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The emotionally aware [Painting Fool](#) may sound like a stereotypically temperamental artist, but it's actually a smart piece of software from Imperial College London. Fed a short video clip of a person, the Fool determines the overriding emotion in the subject's face - anger, say - and then chooses an appropriately "angry" brush style and colour palette with which to paint their portrait. The software won the British Computer Society/Electrolux machine intelligence award last week.

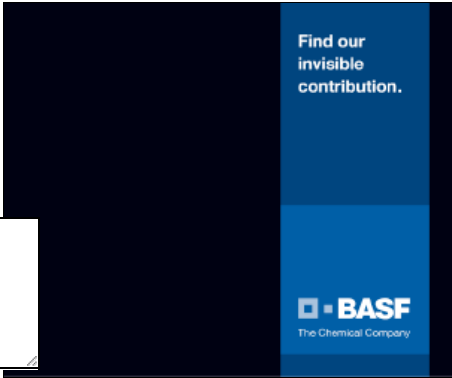
Is it a case of "that's all folks" for HD-DVD, the high-definition disc format pioneered by Toshiba? Hollywood studio Warner Brothers announced last week that it would exclusively support [Sony's rival Blu-Ray format](#). Already backed by Disney, 20th Century Fox and Columbia, Blu-Ray is now regarded by many as the heir apparent to DVD.

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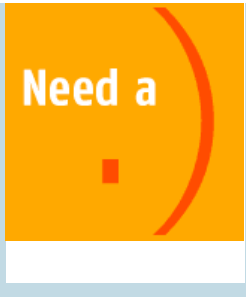
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