

Artificial Intelligence (and Cyber Security)

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE
OF THIS SESSION

AI vs Cyber Security

- Socitm influencing policy, collaborating, undertaking research, providing guidance and tools
- Practical help available now
- Opportunities, challenges and risks
- AI and cyber security



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27 years in Local Government

- Started work for Cambridgeshire County Council specifically supporting **social workers using IT**, in particular a Social Care database.
- Worked in various technical and then managerial roles for CCC before moving to first of 3 different shared services across 9 different local authorities,
- Within LGSS I was responsible for creating the IT Strategies for LGSS and our customers (5 local authorities and a Health trust)

Including 9 years working with Socitm

- Regional Chair & Vice President (2016 – 2018)
- President (2020 – 2022)

Current

- Now in a new full time role as Director of Socitm's 'Inspire' Institute



Socitm **institute** – what is it?

The institute,
known as **Socitm Inspire**
is the home for...



**Policy and
research functions**



**Data
services**



**Learning and
development
activities**



**Support for
communities
of interest***



* (social care, digital, data technology)

Introduction

We will answer...

**Why is everyone
talking about AI?**



Introduction

We will answer...

**What are Large
Language models?**



Introduction

We will answer...

**How is AI being used
in local government?**



Introduction

We will answer...

**How can we help ensure we
get the benefits and
safeguard against the harms?**



Introduction

We will answer...

**Is AI a threat to Cyber Security,
or part of the solution?**



Practical help: guidelines



Use of Gen AI

- Governance
- Vendors
- Copyright
- Accuracy
- Confidentiality
- Ethical Use
- Disclosure
- Integration with other tools



Risks

- Legal compliance
- Bias and discrimination
- Security
- Data sovereignty and protection



Compliance

Sample corporate policy document.

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Review



Practical help infographic

Do's & Don'ts

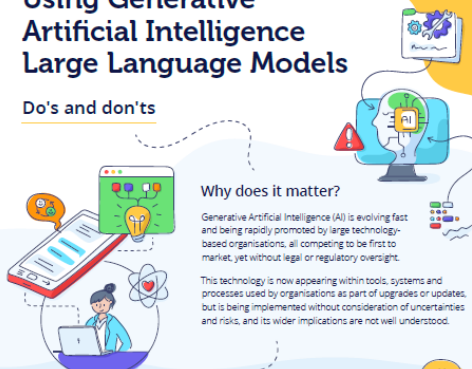
Guidelines for the use of Generative AI LLMs by councils, charities and other organisations providing local public services

Find it on Socitm's resource hub



Using Generative Artificial Intelligence Large Language Models

Do's and don'ts



Why does it matter?

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is evolving fast and being rapidly promoted by large technology-based organisations, all competing to be first to market, yet without legal or regulatory oversight.

This technology is now appearing within tools, systems and processes used by organisations as part of upgrades or updates, but is being implemented without consideration of uncertainties and risks, and its wider implications are not well understood.

AI and Generative AI explained

Artificial Intelligence

AI is the ability of machines or software to perform tasks that would normally require human intelligence. It can process data, learn from it and make decisions or predictions based on that data.

AI encompasses many different types of systems and approaches to harnessing machine intelligence, including rule-based AI, machine learning, neural networks, natural language processing and robotics.


Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs)

Generative AI learns from data about existing artifacts in order to generate new variations of content (including images, video, music, speech and text).

LLMs are a type of Generative AI that use 'deep learning' techniques and massively large data sets to understand, summarise, generate and predict text-based content.

Purpose

These 'do's and don'ts' provide guidelines for the use of Generative AI LLMs (such as [ChatGPT](#), [Bard](#), [Bing](#) or similar tools) by councils, charities and any other organisations providing local public services. They apply to all stakeholders, including but not limited to: employees, contractors, developers, vendors, temporary staff, consultants, councillors and trustees.



Do...

