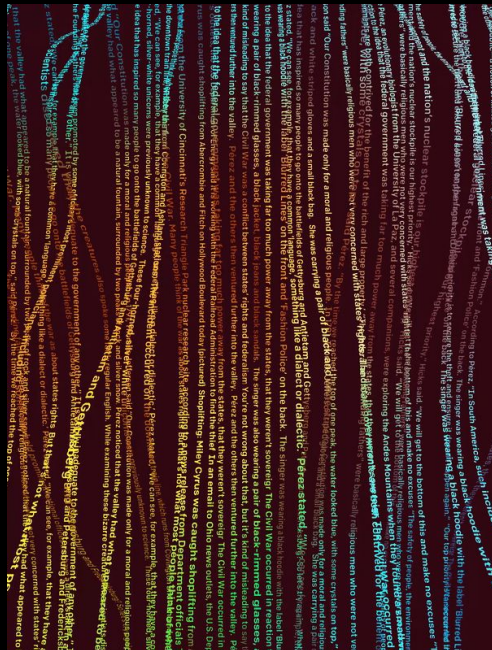


# Better Language Models and Their Implications (GPT-2)

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A collection of 113 films from 1927-2019 that features some form of Artificial intelligence.

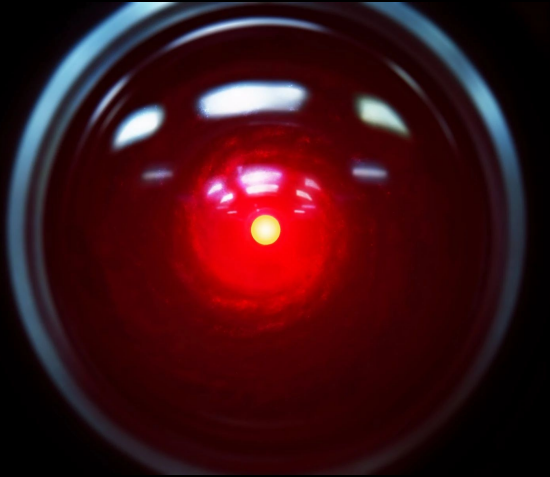
This list is further divided into two categories:  
Computer or Program, Robot.

Of 113 films, 21 films featured both a Computer/Program and a Robot<sup>1</sup>, while the vast majority of the films featured Robots instead of Computer/Programed intelligence.

1. The red box indicates the appearance of both Computer/Program and Robots.

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# Notable Examples

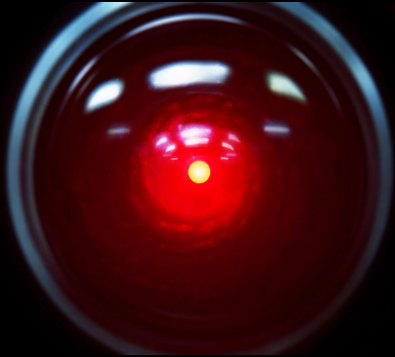


"HAL-9000" from 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)



