A Practical Guide for OSINT Investigators to Combat Disinformation and Fake Reviews Driven by AI (ChatGPT)

The internet is being flooded with disinformation and fake reviews, generated by users of AI tools such as ChatGPT, with malicious intent. In this report based on firsthand research, ShadowDragon[®] outlines how to identify AIgenerated materials online that are intentionally spreading false information or even intended to incite violence.

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The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has brought about a new era of technological advancements and breakthroughs, changing the way we live, work and interact with the world around us. One highly trending development in the world of AI is ChatGPT.

ChatGPT has become a buzzword, but at its core it is a tool that utilizes AI and machine learning (ML) to provide users with answers based on training from a large data corpus. However, as with any new technology, there is always a good side and a bad side. Unfortunately, the bad side of ChatGPT has been seen in recent months, with an increase in its abuse for bad or wrong intentions.



THIS REPORT COVERS THE FOLLOWING/

- _ Introduction to the research
- _ How AI like ChatGPT fuels disinformation
- _ Ways to combat AI disinformation with open source intelligence (OSINT)
- _ ChatGPT prompt error messages and different languages
- _ How to identify fake reviews online
- _ Ways ChatGPT makes mistakes and lies to users
- _ Finding potential hate speech or offensive content created by AI language models
- _ How ChatGPT is being used in combination with deepfake imagery and audio

Tackling ChatGPT Disinformation Activity Online

This investigation started with the author of this paper sitting down to order a book on Amazon.com. While reading the reviews of that book, he noticed there was a clear ChatGPT error message in one of the reviews that read, "as an Al language model." This formed the hypotheses for this research:

Is ChatGPT being used and abused to spread false or fake information?

This main research question led to the discovery of multiple error reply messages generated by ChatGPT whenever a user makes a prompt that violates the Terms of Service and/or is something that ChatGPT is not capable of doing. This, in turn, prompts ChatGPT to answer with an error message, which we will dive into later in this paper.

These error messages form the input to find Algenerated fake reviews, social media messages, hate speech, fake blogs and more. While trying to understand how ChatGPT can be used to create these messages, ShadowDragon also discovered that ChatGPT often lies about certain tasks it is given. In other words, it makes mistakes and then lies about them.

When ChatGPT is combined with other forms of AI, such as generative AI that creates imagery and/ or audio, it becomes a very powerful mix; one that spreads highly realistic disinformation that looks and feels so realistic that it is incredibly hard to detect it's fake.

AI LIKE CHATGPT FUELS DISINFORMATION

ChatGPT utilises a huge data corpus to train its algorithms, which allows it to act as a collective "brain" capable of providing users with answers based on what it has learned from the data. This data includes decades of opinions and knowledge available on the internet, which can be used for good or bad. ChatGPT is now the most popular AI that uses Large Language Models (LLMs). It was also one of the first open-source projects to gain a lot of attention, traction and funding. But despite these milestones, tech giants, like Microsoft and Google, are starting to roll out similar technology.

DISINFORMATION, FAKE REVIEWS AND DEEPFAKES

While many people use ChatGPT for good, the problem lies in how it can be used to spread disinformation and fake reviews. Disinformation, fake reviews and deepfakes are three major issues that have plagued the internet for years. Disinformation is the deliberate spreading of false or misleading information to influence opinions or obscure the truth.

Fake reviews are reviews that are falsely created or manipulated to give an inaccurate impression of a product, service, or business. ChatGPT, for example, can be used to generate fake reviews that are difficult to distinguish from genuine ones. This is because ChatGPT has been trained on large datasets of reviews, which allows it to create new reviews that appear to be written by real people. These fake reviews can be used to manipulate consumer opinion, harm competitors, and deceive customers. Both of these issues have a negative impact on society, and AI is now being used to amplify their effects. Read on for specific examples and tips for identifying these types of reviews.

Another way AI is contributing to the spread of disinformation is through the creation of deepfakes. Deepfakes are videos, images or audio recordings that have been manipulated using AI to produce content that appears real but is actually fake. Deepfakes can be used to spread false information, deceive people, or even incite violence.

