

The secret dark reality of ChatGPT

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Much to the dismay of educators around the globe, the popularity of Artificial Intelligence, or AI, has exploded over the past year. Millions of prompts are sent every day to OpenAI's groundbreaking chatbot ChatGPT. Carnegie Mellon's students in particular have quickly latched on to this new way to avoid their homework. However, behind ChatGPT's shiny facade lies a foundation of exploitation and a culture of overwork. To lay bare the problems within OpenAI, Journalist Benner Rogers conducted an interview with an anonymous employee on what it's like working for the face of AI.

Before the questions begin, could you please explain why you would like to remain anonymous?

Well, I mean, job security mostly? I'd like to keep my paycheck, haha. And I don't think the other people working on ChatGPT would like what I'm about to say. I have a family that I need to support and my wife said she'd kick me out if I quit my job.

Can you run through an average day at OpenAI?

Usually I work ten, maybe twelve-hour days. And really like ninety percent of that is just sitting behind a computer. We're a small team, right? And the

popularity of ChatGPT is making it really hard to maintain this front we've been putting up, this facade of the AI's technical abilities. Users think that they're talking to this super advanced, almost top-of-the-line technology and in reality it's just some guy you're basically emailing back and forth with. I mean if people found out all their questions were being answered by some computer science geek who almost failed out of college they'd freak out. C's may get degrees, but they definitely don't inspire confidence in your ability to act as an all-knowing robot.

Hold on, are you saying that ChatGPT isn't actually real?

It's all bullshit. All of it. Sure, we tried to make a crazy-smart AI, but in reality ChatGPT can barely tell you that $2+2=4$. It was a complete fucking failure. None of it is real. Absolutely nothing.

Then how are users seeing such impressive answers if the AI is so inadequate?

Because I bust my ass manually answering every single prompt someone sends in. I've gotten carpal tunnel but I don't have any time to treat it. Do you know how fast you have to type to get through everyone's questions? It's insane, man. Absolutely insane. And I can't take credit for any of it. I've written more than basically anyone else in the past year, answered an absurd amount of questions, and when my kids ask

me what I do for work I have to lie about it.

That must be hard.

And let me tell you, there are some freaks using our site. Like, I can't even repeat some of the stuff they ask me. Absolutely fucking atrocious. Even worse, the questions are so stupid too. You're telling me you can't write a single email? Grow up. If another goddamn person asks me a simple math question or to write some short story they can't be bothered to write themselves I'm going to lose it.

What kind of question is hardest for you to answer?

Jesus, one time some twelve-year-old asked me to explain the housing crash of 2008 like I was a caveman. How on earth am I supposed to do that?! What does a caveman even sound like? Or maybe it was the time I had to write a legal brief for some court case. Look, man, I'm not a lawyer. I just made some stuff up and dressed it up all nice. I'm praying that nonsense didn't send someone to jail. And don't even get me started on college finals week. Hope your extra hour partying was worth me working overtime for a month straight.

Oh that reminds me, could you help me with a paper for my-

Go fuck yourself.

A Letter...

...from the Editor

Hello! We're readme, a re-established student-run satire magazine at the one and only Carnegie Mellon University! We were originally founded in 1992, when Jim McDougal, Terry Former, Elle Forest, and that Scooter "Skip" Hoodwinkle decided to meet in the deep recesses of the Doherty A level and think up an idea nobody had ever thought about before - could Carnegie Mellon students be funny?

Unfortunately, during this meeting, Skip cracked the first ever joke told on CMU campus, leading to two hospitalizations and the death of Jim McDougal from excessive laughter. The tragic result of this meeting delayed the foundation of readme until the early 2000s, where as a response to the attacks on September 11, 2001, Carnegie Mellon students once again attempted to be funny, but this time, to heal the nation.

readme had a great run from 2000-2017. The magazine was a favorite of many dictators across the world, and Vladimir Putin called the August 2017 issue "the funniest thing he read since he threw his last political rival out the window." Similarly, Saddam Hussein requested a copy of readme prior to his execution in 2006. However, outside pressure led to our publication being dissolved for "excessive propogandization", though rumors have it a few issues are still in circulation in North Korea. A few of our members were expelled. Most of the rest were arrested, and had to finish their 122 final in jail.

