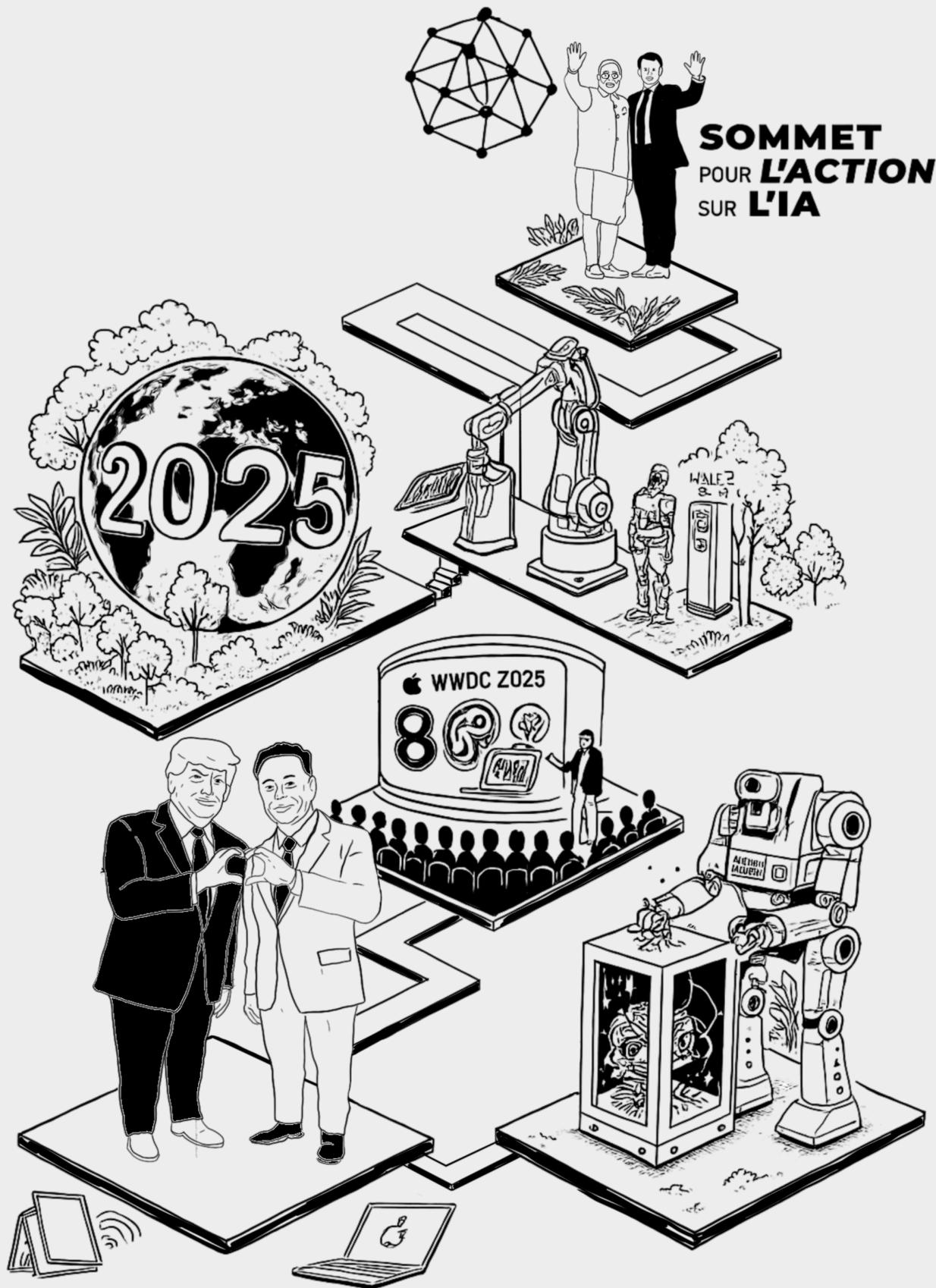


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NOTE

As 2025 draws to a close, we find ourselves pausing for a moment amidst rehearsals, exhibitions, and a rigorous schedule to reflect on what this year has meant, not just for us, but for the world beyond the gates of Welham. It has been a year of remarkable leaps as technology continues to take over more and more aspects of our lives. It has evolved beyond our imagination. What was once science fiction has quietly come to life.

