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ON TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

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How Tech Can Make 2023 More Fun (Even Business)

December 6, 2022

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*Welcome to the
Austin Forum on Technology & Society!*

*Thank you for joining our community
online or in-person!*

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Before we get started, join our slack

Why join the Austin Forum Slack workspace?

- Continue and deepen the conversation after Austin Forum events
- Find new opportunities for collaboration, mentoring, working, and more
- Promote local events and relevant Tech & Society opportunities
- Because this gives *everyone* in our community—online and in-person—the *same* way to ask questions!
- ***We are going to clean up up channels and simplify the space before the next event***

How?

1. Open a web browser
2. Go to: www.austinforum.org/slack
3. Click “Join the Austin Forum Slack Workspace”
4. Enter your email address
5. Check your email to confirm Slack invitation
6. Enter your name and click “Create Account”
7. You’re in! You can use the Slack mobile app now, too.
8. To submit questions during the event, in the channel **#event-questions** (add to your view using + **Add channels**)

We have 4 kinds of programming!

Events	Online
<p>Presentation + Networking events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live• Monthly• Presenter-focused• In-person and online—hybrid• Recording and slides posted online	<p>Podcasts – Austin Forum Upload (<i>new in January!</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audio only• Weekly• Conversation formats• Hosted in podcast stores, AF website
<p>Discussion events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live• Monthly• Participatory for everyone• In-person <i>or</i> online• Never recorded!	<p>Blog – Austin Forum Update (<i>reboot in January!</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text/graphics, web-based (or Medium)• Weekly• “techsplanations,” interviews, analyses/positions, and series• Hosted on Medium

Austin Forum Upload: New episodes coming soon!



- We will be *weekly* in January!
- Lots of good episodes to enjoy over the winter holidays!
- Upcoming topics include:
 - Quantum computing
 - Innovation
 - Data, data analytics, data science

Austin Forum Presentation + Networking Events: Experts Share, Inform & Inspire

We bring leaders, thinkers, builders, creators, and learners together to [connect, collaborate, contribute!](#)



6:00-6:15

“Doors open” for Zoom and room—mingle with in-person speakers or chat with online speakers in Zoom.
*Please self-introduce in **Zoom Chat!***

6:15-7:25

Main event & presentation
*Ask questions in **AF Slack #event-questions** channel,
Tweet with **#funAF @AustinForum***



7:25-7:40

Q&A with presenters

7:40-7:45

Final comments/slides

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Q: What technology is a source of happiness in your daily life?

(discuss with nearby attendee or type in Zoom chat, 30 seconds)

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Questions for
speakers?

Submit questions in
the AF Slack channel

#event-questions
for a chance to win a
SXSW 2023 Badge!

*Must be in-person and present at
~7:40PM to win!*

*Must use your name (first and
last) on questions!*



SXSW 

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And now, our featured presentation...

Please:

- ✓ Ask questions in the AF Slack in the [#event-questions](#) channel
- ✓ Share key points via Twitter w/hashtag [#funAF](#) and tag [@AustinForum](#)
- ✓ ***Please be respectful*** of our speakers & audience in your comments & questions
- ✓ Learn, think, enjoy!





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Co-Founder / CTO
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Co-Founder / CTO
WaveXR

Programmer / Designer / VFX Lead
Portalarium

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Kalani Games

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Data

Software / Hardware
Machine Learning



- Gaming -

Be the hero of a thousand stories

- **Sony**
- **Microsoft**
- **Oculus / Meta**
- **HTC Vive**
- **Apple?**
- **Nintendo?!?**



- Education -

The joy of learning

Data Monitoring / Collection

Cost Effective Training Solutions

Social Interactions



- **Applicable Training** -

Cost effective training and onboarding for skilled professionals.



Social Connection

Conferences / Meetups / Concerts





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10-15 DECEMBER 2022
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Immersive Media

Rapid advancement of technology directly effects efficiency and productivity in almost every industry.

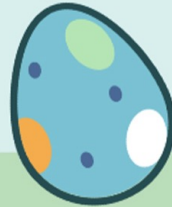
Digital media has become a successful career for many content creators and influencers.

Geo-location will allow for individuals and companies to use real world locations for media and marketing.

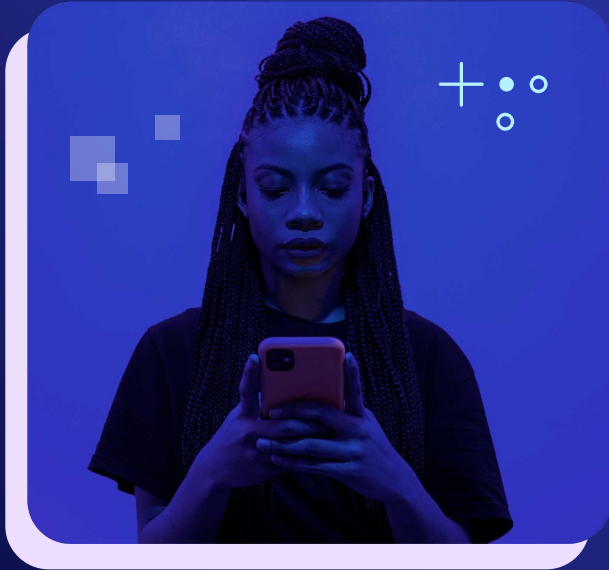


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Data Collection

Machine Learning is shaping the future.

Shopping

Marketing / Advertising

Neural Networks

Music & Artwork



Neural Networks

A series of algorithms that endeavors to recognize underlying relationships in a set of data through a process that mimics the human mind.






Generated "Art"



"A MEDIEVAL PAINTING OF A LEGENDARY TAMAGOTCHI."

- @IgllooGhost

A futuristic tunnel with glowing blue lines and an astronaut walking away. The tunnel is composed of multiple parallel lines that create a sense of depth and perspective. The astronaut is in the center, walking away from the viewer towards a bright light at the end of the tunnel. The overall color scheme is dark blue and black, with bright blue highlights from the glowing lines.

**Everything you can
imagine is real.**

-Picasso



Thank you!

Questions?



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Q&A for

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Q: What is the best thing you learned tonight?

(30 seconds)

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Join Us for More Great Content in 2023

- **Schedule is posted at www.austinforum.org**
- Presentation and discussion topics for 2023 will include
 - Tech trends for 2023 (and beyond)!
 - Tech & money, markets, finance
 - Metaverse
 - Manufacturing tech
 - AI and data science
 - Robotics, autonomous vehicles/drones,
 - Personal digital health & wellness tech
 - and more!



Plus:

- New podcast episodes
- Rebooted blog
- and maybe some hands-on labs and tutorials!

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