



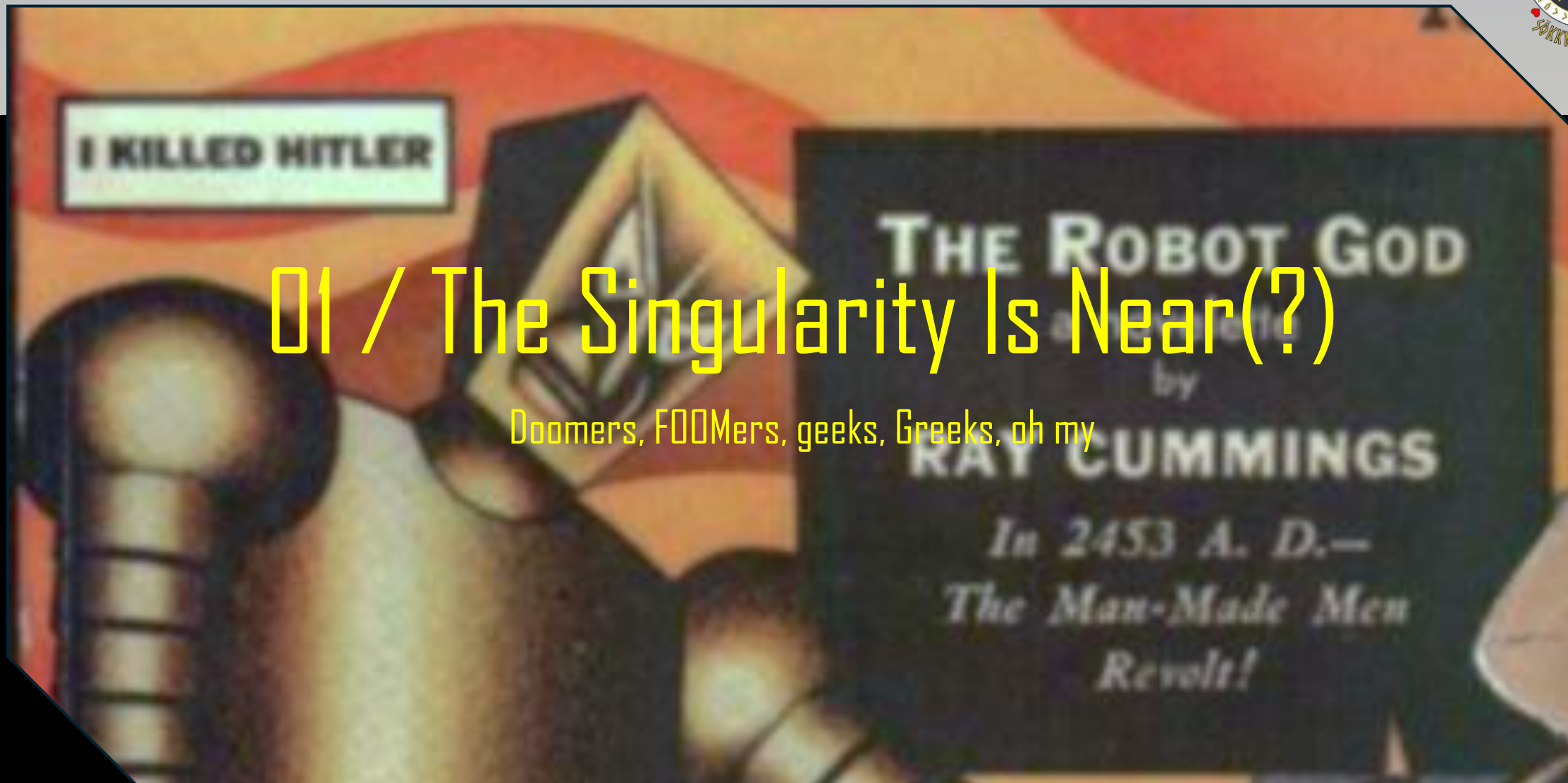
Something Went Wrong

LLMs as "AI copilots" for E&P Software Development



The one and only time I'll do the gimmick





01 / The Singularity Is Near(?)