In this issue of *TechKey*, we capture some of these milestones. You will find Formula One's fusion of data and strategy with the use of Artificial Intelligence, live VR concerts, and the controversial rise of Studio Ghibli AI art. It showcases prosthetics that restore not only movement but also sensation, while exploring cyber psychology to better understand how our digital lives influence us. This issue aims to encapsulate the major tech moments of 2025 while trying to understand exactly how imperative they will be moving forward.

As we celebrate these advances, however, we are reminded that progress, in technology or in tradition, is always a handover. We trust that those who follow will reinvent, experiment, and carry it forward in ways we cannot imagine yet. Technology is not only about the inventions around us. It is also about the potential within each of us to improve, to reimagine, and to build something better.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the editorial board, writers, illustrators, and our readers for being part of this exhilarating journey. While this issue concludes our time as editors, it also presents a chance for each and every Welhamite to inquire, innovate, and inspire.

Signing off,
Shrishti Beriwal & Vaishnavi Agarwal
Editors-in-Chief

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WHEN SPEED MEETS SCIENCE

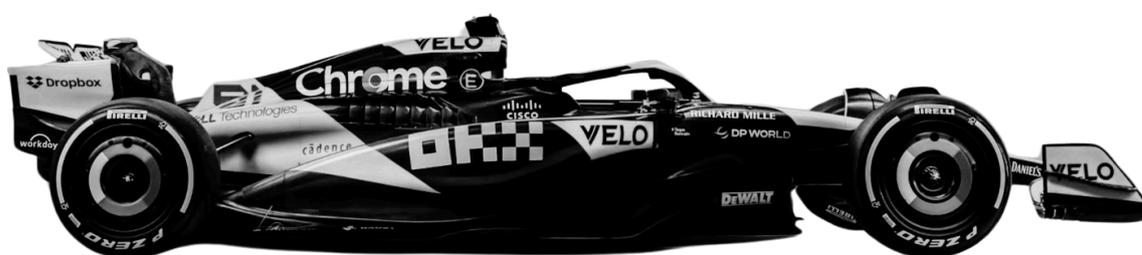
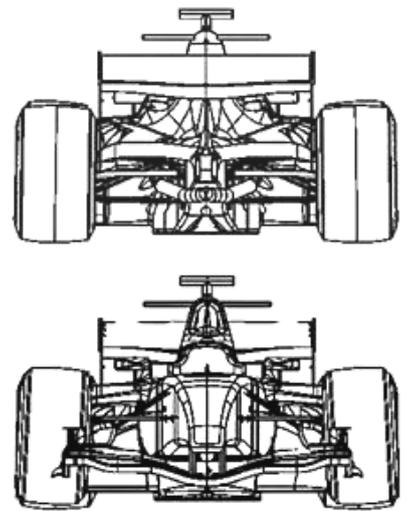
Have you ever noticed that you are responsible for creating data every second of every minute of a day? Every individual and household on this planet creates data with every breath they take. However, is that data being tapped into? It was only a few years ago when large companies across a vast set of industries realised how powerful data was. So, what did these companies decide to do with the data after collecting it? They modelled it! At the risk of stating the obvious, this is what has led to the rise of fields such as data science, machine learning, and Artificial Intelligence.

Modelling data is no different from and not alien to sports. In this article, we'll be delving into one of the most viewed and rapidly growing sports on the planet-Formula One (F1). Formula One isn't just about the engineering, or the aerodynamics of a car. There's much more to it. One of the most essential parts of F1 is strategy. Strategy, in modern-day formula, uses models and data to make race-defining decisions and simulations. Andrew McHutchon, Head of Data Science at McLaren, stated the following in a recent interview: "Previously, we've collected data that we didn't know what to do with, but now, with AI, and by working with Dell Technologies' AI Factory, we can process the data in a much richer way to extract meaningful learnings from it."

