

ART-IFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Artists from the past generations have their works of art and masterpieces displayed in a museum for people to bask in the excellence of their crafts. Art can take many forms such as paintings, sculptures, automata, and other forms of craft done solely through the hands of its artist. The human mind in its creative state can create amazing things that can take form through its simplicity and complexity, that is why we are where we are now.

As years passed by, the modern world discovered various ways to improve the quality of the mediums that artists used to hone their craft. As of now we have paints that shift colors on their own when the light hits from a different angle, we have airbrushes, electric power tools for carving, and anything you can think of to improve the quality of the materials used for crafting and art. The materials really do have improved in terms of quality, but the art itself failed to improve together with the materials.

Modern art lacks passion, complexity, and vigor. Although some may disagree, there are reasons why artists back then are still relevant nowadays and no modern art still can measure up to the quality of works that they have provided to humankind. As humans get provided easier and convenient tools to work with for their crafts, they have become lazier in terms of finding the creative spark and splendor that is museum worthy. Art nowadays always equates to money, otherwise it is useless. Art is not just art itself in this modern times.

As the world continues to be modernized, Artificial Intelligence is gradually introduced to humanity. In a world where there is less and less time to do menial tasks as we are cramming to get our bills paid, AI is there to help humans live a much easier life. Nowadays, mobile phones can act like a mind reader and can tell us what we need or want. But in its earlier forms, AI mostly covers aiding us to make the tasks much simpler, especially on navigating our phones and computers. Upon a couple of improvements, AI is now taking over the world of art and artists, and most of these arts are created for profit and not for one's passion and hobby. Back then, AI could manipulate simple images and do simple changes that can be easily distinguished as fake by the naked eye. Just by one look, we can already tell which image is AI generated or not. But now, AI has improved a lot when it comes to creating images and even videos which makes it hard for us to distinguish reality from AI generated clips and images. It may sound amazing but it poses a great threat to the community or artists and the quality of human life as well. If we can create an image or a video just by typing a combination of words on an AI website, what more can it do once it has been improved upon further? What are the professions it can easily take over? What quality of life has this lazy future has to offer?

If modern artists are struggling to compete with AI right now in terms of the quality of work, what more for the future improvements AI will be capable of. Some people already embraced these changes and call themselves artists despite having AI do all the work from them. Who truly owns the AI-generated art? Is it the one who typed the combination of words or is it the AI engine that created the art? It is only a matter of time before AI can do anything we ask, the question is are we all ready for it?

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