Emerging Paradigms in Personal Robot Design

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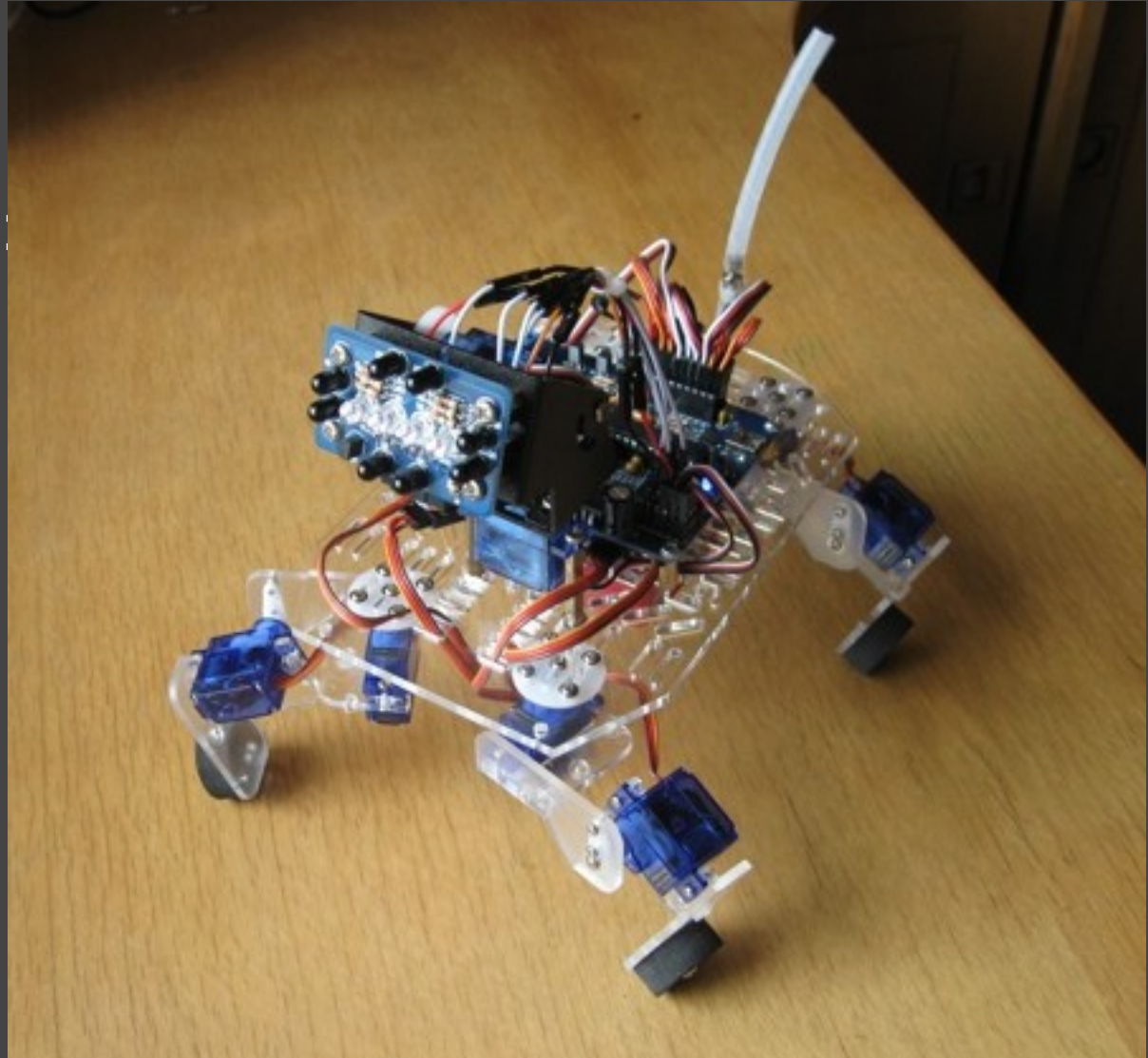<chance@hqsmartbot.com>

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Personal Robots?

