

## Derrida for Architects

### Description

Much smart computing these days depends on the idea of the index, the ability of a computer process to look up data from a table. What seems to the user of an Internet search engine like an instantaneous search through millions of web pages is in fact very fast lookup on a series of indices pre-stored on a server.

In linguistics, indexicals are words that supposedly denote specific one-to-one mappings, such as *this*, *that*, *you*, and *I*, more commonly known as pronouns. They make specific reference in particular contexts: *this* book, *that* pen, *you* who are reading *this*.

This is one of the few topics I don't cover in my new book [Derrida for Architects](#), just out from Routledge, *this* referring here to indexicals. However, the book does have an index, and it does talk about archives. Here it is. (*It* refers here to the index.)

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