Google denies Bard was trained with ChatGPT data

Google's Bard hasn't exactly had an impressive debut — and *The Information* is reporting that the company is so interested in changing the fortunes of its AI chatbots, it's forcing its DeepMind division to help the Google Brain team beat OpenAI with a new initiative called Gemini. *The Information*'s report also contains the potentially staggering thirdhand allegation that Google stooped so low as to train Bard using data from OpenAI's ChatGPT, scraped from a website called ShareGPT. A former Google AI researcher reportedly spoke out against using that data, according to the publication.

But Google is firmly and clearly denying the data was used: "Bard is not trained on any data from ShareGPT or ChatGPT," spokesperson Chris Pappas tells *The Verge*.

According to *The Information*'s reporting, a Google AI engineer named Jacob Devlin left Google to immediately join its rival OpenAI after attempting to warn Google not to use that ChatGPT data because it would violate OpenAI's terms of service, and that its answers would look too similar. One source told the publication that Google stopped using that data after his warnings. Perhaps it threw out that portion of the training, too.

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