## Online Chat for Schools with Ray Kurzweil about Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

On Monday 7 November 2005 at 15:00 CET, Xplora (www.xplora.org), the gateway to science education in Europe, is holding an online chat for schools with the inventor, Ray Kurzweil. All teachers are invited to register their classes for the event. Pupils can pose questions about computer, robots, artificial intelligence and more.

An engaging personality, Ray Kurzweil has been a pioneer in many fields. He invented the first optical character recognition machine, which involves computer software designed to translate images of typewritten text. Not only that, he also made the first digital scanner, using a charge-coupled device.

If that weren't enough, together with pop artist Stevie Wonder, he created the first music synthesizer and he's also worked in the areas of speech recognition and voice synthesis.

To register for the chat, send an email to Karl Sarnow at karl.sarnow@eun.org.

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http://www.xplora.org/ww/en/pub/xplora/nucleus\_home/pencil.htm

To read more about Ray Kurzweil, visit: http://www.kurzweiltech.com/aboutray.html