

The Horizon Project Metatrends

Seven Ways Technology is Unfolding, Everywhere We Look

After nearly a decade of tracking the evolution of emerging technology as part of the New Media Consortium's *Horizon Project*, Johnson has uncovered seven clear patterns in the evolution of technology that can only be seen over time. While the technologies and practices highlighted in the many Horizon Reports published over this time are being implemented in ways that reflect local constraints and challenges, it is clear that these underlying patterns are at the heart of how learning, work, and play are evolving worldwide and in every sector of education.

Many of the things highlighted in past Horizon Reports have already become quite commonplace and are integrated into everyday activities; others are still unfolding, converging and morphing along with parallel developments that are pushing them in one direction or another. While the currents and eddies of emerging technology are complex, it is clear that what the Horizon Project has been detailing are developments fueled by these seven profound channels of change.

Join project founder Larry Johnson as he outlines the pathways of innovation and technological evolution that he believes are deeply impacting how we think about our world, and how we teach, learn, create, and even communicate.



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