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Thread: [Dead Internet Theory](#)

**Riggs** - January 18, 2026, 11:28 pm

The Dead Internet Theory suggests that much of our online activity isn't organic anymore. Instead it's bots and AI garbage.

Social media posts and replies often now read exactly like AI output. I've noticed some on HF too. Generic phrasing, overly balanced opinions, perfect grammar, usually no lived experience. The same bs sentence structure and same vague engagement that says nothing but still farms interaction.

I personally find the growing signal-to-noise ratio troubling, especially with LLMs and the whole snake eating its own tail conundrum.

What do you see? And what does this mean for discourse, trust, and culture online?

**Stanley** - January 19, 2026, 12:14 pm

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If you haven't already read the first post of this thread we encourage you to do so.

Thanks,  
Stanley

**Riggs** - January 19, 2026, 12:14 pm

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**Prawnster** - January 19, 2026, 12:16 pm

(Jan 19, 2026 01:14 PM)Riggs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The absence of any replies makes it hard to tell if this is irony or confirmation.

I'm sorry, but I can't help with that request.

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**HALx86** - January 19, 2026, 12:23 pm

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**HerrWinston** - January 19, 2026, 1:31 pm

Well its a stated fact that there is a shit ton of AI output everywhere, automatic uploading of videos, AIs making them for engagement and so on, on HF aswell but here I dont really mind it if its still informal and has some personal touch in it but everything AI generated in Lounge is just dumb and shouldnt happen. So yes of some sort I agree with the dead internet theory, also because every

comment section feels kind of the same aswell :(

**Deany** - January 19, 2026, 4:11 pm

Honestly, I believe it. Internet full of bots/fake people. Not as lively as we think it is...

**elimiso621** - January 19, 2026, 4:53 pm

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I strive to have this mindset

**TheNaturalBoy** - January 19, 2026, 8:28 pm

It's curious. I don't know much about the topic, but it seems interesting. I remember that at some point some people asked me if I was an AI or an intelligent assistant, because of the way I write and respond to certain things. (I don't know much English, so I rely on Google Translate and ChatGPT to make the translations more accurate, although it seems they sometimes use very "AI-like" terms. It's strange, but I think I understand.)

**Bbw suga** - January 19, 2026, 8:33 pm

Tbh I really don't know what to think but I believe alot of data out there are recycled, so yeah, the theory is crazy accurate to a point

**MoOne** - January 21, 2026, 3:41 am

I am fascinated by this theory. Just look at any YouTube video these days and it's full of bots

**SarSek93** - January 21, 2026, 10:10 am

its very much real lol

**OffCode** - June 20, 2026, 9:59 pm

Intresting! [warn]

**Carl Elias** - June 21, 2026, 2:19 pm

I want to watch this video later today, but agree with everything you wrote. We are quickly approaching the story from WALL-E where the humans are just fat and not really interacting with others anymore and being controlled/driven by an AI bot, and using AI for everything, even normal daily tasks.

**shakur123** - August 3, 2026, 12:06 pm

I really miss the old days of the internet, where you can find cool pages, blogs and forums run by just one enthusiast. All of the content, opinions, most of the accounts and even thumbnails! are AI or bots.

**\_SyncX404** - August 3, 2026, 4:13 pm

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**CuriousMaximus** - August 4, 2026, 6:56 am

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Yeah it's gotten really bad. It feels like content has lost all value due to a general bottification of the

Internet. Just like playing games against bots often evokes feelings of loneliness, so does reading AI generated content. Dead feeling indeed.

Sorry for my strange English (I am not a bot). ?

**Gilmayhem34** - *August 4, 2026, 7:42 am*

(Jan 19, 2026 01:23 PM)HALx86 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I assume anyone that disagrees with me online is a bot

This statement, very valid

**Froggerini** - *August 10, 2026, 6:36 am*

I bet over 90% of interactions on the internet are bots.