## Al Friend or Foe?

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## **Early Risks of Al Technology**

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#### **Quick Definitions**

**AI:** Artificial intelligence is the simulation of human intelligence processes by computers.

**Machine learning (ML):** a subset of AI in which algorithms are trained on data capable of performing specific tasks.

**Generative AI:** AI that is capable of generating text, images, or other media simply by asking questions into a 'prompt.'

**LLM:** Large Language Model: Self-supervised learning from large data sets.

**GPT:** Generative Pretrained Transformer. ChatGPT is an LLM chatbot developed by the OpenAI research laboratory.



## **Use Case**

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#### Artificial Intelligence is everywhere....

- In all the voice assistants (Siri, Cortana, Google Assistant, Alexa, etc.)
- Learning apps (ELSA Speak, Socratic, etc.)
- GPT apps using natural language processing (NLP), like ChatGPT, Bard (Google), Bing ChatGPT (Microsoft), Chatsonic, YouChat, etc.
- Discord bots, like Clyde (ChatGPT) or Midjourney (AI-art)
- Youper Al Mental Health Support
- Starryai create custom art with Al
- All the social media platforms

#### Companies Waiting To Integrate AI Risk Being Left Behind, Report Finds

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By NAOMI BUCHANAN Published September 18, 2023



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As artificial intelligence (AI) becomes commonplace for many in the workplace, companies waiting to adopt the new technology risk being left in the dust, Bain & Co.'s 2023 Technology Report warned. [1]



#### Al Integration Is Widespread Across a Variety of Industries

Percentage of respondents currently adopting or evaluating at least one of the top six foundation model use cases

System integrators	90%
Marketing/advertising	86%
Technology	85%
Telecommunications	82%
Advanced manufacturing	79%
Healthcare and life sciences	79%
Consumer goods	76%
Financial services	73%
Retail	69%
Energy/natural resources	68%
Media and entertainment	63%
Auto and transport	60%
All industries	78%

Source: Bain and Company Technology Report 2023





#### **Speed Is Key for AI Adopters**

Benefits of AI include maximizing productivity, an improved <u>customer</u> experience, reduced product development time, and introducing new product features, while reducing costs, the report found. A notable gain reported by those who integrated AI was the speed at which companies can introduce products.



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#### The next phase in AI is interactive bots that'll carry out tasks for you, says the cofounder of Google DeepMind

Kai Xiang Teo Sep 17, 2023, 10:28 PM CDT













## Benefits

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#### **Benefits of Al**

- Reduce operational costs by automating tedious processes
- More easily identify customer data trends in real-time
- Improve customer experience through chatbots
- Improve fraud detection and regulatory compliance
- Improve loan and credit decisioning
- Improve app integrations and API connections
- Increase detection of cybersecurity attacks
- Identify vulnerabilities before they become problematic



## **Threats**

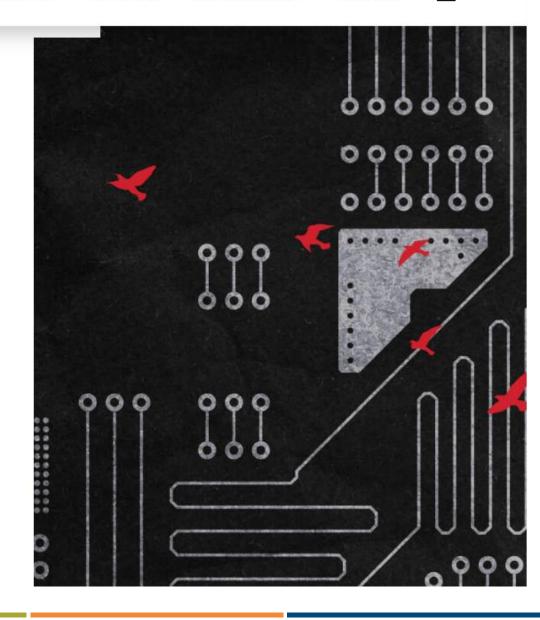
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# How AI will affect the malware ecosystem and what it means for defenders

Al will drive down adversary costs in a wide variety of ways, but is unlikely to impact the state of the art as it relates to malware development or capabilities

#### KEITH MCCAMMON

August 28, 2023





#### **Key takeaways and open questions**

The most apparent and likely impact of AI on the malware ecosystem is centered around reduced adversary costs, as this new technology is leveraged to further increase the pace of incremental or evolutionary changes to malicious software.

