

Corrigendum to “The Network Is an Excuse’: Hardware Maintenance Supporting Community’ by Garrison, Jang, Lithgow and Pace, Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact. 5, CSCW2, Article 464 (October 2021)

In footnote 2 on page 9, we wrote “After writing about the distinction between affordability and politics in an earlier draft, we were delighted to find that Bidwell had independently found the same distinction” (referring to a distinction between affordability and a political vision). We would like to correct this claim to independence, and embrace connection rather than disavowing it to make a case for the novelty of this contribution. Analysis and interpretation are not only done by researchers, but also by interviewees: interviewees analyze their own situation, and in interviews we find meaning through mutual interpretation. In this case, Nic Bidwell is also part of the broader analytic ecosystem: she conducted prior research in the same CNs that engaged conversations on some of the same topics [1, 2]; we are not “independent.”

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