

Industry 4.0; The Future of Innovation

*Peter Merrill; Chair; ASQ Innovation Think Tank
Chair; ISO/TC279 Canada*

We fear robots will take over the world, virtual reality will replace normal relationships and new technologies will destroy our jobs. Nevertheless, the Fourth Industrial Revolution will make data the currency and this will be increasingly accessible to all. However, we have to avoid isolating ourselves into our own personal virtual space. The future of innovation has numerous challenges, many of which are human and not technical.