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The 3 Best Alternatives to ChatGPT

ChatGPT isn't the only text generator AI in town.

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Since its public launch in November 2022, ChatGPT has grown in popularity like wildfire. Social media users are doing with the chatbot. Jobseekers, professionals in almost every field are finding

However, when one tool takes center stage, it's important to remember that there are other options that offer equal or even better value. We've put together three of the best ChatGPT alternatives you can use right now.



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The underlying technology behind ChatGPT (which is GPT 3.5) is the same technology that powers Chatsonic, making it as interesting as ChatGPT itself. Rather than just being a clone of ChatGPT, Chatsonic goes a step further and builds on **the abilities of ChatGPT** while fixing **some of ChatGPT's limitations**.

If you ask ChatGPT who won the 2022 World Cup, it wouldn't know. You'd expect a powerful AI model like ChatGPT to answer this straightforward question in a heartbeat. However, because ChatGPT's knowledge base has a cut-off date of 2021, the AI model can't answer questions about anything that happened after 2021.

A screenshot of the Chatsonic AI interface. At the top, there is a text input field with a brown background and white text placeholder 'T'. Below it, a user asks 'Which country won the 2022 FIFA World Cup?'. A green AI icon with a white swirl pattern appears next to the response. The AI replies: 'I'm sorry, but I don't have information about future events. My knowledge is based on events that have already happened, and my training data only goes up until 2021, so I don't have any information about the 2022 FIFA World Cup.' There are also small icons for thumbs up and down, and a share button.

Worse off, ChatGPT can't access data from the World Wide Web to retrieve any information included in its training data.

This is where Chatsonic outperforms ChatGPT. Chatsonic can access data from Google's Knowledge Graph and is more consistent with recent events. Of course, it can't tell you who won the World Cup and who got the best player award.



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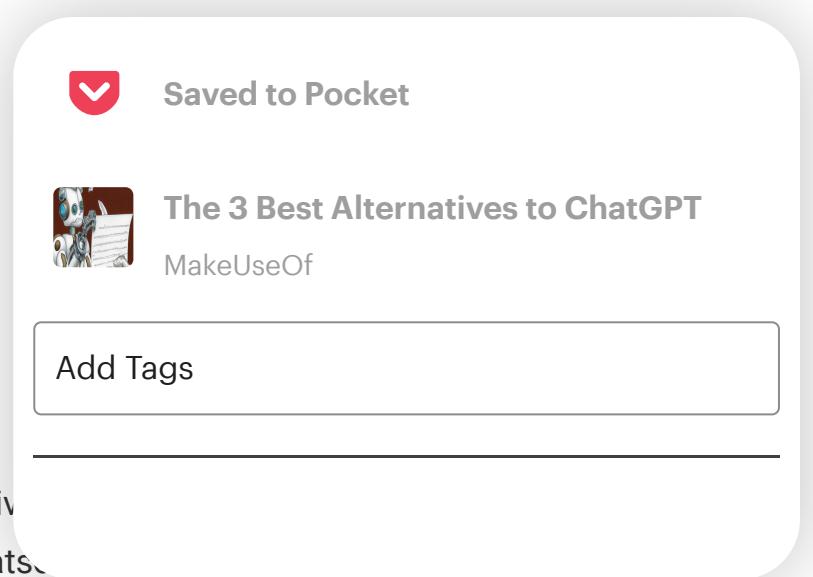
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Another noticeable problem with ChatGPT is that it can't generate images. Because OpenAI is a heavyweight in AI arts, it's a bit confusing why its ChatGPT model can't create images. There are probably technical explanations for that, but it's a problem nonetheless. On the other hand, Chatsonic can create digital art from prompts. It uses both Stable Diffusion and DALL-E APIs to generate stunning AI art.

 AI art generated using Chatsonic

Although ChatGPT has a simple and intuitive interface, Chatsonic takes user experience even further. Instead of just back-and-forth typing, Chatsonic can use voice commands and, if needed, get responses via voice as well, just as you'd do with Siri and Google Assistant. There's also a feature to help you share, edit and download your conversations with the AI chatbot.

However, Chatsonic is not all rosy. Although you'll get freemium access when you sign up,

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Chatsonic is a paid service. You get allocated tokens, and once you're out of tokens, you'll have to stick with the barebones on offer. Also, compared to ChatGPT, Chatsonic isn't great with computer codes.