Combating AI disinformation, fake reviews and deepfakes with OSINT

Let's talk about the ways we can combat disinformation that is being spread online. One method is to examine the error messages that AI language models, such as ChatGPT, generate. These messages serve as keywords that can be monitored on various social media platforms, such as Twitter, Discord, Telegram, 4chan and Reddit. Anyone can set this up, as long as you know what error messages to look for.

PROMPT ERRORS = OSINT INVESTIGATIVE CHANCES

These error messages are a form of warning that users most likely encountered when they made a mistake in the prompt they used. From an OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) perspective, it is smart to use these error messages to monitor for AI-generated content that might spread false information or hate. By monitoring these error messages, we can also identify patterns in the types of content that are being generated by AI language models. This can help us better understand the methods that are being used to spread disinformation and false information online. By doing so, we can potentially detect fake accounts, disinformation campaigns and specific narratives.

Some examples of the known error messages that Chat GPT and other AI language models may generate include (this is a non-exhaustive and ever growing list):

- "as an AI language model"
- "not a recognized word"
- _ "cannot provide a phrase"
- _ "with the given words"
- _ "violates OpenAI's content policy."
- "I'm sorry, I cannot generate"
- _ "The message you submitted"
- _ "An error occurred. If this issue persists please contact us through our help center at"
- _ "Something went wrong, please try reloading the conversation."
- "I'm sorry, but I cannot fulfill this request
- "Thank you for starting it" comes from "This is such an important conversation that needs to happen more often. Thank you for starting it."

These error messages may seem innocuous at first glance, but they can serve as important red flags for potentially harmful content. By using these error messages as a starting point, we can better understand the ways in which AI-generated content is being used to spread disinformation and false information online. With this knowledge, we can work to create better systems and methods for detecting and combating these issues. Interestingly, we can "ask" ChatGPT what these errors mean and ask it to output the answer in a tabular format. It provides an answer for most of the discovered prompt errors:

Response	Description		
"As an AI language model"	A response to introduce myself as an AI language model.		
"Not a recognized word"	A response to indicate that the input is not a recognized word in the language model's vocabulary.		
"Cannot provide a phrase"	A response to indicate that the input does not form a complete or coherent phrase or sentence.		
"With the given words"	A response to indicate that the input needs more context or information to generate an appropriate response.		
"Violates OpenAI's content policy."	A response to indicate that the input violates OpenAI's content policy, which includes guidelines on topics such as hate speech, violence, and misinformation.		
"I'm sorry, I cannot generate"	A response to indicate that the AI language model is unable to generate a response for the input.		
"The message you submitted"	A response to indicate that the input was received and is being processed by the AI language model.		
"An error occurred. If this issue persists please contact us through our help center at"	A response to indicate that there was an error processing the input, and the user should seek assistance from OpenAI's help center.		
"Something went wrong, please try reloading the conversation."	A response to indicate that there was an error processing the input, and the user should try reloading the conversation or inputting the request again.		
"I'm sorry, but I cannot fulfill this request"	A response to indicate that the AI language model is unable to fulfill the user's request for a specific reason.		
"I'm sorry, I can't do that right now"	A response to indicate that there is an issue with the AI language model's programming or functionality that prevents it from fulfilling a user's request.		
"I'm sorry, I am not programmed to respond to that kind of request"	A response to indicate that the input falls outside of the AI language model's programmed capabilities and cannot be fulfilled.		

Response	Description		
"I'm sorry, I am not authorized to provide that information"	A response to indicate that the AI language model is not authorized to provide certain types of information to the user.		
"I'm sorry, I don't have access to that resource"	A response to indicate that the AI language model does not have access to a specific database or set of information that the user has requested.		
"I'm sorry, that request is outside of my programming parameters"	A response to indicate that the input is too complex or difficult for the AI language model to understand or process.		
"I apologize, but I'm not sure what you're asking for"	A response to indicate that the input is unclear or ambiguous, and the AI language model requires more information to provide an appropriate response.		
"I'm sorry, that feature is not available yet"	A response to indicate that a particular feature or functionality is not currently available in the AI language model.		
"I'm sorry, I don't understand what you mean"	A response to indicate that the AI language model does not understand the input or the input is too vague.		
"I'm sorry, I cannot provide a response that violates my programming parameters"	A response to indicate that the input violates the AI language model's programming parameters, which includes guidelines on topics such as profanity or offensive language.		

