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Googling Before Google

A Brief History of the Search



Since its inception a little over a decade ago, Google’s stated goal has been to “organize the world’s information.” This talk will explore the longer history of the idea of the search as well as the ethics that attend human efforts to organize knowledge.

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