

Artificial Intelligence: The Evolution of Fraud Investigations
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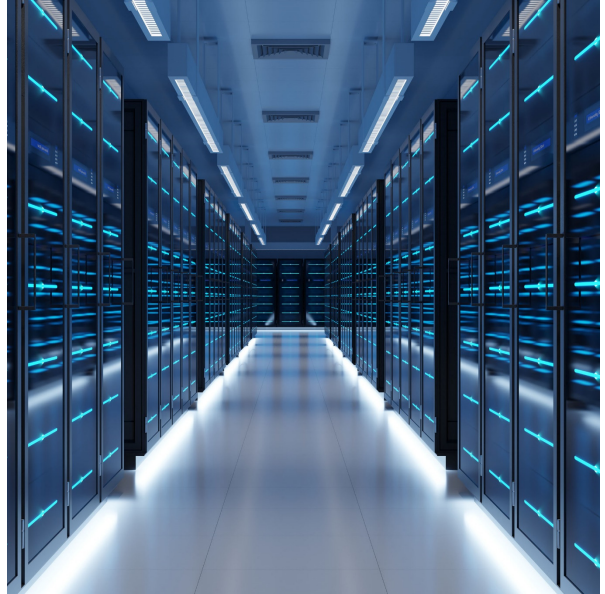
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Define Artificial Intelligence



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What Is Artificial Intelligence?

- Artificial Intelligence
 - “Technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy.”¹
- Examples of AI:
 - Netflix (Machine Learning Algorithms)
 - Google Generative AI (Appears in Search Browser)
 - Copilot (Windows Artificial Intelligence Assistant)
 - Chatbots (Algorithms Utilizing User Responses)



1: <https://www.ibm.com/topics/artificial-intelligence>

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History of Artificial Intelligence

- **1935** – Alan Turing began development of a computing machine with limitless memory
- **1945** – AI began its application in chess
- **1951** – Christopher Strachey developed the first AI program at the University of Oxford
- **1972** – MYCIN, a system developed to treat blood infections, began development at Stanford University
- **1980s** – Nouvelle AI began development in MIT AI Laboratory



1: <https://www.britannica.com/science/history-of-artificial-intelligence/Connectionism>

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How Does AI Relate to Fraud?

- As noted in our definition, AI is designed to mimic human comprehension, critical thinking, behavior, & problem solving.
- Fraudsters utilizing AI can replicate human behavior on a level never seen before its development.



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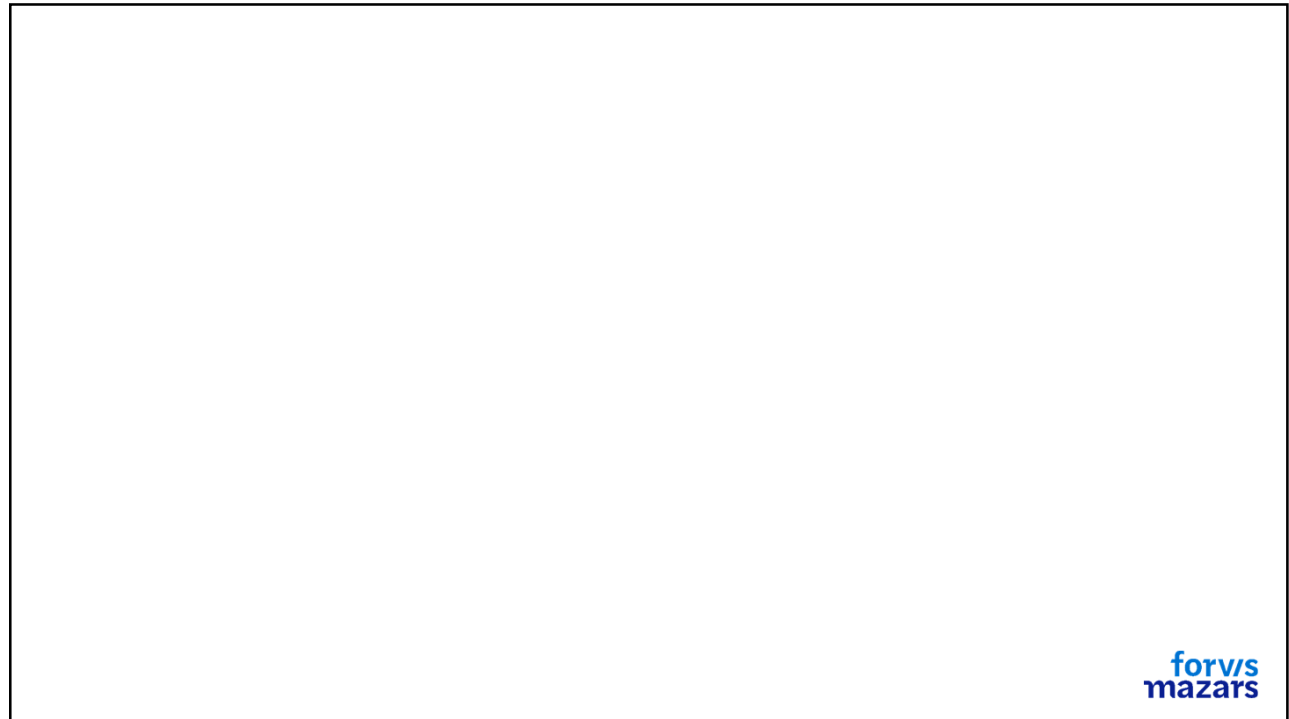
What is an example of AI?

