

In the ever changing world that we live in, technology is advancing at an exponential growth rate. It is hard to keep up with the progression of this huge field; and yet, it is easy to see just how much I depend on technology to get me through each day. It starts from the moment that I wake up. An electronic alarm and radio get me out of bed. I use cars to get to school. From the moment that I enter the school I am bombarded by electronic bulletin boards displaying news about school events. I log on to the internet throughout the day for classes. Websites that are updated within ten to twenty minute intervals give me the information that I want such as weather, news, and even my current grades. During free time, I listen to a MP3 player.

Technology is thrown at me more and more every day. As I continue my education through college courses, I must keep up with new technological progressions. The internet keeps me working on five online classes. I must use the internet to submit assignments, do research, and talk with classmates. My school classes teach me how to use online companions to our text to learn more of the lessons. After school, I come home and watch television brought to my home through a satellite. Technology is truly a major part of my daily life.

I believe that technology will aid us to improve our lives and progress to a point that we may be able to prolong life for much longer than people have in the past. We will be able to find technological cures for diseases, and create many cool new gadgets. Even now, products are in testing that will lead to nano-technological regulation of body functions. Fiber optics are being tested in applications such as faster communication techniques, "invisibility" clothing, and other possibilities.

Technology will progress to the point that we can exponentially increase our potential as human beings. It may soon be possible to link up our brains with a type of external hard drive, allowing for increased processing and memory storage. Advances in technology like exoskeletons will allow older people to lift heavier things, move faster, and live life again. Private labs are creating a new car that is electric, but very efficient. A prototype has a total drag equal to a normal car side view mirror's drag and can currently travel 120 miles on one charge. Research is being done to further mileage and diminish charging time.

While there is always the possibility of technology being used to harm people, the positive side will help advance mankind. Technology is everywhere, and will continue to expand as human understanding grows. The ever increasing pace of technology has left most of us behind. My parents had tape players, and I think they lived with old technology. I can only dream of what the future holds for my children.