

Generative AI - Data Turns the Hype Into a Trendsetter

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Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) creates new content through artificial intelligence, ranging from texts and images to music, audio, and videos. This technology relies on so-called foundational models, comprehensive AI systems capable of multitasking: They can conduct dialogues, classify, and much more.

What makes Generative AI unique is its ability to be individually trained and tailored to specific use cases. This is achieved by "feeding" it with data. Generative AI systems use machine learning models to identify patterns and relationships in datasets based on human-generated content. These patterns enable the AI to create new, meaningful content. The most commonly used training method is supervised learning, where the model is trained with a set of content and corresponding labels to generate similar output. ([Google Cloud](#))

Since the launch of ChatGPT on November 30, 2022, generative AI has become more integrated into our daily lives, transforming AI from an abstract concept into a tangible reality. Alongside this, understanding and interest in generative AI have grown. ChatGPT is just one example of the broad spectrum of generative AI applications already used in industries such as commerce and medicine today. Yet, the potential of generative AI is far from being fully realized.

Brian Burke, Research VP for Technology Innovation at Gartner, predicts: "While early models like ChatGPT focus on supporting creative processes, we expect that by 2025, over 30% of new drugs and materials will be systematically discovered using generative AI techniques—a field that is still in its infancy today." ([Gartner](#))

The key resource for the functioning of generative AI is data. Given the still somewhat unclear possibilities and functionalities of generative AI, it is essential to create transparency and ethical boundaries about which data is used, how it is processed, and what guidelines are necessary to ensure the safe use and further development of generative AI.

1. Purpose and Objective of This Contribution

In an era where artificial intelligence (AI) shapes every corner of our personal and professional lives, generative AI emerges as a transformative force. This technology, which spans from crafting text to generating images and even creating music, is built based on foundational models. These AI powerhouses can multitask, understanding and generating content that mirrors human creativity.

The magic behind generative AI lies in its adaptability. By leveraging diverse and extensive datasets, it can learn and create content that is both new and meaningful. This capability is not just theoretical but is already enhancing our daily experiences, from how we shop to the medical advice we receive, proving that the future of AI is not just about automation but innovation.

As we explore this new frontier, it's clear that data is not just a resource but the very heart of generative AI's success. This document aims to unpack the layers of generative AI's reliance on data, its impact on society, and the regulatory frameworks shaping its ethical use. We'll delve

into practical examples, like Berlin's Startup Frontnow, to see how responsible data use can power generative AI tools, transforming hype into a tangible, trendsetting reality.

2. Data Determines the Success of a Generative AI System

2.1 The Challenge of Relevant Data

Many companies face challenges when required to provide data for use in generative AI models. The higher the quality of the data, the better the system will perform. It is already a challenge for 72% of leading companies to manage data. For companies that want to work with generative AI now and in the long term, it is crucial to prepare their data in such a way that the AI can deliver the best possible results. ([McKinsey](#))

Recent years have seen the development of best practices through collaborations between clients and AI service providers. These practices emphasize the importance of data relevance, quality, and the expertise applied in handling it. Without maintaining these standards, there's a risk of the generative AI system producing results that are inaccurate, misleading, or even entirely false. The AI technology sector's rapid evolution means that today's best practices might soon become obsolete. Consequently, companies must remain flexible, adapting to new standards and investing significant effort to ensure their data is of high quality and appropriately used for training generative AI models.

2.2 The Impact of Data Quality and Diversity on AI Models

Training AI models requires high-quality data to be effective. This is particularly crucial for sectors like e-commerce, banking, and insurance, where handling large volumes of sensitive data is common. These industries need to automate data management and ensure data is categorized accurately. Doing so lays the groundwork for compliance with legal standards and internal policies right from the start. Proper data management ensures that AI systems handle information as carefully during operation as humans would expect them to.

High-quality, diverse data sets enable generative AI systems to produce reliable and superior outcomes from the beginning. Setting up processes for data cleaning, whether through list matching or algorithm development, is essential but can be quite resource-intensive.

The selection of training data is especially critical. It needs to closely mirror the real-world data the AI will process to ensure the system is practicing with information relevant to its future tasks. In instances where AI must be trained with genuine, personal data, special measures like anonymization and pseudonymization are necessary to protect individual privacy.

