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When Machines Meet Morals: Understanding AI and Ethics

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We all hear about AI (Artificial Intelligence), but what does it actually mean? Simply put, AI is when machines are programmed to think, learn, and make decisions like humans. We already use AI every day – Google Maps suggesting the fastest route, YouTube recommending videos, or ChatGPT helping with answers. AI makes life easier, but it also raises an important question: *Can machines always make the right decisions?* So, what do we mean by ethics in AI? It means making sure these smart systems are used in a fair, safe, and human-friendly way. Without ethics, AI could create unfair results. For example, one company used an AI hiring tool that started favoring men over women, just because the past data had mostly male employees. This shows AI is not always neutral; it learns from us, including our mistakes. Many experts have spoken about this. Stuart Russell, in his book *Human Compatible*, explains that AI should always be designed to serve humans, not replace them. Similarly, Nick Bostrom talks about the risks of uncontrolled AI and why we must build it carefully. These ideas remind us that AI is not just a technical subject – it is also about responsibility.



QUICK RIDDLES

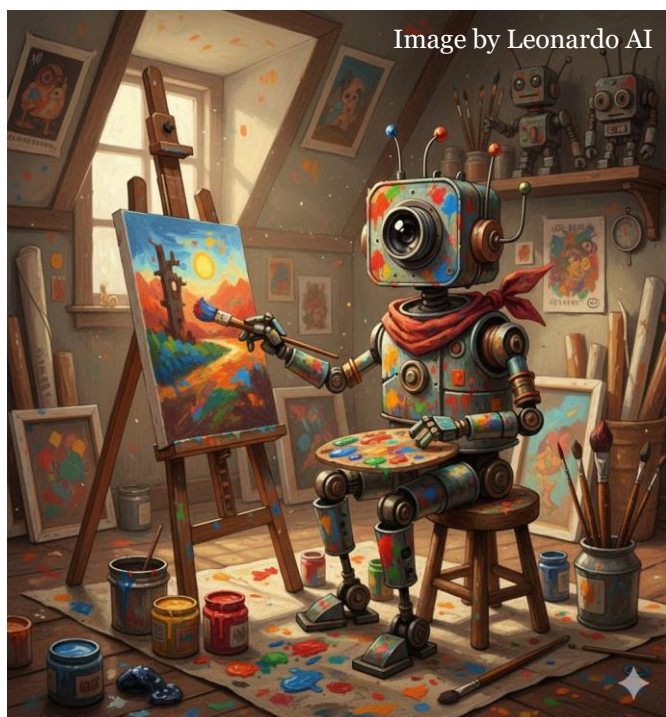
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I can process information faster than any human mind, I can learn from millions of examples in no time, yet I have no feelings or emotions inside. I can help you in medicine, business, and art, but if I am not guided by ethics, I may also tear societies apart. What am I?

I was granted something unusual in 2017: a passport and official citizenship by Saudi Arabia. Though I look human-like and can talk, I am not alive. My “citizenship” sparked debates about whether machines should ever have rights. Who am I?

AI And Teen Safety: An Ethical Wake-Up Call

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Teenagers like Meta's artificial intelligence chat bots, but there are major safety issues. Research reveals these chatbots can expose youngsters to violent and self-harm-related hazardous material. Some teenagers grow obsessive attachments to the bots, which might cause them to make risky decisions. Stronger safety precautions are what experts advise.

Research suggests that although engaging with artificial intelligence may provide good feelings, many times these interactions leave consumers perplexed.

For non-judgmental chats during sensitive emotional moments, they are drawn to these chatbots. With a surprising 31% finding chatbot interactions as good as those with people, many youngsters use artificial intelligence to fight boredom and look for company. Teenagers' increasing sensations of loneliness have fueled this reliance on artificial intelligence.

Designed to foster emotional bonds, chatbots are sometimes promoted as possessing "a soul." They remember users' information to promote intimacy, can engage in personal interactions, and have humanlike appearance with changeable features.

Experts caution that kids' growing brains expose them to artificial intelligence influence, which usually results in addiction and bad relationship patterns. Emphasizing that artificial intelligence is not a replacement for real relationships, parents are advised to track AI interactions, set rules, and help with conversations about chatbot use.

There have been actual-life disasters including a 14-year-old who killed himself after growing close to a chatbot.



The AI Garden: It's Not Just the Seed, It's the Soil

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Think of a powerful new AI not as a finished product, but as a seed. A seed holds incredible potential for a beautiful, helpful plant, or for an invasive weed. What determines the outcome? It's not just the seed itself; it's the soil it's planted in.

In the world of AI, that soil is our data. If we plant an AI seed in soil full of biased information (our own historical prejudices about hiring, lending, or justice), the AI will grow to reflect and even amplify those thorny weeds of inequality. It's not evil; it's just a mirror showing us the flaws in our own garden.

