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

Welcome to the mid of September edition of the newsletter.

Paul is now travelling to the USA to attend the Business Innovation Factory Conference in Rhode Island.

When he comes back he will be facilitating a leadership program for a local council and continue to work on the education and future of work projects we have previously mentioned. Then he has a series of keynote presentations on the future of various industries. He is also going to the new [Zerolatency](#) Virtual Reality centre to fight the Zombie Apocalypse as part of his research into new technologies.

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 presentations on the future of technology in the Australian Dairy Industry for Westvic Dairy and the Future of Tourism for Destination Gippsland are 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

A couple of larger ones this edition:

Envisioning the World of Tomorrow: a catalog of future-looking web sites

A great set of resources for thinking about the future from the fantastic science fiction writer David Brin. [Read More...](#)

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SAMASOURCE IS A LEADER IN GLOBAL SOURCING FOR DATA PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A HUMAN TOUCH

Samasource are a great social enterprise that is creating jobs in developing countries by tapping people into the web and providing great training. They are well worth a look at if you are looking at a wide range of data projects. You will get a great service but also do some good in the world. It is called impact sourcing. [Read More...](#)

And just for something different check out this cartoon from the New Yorker <http://thisisnthappiness.com/image/128649475354>. Does that remind you of anyone in your workplace?

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

[The Open Graph Viz Platform](#)

Gephi is an interactive visualization and exploration [platform](#) for all kinds of networks and complex systems, dynamic and hierarchical graphs.

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This popular 'smart pill' enhances brain function with an added benefit

In 1998, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the drug modafinil as a treatment for narcolepsy, a condition in which the brain has trouble regulating its sleep-wake cycle and results in sudden "sleep attacks" where a person falls asleep at unwanted or inappropriate times. [Read More...](#)

What Happened to the Moral Center of American Capitalism?

An economy depends fundamentally on public morality; some shared standards about what sorts of activities are impermissible because they so fundamentally violate trust that they threaten to undermine the social fabric. [Read More...](#)

Amazon wants to know everything about you by having a robot talk to you

Recently, Amazon made its first foray into helpful home devices—Echo, the perky remote-vending-machine-disguised-as-smart-home-hub that answers questions, controls a few lights, and, incidentally, orders products from the mega-company. The introduction of this small black monolith has brought another voice into the home that people can have a chinwag with, Alexa. [Read More...](#)

Varoufakis to launch pan-European anti-austerity movement and political party

Varoufakis' fans get ready! The ex finance minister is preparing to launch a European movement that will develop into a political party. [Read More...](#)

Github's Top Coding Languages Show Open Source Has Won

Think of it as a map of the rapidly changing world of computer software. [Read More...](#)

A Milestone in Africa: No Polio Cases in a Year

It has been one full year since polio was detected anywhere in Africa, a significant milestone in global health that has left health experts around the world quietly celebrating. [Read More...](#)

Move Over, Siri—The Next Generation of Virtual Assistants Is Almost Here

Are you ready for supersmart AI to make your decisions for you?. [Read More...](#)

Facebook hits a new milestone: 1 billion people used the social network on a single day

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said 1 billion people used the social network on the day of Aug. 24, setting a new milestone for the company. [Read More...](#)

'Multifab' 3D-prints a record 10 materials at once, no assembly required (w/ Video)

3D printing is great, assuming that all you need to do is print one material for one purpose, and that you're okay with it taking a few tries. [Read More...](#)

Tesla's Model S P85D Just Broke Consumer Reports' Ratings System, Scoring 103 Out Of 100

Well, this is something you don't see every day. According to a new report out of Consumer Reports, the Tesla Model S P85D, all-wheel-drive electric sedan, performed "better in our tests than any other car ever has, earning a perfect road-test score." [Read More...](#)

Car information security is a complete wreck -- here's why

Sean Gallagher's long, comprehensive article on the state of automotive infosec is a must-read for people struggling to make sense of the summer's season of showstopper exploits for car automation, culminating in a share-price-shredding 1.4M unit recall from Chrysler, whose cars could be steered and braked by attackers over the Internet. [Read More...](#)

World's First Blockchain-Based Startup Marketplace Set to Launch by Funderbeam

Data intelligence provider Funderbeam is set to launch the world's first blockchain based investment trading platform over the next few months, through a partnership with colored coins developer ChromaWay. [Read More...](#)

The Struggle To Define What Artificial Intelligence Actually Means

We need a formal definition on what we mean by artificial intelligence. [Read More...](#)

Mapping tree density at a global scale

The global extent and distribution of forest trees is central to our understanding of the terrestrial biosphere. [Read More...](#)

New Robotic Exoskeleton Is Controlled by Human Thoughts

One big, robotic foot and then the other; that's how a man wearing a clunky-looking exoskeleton makes his way across the room. [Read More...](#)

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