

# Re: Nano Morality

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Yes there is progress being made in AI systems. But no progress building the type of recursive AI capable of coding its own goal systems; the type being alluded to by a previous poster. If the airline computer decides to book you on a hiking through the Andes expedition instead of your European hotel room request, then I'll be worried. Robotics and intelligent (non-obedient) computer systems are very different and we are nowhere near the latter, for now.

"Perry E. Metzger" <perry@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Phillip Huggan writes:

Are you aware of how slow AI research is proceeding and has been for many decades?

Well, these days, when I call up my airline to get an upgrade on a flight, I talk -- literally talk -- to a computer. Documents are routinely read by scanners and transcribed by computer programs these days, at error rates comparable to the ones humans make. Recently there was a race you may have heard of sponsored by DARPA in which a bunch of cars driven entirely by machines drove across the desert. A couple of decades ago, no one could have built vehicles that drove autonomously across the desert.

I think there is real progress being made.