

AUSTIN FORUM

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Making the Metaverse Matter

May 9, 2023

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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!*

Austin Forum Team!



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Our Annual Partners Make This Possible!



Please contact us if you want to become an annual partner!

Before we get started, join our slack

Why join the Austin Forum Slack workspace?

- Continue and deepen the conversation after Austin Forum events
- Find new opportunities for collaboration, mentoring, working, and more
- Promote local events and relevant Tech & Society opportunities
- Because this gives *everyone* in our community—online and in-person—the *same* way to ask questions!
- ***We are going to clean up up channels and simplify the space before the next event***

How?

1. Open a web browser
2. Go to: 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. To submit questions during the event, in the channel **#event-questions** (add to your view using + **Add channels**)

We have 4 kinds of programming!

Live onthly events	Online weekly content
Presentation + Networking events • Expert presenter-focused • In-person and online—hybrid • Recording and slides posted online	Podcasts – Austin Forum Upload (<i>new episodes!</i>) • Audio only • Conversation formats • Hosted in major podcast stores, AF website
Discussion events • Participatory for everyone • In-person or online • Never recorded—speak freely!	Blog – Austin Forum Update (<i>about to ramp</i>) • Web-based (on Medium) • Weekly(ish) articles • Multiple formats: “Techsplanations,” interviews, analyses/positions, and series

Austin Forum Upload: New episodes out now!



New episodes!

- #57: Making Good AI for Humans
- #56: The Growth and Successes of AI
- #55: Community and Culture in Computing

Austin Forum Presentation + Networking Events: Experts Share, Inform & Inspire



5:15 Cash bar opens, and free snacks. Mingle in-person w/speakers & attendees, or chat w/online attendees

6:15-7:25 **Main event & presentation**
*Ask questions in **AF Slack #event-questions** channel,
Tweet with **#metaAF @AustinForum***



7:25-7:40 **Q&A with presenters**

7:40-7:45 **Final comments/slides**

8:00 Post-event networking w/speakers, attendees, and free drinks & eats

Q: What is your favorite metaverse game, book, or movie?
(30 seconds)

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Questions for speakers?
Submit questions in the
AF Slack channel
#event-questions
for a chance to win a
SXSW 2023 or 2024
badge!

*Must be in-person and present at
~7:45PM to win!*

*Must use your name (first and
last) on questions!*



SXSW

And now, our featured presentation...

Please:

- ✓ ***Respect our speakers & audience*** by not talking during their presentation, and in your comments & questions
- ✓ ***Ask questions*** in the AF Slack in the **#event-questions** channel
- ✓ ***Share key points*** via Twitter w/hashtag **#metaAF** and tag **@AustinForum**
- ✓ ***Learn, think, and enjoy!***





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This was a live conversation, so there
are no slides

Clips & Demos

Double A Labs Clip: <https://youtu.be/a1MLvyFKb44>

The World: <https://thehub.doublea.com/>

SuperWorld: <https://youtu.be/PVoVSrH8ZmU>



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Question & Answer session for Making the Metaverse Matter

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Q: What is the best thing you learned tonight?

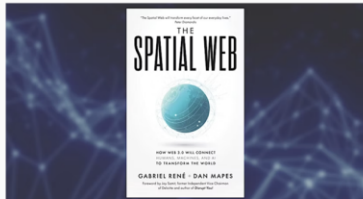
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Dig Deeper Into Tonight's Topic...



May 18, 2023

Discussion of Spatial Web: How Web 3.0 Will Connect and Transform the World

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

REGISTER

Location

Online

Zoom (register for event to receive link)

Agenda

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

Moderator

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

Event Summary

For our May online book discussion, Austin Forum Executive Director Jay Boisseau will lead us in a conversation about the book "The Spatial Web: How Web 3.0 will connect humans, machines and AI to transform the world. Authors Dan Mapes and Gabriel René dive into the world wide web's past, present, and future in this illuminating and optimistic global call to action. Understanding the web's development and the Internet's dark sides that have sprouted with these developments, provides society the opportunity to anticipate what is in the future and prepare for it. While there are potential risks to AI, AR and VR, robotics, IoT, and more, Mapes and René explore how the convergence of these technologies with human cognition will foster the Spatial Web, an iteration of the web that holds the Internet and its players accountable in a way it hasn't before. The authors are optimistic that this is an inevitable evolution of the Internet, but recognize and demand the cooperation of companies, governments, and individuals in ethical practices, social codes, and protocols. Web 3.0 offers exciting possibilities that promise a connected and sustainable future if we make the right decisions about the Spatial Web now. Join us as we discuss these possibilities and the steps of how we get there.

And More AI Coming...



June 6, 2023

Understanding and Using Generative AI

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

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

Speakers

Coming soon!

Online

On Zoom (register for event to receive link)

Event Summary

On June 6, the Austin Forum on Technology & Society will be hosting an exciting event to teach you how to use generative AI tools in co-creation of content. More than a dozen AI experts will participate in leading this event. The evening will start with a presentation of the key concepts behind generative AI and how it can be used to create novel and innovative solutions in a variety of fields. We will highlight the growing importance of generative AI tools in industries such as graphic design, marketing, and content creation, and discuss some of the most promising applications of this technology.

Following the presentation, attendees will be given the opportunity to try out various generative AI tools for themselves--bring your laptops, smartphones, etc.! (We will have virtual tables for online attendees, too.) Attendees will be able to experiment with ChatGPT, an AI-powered chatbot that can generate human-like responses to user input, Bard, an AI writing assistant that can help generate creative writing, DALL-E, an AI image generation tool that can create images from textual descriptions, MidJourney, an AI tool that can generate music in real-time, GitHub Copilot for generating code, and many more!

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Join Us for More Great Content in 2023

- **Schedule posted at www.austinforum.org**
- Presentation and discussion topics for 2023 will include
 - AI
 - Energy
 - Climate tech
 - Brain-computer interfaces
 - Robotics, autonomous vehicles/drones
 - Food tech
 - Quantum computing
 - and more!



Plus:

- New podcast episodes **now**
- Blog posts coming!
- And stay tuned for hands-on labs and tutorials!

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Join us to learn, share, discuss!!



*Please share the upcoming events with your friends
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Networking is back! Join us at:



Corner of 3rd St and Nueces St—an easy walk from here

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