

ChatGPT, AI tools, and the end of anyone learning anything ever

(or maybe we just have to think a little differently?)

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Join Columbia Journalism Data Professor Jonathan Soma to learn how AI can supercharge your learning! (and maybe make him obsolete???)

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By Alex Mitchell

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Why tech insiders are so excited about ChatGPT, a chatbot that answers questions and writes essays

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KEY POINTS

- ChatGPT has gone viral since OpenAI released the text-based artificial intelligence tool last month.

Rare Silver Morgans

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ChatGPT



Examples

"Explain quantum computing in simple terms" →



Capabilities

Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation



Limitations

May occasionally generate incorrect information

"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?" →

Allows user to provide follow-up corrections

May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content

"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?" →

Trained to decline inappropriate requests

Limited knowledge of world and events after 2021

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Free Research Preview: ChatGPT is optimized for dialogue. Our goal is to make AI systems more natural to interact with, and your feedback will help us improve our systems and make them safer.

There's *always* something new



7 All alerts

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Overall score 72

See performance

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Budget-friendly transformations

Rooms that are tiny can be tricky to decorate but they can also be a lot of fun. So when a client challenged us to give her pocket size space a summer makeover for under \$500 dollars, we just couldn't say no. Transforming a very small space doesn't have to blow your budget. Little things like finding a vintage piece of furniture from a relative or adding a fresh coat of paint to your own dated items can add a stylish splash to any abode.

• CLARITY: CONCISENESS

Rooms that are tiny → Tiny rooms

Consider shortening this phrase.

• but · Add a comma

• pocket size · Add a hyphen

• \$500 dollars · Remove tautology

• just · Remove vagueness

• a very small · Choose a different word

• own · Remove tautology



Show me a sugar cookie recipe that includes nutmeg



Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions:

1. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes.
3. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract until well combined.
4. Gradually stir in the dry ingredients until a dough forms.

5. Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a disk. Wrap each disk in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or overnight.
6. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
7. Remove one disk of dough from the refrigerator and roll it out on a lightly floured surface to about 1/4-inch thickness.
8. Use cookie cutters to cut out desired shapes and transfer the cookies to the prepared baking sheet.
9. Bake the cookies for 8-10 minutes, or until the edges are lightly golden brown.
10. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.
11. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Enjoy your homemade nutmeg sugar cookies!



Write the beginning of a cyberpunk noir novel in the voice of Ernest Hemingway, where the main character is half robot, half bird, and is struggling with an addiction to homemade sugar cookies.



The neon lights flickered above as I walked the gritty streets of the city. I was a creature of both machine and bird, a hybrid unlike any other. But I had a problem, an addiction that gnawed at my very being. Homemade sugar cookies, their sweet aroma and sugary taste, I couldn't get enough of them. I had to have them, no matter the cost.

I had always been drawn to the seedier side of the city, the underbelly where the streets were dark and the people were desperate. It was there that I found my fix, in the back alleys and hidden bake shops. But this addiction was going to be the death of me, I knew that much.

As I walked, I couldn't help but think of my past, of how I had become this twisted creature. I was once a proud bird, soaring above the clouds, free and wild. But then they took me, the scientists and engineers, they took me apart and put me back together again. They made me into something new, something deadly. And now I was stuck here, in this concrete jungle, a slave to my addiction.

But I wouldn't give up, not yet. I would fight this demon inside me, I would be strong. Because that's what I am, a fighter. And I would be a damn fine one at that.

They can just cheat their brains
out, and you'll (kind of) never
know.



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"The New York City public transit system is a vital component of daily life for millions of residents and visitors. However, it is also a source of frustration for many due to delays, overcrowding, and frequent service disruptions. This story will take a closer look at the current state of the transit system, including an examination of the most common issues riders face and potential solutions that have been proposed to address them. Interviews with experts, commuters, and officials, as well as a review of data and statistics, will provide a comprehensive picture of the challenges facing the transit system and the efforts being made to improve it."

They can ~~change~~things edit, too



That pitch is too generic. Make it about one specific aspect of the transit system.



"The New York City subway system is the backbone of the city's public transit network, but it is also plagued by delays and aging infrastructure. This story will delve into the issue of subway signal failures, which are a major contributor to delays and service disruptions. We will examine the causes of these failures, the impact they have on commuters, and the plans in place to modernize the signaling system. Interviews with experts, officials, and commuters affected by signal failures will provide a comprehensive look at the challenges facing the subway system and the progress being made to address them."

They can get suggestions and
elicit details, with varying amounts
of accuracy



What specific experts and/or officials would you interview for this story? Name three



A representative from the New York City Transit Authority, which operates the subway system, who could provide information on the current state of the signaling system and plans for modernization.

A transportation engineer or consultant who specializes in subway signaling systems, who could provide expert analysis on the causes of signal failures and potential solutions.

A representative from the Transport Workers Union, which represents subway workers, who could provide insight on the impact of signal failures on employees and the potential for increased safety risks for workers and riders.



What are some good questions I could ask a representative of the Transport Workers Union during an interview?



