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There has been a seismic shift in the relationship between Big Tech's Al power couple, Microsoft and OpenAI. The former listed the AI pioneer as a competitor in its annual report, perhaps signaling a less friendly dynamic between the two companies going forward.

Meanwhile, Apple threw its hat into the Al ring with the launch of its new iOS and an upgraded Siri powered by OpenAI. In the leadup to the launch, Apple also joined the growing list of companies signing on to the Biden Administration's voluntary guidelines for responsible AI innovation.

In the courtroom, Elon Musk filed yet another lawsuit against OpenAI, alleging he was duped into investing \$44 million by the company's claims that it would remain non-profit. It remains to be seen whether Musk intends to go the distance with this litigation or whether he will drop it like the last one. There were also several copyright suits filed against Google, OpenAl and Nvidia over the use of YouTube content to train their respective Al's.

NVIDIA also drew attention from the DOJ over its acquisition of AI startup Run:ai for its potential anticompetitive impact. Across the pond, the UK's competition body began its own investigation into Amazon's investment in Anthropic, citing similar concerns.

In the regulatory space, the U.S. Senate introduced a pair of Al-focused bills. The NO FAKES Act looks to hold companies liable for using digital replicas of an individual in audiovisual works without consent. The Unleashing Innovation in Financial Services Act looks to encourage collaboration between the government and private sector to promote Al innovation in the financial sector.

Details on these and other developments appear on the following pages.

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GenAl adoption leads to business improvements, revenue increases

Research conducted by Gartner revealed early GenAl adopters across various industries are experiencing significant business improvements, with an average revenue increase of 15.8%, cost savings of 15.2% and productivity improvement of 22.6%. However, the costs and benefits of GenAl are highly variable and depend on the use cases, deployment approaches and the company's Al strategy. The survey, which included 822 business leaders, highlights the challenges in estimating the value of GenAl due to its indirect benefits and the need for a higher tolerance for future financial investment over immediate ROI.

Source: Gartner

Microsoft lists OpenAl among competitors in annual report

In a move marking a shift in the relationship between Microsoft and Al pioneer OpenAl, the tech giant's annually updated list of competitors now includes OpenAl—a long-term strategic partner. This follows OpenAl's announcement of a prototype of a search engine called SearchGPT. Microsoft, which is OpenAl's exclusive cloud provider and biggest investor with \$13 billion invested, uses OpenAI's AI models in its products for commercial clients and consumers.

Source: NBC News

Patient safety top consideration for healthcare organizations adopting Al

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives identified 10 critical considerations for healthcare organizations adopting AI, with patient safety being the number one consideration. The report emphasizes the need for sector-specific Al policies to support individual patient care needs, given the high stakes involved in healthcare outcomes. It also highlights the potential for AI to bring administrative efficiencies to healthcare settings, suggesting a quicker adoption of AI tools for administrative tasks compared to clinical tools.

Source: Al in Healthcare

Apple to join Al arms race with updated iOS launch

Apple is joining the Al arms race with an upgraded Siri, powered by OpenAI. The first iOS 18 iteration was recently released with iPhone 16 models, with a full AI feature set in iOS 18.1 expected in October. Features include Al-enhanced writing tools, context-aware messaging replies, email summarization and real-time phone call translation.

Source: PYMNTS

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Banks turning to AI to streamline estate management, compliance

Wells Fargo is leveraging Al-driven estate management to streamline processes, reduce errors and ensure timely updates for clients. Meanwhile, Treasury Prime, a San Franciscobased embedded banking software provider, partnered with Kobalt Labs to simplify regulatory adherence, reduce manual workloads and improve accuracy in compliance reporting.

Source: PYMNTS

Cisco, Google, IBM establish Al Enabled ICT **Workforce Consortium**

A consortium established by Cisco, Accenture, Google, Indeed, Intel, Microsoft, IBM and SAP, along with key advisors, aims to train and upskill 95 million people over the next decade, ensuring an inclusive workforce prepared for an Al-driven future. Key findings in its inaugural report highlight the rapid pace of Al's influence on the workforce and the commitment of global ICT leaders to develop Al-related skills.

