

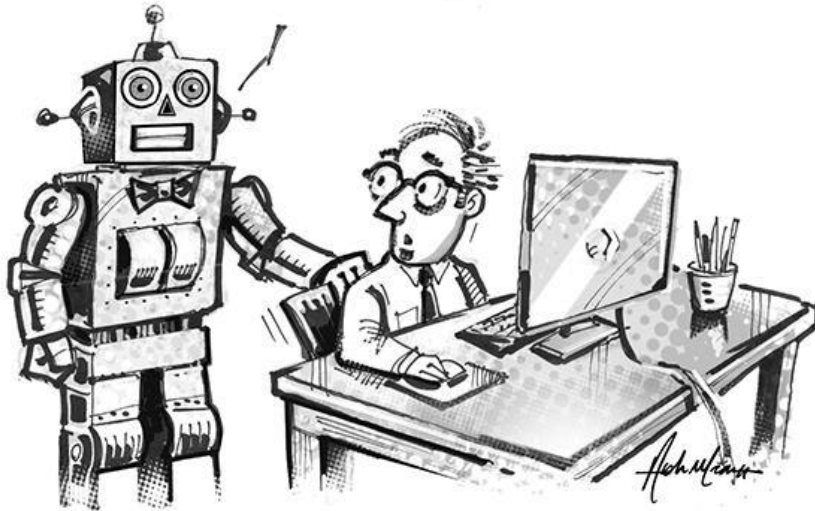
Automaton

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Definition of an automaton

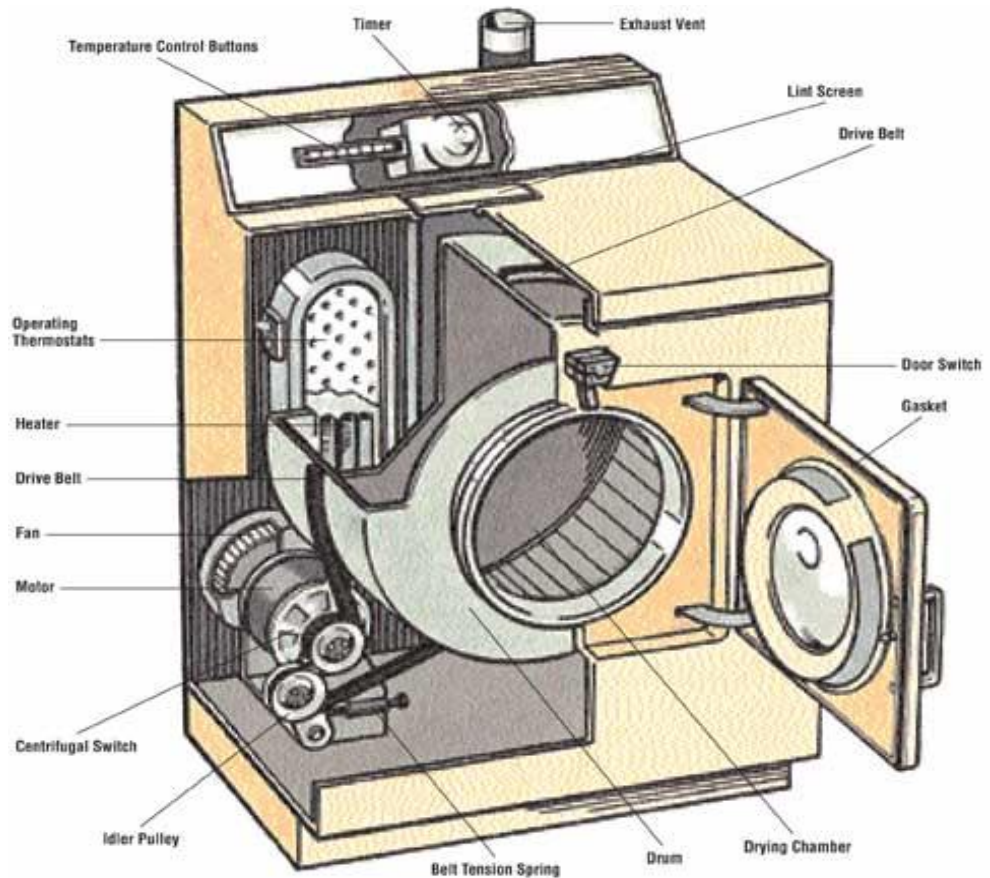
Excuse me, human, I think
you're sitting at my new desk.



An **automaton** is a self-operating machine to follow automatically a predetermined sequence of operations

The word "automaton"

The word "automaton" is the latinization of the Greek (neuter) "acting of one's own will".



Maillardet's automaton

- **This Automaton, known as the “Draughtsman-write” was built by Henri Maillardet.**
- **It is believed that Maillardet built this extraordinary Automaton around 1800.**
- **It has the largest “memory” of any such machine ever constructed four drawings and three poems.**

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Un jeune enfant que le zèle dirige
De vos faveurs sollicite le prié
Et si l'obtient, non soyez point surpris:
Le desir de vous plaire, enfants ce prodige