



OPEN LETTER

The future of AI



AI is not an existential threat to humanity; it will be a transformative force for good if we get critical decisions about its development and use right. The UK can help lead the way in setting professional and technical standards in AI roles, supported by a robust code of conduct, international collaboration and fully resourced regulation. By doing so, "Coded in Britain" can become a global byword for high-quality, ethical, inclusive AI.

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The invitation for signatures was issued on 7 June 2023. As of (14th July) 1374 people had signed the statement in total; a selected list of names who have consented to be published are displayed here. BCS will keep the open letter open until 30 July and update this document.

BCS' position on AI regulation

BCS supports AI regulation that is pro-innovation and supported by measures like sandboxes (safe areas for testing), and which regulates the use of AI, not the technology itself. A recent paper by BCS' Fellows Technical Advisory Group (F-TAG) 'Helping AI grow up – without pressing pause' argues that attempting to halt AI development would not work; Not every country or organisation would obey, and bad actors would gain an advantage.

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