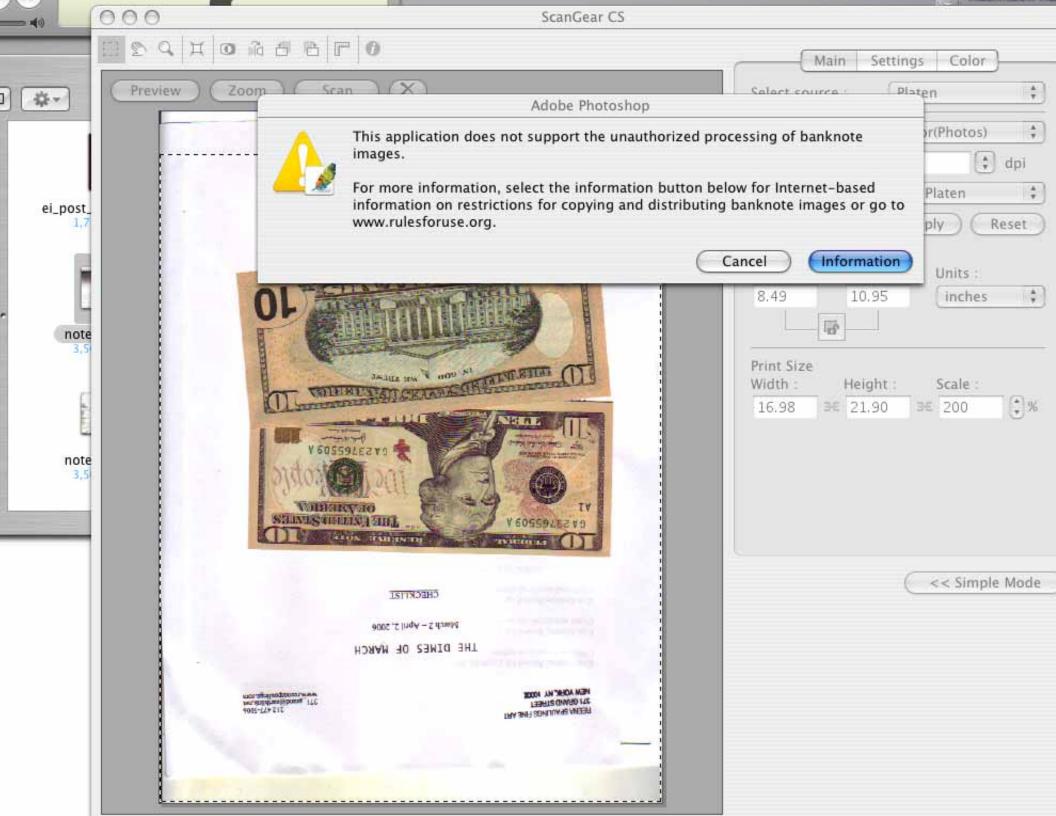












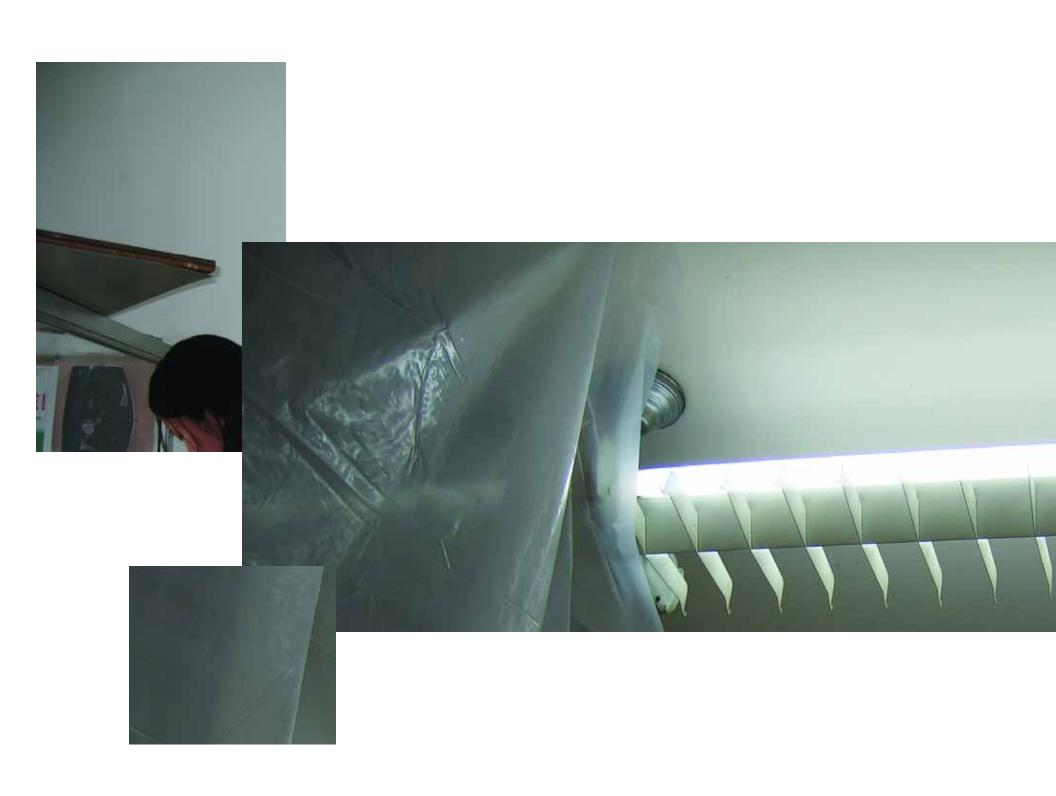








