Viral ChatGPT-powered sentry gun gets shut down by OpenAI

OpenAI says it has cut off API access to an engineer whose video of a motorized sentry gun controlled by ChatGPT-powered commands has set off a viral firestorm of concerns about AI-powered weapons.

An engineer going by the handle sts_3d started posting videos of a motorized, auto-rotating swivel chair project in August. By November, that same assembly appeared to seamlessly morph into the basis for a sentry gun that could quickly rotate to arbitrary angles and activate a servo to fire precisely aimed projectiles (though only blanks and simulated lasers are shown being fired in his videos).

Earlier this week, though, sts_3d started getting wider attention for a new video showing the sentry gun's integration with OpenAI's real-time API. In the video, the gun uses that ChatGPT integration to aim and fire based on spoken commands from sts_3d and even responds in a chirpy voice afterward.

> *@sts_3d OpenAI Realtime API project integration #robotics #ai #openai ♬ original sound – sts_3d*

"If you need any other assistance, please let me know," the ChatGPT-powered gun says after firing a volley at one point. "Good job, you saved us," sts_3d responds, deadpan.

"I'm glad I could help!" ChatGPT intones happily.

In response to a comment request from Futurism, OpenAI said it had "proactively identified this violation of our policies and notified the developer to cease this activity ahead of receiving your inquiry. OpenAI's Usage Policies prohibit the

use of our services to develop or use weapons or to automate certain systems that can affect personal safety.”

Halt, intruder alert!

The “voice-powered killer AI robot angle” has garnered plenty of viral attention for sts_3d’s project in recent days. But the ChatGPT integration shown in his video doesn’t exactly reach *Terminator* levels of a terrifying killing machine. Here, ChatGPT instead ends up looking more like a fancy, overwrought voice-activated remote control for a legitimately impressive gun mount.

https://arstechnica.com/ai/2025/01/viral-chatgpt-powered-sentry-gun-gets-shut-down-by-openai/