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From lists to datasets.

A fragmented history of information organisation and its aesthetics.

Introduction

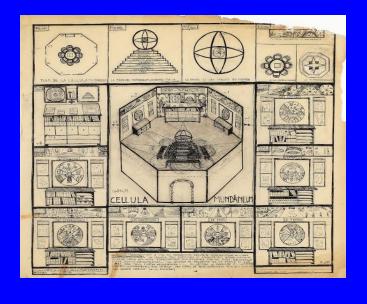
Archival transformations

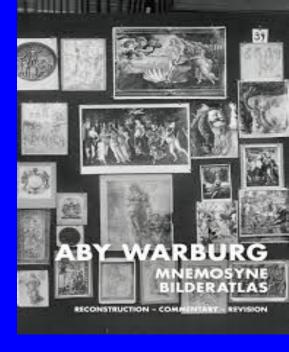


Concepts of the archive

Collection, document, archive, library

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| 000 | General Works | What do you want to know? |
| 100 | Philosophy and Psychology | Who am !? |
| 200 | Religion and Mythology | How did we get here? |
| 300 | Social Sciences | How do people communicate and get along? |
| 400 | Language | What language do we speak? (M) |
| 500 | Science and Math | How can I explain the world around me? |
| 600 | Technology | How can I enhance the world? |
| 700 | Arts and Recreation | How can I enjoy my free time? |
| 800 | Literature | What do we read? |
| 900 | Geography, History, and Biography | What was the world like in the past? |





Melvin Dewey 1876 Paul Otlet 1910 Aby Warburg 1927

From words to keywords

Information representation, alphabetical order, thesaurus and keyword, collaborative tags, users as cataloguers and co creators



Thomson and Craighead.
A short film about war. 2010

From libraries to databases

Digital documents and collections,

New forms of archives!

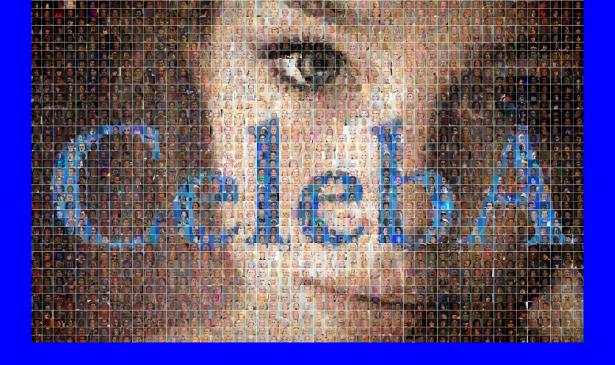
Mouchette.org 1996





From databases to datasets

Algorithms, instructions and organisation, Al and ML, Neural networks and training datasets



Al in the archive

Image recognition- computer vision

Eric Rosenbaum, Yotam Mann etc. Giorgio Cam. 2016



















Content analysis, categorisation and tagging

Nikolas Maleve. 12 hours of image net. 2019



Navigating the archive

Refik Anadol. Archive dreaming.2017



Co authorship- co production

Zhenzhen Qi. Quarantine diary ai. 2020

Can we espace archival normalisation?

Mushon Zer-Aviv. The normalising Machine. 2018



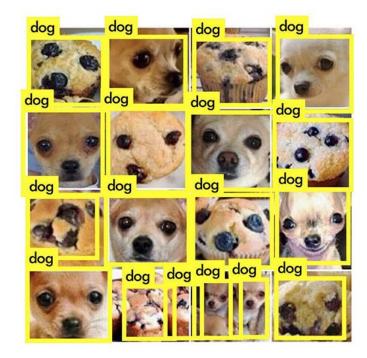
The illusion of the machine and the human factor

Memo Akten. Learning to see. 2017





Chihuahua or Muffin?



Arthur Boer

Boris Smeenk

What does this all mean for us?



Thnks!