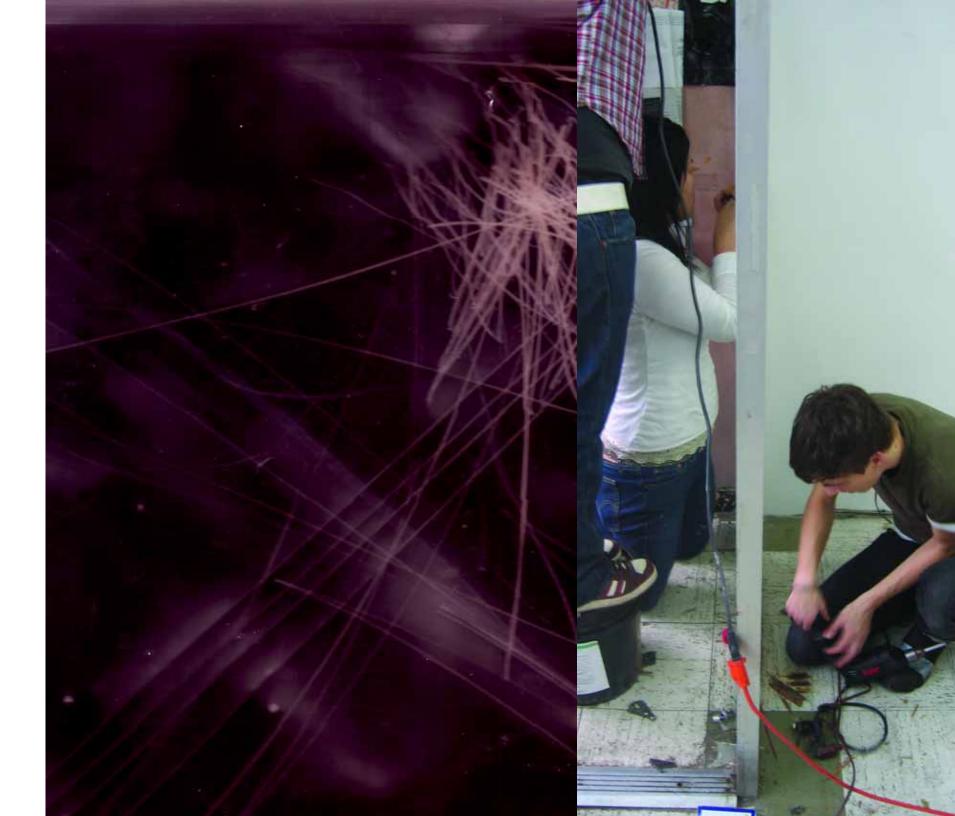


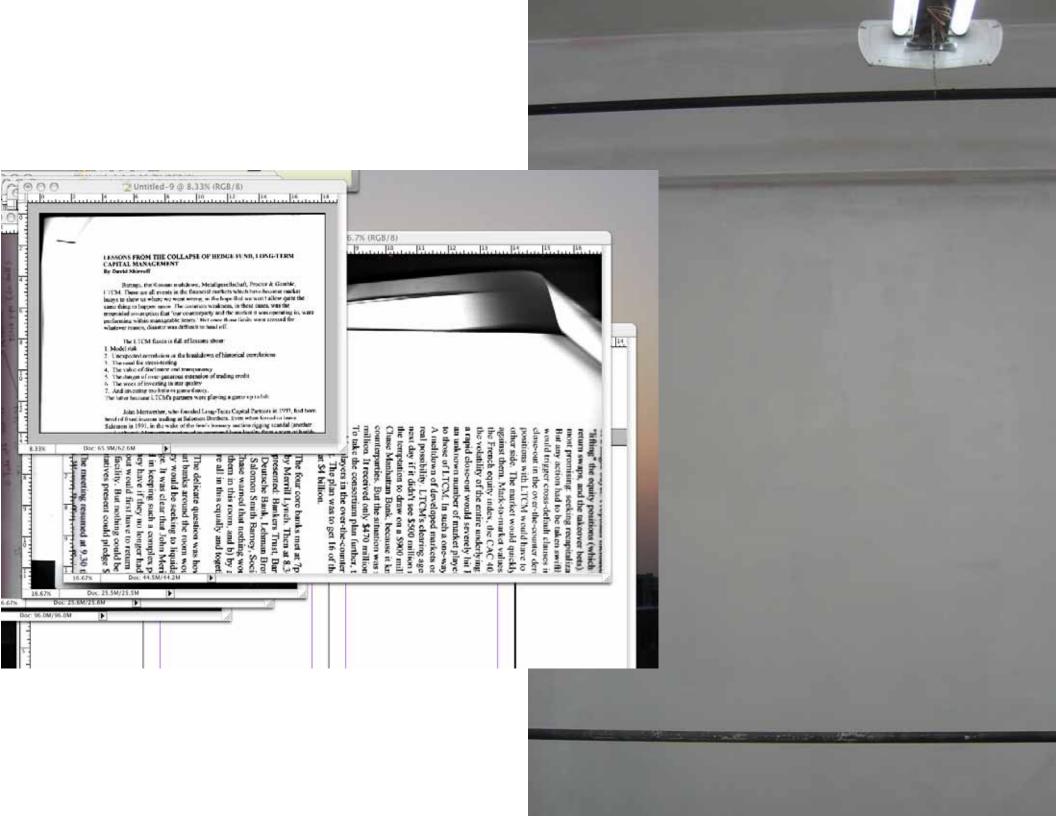






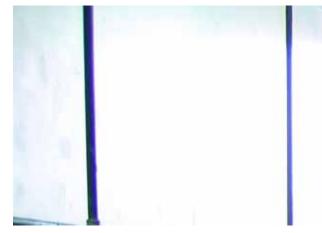














