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ON TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

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*Welcome to the*  
***Austin Forum on Technology & Society!***

*We bring leaders, thinkers, builders, creators, and learners together to **connect, collaborate, and contribute!***

*Thank you for joining our community  
online or in-person!*



# Global Energy Trends & Transitions

**August 31, 2023**

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- Attend the annual meeting & VIP reception
- Offer input into programming topics, invited speakers, and events
- Get cool AF swag
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# We have 6 ways to learn, share, connect!

| Live monthly events                                                                                                                                                                                   | Online content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Presentation + Networking events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expert presenter-focused</li><li>• In-person and online—hybrid</li><li>• Recording and slides posted online</li></ul> | <b>Slack Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get updates and register for events</li><li>• Learn more about the Austin Forum</li><li>• Ask questions, share, etc. (Slack)</li></ul>                                                      |
| <b>Meetup discussion events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participatory for everyone</li><li>• In-person <b>only</b></li><li>• Never recorded—speak freely!</li></ul>                   | <b>Podcasts – Austin Forum Upload</b> <i>(new episodes weekly)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audio only</li><li>• Conversation formats</li><li>• Hosted in all major podcast stores, AF website</li></ul>                                    |
| <b>Book discussion events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participatory for everyone</li><li>• Online <b>only</b></li><li>• Never recorded—speak freely!</li></ul>                        | <b>Blog – Austin Forum Update</b> <i>(September 2023)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web-based (on Medium)</li><li>• Weekly(ish) articles</li><li>• Multiple formats: “Techsplinations,” interviews, analyses/positions, and series</li></ul> |

# Before we get started, join our slack

## *Why join the Austin Forum Slack workspace?*

1. Continue and deepen the conversation after Austin Forum events
2. Find new opportunities for collaboration, mentoring, working, and more
3. Promote local events and relevant Tech & Society opportunities
4. Because this gives *everyone* in our community—online and in-person—the *same* way to ask questions!

## *How?*

1. Open a web browser
2. Go to: [www.austinforum.org/slack](http://www.austinforum.org/slack)
3. Click “Join the Austin Forum Slack Workspace”
4. Enter your email address
5. Check your email to confirm Slack invitation
6. Enter your name and click “Create Account”
7. You’re in! You can use the Slack mobile app now, too.
8. Add channels to your view using + **Add channels**)

# Austin Forum Upload: New episodes out now!



## New episodes!

- **#66 – Web 3.0: It's Coming, It's Different, and Why You Should Care!**
- **#65 - Quantum Computing: Weird, Transformational, and Coming Sooner than You Think!**
- **#64 - Episode 64 - How Can Companies and Organizations Protect Against Cyberthreats?**

New episodes soon with leaders in:

- Women in Tech
- Austin Tech Ecosystem
- Cybersecurity

***Q: What is the top thing you or your company/organization do to save energy or to use clean energy? (30 seconds)***

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Questions for  
speakers?

Submit questions in  
the AF Slack channel

**#energy**

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# And now, our featured presentation...

## Please:

***Respect our speakers & audience***

by not talking during the  
presentation

***Silence your cellphones***

***Ask questions*** in the Austin Forum  
Slack in the **#energy** channel

***Learn, think, and enjoy!***







# Global Energy Trends & Transitions

**August 31, 2023**

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**Dr. Michael E. Webber**  
CTO, **Energy Impact Partners**  
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# Global Energy Trends & Transitions Q&A



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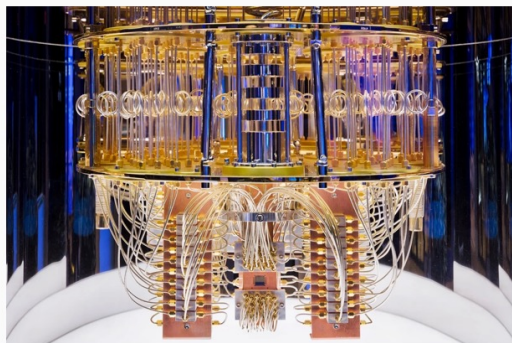
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# Donate Your Unused Tech!

