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Subject: Re: Is SkyNet Possible?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 19 Jul 2009 14:36:48 GMT

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CarrierII wrote on Sun, 19 July 2009 07:24 Computers can only do what they are told to do, and only do what they are told to do.

Sentience is weird, it's not one algorithm, it's not even hundreds. It simply is. Even if you tell a computer to become self-aware, on a level it isn't, because it's been told to be self-aware, a computer cannot "make up its own mind", even if it's programmed to "think", everything it does is predictable.

That's why I always enjoyed Asimov's versions of computers gaining sentience. I can't remember the name of the short story in particular, but I'll find it and post it here. Anyway, he's much more believable about it.

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