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Subject: Google buys Deep Mind ...

Wow, did you see this?

<http://recode.net/2014/01/26/exclusive-google-to-buy-artificial-intelligence-startup-deepmind-for-400m/>

That is the company I often pointed out as being the most likely competitor to OpenCog in really pushing toward AGI...

And I happen to know (from my friendship with their co-founder Shane Legg, who will now become a very wealthy Google employee) that Deep Mind has *nothing* technologically besides some interesting proto-AGI R&D code.... Nothing that works, really.

So it's pretty much an acqui-hire And 50 programmers for \$400M is a really fat acquihire; \$1M - \$2M per programmer is way more typical... this shows that Google values anything AI or robotics ish quite a lot these days...

One read of the overall situation would be "Google is going to win the race to AGI" -- they have a lot of \$\$ and are looking to hire the entire AI and robotics field... Maybe they will change their name to CyberDyne systems (cf "Terminator" ...)

OTOH, more money doesn't *always* win; having the right set of ideas also means a lot.... Linux, not Windows, dominates supercomputing and the Internet.... And they are not doing proto-AGI within Google X, they're doing it in their main product dev division, which brings a complicated set of compromises... Hmmm...

Interesting times !!!

more later...
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"In an insane world, the sane man must appear to be insane". -- Capt. James T. Kirk

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