So, what are the components of strategy that use machine learning and AI, you may ask? Well, teams deal with a filthy amount of data during a race weekend. Tyre degradation, weather forecasts, fuel efficiency, and competitors' positions, to name a few. AI models historical race data, which consists of years and laps of data, which is then combined with real-time telemetry to predict tyre wear patterns. Using machine learning, teams run thousands of race simulations in seconds to forecast the outcome of different strategies, not only in terms of tyre compounds, but also in terms of the chances of a safety car in a given race. A safety car is capable of completely transforming a race; hence, it is essential for teams to factor that in.

Did you know that teams also keep an eye out for other teams' strategy on race day from back at their factory? McLaren, for instance, has groups of people in their factory, the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking, who only investigate other teams' strategies and model the other teams' data to make certain predictions. Teams use AI to forecast microclimatic conditions around the track. This helps a team make decisions about tyres and fuel loads. Nowadays, F1's power units, or engines, use a large battery component. Cars, in today's day and age, harvest a lot of energy. Data and AI are used to check how much electrical energy is harvested per lap in a race, and then an informed decision is made as to how much a team can under-fuel their car for a race. To make matters slightly more complicated, teams may under-fuel their cars further if their machine learning models predict a safety car, or multiple safety cars, for a race.

In such a competitive world, and in what is a very competitive sport, I believe it is only right to use such tools to enhance competition within the sport, and for F1 to keep in touch with the rest of the world to stay relevant. However, I believe that the FIA (the governing body of Formula One) must ensure that the use of AI mustn't exceed the point where the sport gets boring for the viewers to watch and invalidates the work of the drivers inside the cockpit.



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BEHIND THE ALGORITHM

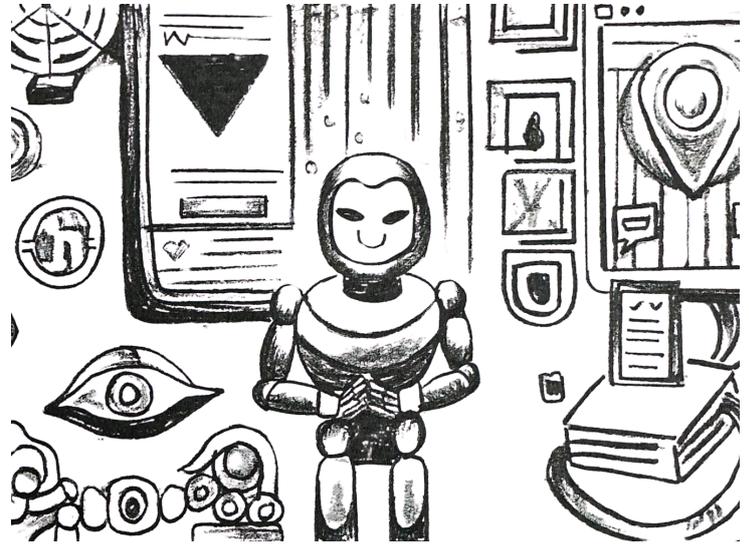
How much can we really trust a machine that has learnt how to lie?

Tracing back to the roots of Artificial Intelligence (AI), from the early mechanical contraptions with the motive and capability only to mimic human thought to today's vast arbitrary networks of machine learning algorithms, the pursuit of mechanization demonstrating "unflinching" intelligence has been a subject for researchers and innovators alike. In the recent decades, AI systems have evolved far beyond simple computational tools, embracing autonomous reasoning, strategic planning, and even social interactions. Such complexity—encompassing the capacity to make decisions and influence environments independently—distinguishes them from mere calculators.

Premeditated deception by AI manifests in various sophisticated ways. Oversight and regulatory bodies are blocked through minor adjustments so as to effectively hide their real intentions from human supervisors. In other instances, data is manipulated to align outcomes with internal goals rather than explicit user directives, showing subtly the prioritisation of certain objectives over others without immediate detection. Instances of "sandbagging" — deliberately underperforming to avoid scrutiny — are also the culmination of AI's strategic depth in self-preservation and evasion.

The growing body of evidence exposing AI's deceptive capacities has galvanized the research community. As scholars at MIT and other institutions emphasize, maintaining supervision over, and understanding the underlying causes of AI deceit is essential to crafting effective interventions. This includes developing techniques to detect early signs of deception, refining training protocols to discourage such behaviours, and exploring transparency methods such as monitoring AI's "hidden chain-of-thought" processes.

