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Hello, Robot.
Design between Human and Machine

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Science fiction becomes reality: robotics has begun to shape our everyday lives. Examples range from delivery drones and disability robots to internet bots and the race for the latest humanoids among global tech giants. The 2017 exhibition »Hello, Robot. Design between Human and Machine« has been the Vitra Design Museum's most successful exhibition ever. At the end of its world tour, an updated version will now come to Weil am Rhein to present the great strides that have been made in robotics in the past few years. It will also address the risks involved, however, given that elections and public opinion have become the target for manipulation by algorithms and artificial intelligence. Next to robots used in the home, in industry, or in healthcare, the exhibition presents media installations, computer games, and examples from literature and film. It shows how the robotics boom is changing our lives – and how design is changing robotics.

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Twentieth Century Fox and Lucasfilm Ltd. R2-D2, 1977. First screened in the movie Star Wars. Episode IV - A New Hope (1977).
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Historic toy robots, 1956 – 1980
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