

The Singularity

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Marius Stuart - member of The Adstock Science Club - "the coming together of Man and Machine: The Singularity".

Summary: The development of technology, from the discovery of fire, the invention of the wheel to the Industrial Revolution, is a story that spans many thousands of years but it is only since the late 18th century that the pace of discovery and invention has begun to accelerate and now almost seems exponential. The advent of the computer, Moore's Law, and the latest discoveries in medical science have led us to a place where scientists are able to augment the human body with a variety of prosthetics, implants and enhancements which would make Frankenstein look like child's play. Some futurologists have coined the term "The Singularity" to define the coming together of Man and Machine into a Hybrid organism. Should we be worried about this or should we embrace these developments with open arms? I hope to examine and discuss some of the technologies that are currently out there, where this is leading and how they may affect human beings of the future.