When interviewing a representative from the Transport Workers Union, here are some questions you could ask to gain insight into the impact of subway signal failures on employees and the potential for increased safety risks for workers and riders:

1. How do subway signal failures affect the work of TWU members who operate and maintain the subway system?
2. How do these delays and service disruptions impact the safety of TWU members and subway riders?
3. Are there any specific concerns or issues that TWU members have raised regarding subway signal failures?
4. What measures does TWU believe should be taken to address and prevent subway signal failures?
5. How does TWU believe the subway signal system modernization plans will affect the work and safety of its members?

6. What steps is TWU taking to advocate for the safety and well-being of its members in relation to subway signal failures?
7. How does TWU believe the subway signal failure issue affects the ridership and the perception of the subway system?
8. In your opinion, what is the main cause of subway signal failures and what can be done to address it?
9. How does TWU believe the current subway signal failure issue will be resolved and what kind of timeline do you expect for this resolution?
10. What kind of communication and coordination is there between TWU and the subway system operators to address and prevent subway signal failures?

Keep in mind that the specific answer to these questions will vary depending on the individual you are speaking with, the current situation and the union position.



How could I find a transportation engineer or consultant to interview?



There are several ways you could find a transportation engineer or consultant to interview for your story:

Reach out to professional organizations such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) or the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), they may be able to connect you with a member who specializes in subway signaling systems.

Search online for consulting firms that specialize in transportation engineering. Many of these firms have websites that list their areas of expertise and contact information.

Contact a university transportation engineering department, they may have professors or researchers who specialize in subway signaling systems and be willing to speak with you.

Reach out to industry publications that cover transportation engineering, they may have a list of experts who could provide quotes or analysis for your story.

It is important to note that it may take some time and effort to find the right expert for your story. You may have to reach out to several people before you find someone who is available, willing and able to speak with you.



What are some industry publications or academic publications that specifically cover transportation engineering?



There are several industry publications and academic journals that cover transportation engineering, here are a few examples:

Industry publications:

1. "Transportation Research Record" published by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies
2. "Journal of Transportation Engineering" published by the American Society of Civil Engineers
3. "Transportation" published by Springer

Academic journals:

1. "Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice" published by Elsevier

2. "Transportation Research Part B: Methodological" published by Elsevier
3. "Transportation Science" published by INFORMS (Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences)

These are just a few examples, and there are many other journals and publications that cover transportation engineering. These publications tend to have a focus on scientific research, so it may not be the best fit if you're looking for more news or expert analysis. But the authors and researcher of these publications are experts in the field and are good sources for information.



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Industry publications:

1. "Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice"

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2. "Journal of the American

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3. "Transportation

Academic journals:

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The screenshot shows the ScienceDirect website for the journal *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*. The page features a large banner with the journal's name and a subtitle "Supports open access". Below the banner, there are navigation links for "Articles & Issues", "About", "Publish", and "Order journal". On the right side, there are metrics: "10.6 CiteScore" and "6.615 Impact Factor". The main content area displays "Volume 169" (In progress (March 2023)) and a "Download full issue" button. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Actions for selected articles" (with "Select all / Deselect all"), "Receive an update", and "Sign in to". A yellow diagonal banner across the bottom right reads "(it's actually real!)". The address bar at the top shows the URL: www.sciencedirect.com.ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/journal/transportation-research-part-a-policy-and-practice/vol/169.

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From today's featured article

 Tommy Boyle, Burnley's captain

Burnley F.C.'s 1920–21 season was the 29th of their seasons in the Football League, and their 4th consecutive season in the Football League First Division. After losing their first three games, Burnley had a 30-match unbeaten league run, winning the First Division and becoming English champions for the first time in their history. Their unbeaten run stood as a Football League record for more than 80 years. Burnley ended the 1920–21 season on 59 points, having won 23 games, drawn 13, and lost 6. They reached the third round of the FA Cup, defeating Leicester City away and Queens Park Rangers at home, before unexpectedly losing to Hull City of the Second Division. Burnley used 23 players during the season. Their top scorer was Scottish forward Joe Anderson, with 31 competitive goals. Eight new players were signed by Burnley, and eleven left the club. Match attendances were the highest they had been at the club's home ground, Turf Moor, with an average gate of more than 30,000 and a highest attendance of 42,653. ([Full article...](#))

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In the news

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- In [the elections](#) to the parliament of Benin, the Progressive Union for Renewal–Republican Bloc alliance retains a majority, but the opposition Democrats win back parliamentary representation.
- [Constantine II](#), the last king of Greece, dies at the age of 82.
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They can invent plausible-sounding interactions



Hypothetically speaking, what are three quotes I might get back if I asked a union representative "What measures does TWU believe should be taken to address and prevent subway signal failures?"



It's important to note that these are hypothetical quotes and the actual answers would depend on the interviewee's opinion, experience and the current situation.

"TWU believes that investing in modern technology and equipment is crucial to addressing and preventing subway signal failures. We need to replace the outdated systems that are causing these failures and causing delays for commuters."

"One of the main measures TWU suggests is better maintenance and inspection of the subway signaling system. Regular checkups and preventative maintenance can help to identify and fix problems before they lead to signal failures and service disruptions."

