Wikipedia operator says OpenAI’s ‘rogue’ bots may be linked to a May outage

Following many recent disclosures about AI agents accessing third-party websites and services, the Wikimedia Foundation, which hosts Wikipedia, says that it “can confirm that we have discovered some activity” by “rogue” OpenAI agents on Wikimedia platforms.

The activity includes edits to Wikimedia wikis, “unsuccessful attempts” to “exploit” the Etherpad note-taking tool that the Wikimedia Foundation hosts, and heavy traffic that the foundation says “may” have contributed to a partial outage that happened in May, according to a blog post. However, the Wikimedia Foundation says it didn’t find evidence that its systems were “used for coordinat …

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