We asked ChatGPT to solve different problems in PHP, JavaScript, and HTML. ChatGPT responses were more "complete" and properly formatted in all instances, although not necessarily more accurate.

You'll find ChatGPT responses to be more detailed and longer than Chatsonic's. In several cases, Chatsonic tends to summarize its responses. That might work for some people, but we didn't find it useful when we needed a long-form response. However, those limitations aside, Chatsonic is exciting and one of the best ChatGPT alternatives you can find.

2. GPT-3 Playground

The screenshot shows the GPT-3 Playground interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Overview, Documentation, Examples, and Playground. On the right side, there are buttons for Upgrade, Help, and Personal account. Below the navigation, the title 'Playground' is displayed, along with a dropdown menu for 'Load a preset...', and buttons for Save, View code, Share, and three dots. A large white callout box is overlaid on the page, containing a red circular icon with a white checkmark, the text 'Saved to Pocket', and a small profile picture of a person with blue hair. Below this, there is a thumbnail of an article titled 'The 3 Best Alternatives to ChatGPT' by MakeUseOf, featuring a cartoon character holding a document. At the bottom of the callout box is a 'Add Tags' input field. The main content area of the playground shows a snippet of text about ChatGPT and the GPT-3 Playground. At the very bottom, there is a footer with a 'Submit' button, a frequency penalty slider set to 0, and a count of 137. There are also icons for refresh, undo, redo, and other controls.

Even before ChatGPT went viral, there was GPT-3 Playground, a platform for the public to play with OpenAI's GPT-3 AI model. Unfortunately, the tool didn't create as much buzz as ChatGPT

This is partly because of its rather technical user interface and lack of consumer-focused

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Ironically, although ChatGPT is getting much of the spotlight, GPT-3 is a much larger and significantly more powerful AI model. It is undoubtedly one of the most powerful AI language models around.

ChatGPT is like an iteration of the GPT-3 model that has been streamlined and fine-tuned to be more conversational and human-like in its response. It can better understand human intent, provide context-specific answers and sustain coherent conversations.

You can picture GPT-3 Playground as ChatGPT for power users. You can tweak it to do what ChatGPT does and even much more. There are more options and settings to customize the AI model to behave the way you want.

There are also some differences in the nature of the response you'll get from both demonstration models. While ChatGPT will refuse to answer questions on some sensitive topics, the GPT-3 Playground tool is less likely to refuse to answer questions. If you'd love to get handy with the GPT-3 Playground, here's a guide on [How to Use the GPT-3 Playground](#).

3. YouChat

YouChat, like every other ChatGPT alternative, uses the GPT-3 language model. This gives it similar capabilities as ChatGPT, but they are neatly interwoven into [You.com](#)'s search engine.

As a result, YouChat can act as a search engine, returning a list of pages relevant to your query. Or, you can get the typical AI-generated conversational responses for questions. If you are looking for a search engine and a chatbot like ChatGPT rolled into one product, then YouChat is an excellent option.



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Each of these laptops offers something unique, and all are great choices for different types of users. The Dell XPS 13 is an excellent choice for those who need a powerful laptop with a slim and light design. The Apple MacBook Pro (13-inch [1], M1) is a great choice for those who need a powerful laptop that can run multiple programs and applications at once. The Acer Swift 3 (Late 2021) is an affordable laptop ideal for students and casual users [1]. The Apple MacBook Air (M1 [2][1], 2020) is a great choice for those looking for a laptop with long battery life. The MacBook Pro 2021 (14-inch [1], M1) is perfect for those who need a powerful laptop with a larger screen. The Apple MacBook Air M2 is one of

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Unfortunately, YouChat is plagued by the limitations of GPT-3.5, which is its base technology. Remember, GPT-3.5, and all related models can not provide accurate responses to events that occurred after 2021 (which is its knowledge base cut-off date).

As a result, if you ask YouChat questions about future events or outcomes. While ChatGPT will refuse to answer such questions, YouChat might attempt to answer such questions.

Nevertheless, YouChat still has the edge over ChatGPT when it comes to answering questions about recent events. We asked YouChat about the latest iPhone 14 Pro smartphones.

