Internet search engines cause poor memory, scientists claim

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Researchers found increasing number of users relied on their computers as a form of "external memory" as frequent use of online information libraries "wired" human brains.

The study, examining the so-called "Google effect", found people had poor recall of knowledge if they knew where answers to questions were easily found.

The scientists from Columbia University, in New York, found people were increasingly bypassing discussions with friends to use the internet as their main source of information.

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