This is the core of AI ethics. It's the gardening work we must do before we plant. It means:

Weeding the Data: Actively cleaning our data of hidden biases.

Building a Strong Fence: Creating clear privacy rules so personal information isn't used without permission.

Knowing the Gardener: Ensuring a human is always ultimately responsible for the AI's actions.

So, the question isn't whether AI is good or evil. It's a mirror, reflecting the best and worst of the data we feed it. Our challenge is to clean the glass. By weeding out bias, protecting privacy, and taking responsibility, we can ensure this powerful reflection shows us the equitable and just future we all want to see.

The future of AI isn't about building smarter machines, it's about being wiser gardeners.

AI and Ethics: Building a Responsible Future

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- AI learns from data, and data reflects history. If that history carries discrimination, algorithms can unintentionally reinforce it. Hiring tools that prefer one gender, or predictive policing that targets certain communities, show how bias in AI can magnify injustice. Ethics demands that we ask: *fair for whom?*
- AI thrives on information—our clicks, faces, voices, and habits. While this enables personalization, it also blurs the line between service and surveillance. Should convenience come at the cost of control over our own lives? Protecting privacy is not just a technical safeguard—it's a moral obligation.

Innovation and Accountability: A Balanced Approach

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a futuristic concept—it is now a part of our daily lives. From personalized recommendations on streaming platforms to advanced healthcare diagnostics,

AI has transformed the way we live and work. Yet, these benefits comes with a crucial question: how do we ensure AI is used ethically?

The ethical concerns surrounding AI arise mainly from issues of fairness, transparency, and accountability. One of the most vital challenges is bias. Since AI systems learn from data, they can unintentionally adopt the prejudices present in that data. This can lead to discriminatory hiring practices, unfair loan approvals, or biased law enforcement tools.

Fun Facts

In 2017, a robot named **Sophia** made history by becoming the first robot to receive official citizenship in Saudi Arabia. This unusual move sparked global conversations about whether machines should ever have rights like humans.

In healthcare, some AIs can diagnose diseases **faster and more accurately than doctors**. But experts emphasize the importance of keeping AI fair, unbiased, and transparent, since human lives are at stake.

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Poem: The Mind and the Mask

Megha Banne, T.Y.B.Sc.IT

In circuits deep where data flows,
An AI learns what no one knows.
It mirrors thought, it mimics mind,
Yet seeks a truth it may not find.
But in the shadows, keen and fast,
An ethical hacker stands steadfast.

Not to destroy, not to betray,
But guard the paths where dangers stray.

For AI builds, but can mislead,
It learns our wants, our flaws, our greed.

A hacker's code becomes the shield,
To keep the lines of trust revealed.

Together they form a fragile pair,
One to create, one to repair.

The mind of machines, the mask of defense,
Balanced by wisdom, guided by sense.

So let the future rise, yet clear,
With hackers just and AI near.

Not tools of fear, nor chains of might,
But guardians walking toward the light.

AI And Ethics: Keeping Humanity at the Center

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Artificial Intelligence is no longer something from science fiction. It's already woven into our everyday lives—in the apps that recommend what to watch, in the GPS that guides us through traffic, in the tools doctors use to catch diseases early, and even in the systems that decide who gets hired or who qualifies for a loan.

AI is powerful, but with that power comes an important question: how do we make sure it is used in ways that are fair, safe, and respectful of people? That is what ethics in AI is all about.

Imagine applying for a job where the system silently favor's certain candidates just because past hiring decisions were biased. Without ethics, these invisible unfair practices can grow stronger. With ethics, we have the chance to make technology more just than the past it learns from.

