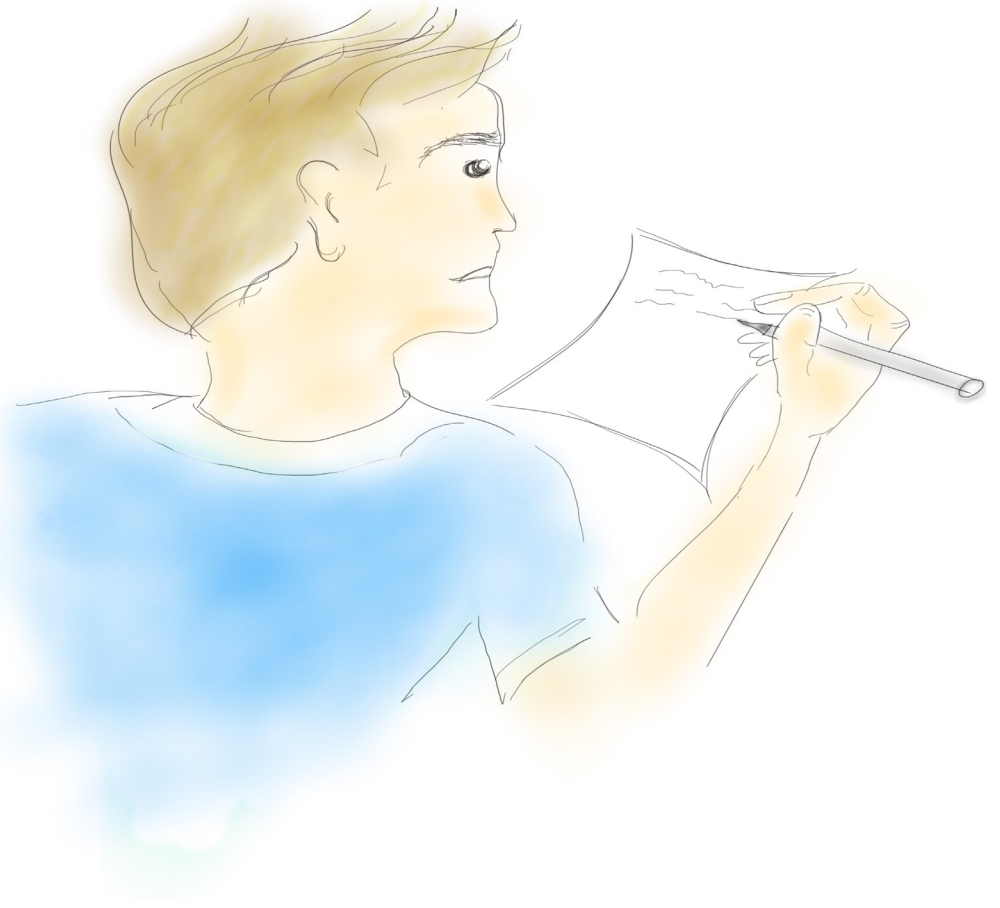


What would my life look like if Corona had been a digital virus instead of an illness?

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Covid-19 has a huge impact on all of our lives. The behavior of many people has changed drastically since the lockdown. I personally spent my time mainly on watching television and scrolling through social media. But what would the virus have been like if it had paralyzed digital devices instead of humans? The virus would be transmitted via messages or data exchange.

I send thousands of messages every day through WhatsApp alone. If I add up the time that I also spend on Netflix or social networks, such as Instagram, Facebook or Youtube, I get several hours a day using digital devices.



Accordingly, if a ban on digital devices had to be introduced for a digital virus, this obviously would have a major impact on my life. Also I couldn't afford all the messages that I would have to send to my friends as a letter.

When it came to paying at the till, I learned how to love Twint during the Corona crisis. The practical thing about the payment app is that you don't have to carry your wallet with you.

A ban of digital devices would mean, that I couldn't use Twint anymore. Even more it would mean, that everyone has to pay cash because paying by card would also mean an exchange of data.



An app that I also couldn't use anymore is the SBB app or Google Maps. I am totally lost when it comes to reading timetables and maps.

The good thing about this invented digital virus would be, that people in the train would be so bored, that they would possibly sit in a cabin next to a stranger even though the whole wagon was empty.

