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We have two possible futures ahead of us: Mad Max or Star Trek. In this talk by Salim Ismail, he'll paint the picture with examples of the two possible futures that lay in front of us, Mad Max or Star Trek. Right now, we may feel like humanity is headed towards a Mad Max dystopian future with more people being disenfranchised. But in fact, we do have a choice to move towards more of a Star Trek-like utopia. In Star Trek, diversity and tolerance are encouraged and inclusivity and equality are the norms. Technology can make the impossible, possible. Salim will explore this further with participants.

Salim will discuss some of the powerful myths and stories that can guide us away from Mad Max and toward a Star Trek future. He'll invite participants to think, question, and challenge the status quo with the intention of creating a brighter future.

Exponential Organizations. As a result of accelerating change, a new breed of businesses is scaling 10 times faster than established organizational structures. Salim Ismail calls these exponential organizations. This talk describes the characteristics and attributes of these organizations and finishes with how to implement these ideas into established companies. He looks at today's fastest growing technologies and the social impact they will have on our organizational, political, legal, educational, and medical systems. From artificial intelligence to biotech, these disruptive technologies are changing the face of many disparate industries and creating new innovations and opportunities. Audiences walk away with a tailored action plan for moving forward that utilizes five internal and five external strategies to spur astounding growth—like partnering with an incubator and transforming their organization's leadership team.

Disruptive Convergence. Salim describes major breakthroughs occurring in a series of accelerating technologies like artificial intelligence, robotics, biotech, sensors, neuroscience, medicine, and even energy. He describes the implications of these breakthroughs on both society and business, and will give a perspective on their impact tailored to each specific audience.

Future of Entrepreneurship. The confluence of new developments makes today the best time ever to be an entrepreneur. Salim talks about how accelerating technologies, crowd funding, incubators, fablabs, and cloud computing have made it faster, better, and cheaper to be an entrepreneur. This talk also covers the steps needed to create entrepreneurial ecosystems and start-up communities in different regions.

Exponential Medicine. The fastest technological improvement today is being seen in biotechnology. According to technology strategist Salim Ismail, by the year 2020 it will be cheaper to sequence your genome than to flush your toilet. What will this mean for personalized therapies? Will we eradicate allergies? Or grow replacement organs? Will artificial intelligence make better, more accurate diagnoses than human doctors? Could a computer be your future surgeon? Ismail tells incredible stories of the research and development he's seen first-hand and the potential for next-generation disruptive technologies. He weighs the benefits with the sinister side and calls on society to prepare our systems from running the world (legal, political, medical) to meet the realities of the very near future.

Exponential Finance. Today there are eight billion internet-connected devices in the world. By 2020, Salim Ismail predicts there will be 50 billion. Will computer driven cars be a reality in three years? Will we see a dramatically lengthened lifespan and delayed retirements in a matter of 1-2 decades? What does this mean for investment, growth, and contraction in key industries? As the world becomes more digital, advancements in technology are skyrocketing. Technology strategist Salim Ismail knows the trajectory of fascinating projects that are sure to change our lives and challenge societal norms as we know them. His take on the impact of the financial services sector will have you thinking twice about where to put money and how much is needed for the future.

Future of Democracy. The information age and the resulting transparency is causing enormous stress for governments around the world. However, major opportunity exists in leveraging new technologies to transform major government activities such as regulatory frameworks, information management, intellectual property, and public services.

Future of Education. From his vantage point at Singularity University, Salim is at the forefront of the

transformation occurring in education. He talks through the structural changes occurring in the education space and how governments and regions can chart a future for education systems.

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