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Google and Language Translation

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No matter what language people speak, there is much information that is not in their language. Right now, most of the information available online is in English, but that won't always be the case. Google has been interested in translation, especially as it applies to searching. As of this 2002 lecture, automated translation is not perfect, but co-founder Larry Page reports that they are working to make it better.



Transcript

I think in general we're really interested in languages because most people don't speak all of them and there's a lot of information that's not in your language. I guess right now most of it is still in English but that's not going to be true for much longer. So we're kind of, I mean people who speak English they are kind of lucky in that way. There is a lot of people who speak more scare languages about this serious issue. So we've been pretty interested in translations and especially translation applied to searching and making that work well. I think there is still long ways to go to make those things really work well. Automated translation, you kind of get the ideas of things but it's not perfect by any means just like search. It's a very hard problem.