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“Information Technology for Utopia”

This presentation returns to the commune movement of the late 1960s and its signal publication, the Whole Earth Catalog – first published in 1968. The presentation outlines core assumptions of the proper relationship between community, information and technology as they emerged in the back-to-the-land movement, and then shows how those assumptions came to sustain contemporary information ideology and computing practice.