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Touchscreen Vendors: One of the most efficient vendors, touchscreen vendors dispense food and drinks in seconds!

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Have you ever used one of those new Coca-Cola vending machines and felt like you were living in the future? Well that's just the beginning, with new types of touchscreen vending machines on the way.

The Diji-Touch has a large full height touch screen that allows the user to pull up a 3-D interactive image of the product and it's nutritional facts, as well as the quantity of the product. It's new model, the Diji-Taste, is a multi-sided machine with advertisements as well.

Another version is the Acure, a machine bigger than the average vending machine that can scan the user's face to see what they might want and is accessible with mobile-pay.

New Coca-Cola machines bring things to an even higher level: "The machine uses tiny cartridges for the soda and flavor. When a person selects a drink, the machine senses what flavors it needs and uses the cartridges. Then they use the cartridges like ink in a printer to dispense the drink."

Fresh Healthy Vending, Marley Coffee, Seattle's Best, Briggo and Kenko Millicano all plan to release specialty coffee vending machines. "The Fresh Healthy machine grinds whole beans, extracts espresso, froths milk and disposes of used grinds in fewer than 40 seconds . . . and consumers can enjoy gourmet numerous espresso-based drinks, including flavored lattes."

This relates to Emerging Tech because it is a new technology that is going to make big changes in the vending industry and may change the way we buy food in the future. I thought an interesting fact was that the Coca-Cola machines have little syrup capsules that are programmed to release a certain amount when the soda is selected, and combines it with syrup. Imagine if you could do the same things with other drinks in vending machines or even food.