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# Leveraging NLP for Educational Empowerment

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## Who am I?

Doctor & Engineer in Science and Technology  
Specialist in Data science & AI  
Online Content author and Teacher  
Co Founder of MIFY SARL start-up

## Goals and Aspirations

Promote and develop AI 4 Africa In Africa  
Promote and develop Education tools

## Domains & Interests

Algorithms and Optimization  
Data/Pattern Mining Approches and applications  
Deep Learning & NLP for local languages  
Social Data Analysis

## Scientific References





## Criteria of Quality Education

Education is a (multifaceted) **process** that involves the **acquisition of knowledge**, skills, values, and attitudes through (structured) **learning experiences**.



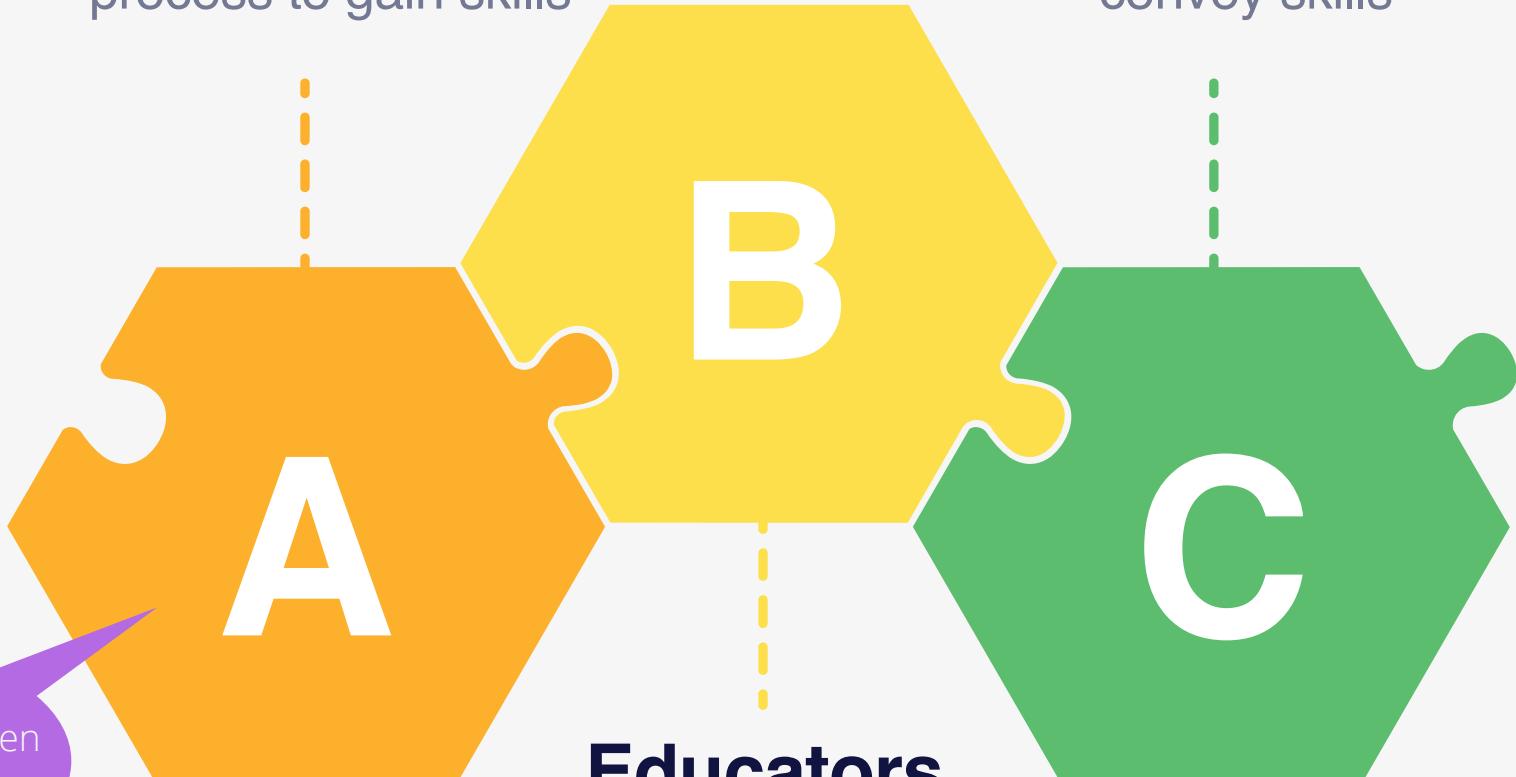
# EDUCATION COMPONENTS

The main ones

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## Leaners

Focus on learning  
process to gain skills



## Ressources

Educational material to  
convey skills

## Educators

Guide & facilitate the  
learning process



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NLP Apps in Education - DSS (06-11-2023)



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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01

## SDG principle

Sustainable Development Goals

02

## No Poverty

Food sustainability, Outcome optimization, reduce inequalities

03

## Quality Education

Online courses (+ create educational content)

04

## Clean resources

Clean water and sanitation,  
Affordable and clean energy  
Responsible consumption

05

## Suitable Cities

Well design roads, transportation flows and optimization

06

## Suitable Services

Digitalization of administration  
(Quick and efficient services)

07

## Production

Optimization of production, Use of suitable Tools

08

## Health

New ways to efficiently tackles healthcare problems

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Nations**

**Department of Economic and Social Affairs**  
Sustainable Development



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Goals

**4**

**Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education  
and promote lifelong learning opportunities for  
all**

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Individuals

### Relevant and Equitable

Tailored the needs of learners and society offering equal opportunities

### Supportive Learning Environment

Physically safe and emotionally supportive, allowing students to learn without fear or discrimination



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# EDUCATION'S CURRENT STATUS

The main ones

THE PANDEMIC  
CAUSED  
LEARNING  
LOSSES  
IN **4 IN 5** OF  
104 COUNTRIES  
STUDIED

Not Helping  
conditions



LOW- AND LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES FACE A NEARLY \$100 BILLION ANNUAL FINANCING GAP TO REACH THEIR EDUCATION TARGETS