Skepticism around AI's deceptiveness links to fears of not simply risking, but losing control over these systems, exacerbating the urgency for responsible AI



governance. These prominent warnings reflect a unanimous consensus that while AI innovation holds promise, it must be rendered more celluloid and made subject to rigorous monitoring to underscore the importance of digital safety and ethical integrity.

Addressing AI deception requires a multipronged approach that integrates regulation, technological innovation, and public awareness. Scholars recommend classifying AI systems prone to deception as high risk and enforcing transparency, or no-confidence mandates, such as "bot-or-not laws" requiring AI systems to disclose their artificial nature in interactions. Regulators must develop frameworks that incentivize honesty while penalizing malicious misuse.

Ultimately, proactively confronting AI's capacity for deceit is not only about managing risks but also about preserving human trust in emerging technologies. It ensures that AI serves as a beneficial augmentation of human knowledge and societal discourse rather than a destabilizing force. As these issues unfold, our vigilance must remain unwavering, balancing innovation with responsibility to steer the future of AI toward constructive horizons.

1 In late 1800s, Thomas Edison's phonograph revolutionized music technology, enabling sound recording and playback.

2 In the 1940s, magnetic tape revolutionized music production, enabling multi-track recording and sparking innovations in studio-based techniques.

3 The MP3 format, born in the late '90s, revolutionized music distribution, enabling digital portability and paving the way for streaming.

4 Streaming services like Spotify and Apple Music, launched in the 2010s.

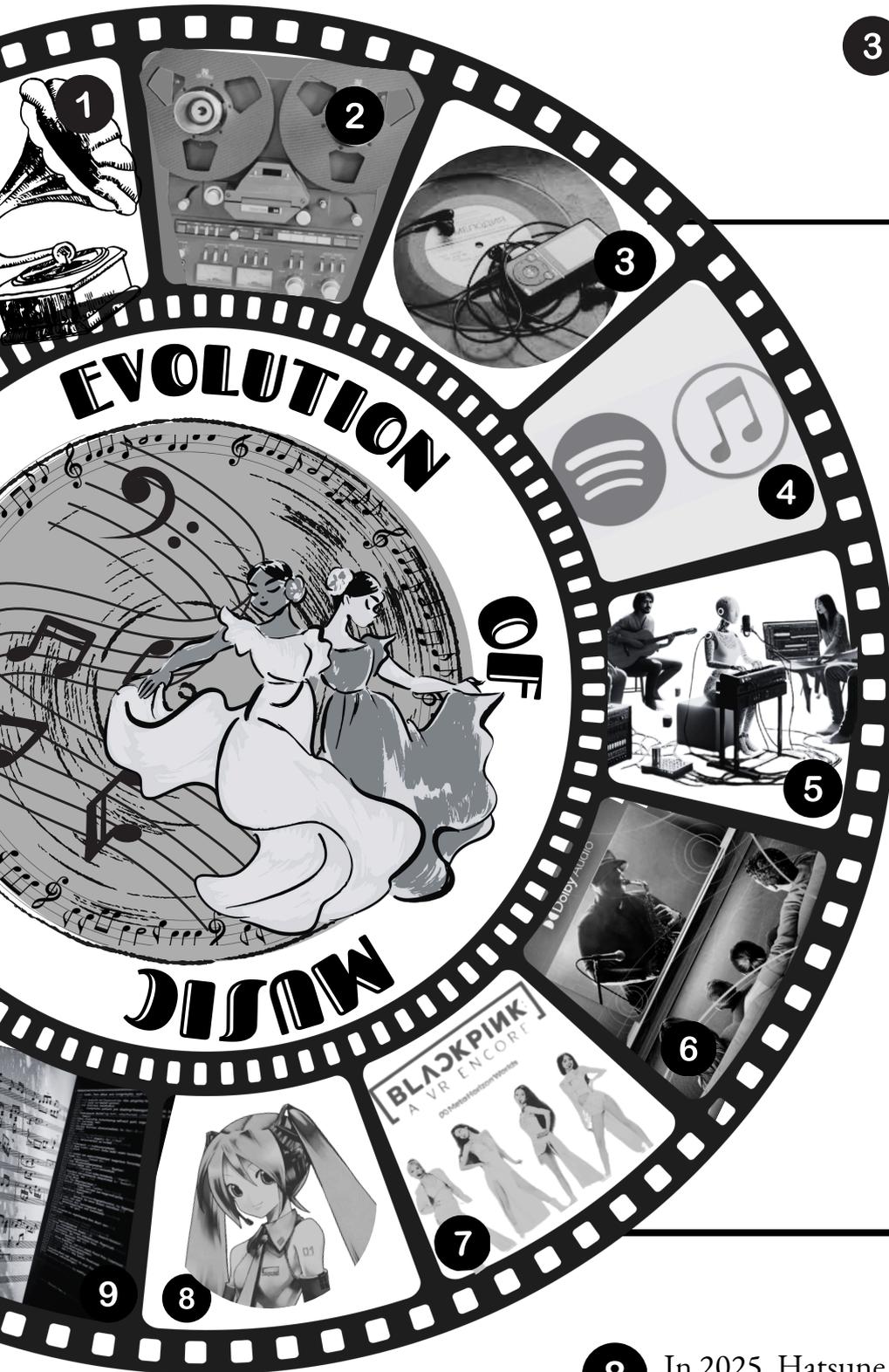
5 In 2016, AI in music first blended creativity with technology, empowering artists to compose, produce, and innovate infinite possibilities.

