What is AI even?

AI is a form of cybernetics. Whoa, cyberpunk alert!
But cybernetics is originally from Plato, and it just means “being good at steering (people or a boat)

So AI means something that:
Looks at its world (or hears or listens to input somehow), Thinks (or has some tiny logic), and Acts on the world, by turning on a light or saying something, or performing an action. And that’s it!

"Cybernetics saves the souls, bodies, and material possessions from the gravest dangers."

— Socrates according to Plato, c. 400 B.C.E.

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Poor little Artificial Intelligence
She scurries around behind the scenes of games, behind Google Maps and page rankings.
"Find me the fastest path, AI!"
"Solve this problem for me, AI!"
"Route this NPC to the end of the level without running into walls, AI!"
"But do so UNOBTRUSIVELY. Do so UNSEEN. Never, never make yourself a spectacle. They do not wish to see you or talk to you. You are just here to do work."
"....Oh, and can you do it faster and with less resources?"

OpuII lent AI

I want to coin the term "OpuII lent AI" for AI that takes up all the resources it wants, takes all the attention, and makes the experience all about itself. FOR NO PRACTICAL PURPOSE WHATSOEVER

Choose flattering looks for your Opulent AI

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Cut-and-play exercise

A few Opulent AI systems:
- Black and White
- The Sims
- Nicki Case's Simulating the World in Emoji (http://ncase.me/simulating/)
- In-groups & Outgroups http://ncase.me/group-prototype/
- Vi Hart and Nicki Case's http://ncase.me/polygons/
- Nicki Case's Neurotic Neurons http://ncase.me/neurons/
- Context Free art http://www.contextfreeart.org/
- Tracery (tracery.io) and the many Tracery and non-Tracery twitterbots weaving scarves, choosing beads for a necklace, comforting a distraught friend, creating great artworks, writing a poem, dancing with you, creating a stylish sock, dealing with loneliness, dealing with the dead, playing with a puppy, designing a stylish sock, designing with you, communicating great artworks, communicating with the dead, dancing with you, weaving a scarf, weaving with looseness, choosing beads for a necklace, choosing strips. Choose two, and consider an AI that uses the technique on the back to do the thing on the front.

Visualisation: Lay it all bare

Just open the AI up and examine how delightful and clever it is! (Just open the AI up and examine how delightful and clever it is!)

Approaches:

1. Take out those strips. Choose two, and consider an AI that uses the technique on the back to do the thing on the front.
2. Show visualizations of what your AI's state currently is, the more shiny and graphical the better!
3. Let your AI say what it's thinking. Why did it make those decisions? Let it explain the decisions it's about to make.
4. Show visualizations of what your AI is doing.
5. Lay open the algorithm, let the readers see the nuts and bolts.
6. Write a poem. Lay the building blocks on paper. Lay the building blocks on cloth. Lay the AI's algorithms on paper. Lay the AI's algorithms on cloth. Lay the AI's algorithms out before you.

What can the user learn about how the AI works? Lay the building blocks on paper, let the user learn about how the AI works. Lay the AI's algorithms on paper, let the user learn about how the AI works. Lay the AI's algorithms on cloth, let the user learn about how the AI works. Lay the AI's algorithms out before the user, let the user learn about how the AI works. Lay the building blocks on cloth, let the user learn about how the AI works.

Creating a distinguish friend

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