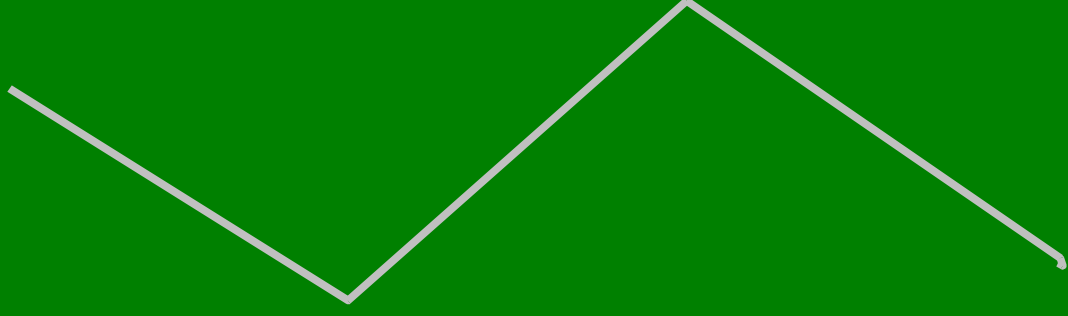


The Digital Divide



HAVES

HAVE NOTS

Introduction

- Information is the gold of this age. The ability to gain access to information with competence will determine the winners.

Information Access

- Over half of the worlds population does not have access to a phone on a daily basis.
- Placing computers in public places is not enough we need to make people aware of the resource and its value to them.
- If information access is available 24 hours a day for the haves, how is 30 minutes at a public site going to be enough for the have-nots?

Digital Fluency

- A tool is only as sharp as the operator.
- The International Computer Driver License Initiative

Information Control

- Once given access and knowledge of how to use the tools of the Internet, will they then be driven further into dependence?
- If the have's control all of the information what good is it for the have-nots to have access to it?
- How do we allow all voices to be heard on the Internet?

Conclusion

- The Digital Divide will end when all people can access, understand, and generate information.