Your assignment: Read the three papers assigned for Wed. Nov. 30 linked from the class website (Kurzweil, *The Singularity is near*; McDermott, *Kurzweil’s argument for the success of AI*; Joy, *Why the future doesn’t need us*). In about 5-7 pages (double-spaced), (1) summarize the main arguments made by the three papers; (2) Describe whether you agree with each paper, and why; and (3) describe the two most impressive AI results you have learned about, either in this class or from outside sources, explain why you think they are impressive, predict what applications will result from these achievements during the next decade or two, and mention any ethical implications you are worried about (e.g., along the lines of Bill Joy’s worries in *Why the future doesn’t need us*).

**What to hand in:** Send your spell-checked, proofread document to me (mm@cs.pdx.edu) by 5pm on Dec. 9.

**Grading:** Your paper will be graded on completeness (doing what the assignment asked for), understanding (how well you exhibit an understanding of the readings and of the AI results you choose to write about) and clarity (expressing your opinions clearly, without spelling errors or excessive typos).