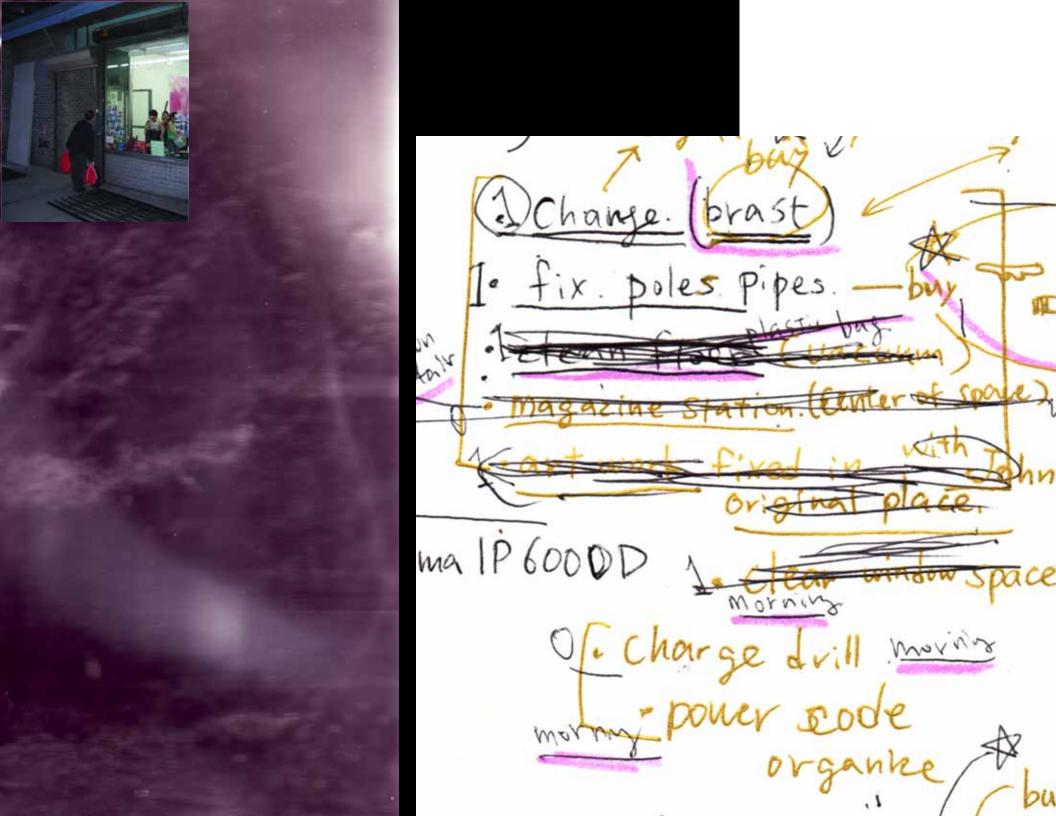










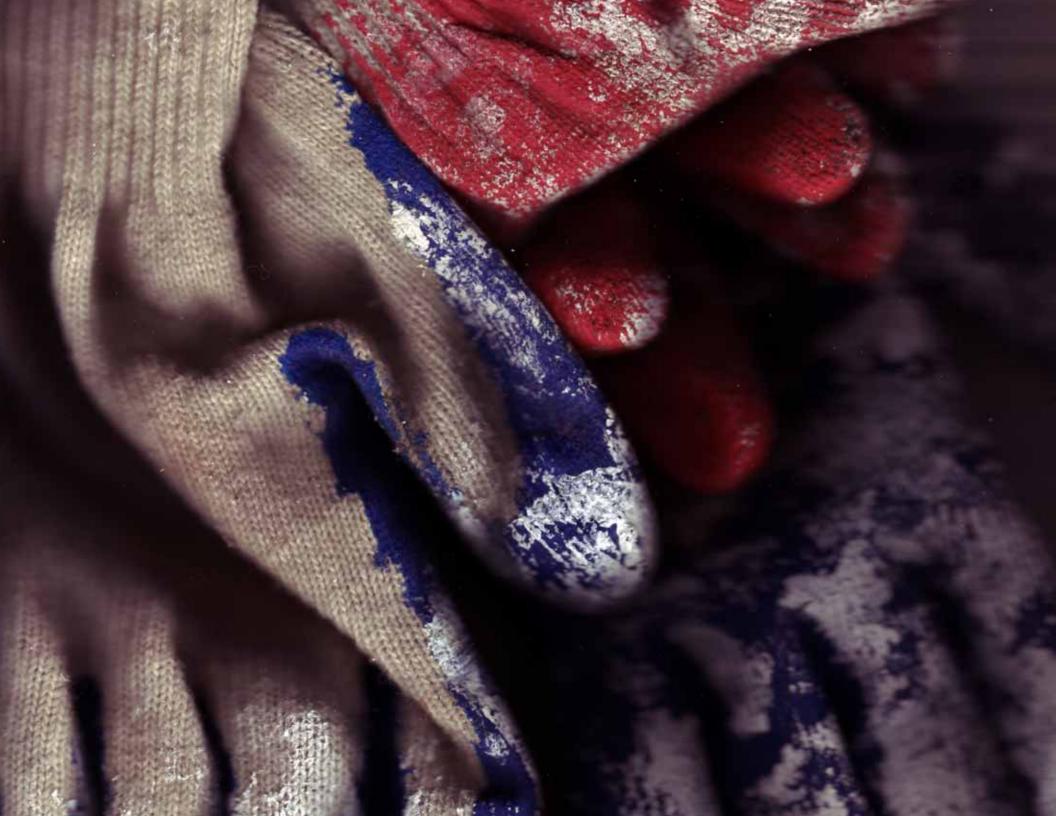