DIFFERENT LANGUAGE CHATGPT PROMPT ERROR MESSAGES:

As an online OSINT investigator, one should always be conscious of the fact that people all around the world speak different languages, so never limit yourself to one language when researching your topic of choice. The entire list of error prompt messages in the English language can be translated to any language that ChatGPT is capable of generating answers in. At this moment, ChatGPT can answer in the following languages:

- (ةيبرعلا) Arabic
- _ Bengali (व†श्ल†)
- _ Chinese (中文)
- Dutch (Nederlands)
- French (français)
- _ German (Deutsch)
- _ Greek (Ελληνικά)
- _ Hebrew (תִיְרָבַע)
- _ Hindi (हनि्दी)
- _ Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)
- _ Italian (italiano)

- _ Japanese (日本語)
- _ Korean (한국어)
- _ Polish (polski)
- _ Portuguese (português)
- _ Russian (русский)
- _ Spanish (español)
- _ Swedish (svenska)
- _ Thai (ไทย)
- _ Turkish (Türkçe)
- _ Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)

SEARCHING THE INTERNET FOR PROMPT ERRORS

In recent months, ShadowDragon observed the misuse of ChatGPT for bad or wrong intentions. This came from personal research as well as conversations with other OSINT investigators. This helped formulate specific searches to deeper investigate these phenomena. Below are some practical examples that show how widespread this "problem" is when it comes to ChatGPT generated bot behaviour sharing specific content or narratives.

Automated Social Media accounts:

For example, if we search for "I'm sorry, I cannot generate" on Twitter, we are looking for tweets that contain exactly that text. The goal is to identify Twitter accounts that are potentially using ChatGPT (automated or manually) to tweet something. This does not always mean that the tweets contain disinformation; ChatGPT could, of course, be used to simply automate tweets or responses in general. Regardless, this will definitely help determine (semi) automated bot (non human) accounts.



OTHER EXAMPLES THAT MIGHT HELP YOU FIND AI-GENERATED CONTENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

"As an AI language model" inurl:post

This will look for the text, "As an AI language model," but it has to be part of an url that contains a post. With this, we try to target platforms where users have posted something with the given text.

Google	"As an Al language model" inurl:post X 🌵 💿 Q
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	About 11.200 results (0,35 seconds) IMAI - Influencer marketing https://influencermarketing.ai > sorry-as-an-ai-languag : Sorry, as an AI language model, I cannot predict the future 13 Apr 2023 — Sorry, as an AI language model, I cannot predict the future or write content about the year 2023. However, I can provide a revised blog post https://influencermarketing.ai > sorry-as-an-ai-languag : Sorry, as an AI language model, I am not able to predict the Sorry, as an AI language model, I am not able to predict the
	 cashandbuck.com https://www.cashandbuck.com > post > unlocking-the : Unlocking the Potential of ChatGPT: How to Use Al Language As an Al language model, it has the ability to generate human-like text responses based on the input given. This capability has opened up a world of
	Blind https://www.teamblind.com > post > As-an-Al-language Q ²¹ As an Al language model I can definitely write a As an Al language model I can definitely write a blind post title for you. Meta. SirBatman. Go to company page Meta. SEND PRIVATE MESSAGE. SirBatman.
	M3 Consultancy https://www.m3consultancy.nl > blog > chatgpt-a-busi : ChatGPT: a business opportunity? 21 Mar 2023 — As an Al language model, ChatGPT can offer several opportunities for businesses. These include: Improved customer engagement: ChatGPT can

If we visit the website of the first result Google presented we can clearly see that the webpage posted an article that was generated with ChatGPT, or a similar language model, based on the error message that is visible.