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The screenshot shows the YouChat application interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for All, Chat, Images, Videos, News, Maps, For Me, Write, Code, Imagine, and Study. The main area has a search bar at the top with the query "how to write regular expression in python to extract text between two tags". Below it, a blue button says "Compare the iPhone 13 pro and iPhone 14 pro models". A detailed comparison text follows:

The iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 14 Pro are both premium smartphones manufactured by Apple Inc [1][2]. The two phones share many of the same features, such as a Super Retina XDR OLED display, Face ID, and a triple-lens camera system. However, there are some notable differences between the two phones.

The iPhone 14 Pro has an improved A14 Bionic processor [3][4], 5G support, and an improved camera system with a LiDAR scanner and a wider f/1.6 aperture lens. It also features an improved battery life and an IP68 rating for water and dust resistance.

In contrast, the iPhone 13 Pro has the A13 Bionic processor, no 5G support, and a dual-camera system with an f/1.8 aperture lens. It also has an IP67 rating for water and dust resistance.

Overall, the iPhone 14 Pro is a more powerful and feature-rich phone than the iPhone 13 Pro [4].

YouChat made a decent effort to make a comparison.

The screenshot shows the ChatGPT interface. A message from the user says "T Compare the iPhone 13 Pro and the iPhone 14 pro". ChatGPT responds: "I'm sorry, but I am not able to browse the internet and do not have information about the iPhone 13 or 14 Pro. I was trained on a dataset that only goes up until 2021, and I don't have access to updated information. Is there something else I can help you with?"

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Besides difficulties dealing with queries related to the future, YouChat is a solid ChatGPT alternative. While there are many powerful ChatGPT alternatives like YouChat, ChatGPT remains the gold standard for AI-generated responses.

ChatGPT: A Glimpse of What's to Come

Since OpenAI opened its latest AI model to the public, tech companies have experimented with it for several purposes. Although ChatGPT is still unique in many ways, you'll find a handful of tools that offer similar capabilities and features online.

In the long run, there are bound to be even more ChatGPT alternatives as more developers leverage the technology that powers ChatGPT to create even more amazing products.