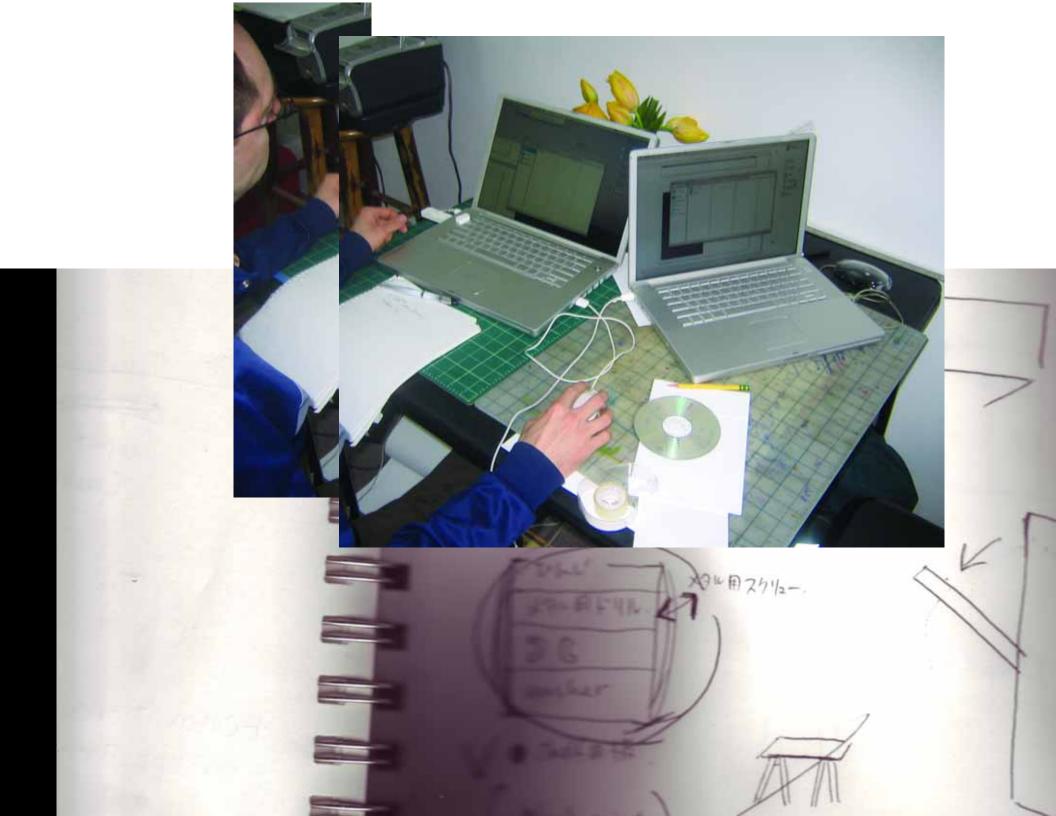


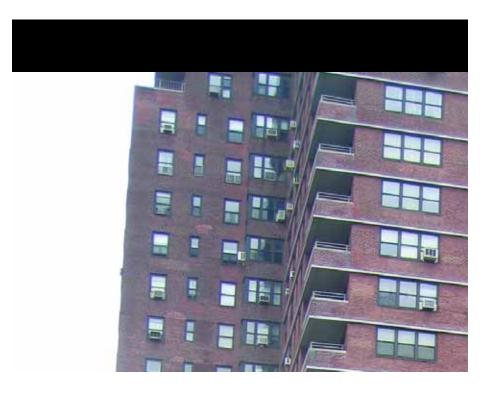
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