Luckily for us, it only took a few years for us to get picked up by the KGB. They helped rebuild the magazine from scratch, leading to our re-establishment in 2024, with a new message. We hope to be honest, truthful, informative, and above all else, entirely fucking useless.

Without further ado, the Carnegie Mellon KGB presents...

readme, issue #1

What YOU should be doing on campus this week:

Mon, 1/29, 5 pm: KGB General Body Meeting WEH 5415

Wed, 1/31, 6 pm: It's boothin' time Stever Basement

Thurs, 2/1, 5 pm: The Winter FAIR

Probably Rangos, idk ask someone competent

Fri, 2/2, 7pm: Board Game Night PH A18B

Sat, 2/3, 12pm: readme pitch meeting

UC306(God and Farnam willing)

We're too antisocial to have anything else.

Bored? Single? Looking for love at Carnegie Mellon? Forget that, come write satire for readme! No experience required or requested. We're always looking for clowns, funny guys, smart-alecks, layout artists and minorities to keep us DEI compliant.



We're looking for you and your skills, or lack thereof, on Saturday at 12 in UC306

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As always: Brought to you by the CMU KGB
See ya next time!



Classifieds and Continuations

Eshaan Joshi
Barely Competent Editor

10 reasons why README is better than The Tartan

1) Better at news

Unlike The Tartan, which operates on the ideas that journalism should be "fair" and "unbiased", readme is the only campus news source that includes fun quips interesting comments, and other eccentricities.

2) Better words

Find me a single example of the Tartan using the word "eccentricities". You can't. We're simply better.

3) Lack of a sports section

Considering how much we here at Carnegie Mellon dislike sports, athletics, and the general existence of non-academic endeavours, readme stays true to the original vision of Carnegie Mellon by ignoring any and all sports news. The Tartan, instead, has a bozo co-editing the section.

4) We're monetized

While the Tartan has to struggle for advertisements and soliciations, we're one of the hottest advertising commodities on the market. Sure, companies willing to buy space with us are usually shady, but hey, it keeps the lights

on and lets me pay for tuition, so it works.

5) We host events

Technically. Well, technically, KGB holds events, and we advertise them. That's because we're cool. And you want to be cool right? Who even reads newspapers anymore.

6) At least half of us are fully illiterate

I barely passed the fourth grade.

7) We're the fastest way to get a criminal record

You tell me how many crimes the Tartan helps you commit. None at all. Buncha nerds. Bet they're fuckin' narcs too.

8) We're not owned by CMU

Unlike the Tartan, which bends to the whims of the talking ghost of Andrew Carnegie, readme only answers to God, the KGB, and whoever is currently funding us.

9) We stop when we're out of ideas

The Tartan has been publishing for a hundred years. Really? How much fucking stuff has happened on campus since 1924? Not enough for a newspaper. readme, on the other hand, stops once we run out of ideas. Like right now. Think I had more of these? Ha.

Cat for sale

• 1 dollar

• Comes with Anxiety

• Smells like homosexuality



Science suggests you are getting old

The realization that the year 2014 is in 4 hours 5 minutes 17 seconds, and its ageing-related implications

*Et Al**, Danya Kogan, and others*

* = Carnegie Mellon University

In this paradigm-shifting study, we unveil the startling truth that our

perception of time is seriously flawed. Contrary to conventional wisdom, the year that occurred four years ago was not 2016, but actually 2020. This conclusion was arrived at by the fact that $2024 - 4 = 2020$, and not 2016 (see more in the methods section), therefore the year four years ago was 2020. We also managed to conclude that anyone reading this abstract is old.

