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What we will cover today

1

What is AI?
How do we
ensure it is human
centered?

2

What are human centered use cases?

3

What does a great prompt look like?

How are you feeling about Al?



Confused



Playing with Al



1

Nervous scared



3

Beginning to Explore



Building With Al



Deep Research: What is a human centered approach to AI?

LEARNING FROM AI

Learning ABOUT AI and Collaborating with People and AI to Create



What is genAl?

Generative AI is a next ______ predictor

(word)

Using massive amounts of (token)

training and context (billions of "weights")

Statistical measures (code)







Gen AI = Unsupervised Learning (a simplified explanation)

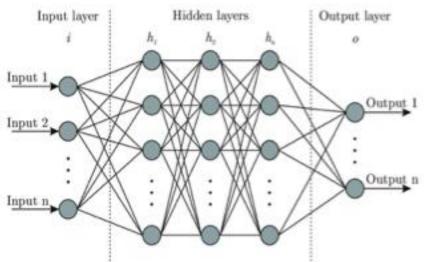
Reads the whole internet!

(HENCE CALLED LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS)

Finds patterns and relationships

Builds its own "brain"! (artificial neural network)



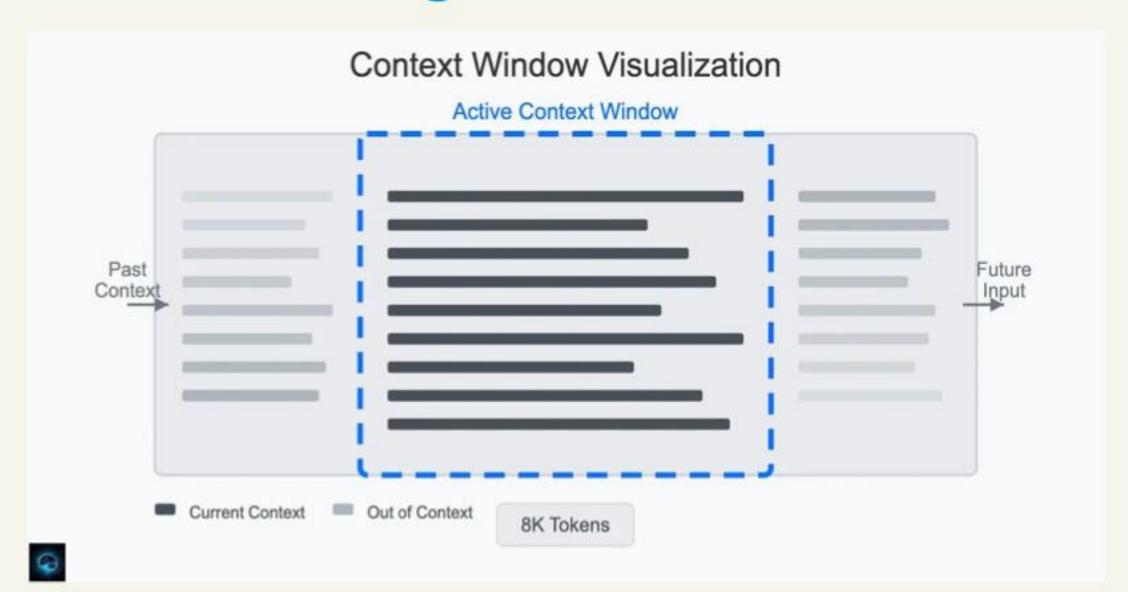




"Deep learning"



Understanding the context window





You are already an Al person.







Al is a tool...

with great potential and great limitations.

Risk

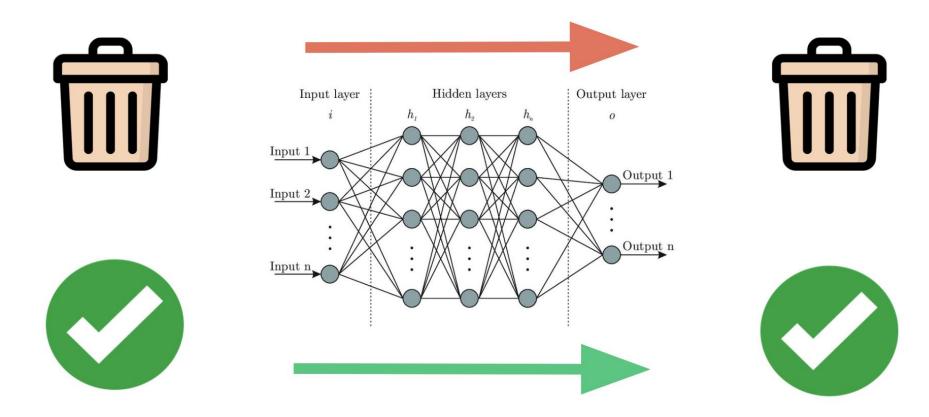


We are still early

Potential

Where are there "great limitations"?

