

# Screenshots for Netnography



Posted by u/[deleted] 11 months ago



## 149 I'm Scared of Unemployment in a World Ruled by AI



AI

As a full-stack dev, the recent advancements in AI and the news about GPT-4 have me shook. I mean, AI has the power to change everything and that's both exciting and scary AF. I've spent years building my skills and my career, and the thought of AI taking over and leaving me without a job is freaking me out.

I don't want to end up doing basic labor jobs that I'm not physically or mentally equipped for. That's not what I signed up for when I decided to become a dev. I don't want to be stuck in a dead-end job with no future. And even if the government does end up providing Universal Basic Income, I'm not sure I trust them to keep their promise. The thought of relying on the government for my livelihood is not a comforting one.

The fear of ending up homeless is also weighing heavily on me. I've worked hard to build a life for myself, and the thought of losing everything is devastating. I just hope that society will find a way to address these concerns and make sure that the impact of AI and the Singularity is positive for everyone. But until then, I'm just filled with fear, worry, and uncertainty about my future.

PS: This post was made by ChatGPT lol



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tobbtobbo · 11 mo. ago

As positive as I am It really makes 1984 seem possibility in the long term. Groups with extreme power over measly peasant humans who don't have usable skills. It take a lot of intelligence and restraint for those not to abuse their power as we've seen humans do throughout history.

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Mediocre\_Baseball\_14 · 11 mo. ago

Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

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RahnuLe · 11 mo. ago

Or just the opposite - power *reveals*. It doesn't corrupt so much as reveal the rot that was always inside in the first place.

Keeping in mind that our society currently only heavily rewards highly unscrupulous behavior and that any sort of kindness is essentially either null in terms of monetary reward or not considered *at all* within its framework, it's not even remotely surprising that the higher echelons of society are dominated by the cruel and uncaring. If anything, we should be asking ourselves why we continue to even allow such people to grab hold of the reins of power in the first place - and what we should be doing to get them out (and keep them there). The answers to those questions may be VERY relevant for AI as well.

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HETKA · 11 mo. ago

No, you're afraid of unemployment due to AI in a world ruled by capitalism

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mutantbeings · 11 mo. ago

100% correct.

Learning the history of the union movement can be instructive here — ***technology has been replacing workers for hundreds of years*** — and the problem is *always* the same: *who owns the benefits that come from that advancement*.

Under capitalism; *that's not you or I*.

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Devanismyname · 11 mo. ago

AI will strengthen the people who benefit from capitalism.

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DaGrimCoder · 11 mo. ago

How? If AI gets good enough to replace software developers, it's going to be good enough to replace nearly ALL non physical jobs. That means like 50% unemployment rate. How on Earth will this strengthen capitalism when nobody has any fucking money to spend LOL. Did you consider this?

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Wroisu · 11 mo. ago

•Minerva Project | 30B | AGI '27 - '35

Exxxactly, I wish people would realize this correlation

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green\_meklar · 11 mo. ago



ToHallowMySleep 🍎 · 11 mo. ago

But for god's sake don't be politically active just to throw a wrench in technology advances to protect old business models. Some people just fear change and fight against it to protect themselves, at the cost of everyone else.

"Artists" who are complaining about AI now are a classic example - they're trying to protect the mechanics of creating art, because they don't have true creativity. Real creative artists are embracing AI and using it to push the next generation of artistic expression.

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Capitalism · 11 mo. ago

I agree. Running from the inevitable will only lead to lack of preparedness.

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amplex1337 · 11 mo. ago

This is so silly, and it spawns from people who don't understand machine learning. The computer doesn't have raw creativity like real artists. It's trained from data sets of REAL ART BY REAL ARTISTS. Meaning that if the original art by real artists didn't exist, there would be no AI art either. Just like chatGPTs knowledge is from actual curated knowledge not AGI. A real human has to judge every single data point in its data set. This is right on chatGPTs site. Real nuanced knowledge is fed to the AI, it hasn't figured out all this crap on its own by studying and actually trying things like people do. If you are an expert in a certain field it doesn't know, its answers are generic or outright wrong most of the time. We aren't to AGI yet and it is still a good way off but fools a lot of people very well right now because its language capability is very good and its art is interesting. But it cannot have the nuanced human experience that we have, currently.

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nutidizen · 11 mo. ago



you need to accept that and learn to live with that. try to live in the moment and just enjoy life right now. I'm a software developer and I know I'm going to be obsolete in few years.

