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### **Language on the Edge of Science and Technology** Basic Books

Looks at how the Internet is affecting businesses, education, and government, touching on the twelve themes of the new economy and privacy issues

### **The Life, Death, and Legacy of One Laptop per Child** Henry Holt and Company

The technological realm provides an unusually active laboratory not only for new ideas and products but also for the remarkable linguistic innovations that accompany and describe them. How else would words like qubit (a unit of quantum information), crowdsourcing (outsourcing to the masses), or in vitro meat (chicken and beef grown in an industrial vat) enter our language? In *Virtual Words: Language on the Edge of Science and Technology*, Jonathon Keats, author of *Wired Magazine's* monthly Jargon Watch column, investigates the interplay between words and ideas in our fast-paced tech-driven use-it-or-lose-it society. In

28 illuminating short essays, Keats examines how such words get coined, what relationship they have to their subject matter, and why some, like blog, succeed while others, like flog, fail. Divided into broad categories--such as commentary, promotion, and slang, in addition to scientific and technological neologisms--chapters each consider one exemplary word, its definition, origin, context, and significance. Examples range from microbiome (the collective genome of all microbes hosted by the human body) and unparticle (a form of matter lacking definite mass) to gene foundry (a laboratory where artificial life forms are assembled) and singularity (a hypothetical future moment when technology transforms the whole universe into a sentient supercomputer). Together these words provide not only a survey of technological invention and its consequences, but also a fascinating glimpse of novel language as it comes into being. No one knows this emerging lexical terrain better than Jonathon Keats. In writing that is as inventive and engaging as the language it describes, *Virtual Words* offers endless delights for word-lovers, technophiles, and anyone intrigued by the essential human obsession with naming.

[Mass Media in a Popular Culture](#) Macmillan

Being DigitalVintage

The Language Teacher Rebel Simon and Schuster

A lively exploration of the mysteries of modern technology examines the realities of multimedia, virtual reality, the Internet, CD-ROM, and other innovations; speculates about technology's future; and analyzes the social implications of technology.

Reprint. 125,000 first printing.

*Total Recall* Universe Pub

A renowned business leader and irreverent futurist offers an uncensored and sometimes disturbing commentary on how today's dramatic advances in technology will alter the way we live and think. The technology is inevitable: Cochrane argues that the only question is whether we will embrace it or fear it. 24 photos.

Seeing Digital LifeTree Media

The first generation of Digital Natives children who were born into and raised in the digital world are coming of age, and soon our world will be reshaped in their image. Our economy, our politics, our culture, and even the shape of our family life will be forever transformed. But who are these Digital Natives? And what is the world they're creating going to look like? In *Born Digital*, leading Internet and technology experts John Palfrey and Urs Gasser offer a sociological portrait of these young people, who can seem, even to those merely a generation older, both extraordinarily sophisticated and strangely narrow. Exploring a broad range of issues, from the highly philosophical to the purely practical, *Born Digital* will be essential reading for parents, teachers, and the myriad of confused adults who want to understand the digital present and shape the digital future.

*Vaporized* Sage Publications Pvt. Limited

A fascinating examination of technological utopianism and its complicated consequences. In *The Charisma Machine*, Morgan Ames chronicles the life and legacy of the One Laptop per Child project and explains why—despite its failures—the same utopian visions that inspired OLPC still motivate other projects trying to use technology to “disrupt” education and development. Announced in 2005 by MIT Media Lab cofounder Nicholas Negroponte, One Laptop per Child promised to transform the lives of children across the Global South with a small, sturdy, and cheap laptop computer, powered by a hand crank. In reality, the project fell short in many ways—starting with the hand crank, which never materialized. Yet the project remained charismatic to many who were captivated by its claims of access to educational opportunities previously out of reach. Behind its promises, OLPC, like many technology projects that make similarly grand claims, had a fundamentally flawed vision of who the computer was made for and what role technology should play in learning. Drawing on fifty years of history and a seven-month study of a model OLPC project in Paraguay, Ames reveals that the laptops were not only frustrating to use, easy to break, and hard to repair, they were designed for “technically precocious boys”—idealized younger versions of the developers themselves—rather than the children who were actually using them. *The Charisma Machine* offers a cautionary tale about the allure of technology hype and the problems that result when utopian dreams drive technology development.

