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Only a year after release, a hacker has found a way to run arbitrary code on the Nintendo Switch 2. Nintendo have already cracked down on it, but might AI actually have a use in reverse engineering?

People seem to like AI stories better than human written stories, as long as they don't know it's written by an AI. Welcome to the future, old man.

Apu has returned to the Simpsons. Has it been long enough for the controversy to blow over, or should he have stayed away?

Nintendo Switch 2 hack
- Pepsipu.com: ns2jb Switch 2 jailbreak

Can people tell the difference between stories written by a human or by an AI system?
- Bot or not: Can people tell the difference between stories written by a human or by an AI system? | Judgment and Decision Making

Apu Strikes Back!
- 'The Simpsons' Surprise: Apu Is Heard for the First Time in Nearly a Decade, as Sunil Malhotra Takes Over for Hank Azaria (EXCLUSIVE)

Other Topics Discussed

Tethered jailbreak (A **tethered jailbreak** is only able to temporarily jailbreak the device during a single boot. If the user turns the device off and then boots it back up without the help of a jailbreak tool, the device will no longer be running a patched kernel, and it may get stuck in a partially started state, such as Recovery Mode.)
– Tethered jailbreak - The Apple Wiki

Fantasy Author Called Out for Using AI After Leaving Prompt in Published Book: 'So Embarrassing'
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SmileBASIC 4 being delisted due to Switch 2 jailbreak entry point discovery
– SmileBASIC 4 being delisted due to Switch 2 jailbreak entry point discovery | GoNintendo

Nintendo bug bounty program
– Nintendo | Bounty Policy | HackerOne

OtherOS (a feature of early versions of Sony Computer Entertainment's PlayStation 3 video game console, allowing user-installed software, such as Linux or FreeBSD.)
– OtherOS - Wikipedia

The Air Force Built One of the World's Fastest Computers Out of PlayStations
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Digital rights management (the management of legal access to digital content. Various tools or technological protection measures, such as access control technologies, can restrict the use of proprietary hardware and copyrighted works.)
– Digital rights management - Wikipedia

Turing test (designed by Alan Turing to assess a machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behaviour equivalent to that of a human by imitating interactive dialogue. In the modern version, a human evaluator judges a text transcript of a natural-language conversation between a human and a machine.)
– Turing test - Wikipedia

Story World Absorption Scale (a self-report instrument that allows you to capture readers' sense of feeling lost in a story world. It consists of 18 statements divided into four dimensions: Attention, Emotional Engagement, Mental Imagery and Transportation.)
– Story World Absorption Scale

That Was a Good Story! Preliminary Construction of the Perceived Story Quality Index
– Full article: That Was a Good Story! Preliminary Construction of the Perceived Story Quality Index

Dune (novel) (set in the distant future in a feudal interstellar society, descended from terrestrial humans, in which various noble houses control planetary fiefs.)
– Dune (novel) - Wikipedia

AI for thee, but not for VC
– Marc Andreessen Says AI Can't Replace His Job: VC Tech Investing - Business Insider

Dungeon Crawler Carl (a science fantasy LitRPG book series written by American author Matt Dinniman. Initially self-published by Dinniman via online publisher *Royal Road*, it and its seven sequels were acquired by Ace Books in 2024.)
– Dungeon Crawler Carl - Wikipedia

Harold & Kumar (a series of American films created by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg. Beginning with *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle* (2004) and followed by *Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay* (2008) and *A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas* (2011), the films star John Cho, Kal Penn, and Neil Patrick Harris.)
– Harold & Kumar - Wikipedia

The Problem with Apu - Kal Penn Explains Why He Can't Watch the Simpsons | truTV
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Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay-Terrorist Scene
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The Talons of Weng-Chiang (the sixth and final serial of season 14 of *Doctor Who*. It bears the dichotomy of often being considered one of the most beloved serials of the classic run while also being copiously criticised for its portrayal of Chinese characters.)
– The Talons of Weng-Chiang (TV story) | Tardis | Fandom

Jenkem (an inhalant and hallucinogen created from fermented human waste. In the mid-1990s, it was reported to be a popular street drug among Zambian youth, created by placing feces and urine in a bottle or a bucket, sealing it with a balloon or lid and leaving it to ferment in the sun; afterwards they would inhale the gases generated.)
– Jenkem - Wikipedia

Why Benedict Cumberbatch is terrified of the word "Penguin"
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Messed up moment in Nerddom

Getting high off penguin poop (Researchers on South Georgia Island got headaches and felt "cuckoo" or loopy after breathing in high levels of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) released by king penguin guano (poop).)
– Researchers Accidentally Got High on Laughing Gas From Penguin Poop
– Combined effects of glacial retreat and penguin activity on soil greenhouse gas fluxes on South Georgia, sub-Antarctica - ScienceDirect

Wacky movie

23rd October 2015 – Scouts Guide To The Apocalypse premiered in Romania
- Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse - Wikipedia
- https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1727776/

On this day in 2015 (in Romania), it was the end of the world as we know it with the theatrical debut of the Scouts Guide To The Apocalypse. Written (in part) and directed by Christopher Landon, the Fantasy/Comedy starred Tye Sheridan, Logan Miller, and Joey Morgan. Here's the plot summary:

"Three scouts, on the eve of their last camp-out, discover the true meaning of friendship when they attempt to save their town from a zombie outbreak."

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