Analysis Report

Biometric Boarding in 2050

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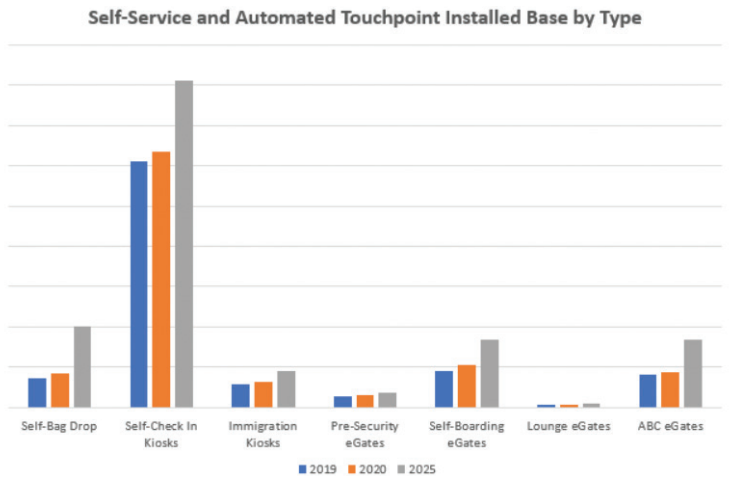

Figure 1. Growth of biometric checkpoints in airports by 2025
[Source: Valour Consultancy, 2021]

Take a moment to reminisce about your last flight—the number of dreadful hours that you had to wait, only to be greeted with another never-ending line of people. Luckily, with advancements in technology spiking over the years, we now have the biometric tools to ameliorate the situation. Just as phones can track a person's eye or scan a fingerprint to open their screen, airports are also going down a similar path in implementing biometric technology. As AI-powered biometric boarding becomes prevalent in the year of 2050, people must understand its consequences and balance privacy with convenience to ensure that this technology will be utilized in its best possible way. But what exactly will the year 2050 hold for flight transportation?

Face recognition and biometric boarding are no longer futuristic concepts. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) already operates facial scanners in 84 U.S. airports and plans to expand to over 400. Other airports are hopping onto this trend as well: Abu Dhabi and Dubai airports use AI facial recognition for boarding and check-in, Sydney Airport is experimenting with similar technology, and Schiphol Airport in the Netherlands has created coordinated biometric data streams that handle check-in, security, and boarding simultaneously.

Looking forward to 2050, biometric systems are expected to evolve into highly sophisticated multimodal platforms. These systems will increase not only strength against system manipulation, but also accuracy and convenience. According to a 2025 report by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, facial recognition technology achieved 99% accuracy in face captures across all demographic groups, and took only 22.8 seconds for each person (Use of Facial Recognition Technology by TSA). In addition to speeding up the boarding process, it will drastically change the security program forever. Nevertheless, as we move forward in adapting new technology, we shouldn't forget to understand the possible risks that accompany it.

As much as biometric technology is convenient, this implementation raises significant concerns. If a data leakage were to occur or the data were to fall in the wrong hands, it may endanger people's privacy. Furthermore, AI taking over routine jobs may result in job displacements, resulting in a demand for jobs requiring higher critical thinking and practical judgement such as system managers and passenger assistants. In doing so, governments will also have to install safeguards, such as promising passengers the right to choose their preferred mode of travel, prohibiting the illegal activity of selling the biometric data, and deleting the information after a set period. As we grow closer to this change, we must learn to moderate this new technology and take measures accordingly to ensure the balance and safety among citizens.

With the rise of artificial intelligence, the biometric boarding systems seen in science fiction novels will become a reality. Scanning of irises and facial features are both already part of airports today, and it's only a matter of time before our dreams will break the surface of what 25 years of advancements have to offer us. Looking into the future, passengers will have to adapt to tremendous remodelling that will reshape the way they roam around airports and protect their identity. While applying futuristic biometric technology will become the social norm, society should not let the airport's advancement of technology blind human judgement. The systems airports implement in 2050 will mirror our collective morals and values. In other words, whether technology will ensure greater security or install heavy surveillance depends on our intentions behind the face.

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Balancing AI Tutoring and Academic Integrity in 2050

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In the upcoming years, AI teachers will be as common as human teachers. These artificial tutors are ready to provide students personalized lessons and even emotional support in seconds, something that once considered impossible. AI not only promotes a faster learning process but can also make lessons customized to each individual. While this sounds fascinating, many people still doubt them. Some fear that future students will rely too heavily on AI and eventually lose the ability to think critically or solve problems independently. As AI becomes more institutionalized, the real challenge will be balancing AI usage and academic integrity. Using AI to learn effectively, while also preserving the value of human effort, will be important for the future of education.

By 2050, AI will likely be present in every classroom. These tutors will not simply provide simple answers, but will mimic the ability of humans as a personal tutor, understanding the learner's pace, strengths, and limitations. This will help students receive personalized lessons that fit their requirements. In such a technological solution, education will be more adaptive to an individual. Furthermore, AI usage will not be limited to the learning environment. It will assist in developing effective study habits among students, motivating and providing moral support. Although this appears futuristic, AI would make studying more inclusive and accommodating to individuals, yet we should stay cautious regarding its usage behavior.

