Group Minds

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Group minds are a popular topic in science fiction. They make up a classic set of characters, far different from who we are as humans. But could with advancements in technology and computers tying us all together, they could end up being our future like the youth in “Kids These Days.” But, for a lighter look at them, here are two unique, computer based famous of hive minds (and one biological one just for fun).

The Borg
- A hybrid race of organics and machines
- An almost fully hive minded race, with only a few Borg with any individuality
- Through the use of body augmentation and neural computers, they worked to conquer the galaxy in a quest to absorb all available technology.

The Geth
- A robotic race
- They were created by a species called the Quarians to be servants.
- A single Geth has very little intelligence, but as more come together, they share each other’s software to complete more complicated tasks.
- As amount of Geth rose, one asked if it had a soul and the Quarians panicked and tried to destroy them, leading to the Morning War.
- Geth drove out Quarians, then disappeared into isolation for centuries.

The Rachni
- An insect race that lives off of a tier system, similar to ants
- They communicate through noises inaudible to other species which they call “song.”
- Waged a war on the rest of the galaxy, nearly conquering it before being pushed back to their home world
- Were driven to extinction at the end of the war.