*Divided Democracy in the Age of Social Media* Princeton University Press

Postdigital Aesthetics is a contribution to questions raised by our newly computational everyday lives and the aesthetics which reflect both the postdigital nature of this age, but also critical perspectives of a post-internet world.

Integrating Digital Technology into the Fabric of Our Lives Crown Business

Offers management strategies for creating the workplace needed

to develop profitable digital innovations

*An Introduction* MIT Press

"John Maeda deconstructs the digital world with the earned authority of an M.I.T.-trained computer scientist and a card-carrying artist. Being ambidextrous with Eastern and Western cultures, he can see things most of us overlook. The result is a humor and expression that brings out the best in computers and art."--Nicholas Negroponte John Maeda is one of the world's leading experimental graphic designers and is quickly becoming a digital culture icon. His early preoccupation with the intersection of computer programming and digital art has resulted in a fascinating, interactive, and stunningly beautiful collection of work. Maeda has pioneered many of the key expressive elements that are prevalent on the web today. Among his most well-known works are *The Reactive Square*, which features a simple black square on a computer screen that changes shape if one yells at it, and *Time Paint*, in which paint flies across the screen. He has created innovative, interactive calendars, digital services, and advertisements for companies such as Sony, Shiseido, and Absolut Vodka. This is the first publication to present a complete overview of Maeda's work and philosophy. A glorious visual exploration of ideas and graphic form, *Maeda @ Media* takes you through Maeda's beginnings in early computerized printouts, to his reactive graphics on CD-ROM, to his dynamic experiments on the web, to his pedagogical approach to digital visual art, and finally to his overarching quest to understand the very nature of the relationship between technology and creativity. Six thematic chapters provide an overview of his entire career and research. But this is not just a catalog of older work: interspersed between each chapter is a new visual essay that has been created exclusively for this publication to underline each of the major themes. Coming together in a massive 480 pages, printed in a dazzling array of color combinations on three different kinds of paper, the result is a manifesto, a finely crafted manual and inspiration sourcebook all in one. With over 1000 illustrations.

**Being Digital** MIT Press (MA)

This text shows us how to approach the Internet as responsible people. Democracy, it maintains, depends on shared experiences and requires people to be exposed to topics and ideas that they would not have chosen in advance.

**Theories of Media Evolution** Vintage

Aimed at the non-expert, this is a guide to survival on the information superhighway.

*Lefebvre, Love and Struggle* Coronet

Lefebvre, Love and Struggle provides the only comprehensive guide to Lefebvre's work. It is an accessible introduction to one of the most significant European thinkers of the twentieth century. Rob Shields draws on the full range of Lefebvre's writings, including many previously untranslated and unpublished works and correspondence. Topics covered include Lefebvre's early relationship with Marxism, his critique of the rise of fascism, as well as his *Critique of Everyday Life* and the significant work on urban space for which he is best known today.

**Toward a More Human Environment** Currency

The Second Edition of this bestselling text takes a unique approach to the study of mass communication and cultural studies by examining media as a whole - newspapers, books, magazines, radio, television, film - and its relationship with culture and society. Rather than viewing each major medium separately, authors Lawrence Grossberg, Ellen Wartella, D. Charles Whitney, and J. Macgregor Wise contend that mass communication cannot be studied apart from the other institutions in society and the other dimensions of social life - each is shaping and defining the other. *MediaMaking: Mass Media*

in a Popular Culture explores the variety of ways in which the media are involved in our social lives, including the institutional, economic, social, cultural, and historical aspects.

Why People Become Lawyers, and What the Profession Does to Them University of Michigan Press

A sourcebook of historical written texts, video documentation, and working programs that form the foundation of new media. This reader collects the texts, videos, and computer programs—many of them now almost impossible to find—that chronicle the history and form the foundation of the still-emerging field of new media. General introductions by Janet Murray and Lev Manovich, along with short introductions to each of the texts, place the works in their historical context and explain their significance. The texts were originally published between World War II—when digital computing, cybernetic feedback, and early notions of hypertext and the Internet first appeared—and the emergence of the World Wide Web—when they entered the mainstream of public life. The texts are by computer scientists, artists, architects, literary writers, interface designers, cultural critics, and individuals working across disciplines. The contributors include (chronologically) Jorge Luis Borges, Vannevar Bush, Alan Turing, Ivan Sutherland, William S. Burroughs, Ted Nelson, Italo Calvino, Marshall McLuhan, Jean Baudrillard, Nicholas Negroponte, Alan Kay, Bill Viola, Sherry Turkle, Richard Stallman, Brenda Laurel, Langdon Winner, Robert Coover, and Tim Berners-Lee. The CD accompanying the book contains examples of early games, digital art, independent literary efforts, software created at universities, and home-computer commercial software. Also on the CD is digitized video, documenting new media programs and artwork for which no operational version exists. One example is a video record of Douglas Engelbart's first presentation of the mouse, word processor, hyperlink, computer-supported cooperative work, video conferencing, and the dividing up of the screen we now call non-overlapping windows; another is documentation of Lynn Hershman's Lorna, the first interactive video art installation.