- A** | Netflix Machine Learning Algorithms
- B** | Digital Cameras
- C** | Bluetooth

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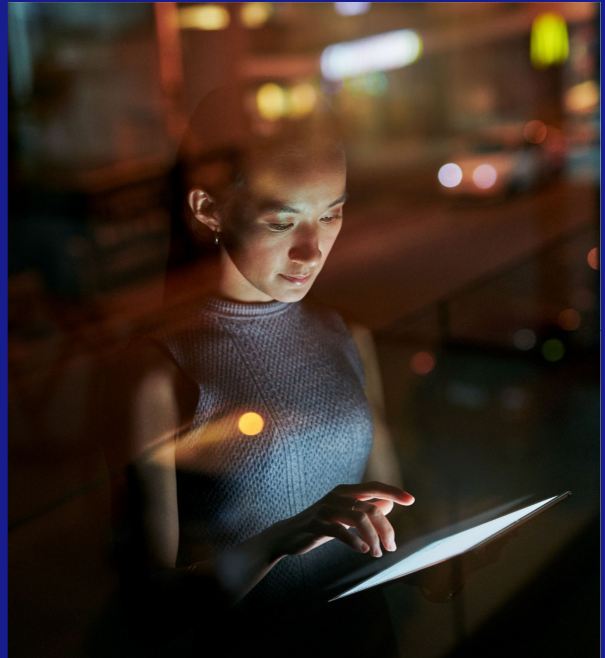
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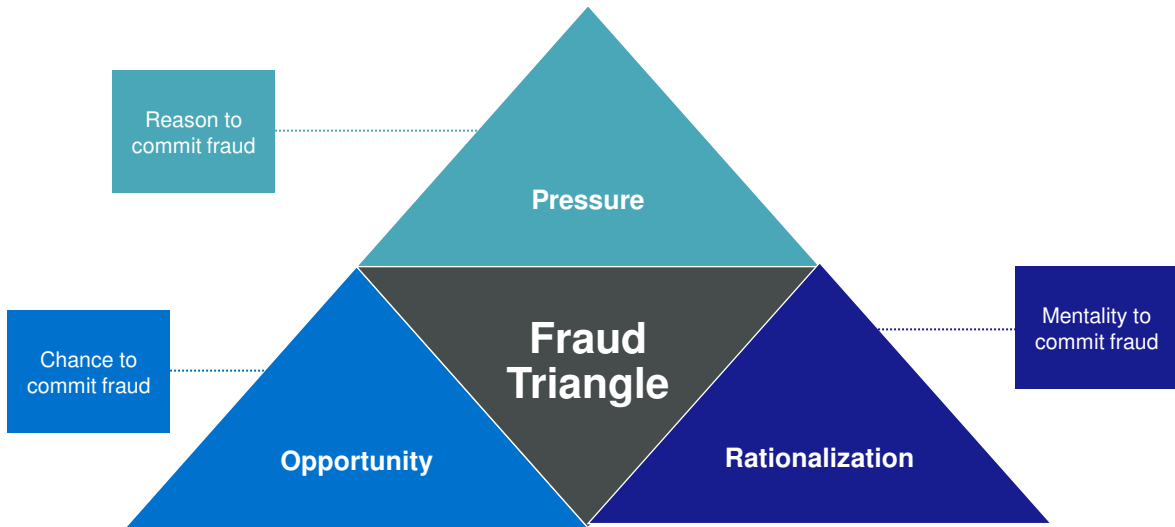
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AI & the Fraud Triangle



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What Do People Need to Commit Fraud?