Training data matters.



Al use can make us "average"

At the end of the day, Al is simply using statistics to predict what comes next.

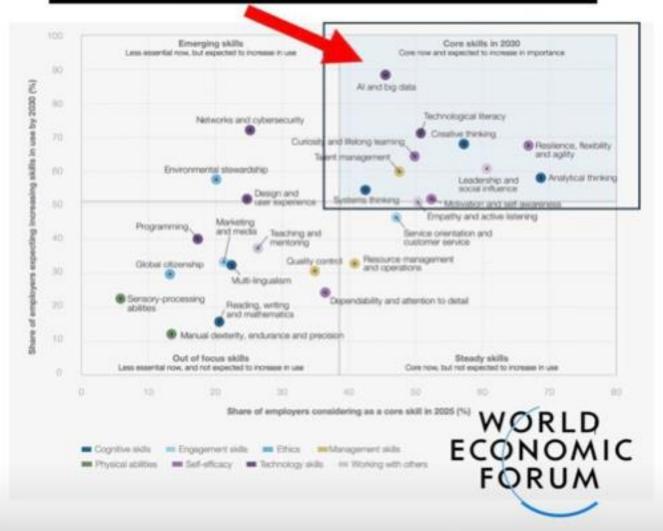
Which means, that when we rely on **AI FIRST**, we get the "median" outcome. This can look amazing, but in fact, it is just average work.

Anyone can generate the exact same thing with the exact same prompt.

Which is why starting with unique human thinking and prompting is essential!

Employers See AI-Central and AI-Adjacent Skills as Critical Now and In the Near Term

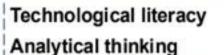
Core Skills in 2030





Skills related to AI fluency, 'Human spark', and capacity to learn are critical

Top 10 skills core skills in 2025





Leadership and social influence

'Human spark'

Talent management

Creative thinking

Motivation and self-awareness

Empathy and active listening

Service orientation and customer service

Curiosity and lifelong learning Resilience, flexibility and agility



Core skills and attitudes with the biggest shifts over the next 5 years

Al and big data



Networks and cyber security



Technological literacy



Creative thinking



Resilience, flexibility and agility



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Dependability and attention to detail

Reading, writing and mathematics

Manual dexterity, endurance and precision

There are three key qualities which will prepare students best for entering and succeeding in the future workforce



Al fluency

- Al fluency looks like:
 - What it is, how it works
 - Strengths / weaknesses of different models
 - What a good prompt looks like
 - Ability to spot and prevent hallucinations
 - Checking Al work
 - Using multiple models to improve product



'Human spark'

- Humanity is what differentiates us
- 21st Century Skills look like:
 - Leadership, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and teaming, creativity
- Emotional Intelligence including:
 - Empathy, compassion, moral reasoning, activity listening, curiosity



Lifelong learning

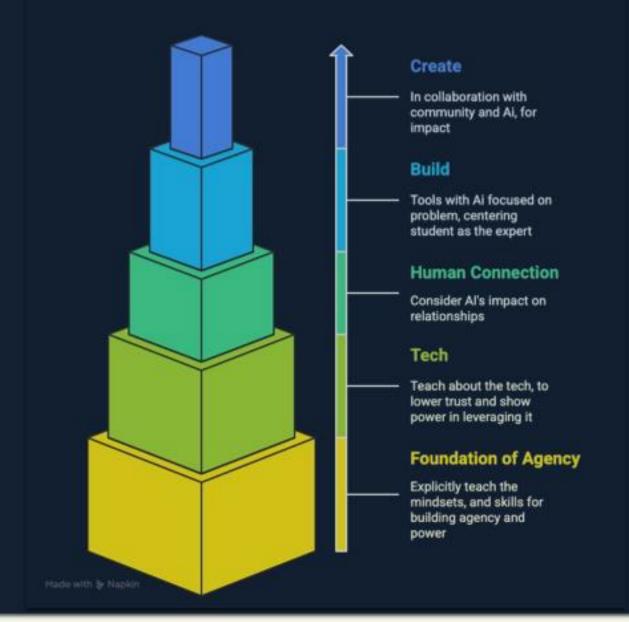
- A commitment to lifelong learning will help students succeed in an ever-evolving workforce
- Those who embrace growth, resilience, and motivation are more likely to thrive than those resistant to change







Al Literacy Development



The Cybernetic Teammate: A Field Experiment on Generative AI Reshaping Teamwork and Expertise

