

OVERVIEW B []

In this issue we briefly look at Alpha Go, a month of badness in the UK, internal issues within Yahoo, the price-tag on fake news, plans for Mars and finally our article of interest.

ALPHA GO B []

Alpha Go, the program currently holding the aspirations for the progression of cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI), has made several more silent significant leaps since the infamous Lee Sedol match. The 3000 year-old game has more than 1×10^{150} games, significantly more difficult than any problem attempted previously in AI <http://goo.gl/smyiRM>.

Dr Demis Hassabis, CEO of Deep Mind - the company behind Alpha Go, gave an interesting interview on BBC Radio 4 that is worth listening to <http://goo.gl/wx8niZ>. Amongst other things, he discusses the inspiration and drive behind these world-class projects.

ELECTION: MONTH OF TERROR B []

TODO: Discuss recent terrorism. A snap UK general election has been called by Theresa May, highly criticised by her opposition and members of her own party, after hoping to capitalize on Jeremy Corbyn's perceived low public reception. The result of this is

a hung parliament, with Conservatives winning the majority of seats but not enough to lead the UK.

This comes after several weeks of deaths in London and Manchester from terrorism, with the addition of a horrific flat fire in London where some estimated 200 or so persons are thought to have been burned alive by an accidental fire. This has raised several questions regarding a lack of communication from the UK government and the safety of residents living in identical accommodation.

YAHOO RUMBLINGS B []

The once "too big to fail" internet company, Yahoo, has just seen CEO Marissa Mayer resign from her position. This news comes as Verizon completes a \$4.5B purchase of the company, now to be combined with AOL. After months of much difficulty in trying to turn a multi-billion dollar company into a profitable business, Yahoo will now be led by it's former CEO, Tim Armstrong <http://goo.gl/jx1gjY>.

COSTLY FAKE NEWS B []

An independent investigation by Trend Micro has revealed that fake news does have a price, costing \$2.6k for fake social followers, \$200k

to create a street protest, \$50k to discredit a journalist and \$400k to influence an election <http://goo.gl/aDK7tF>. This comes following a recent UK election and even more controversial US election.

There is a light news video regarding China's investments into Australian politics, where little to no effort is made to cover up the fact <http://goo.gl/7b32Ut>.

COLONIZE MARS B []

Elon Musk releases plans for colonizing Mars, with trips potentially costing as little as \$200k. The transport rockets (ITS), home to 100 persons for the long journey, could be built in the next 10 years <http://goo.gl/X42M5H>.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST B []

This week's collection of interesting articles:

- <http://goo.gl/2mrdyf>
- Visualise binary data.
- <http://goo.gl/9oZged>
- MNIST machine learning.
- <http://goo.gl/KuQnB5>
- Parody Windows 93.

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