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AI Moves from Asking to Doing - and Governance Moves with It

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Executive Brief

New data from OpenAI shows a significant change in how people are using generative AI: at work, users are more than twice as likely to use ChatGPT to produce an output or complete a task than they are outside work. OpenAI's country-level data also shows AI adoption broadening geographically, multimedia becoming the fastest-growing use category, and usage among adults over age 35 increasing across most countries.

OpenAI also announced an August 6 collaboration with the American Psychological Association focused on responsible AI use among young people. Planned work includes resources for parents, educators, school psychologists, and clinicians, along with evidence-informed safeguards and direct engagement with teens and families.

GitHub resumed rollout of the open-weight Kimi K3 model in Copilot on August 6 after briefly pausing deployment while addressing a GitHub Actions incident. The model remains disabled by default for Copilot Business and Enterprise organizations, requiring administrators to explicitly enable it after reviewing security, compliance, and data-governance implications.

Accessibility is also moving deeper into AI authoring. The W3C Authoring Tool Accessibility Guidelines Community Group is meeting August 7 as part of a recurring initiative focused specifically on AI authoring tools that are themselves accessible and that generate accessible web content.

CISA published new industrial-control and medical-device security advisories on August 6 involving Johnson Controls TL280, Medixant RadiAnt DICOM, and ABB Ability Zenon. The advisories address vulnerabilities that can affect confidentiality, system availability, and security controls in operational and healthcare environments.

Together, these developments point toward the same operational reality: AI is moving from something people consult toward systems they permit to create, analyze, configure, communicate, and act.

Top Developments

1. AI usage is shifting from asking to doing. OpenAI reports that in workplace contexts, people are more than twice as likely to use ChatGPT to complete a task or produce something than they are outside work. Multimedia use is also growing quickly, and adoption is broadening geographically and across age groups.

Analysis: When AI produces the document, code, analysis, media, or workflow, the organization is delegating part of the work itself. That requires stronger controls around permissions, verification, data access, accessibility, cost, auditability, and human approval.

2. Youth AI safety becomes a multidisciplinary design issue. OpenAI and the American Psychological Association announced work on developmentally appropriate AI, guidance for parents and caregivers, healthy-use practices, school and clinical resources, and direct engagement with youth and families.

Analysis: School AI policy should extend beyond academic integrity to include emotional dependence, privacy, AI authority, human escalation, parental involvement, and appropriate use during moments of distress.

3. Enterprise model governance becomes a default-deny decision. GitHub's Kimi K3 model is off by default for Copilot Business and Enterprise organizations and must be explicitly enabled by administrators.

Analysis: Organizations increasingly need approved-model registries that classify models for general use, specified teams, public data only, experimentation, restriction, or prohibition.

4. Accessibility standards work turns directly toward AI authoring. W3C is examining both whether disabled creators can use AI authoring tools and whether those tools generate accessible content.

Analysis: AI should not automate accessibility defects at scale. Accessibility needs to be part of generation requirements and followed by verification.

5. Cybersecurity risk continues expanding into operational systems. CISA's August 6 advisories covered industrial controls and medical software, reinforcing the importance of asset inventories, ownership, patching, segmentation, monitoring, and incident response beyond conventional endpoints.

Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology

OpenAI also updated GPT-5.6 Sol in ChatGPT on August 6. For Plus and Pro users, OpenAI says the model now provides more focused answers, improved factual reliability, and a slider that allows users to control how much reasoning is applied to an answer. Free users are moving to GPT-5.6 Luna as their default model, with unlimited text conversations planned and a Think option for more difficult questions.

This continues a broader transition toward user-controlled computation.

Instead of selecting only a model, users are increasingly choosing reasoning depth, agent permissions, connected applications, persistent instructions, tools, data sources, and output modalities.

AI governance therefore needs to address configurations rather than products alone. Two people using the same platform can create dramatically different risk profiles depending on connected data, enabled tools, agent autonomy, retained context, reasoning settings, and external integrations.

Learning and Digital Education

The shift from asking to doing has significant implications for instructional design.

AI-supported learning increasingly includes generated study materials, personalized practice, automated explanations, simulations, interactive websites, research assistance, coding, media creation, and assignment development.

Instructional designers should distinguish among AI as reference, AI as collaborator, and AI as delegate. Each requires different assessment design.

When AI performs more of the work, educators should increase the amount of evidence showing what the learner understands. Possible evidence includes oral explanation, source verification, process documentation, error analysis, reflection, revision history, demonstration, and application to a new problem.

The goal is not simply detecting AI use. It is ensuring that the assessment still measures the intended capability.

Cybersecurity and Digital Trust

The GitHub and CISA developments this week point to an increasingly important security principle: trust should be granted explicitly.

GitHub's decision to keep a new model disabled by default for enterprise customers demonstrates that model access should require authorization.

The same principle should apply to AI agents. An agent should not automatically receive broad filesystem access, production credentials, administrative permissions, sensitive records, internet access, or publishing authority.

Permission should be proportionate to the task. Organizations should maintain separate controls for what the model may know, what tools it may use, what data it may retrieve, what actions it may execute, and what requires human approval.

This is effectively least privilege for AI.

AI Governance and Accessibility

AI governance this week moved closer to practical implementation.

The European Commission began enforcing new AI Act requirements on August 2 and has published detailed Article 50 transparency guidance. The Commission has also released icons that deployers may use to label certain AI-generated content.

At the same time, W3C is developing accessibility expectations for AI authoring systems.

Together, these developments suggest that responsible AI output increasingly needs to be identifiable, accessible, documented, reviewable, attributable, and correctable.

Transparency notices themselves must also be accessible. An AI disclosure hidden behind an unlabeled icon or unavailable to a screen reader does not provide equal transparency.

Workforce Development

OpenAI's new usage data provides useful workforce evidence.

The company reports that workplace use is disproportionately oriented toward creating and completing work rather than simply asking questions.

This means workforce development needs to shift from asking whether employees can use AI to whether employees can delegate work to AI responsibly.

Useful competencies include task decomposition, tool selection, source evaluation, verification, data protection, accessibility, security, human review, cost awareness, disclosure, and escalation.

The workforce differentiator may increasingly be the ability to supervise machine work effectively.

Practical Takeaways

- Treat AI delegation as a distinct professional skill.
- Maintain an approved-model registry rather than automatically enabling every new model.
- Apply least privilege to AI agents and connected tools.
- Teach learners how to demonstrate understanding when AI performs part of the work.
- Develop youth AI guidance that includes well-being, reliance, and human support - not only plagiarism.
- Evaluate AI authoring systems for both interface accessibility and output accessibility.
- Maintain operational-technology and medical-system inventories alongside conventional IT assets.
- Document AI configurations, not merely platform names.

Watchlist

- Whether workplace AI use continues shifting toward automated task completion and agentic workflows.
- Resources resulting from the OpenAI-APA collaboration for educators, families, clinicians, and school psychologists.
- Enterprise adoption of explicit model-approval and model-access policies.
- W3C's ATAG work on accessibility requirements for generative authoring systems.
- Implementation of EU AI Act transparency requirements and standardized AI-content labels.
- CISA advisories affecting industrial systems, medical technology, and other specialized infrastructure.

Final Thought

The most consequential shift in AI may not be that the models are becoming smarter.

It may be that people are increasingly allowing them to do things.

They create. They analyze. They configure. They code. They communicate. They increasingly act across connected systems.

That changes the central question.

Instead of asking only what an AI can answer, organizations increasingly need to ask what they are allowing the AI to do - and how they will know whether it did it correctly.

That is the next frontier of responsible AI.

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