- Yes, it's coming, because China can make them more affordable
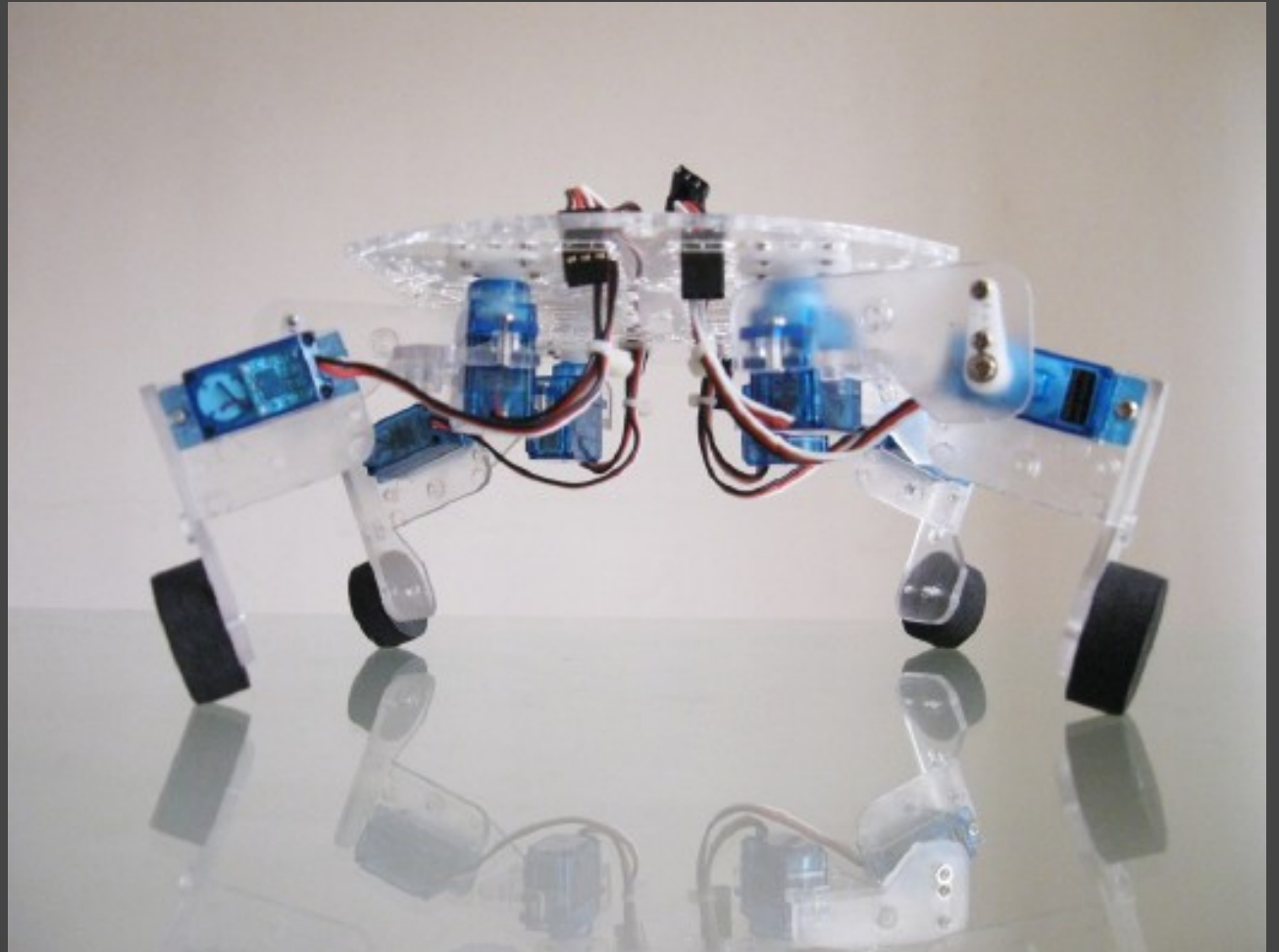- Product demo

Your desktop puppy:

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Your desktop spider:

But, how do we interact with them?