readme research: A Psychosocial Approach to Game-Theoretic Analysis of Rock Paper Scissors

*Et Al**, Emily Jiang* and others*

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1. Introduction

Rock paper scissors, also known as scissors paper rock, and rarely ever referred to as paper rock scissors, is a game typically played between two people, where one match of rock paper scissors (RPS) consists of both players throwing out a hand gesture at the same time after a brief countdown. These hand gestures represent a rock, paper, or a pair of scissors, respectively (some variants also allow for other objects, such as guns. However, we will only be considering the usage of actual guns to gain a tactical advantage). Rock beats scissors by denting them,

scissors beats paper by cutting it, and paper beats rock by wrapping itself around the rock. Oftentimes, competitive games of RPS take the form of best-of-three matches, though quick one-of matches are commonplace when it is necessary to decide a "winner" of something between two people, and a coin-flip isn't an option.

Given the nature of the game, one might prematurely assume that winning a match of RPS is no different to winning a coin flip. It is seemingly impossible to anticipate the move of your opponent and develop a counter strategy, as it is usually equally likely that your opponent has actually chosen the perfect counter strategy to your counter strategy, resulting in an impasse. This is the pitfall that many new, and even

experienced players of RPS face. This paper highlights a new strategy, guaranteeing victory in a match of RPS once the prerequisites are satisfied, which is accessible to even those new to the deceptively simple game of RPS.

The authors hold no responsibility for the possible ramifications of following the strategy outlined in this paper, possible ramifications including: loss of friendships, imprisonment, death, and in extreme cases, losing your game of RPS.

2. Important Definitions

Before detailing the strategy, it is important to define a handful of other terms that will be referenced throughout the strategy guide, as some of these terms may initially be

unfamiliar to those who are only familiar with the game of RPS, and nothing else.

2.1 Associate

An item or living being is an associate of somebody if there is a close relationship from this "somebody" to the item or living being in question. This relationship need not be reciprocated. Using John Doe as an example, some associates of his may include: His wife, Jane Doe. They were high school sweethearts, she being captain of the cheer team, and John the charming and well-liked quarterback of the American football team. Despite the fact that Jane's opinion of John has diminished ever since she

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had to quit college to move across the country with John, John's continued perception of Jane as being "better than nothing" qualifies Jane as an associate of John.

His drinking buddy, Giles Corey. They became fast friends in college, and continued their relationship despite John's sudden move across the country due to the ailing health of his parents, as Giles happened to live in the same area. The locals regard them as partners in crime due to their raucous behavior when intoxicated. Because most nights, John spends his time with Giles rather than with his wife Jane, Giles is considered an associate of John.

His childhood hamster, Jeremy. Even though Jeremy has long since been deceased, Jeremy was the only other (formerly) living being that John would proclaim he loved unconditionally, the one other living being the aforementioned Giles Corey. Oftentimes, deceased individuals would not qualify as associates, however, because John would likely be shocked at the sight of Jeremy's remains, Jeremy is considered an associate of John's.

2.2 Intimidation

While the feeling of being intimidated is a primal emotion that many of us have had the misfortune of feeling, seldom do people get the opportunity to be the ones intimidating. Intimidation is any series of actions, or any one solitary action, that makes the target(s) feel intimidated. Continuing to use the example of John Doe, examples of intimidation include:

Holding Jane Doe, John Doe's wife, hostage. The later section will highlight in greater detail ways to hold someone hostage. By sending a picture of Jane in a position of danger, John will feel intimidated, thus this is a successful instance of intimidation.

Threatening to reveal the nature of John and Giles' close relationship to Jane. Although Jane is no longer as infatuated as she used to be with John, this will still result in John feeling intimidated as he wonders how you gained this information, thus this is an example of intimidation.

