Alternative search engines with GenAI

- Can have better quality answers for particular use cases
- Can often block the GenAI from learning from your prompts
- Often have free tiers with limits. More feature-rich "Pro" tiers typically $20/mo

Perplexity AI

- https://www.perplexity.ai/
- Wants to be like a search engine with an AI assistant interface
- Intro video: https://youtu.be/qpN-pjev-vM
- Most talked about alternative on my tech podcasts
- Free, or $20 for pro
- Gives source links for all answers
- "Focus" feature, provides contexts you would like your responses in
- "Library" provides previous searches
- "Discover" tab for current news feeds
- "Collections" can allows users to collaborate on threads
- No ads, at least for now

Kagi (kah-gee)

- https://kagi.com/
- Ad-free, privacy-focused search engine that uses AI
- No shopping results!
- Privacy: https://kagi.com/privacy
- Pricing: $5 - $25 paid tiers, https://kagi.com/pricing
- Better than Google video: https://youtu.be/spiBZSPJReM
- "Lenses"
    - Customize searches by specifying which websites and other parameters to see in results
    - "Programming" and "Small Web" are examples
- Hamburger menu to open link on archive.org
- Change search order, like by time
- "!" searching similar to DDG feature
- Integrated with WolframAlpha, Steven Wolfram is on their board
- No vendors allowed to pay to raise their sites
- Includes some advanced filtering and customization options
    - You can raise, lower, or block specific sites in search results

Phind

- https://www.phind.com/
- AI search engine tailored specifically for developers
- It answers technical questions using AI and provides detailed explanations along with code examples

Andi

- https://andisearch.com/
- More visually-oriented and strives to deliver less wordy answers