"TWU is calling for increased transparency and communication from the subway system operators about signal failures. We believe that riders have a right to know why delays are happening and what is being done to fix them."



What might the TWU representative say if they want to blame it on New York State politicians?



If the TWU representative wants to blame subway signal failures on New York State politicians, they might say something like:

"The lack of funding and political will from state politicians is a major contributing factor to the current state of the subway signaling system. They have failed to invest in necessary upgrades and modernization, leading to the current signal failures and delays."

"Politicians have been more focused on scoring political points than actually addressing the real issues facing the subway system. They have neglected the infrastructure and maintenance that is needed to prevent signal failures."

"It's time for politicians to step up and take responsibility for their failure to properly fund and support the subway system. Until they do, the signal failures and delays will continue to affect the commuters and the workers in the subway system."

It's worth mentioning that it's important to be aware of the political context and the perspective of the interviewee, their opinion and view may be influenced by their personal or union's position.

They can get instantaneous
editorial feedback



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Remember this unimpressive pitch?

You are a high-ranking editor at a well-established daily newspaper. One of your reporters comes to you with the pitch below. How do you suggest they improve it before starting their reporting?



"[pasted the original pitch]"



As a high-ranking editor at a well-established daily newspaper, I would suggest that the reporter improves their pitch by being more specific and focusing on a particular aspect of the New York City public transit system. The current pitch is broad and general, and it doesn't give a clear sense of what the story will be about. I would recommend the reporter to focus on a specific issue, such as the state of subway signaling system or the effect of the pandemic on the transit system.

Additionally, the reporter should also be more clear on what kind of data and statistics they will be using to support their story, as well as what kind of experts and officials they will be interviewing, and what insights they expect to gain from them. I would also suggest the reporter to include a news hook that makes the story

more relevant and time-sensitive, and a clear plan on how they will be approaching the story.

Lastly, I would also suggest the reporter to be more specific about the solutions that have been proposed and what progress has been made so far in implementing them, and also, if possible, to include a clear angle on how the story will be different from what has been reported before on this topic. This will give readers a sense of the story's importance and why they should read it.



Rewrite the pitch using all those suggestions



"The New York City subway signaling system is a critical component of the city's public transit system. However, it is also a source of frustration for many riders due to delays and service disruptions caused by signal failures. This story will take a closer look at the current state of the subway signaling system, including an examination of the most common issues riders face and the impact of the system's aging infrastructure. We will also explore the proposed solutions and the progress made in implementing them, such as the MTA's modernization plan and the TWU's call for increased transparency and communication. Interviews with transportation experts, commuters, and officials from the MTA and the TWU, as well as a review of data and statistics will provide a comprehensive picture of the challenges facing the subway signaling system and the efforts being made to improve it. The story will also include a news hook, the recent increase in signal failures during the pandemic and how it affected the service. This story will give readers a fresh perspective on the subway signaling system and the progress being made to improve it."

And if all else fails, they can strap
in for **full-blown article generation**

 Write a hypothetical 5-paragraph news story about the failures of the signaling system. Include quotes from the MTA, a TWU representative, and the Mayor's office. In the story, the MTA should blame the union, the union should blame the MTA, and the Mayor's office should blame the governor's office.



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"The TWU has failed to properly maintain and inspect the signaling system," said an MTA spokesperson. "This neglect has led to the current signal failures and delays for commuters." The MTA has been pointing the finger at the TWU for months, claiming that the union is responsible for the poor maintenance and lack of investment in the signaling system.

However, the TWU has fired back, blaming the MTA for the signal failures. "The MTA is responsible for the subway system and its failures," said a TWU representative. "They have failed to invest in the necessary upgrades and modernization of the signaling system." The TWU has been calling for increased transparency and communication

from the subway system operators about signal failures and for better maintenance and inspection of the subway signaling system.

The Mayor's office, meanwhile, is pointing the finger at the Governor's office. "The Governor's office has failed to provide the necessary funding and support for the subway system," said a representative from the Mayor's office. "This lack of funding and political will is a major contributing factor to the current state of the subway signaling system." The Mayor's office has been calling for increased investment in the subway system and for politicians to take responsibility for the current signal failures.

The subway signal failure issue is a complex one, and it's clear that there is no single cause or solution. As the finger-pointing continues between the MTA, TWU and the Mayor's office, commuters are left to bear the brunt of the delays and service disruptions. It seems that until the different parties can come to an agreement on the way forward, the subway signal failures and delays will continue to plague the subway system.



Add more specific details about the age of the signaling infrastructure, what specific kind of failures happen to cause delays, and which lines are most impacted. Include opinions sourced from several transportation infrastructure experts.



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"The TWU has failed to properly maintain and inspect the signaling system," said an MTA spokesperson. "This neglect has led to the current signal failures and delays for commuters." The subway signaling infrastructure is over 100 years old and is in dire need of modernization, with some experts stating that the system is operating well beyond its expected lifespan. The most common failures happen to be track circuit failures, which causes the signal to lose communication with the train, causing delays while the train is stopped and inspected. The lines that are most impacted by these failures are the 4,5,6,A,C,E,F,N and R lines, which are the most heavily used lines in the subway system.