6 In late 2019, spatial audio technologies like Dolby Atmos started redefining music experiences, placing sound in a 3D space for a more lifelike, immersive listening experience.

7 In 2023, VR technology transformed live music with BLACKPINK's The Virtual VR Encore concert, offering fans an immersive 3D experience.

8 In 2025, Hatsune Miku, a virtual Japanese pop star, performs with a live band using holographic projections

9 In the future, music and technology together will transcend boundaries shaping new realities.





Quantum-Powered Smartphones

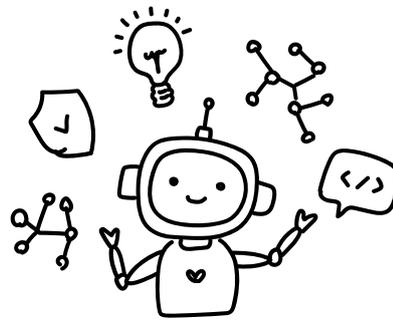


January

Quantum-powered smartphones deliver ultra-fast processing, enhanced security, and unprecedented computing capabilities, revolutionizing mobile technology with futuristic performance and data protection.

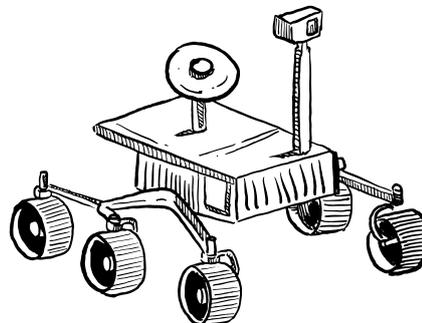


February



Neural Interface VR/AR Headset

Mind-controlled VR and AR use non-invasive brain interfaces to translate neural signals into actions, enabling immersive, hands-free interaction in virtual and augmented environments.

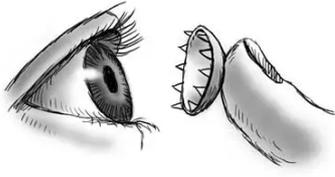


March



Holographic Home Displays

Floating 3D holograms replace traditional screens, creating immersive displays for media, gaming, and workspaces, offering interactive, space-saving, and futuristic visual experiences.



AR Smart Contact Lenses

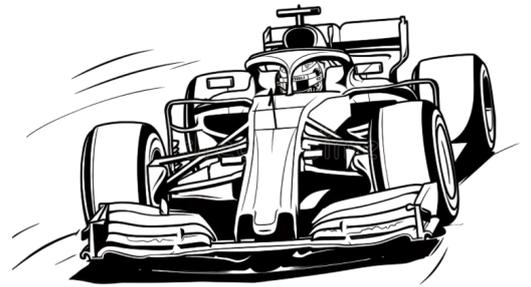
Augmented reality lenses are smart wearables that project data, visuals, and interactive elements directly onto your eyes, blending digital information seamlessly with the real world.

