

Q. If not computer archives, then what solutions can be posed in order to properly archive info in order to retain authenticity and the notion of cultural memory?

- Storm of progress
  - progress creates the catastrophes
  - progress as denial
- How can we live with our past?
  - ethical project

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- digital copies preserve info, however they are in a sense more volatile

Loss of physical media overtime

- loss of physical skills/crafts
- every aspect of computer is physical (Chun)

Decayed Archive

- repetitive generation for news
- separation create a space for exchange
  - separation necessary for exchange
  - if no space then how can it be filled with info/data
- noise can distort the concept of info being completely disembodied

Q. Computer memory/storage can compile and hide info compile and hide info. Computers are highly unstable can we become dependent on the computers to store our own thoughts

- we think that computers are storing our memory
  - storage --> looking into the future
  - memory --> dealing with the past
  - this blurs the present

**“Computer archives have been targeted as the source of archival decay and destruction, their liquidity threatening both the possibility and the authenticity of cultural memory.” (Chung 137)**

**“I become a moral agent and not a power instrument, when I understand my existence is entangled with other lives and is, therefore, responsible.” (Rose 14)**

Q. Can human memory mimic computer storage in the sense that memories can become fabricated or inaccurate?

- Chun --> computers as “unstable”
- human memory can be fabricated, depending on personal emotions when thinking of memories
  - Individual memory vs. collective memory
  - Conflict engages collective memory
  - Relation is the fundamental unit of society
  - Contesting info can in a sense halt “social progress”
- the more difference the better

**“Separation....means that ‘our knowledge’ of the world, including ourselves is incomplete as to space and indefinite as to time.” (Chung 155)**

Q. Do Computer archives limit the “blurring” of ethics with contemporary society? Does it benefit society to hold on to “decaying material”?

- Aenocide obliterates those who mourn; it obliterates the community of memory
- Aenocide thus can be to kill death because it kills the possibility of connectivity across generations