

## FIVE AMAZING THINGS

## WE'VE BEEN PROMISED 'WITHIN FIVE YEARS'

While this isn't a comprehensive list—we haven't forgotten about 5G, Star Wars holograms, a universal flu vaccine, or Myanmar's first satellite launch, which will be no easy feat for one of Asia's poorest countries—here are five of the most amazing (and horrifying) things we're supposed to get within five years

### 1 Google self-driving cars on the road

Chris Urmson, director of Google's self-driving car project, says the company is aiming to get its vehicles on the road within five years. Few people are as optimistic about the road to autonomous vehicles as Urmson. A director of GMs' self-driving car research lab at Carnegie Mellon University said they'll be common within 15 years



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### 2 Netflix everywhere in the world

Ted Sarandos, Netflix's chief content officer, told the audience at a media conference in New York on Dec 8 that the company would like its streaming service to "be completely global, available everywhere in the world" within five years. Netflix is currently available in 78 markets, mainly in the Western Hemisphere



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### 3 Zuckerberg's vision for a mostly video Facebook

Smartphones are making it easier for people to shoot video, and the latest server tech is making it possible for Facebook to store and deliver more of it than ever before, Zuckerberg said in Nov. "Now, most of Facebook is photos. Five years ago, most of Facebook was text, and if you fast-forward five years, probably most of it is going to be video"



### 4 Musk's killer robot nightmare

The Tesla and SpaceX CEO started sounding the alarms about the risks of artificial intelligence last year. Musk joked in October that an AI system designed to get rid of e-mail spam may determine that "the best way of getting rid of spam is getting rid of humans." Later, he penned a dystopian prediction on Edge.org. "The risk of something seriously dangerous happening is in the five-year timeframe. 10 years at most," he wrote in a comment that has since been deleted

### 5 Amazon drone delivery

Bezos announced Amazon's delivery drone in Dec 2013, saying it may start using them within five years, pending US Federal Aviation Administration approval. Although the government agency has introduced a proposal to open the skies to unmanned flight, the rules would prevent companies from flying the vehicles outside of the operator's line of sight. That kind of eliminates the point of delivering packages via drone



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