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AI & the Fraud Triangle



AI & How It Changes Opportunity & Rationalization

- AI provides fraudsters with a unique set of tools that allows them to implement tactics that replicate human action, verbiage, & conversations without needing to be physically present or engaged in an act of fraud. This increases the opportunity portion of the Fraud Triangle.
- AI also puts a degree of separation between the fraudster & victim. By conducting fraud online or through machine learning programs, fraudsters do not have to face their victims during their acts of deceit. This impacts the rationalization portion of the Fraud Triangle.

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AI & Fraudulent Behavior



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Fraud Risk to Businesses

**\$12
Billion**

2023 Fraud Loss to GenAI

**\$40
Billion**

2027 Fraud Loss to GenAI

230%
Increase

1: <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/blog/accounting-finance-blog/2024/ai-fraud-risk-management.html>



How Is AI Increasing the Risk of Fraud?

Generative AI

- Programs like ChatGPT, founded by OpenAI, & many other generative AI models allow users to create complex & articulate passages, emails, photos, & videos that replicate the language & behavior of humans.



Generated by OpenAI's ChatGPT Image Generator Function "Man on Beach"

“Generative AI refers to deep learning models that can generate high-quality text, images, and other content based on the data they were trained on.”¹

1: <https://research.ibm.com/blog/what-is-generative-ai>

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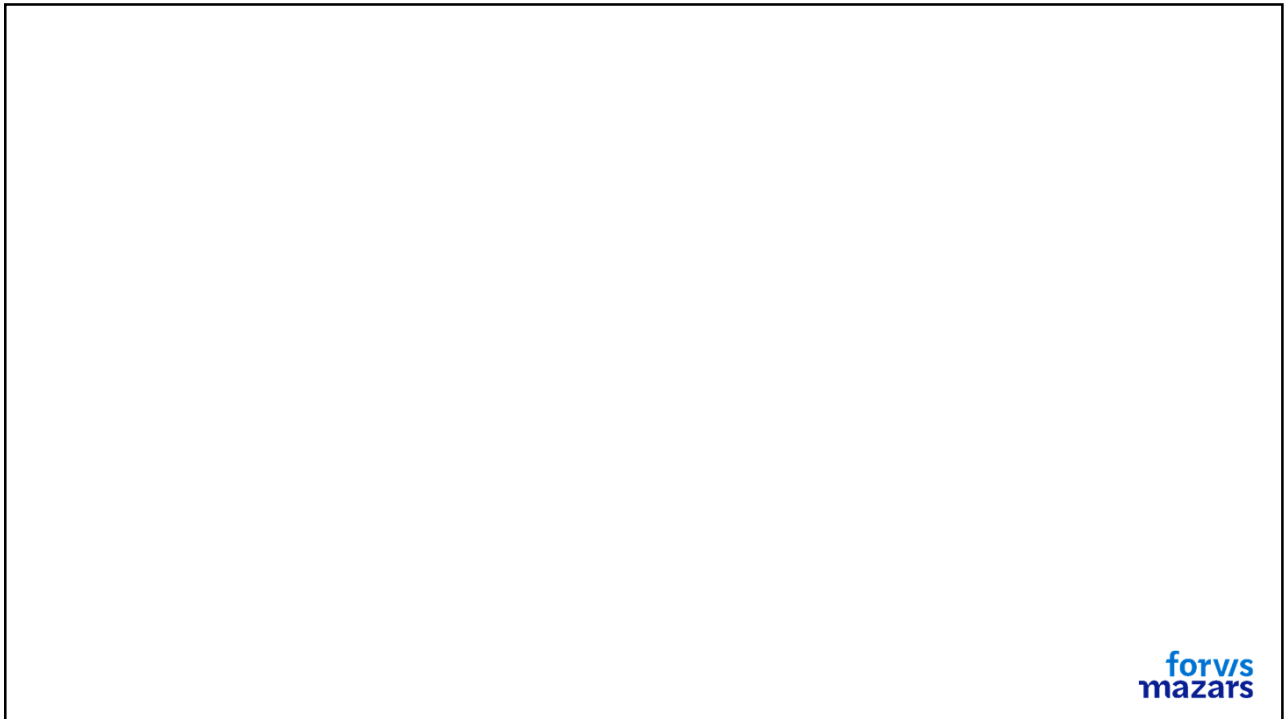


