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Welcome to the End-April Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the end of April edition of the newsletter.

In the next few weeks Paul will be working on two major projects around education and the future of work.

If any of those approaches interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find then newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

Paul presented to the Life Education Trust New Zealand last week on the use of technologies in education and the need to base them on deep understanding of how kids learn. You can see the presentation by going to www.emergentfutures.com and clicking under Latest Downloads.

Business Tips

Women, and The Paradoxes of Work Intelligence

The more we look into the cognitive basis of team and business performance, the more we learn about the strengths of women relative to men. [Read More...](#)

The 5 P's of productive meetings

Meetings can help you be more productive, not less. They can actually save you time instead of wasting it. [Read More...](#)

My Top 7 Online Business Chrome Extensions

Extensions for the Chrome Browser for Productivity from our friend and colleague Jarrod Robinson. [Read More...](#)

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■ In case you missed it: Most popular links from the Last Edition

[Finland schools: Subjects scrapped and replaced with 'topics' as country reforms its education](#)

For years, Finland has been the by-word for a successful education system, perched at the top of international league tables for literacy and numeracy.

■ What's Emerging

Wireless routers could be spying on your emotions soon

Computer scientists at MIT have developed Vital-Radio, a technology that wirelessly measures heartbeat and breathing. [Read More...](#)

STUDY: Global Social Media Ad Spend to Reach Nearly \$36B in 2017

Global ad spending on social media will total \$23.68 billion this year and reach \$35.98 billion by 2017, accounting for 16 percent of all digital ad spending worldwide, according to the latest projections from digital consultancy eMarketer. [Read More...](#)

Here's How Managers Can Be Replaced by Software

Fortune 500 executives spend a fair amount of time thinking about how automation and the Internet are changing the nature of employment, but they rarely wonder how technology will have an impact much closer to home: on their own jobs. [Read More...](#)

Japan powers city with floating solar farms installed on water reservoirs

Japan completes installation of two huge floating solar power plants. [Read More...](#)

These Will Be the World's 20 Largest Economies in 2030

Take a peek at the new world that awaits us. [Read More...](#)

Greatest mass extinction driven by acidic oceans, study finds

Changes to the Earth's oceans, caused by extreme volcanic activity, triggered the greatest extinction of all time, a study suggests. [Read More...](#)

Google has patented the ability to control a robot army

After getting a patent for giving robots personalities last month, Google now wants to unleash an army of Rodney Dangerfield bots on the world. [Read More...](#)

Global record industry income drops below \$15bn for first time in decades

Strong growth in streaming revenues couldn't stop the recorded music business's official worldwide income dropping under US \$15bn for the first time in recent memory in 2014. [Read More...](#)

\$17 radio amp lets thieves steal Priuses

If your car has a proximity-based ignition fob that lets you start the engine without inserting a key, thieves on the street in front of your house can use an amp to detect its signal from your house and relay it to the car, getting away clean. [Read More...](#)

Mapping The End Of Utilities: Where Grid Defection Will Happen Fastest

Solar power won't kill the utility industry, but solar power plus storage might. Once people have the ability to reserve electricity produced on their rooftops, not just generate it, they'll need utilities less than they do today. [Read More...](#)

This new camera sensor could turn your phone into a 3D scanner

Let's say you want to 3D print a replica of an object in your home. The first step, of course, is capturing a detailed 3D scan — a process that's currently accomplished to varying degrees of accuracy with a desktop unit or more expensive and bulky professional models. [Read More...](#)

New 2015 edition of World Development Indicators shows 25 years of progress, but much left to do

We're pleased to announce that the 2015 edition of World Development Indicators (WDI) has been released. [Read More...](#)

This is What the History of Camera Sales Looks Like with Smartphones Included

A few months ago, we shared a chart showing how sales the camera market have changed between 1947 and 2014. [Read More...](#)

Carbon offsets: fraud, exaggeration, and poorly run projects

Today, the Christian Science Monitor published a damning, six-part investigation into carbon credits, and concluded that they are a hive of fraud and villainy, calling them "a 'Wild West' market ripe for fraud, exaggeration, and poorly run projects that probably do little to ease global warming." [Read More...](#)

How one company is using artificial intelligence to develop a cure for cancer

Boston-based Berg has spent the last six years perfecting an artificial intelligence platform that may soon crack the cancer code. [Read More...](#)

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