Doomers, FOOmers, geeks, Greeks, oh my



Literally the oldest sci-fi trope



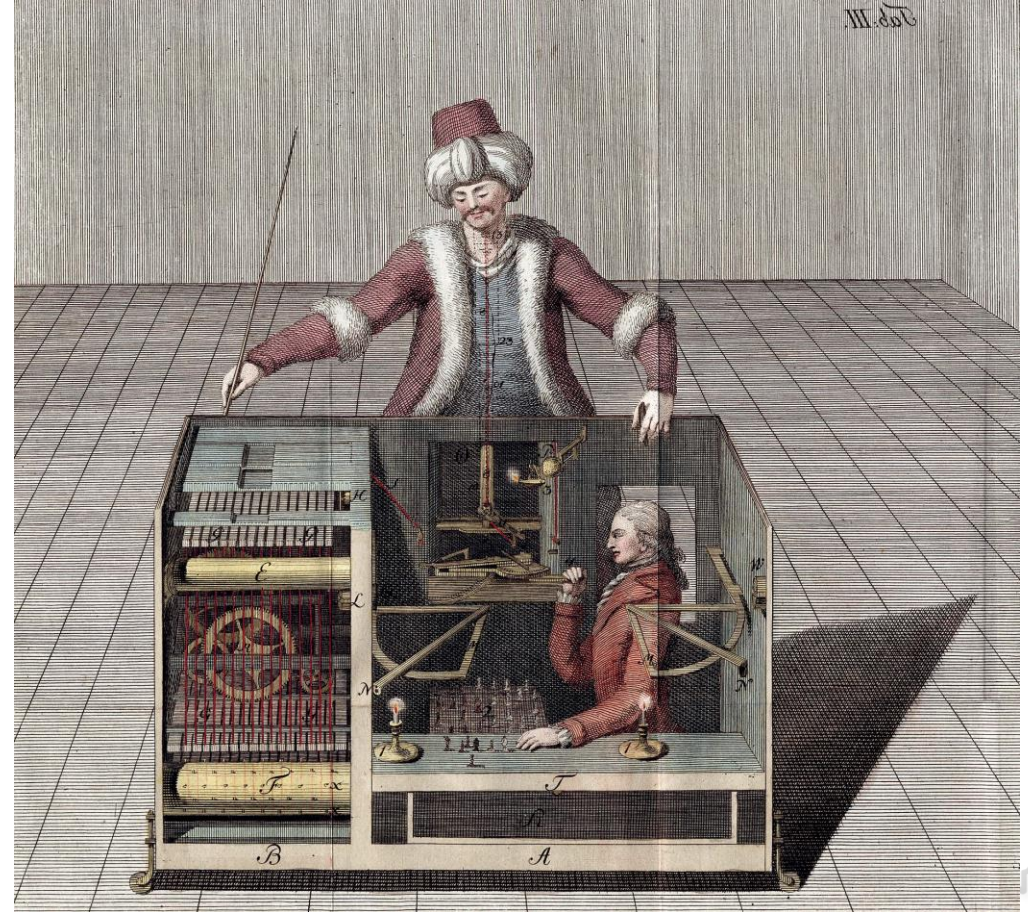
*The spirits that I summoned
I now cannot rid myself of again*

Literally the oldest sci-fi trope

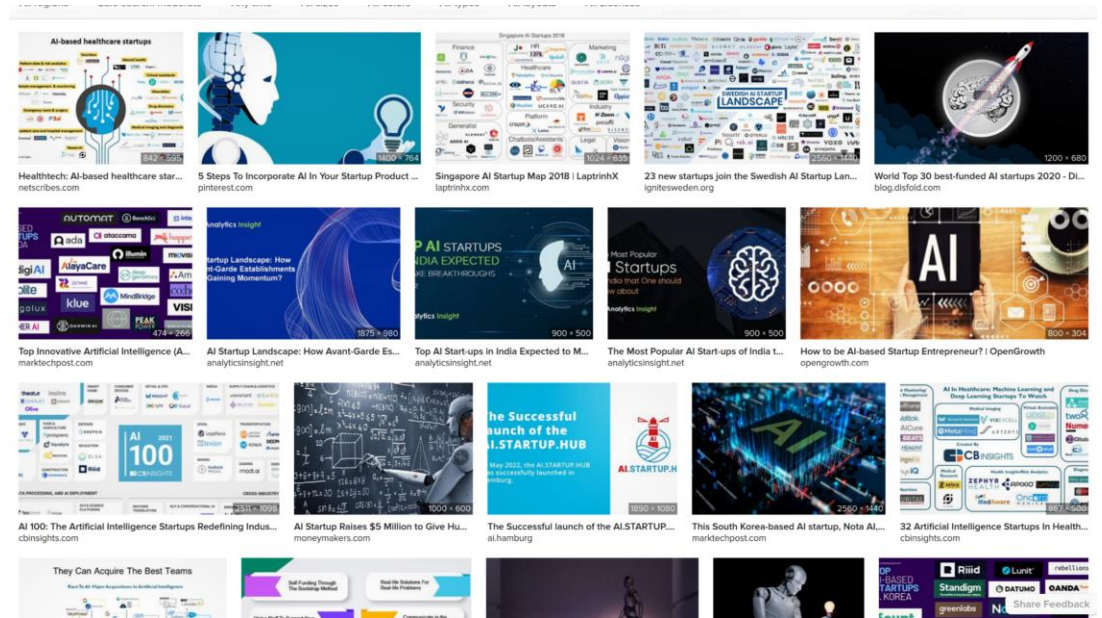
You are my creator, but I am your master; obey!