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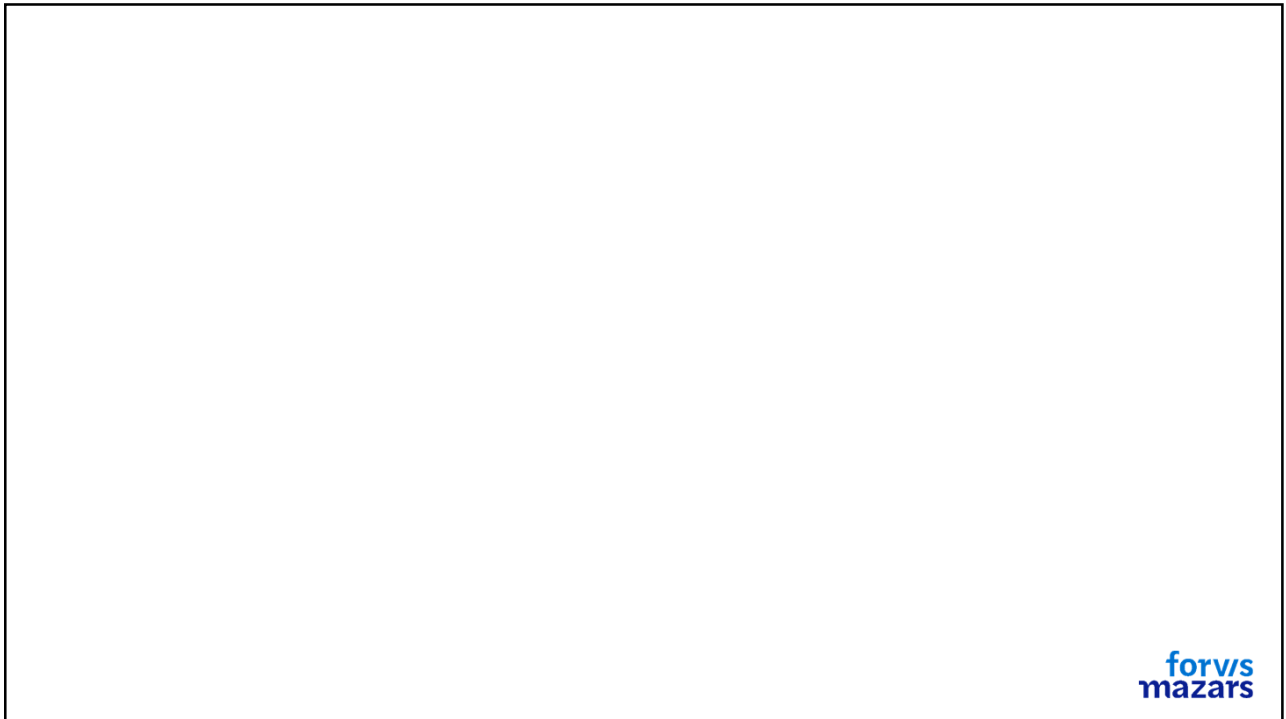


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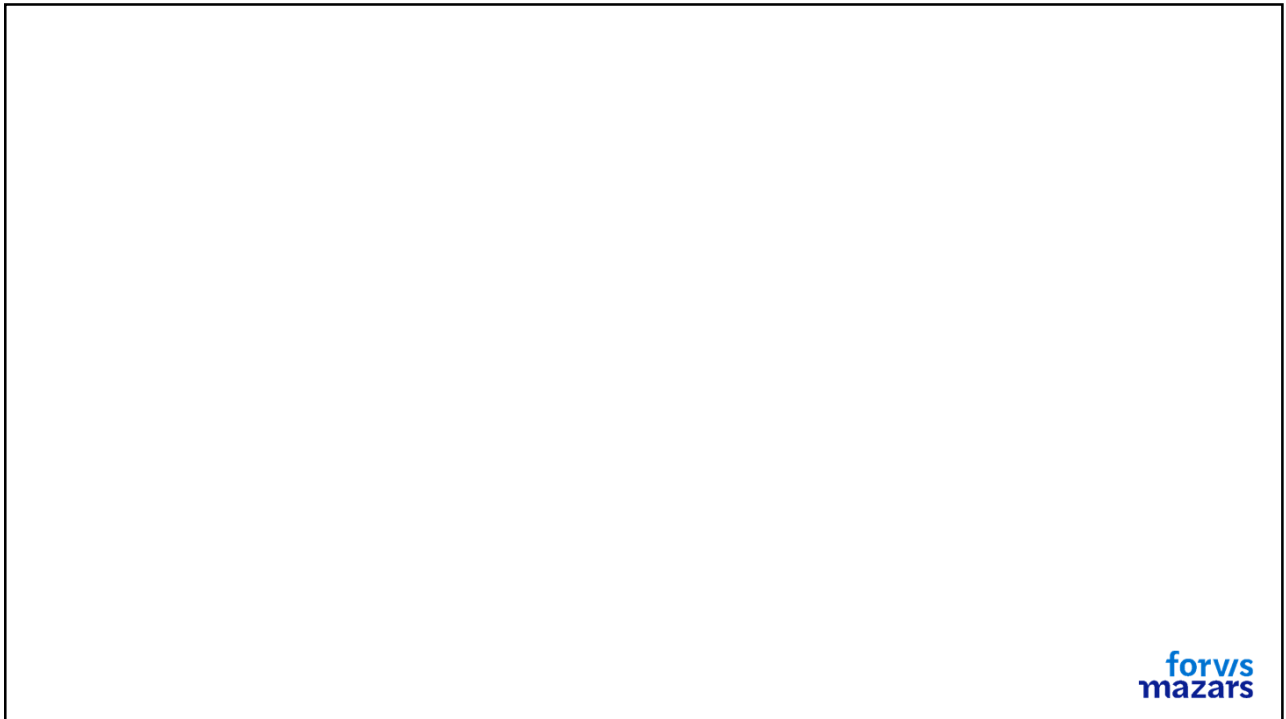