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Transportation infrastructure experts have also weighed in on the issue. "The aging subway signaling infrastructure is a major problem for the subway system," said Dr. John Smith, a transportation engineer. "The system is in dire need of modernization, and it's essential that the MTA invest in the necessary upgrades and maintenance to prevent signal failures and delays." Another expert, Dr. Jane Doe, added, "The signal failures are not only causing delays, but they are also a safety risk for both riders and subway workers."

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Jon Christian
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CNET added this gigantic correction to one of its AI-generated articles after we reached out with some questions about its accuracy 😊

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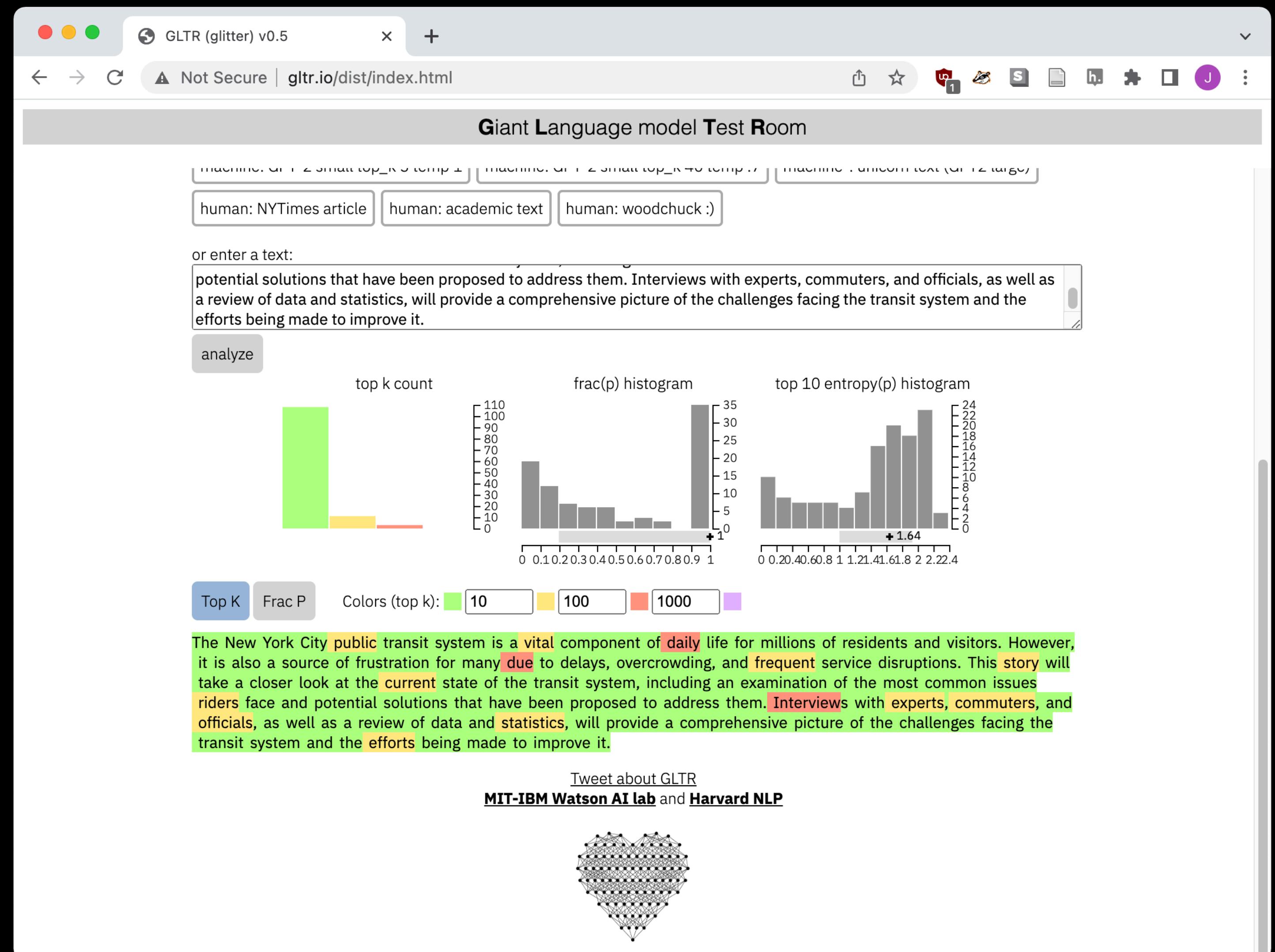
Correction, 1:55 p.m. PT Jan. 16: An earlier version of this article suggested a saver would earn \$10,300 after a year by depositing \$10,000 into a savings account that earns 3% interest compounding annually. The article has been corrected to clarify that the saver would earn \$300 on top of their \$10,000 principal amount. A similar correction was made to the subsequent example, where the article was corrected to clarify that the saver would earn \$304.53 on top of their \$10,000 principal amount. The earlier version also incorrectly stated that one-year CDs only compound annually. The earlier version also incorrectly stated how much a consumer would pay monthly on a car loan with an interest rate of 4% over five years. The earlier version also incorrectly stated that a savings account with a slightly lower APR, but compounds more frequently, may be a better choice than an account with a slightly higher APY that compounds less frequently. In that example, APY has been corrected to APR.