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Down\_The\_Rabbithole · 11 mo. ago

As a software developer myself I don't agree with your stance. I absolutely agree that we will be obsolete in a couple of years time.

I don't agree with just laying down and taking it. I'm actively trying to change careers and move out of Software Engineering into something more physical that can't be as easily automated. Something like an embedded factory maintainer that has to physically inspect the hardware and interact with it.

Still this development is going to make almost all people working purely by manipulating data through a keyboard obsolete.

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Capitalism · 11 mo. ago · *edited 11 mo. ago*

Everyone is in the same boat. It will come for all jobs, sooner or later.

What will that world look like?

I don't know, but I do know we have a chance to start defining that now, today.

Become politically active. Put a lot of thought into what you'd like that world to be, and why it should be so.

We may still find out AI to not be as benign to humans as we wished for, but provided that isn't the case, if we each envision a positive scenario and take the necessary steps to act on it, I am confident it will come to pass.

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## Rapid AI progress makes me feel really anxious about the future



Surur · 10 mo. ago

There is a very trite saying which applies here - apply yourself to change what you can, and accept what you cant change.

You cant change the trajectory of AI research and deployment, so its best just to accept it.

What you can work on is yourself and the quality of your life, which is really about your self-worth, your interactions with your peers and your usefulness to society, which is all things you can work on every day.

Go clean up a river and feel all three improve.

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singulthrowaway · 10 mo. ago

You cant change the trajectory of AI research and deployment, so its best just to accept it.

Not individually, but just as the climate protests in Europe influenced voters and policy, similar movements concerned with AI could influence AI policy.

E.g. is there currently *any* legislation in *any* country that would make it mandatory for companies working on potentially superhuman AGI to put it under democratic control once it reaches a certain point?

Because the way I see things playing out right now, even if alignment is solved, it would just make ASI obedient to the first company that developed it who could then do with the rest of us as they please. Maybe we're lucky and the people in charge happen to be philanthropists who only want the best for everyone, but maybe we're unlucky and they're neoreactionaries who want to rule over us like medieval kings. Is that really something that should be left up to chance?

In my mind, we're starting to enter dangerous territory and absolutely *nothing* has been done in terms of oversight.

And way before that of course would come the time period in which most of us will be unemployed due to AI. Perhaps even right-wingers could be persuaded that it makes sense to *prepare* some form of UBI and redistribution that would kick in automatically once unemployment suddenly skyrockets because of one company that was first to develop an AI that can do practically anything, with all money now flowing to it? Why is that something that should be done at the absolute last minute after the developments have already caused pointless suffering and all power has been completely concentrated (even more than right now) in the hands of a few people?

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Posted by u/Ashamed-Asparagus-93 1 year ago



## 58 Why everyone's afraid of AI



For the record I don't fear it, but I searched "AI" on youtube earlier and theres lots of videos with millions of views talking about negative end of the world stuff usually with Elon in the thumbnail or something similar.

I get that people love drama, but I think maybe a bit too much these days. Everyone (besides us and some others) seems to of got it in their heads we're all doomed and AI will destroy us Terminator style.

Speaking of Terminator, I think what scares people the most isn't so much the AI but the Robots. Big mean evil robots with laser guns to be specific.

I wish everyone was more optimistic about AI but I don't see any way in changing the general public's opinion of it, which is basically be terrified of it and hope it never comes. Except it will, and there's nothing to be afraid of either for that matter.

If only the general population was more...whats the word? Enlightened?



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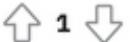


esc8pe8rtist · 8 mo. ago

Bruh, you're putting out madd dunning kruger vibes

You have neither demonstrated the same level of knowledge as the people in the field, working on this shit or investing in it have, nor have you put fourth any kind of well informed vision for why you are un afraid.

First figure out why everyone else is worried, and then research more into that before trolling us with your child like visions of the future.



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Ashamed-Asparagus-93 OP · 8 mo. ago

Maybe you should first try and figure out why I see it the way I do and get your head out of your ass. Not even the very wise can see all ends but I know enough to think what I think. Go over to the ML thread if you want scientific demonstrations on what will happen.

Nobody really knows what will happen the field moves far too fast. You're one of those people who want answers but you can't have your answer yet on what's going to happen. If you're mad that I'm optimistically speculating then downvote and move on



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AsheyDS · 1 yr. ago

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Technically AI isn't dangerous, it's the people that will misuse it that are dangerous. It's an important differentiation to make because some people actually fear AI itself, like it's going to judge and punish people for their wicked ways or something. I understand much of the psychology behind this, but it's the wrong thing to focus on.



