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New Copilot Features Improve Prompt-Writing Experience

Microsoft is working on updates to Copilot for Microsoft 365 that will improve user experience. The updates promise to make it easier for people to write effective prompts to harness the full power of generative AI. It will include several features designed to fulfill functions anywhere from autocompleting the prompt, to asking for additional details, to rewriting the given prompt into a more detailed and elaborate prompt. We'll keep you updated as this evolves.

Google's New Push to Train Users in AI

Google announces a new "AI Opportunity Fund" through the company's philanthropic arm. This fund promises to put $75 million towards supporting the development of AI literacy and understanding. There will also be a $49 AI course offered through Coursera.

The Importance of Having an AI Policy In Place

This piece from Candid by Astrid Vinje provides a great overview of why it's a good idea have an AI policy in place. While it may still feel like we're in the beginning of the AI revolution, it's not too early to get your organization thinking about and preparing for AI in your industry. An AI policy isn't something you should put in place after you've integrated AI into your organization.

Early Insights Gained From AI Readiness Survey

An ongoing survey run by GivingTuesday has so far found some interesting insights about how those within the nonprofit and association sector are navigating the emerging landscape of AI technologies. While the survey is still gathering results, early evaluations point toward some interesting developments. Overall, it seems that while workers are still generally hesitant about integrating AI, people are moving from tool experimentation to workflow integration. That said, most people are working in isolated team-level silos, so it appears organizations have yet to adopt these technologies across the whole of their organizations.

Moral Turing Test and AI

Researchers out of Georgia State University have begun conducting research around AI responses to moral questions. Specifically, researchers have been conducting a type of Turing test asking people to differentiate between responses to moral dilemmas given by other people and by generative AI. While the AI technically failed the Turing test, as people could differentiate the machine responses from those of other humans, researchers believe that largely rested on participants believing that the AI responses were consistently superior to the human responses.

Cisco Warns of Massive Surge in Password-Spraying Attacks on Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

In late April, Cisco warned of a [massive increase in brute-force attacks](#) targeting VPN services, [Secure Shell](#) (SSH) services, and web application authentication interfaces. The attacks have used both generic and valid usernames to try to gain initial access, and the targets appear to be random and indiscriminate and not restricted to any industry.

Dropbox Discloses Breach of Digital Signature Service

Dropbox's digital signature service, Dropbox Sign, was [affected by a breach on April 24, 2024.](#) The breach potentially affected all users, including those who may have used the platform to sign a document without having an account with Dropbox Sign. The breach provided data such as emails, usernames, and general account settings.

Use Outlook's Meeting Scheduling Functions

Instead of directing colleagues to external polling sites or exchanging several emails to find a good time for a meeting, users can make use of Outlook's [Scheduling Poll](#) function. Some may find this to be an underutilized tool that can really improve workflow.

Or for a more comprehensive approach to scheduling, set up [Bookings with me](#). This Outlook application facilitates scheduling meetings between you and others per mutual calendar availability and your specified meeting preferences. It takes some setting up but it can be well worth the effort.

Lastly, if you're interested in a comparison between Microsoft Bookings and Calendly, here's a [helpful guide](#).

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