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Subject: Brain downloads 'possible by 2050'

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JzinskyAlso yes we should heed the warnings. This is beginning to sound like the matrix. First of all if there is no physical contact in society (such as suggested in the article) then how will reproduction occur? How does physical care for people occur, if everyone's in a virtual world?

Furthermore, I can figure that by this time such a computer could also be self-powered, thus creating a cyborg of sorts. What are they going to do, shoot you? Take you to prison? You're practically invincibleYes, heed the warnings.

Who said there would be no physical contact in society? I was under the impression that the virtual world would be there for a business platform, and after you're finished, you'd come to the real world. Realistically, if people start to become engrossed within the virtual world, that's when we'll need to take a step back and think about what we're getting ourselves into. But really, just like Morpheus said in the Matrix (paraphrasing): "What is 'real'? How can you define real? If real is what you can see, smell, taste, and touch, then it is simply electronic signals interpreted by your brain."

Such a computer wouldn't necessarily need to be self-powered, but it would definitely need some sort of emergency power in the event of a brownout or short power outage. Yes, you are creating a cyborg, even if of sorts. A sledgehammer would work well, unless you've been dumb enough to give it automated defences... in which case, you've got bigger problems to think about.

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