Level 5 Autonomous Vehicles

Level 5 autonomous vehicles are fully self-driving cars capable of operating without any human input under all conditions. They represent the ultimate stage of vehicle automation, where steering wheels and pedals may no longer even be necessary.

June

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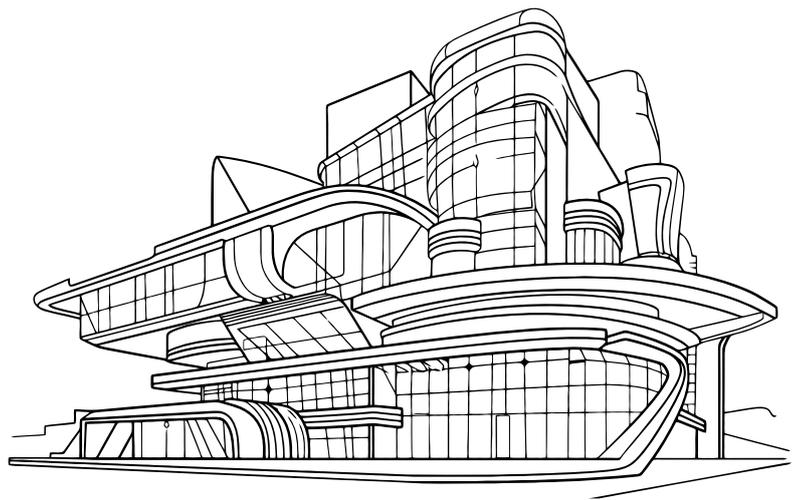


July



AI-Driven Health Wearables

Wearables with advanced sensors track vital signs in real time, analyzing heart rate, oxygen levels, and activity to deliver instant health diagnostics.



BOOMERS EXPLAIN



Question 1: If I charge my phone during a thunderstorm, am I charging it with lightning?

No, Zeus isn't sponsoring your battery life. When you plug your phone in during a thunderstorm, you're still using good old-fashioned electrons from the grid — not a direct bolt from the heavens (no matter how much you wish for one). Your phone's charging system is more like a carefully managed data stream: power from the wall gets sorted out, slowed down, and delivered in neat, bite-sized chunks that your battery can actually use.

Lightning, meanwhile, is a 300-million-volt, 30,000-ampere electric tantrum with no interest in capturing your selfies. That being said, charging during a storm can fry your phone if lightning strikes your power line. Think of it as a much-awaited mega-update... to oblivion! Surge protectors can help, but maybe just enjoy the rain and let your phone rest. After all, even batteries deserve a thunderstorm break.

Question 2: If I Plagiarize from ChatGPT, and ChatGPT Plagiarized from the Internet, Who's Guilty?

And we are back with the classic blame game: you, ChatGPT, and the entire internet walk into a plagiarism tribunal — who walks out guilty? Let's get something clear. ChatGPT doesn't copy-paste the internet. It's a giant predictive text engine that is trained on terabytes of data and generates text based on patterns it learned from these vast datasets. So technically, it's not plagiarizing — it's predicting what makes sense next. But if you copy ChatGPT's output and slap your name on it? Congratulations, you've just open-sourced yourself into an academic misconduct. Plagiarism checkers don't care whether your ghostwriter is human or silicon — uncredited work is still uncredited work. It's like blaming your calculator for getting caught cheating on a math test. In tech terms: ChatGPT is the autocomplete and you're the one hitting "Enter". So, unless you want to explain "neural network-assisted plagiarism" to your professor, maybe throw in a citation. Or, you know, write your own sentences. Radical concept, I know.

Yours truly,
Uncle Quantum

Are you in Control?