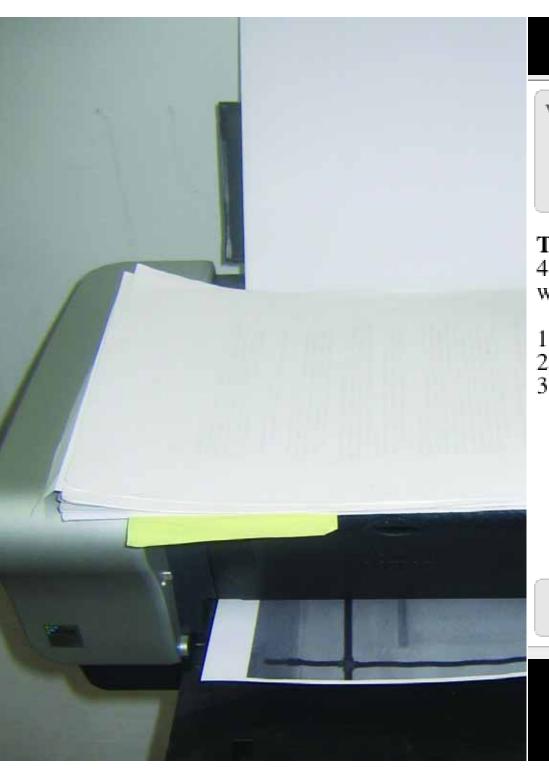












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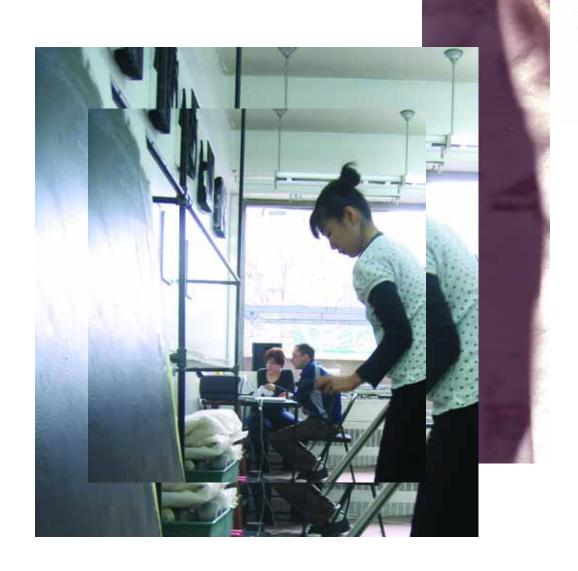


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