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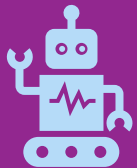## *The Power of Play at Work*

Guest John Cohn, PhD
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Explore the transformative power of play in the daily work environment to drive solutions and innovation with Dr. John Cohn, IBM Fellow and researcher at the MIT–IBM Watson AI Lab, and TSCW's Executive Director, Mark Alessi. Dr. Cohn shared lifetime insights as a tech innovator who implemented play and misbehavior in the workplace, and how it can lead to breakthroughs and creative solutions.

Surprising (and playful) audio and visual clips spark ideas and imaginative solutions.

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GUEST Dr. John Cohn   HOST Marc Alessi

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Innovation through Play: https://youtu.be/AnjFgSvj3vU

Engineering Paradise: https://youtu.be/Y0DxmthvkKU

SamStones website: http://samstones.org

The veremin: http://ibm.biiz/veremin

My daily blog: http://johncohn.org/base/

Some things I've built:

http://johncohn.org/base/geek-stuff-2/nerd-cred/

"The Colony" – link to Dr. Cohn's appearance on the Discovery Channel show:

https://www.amazon.com/Colony-Various/dp/B003V8FYKY/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=the+colony+discovery&qid=1592509505&sr=8-3

Q&A

Question	Provided answer or link
Moores law definition	http://www.mooreslaw.org/
CMOS definition	https://techterms.com/definition/cmos
Do you feel when we made the jump from tubes to transistors it had anything to do with the back engineering of the Roswell crash?	Description of transition First transistor computer Description of invention of transistors
The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct acting from inner necessity. The creative mind plays with the objects it loves. **Carl Jung (1875-1961)**	Carl Jung (1875-1961)
"The more complex the mind, the greater the need for the simplicity of play." **--Capt. James T. Kirk in TOS episode "Shore Leave"**	Another quote shared in chat, incorrectly attributed to Spock
How much faster/ smarter is WATSON compared to the jeopardy days?	Description of Watson during Jeopardy Watson now (2016) Interesting take on failings of Watson Watson is a brand: a collection of tools using a variety of things like machine learning and IOT. It is used in all sorts of tech…automotive, healthcare etc. Watson is not getting faster but the techniques are getting faster. Innovations in the software and computing platforms and more importantly innovation in the algorythmic areas are getting better but we still don't have it right. We have a ton of Data like "cat…dog…cat…dog.." and we train on that but it is still pretty primitive compared to the way people learn. There is a huge amount of learning happening with neurosymbolic…it's compares to how we see the brain and neural nets and I think there will be huge advances there as opposed to improving the chip

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Which Tesla work/invention most intrigues the good doctor?	There isn't any individual story because he was an interesting guy, he had a lot of inventions and also did some interesting things including famously building a merry-go-round out of bugs. We have to make it interesting enough, be curious and ask questions…it has to be fun. SO I really liked anything he made with big sparks like induction coils, radio coils….anything like that I was hooked. I think what he really brought to things was a trial and error and a fearless trial and error
Which Tesla pursuit does Dr. Cohn feel was the most futile?	
Is it possible to design a computer to read lips for the deaf?	Lip reading computer info Automated lip reading Smart gloves translating sign into speech
What happened with the idea of using Watson in medicine?	Discussion of why Watson did not succeed in medicine
What about AI causing aircraft control systems to override pilots causing the recent accidents?	Story discussing that
How close are we to AI (aka cognitive reasoning) that can do casual reasoning? Judea Pearl believes AI won't advance until that happens. Do you agree?	Forbes article on the subject
What online courses do you recommend for someone with a programming backfground who wants to learn AI?	https://hackernoon.com/16-best-resources-to-learn-ai-machine-learning-in-2019-f95c4f59018b
What are your thoughts on NSA and homeland security monitoring all phone calls and texts for key words for terrorist threats?	