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Hack Reveals Suno AI Music Generator Scraped YouTube, Deezer, and Genius

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Hacked source code reveals how Suno scraped decades worth of music and podcasts from the internet to train its AI tool.

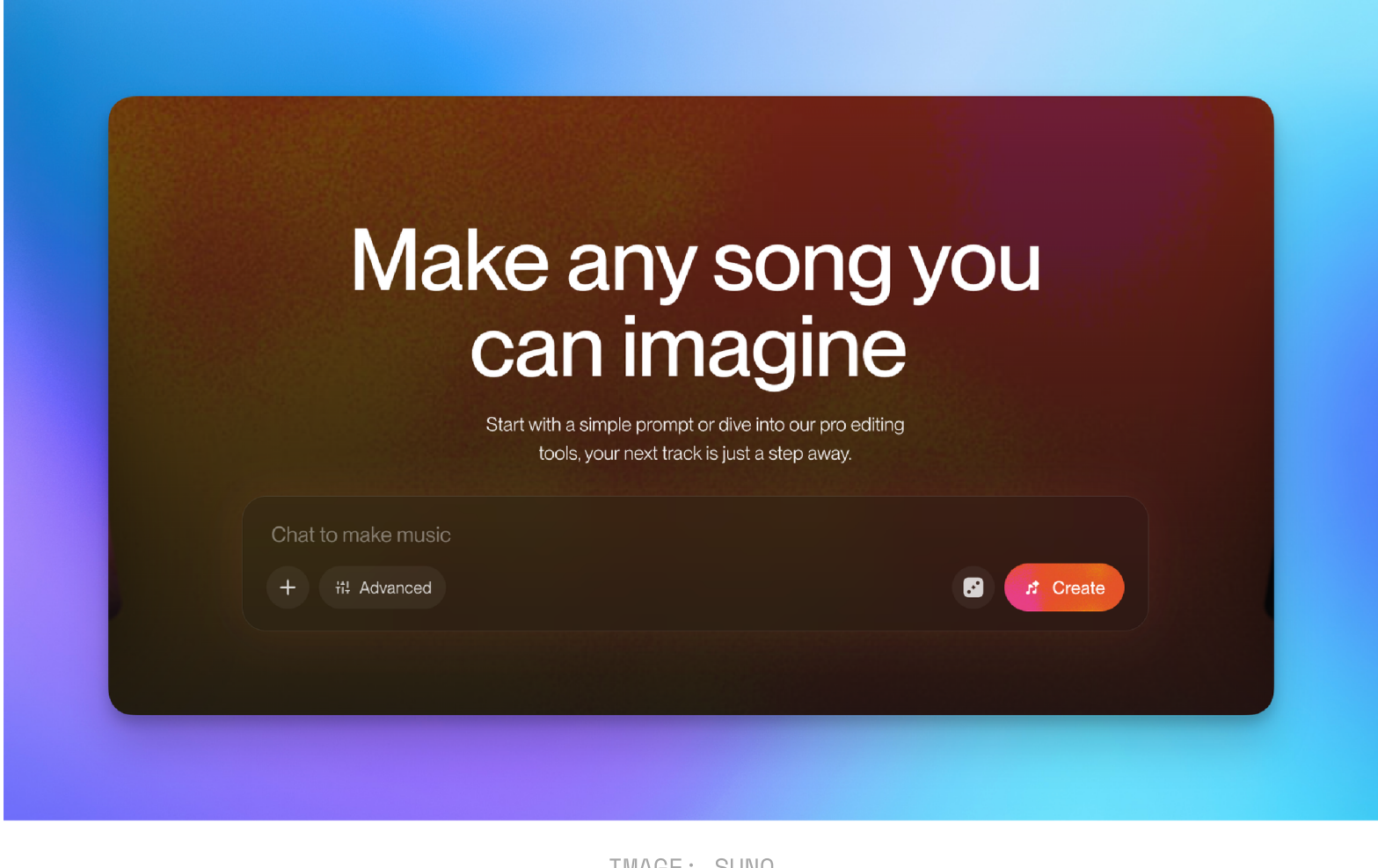


IMAGE: SUNO

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The AI music generation tool Suno scraped millions of songs and lyrics from YouTube Music, Deezer, and Genius, as well as from the stock music libraries Pond5, Jamendo, Freesound, the International Music Score Library Project, and podcasts via RSS feeds, according to a hacker who breached the company and shared data about Suno's training libraries with 404 Media. The hacker was also able to access user information for hundreds of thousands of Suno's customers, as well as Stripe payment information, they said.

