

The AI Chronicles: A Puppet Show About the Histories of Artificial Intelligence, Starring Miss Information and the Data Family!

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I've been developing some material for a musical puppet show about artificial intelligence and its histories for the general public (or, perhaps more accurately, that part of the public interested in puppetry and AI ;)). Needless to say, this is very much a work in progress. The puppets will be made out of discarded electronics and other found materials. Below is an overview of the project.

One place to begin the many stories of AI is with The Data Family. Perhaps the best place to meet the Data Family is at the Data Family Reunion, which is where this story begins. Here, all of the members of the Data Family congregate to celebrate and commemorate themselves and their many connections. At the reunion, they eat together, tell stories, gossip about other members of the family, talk about times long past, sing songs, and perform karaoke. You may be surprised to find out that this reunion of the Data Family has been going on for centuries! However, like any large family, there have been many changes over the years, including, how the Data Family refers to itself.

But back to the present day Data Family Reunion, which is being attended by Miss Information, who, like many young people, is interested in finding out about their family heritage to answer some pressing questions, including: why am I the way I am? Why are my parents the way they are? Like everyone, Miss Information has different moods. Sometimes she is very serious and sometimes she is a bit rambunctious and defiant. Miss Information is part of the Data Family though understanding exactly how they are related to it is why this story is being told.

Meet the characters!

Technology, Society, Government, The Data Family (Grandma Data, Grandpa Data, Uncle Data, Aunt Data, Papa Data, Mama Data, Baby Data, Teenage Data, Bad Cousin Data, Good Cousin Data, Unusable Data), Miss Information, Truth!, The Public, Venture Capital, Startups, Big Tech, Corporate America, Digital Electronic Calculating Machines, Mechanical Calculating Machines, Paper, Ledger Books, Ink, Human Computers

The AI Chronicles Theme Song Lyrics (for the Music, Use a Casio Produced Emulation of the Tonal Framework of "I Love LA")

Nobody understands it
Cause it may not really exist
But no one can stop talking about it
Cause it is on everyone's lips.

Though that may make no sense
It is often the way
Common knowledge gets created
Despite what "they" say.

The artificial and intelligence are
Both topics of vast proportions
But put side by side
They appear to be first cousins

They're not, but it takes
A strong reader and a canny genealogist
To explain how they are related
Let's ask Aristotle. Isn't he your "cardiologist"?

But however confusing
The journey is worth pursuing
Cause at the end of the day
AI is most likely here to stay (at least for a while until the name changes)