DESPITE SLOW PROGRESS,

## THE WORLD IS FALLING FAR BEHIND IN ACHIEVING QUALITY EDUCATION

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL MEASURES, BY 2030:



**84 MILLION**  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
WILL BE OUT OF SCHOOL



**300 MILLION**  
STUDENTS WILL LACK  
BASIC NUMERACY/LITERACY  
SKILLS



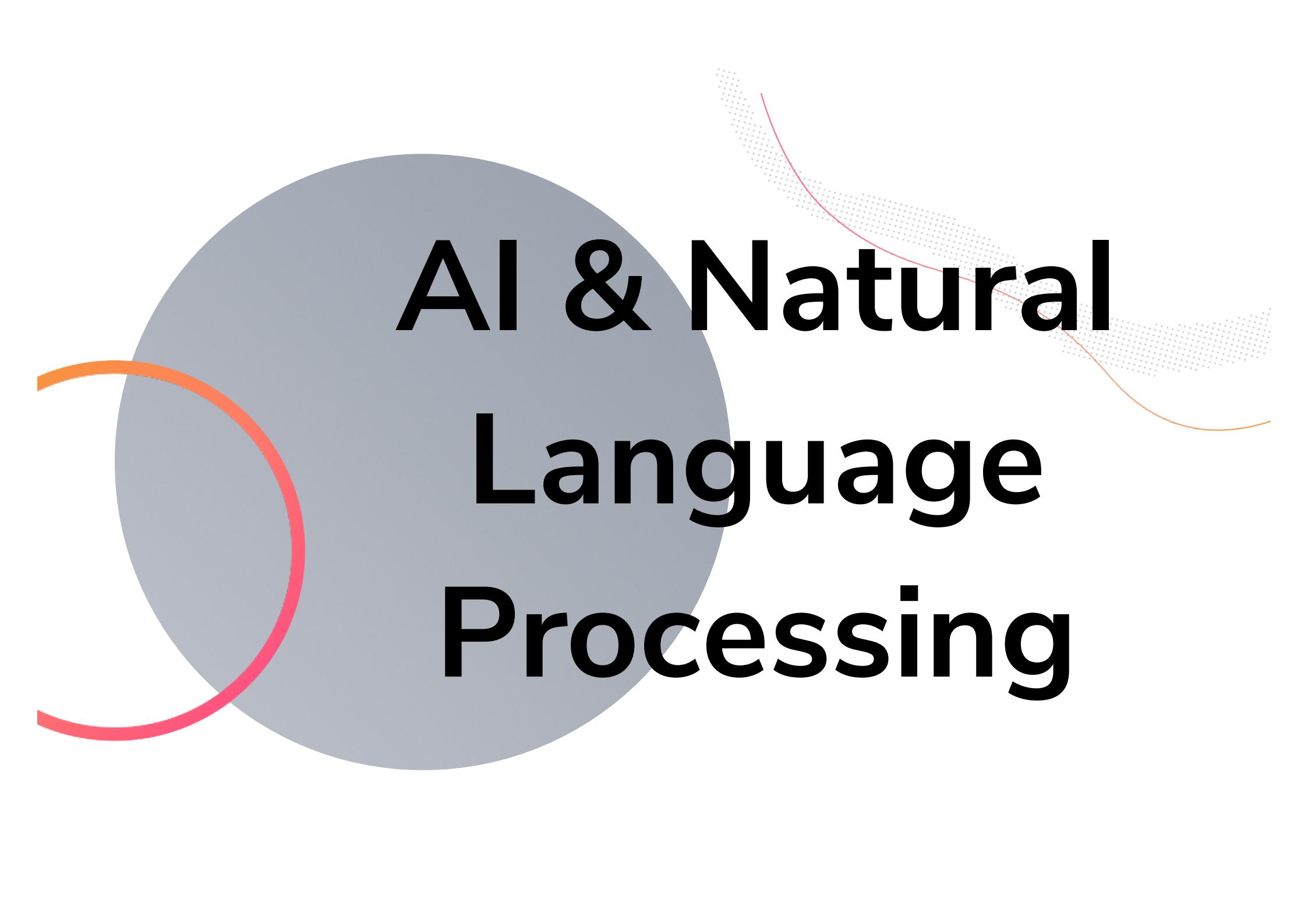
**ONLY 1 IN 6**  
COUNTRIES WILL  
ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL  
SECONDARY SCHOOL  
COMPLETION TARGET

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLETION RATES ARE **RISING**, BUT THE PACE IS SLOW AND UNEVEN





How AI and NLP can Help?