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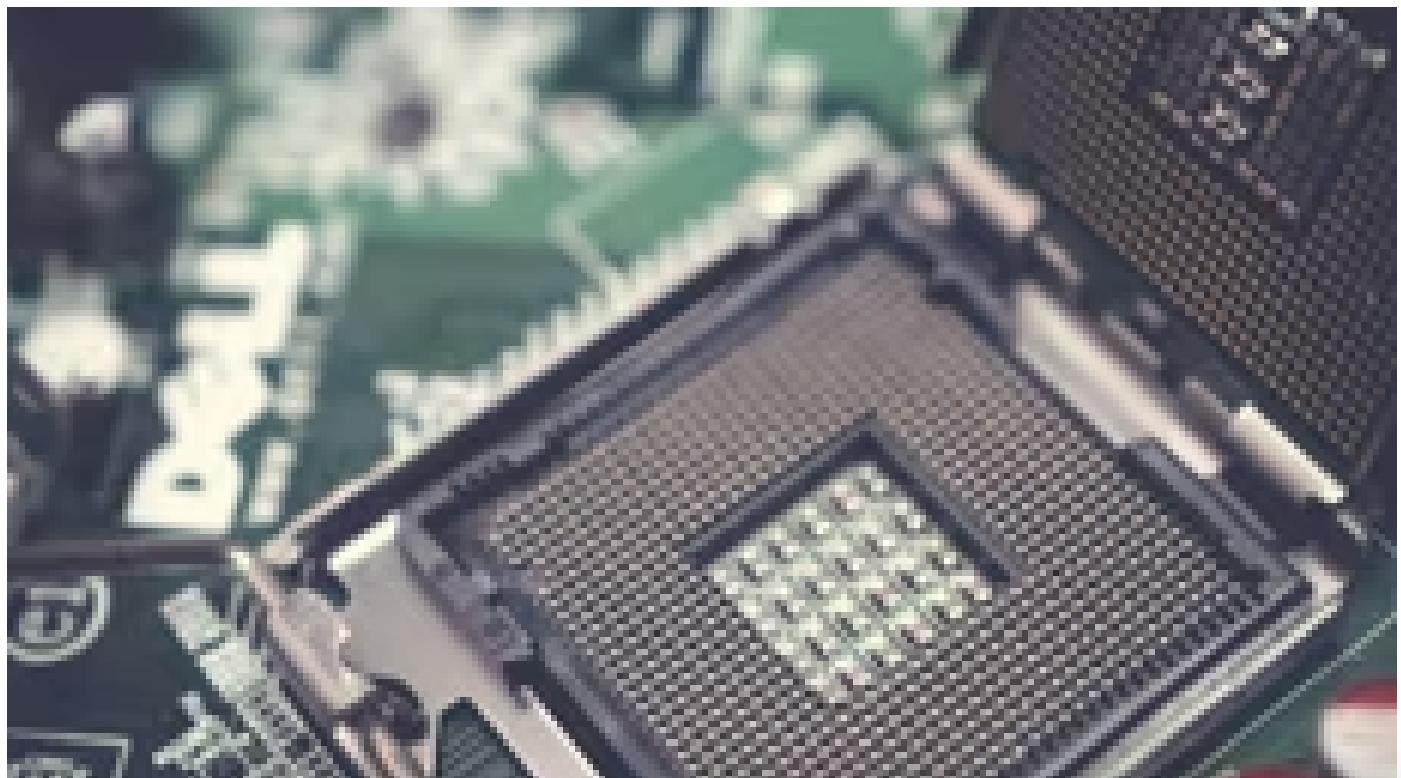
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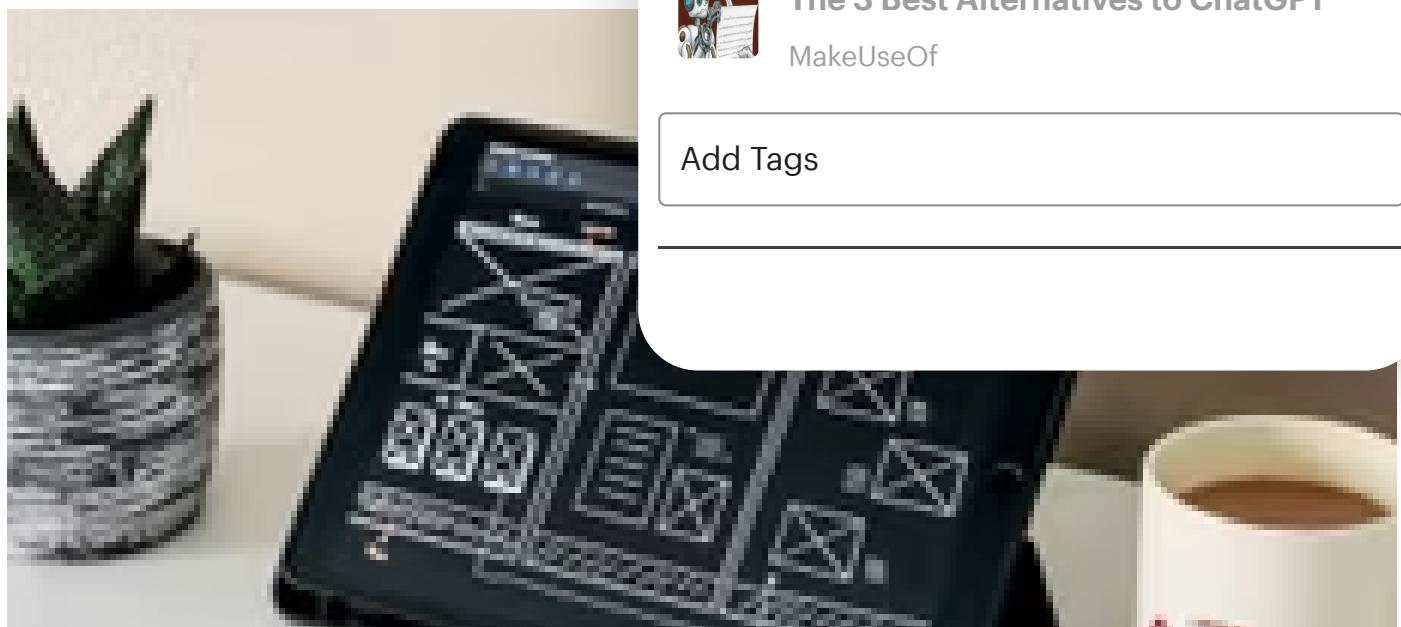