Source: IT-Online





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LITIGATION

DOJ investigating Nvidia acquisition of Al startup Run:ai

Nvidia's \$700-million acquisition is being scrutinized for potential anti-competitive effects, given the increasing concern over big tech companies' control over new technologies. France's antitrust regulator is also reportedly preparing to charge Nvidia for alleged anti-competitive practices.

Source: Reuters

Google, OpenAl facing lawsuit over using YouTube videos to train Al

Google and OpenAI are facing separate lawsuits for allegedly using YouTube videos without permission to train their AI models. The lawsuits further claim the companies violated copyright laws by scraping and using content without compensating the creators. The plaintiff in both cases is seeking injunctive relief in addition to compensatory, statutory and punitive damages.

Source: Top Class Actions

Elon Musk files another lawsuit against OpenAl

A lawsuit filed by Elon Musk alleges he was "manipulated" by OpenAl's leadership into cofounding the venture. The complaint is alleging Musk was wrongly told the company would remain a non-profit, and that it violated several laws related to fraud, conspiracy, breach of contract and false advertising. Musk is seeking damages related to profits, compensation, income and advantages tied to the wrongful acquisition of his \$44-million investment.

Source: Reuters

California court denies in part motion to dismiss artists' copyright claims

A California federal court partly denied a motion to dismiss class action claims against Stability AI, Midjourney, DeviantArt and Runway AI. The motion alleged the companies violated the rights of artists by scraping billions of copyrighted images without permission to train their AI systems. The court denied the motion regarding induced copyright infringement claims, holding that plaintiffs plausibly alleged their works were used to train defendants' AI tools. However, the court dismissed the Digital Millenium Copyright Act claims, breach of contract and breach of implied covenant of good faith claims.

Source: IP Watchdog

Nvidia facing lawsuit over scraping YouTube videos for Al training

A proposed class action filed by YouTube creator David Millette alleges that Nvidia scraped his videos and millions of others on the platform to train its Cosmos Al tool. According to Millette, the scraping violates YouTube's terms of service—which gives creators ownership of their content—at the expense of creators who are unknowingly creating training models for Cosmos Al.

Source: Bloomberg Law

Authors file copyright infringement suit against Anthropic

A group of authors filed a lawsuit alleging Al startup Anthropic used pirated books to train its Al tool, Claude. The lawsuit, filed in California federal court, seeks damages and a permanent injunction against Anthropic's use of the copyrighted material. The case adds to a growing list of copyright infringement lawsuits against Al companies, including OpenAl, Meta and Microsoft.

Source: Benzinga

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Department of Commerce releases guidance and software to help mitigate, evaluate Al risks

The Department of Commerce released three final guidance documents to help improve the safety, security and trustworthiness of AI systems. The documents were first released for public comment in April. The department also released a software package designed to measure how adversarial attacks can degrade the performance of an Al system. Additionally, the USPTO issued a guidance update on patent subject matter eligibility to address innovation in critical emerging technologies.

Source: Department of Commerce

Senate introduces legislation protecting artists from AI deepfakes, moves to House

The NO FAKES Act would make individuals or companies liable for damages if they produce, host or share digital replicas of a person in audiovisual works, images or sound recordings without approval from the individual. The legislation, which was introduced in the U.S. Senate in July and moved forward with bipartisan support in the House of Representatives earlier this month, responds to the increasing use of AI to create deepfakes, highlighting the need for laws to keep pace with advancing technology.

Source: IP Watchdog

NY AG releases report on benefits, risks of Al

New York Attorney General Letitia James released a report on the benefits and risks of Al, particularly with regards to Generative AI, following a symposium aimed at fostering innovation while regulating risks. The symposium discussed strategies to mitigate Al's potential for harm, with a focus on data privacy, misinformation and bias. As discussed in the report, GenAl's ability to create new content poses opportunities for enhancement in various fields as well as concerns over its potential misuse.

