1. Record Nr. UNISA996571849603316 Autore **BROCK ANDR** Titolo Distributed Blackness: African American cybercultures Pubbl/distr/stampa [Place of publication not identified], : NEW YORK University Press, , 2020 ©2020 **ISBN** 1-4798-1190-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 271 pages ): illustrations Collana Critical Cultural Communication Disciplina 302.23089/96073 LANGUAGE ARTS & DISCIPLINES - Linguistics Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Cover -- DISTRIBUTED BLACKNESS -- Title -- Copyright -- Dedication -- CONTENTS -- Introduction 1. Distributing Blackness: Ayo Technology! Texts, Identities, and Blackness -- 2. Information Inspirations: The Web Browser as Racial Technology -- 3. "The Black Purposes of Space Travel": Black Twitter as Black Technoculture -- 4. Black Online Discourse, Part 1: Ratchetry and Racism -- 5. Black Online Discourse, Part 2: Respectability -- 6. Making a Way out of No Way: Black Cyberculture and the Black Technocultural Matrix Acknowledgments -- Notes -- References -- Index -- About the Author Sommario/riassunto From BlackPlanet to #BlackGirlMagic, 'Distributed Blackness' places blackness at the very center of internet culture. Andre Brock Jr. claims issues of race and ethnicity as inextricable from and formative of contemporary digital culture in the United States. 'Distributed Blackness' analyzes a host of platforms and practices (from Black Twitter to Instagram, YouTube, and app development) to trace how digital media have reconfigured the meanings and performances of African American identity. Brock moves beyond widely circulated deficit models of respectability, bringing together discourse analysis with a close reading of technological interfaces to develop nuanced arguments

about how "blackness" gets worked out in various technological

domains. OAs Brock demonstrates, there's nothing niche or subcultural

about expressions of blackness on social media: internet use and practice now set the terms for what constitutes normative participation. Drawing on critical race theory, linguistics, rhetoric, information studies, and science and technology studies, Brock tabs between black-dominated technologies, websites, and social media to build a set of black beliefs about technology. In explaining black relationships with and alongside technology, Brock centers the unique joy and sense of community in being black online now.