Surur · 1 yr. ago

No, the point of AI is that it can be dangerous all by itself. We are literally talking about creating a new intelligent species and giving it power over our lives.

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AsheyDS · 1 yr. ago

AGI/ASI 2028-2033

We are literally talking about creating a new intelligent species and giving it power over our lives.

Oh? I was talking about complex software that's engineered to assist humans. But you do bring up a good point about giving it power over our lives. I see that in the same way I see the internet though... The internet has caused numerous problems despite how much we use it. We've 'given it power over our lives' but it's not the internet's fault... it's ours. I think it will be the same with AI.

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Posted by u/thetruekingofspace 9 months ago



## 36 Is Anxiety about your Future and AI Destroying your Life?



Discussion

I know this isn't a self-help forum or what have you, but I just want to see if I'm alone here. The future that I am scared of isn't quite here yet, but it feels like it's getting closer and closer, and the existential crisis that comes with it is consuming my life.

I spent my whole life learning to be a good developer, and being a developer is such a big part of my identity. And thanks to generative AI, I feel like I don't know who I am anymore. I don't even know what it means to be human. The whole situation has absolutely made me reevaluate what's important to me in life, and has started me down the path of discovering who I am without the one thing I was good at.

I used to enjoy working on side projects and creating all kinds of neat projects. I used to enjoy my career as a software engineer. But now I just feel so empty and I don't know what to do. I honestly feel like if I didn't have my family and friends that I would just end it all.

I'm not the only one feeling this way right? And if you have gotten past this, what did you do to get through it. I need help or this is going to consume me and what's left of my sanity.

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PoliticsAndFootball · 9 mo. ago

I'm an "older" software developer (43) Started my career around 2001 in web dev and now focused on iOS and Android apps. It's all I know. Everything and I mean everything seems different to me now.

I still go to work everyday but I look around at my co-workers and myself and think "this is all going away...and soon" We all (marketers, user acquisition people, data people, developers) use chatgpt in our daily work and I kind want to shake everyone and say " hey dummies we are literally training our replacements!!!!"

I look at my kids age 5 and 7 and I can barely even imagine a world for them in 10 years time. It's going to be so radically different than what there "is" now. I'm fearful and regretting bringing them into this uncertain world. This wasn't the case just 6 months ago.

I have a stepson age 17 looking at colleges. He's smart, way smarter than me. 1600 SAT etc, straight A's etc. I can barely keep a straight face at his excitement of looking at schools . "Don't do it you fool!" I want to shout. In 4 years time his degree will be meaningless and he'll be burdened with insurmountable debt with no prospect for a career.

And I've kept this all to myself. I don't talk about it with my wife for fear she'll think I'm crazy. She has no idea what is coming and I want to "protect her" but I fear I will be jobless, penniless, and fighting others in bread lines in 4 years time.

Yes it's destroying my life.

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thetruekingofspace OP · 9 mo. ago

I'm also an older software developer. I just turned 41 =(. What you have stated is exactly how I feel.

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Current-Ingenuity687 · 9 mo. ago

Lol get a grip doomer, AI is bringing us a utopia

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SilliusApeus · 8 mo. ago

So tired of y'all, stupid ass kids or just plain morrons. What is the trend now? The trend now is a lot of people losing their comfort and money, and have to work shitty jobs and hate their life. What was the trend before, when major technical advancement came? Industrial revolution made everyone work their ass 10 hours a day, and live in a city where you have to constantly pay rent and other shit.

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Posted by u/kmtrp **Proto AGI 23. AGI 24. ASI 24-25** 10 months ago



## 85 What scenarios do you fear the most in the age of AI and the singularity?



AI

We all know here the great promise of AI and what it can bring, and in a sense I can't wait. But lately, AI is advancing so so fast that my concerns are growing by the day. I feel like we're just about to be hit by a freight train and the world isn't ready, humanity isn't ready.

The sorry state of our species on earth is upsetting. Wars continue to ravage entire communities and displace millions, sometimes for generations. Misinformation and mass manipulation run rampant, making it frighteningly easy to fool people into believing bad ideas or following corrupt leaders. We are failing to address many of the underlying issues that lead to conflict and instability, such as inequality, poverty, hunger, injustice, climate change...

AI will undoubtedly help solve a lot of problems, but like any other tool, evil people will also wield it for their own purposes. What will they do with it?

Even if the "good guys" get to this god-mode-tool first, bad actors everywhere will get it eventually. Most of the research is open source and the cost of training and running it is always falling. Anybody will have their own private Manhattan Project, developing any weapon. We really are getting closer to the edge of the biggest cliff.