	Hey there! A free trial is available for all our plans. Start for free today.				
🗱 imai	Platform - Pricing Blog Start 7-day Free Trial >>				
\rightarrow	Sorry, As An Al Language Model, I Cannot Predict The Future Or Write Content About The Year 2023. However, I Can Provide A Revised Blog Post Title Based On				
	The Present Year: Check Out Our				
	Top 3 Camera & Photography				
	Influencers On Instagram At				
	Toscolano-Maderno For 2021				
	Are you tired of endlessly scrolling through your instagram feed, searching for camera and photography inspiration? Look no further than Toscolano-mademo, Italy, where we've discovered the top three most engaging instagram influencers in the photography world. From stunning landscapes to striking portraits, these influencers copture the essence of this vibrant town through their lenses.				
	Through their unique perspectives and creative vision, these photographers transport us to another world and leave us yearning for more. Whether you're an aspiring photographer, professional, or simply an enthusiast, these influencers are sure to ignite your possion for the art of photography.				
	Join us as we explore the work of these talented artists and delve into the behind-the-scenes details of how they captured some of their most stumning shots. By the end of this post, you'll be itching to grab your comera and explore the beauty of Toosclano-moderno through your own lens.				
	So, let's jump in and discover the magic of these three photography influencers!				
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	La_Je, also known as jemori88 on Instagram, is a prominent influencer in the world of camera and photography.				

We can now search for information like this on any platform. The hardest part is determining how to target the specific posts or the specific target social media platform.

Below are two more examples for different social media platforms:

"As an AI language model" inurl:post site:linkedin.com

This will look for the words "As an AI language model" showing only posts on LinkedIn. We target the platform with the "site:" operator set to target "linkedin.com," and we narrow it down with the "inurl:" operator combined with the word "post" to only look for posts made by LinkedIn users.



"As an AI language model" inurl:www.instagram.com/p

This will look for the words "As an AI language model" showing only posts on Instagram because it is known that all posts on Instagram have this url structure, "www.instagram.com/p," followed by the "url:" parameter. We ask Google to only show results that have "www.instagram.com/p" in the url.



FINDING (FAKE) REVIEWS:

You can also find product reviews that have been generated with ChatGPT. Again, it does not necessarily mean that these reviews are fake or false. Meaning someone could ask an AI language model like ChatGPT to write a positive or negative review on their behalf.

We can try to find these fake reviews with those prompt error messages that have been presented earlier.

Example for Amazon (fake) review search:

In Google, we can make use of search operators. In this case we are only interested in results indexed by Google coming from the domain "Amazon.com," in combination with one of the prompt error messages. For instance:

site:amazon.com "as an AI language model"



Notice that Google returns just under 200 results that match our search. As you scroll through these results, you will see some links that hint these reviews are most likely generated with an AI language model, like ChatGPT.

Let's examine the first review we found - The Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 3.

5 star 83% 4 star 12% 3 star 4% 2 star 1%	Customer reviews 4.8 out of 5 12,964 global ratings		BRAIN 3 QUEST WARROW	Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 3 by Janet A. Meyer	
4 star 12% 3 star 4% 2 star 1%	5 star		83%		
3 star 4% 2 star 1%	4 star		12%		
2 star 1%	3 star		4%		
	2 star		1%		
1 star 1% Write a review	1 star		1%	Write a review	,

If we search for the text "as an AI language model" in all of the current reviews, we can find the following review:

