



5 Facts About AI

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With AI integrating so many facets of the world around us, it's natural to want to learn more about the machines and bots that can think and act like humans. Though there is a lot we are still learning as scientists continue to innovate on the AI front, below we've collected five facts you may not know about artificial intelligence.

1. AI actually isn't a new thing—it dates back to the 1950s

Computer pioneer Alan Turing introduced a test to demonstrate AI in 1950, with John McCarthy later coining the term "artificial intelligence" to describe machine intelligence. He also organized a conference in 1956 to bring other experts and bright minds together to discuss artificial intelligence.

2. It's estimated that AI will contribute \$15.7 trillion to the global economy by 2030

The figure was projected in a report by PwC, which also says that AI's impact on products and services will boost North America's GDP by 14% by 2030.

3. AI is already being used by social media platforms

Do you think it's creepy when Facebook or Instagram recommends content to you that you were just searching for or talking about? That's artificial intelligence at work, and both social media apps and search engines are leveraging AI to market to consumers.

4. It can predict the future (Maybe)

Scientists created Nautilus, a supercomputer that can make predictions about future events by analyzing past news articles. Nautilus even helped locate Osama Bin Laden within 200km!

5. AI is mostly female

When it comes to AI devices that have a voice, have you noticed that nearly all of them are female? Alexa, Siri, Cortana, etc. This is because it's been found that both male and females tend to prefer the sound of a female voice.