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

Welcome to the end-May 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 the newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,


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What are we writing about?

Paul posted a blog [Is Bitcoin Technology Accelerating Faster than Anticipated](#) after the NASDAQ announced a trial of Bitcoin for managing the NASDAQ private market. Paul also posted [The Budget Centrepiece: Sleight of Hand Politics and Unintended Consequences](#) after the announcement of accelerated depreciation for small business in the Federal budget in Australia

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

Business Tips

In an increasingly digital workplace, use print to get attention

If employees are sitting in front of computers all day long, then digital communications must be the best way to reach them. Not necessarily. [Read More...](#)

10 things the best speakers never say

Many speakers have never reflected that they must be considerate to their audiences. If you're in this boat, this practical list of don'ts will open your eyes and improve your next talk. [Read More...](#)

New Workplaces Mean New Demands on Leaders

We have been witnessing a defection from web 2.0 era "social collaboration" tools because they don't actually [help people get their jobs done](#). [Read More...](#)

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

[Reasons to exercise \(that aren't about weight loss\)](#)

Whether it's exercise or diet that matters most when you're trying to lose weight is a topic of hot debate. But weight management aside, there's a host of other reasons getting moving is a vital to a healthy life.

■ What's Emerging

Robotica - A Bionic Approach to Prosthetics Controlled by Thought

A month ago I shared the first episode of Robotica by The New York Times. Robotica is a series that investigates the intersection of robotics, business and society. [Read More...](#)

Anthony Bourdain's Opening a Food Market Inspired by Blade Runner

Would you eat at a market inspired by the 1982 dystopian classic Blade Runner? Anthony Bourdain is hoping you will. [Read More...](#)

Experimental plugin lets computers share URLs with ultrasonic tones

Tone is an experimental Chrome plugin from Google Research that lets computers share small amounts of information (like URLs) with ultrasonic chirps. [Read More...](#)

Wind turbines are already huge, but they're about to get way, way bigger

In the United States, the boom in wind energy has been dramatic. Last year wind generation grew more than all other sources of energy in the United States — and supplied almost five percent of total demand for electricity. [Read More...](#)

Amazon wants an army of drones to chase you down to get you your package

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will stay Amazon's drones from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. [Read More...](#)

LOreal's Plan to Start 3D Printing Human Skin

The French cosmetics giant, which has long produced skin, now wants to automate the process. [Read More...](#)

Digital rights news from 2025

European Digital Rights has published 300 Edrigrams -- crucial newsletters on all things digital in the EU -- and to celebrate, the 300th edition features 37 pages of news from the year 2025. [Read More...](#)

World population-food supply balance is becoming increasingly unstable, study finds

Researchers report that as the world population increases and food demand has grown, globalization of trade has made the food supply more sensitive to environmental and market fluctuations. [Read More...](#)

Machine learning algorithms can 'bust a rhyme' better than humans by 21%

Researchers from Aalto University in Finland have been rapping with machine learning algorithms that can construct lyrical patterns in rap. [Read More...](#)

McDonald's Hot Coffee lawsuit: deliberate, corporatist urban legend

Remember the old lady who sued McDonald's for millions because she burned herself by spilling hot coffee in her lap?. [Read More...](#)

Mediabreaker: remix tool to foster the next generation of Jon Stewarts

Even though digital media have provided a seemingly infinite number of ways for new voices to be heard, most of the messages we encounter on a daily basis are controlled by a privileged few. [Read More...](#)

Energy subsidies top \$6.6 trillion, lift carbon emissions by a fifth: IMF study

The world subsidises energy consumption to the tune of more than \$200,000 per second, with about 60 per cent of that going to support coal, according to researchers at the International Monetary Fund. [Read More...](#)

Electroloom - First 3D Fabric Printer

Interesting 3D printing use case with potential. Electroloom uses an electrospinning process to convert liquids into solid fibers which are then deposited onto a 3D mold. [Read More...](#)

The US payday loans crisis: borrow \$100 to make ends meet, owe 36 times that sum

In Missouri, there are 958 more payday lenders than there are McDonald's restaurants as payday loans have become part of the economic landscape. [Read More...](#)

Adverts for robot housekeepers are terrifying a lot of people

LONDON — Meet Sally, an incredibly sinister housekeeper and nanny who's actually a robot. Sally will cook your supper, lead your children off to bed, and probably go haywire and destroy you in the night. [Read More...](#)

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