

Can we bring our technology choices back under control?

...a clear and compelling exploration of what is wrong with the technosphere,
and what we can do about it.

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...we need to work out where we go from here, individually and, more importantly,
collectively. Dmitry Orlov guides us through this process more effectively,
and entertainingly, than almost anyone else writing today.

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OVER THE PAST two centuries we have witnessed a wholesale replacement
of most of the previous methods of conducting both business and daily life
with new, technologically advanced, more efficient methods.

What exactly is progressive or efficient about this new arrangement is hardly
ever examined in depth: if the new ways of doing things are so much better,
then we must all be leading relaxed, stress-free, enjoyable lives with plenty
of free time to devote to art and leisure activities. But a more careful look
at these changes shows us that many of these advances are not weighing
favorably in a harm/benefit comparison. The harm to the environment, society,
and even to our own personalities, on an individual level, is plain to see, but is
brushed off with hollow claims about efficiency and progress.

Shrinking the Technosphere guides readers through the process of bringing
technology down to a manageable number of carefully chosen, essential,
well-understood and controllable elements. It is about regaining the freedom
to use technology for our own benefit, and is critical reading for all who seek to
get back to a point where technologies assist us rather than control us.

Shrinking the Technosphere is part self-help book, part philosophical
tour de force. It is both entertaining and shockingly eye-opening;
it is a book that liberates the mind.

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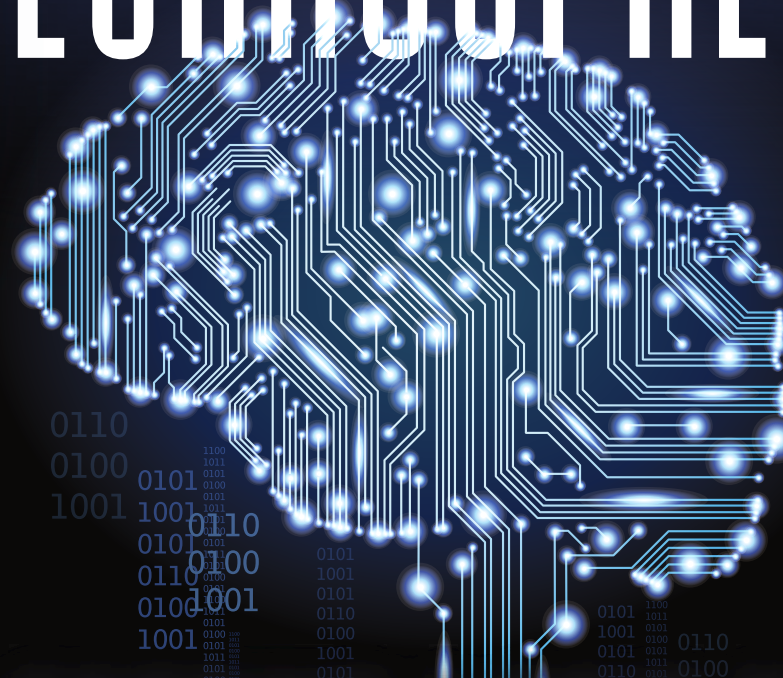


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