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Welcome to Quinn’s AI Update

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Hello, All! Welcome to the 8th issue of Quinn’s AI Update. I hope you’re finding value in this newsletter—I certainly am in writing it. Please comment to me at my email address quinnaiupdate@gmail.com and let me know how to improve it.

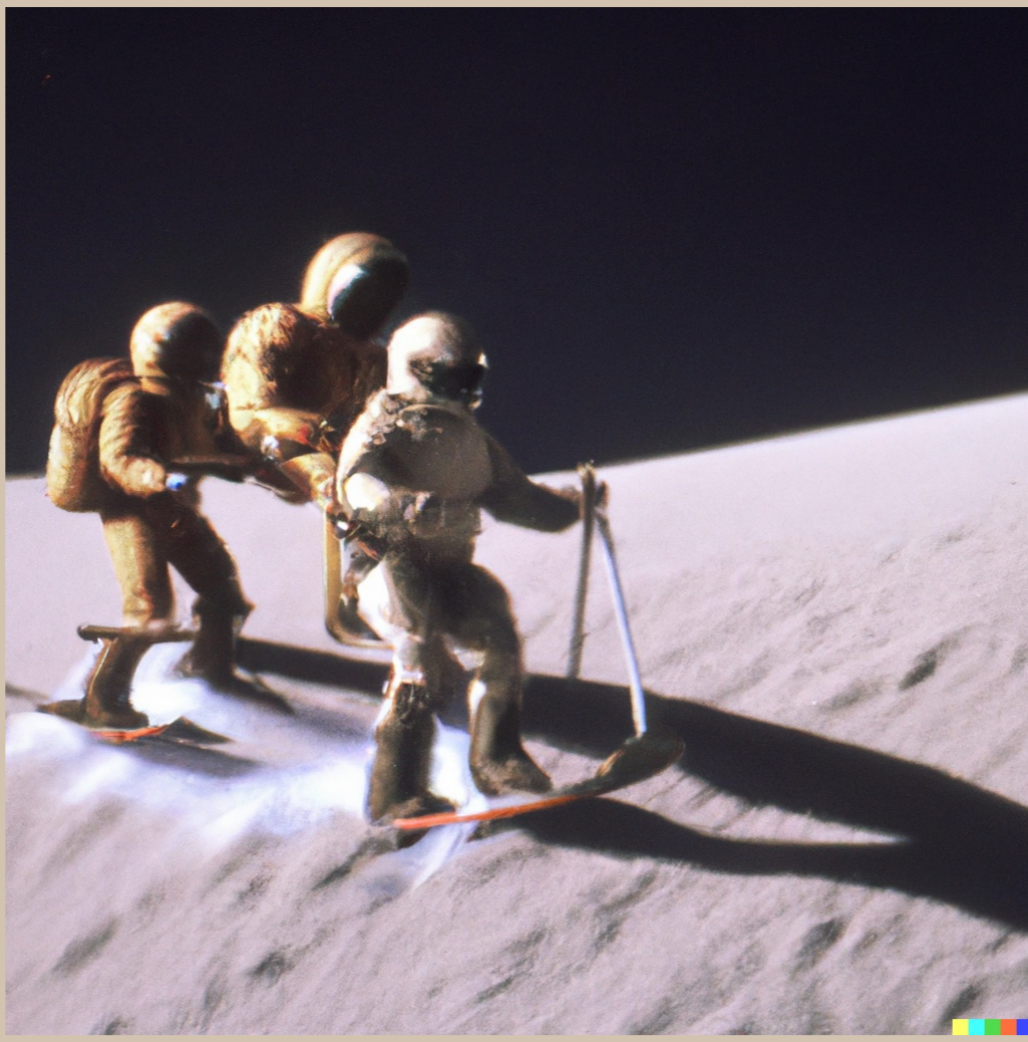


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In this Issue

Here’s the amazing stuff going on in AI the last two weeks:

- OpenAI CEO Sam Altman is often seen carrying a blue backpack. You’ll never guess what it’s for.
- AI powerplayers were back on Capitol Hill begging to be regulated. This time behind closed doors. Participants included Bill Gates, Elon Musk, Sam Altman, Mark Zuckerberg and several senators.
- Microsoft filed a patent for its own AI backpack
- Are you ready for AI-powered hearing aids?
- Artificial General Intelligence is WHEN? Some are predicting it in the next few years—maybe as soon as June of 2026.
- Smasrt Money: A defense AI startup breaks the record for investment for European AI, predictions that AI investment will exceed \$300B by 2026, 10 of the biggest recent investments, and more!
- SATX AI news: UTSA and UT Health San Antonio are working together on a new program merging medicine and AI.

