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<p>From: DickSpydare (Original Message) Sent: 11/22/2007 6:01 PM</p> <p>Evolution of humour could make computers laugh DID you hear the one about the computer with a sense of humour? Didn't think so. Computers can do many things, but stand-up comedy is not one of them. Yet the idea that computers can be witty might not be all that far-fetched. Perhaps machines need not be conscious to understand humour, and even to invent and tell jokes. Physicist Igor Suslov of the Kapitza Institute for Physical Problems in Moscow, Russia, has designed a computer model which he says explains the evolution of humour. Our ability to experience humour, he suggests, ultimately depends on quirks in how the brain handles information. As a student, Suslov performed in the university theatre. "We didn't have much time to write our plays," he recalls. "I began to wonder if it might be possible to create jokes more or less automatically."</p>		

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<p>From: MEL O FELOH8 Sent: 11/22/2007 7:04 PM</p> <p>Oh great, so Jay Leno will be replaced by a robot and the writers can stop their picketing because they will be out of jobs. Mel</p>		

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<p>From: °±Çôšmíc±° Sent: 11/23/2007 9:09 PM</p> <p>Hummm when I think of computers with humor I think of the really crappy science fiction movies and TV series with robots with intolerably cute mannerisms, jokes even signs of cowardly behaviour. Yuk ! I realize that true humor is a huge step to AI but I think I would be turning the wise cracking witty repartee off. I can already see appliances being programmed with Hey Fat boy do you really think that big butt requires another slice of pie. I think the novelty of my laptop zinging oneliners would be cute for just a bit then just be another function I do not use. Then again a computer could not do any worse than what is considered popular entertainment and so called reality shows. I am so proud there are still ways to turn off technology when the mood requires.</p> <p>Cosmic</p>		

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From: [DavidMusick7](#)

Sent: 11/24/2007 3:25 AM

I think that once computers are intelligent enough and comprehend enough about the world and human nature to be able to come up with really funny jokes, they will be very much like people. I doubt that telling jokes is all they would be good at. So, in many ways, they might be like a really funny friend, who could also be serious and talk about other things too.

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Sent: 11/24/2007 7:47 PM

Who knows, one day we may each have a valet, friend and companion that is a robot. It would know how best we learn, what we find interesting, what we find funny, etc.

[Reply](#)[Recommend](#)[Message 6](#) of 6 in DiscussionFrom: [MEL_O_FELOH8](#)

Sent: 11/27/2007 4:58 PM

Nice, an eternal mother, I wonder if we could order a nice Jewish mother?
Mel

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