How Digital Is Your Business? John Wiley & Sons

"An excellent primer on what it means to live digitally. It should be required reading for adults trying to understand the next generation." -- Nicholas Negroponte, author of *Being Digital* The first generation of children who were born into and raised in the digital world are coming of age and reshaping the world in their image. Our economy, our politics, our culture, and even the shape of our family life are being transformed. But who are these wired young people? And what is the world they're creating going to look like? In this revised and updated edition, leading Internet and technology experts John Palfrey and Urs Gasser offer a cutting-edge sociological portrait of these young people, who can seem, even to those merely a generation older, both extraordinarily sophisticated and strangely narrow. Exploring a broad range of issues -- privacy concerns, the psychological effects of information overload, and larger ethical issues raised by the fact that young people's social interactions, friendships, and civic activities are now mediated by digital technologies -- *Born Digital* is essential reading for parents, teachers, and the myriad of confused adults who want to understand the digital present and shape the digital future.

Art, Computation And Design Teach Yourself

Do you want to start teaching a language online, be your own boss and be able to work from anywhere that has a wifi? Do you

want to make a difference in the world by using your language skills to integrate people and give them the confidence they need to develop? This timely book covers everything needed to set up a successful online language teaching business, from creating the right mindset, tech and marketing, to designing products and services, finding students online, growing your business and more. More than a manual, it is also a rallying call for teachers - or language teacher rebels - to share cultural values beyond the traditional classroom and encourage integration on a worldwide scale. An accompanying, complementary Language Teacher Rebel Toolkit, containing a wealth of editable, effective and time-saving templates for all the essential documents needed to set up and run an online language teaching business, is available for sale at [library.teachyourself.com](http://library.teachyourself.com). Including planners, email scripts and financial templates, this toolkit has everything you need to get organized and get teaching.

The Media Lab Penguin Books

The rise of digital media has been widely regarded as transforming the nature of our social experience in the twenty-first century. The speed with which new forms of connectivity and communication are being incorporated into our everyday lives often gives us little time to stop and consider the social implications of those practices. Nonetheless, it is critically important that we do so, and this sociological introduction to the field of digital technologies is intended to enable a deeper understanding of their prominent role in everyday life. The fundamental theoretical and ethical debates on the sociology of the digital media are presented in accessible summaries, ranging from economy and technology to criminology and sexuality. Key theoretical paradigms are explored through a broad range of contemporary social phenomena - from social networking and virtual lives to the rise of cybercrime and identity theft, from the utopian ideals of virtual democracy to the Orwellian nightmare of the surveillance society, from the free software movement to the implications of online shopping. As an entry-level pathway for students in sociology, media, communications and cultural studies, the aim of this work is to situate the rise of digital media within the context of a complex and rapidly changing world.

What It Takes to Dominate the 21st Century Economy Vintage

Computer science as an engineering discipline has been spectacularly successful. Yet it is also a philosophical enterprise in the way it represents the world and creates and manipulates models of reality, people, and action. In this book, Paul Dourish addresses the philosophical bases of human-computer interaction. He looks at how what he calls "embodied interaction"—an approach to interacting with software systems that emphasizes skilled, engaged practice rather than disembodied rationality—reflects the phenomenological approaches of Martin Heidegger, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and other twentieth-century philosophers. The phenomenological tradition emphasizes the primacy of natural practice over abstract cognition in everyday activity. Dourish shows how this perspective can shed light on the foundational underpinnings of current research on embodied interaction. He looks in particular at how tangible and social approaches to interaction are related, how they can be used to analyze and understand embodied interaction, and how they could affect the design of future interactive systems.

The Foundations of Embodied Interaction H B S Press

Top media studies scholars discuss the evolution of media

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