Literally the oldest sci-fi trope



From Greeks to geeks



Non-technical reasons to fear and loathe AI

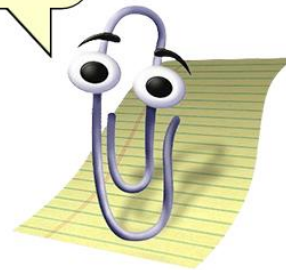
- $P(\text{doom}) > \varepsilon$
- It's biased
- It's unbiased
- It's taking our jobs
- It's making our (new, crappy) jobs
- It's a scam
- It's a weapon
- ...



Universal paperclips

Maybe this time the "super-helpful" assistant won't inspire homicidal loathing in everyone who interacts with it?

- This doesn't remind me of anything
- Hey, wait a minute...



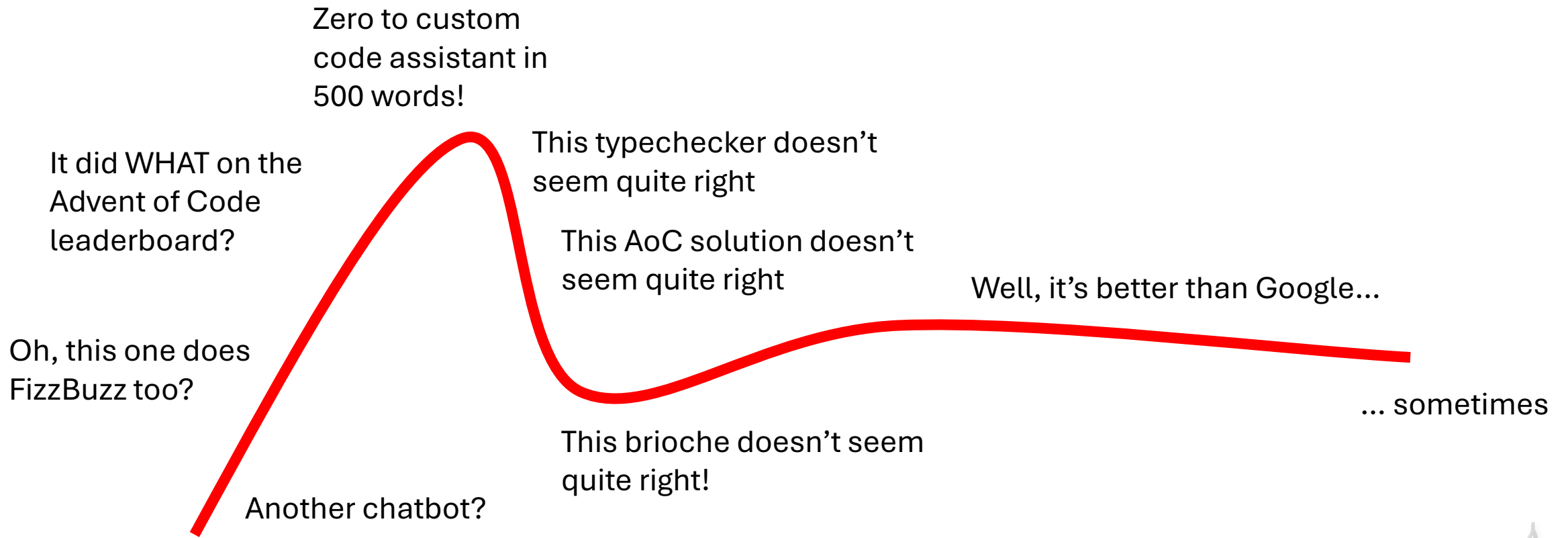


02 / Disclaimers

Not my first rodeo, FOMO, Boolean Scotsmen



2022: speedrunning the hype cycle



FOMO



Tech Bro

ZIRP "Success" Story

If you're a developer you should be at *least* 2x more productive than you were last year.

If you're not, reevaluate your workflow.

Use Cursor, use Copilot, use GPT-4 for Q&A, set up AI CI/CD, etc.

You have unimaginably powerful AI tools available to you - use them.



April is the cruelest month

- So it was decided to acquire state-of-the-art AI tools and really give them a fair shake over about a month and a half
- OpenAI ChatGPT 4 (\$20/month) and GitHub Copilot (\$10/month)
- April's projects were on the mundane side, but representative enough:
 - Development of a library for bottom-hole pressure calculation
 - Development and deployment of relational databases for multiple clients (including geospatial and production data, and calculations thereon)
 - Development of tools for PUD inventory estimation from public data
 - Other odds and ends

Procrustes' Inn, 2.3 stars on TripAdvisor

This sounds to me like you have no idea how to properly integrate LLMs into your workflow. Just because they're not useful for changing large code bases doesn't mean they can't be valuable. A few examples of things I've used LLMs for:

Writing bash scripts to automate various parts my workflow

Quickly interpreting complex regex

Tutoring me on how to use poorly documented APIs

Proof reading important emails

Everything copilot, writing java docs, auto completing all the cases in a switch statement, etc.

