

Musk predicts AI will be smarter than smartest human next year

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Tesla CEO Elon Musk on Monday predicted development of artificial intelligence that was smarter than the smartest human probably by next year, or by 2026.

In a wide-ranging interview on X spaces that suffered multiple technology glitches, Musk also told Norway wealth fund CEO Nicolai Tangen that AI was constrained by the availability of electricity and that the next version of Grok, the AI chatbot from his xAI startup, was expected to be trained by May. "If you define AGI (artificial general intelligence) as smarter than the smartest human, I think it's probably next year, within two years," Musk said when asked about the timeline for development of AGI. The billionaire, who also co-founded OpenAI, said a lack of advanced chips was hampering the training of Grok's version 2 model. Musk founded xAI last year as a challenger to OpenAI, which he has sued for abandoning its original mission to develop AI for the benefit of humanity and not for profit. OpenAI denies the allegations.

Musk said training the Grok 2 model took about 20,000 Nvidia H100 GPUs, adding that the Grok 3 model and beyond will require 100,000 Nvidia H100 chips.



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Tesla settles case over Apple autopilot crash

Tesla has settled a lawsuit over a 2018 car crash that killed an Apple engineer after his Model X, operating on autopilot, swerved off a highway near San Francisco, court documents showed on Monday. The settlement was made on the eve of the trial over the high-profile accident involving Tesla's driver-assistant technology. Tesla faces a series of lawsuits over crashes related to the alleged use of Autopilot, putting the automaker at risk of large monetary judgments and reputational damage.

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Microsoft to invest \$2.9 bn in Japan data centres by 2025

Microsoft Corp will invest \$2.9 billion in data centres in Japan by 2025, marking its biggest investment in the country, the Nikkei newspaper reported, citing an interview with President Brad Smith.

The announcement will be made during Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's visit to Washington this week and comes amid Tokyo's push for more computing power for artificial intelligence, according to the report.

Kishida arrived in the US on Monday for the first official visit by a Japanese leader in nine years.

Microsoft will install advanced AI chips at two existing sites in eastern and western Japan. It will also unveil an AI-related reskilling program in Japan to train 3 million workers over three years and set up a research lab on robotics and AI, the Nikkei report said. **BLOOMBERG**

AI model is enterprise-ready after Gemini mishaps: Google

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Google unveiled a host of updates to its artificial intelligence offerings for cloud computing customers, emphasizing that the technology is safe and ready for use in the corporate realm.

At the firm's annual cloud computing conference in Las Vegas on Tuesday, Cloud Chief Executive Officer Thomas Kurian showed off how Google's most powerful AI model, Gemini, can be used to create advertisements, ward off cybersecurity threats.

Corporate customers will be able to peg Gemini's query responses to reliable sources



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of information, known as grounding. The company is rolling out the use of Google search results as a source for the AI model's answers, thereby providing greater accuracy and freshness, Kurian said.

"Enterprises have been piloting with us a number of

scenarios with generative AI; now they're deploying them in production," Kurian said. "The capabilities to do things like grounding, improving correctness of answers — all of those, step by step, people have gotten comfortable, they're seeing value, and they're deploying as a result."

\$ Korea to put \$7 bn into AI

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said his country will invest \$6.94 billion in artificial intelligence by 2027 as part of efforts to retain a leading global position in cutting-edge semiconductor chips.

The announcement comes as South Korea tries to keep abreast with countries like the United States, China, and Japan that are also giving massive policy support to strengthen semiconductor supply chains on their own turf. Semiconductors are a key foundation of South Korea's export-driven economy. In March, chip exports reached their highest in 21 months at \$11.7 billion. **REUTERS**