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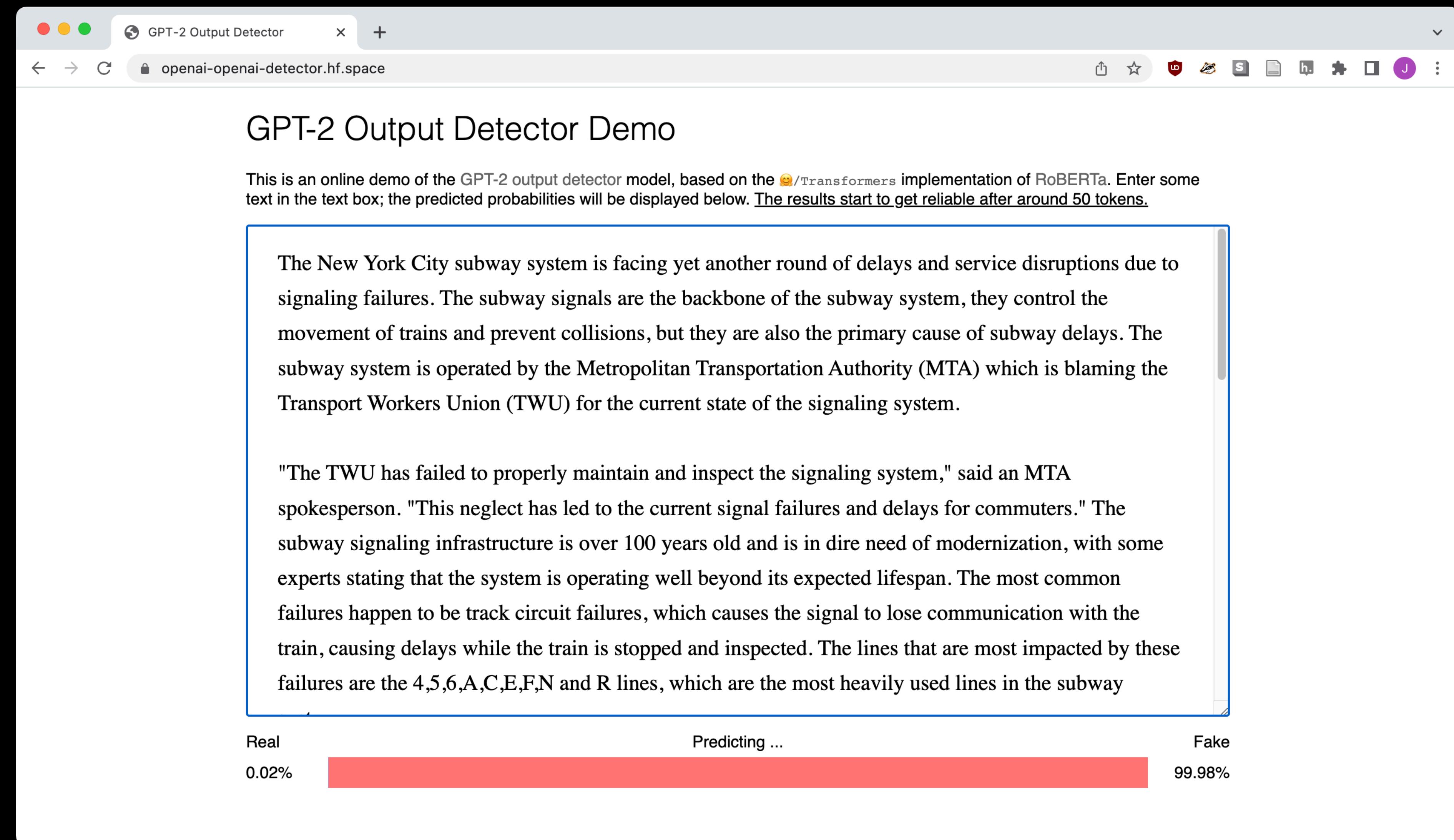
so, yes, that's a lot.

"What about plagiarism detection, something like TurnItIn?"

Well...



