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# **BOSTON DYNAMICS BUILDS ADVANCED ROBOTS TO CHALLENGE HUMANS AND ANIMALS**

## **CHANGING THE IDEA OF WHAT ROBOTS CAN DO**

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**USPA NEWS** - Boston Dynamics builds advanced robots for worldwide Organizations such as DARPA, the US Army, Navy and Marine Corps to Sony Corporation. Google's latest acquisition is one of the most advanced robotics companies in the world...

All began as a spin-off from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where National Academy of Engineering member Marc Raibert and his colleagues first developed robots that ran and maneuvered like animals. They founded the company in 1992, and their ground-breaking work continues to inspire much of their own work. Boston Dynamics has a technical team made of engineers and scientists who combine advanced analytical thinking with boots-in-the-mud practicality.

Boston Dynamics has already shown its skills in the real world. The company made two out of the three Atlas robots capable of successfully shutting down a nuclear reactor at the Darpa Robotics Challenge this summer, though the software running the Atlases was developed by other firms. (the Darpa Robotics Challenge is the "Robolympics"?)

Darpa is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the arm of the US Defense Department that is responsible in large part for the creation of the computer network, Arpanet, that became the internet.

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