

ROBOTS

Russia unveiled its first humanoid robot, Aldol, but it fell just seconds after appearing on stage at a tech event in Moscow. As it was being guided out to the “Rocky” soundtrack, the robot suddenly lost balance and collapsed, while assistants rushed to cover it with a cloth that ended up getting tangled.

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- Why do you think the robot fell during its first presentation?
- Do you trust humanoid robots to work safely around people? Why or why not?
- What are some advantages of using robots in everyday life?
- What problems could robots create in the future?
- Should robots be designed to look like humans?
- How could robots help in dangerous jobs?
- Do you think robots will one day replace many workers?
- What is one task you would never want a robot to do?
- What is one task you would gladly give to a robot?
- How should governments regulate advanced robots?

TEACHING ROBOTS TO MAP LARGE ENVIRONMENTS

A new approach developed at MIT could help a search-and-rescue robot navigate an unpredictable environment by rapidly generating an accurate map of its surroundings.

China to host world's first half-marathon race between humans and robots

REPLACED BY A ROBOT?

Could you be replaced by a robot? One in three businesses plan to invest in automation due to staffing shortages, survey suggests.
The survey of 670 companies in the UK found that 40% are feeling negatively about their staffing levels and availability.
The findings add to growing concerns about Britons losing their jobs to machines.
It follows a study by Arden University last week which suggested almost a third of jobs in the UK could become redundant by 2030 due to automation and changing workforces.