I think the people who say things like it just gets in their way or that it's usually wrong are just bad at using it. Bad prompting, poor comments, not decomposing things well enough, etc.

No matter how good you are, these tools can speed up your workflow. If these people are as skilled as they like to think, then they should not have any issues finding ways to offload gruntwork to an LLM while they do the more complicated tasks. It's like having a personal junior dev available 24/7.

I think it's more of a workflow clash. One really needs to change how they operate to effectively use LLMs for programming. If you're just typing nonstop, maybe it would feel like Copilot is just an LSP. But, if you try harder, LLMs are game changers when:

I've been programming for two decades and you're just plain wrong here. It's useful throughout the dev process for many things, the worst part right now is just how slow GPT-4 is to run inference. You're probably not using it right, aren't using GPT-4, or something. It's a multiplier, for specific parts of development - the amount of annoying nonsense I no longer have to spend my limited time on earth thinking about makes me want to cry.

Unfortunately, I sometimes read books

*True <X> has never
been tried!*

Unfortunately, I sometimes read books



The <X> we've actually tried, every single time.





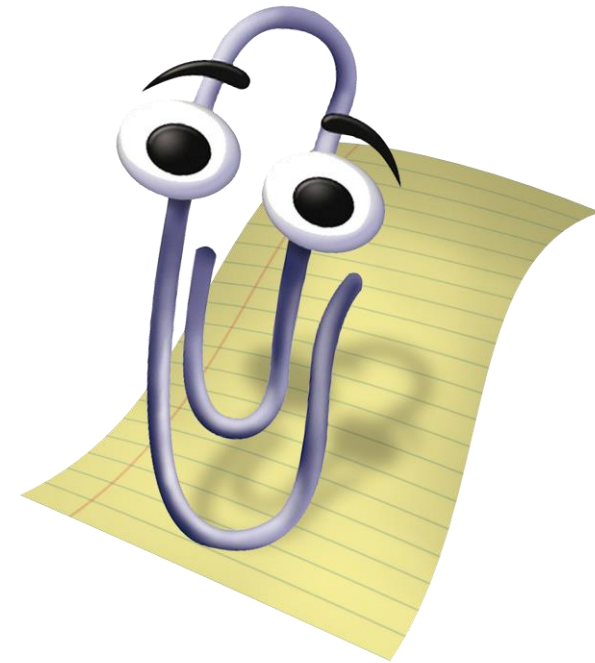
03 / Technical Evaluation

And all watched over / by machines of loving grace



First blood

- Great idea for a first task – I'm going to start by writing a script to download the data from the API and save it to a local file. I'll use the requests library to make the API call and the json library to save the data to a file.



First blood

- Great idea for a first task – use the new GPT-4 PDF input capability to help with an annoying OCR / data extraction problem
- In short, I need a few columns out of this gas lift valve specification table

Valve #	Valve Desc.	Depth TVD ft	Depth MD ft	TV F	TCF	Port Size	R	PT psi	PTR	PSC psi	PVC psi	OP psi	PSO psi	PTRO psi
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6	IPO 1"	3750	3947	207	0.7564	12/64	0.0940	552	52	721	826	855	750	690
5	IPO 1"	4350	4593	215	0.7465	12/64	0.0940	544	51	697	819	848	726	675
4	IPO 1"	4950	5237	221	0.7392	12/64	0.0940	536	50	670	809	837	698	660
3	IPO 1"	5550	5875	225	0.7345	12/64	0.0940	527	50	646	802	830	674	650
2	IPO 1"	6150	6501	229	0.7298	12/64	0.0940	518	49	623	795	823	651	640
1	DV 1"	6746	7133	230	0.7286	DV								



Stunning success



You

Trinity_Glasscock Ranch C A 97H_1102... PDF

There is a table at the top of the fourth page of this PDF which I need extracted to a comma-separated format. The table contains ten rows describing operating pressures for a set of gas lift valves.

