## Midway Contemporary Art

Tan Lin What does do? It programs a random-access search for "origins" and incites in the reader a search for sources which turn out to be hallucinations or echoes of sources. Such a programming language was once called literature (we have chosen to call it art history),

like an interface or, to rephrase Duchamp, "a delay in glass as you would say a poem in prose or a spittoon in silver" (Duchamp 22).

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with the uncanny precision of our era's version of a lullaby the remix

human remembering has belyine, from a technological standpoint, linnecessary or impossible. proposes a solution to the vast volumes of distributed media (now databased on the Internet) that began in the nineteenth century and have snowballed of late—in the form of photographs, tape recordings, films, records, CDs, and hard drives. How in this morass of information, most of it noncontinuous (i.e., digitized and subject to random access memory can anything be located?

tion proffered by requires clarification. If in both avant-garde club and mainstream modes, was not interested in personal liberation; aim was reveal that memory is programmed by the source in advance and that the treedom is not "about" anything except the rules that gave rise to it in this sense. Was not oceanic or deep like