

## Hashtag #Huh?

When I was hijacked and taken hostage at the end of 2007, the world was already online, of course. But, it was a little bit different. Facebook was big, but not as big as MySpace, which was the dominant social media at the time. Twitter was either brand new, or still a few months away, but in any case no one cared about it. The iPhone was brand new in '07, so "mobile apps" weren't a thing yet, meaning no Instagram or Vine. And that symbol, the tic-tac-toe sign, pretty much meant only one thing: It meant "number", and it was called a "pound sign". # = poundsign = number... So then what the hell is a "hashtag"!? I didn't quite make it far enough in my Second Life to experience this, so that's my question for anyone reading: What exactly does a "hashtag" do, and how can I use it? I think it has something to do with identifying search terms, but I really don't understand how it works.

Anyway, if someone transcribes this, I'd like to put in a few "hashtags". Maybe someday an old friend or family member will look for me and find this blog along with all the dishonest, one-sided, vitriolic vomit that pops up now. So please... Someone tell me if I'm doing this right (or if there's any point to it at all). #Dymitri #Haraszewski #Dymitr #Hubert. I'll think of other ones for future posts. Thanks! =)