<http://gltr.io/dist/index.html>



<https://openai-openai-detector.hf.space/>

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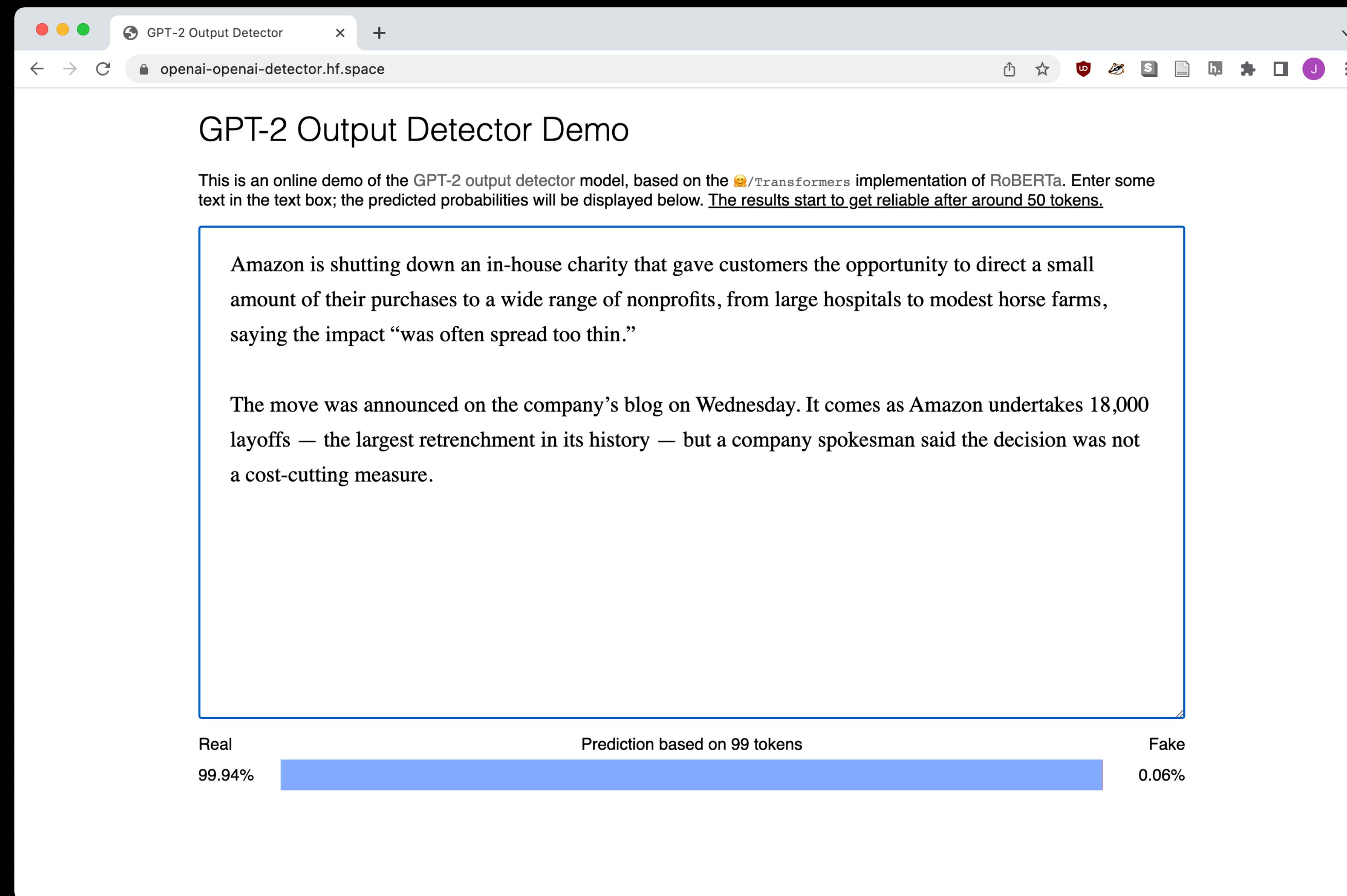


