Technology/GitHub Reflection:

Well, before I begin, I'd like to clarify that my classes were selected for me in my first semester at Chaminade University, so while I don't have objections to what classes I took, I didn't have too much control in the matter. Anyways, the reason I was first interested in DS-100 was because of its name, Introduction to <u>Technology</u>, along with the classes it was paired up with, SQL and Data (Ethics). One's a coding class and the other is a supposed computer class, so I thought this class would be going into things like tech, as in, the mechanical stuff. Though, I did get thrown for quite the loop when our first activity was…drawing animals on paper, 4th grader style.

I'm not saying I was deceived nor that the class name is misleading, but it's definitely at least made to trick a few people who are thinking the way I did. In this context, "Technology" means everything, so long as it leads to some sort of advancement. It doesn't just mean things made from metal and steel, it means anything, be it the creation of the wheel or an automobile (I wanted to rhyme okay). Either way, the class wasn't as I expected, but it isn't a bad class by any means.

Alas, the "chicken or the egg" conundrum repurposed. Except it isn't actually a paradox this time, for I have an answer to it. You see, in the modern day, society can be seen to be driven by technology, and in that regard you'd likely be correct. But unlike the chicken and the egg, there is a non-paradoxical start to all of it. At the very beginning, technology was driven by society.

Let me explain. Anything that you see nowadays that isn't natural (as in, normal or by nature) is man-made. The world had to start somewhere though, right? We didn't create ourselves, we came to be through evolution. Or, maybe we did, that's still a heated debate to this day. But that's

not what this is about, this is about technology. When literally everything started, technology didn't actually exist in the form we see it today. The world had the resources to make it, yes, but the creations didn't actually exist yet. The technology didn't actually exist yet, we had to make it. We had to create technology, be it for convenience or just because it seemed necessary for survival; we made it, it didn't make itself.

Though, as time went on, new technology was being made, but only as to better old technology that was made obsolete or could just be improved in some way. Over time, we grew to be more reliant on technology, it changed our lives. And although an argument can be made that technology wouldn't exist without us, even though that is completely accurate, it doesn't change anything. We rely on technology in order to survive, not the other way around; the technology doesn't need us in order to stay standing. Maybe it'll break down or slowly grow unstable, but it's not exactly living its own life (unless we eventually make AI sentient or we're referring to things like horse carriages), so it doesn't necessarily need us. Literally speaking, we don't need technology to survive either, as it's more or less a quality-of-life tool, but in the grand scheme of things, in the modern day, technology drives society.

By all technicality (pun not intended), it *is* fully possible to live a full life without technology, but you'd be making life far harder than necessary. Though, if you think about it, technically, some people are forced to live life without any technology as they were born on the unluckier side of things. I don't mean to be racist or anything like that, but it's highly unlikely that people who are homeless are tangibly able to use any sort of technology. Sure, they may have used some of it in the past in order to get to this point of their lives, but it doesn't mean they're choosing not to use technology, it's that they literally can't. Not that they're disallowed

from using it, but rather they just don't have it in the first place. So yes, while it is technically

possible to live a life without technology, it's not exactly a good one.

Well, if we're talking about realistic innovations in technology, I feel like we'll just keep

doing things that'll improve our quality of life. Perhaps something like the invention of flying

cars with regulated aerial traffic or cheaper yet effective ways to study the reaches of outer space.

Of course, literally everyone wants things like teleportation or sci-fi lightsabers to become real,

but let's be honest, things like that will likely never happen, or if they do, we won't be alive to

see it.