

OpenAI, Inc. is an American artificial intelligence (AI) research organization founded in December 2015 and headquartered in San Francisco, California. It aims to develop "safe and beneficial" artificial general intelligence (AGI), which it defines as highly autonomous systems that outperform humans at most economically valuable work!^[5] As a leading organization in the ongoing AI

boom,^[6] OpenAI is known for the GPT family of large language models, the DALL-E series of text-to-image models, and a text-to-video model named Sora.⁸ Its release of ChatGPT

- in November 2022 has been credited with catalyzing widespread interest in generative AI. The organization consists of the non-profit OpenAI, Inc.,^[9] registered in Delaware, and its for-profit subsidiary introduced in 2019, OpenAI Global, LLC.^[10] Its stated mission is to ensure that AGI benefits all of humanity".^[11] Microsoft owns roughly 49% of OpenAI's equity, having invested US\$13 billion.¹² It also provides computing resources to OpenAI through its cloud platform, Microsoft Azure.^[13] In 2023 and 2024, OpenAI faced multiple lawsuits for alleged copyright infringement against authors and media companies whose work was used to train some of OpenAI's products. In November 2023, OpenAI's board removed Sam Altman as CEO, citing a lack of confidence in him, but reinstated him five days later following a reconstruction of the board. Throughout 2024, roughly half of then-employed AI safety researchers left OpenAI, citing the company's prominent role in an industry-wide problem.^[14]^[15]