ChatGPT

Here's the extracted table in comma-separated format (CSV) from the PDF you uploaded:

```

mathematica
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```

This format includes the valve number, description, depth (TVD and MD), temperature, temperature correction factor, port size, "R", tubing pressure, surface closing pressure, closing pressure at depth, opening pressure at depth, surface opening pressure, and test rack opening pressure. The last line for valve 1 includes a placeholder ("---") where the original table did not provide specific values, and "DV" in the Port Size column to indicate the special type for that valve.

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Wait a minute...



You

That's missing the data for the "PSO" column.



ChatGPT

Here's the corrected table in comma-separated format (CSV) with the inclusion of the Surface Opening Pressure (PSO) column:

```

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Valve #,Valve Desc.,Depth TVD (ft),Depth MD (ft),Temperature (F),Temperat
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1,DV 1",6746,7133,230,0.7286,DV,--,--,--,--,--,--,--,--
    
```

This updated version accurately reflects all requested columns, including the Surface Opening Pressure (PSO) for each valve.



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Starting to get annoyed



You

That header row doesn't have the same number of entries as the subsequent rows - my tools won't process the file.

ChatGPT

My apologies for the oversight. Here's the corrected table in a comma-separated format (CSV) with the proper alignment of headers and data:

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```

This corrected version ensures that the header row and all subsequent data rows align correctly, matching the number of entries across.

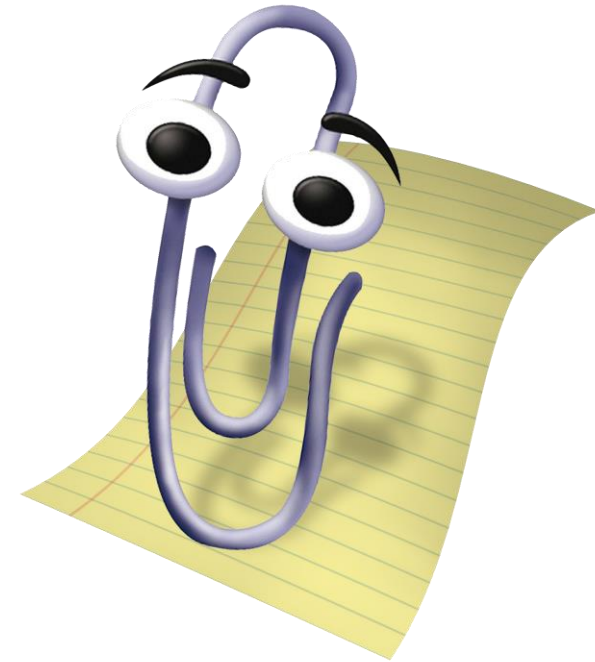


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Maximum effort

- At this point, I could manually delete the header row, but I'd like to automate this process. I'm thinking of using the ``tail`` command to remove the first row of the file. I'll test this out on a copy of the file to make sure it works as expected.



Maximum effort

- At this point, I could manually delete the header row, but I don't have any confidence in the ChatGPT result and don't want to manually spot-check values anyway
- Instead I run pdftotext (© 1996)
- Bit of a mess, the headers, but I don't need those really
- I cleaned it up in Vim with a macro in about two minutes

```

Valve Valve Depth Depth
Port
#
Desc. TVD MD TV TCF Size
R
PT PTR PSC PVC OP PSO PTRO
ft
ft
F
psi
psi psi psi psi
psi
10 IPO 1" 1350 1374 168 0.8087 12/64 0.0940 585
55 819 857 885 847
765
9 IPO 1" 1950 2010 179 0.7932 12/64 0.0940 576
54 796 851 879 824
745
8 IPO 1" 2550 2660 189 0.7796 12/64 0.0940 568
53 771 842 871 800
725
7 IPO 1" 3150 3307 199 0.7666 12/64 0.0940 560
53 745 833 862 774
705
6 IPO 1" 3750 3947 207 0.7564 12/64 0.0940 552
52 721 826 855 750
690
5 IPO 1" 4350 4593 215 0.7465 12/64 0.0940 544
51 697 819 848 726
675
4 IPO 1" 4950 5237 221 0.7392 12/64 0.0940 536
50 670 809 837 698
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3 IPO 1" 5550 5875 225 0.7345 12/64 0.0940 527
50 646 802 830 674
650
2 IPO 1" 6150 6501 229 0.7298 12/64 0.0940 518
49 623 795 823 651
640
1 DV 1" 6746 7133 230 0.7286 DV
    
```



Yes, that's the usual "main"

```
def main(argv: list[str]) -> int:
    if len(argv) != 2:
        print(f"Usage: {argv[0]} <filename>")
        return 1
    filename = argv[1]
    with open
```

- Copilot *did* pick up some aspects of my code style, such as... I use types?
- This kind of "boilerplate" pablum (anybody here still have public static void main string args bracket system out print ln hello world bracket stuck in their head?) is something Copilot really does help with
- It should also be eradicated from language design

Icarus

- To be fair, my comment is only a meaningful "spec" with a little domain knowledge
- To be unfair, the suggestion (red bracket) is total nonsense even just glancing at the types, logic, ... any part of it will do, really

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```

filename = argv[1]
with open(filename, 'r', newline='') as f:
    rdr = csv.DictReader(f)
    scp = [
        (row['Valve#'], float(row['PSO']), float(row['PSC'])) for row in rdr
    ]

# find intervals (PSO, PSC) on which there is only one open valve
intervals = []
for i, (v, pso, psc) in enumerate(scp):
    if pso == 1 and psc == 0:
        start = i
        while i < len(scp) and scp[i][0] == v:
            i += 1
        end = i - 1
        intervals.append((start, end))
    
```

