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As I was reading the Murena's terms of use I discovered that the voice to text feature introduced with e/OS/ 3.0 is using the Open AI API. That means our voice is sent to Open AI so they can translate it to text.

Murena is anonymising the data but I think it is still someting we should know. We can give sensitive informations in those messages. And we are probably participating in the training of Open AI LLM models.

Open IA is a big tech company. It is not a transparent company, their models are not open source, we don't know what they do with our data.

Users of Murena should be aware of that so I created this topic to be albe to discuss it with other users.

23:03 🗯 🛦 🔹 © № 5G ⊿ 🗈 Murena Voice to Text Murena Voice to Text est disponible sur /e/OS pour les utilisateurs Premium de Murena Workspace. La fonctionnalité de reconnaissance vocale de Murena utilise une API de reconnaissance automatique de la parole (ASR) fournie par OpenAI. Pour garantir la confidentialité et la sécurité de nos utilisateurs, nous avons mis en place un système de proxy qui anonymise les données des utilisateurs avant qu'elles ne soient traitées par l'API ASR. Cela signifie que, bien que vos données vocales soient envoyées à OpenAI à des fins de transcription, elles sont d'abord anonymisées via notre proxy pour protéger votre identité. Les seules données qui parviennent à OpenAl sont le contenu audio anonymisé nécessaire au processus de transcription. De plus, cette fonctionnalité de conversion de la parole en texte ne fonctionne que lorsqu'elle est explicitement activée par l'utilisateur en appuyant sur la touche de reconnaissance vocale du clavier. Nous nous engageons à maintenir la confidentialité de vos informations et à respecter des protocoles stricts de protection des données pour préserver votre vie privée. Modifications du service Nous nous réservons le droit de modifier ou d'interrompre à tout moment, temporairement ou définitivement, les services offerts (ou une artie de ceuv-cil

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It's really a shame that eOS use such a service whereas Murena promoted its services as "private, sustainable and fully open-source". OpenAI doesn't respect users privacy, exploits humans and natural resources in an unsustainable way and of course isn't open-source.

Especially that voice to text can be made locally with efficient opensource app like this one (it use OpenAI models but on your phone):

voiceinput.futo.org

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FUTO Voice, The Voice Input app that respects your privacy

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I would like to add that HeliBoard (keyboard) in combination with Whisper provide a fully offline experience. Whisper needs to download the Whisper models from Hugging Face (~ 435 MB). This is the only use of the internet permission. Then voice recognition works completely offline (albeit a bit bumpy and not for all languages). There is a fast and slow model. In any case, it would only work for more recent devices.

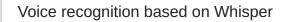
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It would be interesting to see if the murena / e/OS folks could team up with Mistral (https://mistral.ai/ 6 , based in Paris, France, more inclined to open source). The hay build the Mistral 3.1 model, which works quite well. To the best of my knowledge, there is no plan to support STT.

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