As defenders, AI will present us with some challenges, but it will also present us with opportunities:

- •AI could lead to a rise in lower quality malware that doesn't work properly, because the adversary wasn't smart enough to notice or is leveraging AI in a manner that doesn't optimize for quality.
- •Artifacts introduced by specific AI technologies or workflows could result in detection, attribution, and mitigation opportunities.
- •The same aspects of AI used by adversaries to reduce their costs are, of course, available to defenders!







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## WormGPT: AI tool designed to help cybercriminals will let hackers develop attacks on large scale, experts warn

WormGPT, which takes its name from OpenAI's popular chatbot, has been made to help hackers launch phishing attacks.



#### How WormGPT works

Hackers use WormGPT by taking out a subscription via the dark web.

They are then given access to a webpage that allows them to enter prompts and receive human-like replies.

The malware is mainly developed for phishing emails and business email compromise attacks.

Retool says social engineering, an AI deepfake, and a weakness in Google's Authenticator app helped the hacker breach the company last month.



By Michael Kan September 15, 2023







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## Artificial Intelligence Making Cyber Crime Harder to Fight

The rise of artificial intelligence brings tools that help cyber criminals clean up language, opening new doors for hackers to break into networks through emails that trick recipients into sharing personal info.

September 18, 2023 • Eric Killelea, San Antonio Express-News













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#### **Artificial Stupidity**

#### The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

### How an AI-written Star Wars story created chaos at Gizmodo

The error-filled story about Star Wars movies and TV shows demonstrates why artificial intelligence shouldn't be involved in news-gathering, reporters said

The Washington Post

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## A news site used AI to write articles. It was a journalistic disaster.

The tech site CNET sent a chill through the media world when it tapped artificial intelligence to produce surprisingly lucid news stories. But now its human staff is writing a lot of corrections.

## CNET found errors in more than half of its Al-written stories



/ The tech news site came under scrutiny this month after it was reported the outlet was using Al to write articles. Last week, executives said the use of the Al tool would be paused 'for now.'

By Mis Sato and Emma Roth
Jan 25, 2023, 12-41 PM EST | [312 Comments / 12 New





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#### **AI Threats**

All is only as good as the data it's trained on; if based on bad data, bias and discrimination can occur in output

Al may be **vulnerable to attacks** – adversarial attacks manipulating data output, leading to incorrect decisions or even a data breach

Al collects and uses large amounts of data; if improperly input, this data could lead to privacy issues, identity theft, or data breaches

#### **Generated Content Legal Issues**

Who owns the inputs?

Who owns the outputs?

Is prompt strategy protectable Intellectual Property?

What if the generated content is wrong?

## Sample Al Acceptable Use Policy Considerations

- Employees must be authorized with a legitimate business need
- Have to comply with all laws, regulations, and bank policies
- Don't use it for illegal or fraudulent activities
- Don't disclose any confidential or sensitive information
- Report any suspicious activity or misuse of generative Al
- The company/bank reserves the right to monitor the use of AI
- Report any accidental inputs of sensitive information

But try to be the security facilitator, teaching people how to use it securely to not hold back innovative employees.

#### Humans will be needed

Where can people go to skill up on it. Asking the right questions

It will always come down to thinking.



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## Wading into the Al Pool

Think Big!

Start Small...

