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Thread: [if someone's consciousness is uploaded to a machine, do they die?](#)

fogstone - October 18, 2017, 7:23 pm

If a human's consciousness is uploaded to a machine before they die, which is them, the body or the consciousness? If its the consciousness then do they die when the body dies?

What if an old man switches bodies with a 6th grade boy before the old man dies? Is the person alive the sixth grade boy or the old man?

You know what I'm sayin?

MissPothead - October 18, 2017, 7:25 pm

Uh, I think the consciousness is them, because the body is just let's say a box, holding stuff. Weird question tho lol

CYB3RM4N - October 18, 2017, 7:26 pm

Their body would be technically be dead, but their mind would still be alive, provided this machine is able to keep their consciousness alive.

ghostpussy - October 18, 2017, 7:28 pm

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ZurgTage - October 18, 2017, 7:28 pm

I would say no. Death for me is when you are brain dead. The body is the a method carry out the actions of your conscious. You could replace every organ and bones and still be the same person.

fogstone - October 18, 2017, 7:38 pm

(Oct 18, 2017 07:28 PM)ghostpussy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) it depends on whether the consciousness is a copy of the data in the brain, or simply being moved from one location to the other

Aah. See, you get the question. That's my question. Is the consciousness explicitly the data in the brain or is it the location of the data? Is the sixth grade brain therefore the sixth grader or is the old man's data the old man?

Caliban - October 18, 2017, 7:39 pm

Yes you would die.

Imagine they upload it onto 2 machines at the same time. Would you live twice? Hell no there would just be 2 copies of you or some shit idk who the fuckkk cares

ASLR - October 18, 2017, 7:41 pm

I'm not convinced that consciousness is an entity. In my view, conscious is a state of the body and who you are is just data

bronzegods - October 18, 2017, 7:45 pm

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fogstone - October 18, 2017, 8:05 pm

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But that all assumes that the consciousness of the person is the actual consciousness and is therefore the real person and not a copy.

So then how do we know for sure that it is and how are we going to achieve transhumanism as a society?

Pulz - October 18, 2017, 8:12 pm

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Consciousness is about awareness and the body is a machine.

You are your memories and experiences; ripples of electrochemical signals in the brain. In other words, you are data.

If the mind was moved, you wouldn't be dead. Not unless there was no future possibility of you being self-aware.

I don't see the point in answering the old man question- you used the word 'switches'. If they switched, obviously the 'old man is alive'.

ChromeHD - October 18, 2017, 8:13 pm

It is more or less making a copy of the person's consciousness hence its not the original so technically the person would be dead imo anyway.

Kenjатаimu - October 18, 2017, 8:17 pm

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fogstone - October 20, 2017, 3:27 pm

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I feel ya dog. I hope scientists answer this question soon.

Copywriter - *October 20, 2017, 3:28 pm*

Did you get this from that one game?

was a great game if you're basing it off of it.

Killy - *October 20, 2017, 3:30 pm*

the old man would be alive

remind me of the movie chuckie

same concept

Bachmanity - *October 20, 2017, 3:33 pm*

They sort of don't, I guess? They exist, on a different "body" is my take on it

Yandere - *October 20, 2017, 3:36 pm*

You would die but another version of you would live I guess.

F?cgle?? - *October 20, 2017, 3:39 pm*

If you uploaded your consciousness to a computer but you were still alive then there would just be two conscious versions of you so I think it would be the same thing.