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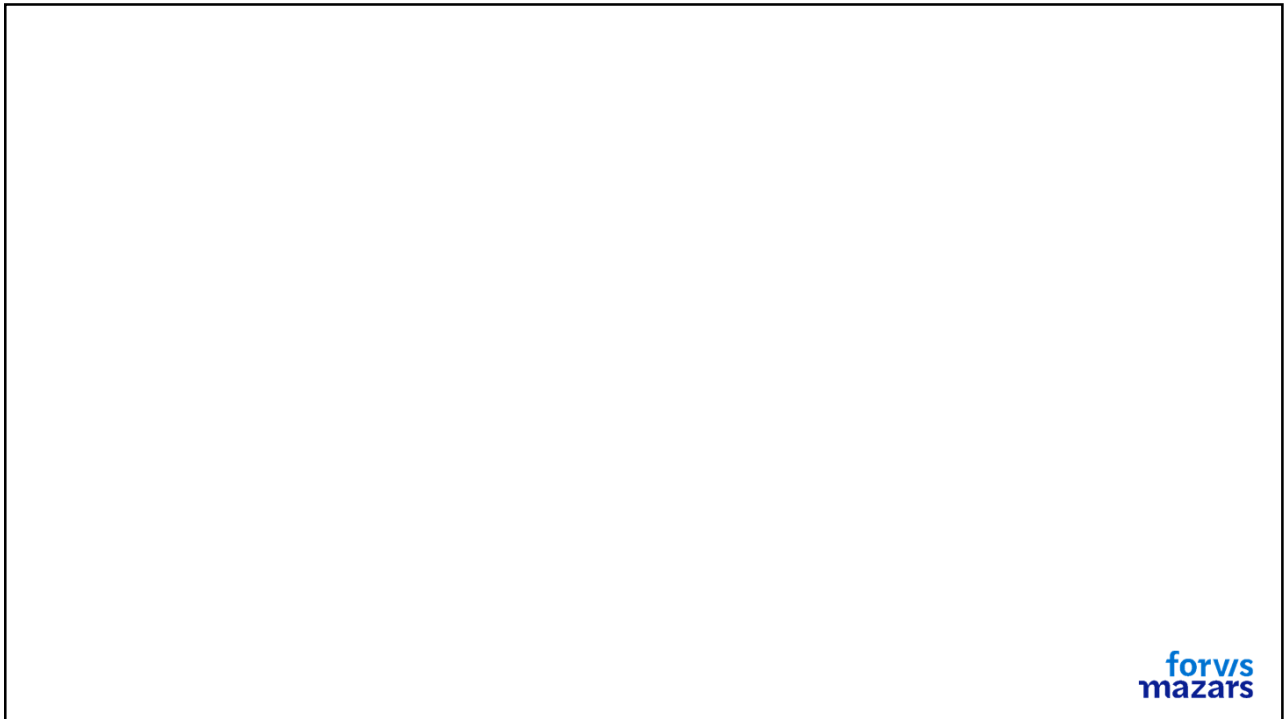


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Generative AI & Fraud



Phishing Scams "Spoofing"

Spoofing is a kind of phishing attack. The bad actor who sends the message is posing as a trusted person known to the message recipient. That's the difference between a more general phishing attack & a spoofing attack.



