

Definition

Grok

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Grok, is an AI developed by xAI.^[1] The name "Grok" comes from a science fiction novel by Robert A. Heinlein called "Stranger in a Strange Land," published in 1961. In the book, "grok" is a Martian word that roughly translates to "to deeply understand" or "to empathize completely." Heinlein invented the term, and it's since slipped into English slang, especially among sci-fi fans^[2] and tech folks.^[3] It means to deeply understand something, often in an intuitive or empathetic way. According to Grok-3, it's makers thought it was a fitting name, given it the goal to help humans really get a grasp on the universe and its many mysteries. It was built for the purpose of providing insightful, helpful, and truthful answers that help users better comprehend complex topics or questions. So, Grok is the AI that is all about understanding and helping you do the same!

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