Moreover, the diversity of the training data plays a significant role in the effectiveness and fairness of AI models. Ensuring that the data encompasses a wide range of scenarios, demographics, and variables helps in creating AI systems that are not only more accurate but also equitable and less biased. This approach requires ongoing vigilance to identify and correct

any biases in the training data, a process that demands both technological solutions and human oversight.

By prioritizing data quality and diversity, companies can significantly improve the performance of their AI models, making them more efficient, accurate, and fair. This not only enhances the user experience but also ensures that AI applications comply with ethical standards and regulatory requirements, establishing a solid foundation for trust and reliability in AI-driven solutions.

3. The EU AI Act Promises Safe Data Handling

Data is the foundation of generative AI systems and thus is at the heart of the EU AI Act, which aims to regulate AI applications. The primary goal of this legislation is to protect society from the risks of harmful AI while simultaneously creating a secure environment for businesses to safely and compliantly deploy AI technologies. It is particularly important to provide developers and AI companies with clear guidelines for programming and developing AI systems for the EU.

To achieve this, the EU AI Act categorizes AI systems into four levels of risk: minimal, limited, high, and unacceptable. For AI systems classified as high-risk and higher, the law mandates comprehensive requirements and special transparency obligations. Central to this is the question of how data is processed and utilized. Similar to the GDPR, the AI Act allows users to file complaints against operators of AI systems if the handling of data does not comply with legal standards. Operators face strict sanctions for proven violations.

3.1 Data Transparency to Enhance Security

The EU's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act is an important law focusing on making AI use transparent and safe. It introduces new rules for big AI systems like GPT-3 and GPT-4. These rules make sure companies explain how these AI systems work, what data they were trained on, and that they follow EU copyright laws. This is to ensure AI is used in a way that is clear to everyone and respects legal standards.

The Act also addresses the use of technologies that recognize people's faces or other biometric data. It allows such technology to be used by the police, but only under very strict rules to protect people's privacy. Importantly, it bans collecting this kind of data on a large scale, showing the EU's commitment to protecting personal information.

Additionally, the Act aims to support smaller businesses, open-source projects, and new companies by freeing them from some of these rules. This is to help them grow and innovate without too much financial burden, making the EU's AI industry stronger and more diverse. ([EU AI ACT](#))

3.2 Feedback from AI Industry Experts

AI experts across Europe are largely positive about the planned regulations of the EU AI Act. They acknowledge the necessity of these regulations to foster the development and deployment

of artificial intelligence in line with ethical guidelines and safety standards. However, they emphasize the critical importance of clear, understandable, and, above all, feasible implementation of these regulations. Such implementation is essential not only to create the legal framework but also to allow for quick, efficient, and straightforward implementation in practice. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is often cited as a cautionary example of the potential difficulties in implementing complex regulations. Due to its detailed and extensive provisions, the GDPR has caused uncertainty and criticism among many companies and organizations. These experiences highlight the importance of a balanced approach in drafting new laws.

The “German AI Association” (Deutscher KI-Bundesverband e.V.) notes in its press statement: “Proportionality should be a central element of any regulation. Particularly in the sections on so-called high-risk applications and the regulation of generative AI, however, the AI Act risks missing this target by occasionally turning into a blanket technology regulation rather than an application- and risk-based AI regulation.” ([Press Statement KI Bundesverband e.V.](#))

Despite these concerns, the EU AI Act is welcomed by many as an important and necessary step toward creating a safe and reliable framework for the development, implementation, and use of AI technologies in Europe. By establishing clear rules and standards, the Act provides security for operators and users alike and contributes to strengthening trust in AI-based applications. To establish and maintain Europe as a leading location for AI innovations, it is also recommended to invest specifically in the promotion and support of innovative technologies. Only through a balanced combination of regulation and promotion can the European AI ecosystem be sustainably strengthened and developed further.