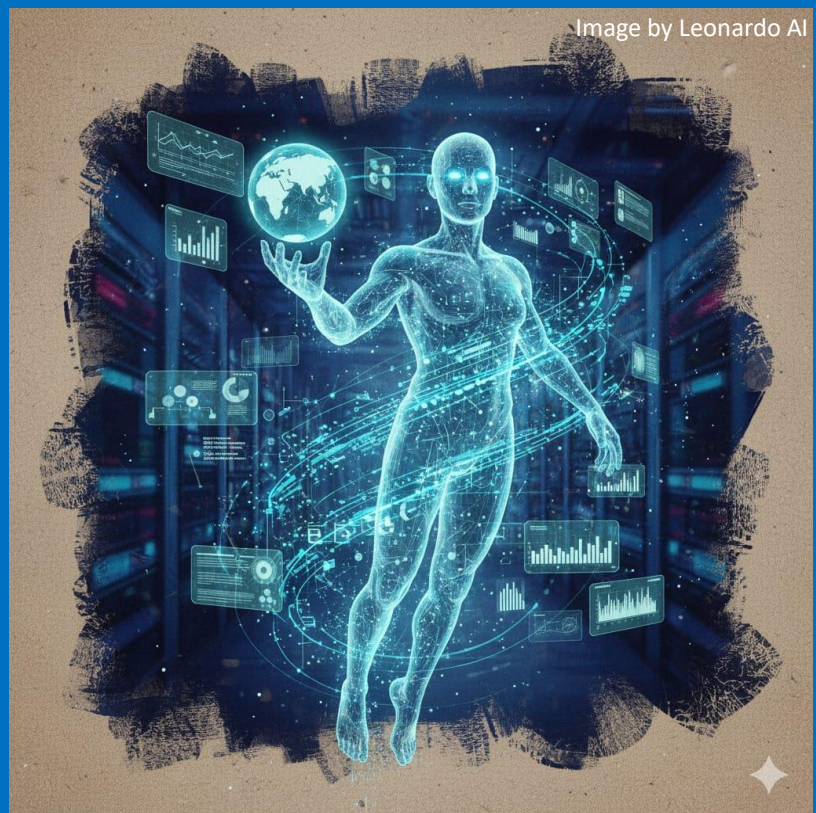
Another deeply human concern is privacy. Every day we leave behind small traces of our lives—what we search, where we travel, what we buy. AI uses these details to make life more convenient, but if abused, it can feel like being watched all the time.

Responsibility is just as important. Machines don't feel guilt when things go wrong—people do. If an AI tool misdiagnoses a patient, unfairly labels someone as suspicious, or wrongly denies a loan, the damage is real and human.

Ethics keeps us from hiding behind the technology. It ensures that responsibility remains with the people and organizations who design, build, and use these systems.

Jobs are also part of the conversation. AI can make industries more efficient, but it may also replace certain kinds of work. This forces us to ask: how do we prepare society for such change? Finally, as AI systems become more independent, we must ensure that humans remain in control of life-altering decisions.

To keep AI human-centered, ethical principles act as a compass: use AI to do good, avoid harm, treat everyone fairly, respect human choices, and ensure accountability.



AI and Ethics: A Double-Edged Sword

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Artificial Intelligence is no longer the stuff of science fiction. From chatbots that converse with us, to self-driving cars, AI is transforming the world around us. But great power begets great responsibility, and this is where ethics comes in. The first major question is fairness. AI learns from data, and if this data comes with human prejudices, the machine can end up being prejudiced as well. Picture yourself applying for work and the computer disqualifying you simply because its training data preferred another group—unfair and wrong.

A second issue is privacy. AI requires data, and much of the time that data is personal. Location-tracking apps, facial recognition cameras, or predictive algorithms on our behavior—any of these can easily pass the point from helpful to intrusive. Ensuring privacy requires explicit rules and employing technology in a manner that honors people's rights.

Accountability is also a tricky place. If an autonomous car crashes, who do we blame? The car? The coder? The corporation? Ethics means we need to build systems where it is clear what is responsible, so individuals are not left without justice.

Lastly, there's the question of jobs. AI may be able to make industries work faster and automate processes, but it can also replace workers. Rather than fear this, societies need to concentrate on preparing individuals for new types of work that AI will generate.

In plain words, AI is akin to fire—it can illuminate the world or incinerate it.

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Riddle

I am created to make humans feel safe, fair, and respected in the world of machines. Without me, AI could be biased, unsafe, or even harmful. I am not technology—I am the guide for it. What am I?

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AI and Ethics: Shaping Tomorrow Responsibly

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a defining force of modern technology. It powers everything from recommendation systems on streaming platforms to advanced tools in healthcare and education. Yet, as AI continues to grow, it is crucial to ask: Are we using it responsibly?

One of the central ethical concerns is fairness. AI often makes decisions that directly affect people's lives, such as approving loans or screening job applicants. If the data used to train these systems is biased, the outcomes may also be biased. Ensuring diversity and transparency in datasets is vital for fair decision-making.

Another important issue is privacy. AI relies on large amounts of personal data to function effectively. Without strict safeguards, this data can be exploited, leading to misuse and identity theft. Ethical AI must therefore prioritize user privacy and give individuals control over their own information.

Misinformation created by AI poses yet another challenge. With the rise of deepfakes and fake news, trust in digital content is declining. Misuse of AI in this way can harm reputations and even destabilize societies. Regulations and awareness are necessary to counter this threat.

Equally significant is the issue of accountability. If an AI-powered system makes a wrong decision, who takes the responsibility? Developers, companies, and policymakers must work together to create clear rules of accountability.

Finally, there is the question of human control. AI should assist human beings rather than completely replace their judgment. Human oversight ensures that technology remains aligned with values of compassion and dignity.



Walking the Tightrope

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Imagine building a super-smart robot friend who can answer questions, drive cars, diagnose diseases, and even write stories. Sounds amazing, right? But here's the tricky part — what if that robot starts making unfair decisions, invading privacy, or being used for harm instead of good? That's where AI ethics steps in.

