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The Future of Innovation – Fusing Art and Technology



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Innovation is one of the most overused buzz words in modern society. If everything is “innovative” then surely nothing is?! Another popular mantra nowadays is to bring the humanities into the tech world for increased revenue owing to diverse perspectives. However, these are examples of popular sound bites that generate “check-the-box” exercises and thus limit our ability to progress humanity through technological evolution. In this talk I discuss the need to deeply understand what innovation truly is (and is not) and I share real examples of ways to develop innovative solutions by fusing art and technology.

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