

## **The Significance of Episodic Memory**

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It seems plausible that adding episodic memory to a simple kind of mind could greatly expand the range of cognitive abilities of that mind. However, it is not immediately obvious how it could do so, given that we could perform many tasks with other sorts of memory instead. This paper develops an account of one sort of learning which only episodic memory could be used for. And it shows that this learning could be extremely significant, as it could allow simple creatures to gradually develop a more and more complex model and thereby come much closer to a full understanding of the world.