

Virtual Nation

The Internet in Australia

Gerard Goggin (ed.)

The Internet is used by millions of Australians every day, but what do we really know about this extraordinary phenomenon? How did the Internet develop in Australia? What have been the distinctive Australian contexts shaping the Internet? And what have been its implications for Australian culture and society?

The first comprehensive book on the Australian Internet, *Virtual Nation* offers a surprising, thought-provoking, and rigorous introduction to a technology that we now can't do without. Featuring leading experts on topics spanning history, use, culture, policy, and future, *Virtual Nation* is indispensable for students, researchers, teachers, policymakers, technologists, and anyone interested in how digital technologies are transforming our lives.

The final chapter of the book invites readers to join the conversation – putting their views through an online blog, and literally putting the theory into practice.

About the Author

Dr Gerard Goggin is an Australian Research Fellow at the Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies, University of Queensland. He has been fascinated by the Internet since he first got online in the early 1990s, and has written widely on the Internet, telecommunications and new media. In this book Goggin brings together leading experts in the field, many with international reputations.

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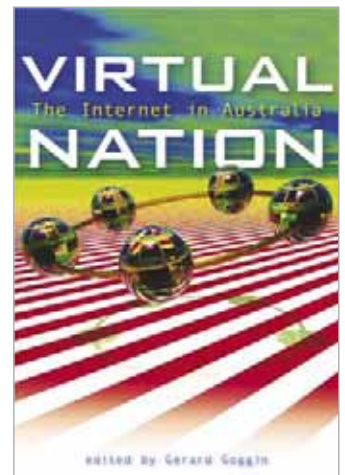
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