

**digital  
desire  
lines**





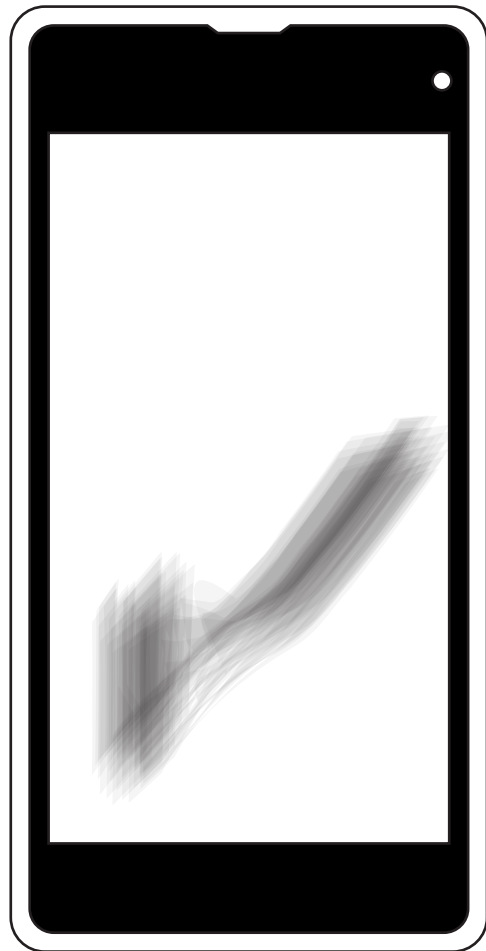
# trails

Desire lines are an evolution of the dirt trails our ancestors used to tramp into the grasslands.

With upcoming urbanisation and infrastructure these trails grew mainly invisible. No visible trace in the grass, hours later. But as a desire line are just the shortest or most convenient way to fulfil one or multiple desires, they are everywhere. Mostly they are not that evident as a line tramped into grass. It is more likely to discover single signs, leaving it to you to draw lines between them.

Sometimes however they are just there, already drawn lines. Simple signs of your interaction with and within the world.

The smudges on my smartphones screen unveil the way I interact with it. Furthermore it shows how the producers of these Apps where planing my interaction. In reverse they also reveal which desires I am satisfying on different times during my day.



unlock pattern



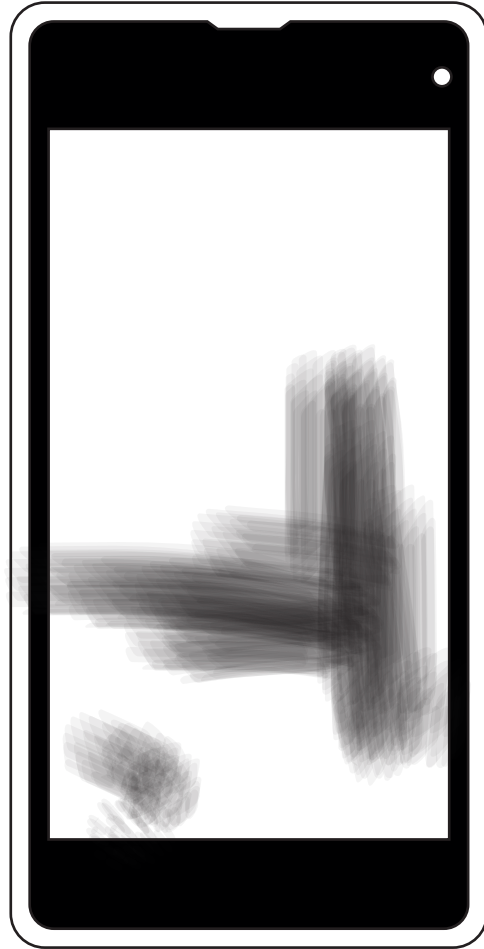




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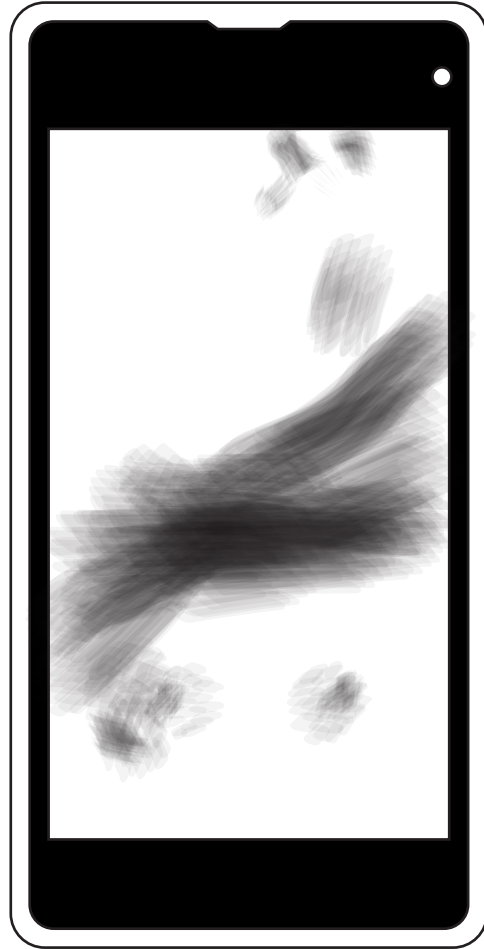






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morning routine







**one time I gave my phone to a dear friend. it was locked and she did not know the pattern to unlock it. before I could tell her what it was, she said: „give me a try, you certainly have something plain.“**

**she unlocked it with the first try.**

