

AI, IP, Copyright, and human knowledge and traditions

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Abstract

While AI at this stage of development mainly encompasses a world of promises it has the potential for preparing a new world of opportunity and mutual advancement. Many 'AI' offerings at the moment however can be defined as hyped up search engines, useful software tools, and even malicious programs that facilitate, for example, child abuse, cybercrime, mental health disorders in children and which could and do steal personal identity, IP and Copyrighted material.

While several of the main players started out altruistically the main entities are competing commercially for users and profit. Several are also demanding access to our personal communications and our data storage.

Others are deliberately exploiting human endeavour and putting our (human) systems and personal data at great risk.

We are also told AI might steal jobs. We need to decide if and where AI is indeed preferable to human contact and do we have a moral obligation to keep humans employed in a world where one must earn one's keep to survive. Humans also need stimulating work for good mental health.

One of the arguments against mental health disorders in children brought about by insidious social media is the sidelining of human childhood traditions of play and socialisation with friends. Social media prefers to keep children in plain sight and keep feeding them

with warped messaging. Social media is not good for child mental health and the acquiring of people skills that interaction with other children facilitates. Most countries have now brought in legislation to protect children. Are we applying the same cautions to AI?

While AI can provide exceptional benefits to human life it can be a hugely destructive force if not regulated and applied morally and carefully.

Some AI is also claiming ownership of all knowledge built to date; knowledge which has been the result of millennia of human endeavour. Add to that, currently the world's knowledge is housed and judiciously taught by our respected global academic institutions where it is subject to copyright and is acknowledged intellectual property. Are the commercial AI purveyors safeguarding our human tradition or using it for commercial advantage?

This paper looks at these issues and at what safeguards are being applied to AI development and use globally to protect Intellectual Property and Copyrighted material.

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