As AI tools become more common in education, their misuse raises concerns about student learning, honesty, and fairness. A 2025 MIT study found that students using ChatGPT showed lower brain activity in areas linked to memory and focus-even after returning to traditional writing, a lasting effect called "cognitive debt" (Kosymyna et al., 2025; LaptopMag, 2025). Academic integrity is also at risk: 94% of AI-written exam responses at the University of Reading went undetected and earned above-average grades (The Guardian, 2024), and AI detection tools falling below 80% accuracy (BMC Educational Integrity Journal, 2024). AI's rapid growth in popularity and knowledge gives many students access to unfair advantages compared to others.

The debate over AI in education isn't just about technology, but how we define learning itself. People worry that relying on AI may completely block originality. However, there are tools that aren't replacing creativity; they're helping students polish their work. For example, Grammarly, Wordtune, QuillBot, and similar software are helping students with language matters (Yeo, 2023). This leads to the topic of teaching AI literacy as a core skill. Some people state that it is a necessity that students learn not just how to use these tools, but how to question them. This includes spotting biases, checking facts, and understanding ethical limits. Research shows that AI may work better with humans under certain circumstances. This teamwork between AI and humans proves the true reason why people necessitate AI literacy as a core skill.

Transparent AI regulation is essential as AI grows in education globally (Gurkaynak et al., 2016, Abulibdeh et al., 2024). Transparency improves performance, reduces discrimination, and builds trust as 75% of businesses believe that lack of transparency agitates customers (CX Trends Report). Frameworks like the EU AI Act require clear labeling of AI-generated chatbots and deepfakes, paving worldwide legislation (Jonker 2025). In 2024 alone, the US agencies introduced over 59 AI regulations, doubling 2023's number (Stanford HAI). While computers execute predefined algorithms, AI defines problems and creates original solutions (BMC Software 2025), increasing productivity to the point where people save on average 2.2 hours per week (Bick 2025). AI in education has even provided adaptive questions, post-teaching feedback, and updated material to further assist teachers (HAI Stanford). Many researchers now believe AI would be utilized like a calculator in the future. Although not a panacea, AI overall promotes human advancement and future growth.

As we reach 2050, the real question isn't if AI should be part of education, but it is more about whether students will take control of how they use it or let it control them. It is no secret that AI has already infiltrated our education system, thus, our priority shouldn't be preventing it, but changing the way we use them. AI should not just be a cheating machine, but a tool that helps them to visualize and think more deeply. AI shouldn't be a tool to be feared; instead, we should adapt to it. Future education won't come from preventing AI use, but instead from balancing AI and human thinking to improve our educational system.

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The Future of Medicine by 2050

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The COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread disruption in both healthcare and the global economy. But what if such an outbreak were to occur in a future where Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays a central role in healthcare? While public opinion on AI remains divided, due to concerns about privacy, job displacement, and accuracy, it's equally important to consider the potential of AI in enhancing disease prevention and pharmaceutical innovation. By 2050, AI is likely to work alongside medical professionals, improving public health and bringing greater stability to our daily lives.

One area already experiencing this shift is the pharmacy profession. A recent survey found that 56% of pharmacists fear job loss due to automation, despite acknowledging AI's potential to boost productivity. AI systems have shown 69% accuracy in predicting the severity of drug shortages and can forecast 59% of the most critical shortages up to a month in advance. This allows pharmacists to prepare in advance such as restocking or switching to alternatives, while reducing waste. Still, the growing use of technologies such as robot dosage systems and fully automated pharmacies has fueled ongoing concerns about the future of pharmacists' roles.

Beyond operations and logistics, AI is also revolutionizing how drugs are developed. Using a technique known as generative chemistry, AI can analyze vast amounts of chemical data to identify new molecular combinations that humans might overlook. This has accelerated the discovery of new treatments, including for diseases that currently lack effective therapies. For example, researchers at MIT used AI to discover a new antibiotic, halicin, that proved effective against bacteria resistant to all existing drugs. This type of breakthrough highlights how AI can speed up innovation in ways traditional research methods cannot.

The pandemic also exposed the need for more proactive outbreak detection, an area where AI is poised to lead. By analyzing real-time data and past trends, AI can detect early signs of emerging health threats, such as using environmental data to predict malaria outbreaks. Tools like BlueDot and HealthMap already use social media trends and symptom-related search data to track and forecast disease spread. While these systems are promising, their reliance on publicly available data can limit accuracy. In the future, faster and more direct communication between healthcare systems could improve their reliability.

AI's role in outbreak prediction also extends to the business world. By identifying changes in consumer behavior, AI can help companies adapt supply chains during public health crises—for instance, by tracking which products see higher demand or targeting vulnerable regions for distribution. However, these capabilities come at an environmental cost. Developing and running AI systems requires significant data input and energy. By 2027, AI could consume between 4.2 and 6.6 billion cubic meters of water annually. Despite these challenges, AI remains a valuable tool for both businesses and public health, especially if used efficiently to balance impact with sustainability.

While concerns around privacy, employment, and environmental impact remain valid, AI's benefits in healthcare are becoming increasingly clear. From advancing drug discovery to managing pharmacies and predicting outbreaks, AI is expected to become a vital partner to medical professionals by 2050. To maximize these benefits, strong regulations will be essential such as ensuring ethical use, protecting patient data, and preparing for future health challenges.