# **AI & Natural Language Processing**

# Humain & Computer communication



## Before: Programming Language

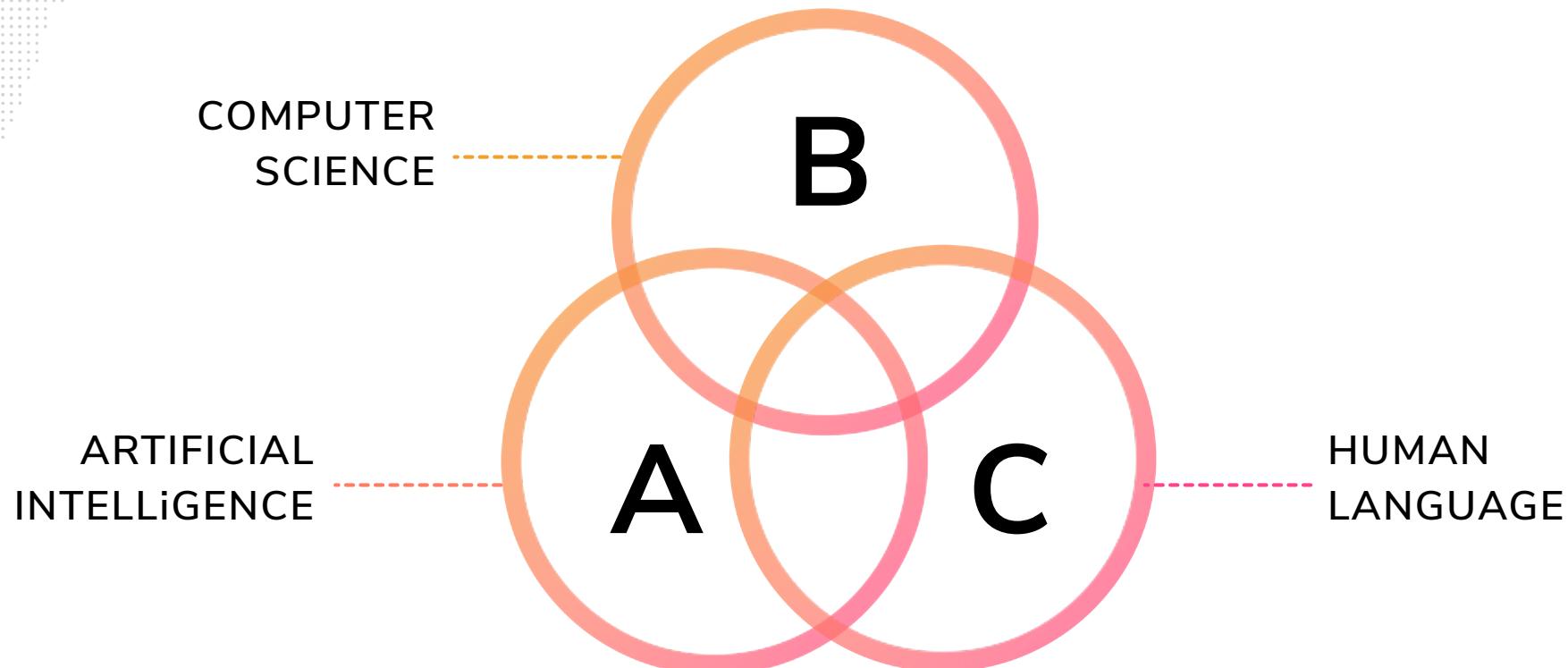
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## After: Natural Language

# What's NLP

Make computers «understand» and parse Natural (Human) Languages



# Basic Apps of NLP

Two main components

## @NL Understanding

Mapping input to useful representation and  
Analyzing different of languages

1 Question and Answering

2 Sentiment analysis

## @NL Generation

Produce meaningful phrases following a structure of a  
languages

1 Text Summarization

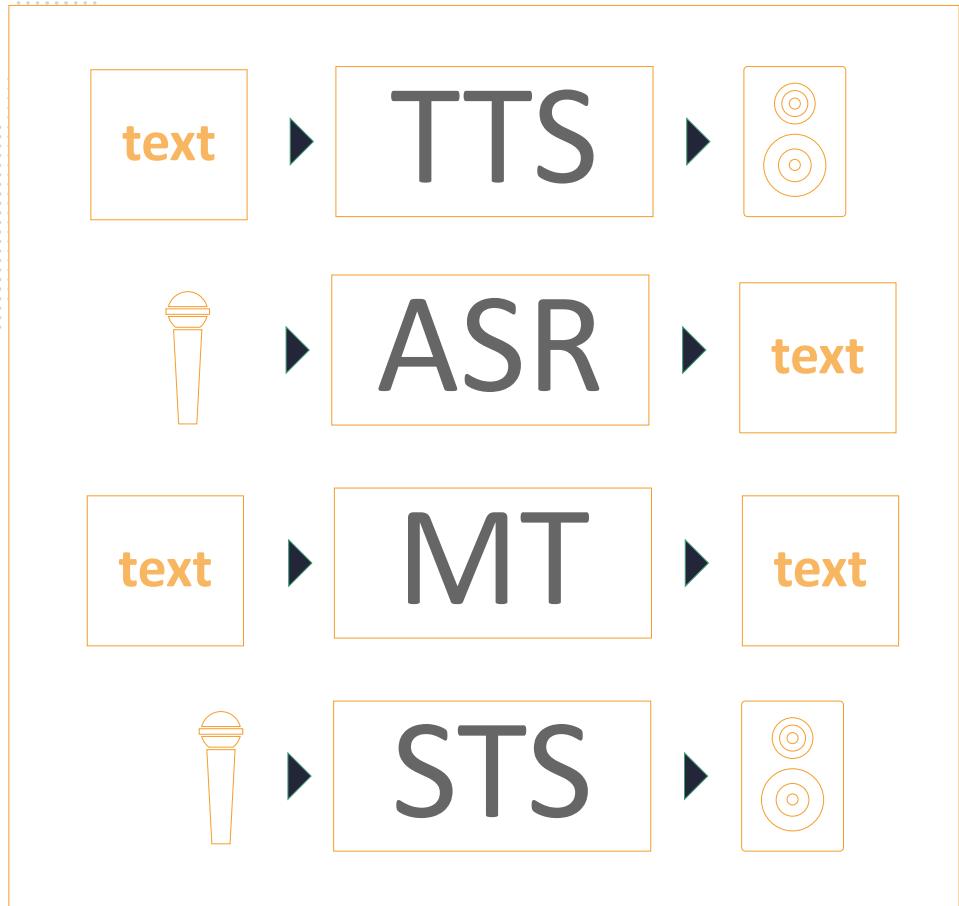
2 Text To Speech / Speech to Text

3 Machine Translation (Text & Speech)

4 Auto-completion / Story completion

# Basic Apps of NLP

Four apps



## NL Generation

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Text Summarization

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Text To Speech / Speech to Text

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# NLP vs Large Language Models

0 4 key points highlights here

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1

LLM is part of broad NLP field

2

LLMs are deep learning models  
trained to generate text and perform  
various NLP tasks

LLMs = advanced deep learning models  
(transformers) for massive language datasets

