

ASCII ALPHABET

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DURATION

0:05

YEAR

1999

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

English

CATEGORY

Video Art

**DESCRIPTION**

ASCII Alphabet is a humorous look at the "digitality" of the information object. It consists of a series of opposing image pairs, taken from antiquated children's encyclopaedias, and accompanying sounds. These paired binaries are arranged according to one of the most commonly used binary text encoding schemes : the ASCII code (American Standard Code for Information Interchange). In ASCII code each character of the alphabet can be reduced to a 7 digit binary string. *ASCII Alphabet* is structured so as to slowly reveal the encoded alphabet, first by transcribing these strings using the 26 pairs of sounds (A-Z), then by adding the numerals 1 and 0, and finally by using both the opposing images and sound together. In an attempt to give insight, for our analog consciousness, into the nature of digital information, *ASCII Alphabet* becomes more of an exploration of the breakdown of difference through digital translation and formal manipulation.

SOUND

Stereo

KEYWORDS

Language, Communication, Number, Letter

THEMES

Art and culture

Technology and medias