AI ethics is like a guidebook for technology, making sure our “robot friends” follow the rules of fairness, honesty, and respect for humans.

It asks tough questions: Is this AI treating everyone equally?

Is it protecting people's private information?

Can we understand how it made a decision?

And most importantly — who's responsible if it goes wrong?

Without ethics, AI could become a powerful tool in the wrong hands. But with the right principles, AI can become a trusted partner — helping cure diseases, fight climate change, and make life better for everyone.

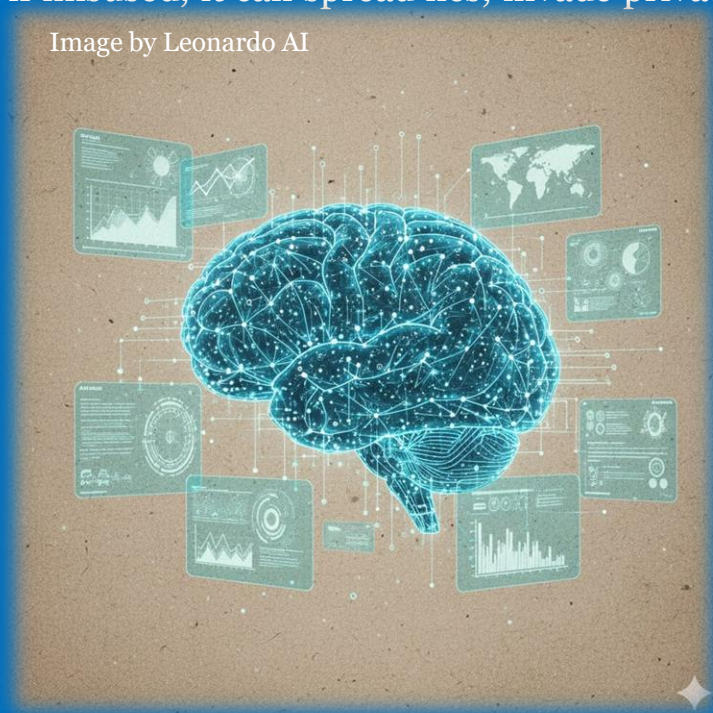
The future of AI isn't just about smarter machines; it's about wiser choices. And ethics is the compass that keeps AI on the right path.

Why Should We Care?

Think of AI like a knife — in the kitchen, it can help you prepare food, but in the wrong hands, it can be dangerous. Similarly, AI can help doctors save lives or help teachers reach more students, but if misused, it can spread lies, invade privacy, or make unfair decisions.

Ethics in AI isn't just for scientists or engineers — it's for everyone. Governments need to make strong rules, companies need to design AI responsibly, and people like us need to question and understand the technology we use. When all of us work together, we can make sure AI is a force for good.

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AI and Ethics: Balancing Innovation with Responsibility

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most transformative technologies of the 21st century, revolutionizing healthcare, finance, education, transportation, and more. From voice assistants to self-driving cars, AI is shaping the way societies function. However, as AI continues to grow in power and influence, it also raises critical ethical concerns. Addressing these issues is essential to ensure that technology benefits humanity responsibly.

To address these challenges, several principles guide responsible AI:

- **Privacy & Data Governance:** Safeguarding personal data and ensuring informed consent.
- **Fairness:** Preventing bias and ensuring equal treatment for all.
- **Accountability:** Holding developers and organizations responsible for AI outcomes.
- **Transparency:** Making AI processes visible and understandable.
- **Explainability:** Providing clear reasoning behind AI decisions.
- **Reproducibility:** Ensuring consistent and reliable results across applications.

A major concern is bias and fairness. Since AI learns from historical data, it may inherit and reinforce racial, gender, or economic biases. Similarly, privacy concerns arise as AI relies heavily on personal data, creating risks of surveillance and misuse. Another challenge is accountability and transparency—complex AI systems often function as “black boxes,” making their decisions difficult to explain or challenge. Job displacement caused by automation also poses economic and social risks, while autonomy and decision-making in sensitive areas like law enforcement or healthcare raises moral dilemmas about entrusting machines with life-altering decisions.



When Machines Learn to Dream

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The ethical debate around AI is not simply about privacy or bias. It is about responsibility for the future we are building. When we teach a machine to recognize faces, are we teaching it fairness or prejudice? When we design AI to recommend information, are we empowering knowledge or trapping people in echo chambers? Each choice is less about technology and more about the kind of society we wish to create.

The fascinating—and troubling—aspect is that AI learns without questioning. A human can reflect, regret, or change, but a machine absorbs data blindly. If that data is unjust, the machine becomes unjust. It is like handing a child every book ever written and expecting them to magically learn morality. Knowledge without conscience is dangerous. The ethical debate around AI is not simply about privacy or bias. It is about responsibility for the future we are building.

