

From the Editor



Strictly speaking, these pages offer a way to wrap your mind around some of the most important companies, people, and technologies of our time. But what you'll also find is a window into the world itself—for there is no aspect of our world that is not in some way touched by technology.

Here you'll see stories on efforts to economically turn seawater into drinking water, and to get cars to talk to each other in order to reduce congestion and traffic deaths. You'll find new methods of detecting cancer early and getting Internet connectivity to people who've never had it. You'll find ideas for making good use of the unimaginably massive troves of DNA data being produced around the world.

In our young innovators list you'll read about people doing the hard work, contemplation, and painstaking research in fields like robotics, clean energy, Alzheimer's, online security, and space travel. You'll learn not only what they're doing but what inspired them to do it in the first place.

We hope you will be inspired reading about them.

Enjoy,

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