

Amsterdam AI startups to keep an eye on in 2017

Amsterdam's ICT industry is leading the charge in artificial-intelligence developments, so it's only natural that the city's startups are making great strides in the field too. Look out for these ground-breaking Amsterdam-based AI startups in 2017.

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Pioneering AI in Amsterdam

Thanks to the city's knowledge- and tech-driven industries, Amsterdam is making impressive progress in the field of artificial intelligence – the development of computer systems that can complete tasks previously only achievable by humans. Amsterdam Science Park, for example, hosts many companies that are enhancing the field, including Euvision – a specialist in imagerecognition apps – and Aiir Innovations, which develops AI to help airlines improve the ways they maintain aeroplane parts. Amsterdam-based developments have been ground-breaking, so it should come as no surprise that the Dutch capital's startups are making great progress as well, cementing the city's image as an innovation capital.

Bundle: making sharing, storing and managing photos easier Amsterdam-based startup.

Bundle was founded in 2014, backed by the city's Startupbootcamp accelerator and seed funding from angel investors. The ICT startup's app utilises computer vision and image recognition to help users organise their pictures into photo books and shared photo libraries. The company's clever algorithm automatically selects and organises the best and most relevant photos into 'bundles'. It can even group duplicate pictures together, suggesting the best photos based on sharpness, texture, smile detection and facial expression. In our increasingly digital world, there is undeniably a worldwide market for such tech.

Website: <https://bundleapp.co/app>

Scyfer: harnessing cutting-edge artificial intelligence

Scyfer, a corporate spin-off of the University of Amsterdam, specialises in machine learning, data mining and computer vision.

Located in Amsterdam Science Park, the startup aims to bridge the gap between academic research and the cutting-edge tech used in business.

The company harnesses the most advanced technology to push the boundaries of artificial intelligence, allowing their machinelearning experts to work directly with businesses to implement the tech. The startup has already secured a string of high-profile clients, including Tata Steel and ING, so who knows what 2017 has in store for these AI pioneers.

Website: <http://scyfer.nl/>

HAL24K: making cities smarter

Over the last two years, Dutch startup HAL24K have really made a name for themselves. As well as their location in Amsterdam, the data-intelligence lab has expanded into the US and UK with offices in London and San Francisco's Silicon Valley. The startup's mission is to make the world a better place by making cities smarter, utilising their expertise in data-science techniques such as machine learning, language processing, deep learning, language processing and complex event processing.

HAL24K are achieving their goal by means of a platform that is capable of analysing, connecting and visualising data streams; this enables businesses and governments to get a comprehensive view of their operations, helping them react to issues swiftly and efficiently. The AI startup is predominantly focused on predictive maintenance in smart cities, optimising health services, solving parking-related problems and predicting traffic. Amsterdam is leading the way in smart-city projects, so it seems only fitting that this smart-city-focused Amsterdam startup is having such success.

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