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

Welcome to the first 2013 edition of What's Emerging.

We hope that you have had a great Christmas and New Year and you are energised for 2013.

Generally our first newsletter of the year has some forecast items in it that are generally the most clicked on , but given that we generally don't believe in relying on forecasts we have eschewed the approach this year and started out with a normal newsletter.

We hope that you continue to find it useful and interesting.

Cheers


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What are we writing about?

Following on from the link below about a cat beating professional investors in a yearlong stock investment competition Paul blogged about the issues:

<http://futuristpaul.com/2013/01/15/investing-via-the-advice-of-cats/>

We now have online the video of Paul's presentation to the Senior Managers Forum for the YMCA on the Future Competitive Landscape for Social Enterprise. If you want to see the whole video (53 minutes) go to our [home page](#) and navigate from the latest downloads. If you want to just see a sample of Paul's speaking we have a shorter video which combines excerpts from this presentation and Paul's presentation to NAB National Small Business Summit which you can see at [Paul Higgins Speaking Sample Video](#).

Business Tips

Crowd-source your strategic thinking

There is a lot of talk about crowdsourcing these days, as a way of generating new ideas. Here is a brief case study showing how you can use crowdsourcing techniques to improve your own internal management processes. [Read More...](#)

Open Source Community, Simplified

Growing and maintaining an open-source community depends essentially on three things..... - Great post for thinking about supporting communities that goes beyond open source. [Read More...](#)

Homeland Security warns Java still poses risks after security fix

Summary: *UPDATED: After a security fix to patch Java 7 from a massive security vulnerability, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has reiterated its warning that Java still poses risks. If you have not already done so we recommend that you look at this.* [Read More...](#)

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Hone your IT skills with these five web apps

This is IT focused but is actually wider than that. [Read More...](#)

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2013: What *SHOULD* we be worried about?

The Edge asks leading thinkers a question every year – here is the one for 2013. [Read More...](#)

A 27-Story vertical forest grows in Milan

Milan's Bosco Verticale, a project slated to house the world's first vertical forest — and a long-time favorite rendering of the Internet — is coming to life, 27 stories of trees and all. [Read More...](#)

Leap motion gestural AirHarp demo

AirHarp is the result of a weekend hacking session with a Leap Motion dev board. Leap Motion is a highly precise and responsive motion tracking device, making it a perfect tool for expressive musical interactions. [Read More...](#)

IllumiRoom: Peripheral projected Illusions for interactive experiences

IllumiRoom is a proof-of-concept system from Microsoft Research. It augments the area surrounding a television screen with projected visualizations to enhance the traditional living room entertainment experience. [Read More...](#)

Rising seas may put \$300b of property at risk: Scientists

How is climate change expected to impact on different parts of Australia? This is the first of a five-part series in which environment reporter Sarah Clarke sets out to provide answers. [Read More...](#)

Microsoft Researchers developing Wrist-Worn sensors that track finger movements

Microsoft developers in the UK working with researchers from Newcastle University have recently announced an intriguing project: a wrist strap sensor that tracks finger motions in real time. [Read More...](#)

Yes, money does buy happiness: 6 Lessons from the newest research on Income and Well-Being

For a long time, we knew that there was a happiness plateau, a point where more money basically stopped buying greater satisfaction. Maybe we were wrong. [Read More...](#)

In China, virtual reality stores turn open spaces into a supermarket

Yihaodian is launching augmented reality stores, which give customers the impression of a physical store while they browse on their smart phones. [Read More...](#)

There's more to life than being happy

Research has shown that having purpose and meaning in life increases overall well-being and life satisfaction, improves mental and physical health, enhances resiliency, enhances self-esteem, and decreases the chances of depression. [Read More...](#)

America's first bookless public library will look 'like an Apple Store'

Bexar County, Texas says that it will open the first 100 percent digital public library system in the country, unveiling plans for its first location this past week. [Read More...](#)

Flexible Paper Tablet

Creators of PaperTab claim ultra-slim, flexible invention will change the face of personal computing forever. [Read More...](#)

PC makers bet on gaze, gesture, voice, and touch

Products that could make it common to control a computer, TV, or something else using eye gaze, gesture, voice, and even facial expression were launched at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas this week, MIT Technology Review reports. [Read More...](#)

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Plus-One this: Proof that Google Plus will prevail

Google Plus has been written off as a universal flop--but a deeper look proves that we will all eventually succumb to its siren song. [Read More...](#)

Republicans accuse Obama of using position as President to lead country

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, accusing Mr. Obama of "cynically and systematically using his position as President to lead the country." [Read More...](#)

Ordinary housecat beats Professional Wealth Managers in year-long stock-picking challenge

Britain's The Observer has just concluded a year-long investment challenge which sought to determine if decades of experience gave seasoned stock market professionals any stock-picking advantage over a common household cat. [Read More...](#)



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