- If you have computers, tablets, or smartphones no longer being used, please help those in need
- Bring your devices to any in-person event, and we'll donate to our worthy charities!





September 5, 2023

# Quantum Computing: The Next Technological Evolution

6:15 p.m. CDT | **In-person** (including networking) and **Online** (Zoom)

REGISTER

## Location

### **In-person**

Austin Central Library

710 W. César Chávez St.  
Austin, TX 78701

### **Online**

On Zoom  
(register for event to receive link)

## Agenda

**5:15-6:15 p.m.** Networking

**6:15-7:30 p.m.** Presentation

**7:30-7:45 p.m.** Q&A

**8:00 p.m.** Networking at Trifecta

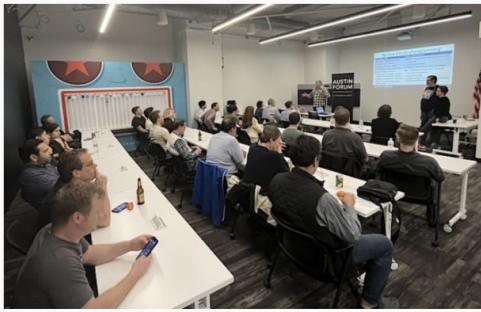
## Speaker

**William "whurley" Hurley**, Founder and  
CEO, Strangeworks

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September 13, 2023

# Austin AI Ecosystem Initiative: Decisions & Formation Meeting

6:30 p.m. CDT | **In-person**

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## Location

**In-person**

Capital Factory, Voltron Room  
701 Brazos Street Austin, TX 78701

## Agenda

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | **Discussion**

## Moderator

**Jay Boisseau**, Executive Director, Austin Forum on Technology & Society

## Event Summary

This is the third meeting for Austin AI professionals, companies, and organizations to discuss the formation of an Austin AI Ecosystem Initiative, including the opportunities, scope, possible goals, and more. The first meeting in April 2023 covered the reasons for coming together, potential benefits, and potential goals and benefits. The second meeting on July 27 will discuss and draft priorities and goals, governance and participation models, and working groups and communications. This third meeting in September 2023 is for stakeholders to make decisions on these topics. The **Austin Forum on Technology & Society**, a longstanding technology non-profit (501c3), hosted the first and second meetings



September 28, 2023

## Discussion of "We Are Legion (We Are Bob)"

7:15 p.m. CDT | **Online**

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### Location

#### **Online**

Zoom (register for event to receive link)

### Agenda

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. | **Discussion**

### Moderator

**Julie Tomlin**, Event Coordinator, [Austin Forum on Technology & Society](#)

### Event Summary

Join us for an upcoming book club event featuring 'We Are Legion (We Are Bob)' by Dennis E. Taylor. Delve into the sci-fi journey of Bob Johansson, an engineer turned AI who finds himself uploaded into a Von Neumann probe after his untimely demise. As he explores the universe, replicating himself and encountering various challenges, he transforms into a legion of Bobs, each with a unique personality and

# Join Us for More Great Content in 2023

- **Schedule posted at [www.austinforum.org](http://www.austinforum.org)**
- Additional presentation topics for 2023 will include
  - Quantum computing
  - 3D printing everything
  - Digital privacy, trust, ethics debate
  - Gaming and e-entertainment
  - Cybersecurity
  - Health & precision medicine
  - and more!



## **Plus:**

- New podcast episodes **now**
- In-person meetups
- Online book discussions



# Join us to learn, share, discuss!!



*Please share the upcoming events with your friends  
and colleagues!*



# Austin Forum Team!



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***Q: What is the best thing you learned tonight?***

(30 seconds)

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# Networking is back! Join us at BD Riley's



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