4. Intellectual Property and Competition

4.1 Data as a Driver for AI Biases

Generative AI systems are particularly prone to what are called biases. A bias describes a tendency of the AI system to steer statements in a specific direction, which results from training with a dataset that suggests this tendency. In a psychological context, a bias refers to a general distortion effect that includes stereotypes or other predispositions that can positively or negatively influence the perception of the environment, actions, or decisions. Biases can be divided into implicit (unconscious) and explicit (conscious) categories. Since AI is programmed and trained by humans, certain distortions are inevitable, as humans cannot act without bias. Therefore, the extent of biases depends on the datasets used for training (the quality of input determines the quality of output).

Practical examples illustrate the problem of biases in generative AI systems. A well-known case is an algorithm developed by Amazon to automate the selection of applicants, which favored male candidates because it was trained with applications from the last ten years, reflecting the male dominance in the tech industry. Similar biases are seen in algorithms for search engine

advertising and predictive policing, which are based on historical data and can reinforce existing patterns of discrimination. ([BBC](#))

The involvement of humans in training AI systems inevitably leads to biases. This poses a significant problem, especially in large systems like ChatGPT, where users have no insight into the training data. The difficulty in detecting biases increases the danger that users will accept these distortions as truth and adjust their perspective accordingly. Biased AI can be particularly harmful to already marginalized groups, whether through discriminatory health algorithms or faulty facial recognition software.

Recommendations for Regulating AI Biases

The EU AI Act aims to regulate the ethical development and application of artificial intelligence through enhanced normative guidelines, emphasizing transparency and traceability. It targets organizations both within and outside the EU, provided their AI systems impact EU citizens, focusing particularly on high-risk AI systems that could significantly influence essential aspects of life.

The legislation sets comprehensive requirements for high-risk AI systems—and recommends similar measures for those with lower risk—including risk and data management, technical documentation, record-keeping duties, human oversight, conformity assessments, and ensuring precision, robustness, and cyber security. These measures are intended to document efforts to mitigate biases and other risks throughout the AI systems' lifecycle.

Traceability, within the context of this law, means the ability of organizations to justify and explain the use of their data, models, and algorithms to make outcomes understandable and usable for end-users. This includes risk analyses, design decisions, maintaining quality management systems, reviewing system performance, and ensuring human oversight.

Furthermore, the law emphasizes the importance of retrievability and transparency, demanding detailed records of datasets, decisions, and processes to facilitate audits and accountability. Compliance with these principles can help organizations defend against accusations of discriminatory AI decisions by demonstrating that decisions are based on non-discriminatory criteria.

The AI Act's focus is not only on avoiding biases but also on addressing this challenge by promoting traceability and transparency. It advises organizations to adhere to technical documentation requirements to prevent discrimination in AI applications.

The EU aims to minimize biases in AI as much as possible. Biases in AI, especially when unconsciously perceived by users, pose a significant risk. Gaining societal trust in AI is crucial for its acceptance. Insufficient awareness of or acute risks from biases can obstruct the development and acceptance of AI, ultimately leading to rejection and skepticism among the populace. To fully leverage the potential of AI within the EU, an open society is required. A key step towards this is the substantial reduction of AI biases.

Mitigating Biases in AI Through Effective Data Input and Prompt Engineering

To minimize biases in artificial intelligence (AI) systems and enhance their outcomes, users need to understand how to input data effectively. Since AI systems rely on the information provided to them, the quality and clarity of this input directly influence their performance. In this context, prompt engineering emerges as a crucial skill.

Prompt engineering involves crafting queries or instructions for AI in a way that guides it toward generating the desired response. This process is not about manipulating the AI but optimizing communication with it. The following approach has proven to be effective in achieving better outcomes:

- Introduction of user and objectives: Begin by introducing who you are and what you aim to achieve with the AI. This helps set the context for the AI's response.
- Specification of requirements and constraints: Clearly outline what the AI should and should not consider in its response. This includes specifying any preferences, limitations, or guidelines that should influence the output.
- Definition of output format: If the output format is crucial to your use case, as in Markdown for instance, make sure to specify not just the format but also any particular style or structure within that format. Since formats like Markdown can be adapted in various ways, detailing your expectations can significantly influence the utility of the AI's output.
- Provision of additional information: Including extra details such as the desired language, the current date and time, or any other context-specific information can greatly enhance the relevance and accuracy of the AI's response.

