

What is the future of computing and why should we care? Computers are involved in an ever growing part of our daily lives. We can't avoid it. We shouldn't ignore it.



Our Personal Computer Devices

Desktop Laptop Tablet
Smartphone Smartwatch
Smart Speakers Navigation System
E-Reader Others?

Can you name others? How many do you have?



Embedded Computers, IoT

Appliances Thermostat Smart TV
Irrigation System Weather Station
Home Monitoring and Control
Automobile Control and Infotainment Toys

Recent car models have 20 to 30 embedded and networked computers in them. There are about 40 billion embedded devices in our homes today, many of them networked for internet access (IoT)!



Supply Chain (Temporary?)

Transistors

Processor Speed

Watts

Cores

Billions of transistors! Now being stacked (3D)

Processor speed increases have stalled due to thermal considerations Watts limited by thermal limits in mobile devices, and by green energy policies Moving from multi-core chips to chiplets (multiple processor chips in the same package)



Future Chip Technologies

Photonic (light)

Neuromorphic (biological brain simulation)

Quantum (spooky)

Photons (light packets) are faster than electrons, and produce less heat Computers may have a few million neurons while our brains have billions that are connected in a very complex way.

Einstein considered the theory of entanglement too spooky to imagine. Still is, even though it has already been verified at short distances. A Qubit can be 0, 1 or both. Fragile and needs error correction as implemented presently.

IBM demonstrated a 5 qubit computer ins 2016, 17 qubit in 2017, 50 qubit in 2018, 65 qubit in 2021, goal of 1000 for 2023. Building a cryogenic chamber to house a 1,000,000 qubits. Worldwide race because of concerns about the impact on encryption. China demonstrated a 66 qubit computer that can do a simple sorting task in 1.2 hours that would take a conventional computer 8 years. China and Australia have transmitted a quantum computer encrypted video call from China to a satellite and from the satellite to Australia.



Cluster Computing (Supercomputers, Cryptomining)

Cloud Computing (Edge computing, virtual computers)

Clusters of computers connected by a network or internet Cloud computing on internet servers, or Edge hybrid local and internet, or virtual computers and operating systems on the servers



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The ability of a digital computer or computer-controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings.

(Britannica)

An algorithm is simply a "set of instructions," a formula for processing data. All takes this to another level, and can be made up of a set of algorithms that have the capacity to change and rewrite themselves in response to the data inputted, hence displaying "intelligence." Kaya Ismail



Maps & Navigation

Facial Detection & Recognition

Text Editors or Autocorrect

Search and Recommendation Algorithms

Chatbots Digital Assistants

Social Media E-Payments



Other Industry AI Examples

Transportation (autonomous vehicles)

Manufacturing (robots and sensors)

Healthcare (diagnostics and monitoring)

Education (digital media, student monitoring)

Media (financial reports)

Customer Service (Al assistant)

All already plays a major role in the hiring process, so much so that up to 75% of resumes are rejected by an automated applicant tracking system, or ATS, before they even reach a human being.



Al Concerns

Job Displacement

Privacy

Bias

Descrimination

Ethics

The bottom 50 percent of the world in terms of income or education will be badly hurt with job displacement,

Massive amounts of centralized data causes privacy concerns- there is an increasing appetite for data regulation worldwide

Algorithm bias or discrimination- There has been a bill introduced into Congress entitled the Algorithmic Accountability Act with the goal of forcing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the use of any new AI technology for the potential to perpetuate bias.

Ethical decision making- if an autonomous or self-driving car has to choose between hitting another vehicle or hitting a pedestrian, how should it be programmed to respond?

QUESTIONS or COMMENTS?

