

# Artificial Intelligence (AI): Where Are We, Where Are We Going, and What Should We Be Worrying About?



Are you looking forward to driverless vehicles, robots, computers and machines that guide your life? Fasten your seatbelt, for we are headed into the AI age. Recent years have witnessed tremendous progress in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), with significant impact on the fields of medicine, education, transportation and more. Advances made in AI include everything from machines that can learn and process language, robots that have vision and human-computer interaction, to cars that drive us autonomously. As we look at the current state of AI, and all of the implications for our lives, many wonder what the future holds. Please join us as University of Michigan experts share recent progress in Artificial Intelligence, and give us a road-map to what lies ahead and what we should know.

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Walter S. Lasecki is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the UM College of Engineering where he directs the Crowds+Machines (CROMA) Lab. He and his students create interactive intelligent systems that are robust enough to be used in real-world settings by combining both human and machine intelligence to exceed the capabilities of each. These systems help people become more productive, and improve access to the world for people with disabilities. Dr. Lasecki received his Ph.D and M.S. from the University of Rochester in 2015 and a B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics from Virginia Tech in 2010. He has previously held visiting research positions at Carnegie Mellon University, Stanford, Microsoft Research, and Google[x].

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