

Tailoring Your AI Tools for Tech Transfer Transformation



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What is Artificial Intelligence?

- Simulates human cognitive functions like reasoning, problem-solving, and understanding language.
- Broad field encompassing technologies from basic tools to complex systems like self-driving cars.
- Relies upon advanced algorithms



What is Machine Learning?

- A subset of AI focused on data-driven learning and decision-making.
- Involves training computers to recognize patterns and make predictions, like identifying cats in photos.
- Empowers computers to learn from data and improve over time.



What is a Neural Network?

- A subset of machine learning. Computer models inspired by the human brain's structure and function.
- Composed of interconnected units (neurons) that process information collectively.
- Used for complex tasks like pattern recognition and decision-making.



What is Generative AI?

- A creative branch of AI for generating new, original content.
- Capable of producing diverse outputs, from writing stories to creating images or music.
- Utilizes learned information to innovate and create.



Generative AI: Unprecedented Disruption

• Key Considerations:

- Productivity
- Automation
- HR/Workforce Impacts
- Ethical Questions
- Privacy & Legal
 Implications
- Business Model Changes

- Media already impacted
 - Writing
 - Photography
 - Video
 - Music & Audio
 - Design & Illustration
 - Website and App Development

Generative AI Trends in 2024 & Beyond

- **Streamlined Content Creation:** Generative AI for cost-effective, automated multimedia content generation, revolutionizing production and distribution.
- **Multi-modal Media:** Text, voice, and visual prompts can now be used to generate high-quality text, audio, visual, and (increasingly) video content.
- Personalized Media & Advertising: Advanced AI personalization impacting marketing strategies and entertainment through user-tailored content.
- **Deepfake Technology:** Al-generated convincing deepfakes opening creative possibilities in entertainment and advertising, despite ethical concerns.



Generative AI Trends into 2024 & Beyond II

- **The End of Search:** the rise of AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Bing and Bard represent a real threat to the predominant ad-based search model
- Content Pollution: the proliferation of AI-generated "junk" content or "pollution" will create myriad issues -- impairing search results and degrading user experience.
- Al in Journalism & Communications: Generative Al automating news reporting and data analysis, facilitating insightful reporting, while posing questions about ethics and accuracy.
- Al for Scams & Hacking: FraudGPT... the dark side of the Gen Al boom

Privacy, Ethics, and Transparency in Al

- Privacy and Data Security: Generative AI models need vast amounts of data, which might involve handling sensitive information about clients or stakeholders, posing potential privacy risks and data breaches.
- Ethical Messaging: Unsupervised generative AI could produce content that violates ethical norms or the firm's established communication guidelines, potentially damaging client reputations.
- **Authenticity:** Over-reliance on AI might compromise the authenticity and personal touch, which is crucial in building human-centric relationships in PR.

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- **Transparency:** The use of AI in generating content should be disclosed to audiences to maintain transparency and trust in the communication process.
- Accountability: PR firms remain responsible for the output of the AI, necessitating robust oversight and quality control measures to prevent harmful or misleading content.
- Fairness and Bias: AI can inadvertently perpetuate harmful biases if not properly managed, which could lead to unfair representation or stereotyping in communications.

Ways Marketers Are Using Al

- "Raw" AI Models (e.g. Chatbots): ChatGPT, Claude,
- User interface built on AI Models: Jasper, Grammarly, ScaleIP, First Ignite
- **RAG-enabled AI assistants:** AI which references proprietary data to generate better-quality, customized outputs (e.g. CustomGPT)

The Future: The Power of RAG

- Enhanced Al Understanding and Responses: Combines the retrieval of relevant documents with generative models, enabling Al to provide more accurate, context-aware, and information-rich responses.
- Applications Across Diverse Domains: Utilized in customer service for better query resolution, in research for summarizing and integrating vast information, and in educational tools for personalized learning experiences.
- Scalable Knowledge Integration: Continuously improves by expanding its database from new sources, ensuring that the AI remains up-to-date with the latest information and trends.

The Future: The Power of AI Agents

Al Agents: Autonomous systems capable of making decisions and acting on them to achieve specific goals.

Examples: Chatbots, virtual personal assistants, strategy assistants, and smart forecasting analysts.

Platforms to build them:

- MindStudio
- Relevance AI
- Stack Al
- Agentverse

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