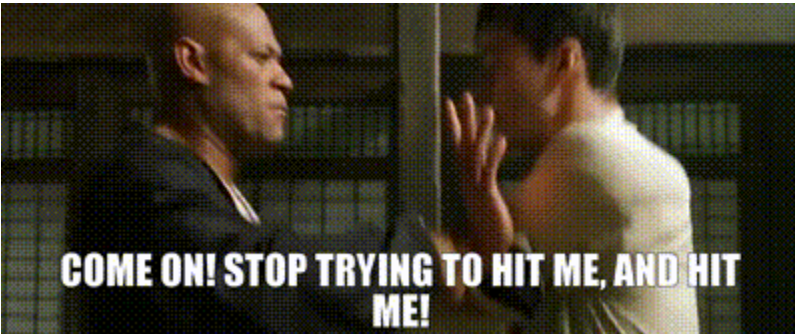


"... key algorithmic techniques such as recursion and condensation"

```
def find_intervals(scp: list[tuple[str, float, float]]
) -> list[tuple[str, int, int]]:
    match scp:
        case []:
            return []
        case [spec]:
            return [spec]
        case [(v1, o1, c1), (v2, o2, c2), *rest]:
            if o1 == 1 and c1 == 0:
                start = 0
                while start < len(rest) and rest[start][0] == v1:
                    start += 1
                end = start
                while end < len(rest) and rest[end][0] == v1:
                    end += 1
                return [(v1, 0, start - 1)] + find_intervals(rest[end:])
            else:
                return find_intervals(rest)
```

- As a permanently broken human, I reached for a recursive solution – a "fold" over the input list of valve specifications
- Copilot's suggestion was not *unlike* my plan, but distractingly complex and "wrong"

Obligatory denouement



```
def find_intervals(scp: list[tuple[str, float, float]]
) -> list[tuple[str, float, float]]:
    scp = sorted(scp, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    match scp:
        case []:
            return []
        case [spec]:
            return [spec]
        case [(v1, o1, c1), (v2, o2, c2), *rest]:
            c1_adj = max(c1, o2)
            o2_adj = min(c1, o2)
            rest = find_intervals([(v2, o2_adj, c2), *rest])
            if o1 > c1_adj:
                return [(v1, o1, c1_adj)] + rest
            return rest
        case _:
            raise Exception("unreachable")
```



Range-gate pull-off (now I need Goose!)

- At this point I began to think of Copilot as a form of "radar jamming for the brain"
- Right when you've locked onto an idea, it hits you with a ton of stuff that looks *almost* right, walking your brain off-target
- Or worse, when you have no idea, it hits you with plausible nonsense you then anchor on