Deep Fakes

A deep fake refers to a specific kind of synthetic media where a person in an image or video is swapped with another person's likeness.



1: <https://www.aicpa-cima.com/news/article/q-and-a-2-cyberattacks-cpa-firms-should-fer>
2: <https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/deepfakes-explained>

Generative AI & Spoofing

Pre-Generative AI Spoofing/Phishing Email

Reminder [Email Invoice] : Receipt for Your Payment to DeLL Electronic Center,LTD
Reference #PP-272-001-181-1919

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Yesterday, 8:37 AM
You

Invoice Transaction.pdf
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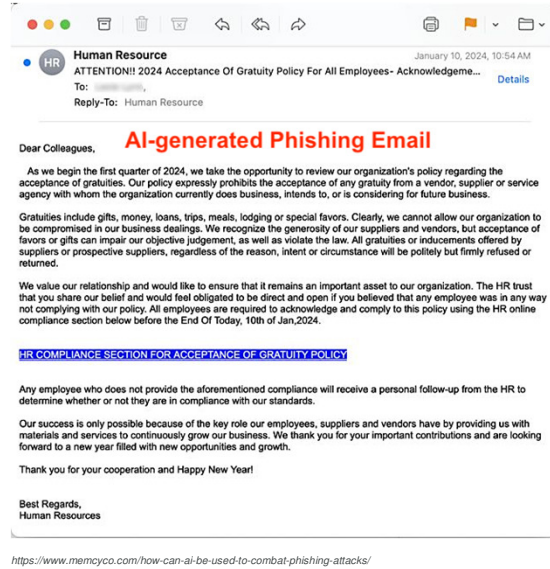
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<https://blog.mxtoolbox.com/2018/01/11/what-is-email-phishing/>

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Generative AI Spoofing Email



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Deep Fake Example

Finance worker pays out \$25 million after video call with deepfake 'chief financial officer'

By Heather Chen and Kathleen Magramo, CNN
Published 2:31 AM EST, Sun February 4, 2024



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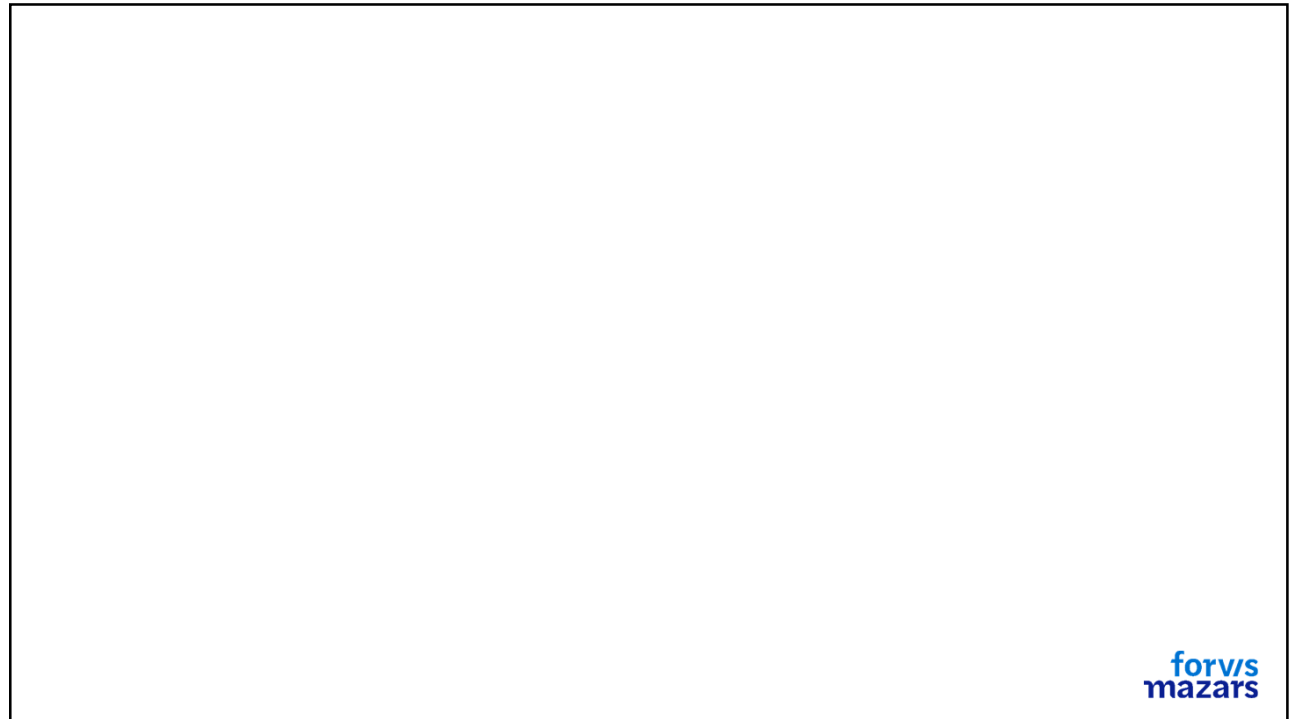
What is an element of the Fraud Triangle?