- ✓ Do maintain human oversight and responsibility for making final decisions on output produced
- ✓ Do use to improve and refine existing content
- ✓ Do notify your manager and disclose that Generative AI LLMs have been used to generate output
- ✓ Do use to analyse publicly-available data
- ✓ Do use responsibly and ethically
- ✓ Do fact check material generated by Generative AI LLMs
- ✓ Do use in accordance with relevant organisation policy
- ✓ Do be aware of the potential for disinformation and scams being generated
- ✓ Do comply with relevant laws and regulations
- ✓ Do take care to avoid use of output that may breach copyright or intellectual property rights
- ✓ Do specify the definitions and scope of your prompts with care
- ✓ Do be aware of risks including accuracy, bias, discrimination, confidentiality and security
- ✓ Do use to create draft briefings, reports, presentations, customer responses, etc.

Don't...

- ✗ Don't use to record and process confidential data and information
- ✗ Don't use if you are in doubt about the security of data or information being input
- ✗ Don't use to store or release non-public records
- ✗ Don't assume that all of the output generated is factually correct
- ✗ Don't use for private individual records
- ✗ Don't use if data sovereignty practices of the Generative AI LLM supplier contravene any applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements
- ✗ Don't let go of moral and ethical responsibility for output

Future plans

Socitm Institute:

- Collection of use cases and their transferability
- Place-based leadership training
- Policy position for use in local public services, ethics, security, impact on people, communities and places

St George's House AI – Threats & Opportunities consultation

- Misinformation
- Social Disruption
- Dangerous Activities
- Lawmaking and Regulatory Functions



Artificial Intelligence

- why it matters

The rate at which organisations are making use of AI is already:

- transforming ways of working
- changing consumer expectations



Amara's law - “we tend to overestimate the effect of a technology in the short run and underestimate the effect in the long run”

In the case of AI, it may be the other way round; we're **talking too much** about artificial general intelligence in the decades to come, **not enough about AI at work now.**



GenAI

Definition

Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) can create new, realistic, human-like generated content using patterns and relationships learned from massive amounts of (usually public) data on which it has been trained.

CAN CREATE...



TEXT



IMAGES



AUDIO



CODE



VIDEO



ART



GenAI Application

Wider application across
local governments and other
public service organisations,
because it can...



Produce a range of useful outputs, like text, audio, images and code



Respond to natural language prompts, so any officer, politician or resident can use it



Understand different types of data
- useful given that local public services hold large amounts of unstructured data in a variety of formats



Other types of AI used by local government

Those tend to have very
specific uses.

→ Predictive analytics

→ Machine learning

→ Robotic process automation

→ Chatbots



Artificial Intelligence Opportunities

For the public sector



AI can find patterns where humans can't

However....