Leaving the remains of Jeremy at John's doorstep, ideally after 6:00 PM on a weekday, as if Jane were to see these remains when she returns home from work, she'd dispose of them without any further questioning. This timing would be crucial to ensure that Jane does not interfere with the presence of Jeremy and that John will be able to see these remains. John will feel intimidated regardless, but it is also worth noting that this intimidation attempt will be more effective if Jeremy's corpse is somehow preserved, so it is immediately apparent that the remains are that of Jeremy, and not any small rodent.

2.3 Fear

Ultimately, it is difficult to assuage whether an attempt of intimidation is successful without understanding the meaning of fear. This section will try to briefly establish the concept of fear, for those that are unfamiliar. Departing from the story of John Doe, examples of fear include:

Everyday that your parents leave for work, you feel relief. However, on a sunny Wednesday afternoon, when you wake up and go through the motions of your morning routine, you realize that there is now an extra door leading from your bedroom, matching exactly that of the bathroom door. When curiosity gets the better of you, and you enter this new bathroom, only to find yourself reentering your bedroom from the normal bathroom door, you feel perplexed. Then, when this extra door is nowhere to be found, and the door behind you shuts and locks the moment you are no longer in the

doorframe, you may feel fear.

3. The Strategy

Regarding RPS as purely a game of chance results in a game with little strategy to be had. However, understanding the many psychosocial dynamics that are at play in society are key to determining a winning strategy for RPS. These strategies usually require some amount of knowledge about the person you are competing against, such as knowledge of their associates (defined above), however, a general strategy is also included in case this knowledge is unobtainable. This paper will not go into detail as to how to obtain such information.

3.1 A General Strategy

This strategy is to be used when very little information is known about your opponent, and it is difficult to procure any information. It will be assumed that the opponent is a blank slate.

i) Boast about your flawless track record with games of RPS to your opponent. Regardless of whether this is true or not at the time of boasting, this raises the chances of instilling a sense of helplessness into your opponent or a false sense of ease in your opponent if they assume that you are bluffing.

ii) Point your weapon towards the opponent. If your weapon of choice has high firepower or is a bludgeoning weapon, point this weapon towards this head, as in society, brain damage is undesirable, and the brain is located in the head. If your weapon deals damage by piercing or otherwise cutting into the flesh, hold your weapon at chest level, to maximize the amount of vulnerable locations you threaten to strike. Most people do not walk

around in suits of armor. If for whatever reason, you do not have a weapon, any other form of intimidation can be substituted here.

iii) Proclaim the move that you will make. Rock is recommended. If your opponent is exhibiting great amounts of fear, it may prove further advantageous to instruct your opponent what move to make.

iv) Begin the countdown, and when it comes time to do so, make the move that you claimed you will make in step (iii). Use your other hand to continue pointing your weapon of choice at your opponent, in the same manner as described in step (ii). On the off chance that you somehow lose this match of RPS, follow through with the threat made in step (ii), to ensure further victory in games of RPS you might play, as failing to follow through with your intimidation will result in reduced efficacy of step (ii).

3.2 The Ideal Strategy

The ideal strategy differs from the general strategy as it requires knowledge of your opponent's associates in advance. Replace step (ii) with a different intimidation method, focusing on an associate of your choice. Upon identifying the associate, threaten some form of grievous bodily harm to help facilitate your victory.

4. Conclusion

Ultimately, guaranteeing victory in the turbulent game of RPS is dependent on understanding the societal context the game exists in. We can all fall prey to the whims of our brains in response to intimidation. Surviving in the dog-eat-dog world of RPS is a matter of becoming the intimidator, as opposed to the intimidated (the eating dog, as opposed to the eaten dog, if you will).