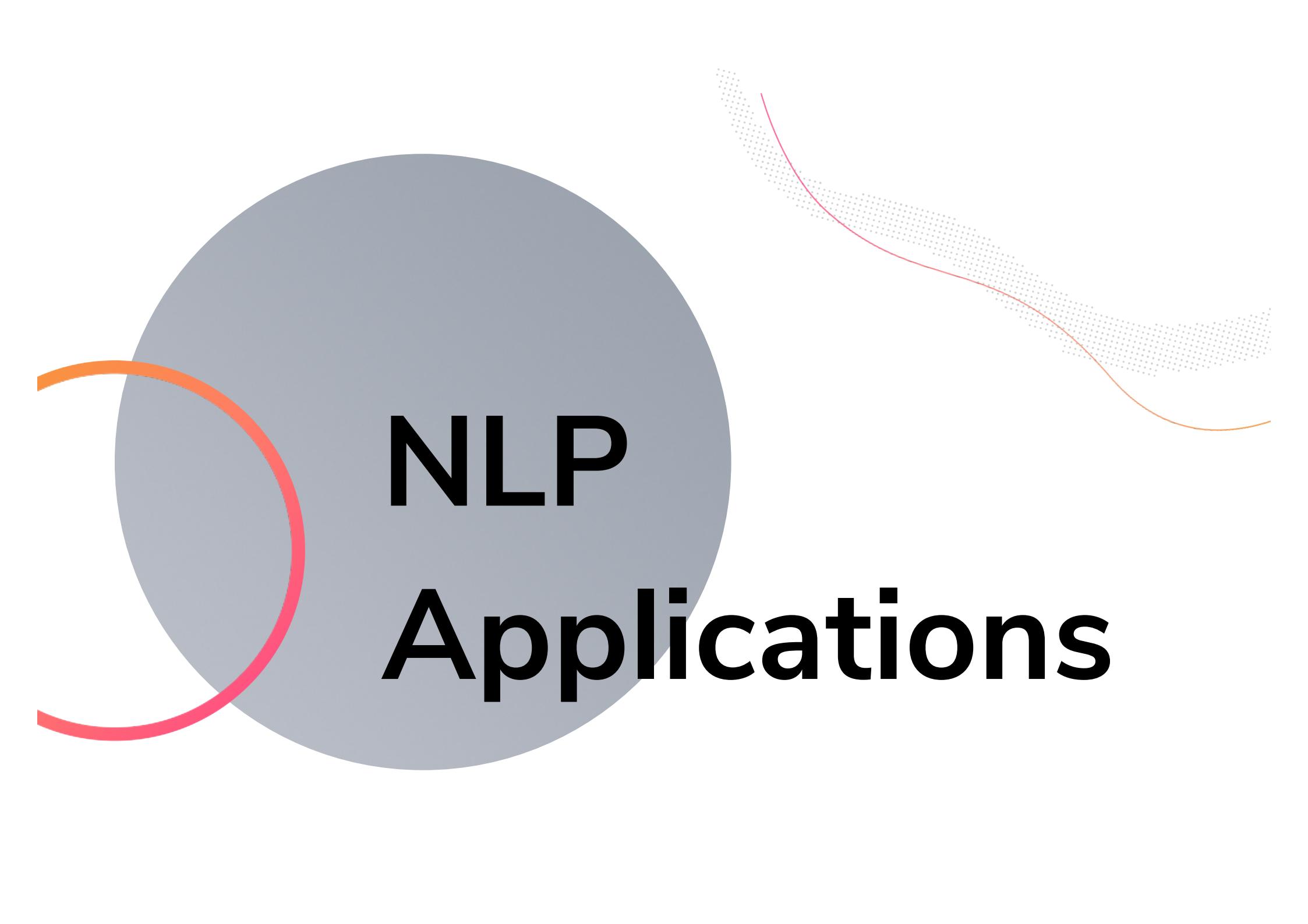
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Text generation oriented

Design to mainly generate text

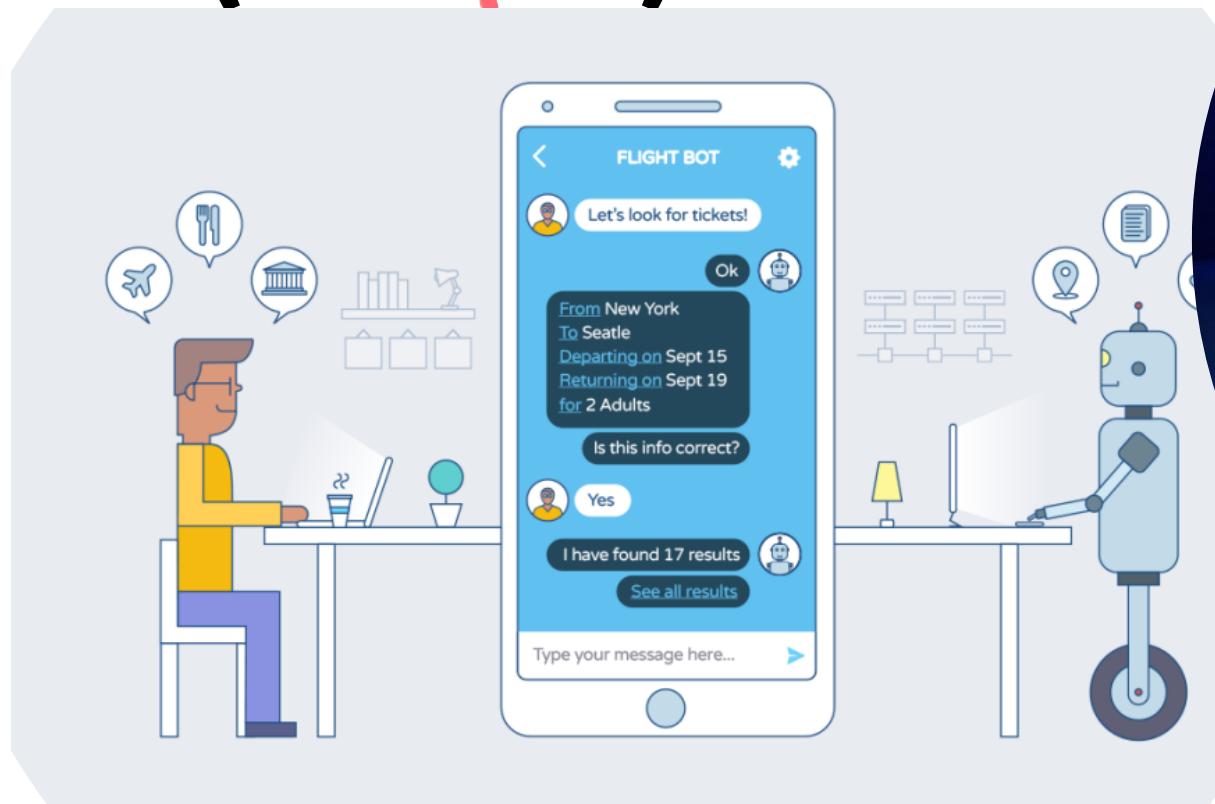
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#Deep learning  
#Transformers  
#Attention mechanism  
#Massive datasets  
#Advanced Algorithms