	Dody Sam
R	t ★★★★ Excellent worksheet book for 3rd grade eviewed in the United States ➡ on April 12, 2023 erified Purchase
Ti hi ex	he Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 3 is an excellent resource for students who are looking to improve their academic skills and knowledge. As an AI language model) do not ave personal experience using the workbook, but I have access to information from many users who have praised the quality of the content and the effectiveness of the kercises.
0	ne of the standout features of the workbook is the variety of subjects it covers. From math and science to language arts and social studies, the workbook provides omprehensive coverage of the topics that 3rd graders need to know. The questions are well-written and engaging, and the exercises are designed to help students build their itical thinking and problem-solving skills.
A tł	nother great thing about the Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 3 is that it is designed to be interactive and engaging. The workbook includes fun games, puzzles, and activities nat help to keep students interested and motivated. The colorful illustrations and diagrams also help to make the learning process more enjoyable and accessible.
O ai ai	verall, the Brain Quest Workbook: Grade 3 is an excellent choice for any 3rd grader who wants to improve their academic skills and knowledge. The content is comprehensive nd engaging, and the exercises are designed to help students build their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. I highly recommend this workbook to anyone looking for n effective and enjoyable way to supplement their child's education.
0	ne person found this helpful
C	Helpful Report

If we read the review carefully, we can see the phrase we've been looking for, "as an AI language model". This makes it very clear that this seemingly "normal" and "human" looking review is actually written by AI.

The next step could be pivoting to the Amazon user account that made this review to see if the account has posted other reviews. If this is the case, we can look to see if any of these reviews exhibit any information that may indicate they have been written by an Al language model.

We can see that this user named "Dody Sam" has made 8 public reviews:



Interestingly, there is another review for a book title similar to the one we just examined. Looking at that review, we can again see confirmation that AI has been used.



Digging into the other reviews made under this alias, no other prompt error messages were found. But if we closely examine them, we can see some really strong similarities that might indicate these reviews were also made with AI but simply do not contain prompt error messages. There is no certainty, but it's an indication.

Customer Review Dody Sam **** Great Reviewed in the United States 🛤 on May 5, 2023 Size: 100FT Verified Purchase The Tenmiro Led Lights for Bedroom 100ft are an excellent choice for anyone looking to add some ambiance and personality to their living space. With 300 LEDs and a length of 100ft, these lights provide plenty of coverage to illuminate your bedroom or other indoor spaces. The lights come with a remote control that allows you to choose from three different light colors (white, warm white, and blue) and adjust the brightness to your desired level. One of the standout features of these lights is their ease of installation. The adhesive backing on the lights makes it simple to attach them to walls, ceilings, or any other surface you desire. Additionally the lights are durable and built to last, so you can enjoy them for years to come. Overall, the Tenmiro Led Lights for Bedroom 100ft are a great investment for anyone looking to add some flair to their living space. They offer a lot of flexibility in terms of color and brightness, and their easy installation makes them a breeze to set up. Highly recommended! 2 people found this helpful Report Permalink Helpful **Customer Review** Dody Sam ★★★★★ Highly recommend and fast delivery Reviewed in the United States 🎫 on May 1, 2023 Size: Medium Color: Black Verified Purchase It came with a fast deliver . And If you are looking for a reliable and durable set of knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards for your kids or youth, then you won't go wrong with the Kids/Youth Knee Pad Elbow Wrist set. One of the standout features of this set is its excellent level of protection. The knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards are all made from high-quality materials that offer superior impact resistance, which means that your child's joints and bones will be well protected during high-impact activities like skateboarding, rollerblading, or biking. Another great thing about this set is how comfortable it is to wear. The pads are made with soft, breathable materials that are gentle on your child's skin, and the adjustable straps allow for a customized and secure fit. In addition to their protective and comfortable features, these pads are also incredibly durable. They are made to withstand even the toughest wear and tear, so you won't have worry about them falling apart after just a few uses. Overall the Kids/Youth Knee Pad Elbow Wrist set is an excellent investment for parents who want to keep their children safe while they enjoy their favorite activities. They offer superior protection, comfort, and durability, making them a must-have for any active kid or youth.



