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Thematic chapter: epistemology and systems design.

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This is a brief tutorial on epistemology and its relevance to systems design. First, the author sketches what epistemology is and how it relates to the task of designing systems. Then he caricatures six contrasting epistemological positions, both professional and “common sense” based, to show how differences of epistemological orientation may critically affect design. (orig.)

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