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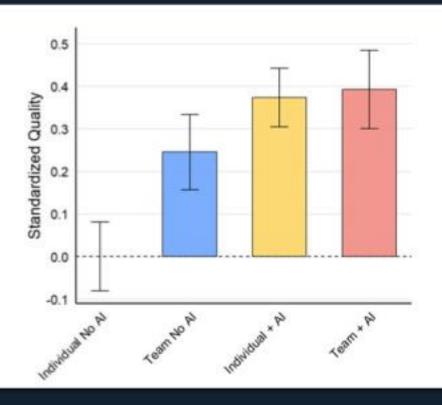
Abstract

We examine how artificial intelligence transforms the core pillars of collaboration performance, expertise sharing, and social engagement through a preregistered field experiment with 77% professionals at Procter & Camble, a global consumer packaged goods company. Working on red product inservation challenges, professionals were turnlently assigned to work either with or without AL and either individually or with souther professional in new product development traces. Our feelings reveal that AI significantly cohances performance: individuals with All matched the performance of teams without Al, demonstrating that All can effectively replicate certain benefits of human collaboration. Monover, Al breaks down functional siles. Without AI, K&D professionals tended to suggest more technical solutions, while Commercial professionals leased towards commerciallyselected proposals. Professionals using Al produced balanced solutions, regardless of their professional background. Finally, AEs language-based interface prompted new positive self-reported creational responses among participants, suggesting it can fulfill part of the social and motivational role traditionally offered by framus transmates. Our results suggest that All adoption at scale in knowledge work reshapes not only performance but also how expertise and social connectivity expediest within traces, compelling organizations to rethink the very structure of collaborative work.

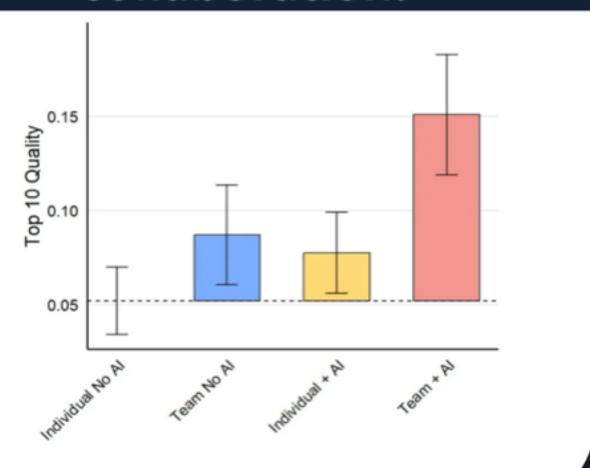
Kyared: Artificial intelligence, Teamwork, Hursan-machine interaction, Productivity, Sidle, Instruction, Field experiment.

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Collaboration



Excellence happens in teams. Through collaboration.



Notes: This figure displays the proportion of top 10% solution across different treatments with standard error

Low Trust

Strong Use

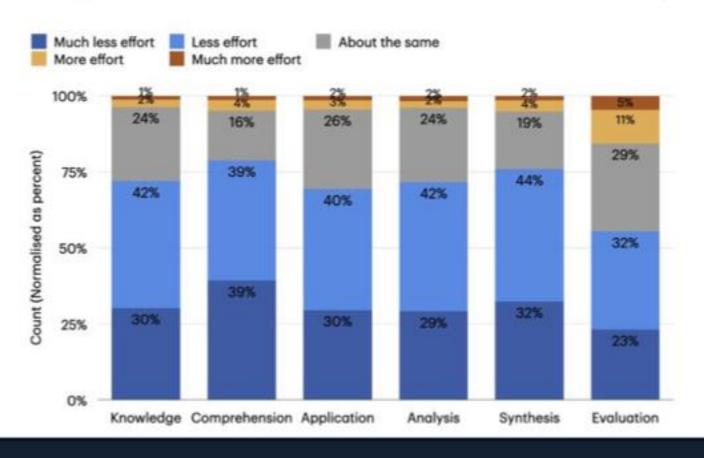


Microsoft: Impact of genAl on Critical Thinking

Expertise is more valuable than ever.

The Impact of Generative AI on Critical Thinking

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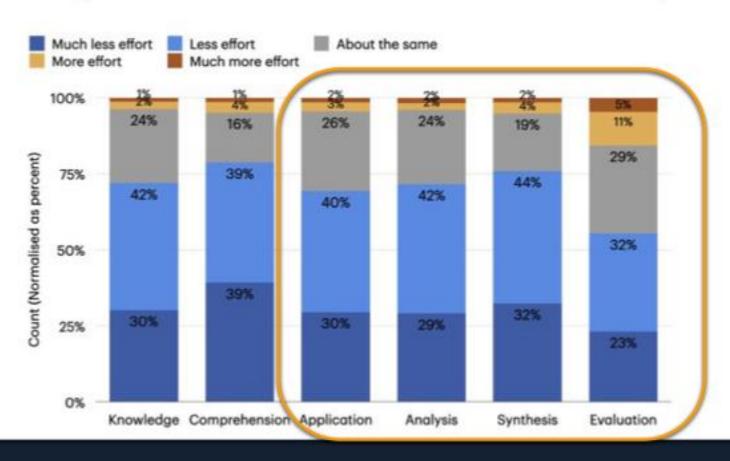


Impact of GenAl on Critical Thinking: Microsoft Collaborative Al in the Workplace

This is the path to more Deep Work.

