



# What Is an AI Chatbot?

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## READ

"News Literacy in the Age of AI." *News Literacy Project*, 25 July 2023, <https://newslit.org/ai/>. Accessed 31 July 2023.

This roundup of articles on the latest developments in artificial intelligence, recent internet rumors about chatbots and generated by chatbots, and strategies for media literacy is an easily digestible resource aimed at teachers but accessible to anyone wanting to be informed.

Ryan-Mosley, T. "Catching Bad Content in the Age of AI." *MIT Technology Review*, MIT Technology Review, 15 May 2023, 2023, [www.technologyreview.com/2023/05/15/1073019/catching-bad-content-in-the-age-of-ai/](http://www.technologyreview.com/2023/05/15/1073019/catching-bad-content-in-the-age-of-ai/). Accessed 31 July 2023.

MIT takes a look at what makes catching and removing harmful content a challenge for tech companies. They discuss whether developments in artificial intelligence will help make this process faster and more streamlined or just provide another tool for bad actors to generate misinformation.

Vlahos, James. "Talk to Me: How Voice Computing Will Transform the Way We Live, Work, and Think." (HarperCollins Publishers. Recorded Books, LLC, audiobook publisher.) *Spokane County Library District*, 2023, <https://catalog.sclcd.org/Search/Results?lookfor=%22talk+to+me%22+Vlahos>. Accessed 31 July 2023.

James Vlahos explains the enormous AI challenges presented by voice computing and unpacks its vast economic, cultural, and psychological impacts as social media giants like Google, Facebook, and Microsoft create new voice-driven interfaces. His book delves into questions about people becoming emotionally dependent on machines, societal addiction to our devices, and issues of protecting our privacy when we're constantly surrounded by machines programmed to collect our data.

## WATCH

Harris, Tim. "What Is ChatGPT? Chat GPT Explained (with AI Chatbot Examples)." *YouTube*, YouTube Video, 20 Dec. 2022, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cINMjr-159o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cINMjr-159o). Accessed 31 July 2023.

In this short video, Tim Harris gives a quick explanation of what ChatGPT is and provides examples of what it looks like to use it and what people are using it for.

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## LISTEN

Dave, Paresh. "Stack Overflow Will Charge AI Giants for Training Data." *WIRED*, WIRED, 20 Apr. 2023, [www.wired.com/story/stack-overflow-will-charge-ai-giants-for-training-data/](https://www.wired.com/story/stack-overflow-will-charge-ai-giants-for-training-data/). Accessed 31 July 2023.

Companies like Meta, Google, and OpenAI have traditionally paid nothing for the training data they feed to their chatbots. Hundreds of websites are fed to the bots for free, seemingly, as a balance to the huge costs of developing large-scale AI systems, which take expensive computers to power. Stack Overflow and Reddit are seeking compensation from companies using their data and, if successful, may change how LLM developers create bots and how artists and writers protect their content.

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