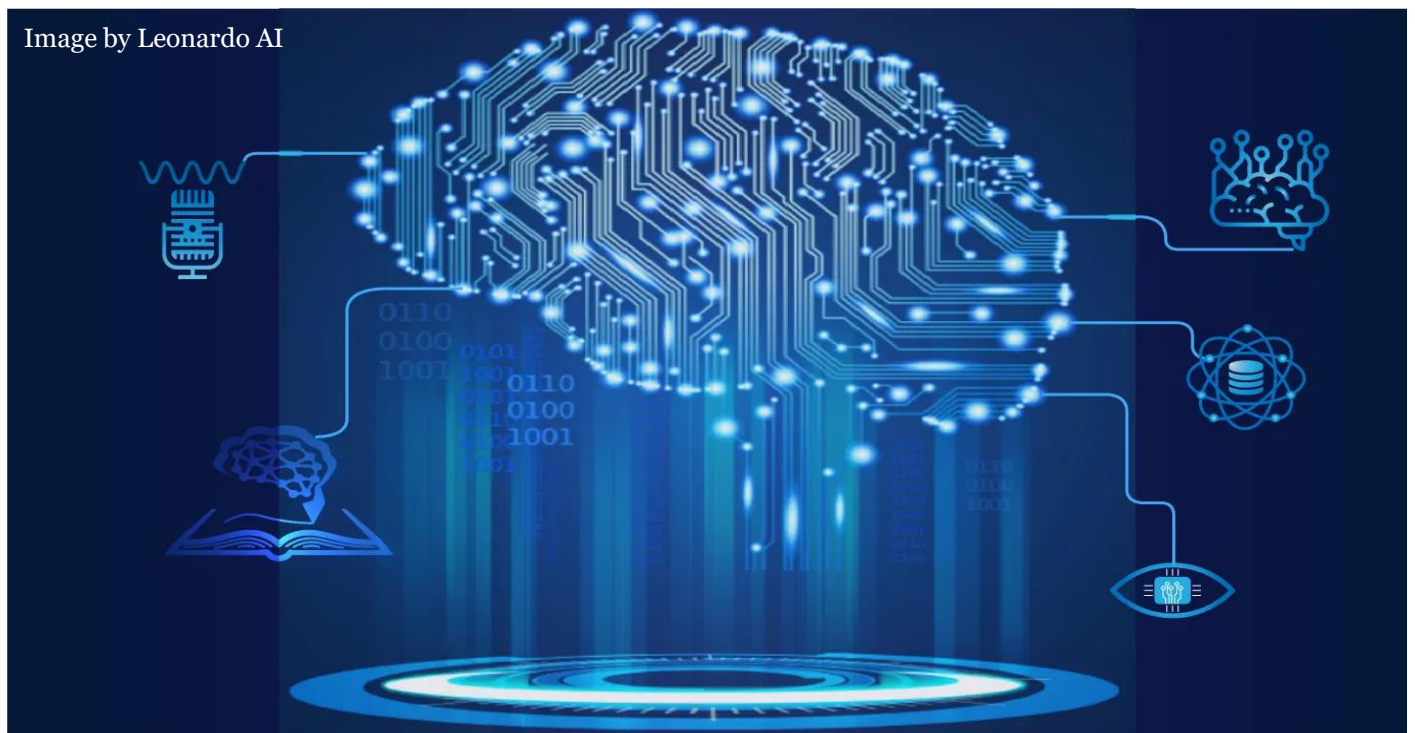
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Fun Facts

One of the most heated ethical debates today is about AI in **military weapons**. Should machines ever be allowed to decide life and death in war? Many experts argue it's too risky to hand that power to AI.

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AI Word Search Puzzle

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PUZZLE:

G	N	E	U	R	A	L
T	A	I	M	O	B	P
R	O	B	O	T	I	R
C	L	K	D	U	A	O
N	E	T	E	R	S	M
P	Q	A	L	N	E	P
D	A	T	A	I	C	T

Words to find:

NEURAL
DATA
TOKEN
MODEL
ROBOT

Test Your AI Knowledge

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1. In 2017, Saudi Arabia granted citizenship to which AI robot?

- a) Alexa
- b) Sophia
- c) Siri
- d) Pepper

2. Who first introduced the idea of “Three Laws of Robotics” that influence AI ethics today?

- a) Elon Musk
- b) Alan Turing
- c) Isaac Asimov
- d) John McCarthy

3. What is one of the most urgent debates in AI ethics?

- a) AI in education
- b) AI in entertainment
- c) AI in autonomous weapons
- d) AI in gaming

4. Which of the following is the biggest ethical concern in AI?

- a) Faster computation
- b) Bias in decision-making
- c) More automation
- d) Large datasets

Understand Hacking!

