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Welcome to the Mid-October Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the mid of October edition of the newsletter.

Paul is continuing to work on the education and future of work projects we have previously mentioned. In the next few weeks he will be working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service on foresight input into their new strategy, presenting on the Future of Aged Care, facilitating a workshop on collaboration in health promotion, facilitating a workshop for the Australian Rural Leadership Trailblazers Program and presenting to the Simplot Digital Leadership Program. He was also be doing a bit of teaching in the foresight program at Swinburne University.

Paul also wanted to let you know that the virtual reality experience at Zero Latency in North Melbourne was completely amazing.

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,

Paul Higgins, Sandy Teagle, Prafulla, Syed Muqthar and Samantha Kyle-Little

What are we writing about?

Paul's presentation to the Murray Regional Tourism AGM on Leadership in Uncertainty is now up. You can access them by going to our home page at www.emergentfutures.com and looking under latest downloads. If any of the subjects interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

Business Tips

Choosing the Right Wi-Fi Router for You

To make picking a router easier, The Wirecutter tested dozens of the devices for hundreds of hours and chose a handful for different living situations and budgets. [Read More...](#)

How to Make Better Reference Calls

Reference calls. We all have to make them. Whether you're considering hiring a new employee or as an investor whether you're looking to do a background check on the founders of a company. [Read More...](#)

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What prototype tool should I use?

This is more for tech development but can also be useful for mocking up concepts. [Read More...](#)

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

[15 LESSONS FROM 15 YEARS OF BLOGGING](#)

Some of these things may be obvious, and some may be slightly corny platitudes. But a few will be useful to you.

■ What's Emerging

General Electric sees digital revenue tripling to \$15 billion by 2020

General Electric Co (GE.N) expects its software revenue to roughly triple to \$15 billion by 2020 as it reaps significant gains from its digital operations, the U.S. industrial conglomerate said on Tuesday. [Read More...](#)

Pluto: NASA's New Horizons spacecraft reveals blue skies and red water ice

Pluto has blue skies and patches of red frozen water, according to the latest data from NASA's unmanned New Horizons probe, which made a historic flyby of the dwarf planet in July. [Read More...](#)

Army testing swarms of small drones

The Army is experimenting with using swarms of small, inexpensive drones in battlefield missions—as much as anything because of the potential threat they could pose to U.S. forces. [Read More...](#)

U.K. Said to Consider Closing All Coal-Fired Plants by 2023

The U.K. is considering whether to close all of its 12 coal-fired power plants by 2023 as part of its effort to reduce the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming, an official with knowledge of the discussions said. [Read More...](#)

Uber's biggest Asian competitors have already raised about \$7 billion—and could soon merge

Uber is expanding around the world rapidly, but its growth in Asia might soon hit a wall. A group of investors in Asia and the US are funneling cash into Uber's biggest competitors in the region. [Read More...](#)

MIT develops 3D printed soft robot hand that can pick up and identify just about any object

MIT has developed a soft 3D printed robotic hand that is so responsive it can safely pick up and handle objects that are incredibly delicate, such as an egg or a compact disc. [Read More...](#)

World Bank: Extreme poverty 'to fall below 10%'

The World Bank has said that for the first time less than 10% of the world's population will be living in extreme poverty by the end of 2015. [Read More...](#)

Neural lace has been invented to organically connect your brain with a computer

Scientists from China and the US have found a pioneering way to inject a tiny electronic mesh sensor into the brain that fully integrates with cerebral matter and enables computers to monitor brain activity. [Read More...](#)

Facebook wants to be the attention economy's central banker

Warren Ellis ruminates on the way that the old idea that the Internet was birthing an "attention economy" has been transformed by Facebook, which has literally monetized attention, charging you money to reach the people who've asked to hear from you. [Read More...](#)

Mercedes, Google, Volvo To Accept Liability When Their Autonomous Cars Screw Up

Autonomous cars are an inevitability, which we've known for a while, but the remaining questions we've had for a while doesn't concern the technology, but rather the regulations.

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Reputation Economy Dystopia: China's new "Citizen Scores" will rate every person in the country

The Chinese government has announced a new universal reputation score, tied to every person in the country's nation ID number and based on such factors as political compliance, hobbies, shopping, and whether you play videogames. [Read More...](#)

Super-Smart Apps Are Invading Our Keyboards

The origin story of the QWERTY keyboard layout is a very particular, very nerdy sort of mythology. [Read More...](#)

Utility-Scale Solar Reaches Cost Parity With Natural Gas Throughout America

The cost of installing utility-scale solar has fallen considerably in recent years, from more than \$6 per watt in 2009 to about \$3 per watt in 2014. [Read More...](#)

Watch Two People With Brain Implants Control Computers With Their Thoughts

A massive collaboration of doctors and computer scientists gets one step closer to mind-controlled devices. [Read More...](#)

Why an obscure left-wing MP won the UK Labour leadership by the biggest margin in history

In September, the British Labour Party elected a new leader, Jeremy Corbyn, a dyed-in-the-wool left-wing veteran MP who had been marginalised for decades by the increasingly right-wing Labour party. [Read More...](#)

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