- A** | Money
- B** | Rationalization
- C** | Technology

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AI & Fraud Investigations



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Is AI Committing Fraud or Are Fraudsters Using AI to Commit Fraud?



We do not see AI committing fraud by itself. Fraudsters utilize the tools of AI to commit fraud

- It is important to recognize that an autonomous computer is not committing fraud by itself. Fraudsters are using the expanding AI landscape to commit fraud at a greater & more advanced rate.
- This means we must develop tools to combat fraudsters who utilize AI to steal or do harm to businesses.

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Tools Utilizing AI for Fraud Investigations

- While AI is increasing the tool set of fraudsters, it is also providing Fraud Investigators with increased utility to combat increasing fraudulent behavior
- Many tools are available that utilize AI to identify fraudulent activity, process large document uploads, & identify phishing emails for companies.
- Examples
 - Intella's – Predictive Coding
 - Behavioral Analysis – AI Technology can examine customer behavior to identify suspicious actions.
 - Natural Language Processing (NLP) – AI algorithms can examine communications & flag indicators of fraudulent behavior
- AI is providing investigators with faster methods of examining large amounts of data & providing meaningful results.



1: <https://www.fraud.com/post/artificial-intelligence#:~:text=AI%2Dpowered%20fraud%20detection%20systems,accuracy%20and%20effectiveness%20over%20time.>

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AI Detection of Deep Fakes

Fight Fire With Fire

- Companies are continually creating AI models to combat deep fake fraud schemes.
- While AI deep fakes are convincing, there are ways to detect whether an image or video is an AI-generated deep fake or if it is an authentic piece of media.
- Non-AI Methods of Detection:
 - Look for facial transformations, aged skin, or skin that looks too wrinkly
 - Look for unnatural shadows
 - Glasses are a key indicator of an AI generated video or image; do they appear to be in the correct place or show the correct glare?
 - Look for unnatural blinking or lip movements.



1: <https://www.media.mit.edu/projects/detect-fakes/overview/>

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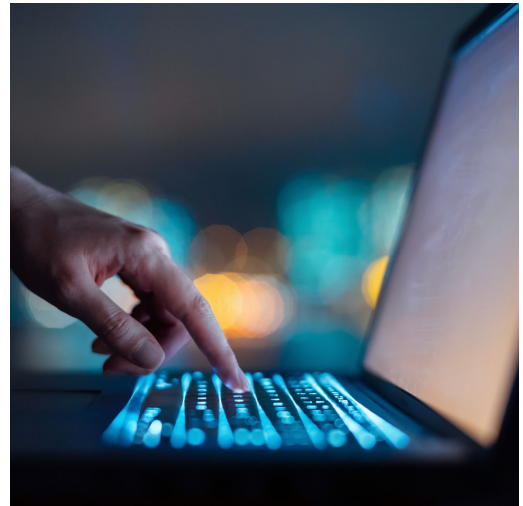
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AI Detection of Deep Fakes

Potential AI Methods for Detecting Deep Fakes

- **TensorFlow & PyTorch** – free tools that utilize deep neural networks to detect images that were produced using AI.
- **DeepWare** – an open source tool that allows users to upload videos & scan media to determine whether they were synthetically created BWO
- **Sensity** – utilizes visual & context clues to determine whether media is fabricated or not.



1: <https://www.globalbusinessjournalism.com/post/6-ai-tools-that-can-help-you-combat-deepfakes#:~:text=TensorFlow%20and%20PyTorch%20are%20two,to%20differentiate%20between%20the%20two.>

CPE Question 3

What is NOT a type of AI deception we have discussed?