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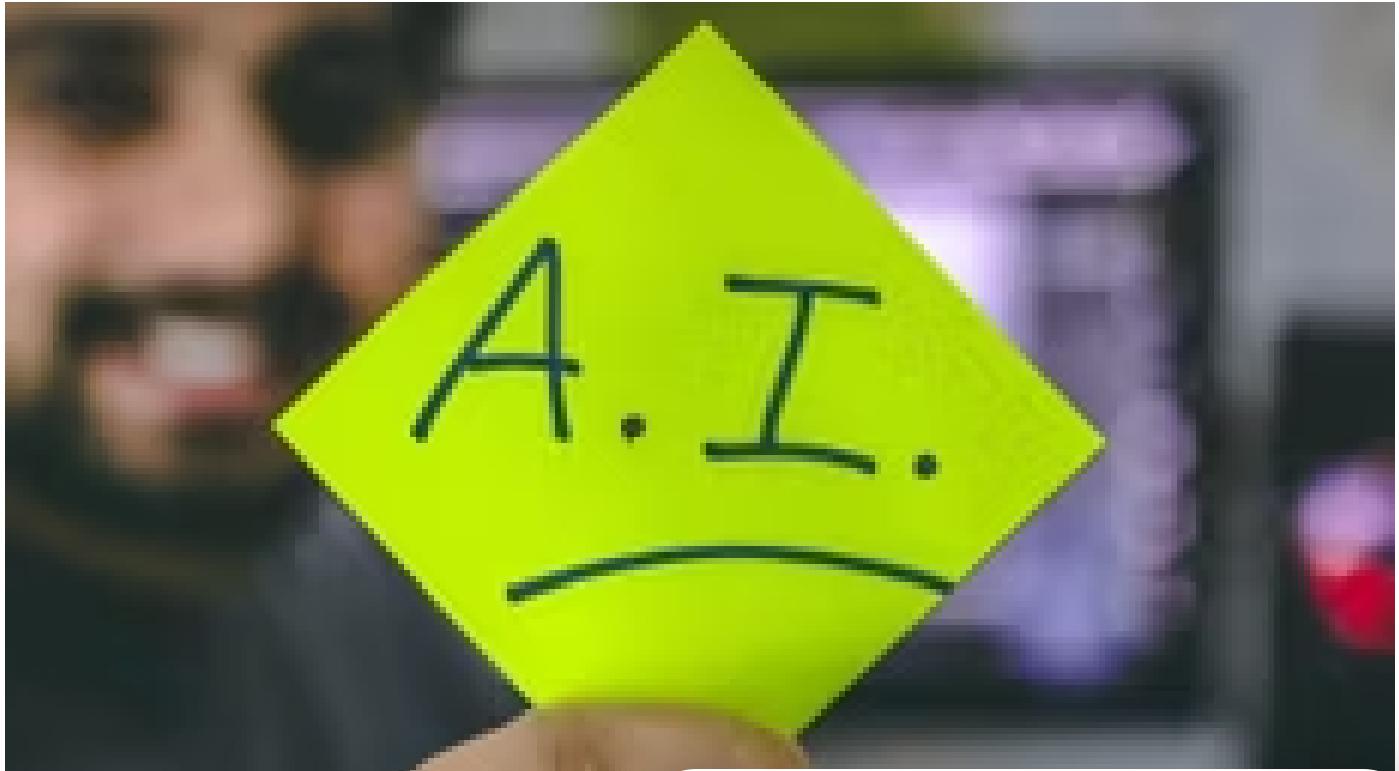