Someone will want to use AI to leverage synthetic biology and create a virus that only infects and kills people of a particular genetical descent. We are about to see the emergence of new forms of warfare, and the first to get there will be able to dominate the world at lightning speed and establish a dystopian world order. They'll be able to also nuke or infect it out of existence.

What keeps you up at night? What happens when us primates access an unlimited IQ?



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koacx · 10 mo. ago

That power gets concentrated in one or 2 LLMs like gpt4 and they essentially dictate ethics and the truth. I used to joke "the truth according to google search rankings." Haha that's nothing.

As more and more tools and touchpoints use the same model, the easier it is to propagate an idea. The ads, marketing copy, articles, comments, soon video and summarisation of above-content as a whole will essentially come from a single source.

This terrifies me.

It's self-reinforcing too. Now LLMs are trained on a largely human-generated corpus of knowledge. Invariably as more content is AI-generated it will train on that too creating a violently efficient means to understand what drives us all.

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monk\_e\_boy · 10 mo. ago

I think back to when I posted on slashdot, a silly story about putting water in the wrong part of my car engine. People just downvoted and labelled my post as "joke" or satire. Also, I code, so I use stackoverflow a lot. But a lot of the really neat and clever answers are often downvoted by the crowd. The crowd are dumb. AI is learning from the dumb users of the internet.

Also, not to be weird, but it's mostly learning from the USA, and I do not live there, I am not part of the USA, the USA is as alien to me as Japan or New Zealand. AI is going to be fucking weird.

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mckirkus · 10 mo. ago

We kicked out a few hundred billion when the pandemic hit to help out with job losses in the US so the deadlock has its limits. Since the upper middle class isn't safe from AI I suspect we're going to see heavy voting to subsidize things like housing for existing home-owners. It's going to be like NIMBY on steroids, except the fight will be for government assistance (they won't call it that) instead of land/zoning. I'll go ahead and guess it'll be the "Homeowner and advanced education (and puppies) stability act of 2027"

UBI is going to skew in favor of who votes more, but what the voters choose is probably completely unrelated to their own self interests (just like today). Much like financially unstable people voting to end social safety nets because they don't like immigration. But also because nobody trusts journalists anymore. We're probably going to see populists rise to take advantage of AI associated fears, and blaming the usual suspects (immigrants, atheists, etc.). On the left we'll see more like Bernie Sanders pushing for four day work weeks, etc., but inflation could be the dark side of running a massive budget deficit.

Long story short, I worry we're going to see a growing wealth divide even if/when UBI gets traction. It could lead to more political instability than we have even today.



Posted by u/-Diet 2 years ago



## 105 What excites you the most about AI and the AI singularity?



AI

For me its the next chapter, the next stage of "evolution" its almost a new species, a level way above us, and we all know how we compare to the rest of the animal kingdom. The difference is much greater still. We are a chimp x 4, this is a chimp plus "optimal"

Its the greatest event in history, without the slightest competition.

The AI singularity is akin to a God

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sideways · 2 yr. ago

It's just exciting watching everything unfold. It feels a bit like waiting for a child to be born - you know that nothing will be the same but you have no idea exactly *how* life will change.

On a personal level, I hope to have a chance to exist in an optimized, immortal human body in a post-scarcity world for a few hundred years... but we'll see about that. It would be nice but I don't have my hopes up.

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W15H77 · 2 yr. ago

I would like to see, at the first transition into this AI singularity, a change in society. Thinks like automation of jobs and bringing with that a star trek like economic system. A world where AI is used to figure out optimal resource allocation globally to increase the standard of living for everyone on the planet. Just my optimistic thoughts on this subject.

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Aichdeef · 2 yr. ago

I'd like to see it educate and reeducate people at massive scale, treat mental health issues, target inequities and poverty and opportunity. Analyse environmental issues and take action to solve them, create clean energy abundance, accelerate medical science and give us radical longevity. Give us education, freedom from work, and real equity, and humanity (and the planet) will thrive. We need the whole of humanity to benefit from AI, not just those who can afford it.

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Trinity\_\_\_\_\_ · 2 yr. ago

I'm hoping for Heaven on Earth (and other planets). I think that should be our true goal, to build our own Heaven. I wanna see everyone living a beautiful, safe, healthy, happy, relaxing life. And a super long life/ the ability to live forever. I hope war, crime, poverty, and suffering will no longer exist and somehow we find cures for psychopathic/ non-empathetic traits in the brain

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