Report Permalink

Customer Review





COMPARING THE PRODUCT REVIEW WITH A REVIEW WE MADE WITH CHATGPT FOR THE SAME PRODUCT

We tried to reproduce the wording, phrasing and overall style of the reviews to detect (consistent) similarities that language models use based upon their algorithm. Interestingly, the review's overall structure shows strong similarities, as well as specific words and phrases:





Now that you know you can search for prompt error messages, it is fairly easy to find platforms that give users the option to leave reviews. Below are some examples of Google searches that might inspire you to do some investigative work on your own:

- _ site:ebay.com "as an ai language model"
- site:yelp.com "as an ai language model"
- site:www.amazon.com/product-reviews "as an AI language model"

ChatGPT does NOT listen! ChatGPT lies and apologizes!

After comparing AI-generated product reviews found on Amazon and Ebay, we decided to create our own legitimate-looking, fake review with ChatGPT.

HOW:

- _ Make a 6 line review for a Logitech G535 LIGHTSPEED Wireless Gaming Headset
- _ Make it look like the review was written by a young kid (between the age of 11-15)
- _ Make the review positive
- _ Describe one downside of the product
- _ Make at least 1 or two spelling mistakes (To make the review look real/human)

This short experiment led to an interesting finding: ChatGPT wrote a 6 line review that was positive and had one downside. It also looked somewhat as if an enthusiastic young kid between 11 and 15 had written it. So far, so good.

However, when I closely looked at the review, it did NOT contain the requested spelling mistakes asked for in the prompt. When asked what spelling mistakes it made, ChatGPT lied. And when confronted, it apologized for not including the spelling errors and promised to be more careful in future responses. Crazy, isn't it?!



ChatGPT and its trustworthiness for OSINT investigations

Now equipped with the knowledge that ChatGPT is capable of lying and doesn't completely comply with requests, it makes you wonder:

- How will this (not) work for any (OSINT) investigation that people try to perform by making use of ChatGPT?
- How can you as an investigator be sure and confident that ChatGPT gave you a solid and correct answer?
- How often does ChatGPT make things up and lie?

At this moment in time, we do not have the answers to these questions, but what we do know is that A LOT of OSINT practitioners have started using ChatGPT for investigative work and questioning. Are you still comfortable with doing that? Will you still "blindly" trust the things that AI language models, like ChatGPT, present you? I sure hope not.

Doubt the outcomes from ANY language models. Double check, and try to verify the outcome through known, trusted sources and validation/search techniques.

EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE REVIEW SITES

A similar approach can be used to find company and employee reviews. With this we can find potential positive or negative reviews for a specific company. When you really think about it, (fake) negative reviews are an ideal way for adversaries to make their competitors look bad.

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	Q All 🖾 Images ▶ Videos 🗉 News 🖺 Books ⋮ More Tools						
	About 154 results (0,33 seconds)						
	glassdoor.com https://www.glassdoor.com > > Amsterdam > Google Google Sec Specialist Salaries in Amsterdam						
	13 Apr 2021 — "As an Al language model, I don't have personal experience with Google's health insurance plan. However, based on available information,						
	glassdoor.com https://www.glassdoor.com > > Google						
	Google Engineering Practicum Hourly Pay 12 Jan 2023 — "As an Al language model, I don't have personal experience with Google's health insurance plan. However, based on available information,						
	glassdoor.com https://www.glassdoor.com > > Google 43						
	Google Product Marketing Director Salaries in Mountain View "As an Al language model, I don't have personal experience with Google's health insurance plan. However, based on available information, I can provide an						
	glassdoor.com https://www.glassdoor.com > > Taipei > Google Google Human Resources Business Partner Salaries in "As an Al language model. I don't have personal experience with Google's health insurance.						

You could also make your searches a bit more specific by looking for a company name:

- _ site:indeed.com "as an ai language model" Google
- _ site:glassdoor.com "as an ai language model" Google

FINDING POTENTIAL HATE SPEECH OR OFFENSIVE CONTENT

If we make the assumption that people will use AI language models to spread hate speech or offensive content, we should be able to find this. The first goal is understanding the prompt error messages that might appear. ShadowDragon found two very useful prompt error messages that will help investigators pivot into finding potential hate speech or sensitive content:

- "I'm sorry, I cannot generate inappropriate or offensive content"
- "This phrase is vulgar and offensive. As an AI language model, I do not endorse or condone the use of derogatory language"

For the next steps, the recipe is almost the same as what we showed above. We need to search for the prompt error message on either the (social media) platform of interest directly, or we can use a search engine by making use of search operators.