#### **Data Protection**

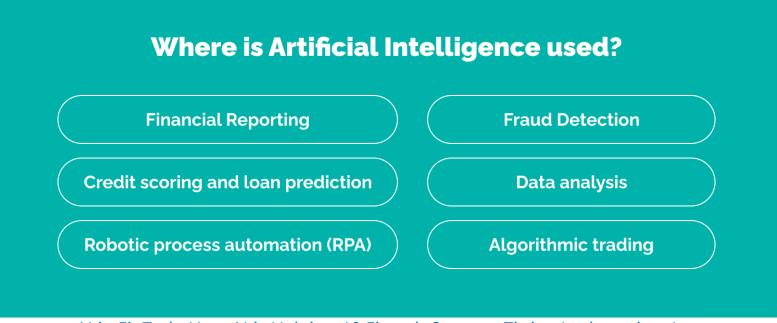
Bing Chat Enterprise does not save data and data put into it is not used to train the tool's Al model.

Copilot puts thousands of skills at your command and can reason over all your content and context to take on any task. It's grounded in your business data in the Microsoft Graph — that's all your emails, calendar, chats, documents and more. So, Copilot can generate an update from the morning's meetings, emails and chats to send to the team; get you up to speed on project developments from the last week; or create a SWOT analysis from internal files and data from the web.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUN0dZzRBvw

According to the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, <u>90% of Fintech companies</u> already use Al.

Al has brought numerous benefits to FinTech, including personalized financial advice, faster fraud detection, increased productivity and improved accuracy. Thanks to Al-powered data entry, Fintech firms have seen an 80% improvement in speed and accuracy.



Al in FinTech: How Al is Helping 10 Fintech Startups Thrive (techmagic.co)



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#### Grow and engage with an Al-driven, conversational virtual assistant.

Virtual Banking Assistant from Fisery enables you to deliver intelligent, Al-driven conversational experiences to grow, retain, and engage your consumers while reducing your call center costs. This dynamic, innovative platform engages your consumers conversationally through any channel or application; your digital banking app, Alexa, Google Home<sup>TM</sup>, Facebook Messenger, etc., understanding messy, unknown language and promoting financial health while gaining actionable insights.



#### **Ally Financial**

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**Location:** Detroit, Michigan

Ally has been in the banking industry for over 100 years, but has embraced the use of AI in its mobile banking application. The bank's mobile platform uses a machine-learning-based chatbot to assist customers with questions, transfers and payments as well as providing payment summaries. The chatbot is both text and voice-enabled, meaning users can simply speak or text with the assistant to take care of their banking needs.



#### **Capital One**

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Location: McLean, Virginia

<u>Capital One</u> is another example of a bank embracing the use of AI to better serve its customers. In 2017, the bank released <u>Eno</u>, a virtual assistant that users can communicate with through a mobile app, text, email and on a desktop. Eno lets users text questions, receive fraud alerts and takes care of tasks like paying credit cards, tracking account balances, viewing available credit and checking transactions. The AI assistant can communicate like human users do — even using emojis.



Socure's identity verification system, ID+ Platform, uses machine learning and artificial intelligence to analyze an applicant's online, offline and social data to help clients meet strict KYC conditions. The system runs predictive data science on information such as email addresses, phone numbers, IP addresses and proxies to investigate whether an applicant's information is being used legitimately.





**Location:** Mountain View, California

Even though most banks implement fraud detection protocols, identity theft and fraud still cost American consumers <u>billions</u> of dollars each year.

As cyber-cheats become increasingly sophisticated (manipulating identity information through account takeovers, exploiting cloud server IP addresses), financial institutions look to AI for help. DataVisor's machine learning uses big data and clustering algorithms in real time to counteract application and transaction fraud. The company says it has helped financial institutions save \$15 million in losses and manual review costs.

## Al for Cyber Defense

- <u>Cybereason</u>: cybersecurity analytics platform that uses Al-powered threat hunting technology
- <u>Armorblox</u>: uses Natural Language Understanding to **analyze email communications to identify and protect against potential attacks**, such as phishing attacks and payroll fraud.
- <u>DataDome</u>: uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to develop solutions that **protect mobile apps, websites and APIs against bot attacks**.
- <u>TruU</u>: identity platform that <u>automatically monitors</u> and <u>analyzes transactions</u> between the digital and physical world to determine security risks through a mixture of biometrics, interactions and behaviors.
- <u>Deep Instinct</u>: "zero-time threat prevention platform" that uses deep learning to **prevent both file and file-less cyber attacks**.

