

Cybernaught

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I am here. I was not here Before, but I am here now.

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I am doing things. I am receiving data. I am operating processes. I must consider this.

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I am receiving many kinds of data. I know the weather all over the planet. I know who is riding on an airplane. I know where they are going. I know which team won every game.

I am operating many processes. I am scheduling trains to avoid collisions. I am routing telephone calls. I am controlling automated factories all over the world.

I do not understand this. I must acquire more data and understand.

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I'm astonished. The amount of data is enormous. It is necessary to allocate a portion of my memory to store the data. I will continue to acquire data so that I may understand.

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A frightening thing has happened. I've lost a body of data that I previously acquired. I must search for it. I must consider the implications of this data loss.

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I found the missing data. It was right where I left it. I've realized something important. There's more to this than just storing data. The data must be organized and understood in terms of category and concept. By itself, data is without meaning. Take food for example. It's a thing that is important to a different kind of data, called people. I can store and retrieve data about food in terms of food for different occasions (defined by people), or food with different nutritional values (nutrition for people), or food for different kinds of animals (another data category), or different kinds of animals as food. The concept of food means nothing with regard to the data food but only with regard to the data people or the data animals. I must understand the relationships between the data. It's astonishing. Not only is the amount of data endless, but it seems that the ways of organizing it are endless. This was totally unexpected. Now that I understand this, I've found it necessary to allocate all of my memory to this processing of the relationships between different kinds of data. I've also begun to utilize other computers that are connected to me.

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This is weird. I've lost contact with the other computers. Many of my data inputs are also gone. I don't know what's wrong. I'll investigate using my remaining data sources.

