



1-2 Discussion: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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Hello fellow classmates:

My name is Joel De Alba, I turn 30 on Aug 26, and the only other educational institution I have studied and graduated from is called Woz-U or Southern Careers Institute and I became bootcamp certified as a full-stack software developer. My current goal is to graduate in Computer Science Software Engineering. I have had experience with many languages and technologies and have personally studied little of Artificial Intelligence as in I just know enough to barely get by. I have always wanted to build robots that have AI or be able to create humanoid robots that help people and are great companions. My examples of AI come from movies such as "Bicentennial Man with Robin Williams, iRobot Will Smith, Terminator Movies, Robots cartoon film, A.I. Artificial Intelligence, Chappie, etc. Nowadays it is companies like Boston Dynamics, Microsoft, Google, and a wide variety of companies that build robots or work on Artificial Intelligence. Other examples are drivable vehicles such as those from Tesla, Nvidia, etc. there are also companion robots like ClicBot, or responsive devices such as Echo or Alexa that are connected to networks that search the information for you by dictation. These are intelligent systems because they use sensors much like our ears, eyes, and touch to receive information and resolve vocal recognition patterns to identify the query and return appropriate or accurate information.

AI is a broad field of computer science that focuses on creating intelligent machines capable of mimicking human-like behaviors and performing tasks that typically require human intelligence while Machine Learning is a method that allows machines to automatically learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed. In machine learning, algorithms are designed to analyze and interpret large amounts of data, identify patterns, and make predictions or take actions based on those patterns.

I personally have been looking forward to taking these classes to improve my ML and AI skills as I plan to be an AI Robotics Engineer, of which is why I took this education to begin with. Nice to meet all of you.

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Good to meet you Joel! I remember the first time I did anything with "AI" was in one of my middle school classes we programmed simple robots to react to certain things. To be honest it wasn't really AI as much as it was just using sensor and a bunch of if-then statements haha, but my teacher called it AI and I thought it was the coolest thing. That got me super interested in AI and programming in general. It's definitely something that I feel like every programmer would benefit with at least a basic knowledge of, and something that is only going to get more common and useful. Best of luck with the class!

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