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When we center our expertise, and collaborate with our team and AI, we can spend more time in deep work, and are more likely to create something truly exceptional.

Human centered AI is when we focus our effort on <u>only</u> using AI where it makes our lives better.





The Human-Centered AI Strategy

We started with a human-centered hypothesis:

"If we increase aligned at-bats and feedback velocity, student performance on AAQs and the AP exam will rise."

Click Here for Case Study

Human Centered Tools

Bot	Description
Newsletter Builder	This bot will help you create a customized Newsletter for your school or network
Blog Builder	This bot will help you create a customized blog for your school or network
Handbook Consultant	This bot will help your employees and staff navigate the Staff Handbook

Choose 1: You have ten minutes to build achieve your goal - a newsletter, blog or a clear understanding of a set of policies.

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For the bot you chose: How did we get it to do that?

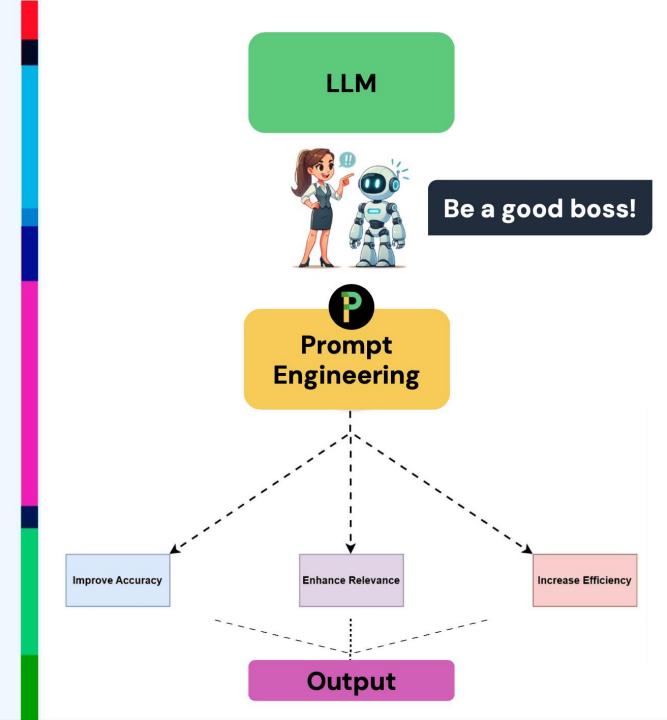
Reflect: How do these examples show human centered AI?

Prompting

Prompting is one of the most essential skills for now and the future

Prompt Engineering:

the practice of designing and refining prompts to effectively interact with Al models, especially LLMs.





Prompting

The case study we saw, all started with excellent prompting!

genAl: Mindset

Search mindset ≠ genAl creation mindset





ASK < Tell / Prompt

How can I... < Please analyze...

Prompting

The RCP Method © for Prompting AI by Zach Kennelly

Role
Context and Content
Prompt or Plan

Role

Describe the type of person or workflow that would ideal for the output you want.

Analogy: Hiring manager with infinite budget

What's happening with AI: You are helping it focus

Context

You are talking to an incredibly talented (and very eager to please) intern or alien

Analogy: What does this talented person not know about your context?



Content

Give clear specifications for the task or output. (tone, length, format etc)

Analogy: The alien is eager to please. What do they need to know to make this usable?

What's happening with AI: Helps the AI to have clear outcomes to measure against during prediction.

Prompt or Plan

Wrap it all up, in a clean and concise way (Prompt).

Or, give it a plan to iterate.

Analogy: This is the final set of directions before you release it to work! Your summary.

What's happening with AI: It tends to prioritize the instructions first and last highest. This gives it clear next steps.

Example: Prompt

Role: .1% AP Psychology educator focused on building an aligned peer talk strategy for analyzing research articles (article Analysis Questions = AAQ) on our first day of AAQ's.

Context: Teacher of AP Psychology at DSST College View in Denver. Students will be reading and annotating their first research article. The article is digital and students will take Cornell notes by hand or on a computer.

Source: Research AAQ

Content: Brainstorm three peer talk strategies for students to do after taking reading the article and taking cornell notes to help them analyze the research.

Plan: Generate strategies then work with me to select and customize the best strategy

What questions do you have? Do not make things up. If you need clarity ask.

Your Turn: Using The RCP Method - Create a prompt of your own on your Al Platform of choice

Call To Action:

Leverage the human-centered mindsets that we covered today, to leverage using your unique expertise and strong prompting

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