The Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

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Oren Etzioni, the former technical director of the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence Artificial once said, "Al is a tool. The choice about how it gets deployed is ours." Artificial intelligence has come a long way since it began. Nowadays, artificial intelligence is almost capable of thinking like a human and can do many things for us. For example, checking mistakes in writing, generating unique images and even driving cars. This is all innocent and helpful, and it makes our lives easier. However, it becomes alarming when we see how people are misusing this advanced technology for many kinds of malicious activities.

In recent years, people have become used to the idea that generative AI can do almost anything, for example, create images and videos, and even imitate voices. And that last one is what makes the misuse of AI so terrifying. About a year ago, generative AI was able to imitate voices. However, most people were quickly able to realize and hear the difference between a real voice and an AI voice. Now AI has gotten better at imitating voices, and it's more difficult for people to identify what is human and what isn't. This has become a big issue because online scammers are now using this kind of AI technology to imitate the voices of loved ones and trick people into giving them money.

Another kind of AI that is commonly used for scams is platforms such as ChatGPT. A ChatGPT chatbot can generate original material. This is useful to scammers, as they can use ChatGPT for phishing by creating emails that seem like a real person or company wrote them. This is how they trick people and even businesses into sending them money.

As technology changes, we need to change too. We need to be more careful than ever about our online interactions. We need to be very aware of scammers and phishing. It's disappointing that people are misusing a helpful tool like AI for malicious intent, but the only way we can stop it is by being smart and not becoming a victim of scams or phishing. People should be more cautious and aware of what they see and believe online.