

Design for This Century

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Response

The digital world is binary. It has to do with the technology that is benefiting us nowadays. Electric signals are binary, computing is binary, until we realize that our modern world that was constructed on these science revolutions is also becoming binary. In fact, circuitry and electric signals were analog back then. The reason digital technologies replaced analog is due to the fact that digital signals are easier to encode and less subject to errors. If we keep the history of our technological world in mind, maybe one day some new technology is going to replace the binary and digital world again.

I do believe that our lives should be analog, it can take any values, any shapes and any colors. Donna Haraway mentioned in the *Cyborg Manifesto* that her worry was that this rigid boundaries that define our world become norms so that no one will even think out alter them. This mentality of keep everything under control kept our world running more efficiently, but also at the same time greatly hinder our creativity and the curiosity to explore the undiscovered. Boundaries do not mean the end of our globe; within our societies, there are parallel worlds and subcultures that stay submerged under our mainstream attentions. Can we argue that they are not part of the world also? However, one thing we have to keep in mind is that not everything new or cool can be seen as progressions of the human race. This techno-progressive worldview can be dangerous when all we care about is trying to be the next "queer" or different things. The implications of every event or movements that happen in our society can be far-reaching effects not only on the individual level, but also grandier levels like society, government, country, and the entire human race.