# User: InfoTechnoDemo (Paperback)

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MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Doing theory and criticism in real time: essays on subjects ranging from art and industrial design to The Matrix and Web porn. In these essays, Peter Lunenfeld does theory and criticism in real time, looking at (among other subjects) art, video games, book design, techno-masturbation, The Matrix, and life extension diets. Readers will have to determine for themselves, he writes, if this range is symptomatic of pluralism or promiscuity. User illuminates the patterns and repetitions that link -- for example -- nanotechnology to electronic music, artist/archivist Harry Smith to architect/superstar Rem Koolhaas, Pontiacs to open source software. And User offers a reading experience that is more vivid than most: Mieke Gerritzen s bold visuals create a book that is also a designed object -- a compact matrix of words and image as potent as a smart bomb. User is not a manifesto. Lunenfeld means these essays -- which were written originally for the international magazine artext -- to be translator utilities, bridging the gap between the art world and the design establishment, between journalism and the seminar room. Pondering the permanent present of today s...

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