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### As We May Think Response

This article in its entirety reminded me fully of a Netflix show by the name of *Black Mirror*. The show challenges our future with advanced technology and makes us, the viewer, experience the advantages but more importantly makes us understand the disadvantages associated with it. How this is relevant is because Vannevar Bush, the author of this article, expresses the need to further explore our bank of knowledge. The really cool thing about this is that he makes the reader consider a few examples as to how our bank of knowledge could increase and ties it up all together at the end of his article. Freakishly enough, he peaks my interest and makes me wonder what serious repercussions we could face going forward because of my knowledge on *Black Mirror*.

A part of the reading that really stood out for me was the idea that we constantly publish these really great concepts but in its time, because there are too many ideas, it is hard to fund such things in accordance with the rate at which human progress occurs. It is almost impossible to reach those limits. This is an idea that gets shut down by the author, who suggests that we have finally reached a time by which we have the instruments to expand our knowledge and reach those limits. For a piece that was written so quite a while from now, the author seems to be pretty spot throughout the article, giving ideas seem very close to what already have.

Bush dives into the the idea of functional photography by which we would be able to take pictures at a blink of an eye, quite literally. He also mentions dry photography in which we would be able to shrink information but due to the complexity of this concept, I'm not really sure if I truly get what is intended by shrinking it. However, to my comprehension, the concept has

already been advanced because we've already entered the digital age where taking pictures really is just with the click of one button.

The concept that was my favourite was definitely the memex. I think this came closest to making me wonder how far this system of knowledge can take us if we really put our minds to creating it. As the author described, it really is the most intimate way of our brain to access information instantly. The scary part about it is dealing with the idea of whether or not it is safe really have access to all present and relevant knowledge. It would be really cool to sort of be able to do research in your head but then there is also that science fictional element where I wonder if memex will just take over our brains system and make us all think one way.

As a whole, the author has come up with a pretty scary but close to accurate representation of where we have reached with knowledge technology. It does have some enjoyable parts but a part of me really hopes that this progress is handled in a safe manner. Who knows what is possible and I think personally that this is what Bush is trying to evoke as well; who really knows how far we are able to go in order to process information. If he was able think these things, who knows what we will think of next.