Rejected headlines, Issue 1

- Banana shortage has monkeys going bananas
- Year 84 of nobody named Oscar winning an Oscar
- I have an opinion on Israel Palestine and you can too!
- Canadians finally get a Stanley Cup, NHL officials aghast
- Dr. Pepper finally earns medical doctorate from American Health Association
- Scandal as Kermit found in saucy Peppa pics, Ms Piggy exclusive interview!
- 10 ways to avoid getting embroiled in a pedophilia scandal, #6 will shock you!
- The Underground meets newest competitor, the Aboveceiling
- Women breaking glass ceiling suffering head lacerations
- School of Drama declares succession from Carnegie Mellon, relocating to a place with "fewer nerds"
- Computer Science Department in trouble as rubber ducks go on strike

All this and more, not in this issue!

WINGMAN SERVICE CIRCA 2022

"10/10 GREY HELPED ME BAG A HOTTIE!"

"3.5/10, GREY KEPT MAKING FUN OF ME FOR NOT HAVING A GIRLFRIEND ALREADY"

"5.5/10 HELPED ME TALK TO WOMEN"

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Benner Rogers Our Only Real Journalist

README prides itself on informing the students of Carnegie Mellon on local news and major events. Due to a large influx in crime on and near campus, README is publishing the details of several crimes so students know what to look out for. Safety is README's top priority as an organization (aside from just generally fucking around of course).

Student Builds Homemade Fissile Core, Irradiates Half of Campus

The space from Baker Hall to the Gates & Hillman Centers is currently radioactive after a student at Carnegie Mellon built a homemade fissile core out of nothing but leftover booth supplies, the contents of their ECE toolbox, and an unknown amount of plutonium. The unknown student reportedly dubbed their creation the "Demon Core 2.0" immediately before kickstarting an uncontrolled nuclear fission reaction. Students and faculty are strongly discouraged from entering any of the affected areas until after the radiation dissipates.

'Walking to the Sky' Sculpture Stolen, Authorities Stumped

The 'Walking to the Sky' sculpture at the front of Carnegie Mellon's campus was stolen late last night. Mysteriously there seems to be no evidence of the crime other than a large hole where the statue once stood, leaving investigators perplexed. Carnegie Mellon student Eshaan Joshi is currently suspected of the theft after messages surfaced where he reportedly stated "wouldnt it be cool if someone stole walking to the sky. just kidding lmao. itd be pretty funny tho". Unfortunately the lack of concrete evidence has prevented campus police from pursuing the matter further.

Young Adult Releases Rat in The

Underground to Avoid Paying for Meal Despite Being on Meal Plan

A student at Carnegie Mellon released a rat into The Underground to avoid paying for their dinner. The rat, which had been caught inside the Gates & Hillman Centers, proceeded to run around the kitchen and light several fires which nearly burnt down the building. No one, including the rat, was injured, however The Underground will be closed for an unknown amount of time. When questioned, the student responded "I'm not paying ten bucks for that, so sue me." When they were informed that they were already paying for the meal plan, the student responded "oh shit", took the rat, and ran away. If you have any information on the identity of this individual, please contact README.

Local Journalist Accused of Falsifying Crime Report Despite No Evidence Against Them

A local journalist named Benner Rogers has been accused of creating fictitious crimes for README's crime report. However, these slanderous accusations are entirely baseless and every crime reported is 100% verifiably true. README is a steadfast supporter of free speech and these baseless claims harm the integrity of the paper. In response, Rogers stated "Hey man I'm like 75% sure this all actually happened. Maybe 65%. Perchance." As a respected writer among this papers' staff, README stands behind all of Rogers' writing.

Editor's note: Benner please stop lying to the police, it's making it very difficult us to conduct all staff meetings when we keep getting raided by the FBI.

Editor's note 2: Benner why would you tell them I stole Walking to the Sky.

Editor's note 3: Benner you can't just say 'perchance'.

Scotty Game

Rules: Don't look at this
Scotty dog!



WATCH THIS SPACE!
(you have nothing better to do, trust me)

Word Search

I've lost track of these words. Can you find them?

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