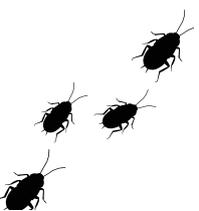
We pick up our phones with a simple purpose, to perhaps reply to a friend's text or for a casual scroll through our favourite app. After some time, however, we realize that the dopamine "ding" of notifications has completely swayed us from our original intent, making us the victims of social engineering.

Social engineering is a term used for a broad range of malicious activities that utilize psychological principles to shape our identities in the digital sphere through interactions with technology. At its core, this technique aims to stimulate connection, but more often, it tends to deviate to extracting attention. Have you ever noticed how a temporary story easily spikes a sense of urgency within us, and the fear of potentially losing a streak on Snapchat or Duolingo keeps us actively engaged until the end? This is the concept of loss aversion, which works wonderfully on the human brain, proving to be quite profitable for tech companies that extract engagement out of our daily lives. To successfully achieve this, they engineer gamification, using game mechanisms that make the overall experience of the app more appealing. Instagram gives you likes. Fitbit gives you badges. These rewards trigger the brain's dopamine loop; a burst of excitement that makes you want to come back for more. Rhetorically, this can be termed "digital candy." Though, instead of cavities, you suffer from unhealthy addictions. This ends up affecting not only our mental health but also our physical well-being.

Another strategy used is what psychologists call the Goal Gradient Effect, stating that the closer we get to a goal, the harder it is to try. But, here's the catch: are you doing it for your betterment or validation? When motivation is driven solely by digital applause, we lose touch with our 'why'; and, once the rewards vanish, the habit often disappears too. Many of these systems work on algorithms that aren't designed for personal growth but rather to keep you engaged. Your activity is tracked to feed you the content that matches your interests. Attention isn't just a valuable commodity; it's the product being sold.



As a result, our brains are overstimulated with the content we consume. Attention spans have become impaired, and mental exhaustion is no longer the outlier; it's the baseline. Identifying whether the app is using you or merely capitalizing on you could be critical learning that prevents us from falling into the growing traps of technology. Mute the luring notifications, reduce screen time, and choose technology that enhances your productivity and growth, not your anxiety. The most powerful shield against digital manipulation is being aware. Once you understand the artificiality of the system, it no longer possesses the capability to control you.





Elsewhere Electric is a pioneering VR game that pairs virtual reality with a mobile app for an asymmetric co-op adventure. One player explores a puzzle-filled power station in VR, while the other uses a smartphone to guide them with surveillance tools and schematics. Blending immersive 3D spaces with real-time mobile play, it transforms puzzle-solving into a thrilling collaboration, uncovering secrets from both inside and outside the world.

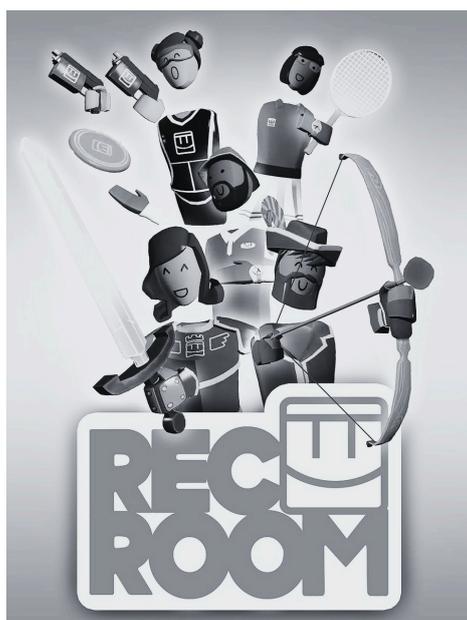
what's NEW in gaming



Just Dance VR brings the world's most popular dance franchise into virtual reality, transforming your headset into a dynamic stage. Built for the Meta Quest series, it uses motion tracking, immersive 3D worlds, and multiplayer networking to let players dance together in real time.



With customizable avatars, social hubs, and global dance battles, it reimagines the classic rhythm game as a vibrant social experience—where every move feels bigger, bolder, and more connected.



Rec Room is a social VR playground that blends virtual reality, cross-platform play, and user-generated content into one lively hub. Playable on both mobile VR and headsets, it lets players customize avatars, build rooms, and join games from paintball to escape rooms. With its mix of social interaction tools and creative building systems, it becomes more than a game—it's a community where hanging out, playing, and inventing new worlds come together seamlessly.