Traditionally:
- hand gestures, signs and sound
- limited in the WAYS we 'communicate' with robots
- how many sensors you can build into them?
- cost?
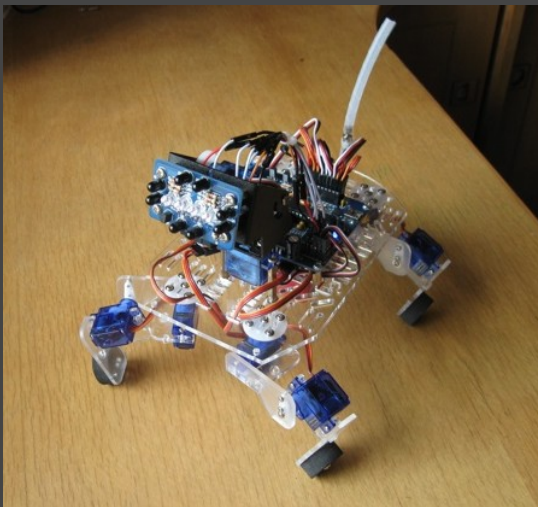- complex handling, too much trouble
- market size problems

An emgerging paradigm...

Smart phone as robot brain/proxy:
- infinite possibilities to extend your personal robots' capability
- your robot can be "social"
  - with Twitter API
  - with Facebook API
  - with Weibo API
  - with SoundCloud API
  - ......
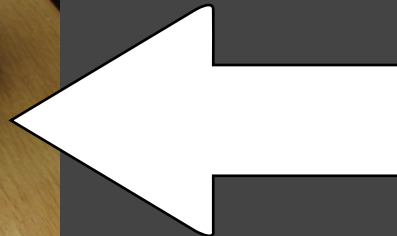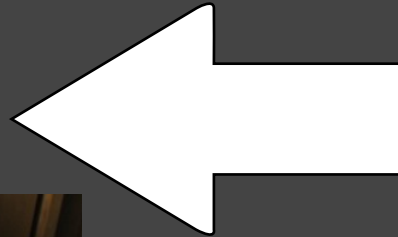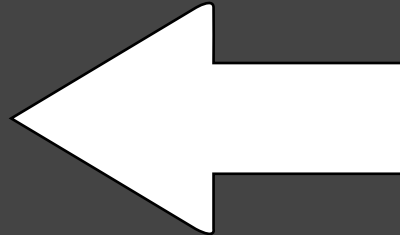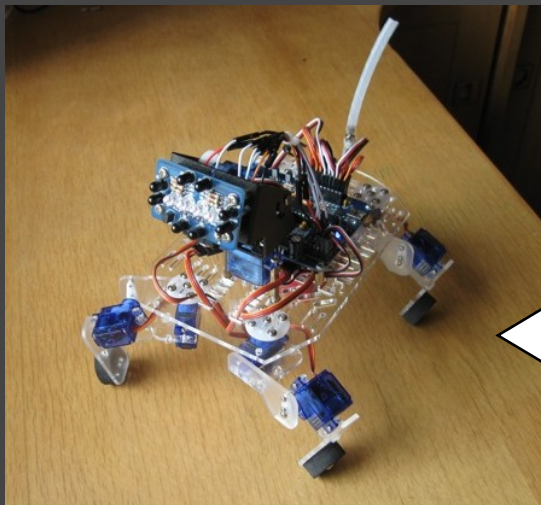- a cheap robot toy can be as intelligent as your cloud

Enabling technologies

- Apps/cloud service APIs
  - Ruby/Python
  - HTTP
  - Sockets...
  - ...

- Controller via mobile apps:
  - Bluetooth
  - Infra-red
  - ...

- China / GD as world no. 1 toy maker already taken care of this

Ideas for personal bot

- Robot as personal assistant:
  - educational / entertaining
  - emotional, erotic (yeah...don't laugh, you lonely planet dwellers!)
  - functional (household helpers, ...etc)
  - security
  - ...
- Think about a sub-set of human intelligence you give to it
- As a venture investment opportunity
- Leveraging on China's exiting and mature eletronics manufacturing industry
- ......

What next?

App/Service platform developers
- Envision your application and markets, as always
- Any idea to explore product-market fits for personal robots?
- Investors...

Mobile apps developers
- Get ready for connecting both cloud and robots
  - device controller app / proxy app to cloud
  - mobile app talking bluetooth with robots

Robot (hardware) makers
- Making your hardware generic and open
- Alliance with robotic app makers

Questions?