Source: New York Attorney General

Senate introduces bill to promote Al innovation in financial services sector

The Unleashing Al Innovation in Financial Services Act introduced by the Senate aims to foster collaboration between the private sector and government agencies by promoting Al innovation that safeguards consumers in the financial services sector. The bill proposes the creation of controlled testing environments—or 'sandboxes'—at financial regulators, which would encourage innovation by allowing them to safely experiment with AI technologies while ensuring consumer protection. The initiative is expected to strengthen the U.S. financial system and maintain the country's leading position in global financial technology.

Source: ExecutiveGov

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X agrees to pause AI training on EU users' posts in response to regulatory backlash

X, formerly Twitter, agreed to pause using European Union users' public posts to train its AI chatbot Grok after Ireland's data protection commission appealed to an Irish court. The agreement comes after the Irish commissioner submitted an urgent application to the High Court to suspend this data processing to protect users' rights and freedoms under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Source: TechCrunch

MFA makes recommendations on Al to Treasury Department

In a comment letter to the U.S. Treasury
Department, the Managed Funds Association
(MFA) suggested that regulators should: consider
how alternative asset managers use Al to enhance
processes, recognize that fiduciary duty and
existing regulations address Al concerns, remain
technology-neutral, and consider the developing
potential of Al use cases. The MFA also
emphasized the importance of protecting markets
and investors while fostering innovation and the
ability of managers to generate returns.

Source: Markets Media

OpenAl, Microsoft support California Al bill

Tech giants Adobe, OpenAI and Microsoft shifted their stance to support California's AB 3211 bill, which mandates labeling AI-generated content. These companies—represented by the trade group Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity—now support the bill, which requires watermarks in AI-created media metadata and clear labeling on large online platforms.

Source: TechCrunch

CALIFORNIA REGULATION ROUNDUP

2023 - 2024R Cal. A.B. 2905 (Enrolled)

A.B. 2905 was introduced on Feb. 15, 2024 by Assembly Members Jim Patterson (R-District 8) and Evan Lowe (R-District 26) and enrolled on Aug. 20, 2024. The bill amends Section 2874 of the Public Utilities Code to require that telephone class placed via automatic dialing-announcing devices inform the person called if the prerecorded message uses a voice generated by artificial intelligence.





Why Every Company Needs an Al Policy

Benesch Corporate & Securities Partner <u>Aslam Rawoof</u>, a key leader within the firm's Al Commission, delves into the critical need for establishing corporate policies on the use of artificial intelligence in the workplace with Crain's Chicago Business Publisher Jim Kirk. During the conversation, Aslam explores various considerations for business leaders, including securing organizational buy-in and adapting to the fast-paced advancements in Al technology.



SOURCE: Benesch



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The DOJ's Lawsuit Against RealPage: Unpacking the Allegations and Implications for the Rental Market

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and eight state attorneys general have filed a lawsuit against real estate software company RealPage, alleging that its algorithmic pricing system has contributed to widespread price-fixing among landlords, harming millions of American renters. RealPage is an American company that provides property management software for multifamily, commercial, single-family and vacation rental housing industries. The lawsuit underscores growing concerns over the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithmic decision-making in critical markets, including housing. The RealPage lawsuit may be the first of many legal challenges that seek to define the boundaries of algorithmic pricing and its role in the modern economy.

SOURCE: Benesch



UPCOMING EVENTS



Kris Chandler Chair, Al Commission

Business Volunteers Unlimited Al for Social Impact | BVU's Civic Leadership Summit

Oct. 24, 2024 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Case Western Reserve University

Al is everywhere. As the world adapts to this emerging technology, nonprofits and the people who care about them must not be left behind. Join BVU and local experts, including Benesch Al Commission Chair Kris Chandler, to go beyond the theory of Al and learn practical, real-world applications that will advance your organization's mission through increased efficiency and impact.

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