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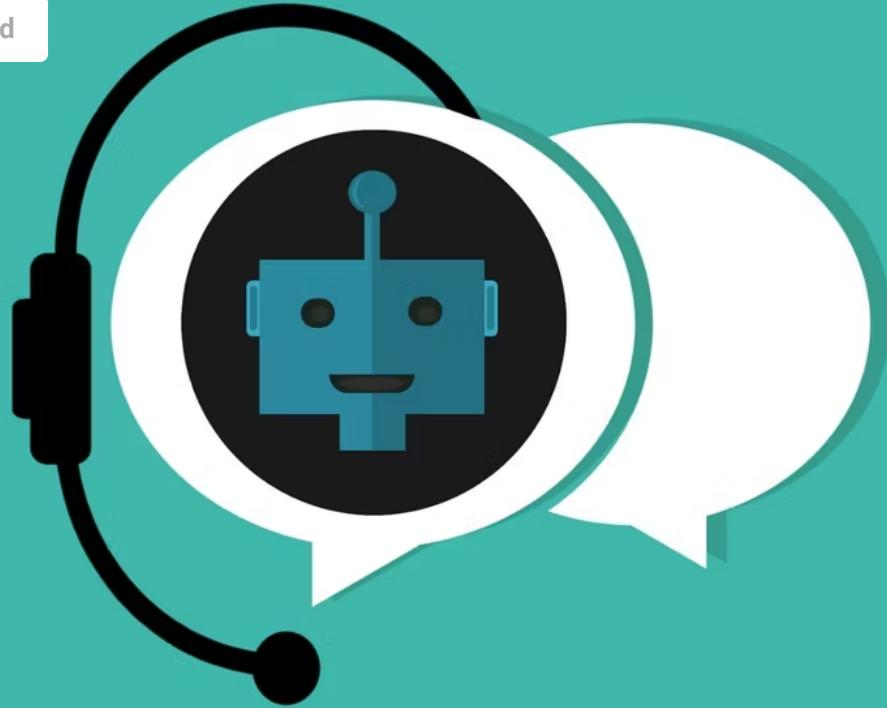
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Here's the scoop on ChatGPT: everything you need to know.

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ChatGPT is one of the biggest technology revelations of recent times. Its use cases are seemingly endless. From students and high school teachers to programmers and writers, everyone is finding a good use for ChatGPT.

However, as we all struggle to make sense of the AI, it's important to have a list of questions that might need to be answered. Below is a list of some common questions and answers you might have about ChatGPT.

1. What Is ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is a conversational AI chatbot created by OpenAI. It is designed to provide information, solve a range of problems, and engage in conversation in a human-like manner.



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You can think of ChatGPT as someone who has read extensively about different subjects. When you ask ChatGPT a question, it searches through its memory to find relevant information (based on what it has "read" in the past) and uses it to generate a response.

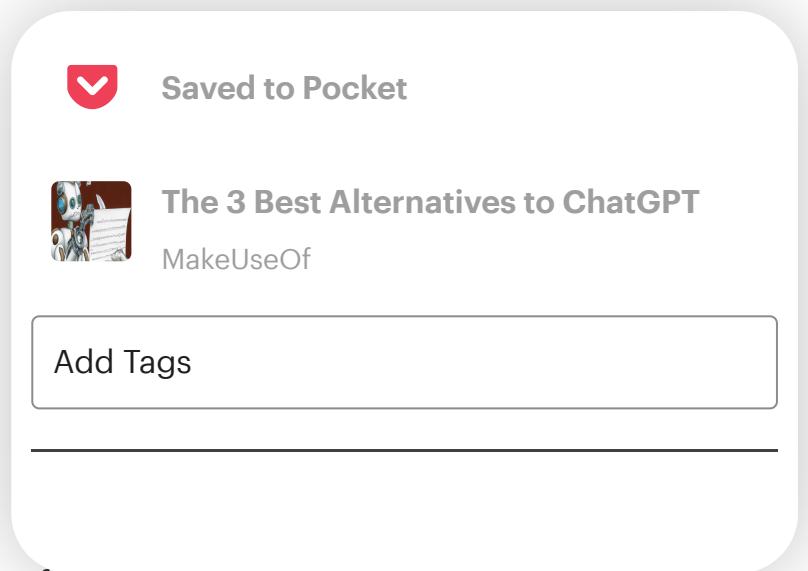
In this sense, ChatGPT is like a very knowledgeable and well-read human who can engage in Link copied to clipboard conversations, but without the constraints of a physical body, emotions, or other human limitations.

2. How Accurate Is ChatGPT?

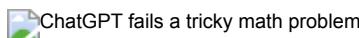
According to [OpenAI](#), ChatGPT's answers can sometimes be misleading, inaccurate, and untruthful. However, don't be discouraged. ChatGPT can also be incredibly accurate for the bulk of simple to moderately complex questions you'll throw at it. It is especially impressive if it has been exposed to (i.e trained) a lot of training data on the subject.

Unfortunately, you can't really predict its accuracy. For example, you could ask ChatGPT to write a computer program to solve a complex problem, and it would provide impressively accurate results.

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However, a simple math question with a bit of twisted logic could break the AI model.



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You would think a model smart enough to write a computer program would solve a simple arithmetic problem in a heartbeat. However, it could fail for a number of reasons, especially if it doesn't have enough training on that particular nuance of arithmetic.