By taking these steps, users and developers can work together towards creating AI systems that are not only efficient and accurate but also fair and inclusive, ultimately leading to better outcomes for everyone involved.

4.2 Impacts of Generative AI on Intellectual Property

First, we should clarify what is meant by intellectual property and why it is significant in the context of generative AI. Intellectual property (IP) encompasses all exclusive rights to intellectual creations. This is generally divided into two categories: industrial property rights, such as patents, trademarks, and design rights, and copyright, which pertains to the ownership of artistic and literary works. ([European Parliament](#))

Intellectual property becomes particularly interesting in generative AI because generative AI systems are capable of processing extensive data volumes and generating results (referred to as outputs) without significant human intervention. The debate on how to handle intellectual property rights, both regarding the content used to train the AI (inputs) and the results generated by the AI (outputs), is still in its early stages.

Materials Used for Training Generative AI (Input)

Depending on the legal situation in each country, materials used for training generative AI may be protected by copyright. Moreover, copies of these materials will likely be made during the training process. Unless specific copyright exceptions apply, these reproductions could infringe on the copyright of the authors of the materials used for training. These exceptions vary by country. For instance, in the United States, the "Fair Use" principle exists, while in the EU, exceptions for temporary or incidental copying acts and text and data mining might be relevant.

Therefore, determining which materials can be used to train generative AI systems without infringing on intellectual property rights, including copyright, proves challenging. The recent ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Warhol case, which focuses more on the commercial purpose of new works than on artistic expression, could complicate the assessment of copyright risks associated with AI training materials in the USA. However, the precise implications of this ruling remain unclear and are expected to be decided by lower courts.

AI-Generated Output as a Copyright-Protected Work

Current copyright law grants the creator of a protected work extensive rights, focusing on safeguarding the intellectual and personal connection of the author to his work and ensuring the author maintains control over the exploitation of their works.

However, when it comes to output generated by generative AI systems, the question arises whether such output possesses an author in the legal sense of copyright. The underlying thought is that the output does not result from human creative effort but is generated by generative AI. Legislators must therefore decide in their respective jurisdictions whether granting copyright to the user of the generative AI serves the purpose of copyright law, especially since the user may not have made significant creative decisions that contributed to the output.

For example, the European Parliament in a resolution published on October 20, 2020, stated that works independently created by generative AI currently cannot be protected by copyright, reasoning that intellectual property rights generally presuppose the involvement of a natural person in the creative process..

Consequently, it seems that legislators are moving towards a position where modifying a work created by generative AI and creating a new (derivative) work allows the human creator to acquire copyright in the work. The more the work is generated by the generative AI itself, the less likely such rights are to arise in the AI-generated output. However, the implications of the Warhol case should be considered.

5. AI Hallucinations and Misinformation

5.1 Risks and Challenges

AI hallucinations refer to incorrect or misleading information generated by AI models. Such errors can be caused by various factors, including inadequate training data, faulty model assumptions, or biases in the data used for training. AI hallucinations pose a significant problem, especially for AI systems used in critical areas such as medical diagnostics or financial trading.

Generative AI models are particularly susceptible to hallucinations as they use data to generate connections and contexts, which they combine into an answer. Since an AI model can only rely on this data and does not possess a real understanding of reality, the results created by generative AI systems (texts, images, audio, etc.) must be critically questioned to identify potential sources of error. These models do not make logical connections or develop new ideas; instead, they merely estimate the probability of each element (tokens) occurring. Another risk for accurate answers is that generative AI platforms often cannot express an "I don't know" when they do not have enough information to answer a question. Instead, they produce the most likely answer based on their training data, regardless of whether it is factually correct or not.

Essentially, generative AI systems spread hallucinations as fake news due to faulty training. The increasing attention to AI hallucinations raises the question of how they can be limited or eliminated. If complete elimination is not possible, the question arises as to how AI systems prone to hallucinations should be labeled.

5.2 Strategies for Risk Mitigation of AI Hallucinations

The challenge posed by generative AI hallucinations emphasizes the importance of reliability and credibility in generative AI models. Misleading results can raise serious concerns, especially regarding their potential impacts on society. Given the rapid advancements in the field of generative AI, it is crucial to take proactive steps to prevent such hallucinations. By implementing preventative measures, we can strengthen the integrity and trust in generative AI systems and ensure that their results correspond to reality.

