Where We’re Going:
The Wild Blue Yonder

DEALING WITH THE
COMPUTING WORLD OF TOMORROW
Computing in 2014: The State of the Art

- Cheap personal computing devices
- Cheap easy-to-use software applications
- Cheap(ish) highspeed wireless
- Massive online media (text / audio / video)
- Massive online personal data
- Massive processing power
- ... All widely available 24/7 ...
- ... And there’s more of it all every day ...
The Computing World of Today

- Computers are everywhere.
- Billions of computer users.
- Tens of millions of computing professionals.
- Many computing-based industries, e.g., computer manufacturing, software development / maintenance, computer games.
- Innovative and varied computing research in academia (computer engineering / computer science) and industry.
The Computing World of Tomorrow

• Technology:
  • More memory and faster processing in smaller, cheaper packages (quantum / optical / spintronic computing)
  • Faster / higher bandwidth network access in more places
  • Innovative interfaces (better NLP, optical interfaces (Google glass), neural interfaces (BCI))
  • Wearable / implantable computing (cyborgs)
  • Maybe: Self-aware and (trans-)human-capable AI

• Society:
  • Ubiquitous computing (The Internet of Things)
  • Increasing commercialization of computing
  • Increasing politicization of computing
Surviving and Thriving in the Computing World of Tomorrow

- Be a responsible and proactive digital citizen
- Be aware of what’s going on technology-wise
- Help make the computing future you want, with your personal, commercial, and political choices

Anyone who fights for the future lives in it today.
– Ayn Rand