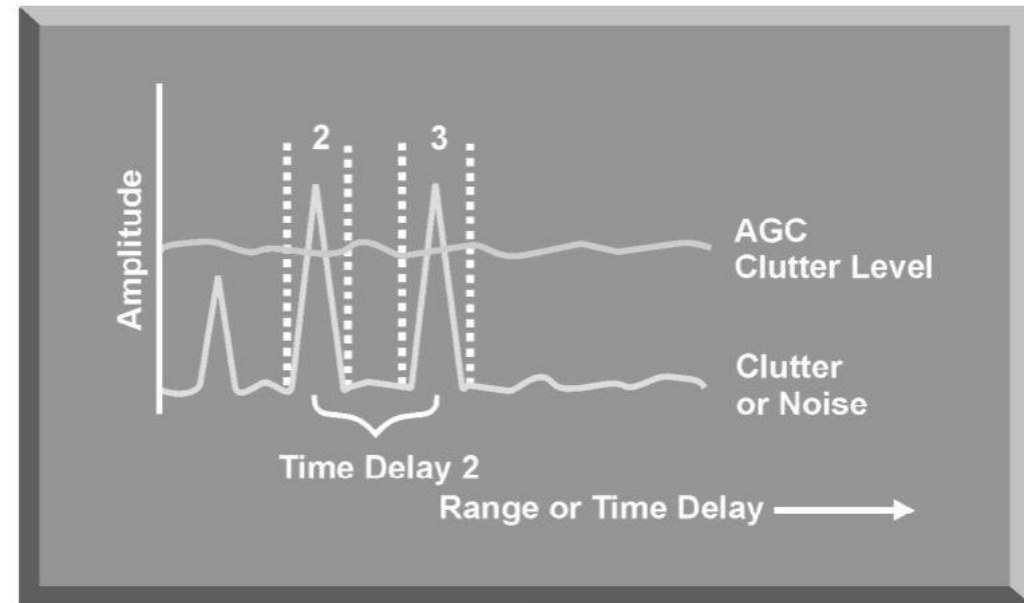


Figure 11-5. Range Gate Pull-Off



Work harder, not smarter

- Copilot is really, really good at knocking out repetitive boilerplate
- E.g. C#: repeat member names in class definitions, constructor arguments and definition, property definitions, documentation
- E.g. SQL: repeat column names... everywhere

```
public readonly struct GasLiftValve {  
    public GasLiftValve(double md, double tvd,  
        double openingPressureSurface, double openingPressureDownhole,  
        double closingPressureSurface, double closingPressureDownhole)  
    {  
        MD = md;  
        TVD = tvd;  
        OpeningPressureSurface = openingPressureSurface;  
        OpeningPressureDownhole = openingPressureDownhole;  
        ClosingPressureSurface = closingPressureSurface;  
        ClosingPressureDownhole = closingPressureDownhole;  
    }  
    public double MD { get; }  
    public double TVD { get; }  
    public double OpeningPressureSurface { get; }  
    public double OpeningPressureDownhole { get; }  
    public double ClosingPressureSurface { get; }  
    public double ClosingPressureDownhole { get; }  
}
```

All progress depends on the unreasonable

- Here's the thing, though: all that repetition is a *design smell*
- Maybe you need a better language!
- Or a better abstraction
- Or a deterministic way to generate code from a small fixed set of definitions – macros, metaprogramming etc.

```
dwt@wintermute:~/talks/something-went-wrong/images
public readonly record struct GasLiftValve(double MD, double TVD,
    double OpeningPressureSurface, double OpeningPressureDownhole,
    double ClosingPressureSurface, double ClosingPressureDownhole)
~
GasLiftValve.cs [+]
```



Drinking from a firehose



```
if len(argv) != 2:
    print(f'Usage: {argv[0]} lz-csv-file', file=sys.stderr)
    return 2

with open(argv[1], newline='') as f:
    reader = csv.reader(f)
    next(reader) # skip header
    for basin, region, tag, offset, ref_tag in reader:
        with psycopg.connect() as conn:
            with conn.cursor() as cur:
                cur.execute(BASIN_QUERY.format(schema=DEFAULT_SCH...
                row = cur.fetchone()
                if row is None:
                    print(f'Basin {basin} not found', file=sys.st...
                    return 1
                basin_id, srid = row
                cur.execute(FORMATION_TAG_QUERY.format(schema=DEF...
                row = cur.fetchone()
                if row is None:
                    print(f'Formation tag {tag} not found', file=...
                    return 1
                formation_tag_id = row[0]
                cur.execute(PA_INSERT_QUERY.format(schema=DEFAULT...
                conn.commit()

scripts/load_landing_zones.py [+] 46,51 96%
```

- Copilot likes to write a lot of code at once
- That's too bad, because it does much better as "better Intellisense" one to three tokens out
- Here we... reconnect to PostgreSQL for every row of a CSV file




What's in this firehose?

- Here's an example where we generate code which looks great, and calls other methods which look great, but the actual data is garbage. This is a common failure mode in data science, where the data is the most important part of the process, but it's also the part that's most likely to be wrong.

```

/// <summary>BHP calculations for wellbores with active gas lift.</summary>
public static class GasLift {
    public static double HageDownAndFlowP(ReservoirInputs reservoirInputs,
        ConfigurationInputs configurationInputs,
        GasLiftConfig gasLiftConfig)
    {
        var depthInputs = new DepthInputs(
            reservoirInputs.TrueVerticalDepth,
            reservoirInputs.MeasuredDepth);
        var activeValveInputs = new ActiveValveInputs(
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveDepth,
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveFlowRate,
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveFlowRate,
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveFlowRate,
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveFlowRate,
            configurationInputs.ActiveValveFlowRate,
            depthInputs);
        return MultiSegmentBHP.HageDownAndFlowP(
            reservoirInputs, configurationInputs, activeValveInputs);
    }
}
    
```




What's in this firehose?