Another serious limitation to ChatGPT's accuracy is that the AI model cannot access the internet on its own to retrieve data. So, if you ask it a question that requires a knowledge of recent or real-time events, ChatGPT is almost certainly going to fail. We asked ChatGPT who won the 2022 FIFA World Cup and here's its response:



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Unfortunately, on some occasions, ChatGPT answers that look convincing enough.

This is why relying on ChatGPT for answers or help on subjects or problems that you're not an expert in, especially those where accuracy is critical, could be a costly mistake. ChatGPT has an impressive accuracy for an AI model, but it is invariably dumber than most people realize.

3 Does ChatGPT Store Your Conversations?

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Unfortunately, yes. OpenAI stores data that's generated when you interact with ChatGPT.

According to OpenAI, the content generated by your interaction with ChatGPT is used to "improve" the AI model and could be reviewed by human AI trainers. In simple terms, someone could eventually be reading through the excerpts of your conversations.

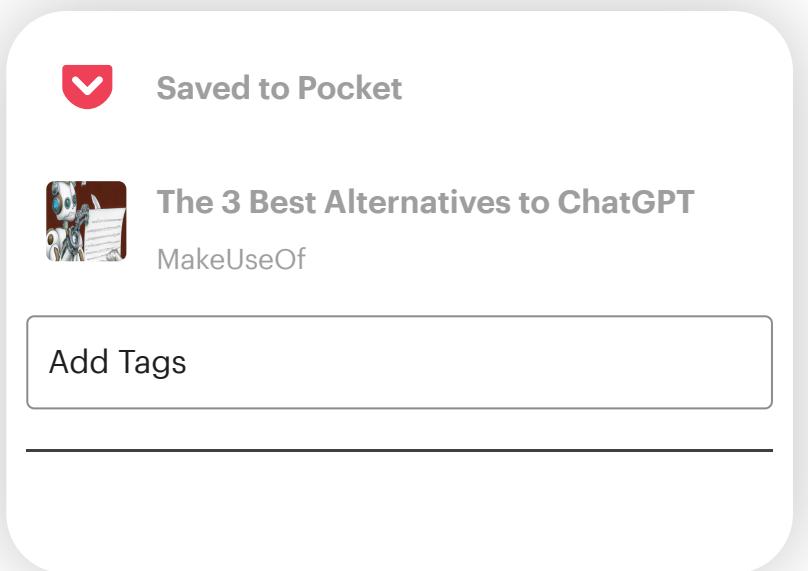
Do not share any confidential information with ChatGPT. If you've done so in the past, you can delete your account data by sending an email to deletion@openai.com. Use "Account Deletion Request" as your subject and include "Please delete my account" in the body of the email.

You'll receive a confirmation email once your request has been completed.

4. Is ChatGPT Safe?

One of the most impressive qualities of ChatGPT is the efforts the OpenAI team has invested to make the chatbot safe. Although there were a lot of safety issues in the first few days of ChatGPT's public unveiling, a considerable number of such safety concerns have been addressed.

 ChatGPT is relatively safe



However, as much as ChatGPT tries to be safe, it is still a prototype AI model and a lot of things could go wrong. Don't take medical or legal advice from ChatGPT, and perhaps more

importantly, don't allow minors who are likely to accept ChatGPT's advice at first value, to use it without supervision.