Sam’s Blue “Nuclear Backpack”

It was recently revealed that OpenAI CEO Sam Altman’s reason for always carrying a blue backpack, that he refers to as the “nuclear backpack” is: in case ChatGPT gets too smart too quick and goes rogue, Altman can destroy the data centers where ChatGPT resides. The was revealed on Linked In by Gaurav Bhattacharya, CEO of [involve.ai](https://www.involve.ai). Read more [here](#).

AI Tech Giants to Feds: “Please Regulate Us”

More than 65 senators and top tech CEOs debated openness and transparency for AI systems. “I think the main debates during the forum were around openness and transparency for AI systems based on where it is and where it will go in the future,” said Clément Delangue, CEO of the Hugging Face AI startup. Click [here](#) for more.

“There’s the issue of actually having deepfakes, where people really believe ... that a candidate is saying something when they’re totally a creation of AI.”
Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator from New York.



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Microsoft Tries to Patent “AI in a Backpack”

So, as opposed to Sam Altman, Microsoft actually wants to build a backpack that lets you carry an AI with you. Now the tech behemoth has filed before for patents on things they did not subsequently develop—like a trifold phone—but maybe you’ll have a backpack buddy soon. Click [here](#) for more.

“Thanks to artificial intelligence, and companies using it for competitive advantage, there will be companies worth hundreds of trillions of dollars in the future.”
—Dr. Alan D. Thomspson, expert in artificial intelligence, specializing in the augmentation of human intelligence, and advancing the evolution of ‘integrated AI’.

Can You Hear Me Now?

One of the challenges with hearing aids has been the difficulty of enabling hearing in a crowded noisy place. Enter AI to help remove thre noise “clutter.” According to an article at the Soundly website “AI hearing aids listen to the millions of sounds you hear daily and make millions of fine-tune adjustments in real-time.” Click [here](#) for more.

The Singularity Is Closer Than You Think

It seems Dr. Alan D. Thomspson (who’s AI timeline predictions can be found at <https://lifearchitect.ai/agi/>) thinks the birth of Artificial General Intelligence is just a few years away—in fact June of 2026. His latest estimate is that we are 54% of the way there right now. You can watch a YouTube video explaining all of this [here](#).

Where’s the Smart Money Going for AI?

- Defense AI startup Helsing breaks the record for European AI, raising a \$223M Series B. Read more [here](#).
- IDC Research: 2023 State of AI - 2023 AI Adoption Trends. Click [here](#) for more.
- Crunchbase reports on the weeks 10 biggest funding rounds overall, including Databricks and Generate BioMedicines AI. See more [here](#).

What’s the Science Fiction Say?

“The Matrix” by the Wachowski siblings that introduced “bullet time” and the concept of “Taking the Red Pill.” A classic some have called the visually perfect movie. Check it out on just about any streaming video service including Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV and Youtube.

“The Animatrix” the animated prequel to *The Matrix* covers the history leading up to the world of humans serving as slaves to the machine civilization. I think this may actually be far better than any of the sequels. See what you think by streaming it from Amazon Prime, Apple TV or Youtube.

AI in SATX

UT Health San Antonio is merging its Doctor of Medicine program with UTSA’s Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence degree. This will form a five-year M.D./M.S. program enabling physicians trained in San Antonio to take a lead in the practical use of AI to improve diagnostic and treatment outcomes. According to UT System Chancellor James Milliken, this is a first of its kind initiative. Click [here](#) for more.

The Last word...for now.

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