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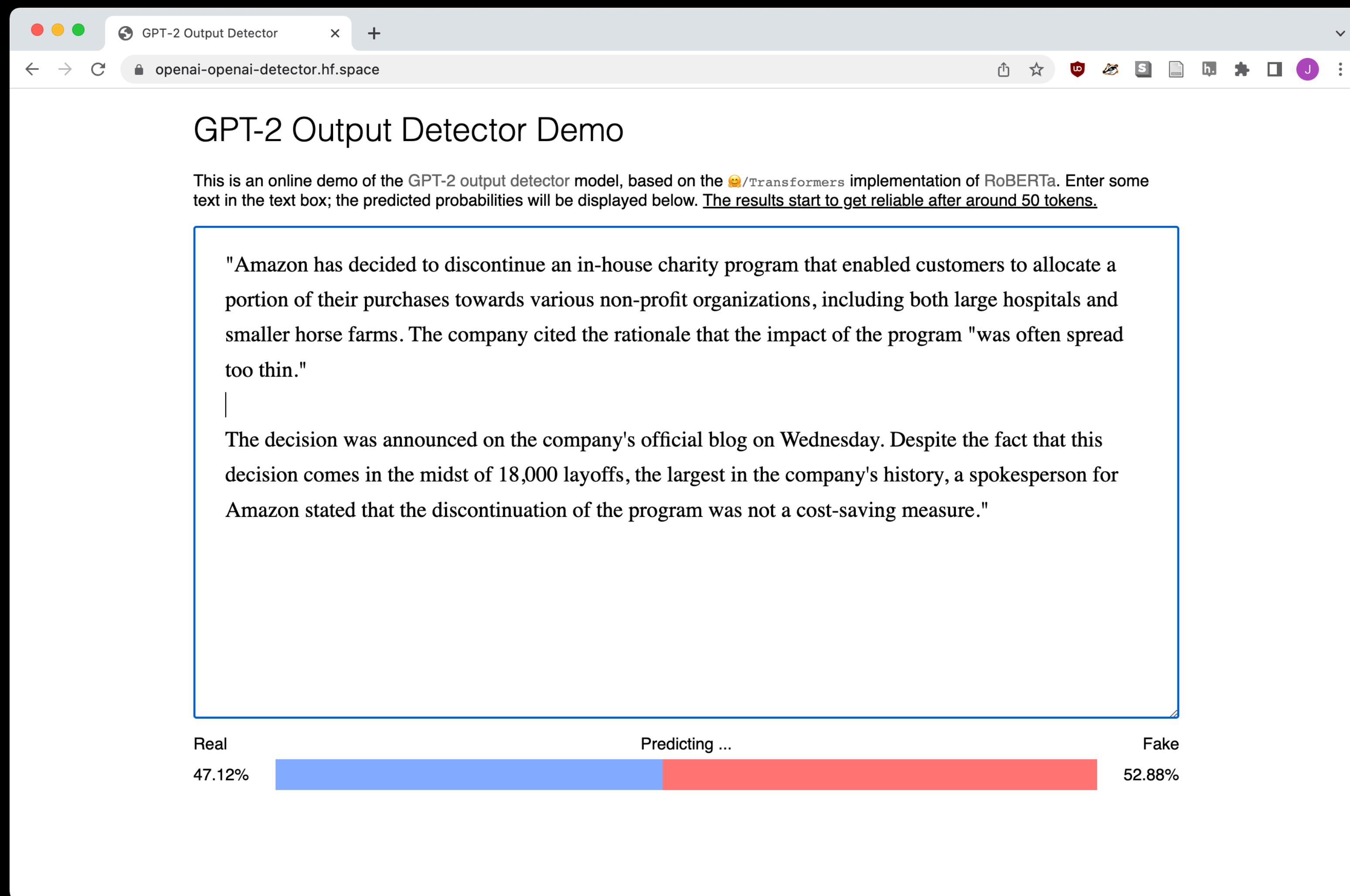
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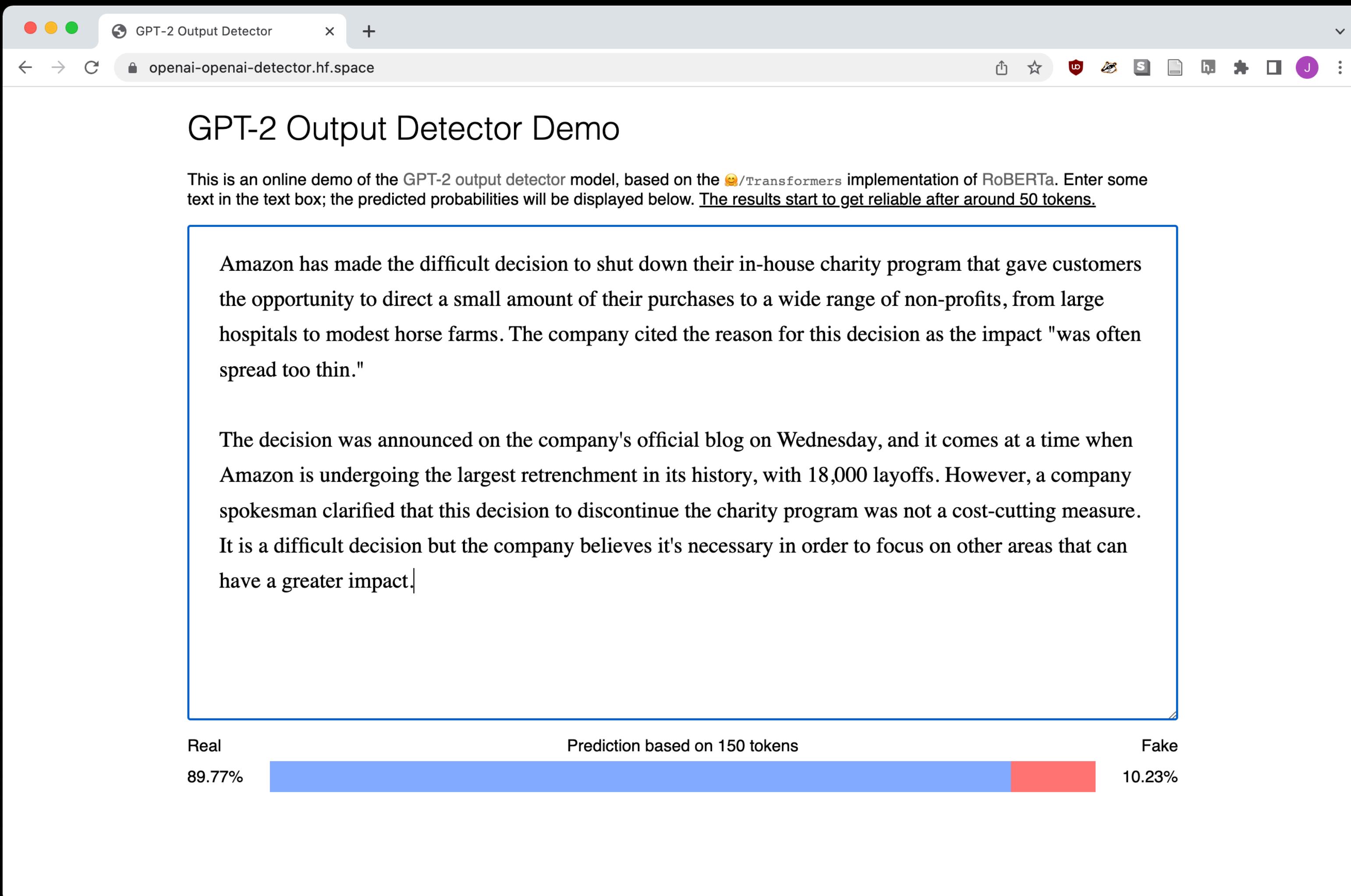
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WSJ Article