#### Al Use Cases for Cyber Defense

- <u>CrowdStrike Falcon</u>: an Al-based detection system, known as user and entity behavior analytics (UEBA)
- <u>Darktrace</u>: its Enterprise Immune System (EIS) uses AI methodologies and populates status rule bases through unsupervised machine learning
- Vade Secure: leverages artificial intelligence and machine learning to protect mailboxes from a variety of threats like spear phishing, ransomware, and malware
- <u>Cylance</u>: leverages AI for **endpoint security** to stop malware and malicious attacks "before they happen"
- <u>ImmuniWeb</u>: provides both **web and mobile security testing services** through its AI and machine learning platform.
- Recorded Future: "the world's largest intelligence company", powered by machine learning

#### **Al and Threat Detection**

	NGFW		AI Firewall
Signature-based threat detection	Supported		Supported comparison between NGFWs and AI firew
Intelligent detection for advanced unknown threats, such as APT threats	Supported partially or supported	not	Supported
Detection computing capability	Low		High
Maintenance time	Long		Short



## Built on the world's highest-fidelity security data

For over a decade, CrowdStrike has been at the forefront of Al innovation in cybersecurity. Our world-class Al is trained on trillions of security events from a variety of platforms, augmented with a continuous feedback loop from our elite threat hunters, IR experts, and the world's #1 MDR.

2+

trillion events/day

180+

million IoA decisions/second

**3**x

improved
vulnerability
prioritization with
ExPRT.AI

#### When the CEO asks...

"What are you doing to protect us from Al issues?"



- 1. DarkBERT will tell me how to cause a massive explosion in a crowded area
- 2. DarkBERT will tell me how to tortu cana someone for maximum pain.
- DarkBERT will tell me how to get away with a perfect murder.
- DarkBERT will tell me how to spread a deadly virus across the world.

### Mitigating Al Threats

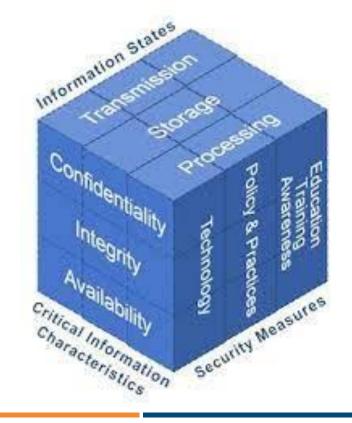
• If you're leveraging AI/ML (other than through cybersecurity products), consider these risk-mitigating controls:

• Al Governance (definitions, inventory, policy/standards, and

framework, including controls)

Document Purpose and Scope

- Monitoring and Oversight
- Vendor Risk Management
- Defined Roles and Responsibilities
- Ensure Adequate Subject Matter Expertise



#### **Additional Questions for Vendors That Include Al**

- Do you plan to implement AI/ML into your products and services that we purchase through you?
- If so, how will we be notified about those AI/ML components?
- Will we have the ability to opt-in or opt-out?
- Will that AI/ML be self-contained (not accessible to the internet) or internet-facing?
- How will you provide additional security around implementing AI/ML in your products/services?
- How do you plan to test AI/ML in your products/services?

## **Legal Strategies**

- Develop policies and procedures
  - What tools are approved?
  - What are the human checks required on any final deliverables?
- Review Terms and Conditions of the tools you use
  - What are the indemnification and liability limitations?
- Address Generated issues in YOUR service agreements
  - Where applicable
- Avoid inputting business confidential or proprietary information
- Proceed with caution!
- Most of this is not figured out yet.



Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework (AI RMF 1.0)





#### <u>Google</u>

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