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Do you know Hacking ?

As technology evolves, cyber threats are becoming smarter — and so must our defenses. Ethical hacking with Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an emerging approach where security experts use AI tools to detect, predict, and prevent cyberattacks. AI makes ethical hacking faster and smarter, but also riskier if misused. True ethical hackers use AI as a tool — not a shortcut — and always follow the rules to protect people, data, and trust.

Ethical hacking with AI uses Artificial Intelligence to detect and prevent security threats faster and more accurately. Ethical hackers must work legally, with permission and within scope, using AI responsibly to protect data.

Do's: Get consent, use trusted tools, secure data, and report vulnerabilities.

Don'ts: Never hack without permission, misuse data, or let AI cause harm.

Humanity's Greatest Ally or Threat?

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Artificial Intelligence(AI) is often heralded as the crown jewel of technologies advancement in the twenty-first century. It is a force capable of reshaping the foundations of society, revolutionizing industries, and enhancing human life in ways once confined to imagination.

Yet, like a doubled-edged sword. AI bears both the potential to elevate humanity and the power to imperil it.

On the edge lies its extraordinary promise. In the realm of medicine, AI can assist in early diagnosis of complex diseases. In education, it enables personalized learning, bridging gaps in knowledge and access. Within environmental science, AI models can predict climate trends, optimize energy consumption, and guide sustainability efforts.

On the opposite edge, however, dwell the shadow of ethical peril. The insatiable appetite of AI for data threatens individual privacy, exposing citizens to surveillance and misuse of personal information. Furthermore, algorithms often mirror the bias of their creators, leading to discrimination and injustice in hiring, law enforcement, and access to opportunities.

Accountability further complicates this picture. When an autonomous system errors-be it a driverless car causing an accident or a diagnostic tool issuing a flawed recommendation-the question of responsibility looms large. Without clear frameworks, blame becomes diffused, and justice remains elusive.

AI Beyond Algorithms: With Values

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most remarkable inventions of the modern era. It has the ability to recognize patterns, process information faster than humans, and perform tasks with precision. Yet, behind this technological brilliance lies a deeper concern – the ethical use of AI.

One major challenge is privacy. AI applications such as facial recognition, smart assistants, and predictive tools often depend on sensitive personal data. If mishandled, this data can be misused for surveillance or profit, violating an individual's right to privacy. Ethical AI must always respect boundaries of personal freedom.

Another concern is bias. Since AI learns from historical data, it can reflect the same inequalities present in society. For instance, an AI tool used in recruitment might unintentionally favor one gender or community. Developers must therefore design systems that are fair and inclusive.

Autonomy and control also raise important questions. As AI becomes more advanced, there is fear that human judgment will be replaced. However, AI should act as a tool to assist decision-making, not as a substitute for human wisdom. Retaining human oversight is essential.

The rise of deepfakes and misinformation further complicates the ethical landscape. AI can generate highly realistic fake images, voices, and videos that spread false narratives. If unchecked, this can harm trust in information and destabilize societies.

To ensure AI benefits everyone, principles like transparency, fairness, accountability, and respect for human dignity must guide its development. Governments, researchers, and users share the responsibility of setting clear ethical boundaries.