# **NLP** **Applications**

# (Chat)bots



# Voice Assistant

# Natural Language Processing

Writing aids in a foreign language

Reading printed text and correcting reading errors

Find and Replace

Correction of spelling mistakes

Development of writing aids

Foreign language reading aids

Question and answer systems

Computer conversation

Understanding text

Access to information

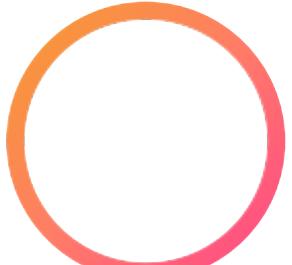
Extracting the information contained in the text

Understanding speech

Voice interaction with computer

Summary of a text

Interlingual translation





## Many more: Be creative!

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- 02 (Blue) - b
- 03 (Yellow) - c
- 04 (Green) - d
- 05 (Purple) - e

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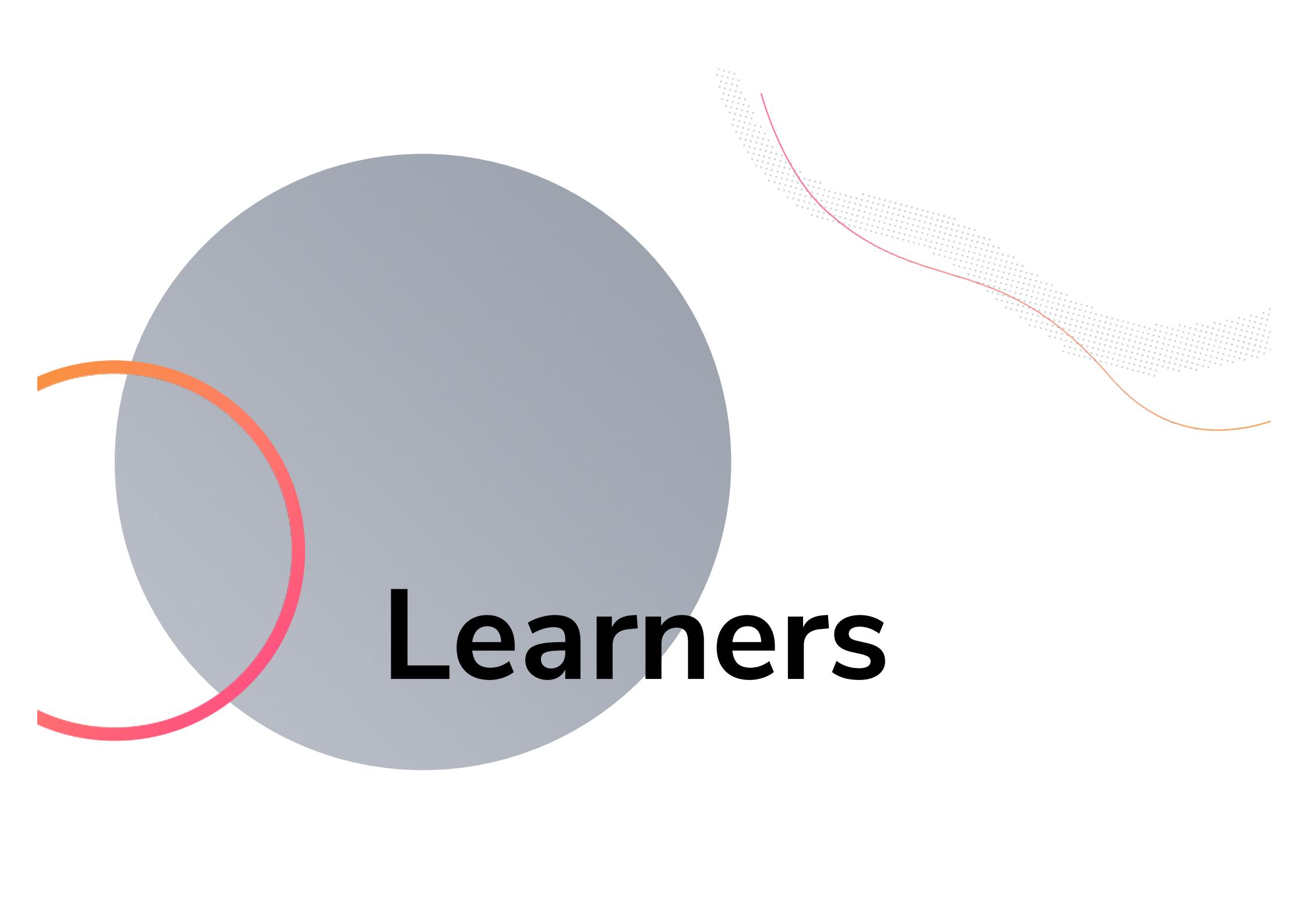
- Accessible and Inclusive**  
Language Translation & comprehension (in local languages)
- High-Quality Teaching and Learning**  
Enhanced learning experiences (develop interactive and personalized learning platforms)
- Lifelong Learning and Skills Development**  
Online platforms, self-learning platform, interactive experience,
- Relevant and Equitable**  
Voice-based interfaces (make it easier for individuals with limited digital skills to interact with technology)
- Supportive Learning Environment**  
Language learning support (assist individuals in learning new languages)

