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Welcome to the End of January Edition of What's Emerging

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Hopefully you are all back into the swing of things.

In the next few weeks Paul will be presenting at a major ag machinery dealer network conference, working with a board on the future of technology applications, and working with a major member based organisation on the future of their business model. 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. The mid-February edition will be a different one as we go back over the tracking of the links from last year and post the most clicked on links and business tips.

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

Following on from Paul's presentation to the VLGA Annual Mayoral Conference on Embracing Uncertainty the presentation is now up on Prezi: [Mayoral Conference Masterclass Jan 2015](#).

As always our presentations are designed to be an experience for the audience rather than asset of detailed notes. If you are interested in an online run through of any of our presentations then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com. This is also a service that we offer clients during the presentation preparation phase for conference and workshops to fine tune our focus on the audience and the client requirements.

In addition Paul wrote two longer form blog posts on foresight and councils which can be accessed at: [Councils and Foresight](#) and [Councils and Foresight – Critical Differences](#).

Business Tips

Hearing Every Voice in the Room

How IBM Brings Ideas Forward From Its Teams. [Read More...](#)

Good and Bad Procrastination

Paul Graham: The most impressive people I know are all terrible procrastinators. So could it be that procrastination isn't always bad?. [Read More...](#)

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11 Google Tricks That Will Change the Way You Search

Google Search's learning curve is an odd one. You use it every day, but still all you know is how to search. But the search engine has plenty of tricks up its sleeve. Here's an overview of some of the most useful Google search tricks, from basic tips to new features just recently released. [Read More...](#)

Now on Twitter: group Direct Messages and mobile video camera

Use Direct Messages to speak privately with a group of up to 20 people. Capture, edit and share videos right from your Twitter app. [Read More...](#)

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

[A day in apps: The social media manager's edition](#)

A bit social media focused but some useful productivity apps.

■ What's Emerging

Russia's rouble crisis poses threat to nine countries relying on remittances

Drop in rouble value not only decimating amount sent home by workers from Caucasus and central Asia, but could lead to political unrest. [Read More...](#)

'Project Eyes' tackles pirate fishing with satellites and algorithms

Illegal fishing causes permanent environmental destruction and economic losses of up to \$23 billion a year, largely because vast swaths of ocean go unpatrolled. [Read More...](#)

Oculus gives Sundance attendees a literal bird's-eye view

"People dream about flying." That's what Max Rheiner, creator of Birdly, a virtual reality experience that lets you feel what it's like to fly as a bird from a first-person perspective, said about the inspiration for his project. [Read More...](#)

If global temperatures rise one degree, wheat yields will drop by 6 per cent, according to a global study

Published in the journal Nature and Climate Change, the study said this finding was worse than initially expected. [Read More...](#)

GLOBAL METRO MONITOR

A new report on the world's largest 300 metropolitan economies, just released by the Brookings Institution, confirms that metros power the world economy. [Read More...](#)

Microsoft's flat-pack stockfutures

For the first time ever, Microsoft HoloLens seamlessly blends high-definition holograms with your real world. [Read More...](#)

Social Media and the Cost of Caring

For generations, commentators have worried about the impact of technology on people's stress. Trains and industrial machinery were seen as noisy disruptors of pastoral village life that put people on edge. [Read More...](#)

Robocalypse gets an update: ATLAS Unplugged

Google / Boston Dynamics updated its anthropomorphic humanoid flagrobot ATLAS. Unlike the original, Atlas is now "Unplugged" and runs entirely on battery and without training stabilizer wheels. [Read More...](#)

Majority of U.S. public school students are in poverty

For the first time in at least 50 years, a majority of U.S. public school students come from low-income families, according to a new analysis of 2013 federal data, a statistic that has profound implications for the nation. [Read More...](#)

Green miles: collecting energy from traffic

Cutting edge technology called Lybra is a tire-like rubber paving, which is designed to convert the kinetic energy produced by vehicles into electric energy. It has been developed by an Italian start-up Underground Power, founded in February 2011. [Read More...](#)

Republicans Accuse Obama of Using Position as President to Lead Country

WASHINGTON (The Borowitz Report)—Responding to reports that President Obama is considering signing as many as nineteen executive orders on gun control, Republicans in Congress unleashed a blistering attack on him today, accusing Mr. Obama of “cynically and systematically using his position as President to lead the country.” [Read More...](#)

Can long-term global growth be saved?

Over the past 50 years, global economic growth was exceptionally rapid. The world economy expanded sixfold. Average per capita income almost tripled. Hundreds of millions of people were lifted out of poverty. [Read More...](#)

THE CAR OF 2025 WILL DRIVE AND FIX ITSELF, AND TALK TO OTHER CARS: IBM STUDY

The Automotive 2025 study published by IBM this week, based on interviews with 175 automobile industry executives from 21 countries, shows an industry in flux, with new digital technologies rolling out at lightning speed and consumers starting to demand a more personalized driving experience from their cars. [Read More...](#)

Facebook at Work takes on LinkedIn, but will businesses hand over data?

The social network's familiar user interface will help the new service, but only if companies trust the site with sensitive business information. [Read More...](#)

Obesity Device Cleared in U.S. Tricks Brain With Electrodes

A first-of-its-kind weight-loss device from EnteroMedics Inc. (ETRM), which uses implantable electrodes to trick the brain into thinking the stomach is full, was approved in the U.S. [Read More...](#)

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