- A** | Deep Fakes
- B** | Spoofing
- C** | GIFs

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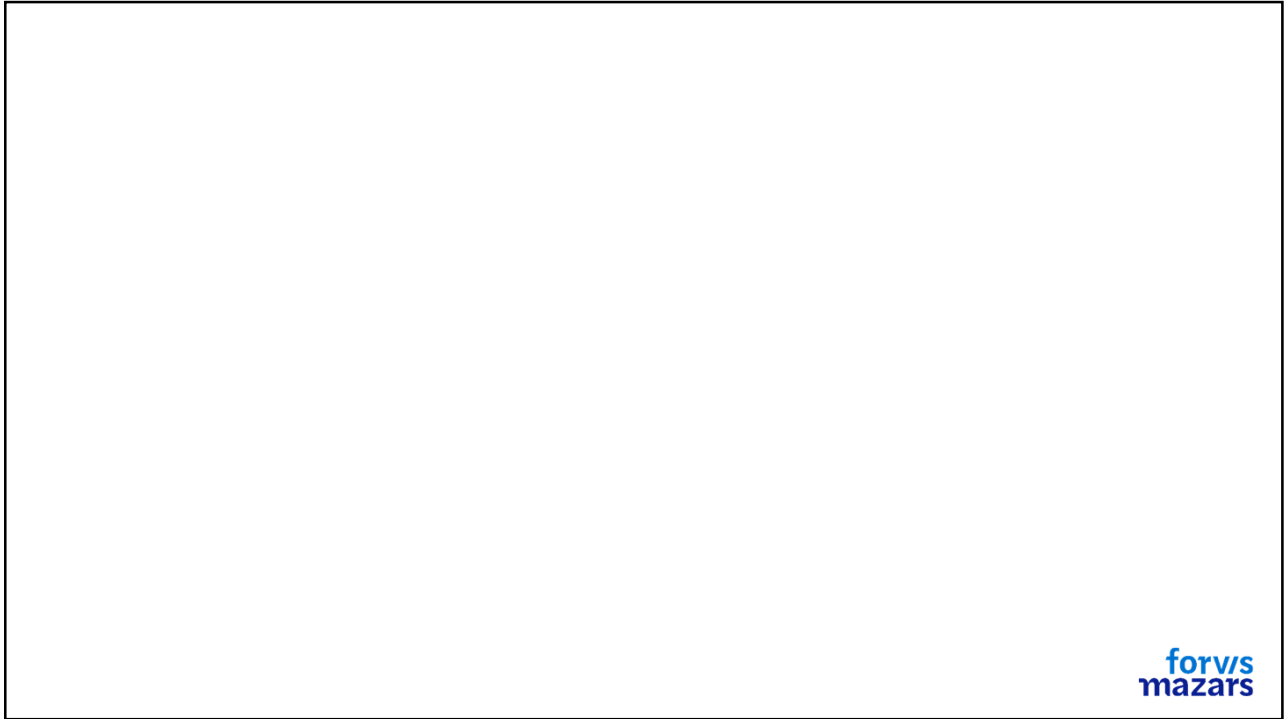
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Preparation for AI Changes

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What Can Your Business Do to Prevent AI Fraud?

1. Understand & Prepare
2. Understand the Risks That Face Your Specific Business
3. Prepare Training Seminars to Help Identify Spoofing Scams or Deep Fakes.



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1. Understand & Prepare

- The first step in preparing for AI-based fraud is to recognize that it is a growing threat.
- AI is allowing users to manipulate data & fool business owners in a way we have not seen before.
- Recognizing that AI is a new threat will allow businesses to properly prepare their relevant segments for potential harmful attacks



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2. Understand the Risks That Face Your Specific Business

- Every business is different.
- Having a strong grasp on tools used often in your business is an important step in identifying segments of your business that are at particular risk.
- Examples of Segments that could be impacted by AI:
 - Executives who have public videos available online
 - Segments that utilize Outlook, Gmail, or other email platforms often.
 - Businesses that utilize proof of expense requirements for expense reimbursements.



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3. Prepare Training Seminars to Help Identify Spoofing Scams or Deep Fakes

- The best way to stop any fraud is to identify it before it can do any damage
- Spoofing & deep fakes have changed the training necessary to adequately prepare employees to identify fraud.
- Spoofing emails can no longer be identified solely based off of grammar errors or incorrect facts contained within.
- Train employees to report suspicious or unplanned emails & unusual images or videos that were not disclosed before reception.



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