

## Code Version of

*The Machine Question: Critical Perspectives on AI, Robots and Ethics* (MIT, 2012)

Created by David J. Gunkel and Billy Cripe – <http://machinequestion.org>

```
function Machine_Question()
{
  var Machine;
  var moralStatus;

  if (Machine = "instrument")
  {
    document.write("The machine is just a tool.");
    Machine != moralStatus;
    return False;
  }

  else if (Machine = "person")
  {
    document.write("The machine can be considered a moral agent");
    Machine = moralStatus;
    return True;
  }

  else if (Machine = "suffering")
  {
    document.write("The machine can be considered a moral patient");
    Machine = moralStatus;
    return True;
  }

  else (Machine = "other")
  {
    write("The machine can be considered the Other in social relations");
    Machine = moralStatus;
    return True;
  }
}
```