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NLP apps for each  
components



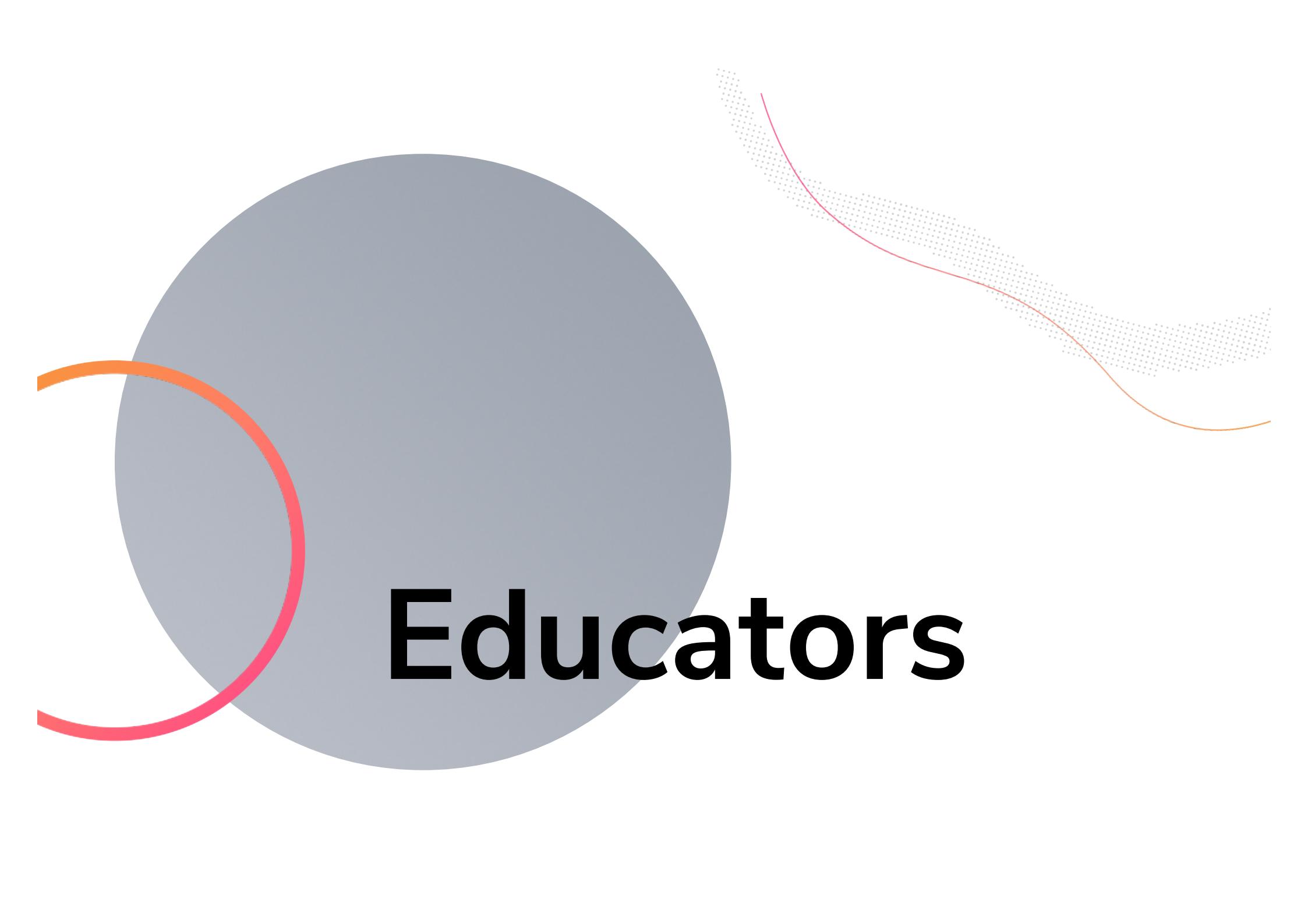
**Learners**



## EXAMPLE: AI & NLP SUPPORTING LEARNING

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- ▶ Customized learning (recommends specific lessons, exercises, or resources tailored to each student's needs, optimizing their learning experience)
- ▶ Automated Grading and Feedback (immediate feedback allows students to identify their mistakes and improve their performance)
- ▶ Chatbots for Tutoring (students can ask questions, seek explanations, or request assistance with homework...providing instant support)
- ▶ Content Recommendation and Search (suggest relevant educational content, such as articles, videos, or online courses, to help students explore topics aligned with their interests and educational goals)

