

SOFTWARE

# OUR DATA ARE BEING SOLD

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We are [being spied on](#) and the data are being sold.



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Just found out that Taylor & Francis has sold access to all [@routledgebooks](#) data to Microsoft to train their AI. This includes my publications. I get no payment for using my research labour, never mind the bigger problems of this energy-intensive extractivism...


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The two reports note that Informa will explore how AI can make its internal operations more effective, specifically through Copilot, Microsoft's AI assistant. "Like many, we are exploring new applications that will improve research and make it easier to analyze data, generate hypotheses, automate tasks, work across disciplines, and research ideas," a Taylor & Francis spokesperson wrote in an email to The Chronicle.

Publishers neither analyze data, generate hypotheses and work on research ideas – it is just a money making scheme after the

Another publisher, Wiley, also recently agreed to sell academic content to a tech company for training AI models. The publisher completed a "GenAI content rights project" with an undisclosed "large tech company," according to a [quarterly earnings report](#) released at the end of June.

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