The hacked data is a rare look at exactly how AI models and tools are built. Suno is one of the largest AI music generation tools on the internet, and has been the subject of [several major lawsuits](#) from the record industry, which accused the company of training on millions of copyrighted songs. [As part of these legal proceedings](#), Suno previously admitted that it was trained on “essentially all music files of reasonable quality that are accessible on the open internet,” which included a total of “tens of millions of recordings.” Suno has been making the argument that it is allowed to train on copyrighted works as fair use in those cases, one of which has been settled.

The lawsuits have made clear that Suno did train on huge amounts of copyrighted works, but the hacked data shared with 404 Media sheds more light on how Suno scraped songs from the internet and where it took them from. The Recording Industry Association of America accused Suno of [ripping songs directly from YouTube](#); the hacked data seen by 404 Media confirms this.

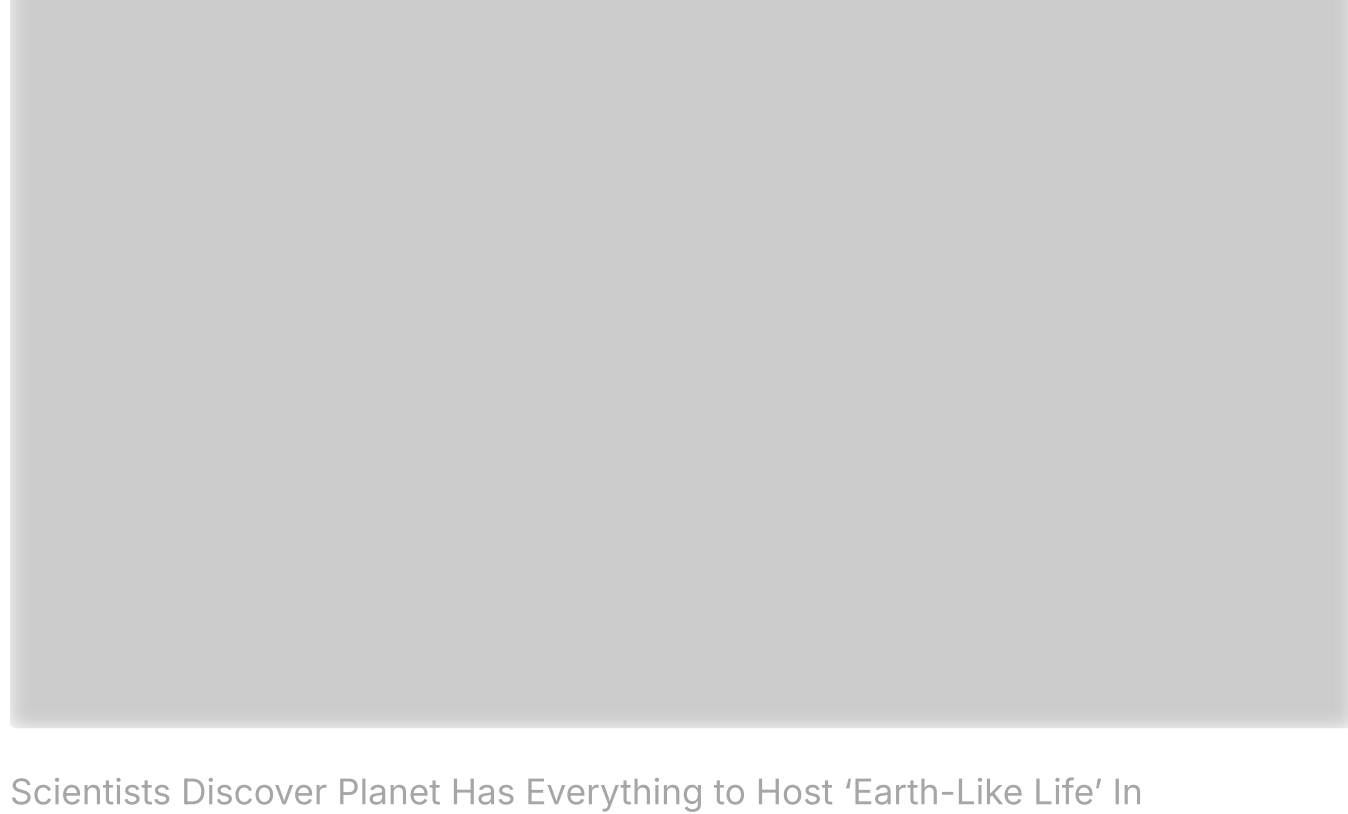
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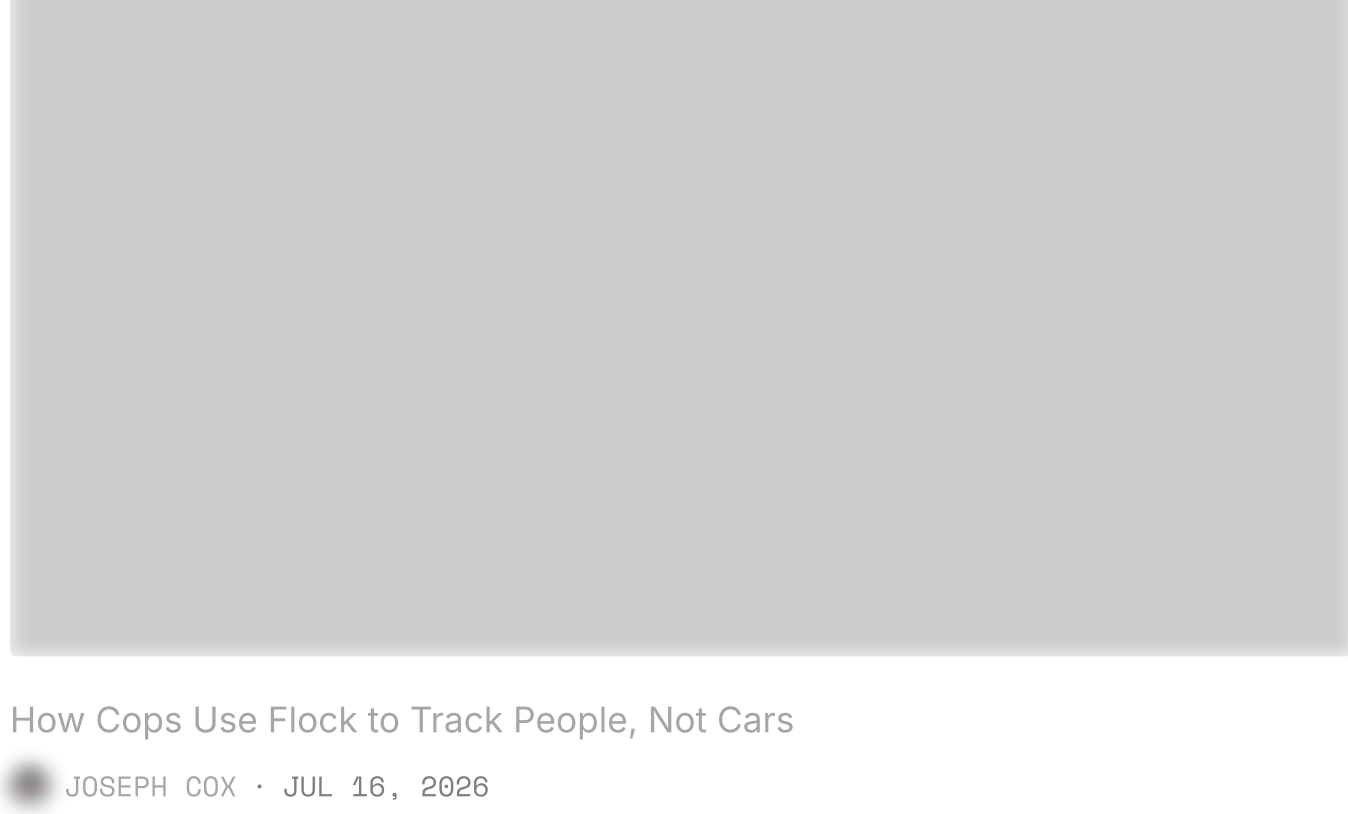
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