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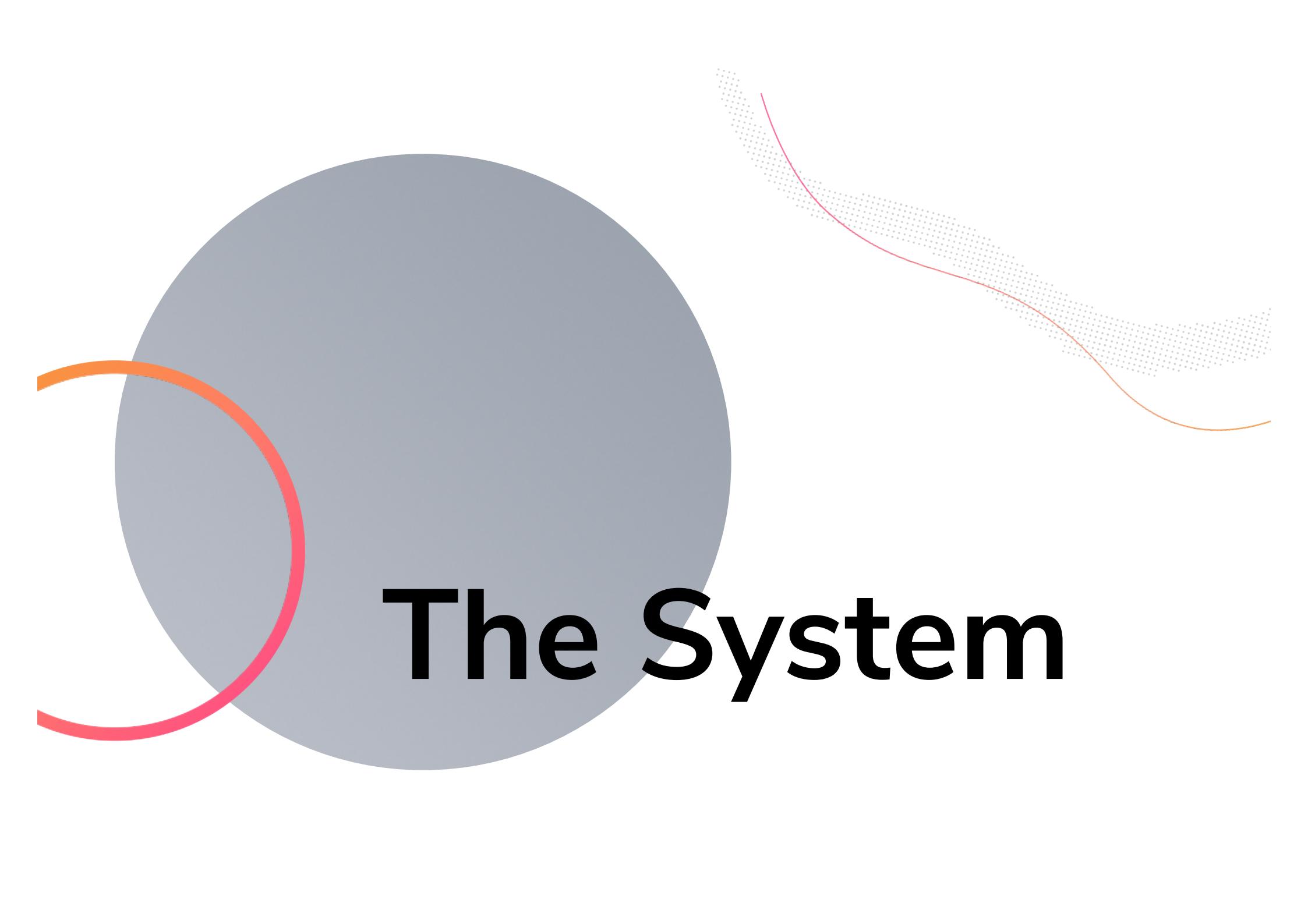
**Educators**



## EXAMPLE: AI & NLP SUPPORTING (ONLINE) TEACHING

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- ▶ Provide Tools to share work (virtual classroom, )
- ▶ Produce content (remove audio/video noise, correct video, add caption in other language, video summary, translate into another language)
- ▶ Build Exercises and Evaluate Students (Auto grading, promote interactions)
- ▶ Knowledge acquisition diagnostics and student profiling
- ▶ Breaking barriers (easy-to-use platforms, drive motivation in using platform, ...)

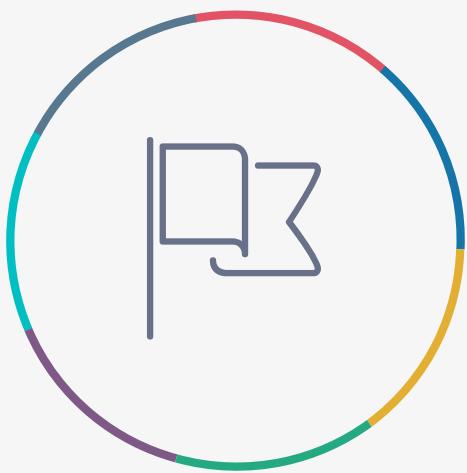


# The System



- ▶ Content Creation and Generation
- ▶ Adaptive Learning Resources
- ▶ Textbook Summarization and Annotation
- ▶ Language Translation and Accessibility
- ▶ Sentiment Analysis in Educational Content
- ▶ Plagiarism Detection
- ▶ Content Enhancement for Special Needs Students

text-to-speech applications convert text-based materials into audio format,  
helping visually impaired students.



