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Johnny Mnemonic (1995)
The Wired World: The Image (Cont’d)

*Pulse (Kairo)* (2001)
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The Matrix (1999)
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- Starting with the Internet and the creation of e-mail in 1973, a series of technological developments has made it ever easier to create and experiment with personal identities online, e.g., BBS (early 1980s), MUDs/chatrooms (early 1990s), social media (mid-2000s).

- Anonymity has often been built into online systems to allow freedom of expression; however, this can be and has been abused, e.g., trolling, catfishing, fake news, scamming.

- Various researchers (e.g., Sherry Turkle, danah boyd) have followed developments and made suggestions about how to deal with observed problems; governments and corporations are also starting to step in, e.g., Hate Speech penalties / detection.

- Based on the 2011 novel by Chad Kultgen.
- Focus on (ab)use of online systems and social media by several sets of suburban parents and their children.
- Though acknowledged as timely and well-intentioned, seen by many as cliched and mawkish.
- Commercial and critical failure.