Record Nr. UNINA9910960349203321 Autore Vaidhyanathan Siva Titolo The Googlization of everything: (and why we should worry) / / Siva Vaidhyanathan Berkeley,: University of California Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9786613277817 9781283277815 1283277816 9780520948693 0520948696 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (281 p.) Classificazione COM021030COM051300 Disciplina 338.7/6102504 Soggetti Internet industry - Social aspects Internet - Social aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Introduction: the gospel of Google -- "Render unto Caesar": how Nota di contenuto Google came to rule the web -- Google's ways and means: faith in aptitude and technology -- The Googlization of us: universal surveillance and infrastructural imperialism -- The Googlization of the world: prospects for a global public sphere -- The Googlization of the library: the future of books -- The Googlization of memory: filters and the fracturing of knowledge -- Conclusion: the human knowledge project. Sommario/riassunto In the beginning, the World Wide Web was exciting and open to the point of anarchy, a vast and intimidating repository of unindexed confusion. Into this creative chaos came Google with its dazzling mission-"To organize the world's information and make it universally accessible"-and its much-"ed motto, "Don't be evil." In this provocative book, Siva Vaidhyanathan examines the ways we have used and

> embraced Google-and the growing resistance to its expansion across the globe. He exposes the dark side of our Google fantasies, raising red flags about issues of intellectual property and the much-touted Google Book Search. He assesses Google's global impact, particularly in China,

and explains the insidious effect of Googlization on the way we think. Finally, Vaidhyanathan proposes the construction of an Internet ecosystem designed to benefit the whole world and keep one brilliant and powerful company from falling into the "evil" it pledged to avoid.