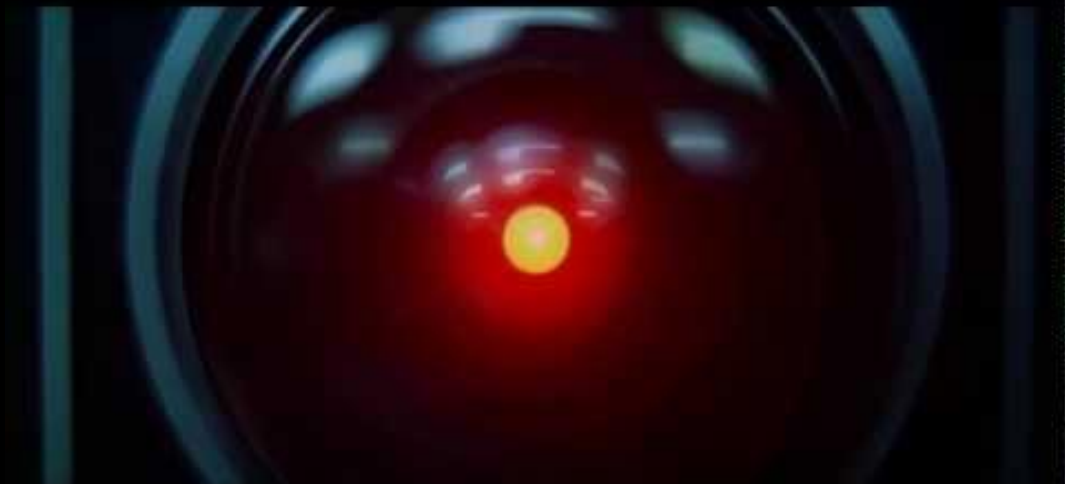
"Samantha" from Her (2013)

## HAL-9000



HAL-9000, short for *Heuristically Programmed Algorithmic Computer*, is an artificial intelligence that controls the operation of the Discovery One spaceship.

HAL is most notable for being able to interact with the astronauts with its own seeming consciousness. HAL is able to not only comprehend speech and context but also exemplifies high intelligence in conditional cognition.







# Samantha



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In a near future **Los Angeles**, Theodore Twombly is a lonely, introverted, depressed man who works for a business that has professional writers compose letters for people who are unable to write letters of a personal nature themselves. Unhappy because of his impending divorce from his childhood sweetheart Catherine, Theodore purchases an **operating system** upgrade that includes a **virtual assistant** with **artificial intelligence**, designed to adapt and evolve. He decides that he wants the AI to have a female voice, and she names herself Samantha. Theodore is fascinated by her ability to learn and grow psychologically. They bond over their discussions about love and life, such as Theodore's avoidance of signing his divorce papers

reluctance to let go of Catherine.

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## 1968 vs. 2013

- *2001*... first depicted a stylized form of speech, which was beyond the imagination of what people at the time thought “Machines” could do. This added a human element to the otherwise monotonous HAL.
- Samantha portrayed the ‘human’ capacity of artificial intelligence one step further by not only further stylizing colloquial speech, but also with speech that resembles human intonation. (Which has been already brought to consumer levels with Siri, Alexa, and etc.)

# How GPT-2 Operates

Our model, called GPT-2 (a successor to GPT), was trained simply to predict the next word in 40GB of Internet text. Due to our concerns about malicious applications of the technology, we are not releasing the trained model. As an experiment in responsible disclosure, we are instead releasing a much smaller model for researchers to experiment with, as well as a technical paper.

GPT-2 is a large transformer-based language model with 1.5 billion parameters, trained on a dataset<sup>[1]</sup> of 8 million web pages. GPT-2 is trained with a simple objective: predict the next word, given all of the previous words within some text. The diversity of the dataset causes this simple goal to contain naturally occurring demonstrations of many tasks across diverse domains. GPT-2 is a direct scale-up of GPT, with more than 10X the parameters and trained on more than 10X the amount of data.

## Release Strategy (Staged Release)

-While the initial announcement in February 2019, limited the model to a 345M Parameter version, as of November 2019, Open AI has released the full 1.5B Parameter version of GPT-2.

-Over the 9 months of beta trials, and further research into release strategy, the 1.5B Parameter version was deemed to be ready for the public, despite the numerous factors that are still unresolved or widely discussed.

## Discussion

1. General thoughts or ideas?
2. How does 'artificially' created text pose a different threat to the idea of "Truth" than images created/alterd by mechanisms like deep fakes?
3. Does the GPT-2 pressure our unique ability as humans? And can this current state of technology be compared similarly to the industrial revolution devaluing human labor?
4. Could the commodification of this technology create greater social inequality or havoc? (ie. Price difference in 345M Parameter vs. 1.5B parameter)