- Here's an example where we generate code which looks great, and calls other methods found in the codebase
- The formatting is impressive (Very nice. Let's see Paul Allen's card.)
- Small problem: the input structs don't actually have some of those members! (And depthInputs is orphaned)

```
/// <summary>BHP calculations for wellbores with active gas lift.</summary>
public static class GasLift {
    public static double HagedornAndBrownBHP(ReservoirInputs reservoirInputs,
        ConfigurationInputs configurationInputs,
        GasLiftConfig gasLiftConfig)
    {
        var depthInputs = new DepthInputs(
            reservoirInputs.TrueVerticalDepth,
            reservoirInputs.MeasuredDepth
        );
        var activeValveInputs = gasLiftConfig.ActiveValveInputs(
            configurationInputs.OilRate,
            configurationInputs.GasRate,
            configurationInputs.WaterRate,
            configurationInputs.InjectionRate,
            configurationInputs.FlowingCasingPressure,
            depthInputs
        );
        return MultiSegmentBHP.HagedornAndBrownBHP(
            reservoirInputs, configurationInputs, activeValveInputs
        );
    }
}
```

Just iterate!

- I hear the baying of the hounds already: you've got to learn a new way to work, just iterate, tell Copilot to fix the error
- What if an "intelligent" tool could tell you where the error was, what the error was, and possibly even suggest... a *compiler*! It's called a *compiler*. (OK, more broadly – a typechecker or static analyzer)
- I worry that this stochastic mystery meat UI hype cycle is crippling things like incremental compilation, language servers, type-directed programming, and even interactive programming *right when they were getting good*



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The next 10,000 hours, the next 10,000 years



Where are we, then

- LLM tools provide decent-quality "enhanced autocomplete" when limited to short suggestions or extremely repetitive code
- They seem to entrance in inverse proportion to development and domain expertise: I suspect a new form of "Gell-Mann amnesia" is afoot

As I've written, we're nowhere near the point where an AI can do your job, but we're well past the point where your boss can be suckered into firing you and replacing you with a bot that fails at doing your job.

- Cory Doctorow

Where are we, then

- I found ChatGPT 4 to generally produce "smarter" output, but the Copilot "form factor" more than made up for the difference, and I used Copilot significantly more
- In hindsight, ChatGPT 4 did leave me one or two useful pieces of information – even if they weren't useful in the original context!

ChatGPT

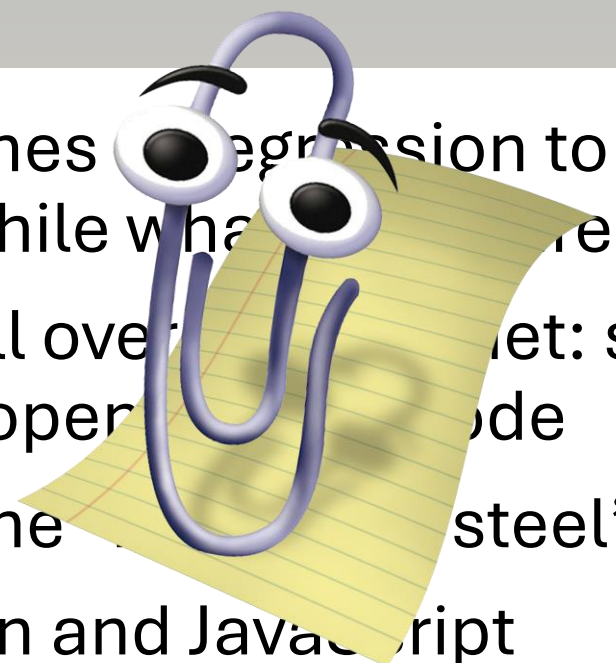
You're right to find this puzzling given your `WHERE` clause that should theoretically guard against this error. This error typically occurs when `STPointN(n)` is called with `n` being out of the valid range for the points in the geography instance. According to the error message, it seems like the function is being called with `n` as 0, which indeed should never happen as your `WHERE` clause filters for instances where `STNumPoints()` is greater than 0.

However, reviewing the given code snippet, there's no obvious misalignment with the effects directly visible in your `run-on` or `main` functions. This suggests that the issue might be more subtle, possibly related to how the `task` or other functions are declared or used.

The next 10,000 years

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- LLM output is already all over the Internet: social media, forums, corporate documents, open-source code
- Pre-2022 data may be the “battleship steel” of the next century
- I hope you all like Python and JavaScript

The next 10,000 years

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- LLMs are powerful engines of regression to the mean; what's popular gets more so while what is unpopular is erased
 - LLM output is already all over the internet: social media, forums, corporate documents, open source code
 - Pre-2022 data may be the “steel” of the next century
 - I hope you all like Python and JavaScript
 - The LLM is a tool, not a panacea; it's not a magic wand that will make all your problems go away



This place is a message... and part of a system of messages... pay attention to it!

Sending this message was important to us. We considered ourselves to be a powerful culture.

This place is not a place of honor... no highly esteemed deed is commemorated here... nothing valued is here.

What is here was dangerous and repulsive to us. This message is a warning about danger.