
Re: Moratorium on freaking out about AI

From Kyle Drake <kyle@kyledrake.net>
via gmail.com

Date Fri 2024-10-25 8:17 PM

To Alayna Y <pearhi@hotmail.com>

I just wanted to say too that I'm not planning to force ai on anyone. I tried to do a pilot chat html assistant but enough people hated it that I rolled it back. I think I'm going to do some sort of a selector where you can opt out of ai and I'll provide a robots.txt that will block scrapers and guarantee to not provide any AI tooling.

Also I'm not selling any data to anyone, we have a supporter revenue model and I don't want to make money through data selling or ads. That's not something I will ever change.

On Fri, Oct 25, 2024, 9:31 PM Kyle Drake <kyle@kyledrake.net> wrote:

I mean isn't Elon using Twitter ad revenue and algorithms to drive fascist politics right now, like literally? I feel like not using Twitter is like step 0 for anyone having ethical concerns about frankly anything right now. Anyone using that thing is actually giving him energy and money to destroy the country quite literally. Seems like a weird position to take ethically, to use the fascism app to worry about something that's probably not even remotely as dangerous, but that's just me.

On Fri, Oct 25, 2024, 6:06 PM Alayna Y <pearhi@hotmail.com> wrote:

hello kyle drake creator of neocities,

thank you for getting back to me. I think I can see where your priorities are - that there are much more pressing things to be concerned about than AI, such as war, "the orange guy," and the upcoming US election.

I do think most people on twitter were more concerned about the harms of AI rather than comparing it to the danger of nuclear war. people in the thread were mentioning enviromental usage and image generation. i'm just paraphrasing them, so here is the thread if you would like to see it for yourself. <https://x.com/creaturespawner/status/1782390434183934295>

i personally think the unregulated image generation is a huge danger in the age of misinformation, which in turn is a danger to accurate politics reporting and reputable news sources. that's all i have to say on the subject personally.

Thanks again,
alayna

From: Kyle Drake <kyle@kyledrake.net>

Sent: October 25, 2024 3:00 PM

To: Alayna Y <pearhi@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: Moratorium on freaking out about AI

From the introduction of William Shirer's *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*:

"In our new age of terrifying, lethal gadgets, which supplanted so swiftly the old one, the first great aggressive war, if it should come, will be launched by suicidal little madmen pressing an electronic button. Such a war will not last long and none will ever follow it. There will be no conquerors and no conquests, but only the charred bones of the dead on an uninhabited planet."

I continue, one year later, to be far more concerned about nuclear weapons than a coding chatbot, especially with the possibility that "the orange guy" could be president again, a dude that literally tried to nuke a hurricane when he was in office. It would be absolutely spineless for me to pretend I'm more worried about AI than nuclear weapons because I'm not.

Is that their concern with that essay, or is it something else?

On Thu, Oct 24, 2024 at 2:12 AM Alayna Y <pearhi@hotmail.com> wrote:

hello kyle drake creator of neocities,

over on twitter your 2023 blog post about AI blew up a little bit recently. people were generally upset about this as they felt neocities was meant to be an outlet away from AI, NFTs, technology in that space. especially with creatives getting their works/jobs/livelihoods stolen with no safety net in sight. Midjourney was particularly criticized. how do you feel about your article a year from then, now that the technology has advanced a lot in many ways?

i think a lot of people were curious about your opinions now. so whatever answer, if you choose to give one, will be shared publicly if that is OK.

there are some people rethinking patronage of your website, and are wary that neocities would scrape their data for AI... which does sound quite unrealistic imo, anyone who can download a webpage can do that anyways.

either way thank you for inspiring a bunch of people to take back the old web and learn HTML.

thanks,
alayna