String Theory

What is it and what did we hope it is?*

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In this talk I will give an elementary exposition of string theory and its relevance in theoretical physics. I make no illusions about being rigorous or exhaustive. This is the second of a two-part series the first of which was delivered as recently as October of 2009 and dealt with the same sort of musings but in the context of Quantum Field Theory.

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