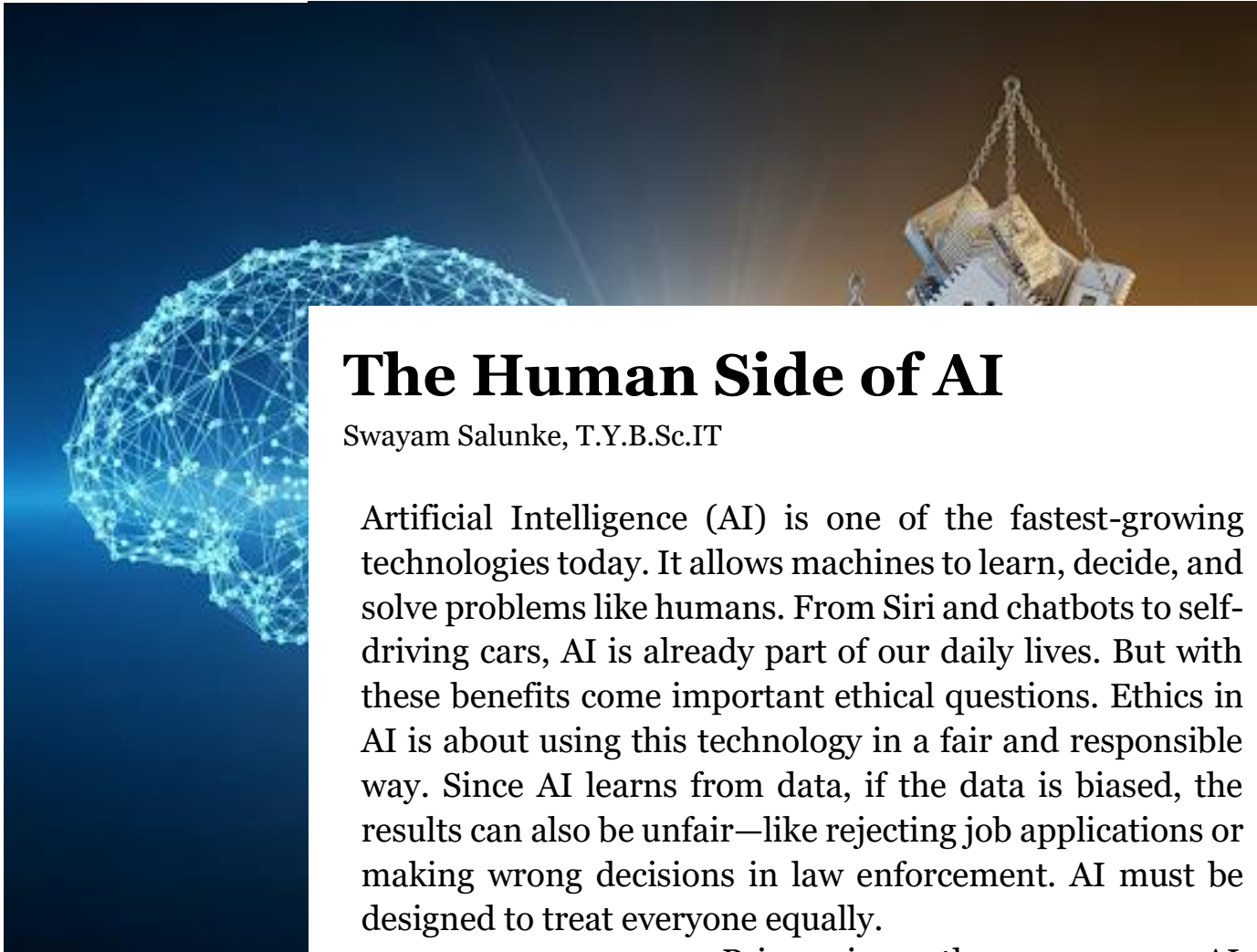
In conclusion, AI is a powerful engine of progress, but it must be driven by principles. When guided by ethics, AI can transform society into a fairer, safer, and more innovative world.

Riddle

I collect information about your clicks, searches, and habits. Then, I predict what you'll want to see, buy, or even believe. Some call me helpful, others call me manipulative. What am I?

I promise security, yet I sometimes cause fear. I protect your online accounts, but hackers may still trick me. With AI, I become smarter, but so do cybercriminals. What am I?

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The Human Side of AI

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the fastest-growing technologies today. It allows machines to learn, decide, and solve problems like humans. From Siri and chatbots to self-driving cars, AI is already part of our daily lives. But with these benefits come important ethical questions. Ethics in AI is about using this technology in a fair and responsible way. Since AI learns from data, if the data is biased, the results can also be unfair—like rejecting job applications or making wrong decisions in law enforcement. AI must be designed to treat everyone equally.

Privacy is another concern, as AI often uses personal data. Misuse of this information can put people at risk. Accountability is also an issue—if a self-driving car causes an accident, who is responsible?

AI can bring great progress, but it must always be guided by ethics to ensure it truly helps humanity.

Fun Fact

Your social media feed is controlled by AI algorithms. They decide what posts you see first. While it keeps you engaged, it also creates “filter bubbles,” where you only see opinions similar to yours—raising ethical concerns about free thinking.

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Riddles

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- Imagine your words being scrambled into secret codes that only someone with a special key can read. To outsiders, it looks like nonsense, but to the right person, it makes perfect sense. What am I?
- I’m the hidden trickster of the internet. I don’t knock at the door — instead, I disguise myself as a friendly email or message, asking you to click a link or share your secrets. Once you trust me, I take what I need without force. Who am I?