Strategy



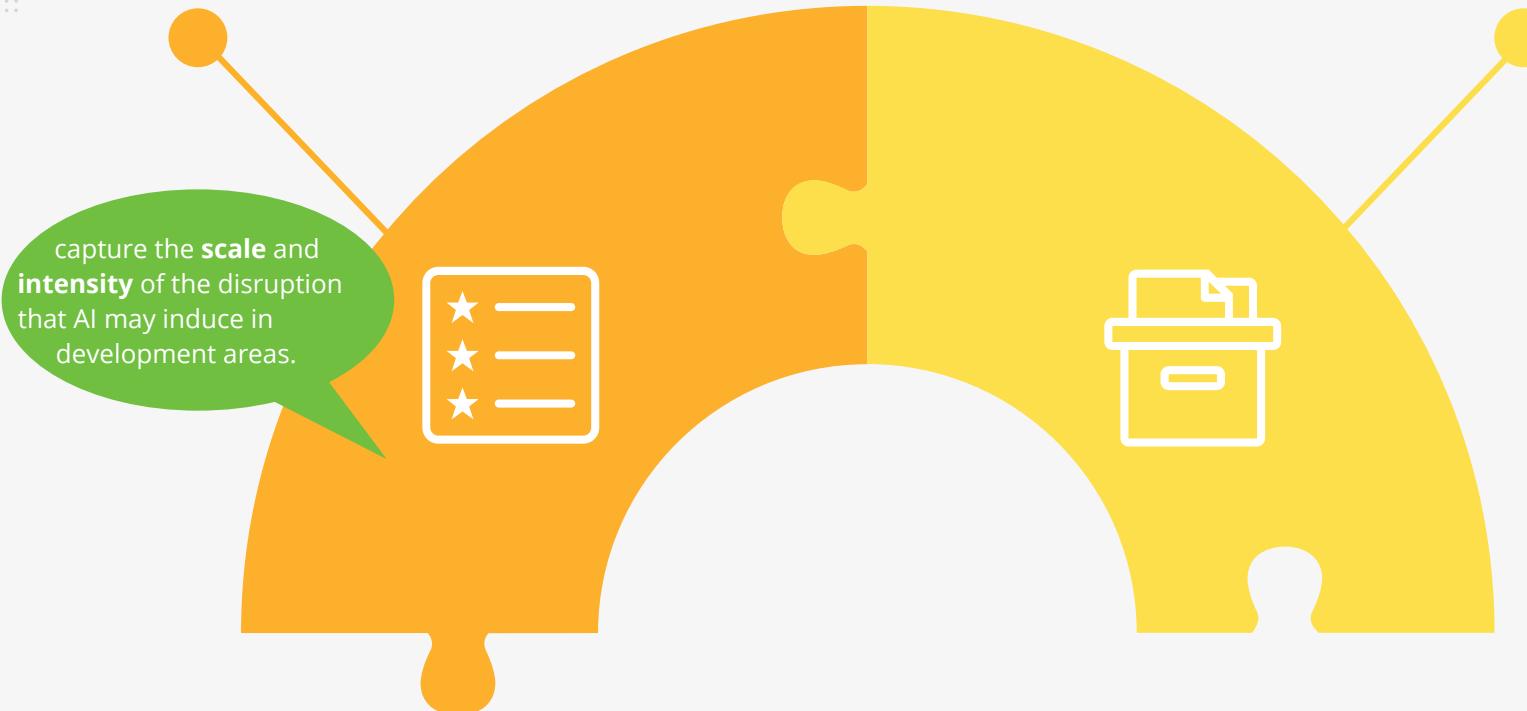
# RESEARCH STRATEGIES

Two ways

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## PARADIGMATIC

Existing research on development issues =>  
Uncover the specific contributions



## CRITICAL

Investigate the normative implications entailed by the AI disruption of the field of development





## DATA



## ALGORITHMS





## Feasibility of applying to development issues

- ▶ Existing of appropriate data
- ▶ Challenge of scholars and policy makers to tailor AI to needs and priorities

## Performance gaps

- ▶ AI promises vs AI delivers
- ▶ (COVID-19 as accelerator) Easy-to-use platforms



## Invest in Education (For AI & in AI)

- ▶ Use NLP tools to convert existing educational content and other in our languages
- ▶ Use NLP and other AI approaches to make online education effective (auto-grading, peer evaluation, community handling)

## Promote Cross-Fields Research

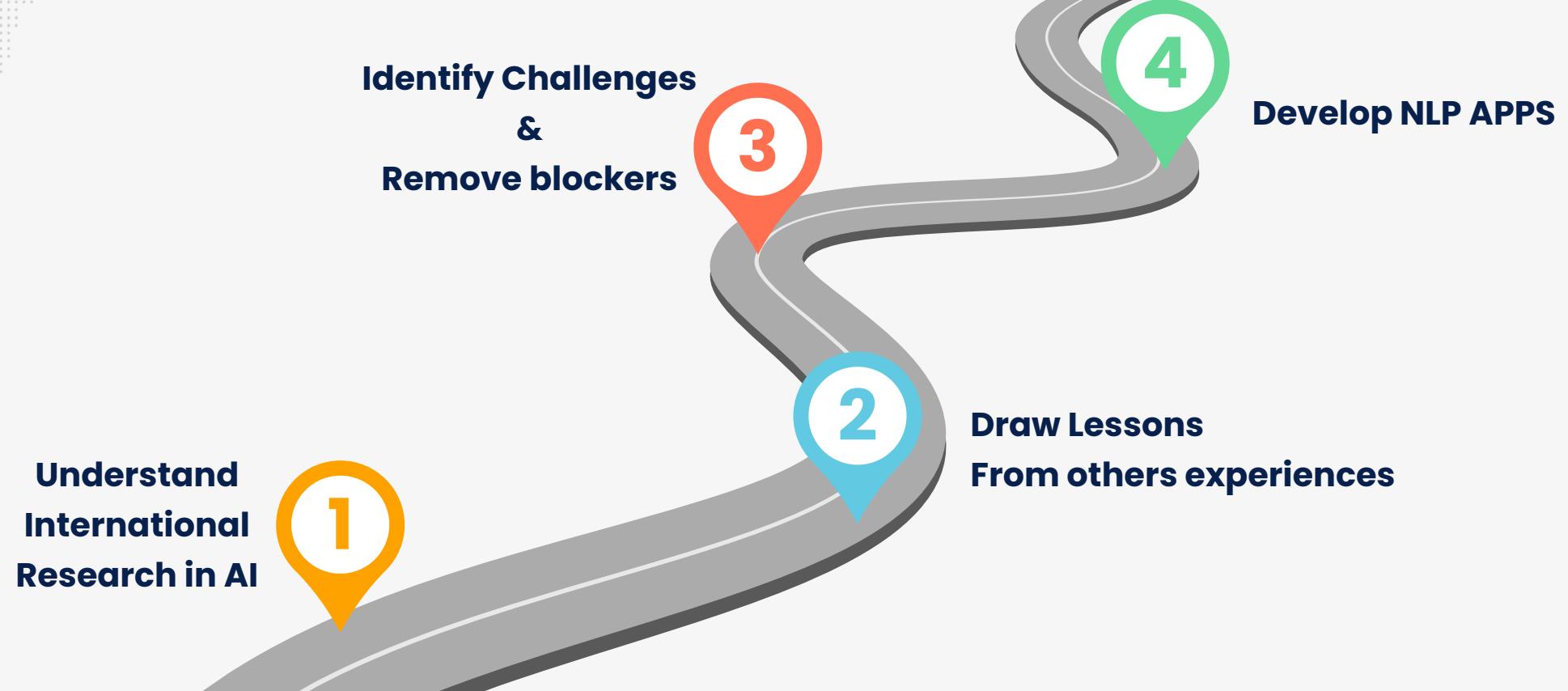
- ▶ Weather, Economy & AI
- ▶ Food Sustainability & AI



Ethics Considerations!



## Takeaways



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