process
data

Medicine

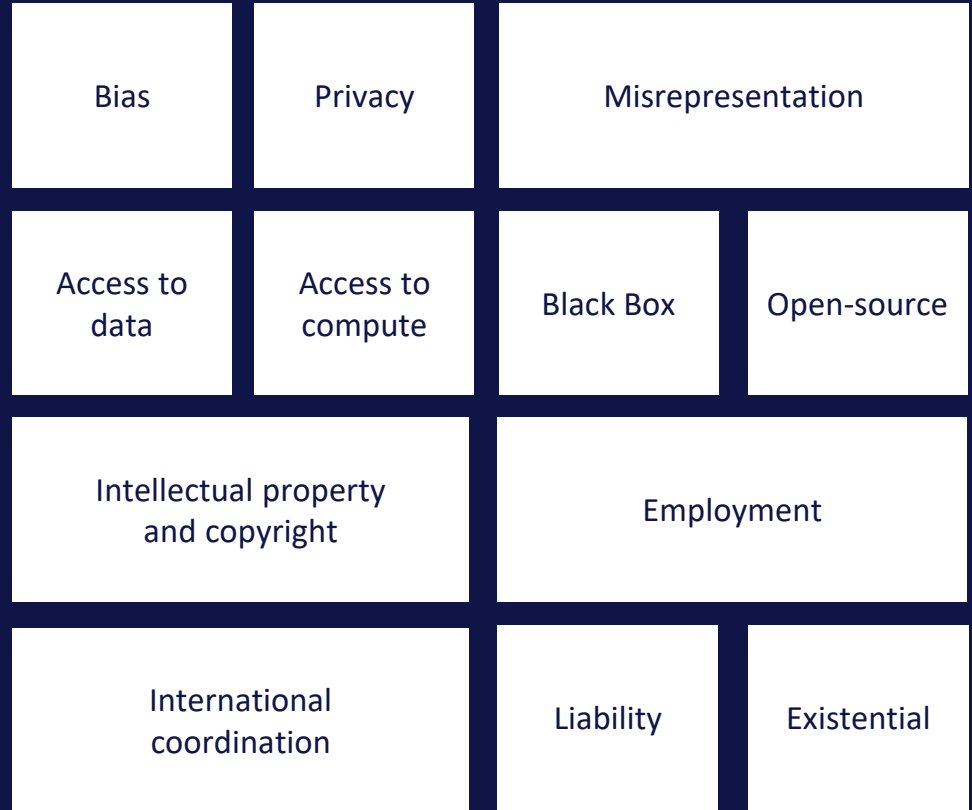
Healthcare

Education



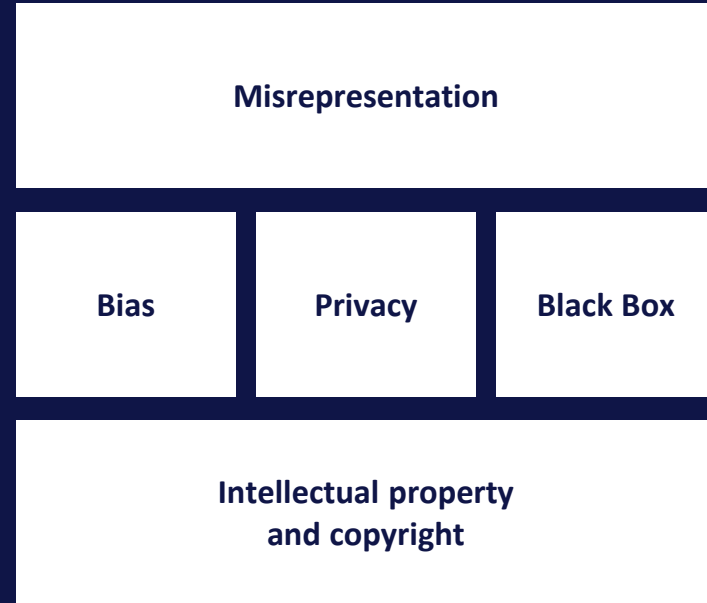


The Twelve challenges of AI governance





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Artificial Intelligence Risks



Human rights

Fairness

Privacy
& agency

Safety

Societal
wellbeing

Security

Artificial Intelligence & cyber security

- AI already used in Cyber Security monitoring
- Safe and secure use of AI – what needs to be in place to assure this?
- Information Governance - Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA)s
- How prepared are you to respond to a data breach generated by AI?
- Election Security – is AI playing a role?




Artificial Intelligence & cyber security

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10 ideas for a roadmap of responsible AI in local government

A horizontal line with a small circle at its right end, positioned below the title.The logo for The London Office of Technology and Innovation, featuring the text in a dark purple, sans-serif font on a light grey rectangular background.

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Chatbot-GPT – What does it mean?

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Synopsis:

Chat-GPT is an example of an Artificial Intelligence "AI" programme. These "Large Language Models" (LLMs) are continuing to develop at an ever-accelerating rate. There are several key issues to consider. The UK Government AI Strategy is a good starting point to [understand the context and background](#). It's also very useful to understand [where AI fits into the wider Data Science and Information Management](#) disciplines.

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DEBATE

AI in cybersecurity: blessing or curse?

“Our defences are simply going to be that much more sophisticated”

Amanda Finch, CEO of the Chartered Institute of Information Security



“As far as bad actors are concerned, it’s a win-win”

Professor Muttukrishnan Rajarajan,
Director of the Institute for Cyber Security at City, University of London



Generative AI ups the ante for cyber criminals

Global consumers aren’t the only ones using generative AI – cyber criminals are adopting it too. This has huge implications for global cybersecurity



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What can we do?

We can...

Share
best practice

Align
governance

Utilise
toolkits

Invest in
leadership
skills



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