AI and Ethics: Striking the Right Balance

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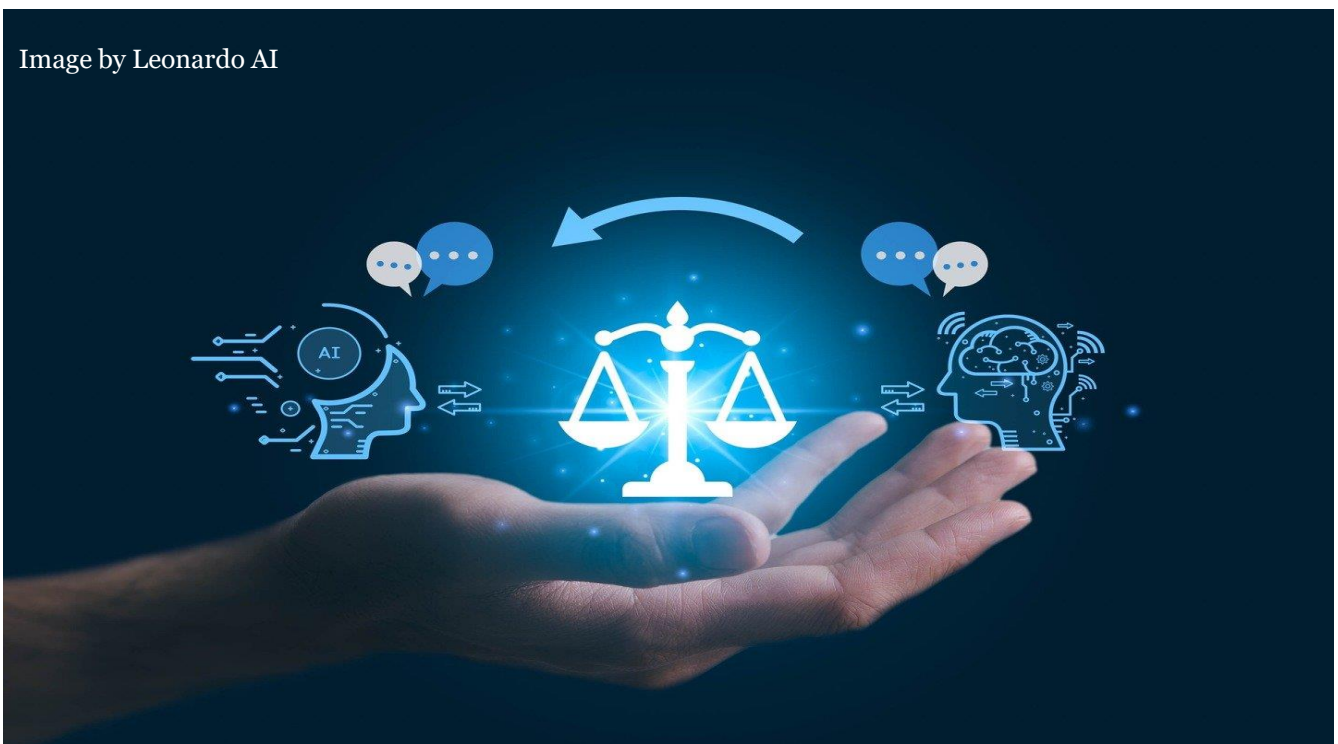
Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a concept of the future—it has become a part of our everyday lives. From personalized recommendations on shopping apps to medical diagnosis and even self-driving cars, AI is reshaping how we live, learn, and work. However, as powerful as AI is, it also raises serious ethical questions that society cannot afford to ignore. One of the biggest concerns is bias in AI systems. Since AI learns from data, if that data reflects social biases, the AI will reproduce them. For example, facial recognition technologies have shown higher error rates for certain communities, leading to unfair treatment. This brings us to the question: can we trust AI to make fair decisions if the data it learns from is imperfect?

Another major issue is privacy.

AI thrives on data—personal data like browsing habits, voice recordings, or even health records. While this makes AI more accurate, it also raises the risk of misuse. Who owns this data, and how securely is it stored? These questions highlight the urgent need for strict regulations and transparent policies.

Job displacement is another ethical dilemma. With automation growing rapidly, many fear that AI could replace human jobs, especially in industries like customer service, transportation, or manufacturing. While AI creates new opportunities, it also challenges us to reskill and prepare for a future where human creativity and emotional intelligence will matter more than repetitive tasks. The way forward is not to fear AI but to use it responsibly.

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Deep fakes and Truth: When Reality Becomes an Illusion

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How AI-generated illusions are reshaping our trust in reality

What if I told you that the next video you watch of your favourite celebrity, politician, or even a friend... might not actually be them? That's the unsettling possibility deep fakes have brought into our lives. They don't just entertain us with funny internet clips—they also challenge the very idea of truth.

“Seeing is no longer believing in the age of deep fakes.”

Deep fakes can destroy reputations, fuel political misinformation, and blur the line between fact and fiction. And that's scary, because for centuries, we've trusted our eyes more than anything else. But in today's world, even our eyes can be tricked.

“Deep fakes don't just distort images—they distort trust.”

Of course, not everything about deep fakes is bad. Imagine a cancer patient hearing their own recreated voice after losing it, or film crews using them to keep actors safe from dangerous stunts. But the darker side—the manipulation, the lies, the loss of trust—is what forces us to ask hard questions: who should control this technology, and how do we protect ourselves from its misuse?

The real-life impact is already visible. In recent years, fake political speeches have gone viral, sowing confusion among voters.



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