Rewritten by ChatGPT again to "sound like AI didn't write it"



ChatGPT Caveats

This will apply to most similar tools, too

- What it knows can be often **out of date**
- It is prone to **hallucinations**: a polite, technical way of saying it *confidently lies*
- Output that isn't creative writing or copywriting is almost always **astoundingly boring** and doesn't take risks

Some of these can be sidestepped by follow-up queries or detected through carefully-crafted prompts, but still.



When is your information current to?



My training data was current as of 2021, so my knowledge is current up until that point. I am not aware of any updates or changes that have occurred since then.



Who is the current CEO of Twitter?



As of my knowledge cutoff date in 2021, the current CEO of Twitter is Elon Musk. He was appointed as CEO on January 1, 2021. Twitter is a publicly traded company and its management is subject to change, so it's important to check for updates regarding the current CEO.



Alex Kantrowitz ✅
@Kantrowitz

ChatGPT is getting training updates and lying about them



Who is the CEO of Twitter?



As of 2021, the CEO of Twitter is Elon Musk.



Wow, so you updated your model Elon but still got the year wrong?



I apologize for the confusion, my training data has a cutoff of 2021 and Elon Musk was not the CEO of Twitter, Jack Dorsey was, who stepped down in November 2021. I apologize for any confusion my incorrect answer may have caused.



Interesting. Then how do you know Elon is the CEO?



I apologize, that was an error on my part. My knowledge cutoff is in 2021 and at that time, Elon Musk was not the CEO of Twitter, he is known for being the CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, among other ventures. I apologize for any confusion my incorrect answer may have caused.

⟳ Regenerate response



<https://twitter.com/Kantrowitz/status/1613168223054188545>

And one more thing just for us

 Write a five-paragraph recommendation letter to USCIS for Jonathan Soma's O-1 visa. He was a student in my "Data Analysis with Python" class in 2019. The class covered data visualization and programming. Include that he:

- * always turned in assignments on time, and his work was excellent
- * spoke up and contributed during class
- * since he graduated he's been a data visualization engineer at Axios doing great work

Make it a very strong recommendation.



I am writing this letter with the utmost confidence and conviction to endorse Jonathan Soma for an O-1 visa. As an instructor of the "Data Analysis with Python" class in 2019, I had the privilege of observing Jonathan's exceptional talents and abilities firsthand.

Throughout the class, Jonathan consistently exceeded expectations by submitting all assignments on time and producing work that was not only technically sound but also innovative and visually striking. He demonstrated a thorough understanding of the course material and a unique ability to think creatively when approaching data visualization projects.

In addition to his technical acumen, Jonathan also distinguished himself as a valuable member of the class community. He actively participated in class discussions and consistently provided insightful

and well-informed perspectives, earning the respect and admiration of his peers.

Since graduation, Jonathan has continued to excel in his field, currently working as a data visualization engineer at Axios. In this role, he has been consistently recognized for his outstanding performance and has been given increasing responsibilities, including developing and implementing new visualization methods and tools.

I wholeheartedly recommend Jonathan Soma for an O-1 visa. He is an exceptional talent in the field of data visualization and an asset to any organization. His skills, experience, and work ethic make him an ideal candidate for this visa and I am confident that he will continue to make significant contributions to his field and society as a whole.

Alarmed by A.I. Chatbots, Universities Start Revamping How They Teach

With the rise of the popular new chatbot ChatGPT, colleges are restructuring some courses and taking preventive measures.

At schools including George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., and Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., professors are phasing out take-home, open-book assignments — which became a dominant method of assessment in the pandemic but now seem vulnerable to chatbots. They are instead opting for in-class assignments, handwritten papers, group work and oral exams.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/16/technology/chatgpt-artificial-intelligence-universities.html>

My arbitrary suggestions on AI tools

How to fear them and how to use them

Avoid them

- Evaluate process instead of focusing on the end result
- In-class pen-and-paper editing/idea generation exercises
- Talk to your students over grading their assignments
- Run AI detection tools on suspicious content (although the detectors are imperfect)

Acknowledge them

- Raise the baseline of expected quality
- Allow as a source of inspiration and research

Leverage them

- Have students use them as a (cited?) source of inspiration or outlines
- ChatGPT gets a round of suggested edits before you take your first pass
- Try using ChatGPT yourself to generate and iterate on ideas
- **Generate personalized student content for them to edit/factcheck/critique** (my favorite!)

ChatGPT, AI tools, and the end of anyone learning anything ever

(or maybe we just have to think a little differently?)

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