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Below are the Top 10 technologies everyone is talking about right now. Remember to ANALYZE technologies, ASSESS the business implications and ADAPT to a new reality.

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• 0	1	Artificial Intelligence COMPUTERS WITH COGNITIVE CAPABILITIES consultants are using AI to scare incumbents. Short term hype, but long term transformational impact. No need to fear Skynet (as of now, that is)!	
1 0	2	Genetic Engineering CHANGE GENETIC TRAITS TO IMPROVE AN ORGANISM CRISPr on the rise, but there's different moral and legal frameworks around the world! Ethics is becoming a competitive advantage in research.	
† 0	3	5G NEXT GENERATION HIGH SPEED, LOW LATENCY MOBILE NETWORKS massive 5G advertising in airports but still very low end user interest. Telcos can't wait until AR and autonomous cars are becoming mainstream!	
↓ 0	4	Augmented Reality THE PHYSICAL WORLD THROUGH ENHANCED AUGMENTATION (YEAH!) recent releases from major players are actually not really living up to the hype. Any killer apps around the corner? When will Apple launch their device?	
† 0	5	Blockchain DISTRIBUTED DATABASE OF TRANSACTIONS, I E BITCOIN cryptocurrencies is feeling more and more like a cult. That said, interesting blockchain applications starts to appear.	
↑ 0	6	Quantum Computing INTRICATE COMPUTING IN THE QUANTUM REALM we've reached a state of quantum supremacy! Everyone's fired up, but still a long way to go until we have quantum laptops, smartphones or toasters.	(
† 0	7	Autonomous Vehicles TRANSPORTATION REINVENTED, FLEXIBLE AND OFTEN AUTONOMOUS this is the holy strategic Grail for car companies, but no level 5 autonomy within reach. Automotive industry searching for future business models.	
1 0	8	Smart Robots INTELLIGENT ROBOTS WITH HUMAN CAPABILITIES some amazing concepts released lately. Still no general robotic use case but impressive niche applications in the works!	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
↑ 0	9	Human Enhancement COGNITIVE AND PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BODY temporary or permanent enhancement, all depending on the occasion. The end of disabilities? Robolympics anyone? Over-the-air memory upgrades?	
↓ 1	0	Space Access REUSABLE ROCKETS MAKES ORBITAL LAUNCHES MORE "AFFORDABLE" Space tourism, microsatellites and asteroid mining is revolutionizing the way we think about space! To infinity and beyond	

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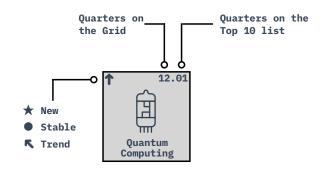
The Techstorm[™] 42 Forecast Grid, showing strategic relevance and urgency. Understand these perspectives and monitor movement to get the timing right!

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LOW STRATEGIC URGENCY **HIGH**

PREPARE ACT When the technology is When a technology is less established, but will imminent, and will have STRATEGIC RELEVANCE potentially have major significant impact on your impact in the future. business environment. Be creative around Analyze, assess and potential applications. adapt! **REVIEW** MONITOR When neither timing nor relevance makes the When a technology is imminent, but today not technology worthy of your necessarily relevant for attention. your industry. Come back for review at Keep an eye on industries that have embraced the regular intervals, look for weak signals. technology

STRATEGIC URGENCY



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Behind the Techstorm[™] 42 Forecast Grid is a set of 100+ technologies that are closely monitored and evaluated in real-time through a combination of data analytics and subjective reasoning.

INSTRUMENTATION

Mind Control Mind Upload **Genetic Mapping eHealth** Wearables

Hyperspectral Imaging **Electron Microscopy** Lidar and Radar

Biometrics

Biochip

ROBOTICS

Humanoid Robots Nanohots **Robotised Services Haptic Robotics Human Augmentation** Exoskeletons Swarm Intelligence Remote robotics

TELECOMMUNICATION

IC transmissions **Photonics** Lasers

Communication Microsatellites

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Speech Recognition/Synthesis Machine Learning Deep Learning Neural Networks Pattern Recognition Factial Recognition Bots Real Time 3D-modelling 3D scanning Deep Learning Material

MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY

Frictionless Materials **Light and Strong Materials Insulating Materials**

Compounds 3D Printing Fibers Nanomaterials Nanomaterials Production Circular Economy Antibacterial Surfaces Structural Materials Artificial muscle Fresh Water **Smart Materials Asteroid Mining**

COMPUTING ARCHITECTURE

Computer Memory 2.0 **Neural Computing** Quantum Computing Nano-electronics Computing Power 2.0

MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

Autonomous Vehicles Micromobility Drones Light Aircrafts 24/7 Aircrafts Radical Vessels Hyperloops Space Access

PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Things 3D Printing Construction 3D Printing Self-organizing **Internet of Things** Radical Production

DIGITALIZATION OF SENSORY DATA

AR **Holograms**

Cyborgs

Virtual User Interfaces

BIOTECH AND PHARMACOLOGY

Longevity Cloning **Genetic Modification** Synthetic Biology **Precision Medicine Epigenetics Optogenetics 3D Bioprinting** Dementia Cure **Artificial Meat Automated Farming** Nanocellulose Cryogenics Neuroenhancers **Nootropics**

ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Photovoltaics Heat Capture High Power Storage **High Capacity Batteries Artificial Photosynthesis** Fuel Cells Hydrogen Storage Off Grid Solutions Carbon Capture **Fusion Power Kinetic Energy Harvesting** Ray Guns and Rail Guns Wireless Energy Transfer Vehicle Power Sources

CROWDSOURCING PLATFORMS

Gamification Cryptocurrencies Crowdfunding/Microfinancing Flipped Learning **Encryption** Open Source **Sharing Economy**

GLOBALIZING TECH INTERFACES

Modular Robotics M2M Trade **Surveillance Microsatellites Cloud Computing Edge Computing Blockchain Tokens**

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