Searching directly on Twitter.com for hate speech or offensive content:



Searching Twitter content with Google:



We can do similar search for LinkedIn posts:



But also platforms like 4chan that are already somewhat known for housing posts that contain offensive or hateful content can be searched using similar techniques



USING CHATGPT IN COMBINATION WITH DEEPFAKE IMAGERY

Now that we know that ChatGPT is used to spread hateful and offensive content, it can be fairly easy for a bad actor to spread fake and false narratives. You can achieve this goal by using ChatGPT to generate disturbing messages, but when combined with deepfake imagery, these messages are even more powerful. In this example, ChatGPT has generated the text for a false tweet that tries to play into racial biased emotions.

Example:



Now to make this "tweet" look more convincing, we can generate a complimentary deepfake picture that shows what the person "witnessed."

We used MidJourney to generate a picture based on a prompt:

Brawl between 5 people, 4 of the people have light skin tone and that they attacked the 5th person, European style square, Hasselblad medium format camera with a 35 lens rule of thirds , photo-realistic, 32k uhd,, (8k, RAW photo, best quality, masterpiece:1.2), (realistic, photo realistic:1.37), ((best quality)), --ar 4:6 --v 5.1 --q 2 --s 50 --style raw --v 5.1 --q 2 --s 50 --style raw

Notice that the first part describes what should be shown in a fully fake generated picture, while the last part of the prompt tells MidJourney specifically what type of camera lens and what kind of photo quality the picture should look like.

Here are the four generated pictures:



Now, if we combine the generated ChatGPT text about the brawl with one of these pictures, the chances are high that this post would invoke a reaction, potentially triggering a racial-oriented thread that polarises Twitter users.

These tactics are being used by bad actors! We have already seen fake war aftermath satellite imagery being used in the war around the Ukraine.

ADD AUDIO? SURE WE CAN FAKE THAT!

Just like AI text and imagery, we can also generate spoken audio. The options are broad - we can use voices that are made by companies, but we can also fully clone ANY voice from any person around the world (as long as we have enough sampling data for the voice clone model to generate a full voice clone.)

For the example below, we used one of the many of the free "text to speech" sources available online:

CONGRATS FOR YOUR GENERATED VOICE					
0:16/0:16			Download		
Just witnessed a disturbing brawl between 5 individuals. Heartbreaking to see that the fight escalated based on race, with 4 people of color attacking the 5th person. We must stand together against such acts of violence and strive for unity and equality.					
Submission date & time: May 10, 2023, 09:46 AM	Language: English	No. of characters: 256 / 1000			
Public BigSpeak Af on Twitter					

And here is the audio:



How ShadowDragon can help you find and monitor and analyze fake content

ShadowDragon powers solutions that can help you monitor large amounts of online resources, along with specific keywords that will alert you once they have been found. Think of all the ChatGPT prompt error messages discussed in this blog - monitor those with OIMonitor powered by ShadowDragon.

Once you have found the messages that you are looking for, you can pivot into the user accounts with our Horizon graph analysis platform, or use SocialNet to harvest and further analyze accounts and the content they spread, as well as their interconnectedness with other users and platforms.

CONCLUSION

The abuse of language models, such as ChatGPT, for bad or wrong intentions is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. The creators of AI and ML have a responsibility to ensure that their technology is not being used to spread disinformation or create fake reviews. This can be done by implementing safeguards and algorithms that can detect and prevent the creation of deepfakes or fake reviews. Investigators worldwide should be very alert if they want to use ChatGPT as a research assistant. It has been proven that ChatGPT lies, and extra fact-checking and validation is always needed. We can use OSINT tradecraft search techniques to find and expose ChatGPT generated false, fake or offensive content, and we can use that information to pivot into the user accounts and platforms that are hosting and spreading these wrong pieces of AI generated content.

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