An effective approach to reducing generative AI hallucinations is the implementation of guidelines that act as safeguards within generative models. These guidelines set specific restrictions or rules that guide the creation process and ensure that the generated content stays within defined and accepted boundaries. By setting limits on the generated content—whether by considering verified facts or ethical guidelines—the frequency of hallucinations can be significantly reduced, leading to more accurate and reliable results. There are mainly three types of guidelines that developers can employ:

- **Safety guidelines** improve the accuracy of information by avoiding certain formulations and restricting to trustworthy sources.

- **Privacy guidelines** limit access to external applications and services to prevent the incorporation of erroneous, misleading, or harmful information.
- The integration of **human review** into the AI process is another key approach to avoiding generative AI hallucinations. The concept of "human oversight" means that human intervention, supervision, or decision-making is incorporated at various stages of the generative AI process. This recognizes the indispensable role of human judgment, expertise, and contextual understanding in collaboration with AI systems. Regarding generative AI hallucinations, this means that humans review the content generated by AI in terms of its accuracy and consistency, provide feedback, identify potentially misleading results, and make necessary adjustments to ensure the content's alignment with objective reality.

The most important and also simplest way to set up a generative AI system that leaves no room for hallucinations and distortions is to have well-structured and clean data. Keeping the data in a structured and consistent format makes the responses more consistent and, in many cases, also more predictable.

5.4. Legislation or Self-Regulation?

In theory, watermarks could help identify content generated by artificial intelligence. Nonetheless, there are numerous problems, many of which are considered insurmountable. Adding reliable watermarks to every piece of AI-generated content is a challenge. Even as technologies for verification advance, so do the methods to bypass these security measures, leading to an endless race that offers no final solution.

An alternative could be a disclosure obligation, requiring users to mark when content has been created by generative AI. Such a regulation could be successful, but there will always be individuals who defy the rules and remain undetected.

The feasibility of these requirements remains to be determined, especially given the rapid development of AI systems and the influence of actors from Asia or the USA on developments within the EU. The question is how the AI Act can regulate the challenges of biases, hallucinations, and the black box issue in such a way that users and businesses can use AI systems responsibly, without losing competitiveness or falling behind on a global scale.

5.5 Practical Example: Responsible Development of AI Tools

Companies opting to implement generative AI technologies face the critical task of designing these technologies to ensure responsible data handling. They are faced with a choice: wait for the adoption of relevant EU legislation or proactively develop systems that will withstand future regulations.

A model example of the latter approach is Frontnow, an innovative AI startup based in Berlin. Frontnow develops AI-powered applications, including generative AI, to revolutionize the customer experience in online shops. A key offering is a virtual assistant that provides

hyper-personalized consultations – akin to a specialist advisor in a physical store. This assistant can communicate in over 100 languages and is available 24/7, significantly enhancing the customer experience. Especially in the pre-sales phase, which poses particular challenges for e-commerce companies due to limited access to customer data, the assistant proves to be invaluable. From the outset, Frontnow is committed to not storing personal data, avoiding hallucinations, and minimizing biases.

Frontnow's services do not require personal data but utilize information from the online shop's product portfolio to offer informed consultations. This approach effectively prevents hallucinations since the AI relies solely on data verified by the shop operator. The solutions are designed to offer comprehensive consulting services without requiring sensitive data.

When developing new products, companies need to create advanced user experiences without depending on sensitive data. AI systems should be developed on a foundation that is transparent and carefully trained to exclude hallucinations. This applies to the use of both publicly available and company-owned data.

Since each AI use case is unique, the technology must be tailored accordingly. Building an AI system typically involves integrating various technologies and services. A deep understanding of each component is necessary to create a fully functional system that minimizes biases and hallucinations. While popular models like those from OpenAI are favored for their versatility, the debate around models such as Google Gemini shows that there is no unequivocally "better" solution. Instead, models should be chosen based on their specific strengths and use cases – testing and prototyping are crucial. Until we achieve General Artificial Intelligence (AGI), combining different models and technologies remains key to success.

