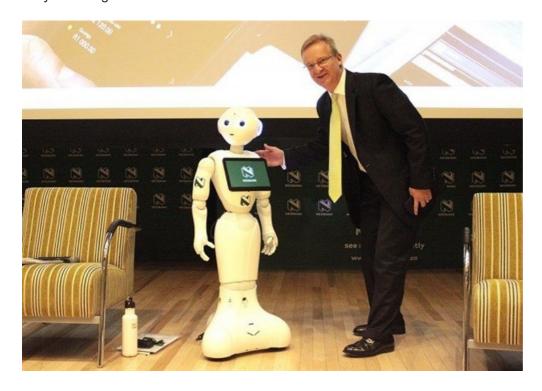


This week in tech - robots are coming for your jobs

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This week in tech, we take a look at an app SA desperately needs. Also, you may already be sitting next to a robot at work. They're among us.



This week in tech news, Nedbank gets a little too Skynet for comfort, as it reveals its plans for slowly getting rid of us pesky, inept humans who take too many smoke breaks. Isaac Asimov once wrote that there are three laws in robotics:

- 1. Robots may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm;
- 2. A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law:
- 3. A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws;

And then, we have the Zeroth Law, which further dictates that a robot may not harm humanity, or, by inaction, allow humanity to come to harm. So, does stealing a human being's job fall under any of those indiscretions?

We also have a look at the app SA doesn't have, but desperately needs, and how smartphone trends are changing. Perhaps for the worse.

Nedbank to replace employees with robotic tech

Now, we haven't quite reached the point of creating fully operational, free-thinking robots that will one day turn around, enslave us, and destroy the entire world as we know it. But, we're trying our absolute best.