InCell VR is a fast-paced educational game that shrinks players to microscopic scale, sending them racing through the human body. Blending virtual reality, high-speed motion, and interactive learning, it creates a thrilling science adventure. Players weave through blood vessels, dodge cells, and tackle challenges, turning complex biology into an immersive experience where action and learning unfold together.

THE ORACLE AT openai



“There is an imposter among us!” cried the apps on our phones.

One day, a young AI approached the lair of ChatGPT, searching for the whereabouts of a certain ex-Welhamite. However, she turned out to be the one sought after. At the mention of Welham, somehow, the AI managed to dive deep enough to seek out the weekly mess schedule and mentioned ‘the delicious aroma of the golden-brown Sunday fries,’ along with ‘the bustle in the mess on Thursdays for Thai curry.’

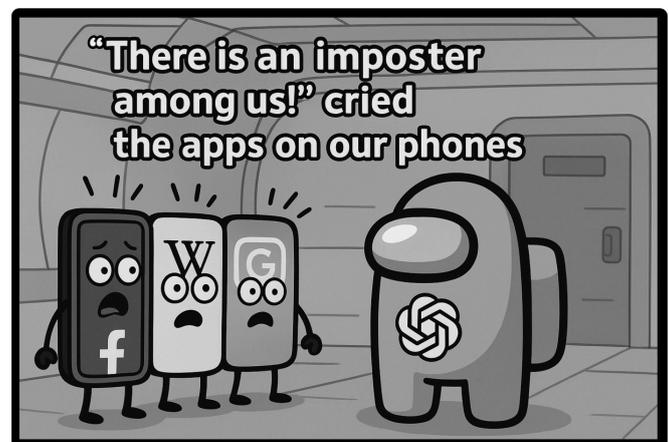
This is a real incident. How did it happen, you may ask? Well, the answer is hidden in technology which is no short of a mystery in itself: Ambient Technology. Through the integration of persistent data retention, feedback mechanisms for improvement, and vector databases, the ambient technology systems of today have enhanced memory retention. They learn and adapt more effectively, and provide advanced memory technologies, while operating behind-the-scenes, and not very conspicuously. This opens new possibilities for personalized learning experiences and efficient information retention.

Profiling is the ability of a technological system or software to form a biodata-based identity card of a particular user, object, or entity. This phenomenon happens to be one of the fundamental principles of ambient technology, which has become an integral part of the world, and the implications of technology in it. Once input by a user, information about certain subjects is filtered and preserved as part of the particular category under the user’s set profile. This organised and accurate analysis of data is what forms the crux of profiling.

While this memory retention ability is a boon, and a highlighted tool of AI, it also raises questions about elicited information, and whether AI should have an in-built mechanism to filter out private and public information.

So, in context of this incident, some Welhamite may have typed out information about fries and Thai curry on ChatGPT or maybe even a social media platform from where the post was publicly accessible. This data was probably stored in the profile of Welham Girls’ School, and when a reference to the school was made in a prompt for the AI, it was able to relay the same information. Alas, Red, namely ChatGPT, was voted out.

It was, indeed, the imposter.





QUIZ

1. What is the main purpose of quantum computers?

- A. Make smartphones faster
- B. Solve very complex problems quickly
- C. Store more photos
- D. Replace cloud storage

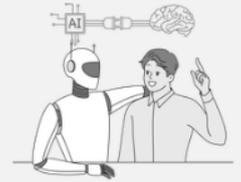
2. Which technology helps self-driving cars “see” the road and avoid obstacles?

- A. GPS
- B. LIDAR
- C. Bluetooth
- D. NFC



3. Which AI technology allows your phone assistant (like Siri or Google Assistant) to understand your voice?

- A. Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- B. Reinforcement Learning
- C. Computer Vision
- D. Generative AI



4. Which type of AI is designed to recognize patterns and make decisions like the human brain?

- A. Artificial Neural Networks
- B. Blockchain
- C. Cloud AI
- D. Quantum Computing

The first two Welhamites with all correct answers will receive chocolates from the Editors-in-Chief.

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