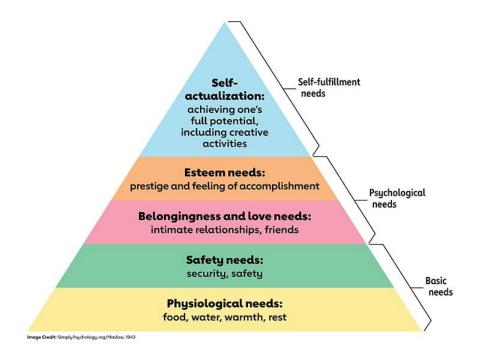
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Prompt: Review Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and explain how each level relates to your experiences with technology. Give specific examples of how your digital experiences relate to each level of need.



Currently, technology plays an essential role in everyday living. This has greatly affected Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs (a Diagram is shown in the image above). These needs are physiological, safety, love and belonging, esteem, and self-actualization. These can be further broken into categories of basic needs, psychological needs, and self-fulfillment needs. The physiological needs of technology come in the form of water filters or water treatment plants. Warmth is also attributed to indoor heaters and air conditioning to properly regulate temperature to a livable standard. Technology leading to safety can be seen under home security systems that will call the police at the sign of a break-in. There is also the importance of quick emergency communication in the form of 911. Love and belongingness are especially helped by technology as social media helps everyone stay connected. This helps with distant friendships as well as finding groups that fit hobbies or interests. Esteem needs are fulfilled by being able to share things too a great number of people. Being able to share one's abilities can help create feelings of accomplishment which can then be further nourished into self-actualization. This is through all the learning channels the internet provides which can help someone reach their full potential.