

ChatGPT: Everything to know about the viral, 'groundbreaking' AI bot



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Is **artificial intelligence** taking over? Well, the latest “groundbreaking” AI chat bot, trained to interact with users with advanced capabilities, is certainly creating quite the frenzy in the technology world.

Known as ChatGPT and created by a company called **OpenAI**, the software is designed to generate human-like responses to a wide range of inputs by using algorithms.

“This is like the early era of the internet, right in the 1990s where everyone is like, ‘Is this a thing? Is this not a thing,’” said Varun Mayya, who has been building software for ten years. “But now, beyond a doubt, it is a thing. It’s very groundbreaking.”

With its plethora of knowledge, ChatGPT can be practically anything the user makes of it — it can take on the role of a chef and provide recipes, make business plans for marketers, create press releases for public relations specialists or give advice like a therapist.

“It’s going to add a lot of value to the average person for sure,” said Mayya.

It comes with the risk of users believing what they’re being told, even if it isn’t true, according to Katrina Ingram, CEO of Ethically Aligned AI, a social enterprise that launched last year committed to consulting and educating companies on artificial intelligence.



Katrina Ingram, CEO of Ethically Aligned AI. **Provided by Katrina Ingram**

“People might think of this as being really authoritative and accurate, which it isn’t,” she told Global News. “That could be really problematic.”

ChatGPT is a lot like me in 1998 in that, if you ask it a question, it will answer extremely confidently even if it has no idea what the answer is.

— Hank Green (@hankgreen) December 8, 2022

According to Ingram, ChatGPT is what is known as a “large language model.”

ChatGPT was launched on Nov. 30 and by Dec. 5 — less than a week later — it had already crossed one million users, according to OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

Since then, the terms “ChatGPT” and “OpenAI” have become breakout searches on Google Trends in both Canada and internationally.

The software is currently free as it sits in its research phase, though there are plans to eventually charge.

“We will have to monetize it somehow at some point; the compute costs are eye-watering,” Altman said online on Dec. 5.