

Robot valet to park cars at German airport

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Plane to catch and don't feel like hunting for parking?

Travelers at Duesseldorf airport in Germany can soon leave the job to a robot valet.

An airport spokesman says the robot, nicknamed Ray, starts work Tuesday and can be booked using a [smartphone app](#).

Thomas Koetter says all travelers need to do is leave their car in a designated area and confirm it's empty and ready to go.

Then Ray or one of its cybernetic colleagues will take the car to one of 249 [parking spaces](#) reserved for robots.

Koetter says the forklift-like machine can carry any standard [car](#) weighing up to 3 metric tons (3.31 tons) and is fully insured.

He says the service costing 29 euros (\$39.43) a day targets busy business travelers but is open to anyone.



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