ABSTRACT:
Science and society are more tightly intertwined than either recognizes; both need to act on this observation. The need-based interaction between them is well understood, but there are interactions more fundamental and, at the same time, less well understood. The origins, growth, and potential future of the Internet form an illuminating story in its own right, but also serve to illustrate this observation. We will sketch the history of the Internet, illustrate some of the crucial interactions between society and the Internet as it has developed, and speculate on some possible futures. We will close with some thoughts on increasing understanding between science and society.

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