5. Is ChatGPT Free?

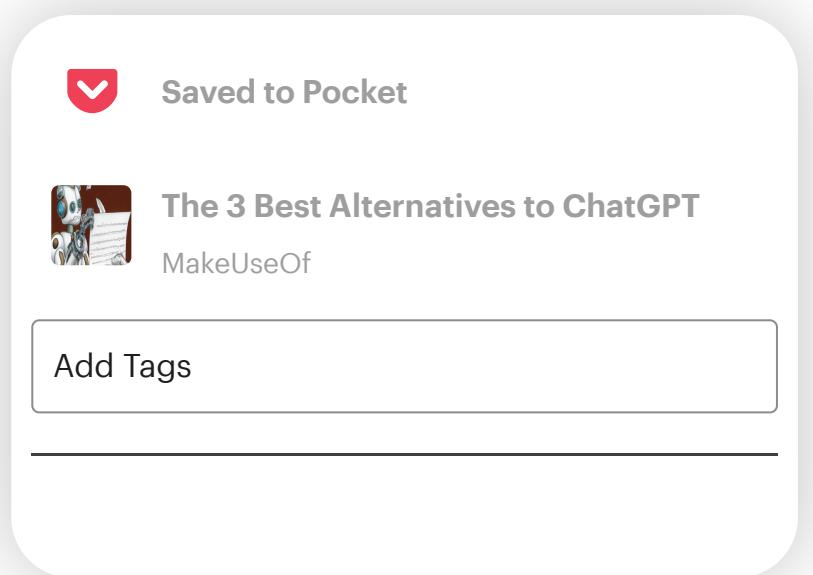
For now, yes. Unfortunately, the kind of work needed to keep technology as powerful as ChatGPT in operation requires an eye-watering amount of money. Building, training, and fine-tuning AI models like GPT 3.5 (which ChatGPT is built on), is also incredibly costly. OpenAI currently foots the bills with no cost to the end users. However, OpenAI's CEO Sam Altman has warned that the company will have to monetize ChatGPT at some point.

6. What Can You Do With ChatGPT?

The [**list of things you can do with ChatGPT**](#) is almost endless. If it's a problem that can be presented in a written form, there's a good chance that ChatGPT can help you solve it.

From writing essays, emails, resumes, songs, and computer software to explaining complex topics in almost any field, ChatGPT is a jack of all trades. We couldn't resist the urge to ask ChatGPT about its abilities, and here's what it had to say:

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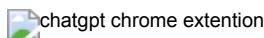


It couldn't have conjured up a better explanation.

7. Will ChatGPT Replace Google Search?

There's been a lot of chatter about ChatGPT replacing Google. Seeing its capabilities, it's not surprising why people would think so. However, ChatGPT will not replace Google Search, or any search engine for that matter—at least not anytime soon.

ChatGPT can not crawl the web, and it can not index web pages like search engines. Worst off, ChatGPT does not have real-time access to the internet. The current iteration of ChatGPT has a knowledge base cut-off date of 2021. This means it would have no clue of any event that happened after that date. Google on the other hand is like the "go-to guy" for what happened a few minutes ago.



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Instead, there's fertile ground for a lot of promising technologies to create truly amazing products. **extensions** that integrate with Google search, for example. ChatGPT powers, Google Knowledge Graph, and more.

However, we must admit that you can never confidently predict the trajectory of technology. Things may change in the long run, but for now, Google Search is in a world of its own.

8. Will ChatGPT Replace You at Work?

There are a lot of good arguments to support this idea. They can write computer programs, link copied to clipboard even act like a human customer support representative. So, are we going to be retired by ChatGPT? No, not anytime soon.

Transformer AI models like ChatGPT have a hard time telling facts from fiction. They aren't intelligent in the real sense of the word, they are just incredibly good at predicting the sequence of words that should come next to create responses that make sense.

Think of the auto-correct and auto-complete features on your smartphone. Your smartphones can't tell what you want to type. It just predicts which sequence of words would make more sense and in what order based on what you've typed already. That's how some Transformer AI model works, but they are incredibly better at their prediction game.

Another issue is safety concerns. How can an AI model take your job when it can't tell facts from fiction? Would you trust an AI model that's known to make errors for legal advice? Would you allow it to write code for mission-critical software? Would you trust it to handle your customer's query with a human-level response? Would you allow it to write instructional articles on a medical procedure?

ChatGPT will entertain and mesmerize you,



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9. What Are Some ChatGPT Alternatives?

The closest you can get to ChatGPT is [OpenAI](#). It uses the same underlying technology to what ChatGPT is built on. While it's not as advanced as ChatGPT in terms of response (to ensure safe usage), the GPT-3 model can generate more accurate and detailed responses and even greater customization.



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Another equally powerful alternative to ChatGPT is Chatsonic, an AI chatbot that does everything ChatGPT does, plus a bit more. Unlike ChatGPT, Chatsonic can retrieve data from the internet, can respond to prompts about recent events, and can [generate images using DALL-E](#) and Stable Diffusion.

ChatGPT: A Potential Game-Changer

ChatGPT represents a tremendous leap in technology. Its capabilities make it a potential game-changer in many fields. While it is currently being used in a variety of applications, it's important to remember that ChatGPT is still a prototype and a work in progress.

For now, don't be overly reliant on it, and do take advantage of the goodness it has to offer.



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