

ChatGPT: New Tool, Familiar Issues

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What is ChatGPT? When asked this innocuous question, ChatGPT introduces itself, more or less, as an AI assistant trained to provide information and answer questions on a wide range of topics. It stresses that it does not have the ability to conduct internet searches or access any information outside of its training data (which stops at 2021).

OpenAI launched ChatGPT in November of 2022 as a general-purpose AI chatbot built upon OpenAI's GPT3 platform. The program quickly took the world by storm with its ability to produce a wide variety of at times cogent and accurate writings. Though not without flaws, ChatGPT is a sophisticated language model. This chatbot is yet another example of what AI holds for the future. One wonders: what ChatGPT can replace in the present? And, more ominously, what landmines lurk in its use?

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