Wikipedia’s operator says a bad AI copyright ruling could threaten the open web

The Wikimedia Foundation is staking out a middle ground in a group of landmark AI copyright cases, pushing courts to legally protect large language models (LLMs) training on copyrighted work — but not chatbots regurgitating that work to users. An overly black-and-white ruling, it says, could either deprive Wikipedians of useful AI-based tools or endanger the open web.

In an amicus brief filed Friday, the nonprofit behind Wikipedia weighed in on a set of lawsuits pitting publishers including *The New York Times* against OpenAI and Microsoft, taking neither side. “Wikimedia is concerned that the parties’ positions in this case push for overbroa …

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