CultureMap is a visualization of proportion, disproportion, direction, and indirection in the content and no-content of the World Wide Web portals. Taking the most common starting-point categories (e.g. Business, Autos, Entertainment), CultureMap samples a variety of search engines to build an illustration of the prevalence of each term in the pages of the Web. Visitors substitute their own top-level terms, trying alternative portal categories, some of which may reflect more accurately the content of the Web.

Joining abstract design with representation of the information landscape, the CultureMap depicts the evolution of Web content in the form of a dynamic color composition. Over time the shifting composition of available information will be visible as a time-lapse movie.

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