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Can We Evolve an Artificial Consciousness? An April Fool's Project.

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The strong AI hypothesis is that ``the appropriately programming computer would have a mind in the same sense that human beings have minds''. As computers have no where near the computational power of the human mind yet, testing this hypothesis in practise is not yet feasible. Nor do I think that we understand consciousness very well. I propose a project to try to evolve consciousness in an simplified artificial environment, using the world wide web, lots of time, combining ideas from as many people as possible.

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