Frontnow continuously invests in understanding and testing new technologies to optimize its virtual advisor. The team of AI experts and product developers thus remains at the forefront of innovation. This agility enables the company to quickly respond to innovations. The EU AI Act provides companies with a framework for the safe use of new tools by categorizing them into risk groups.

Furthermore, Frontnow is working on implementing evaluation metrics such as loyalty, response relevance, context precision, and critical assessment of various aspects. Theoretically, this allows for a more effective evaluation of performance and user experience. However, it also requires significant initiative to maintain data cleanliness and consistency and to establish supporting tools and metrics in the long term.

6. Making Sense of Competition in the World of Generative AI

In generative AI, the control and use of data are pivotal to innovation and market dynamics. There is a unique intersection of data and generative AI, underscoring the competition concerns it raises and outlining targeted strategies for cultivating a more equitable digital marketplace.

The Central Role of Data in AI Competition

Generative AI operates on the principle of creating new, original content by learning from vast amounts of existing data. This reliance on data highlights a significant challenge: the entities that hold the most data have a disproportionate advantage in developing more sophisticated AI systems. This dynamic can lead to a concentration of power among a few large companies, potentially stifling competition and innovation in the field.

Addressing Competition Challenges with Data and Generative AI

To navigate these challenges and ensure a level playing field, we must consider specific strategies that address the core issues related to data access and usage:

- Democratizing data access: To enable competition in generative AI is ensuring broader access to the necessary datasets. Initiatives might include creating public data pools, incentivizing data sharing among businesses, and establishing data access as a standard practice within the industry. Such measures would allow smaller entities to participate more fully in the AI innovation landscape.
- Transparent data usage practices: Clear guidelines and regulations around data collection, processing, and sharing are essential to prevent misuse and ensure fairness. Implementing standards for transparency can help build trust among consumers and competitors, ensuring that all players, regardless of size, understand the rules of the game.
- Encouraging open-source ecosystems: Promoting open-source AI projects and collaborative development can level the playing field, allowing startups and smaller companies to contribute to and benefit from advances in AI technology. This approach not only accelerates innovation but also distributes it more evenly across the market.
- Regulatory oversight on data accumulation: Monitoring and potentially regulating the acquisition of significant data assets can prevent market dominance by a few players. This includes reviewing mergers and acquisitions that may lead to undue concentration of data resources, ensuring that competition remains vibrant and diverse.
- Standards for ethical AI development: Establishing and enforcing ethical guidelines for AI development can safeguard against biases and unfair practices that may arise from unequal data access. These standards should emphasize inclusivity, fairness, and accountability, guiding the industry toward responsible and competitive innovation.

The future of generative AI hinges on our ability to manage the data that fuels it, ensuring that innovation is not only vibrant but also inclusive and fair. By addressing the specific challenges related to data access and usage in the context of generative AI, we can pave the way for a more competitive and dynamic digital market. This requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including policymakers, industry leaders, and the AI community, to implement strategies that democratize data access, promote transparency, and encourage ethical AI development. Through these measures, we can harness the full potential of generative AI, fostering innovation that benefits the entire spectrum of society.

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7. An Ethical Approach to AI for a Better Tomorrow

As we stand at the crossroads of technological advancement and ethical responsibility, the journey of companies like Frontnow illuminates the path to harnessing generative AI's full potential responsibly. Their dedication to ethical AI development, prioritizing user privacy and data integrity, sets a precedent for the industry. This commitment underscores the importance of navigating the AI landscape with a focus on creating user-centric, non-intrusive technologies that respect privacy and foster trust.

Looking ahead, the landscape of AI is one of boundless potential and responsibility. The evolution of regulatory frameworks, like the EU AI Act, challenges us to balance innovation with ethical considerations, ensuring that AI technologies serve society's broader interests. As we advance, adopting evaluation metrics for AI performance and user experience will become essential, guiding the development of technologies that are not only advanced but also aligned with societal values.

The future of AI is bright, offering a canvas for innovation painted with the brushes of responsibility and ethical consideration. In this journey, the collective effort of the AI community, policymakers, and industry leaders will be crucial in pushing the boundaries of what's possible while remaining grounded in the ethical implications of their work. Together, we can ensure that the future of AI is as promising and positive as the vast potential it holds.

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