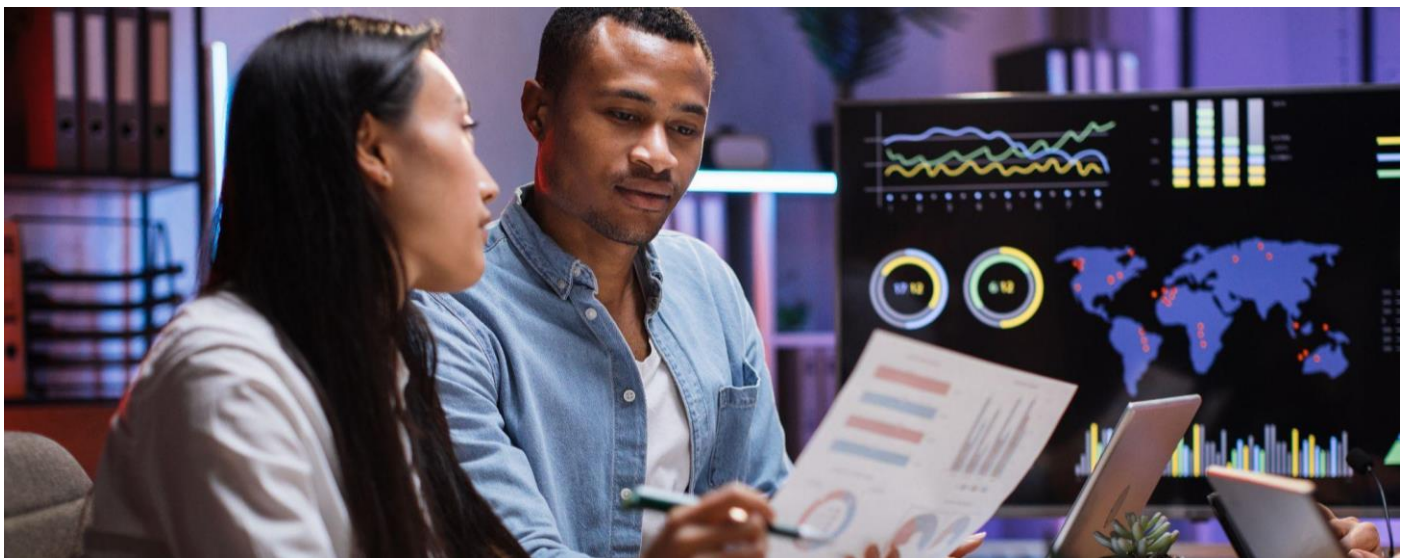


Embarking on USEKASE's AI Journey






This chapter guides USEKASE in starting their AI journey, emphasizing strategic importance, steps to integrate AI, addressing challenges, and the benefits of AI adoption. It serves as a roadmap for AI integration, tailored to USEKASE's mission of unlocking value for growth and efficiency.

Optimize or Transform: A Strategic Choice

For USEKASE, the decision to integrate AI is not simply about adopting new technologies but about deciding whether to optimize current operations or transform the business model entirely. This section explores the strategic implications of each choice, helping USEKASE align its AI strategy with its broader business objectives.



The Five Steps to Begin Your AI Journey

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Monday morning: Host a brainstorming session with key stakeholders to outline potential AI objectives.	Monday morning: Schedule a meeting with IT and data teams to review infrastructure capabilities.	Monday morning: Create a shortlist of use cases that align with company goals.	Monday morning: Initiate an audit of current data management practices.	Monday morning: Identify key roles and skills needed to support AI initiatives.

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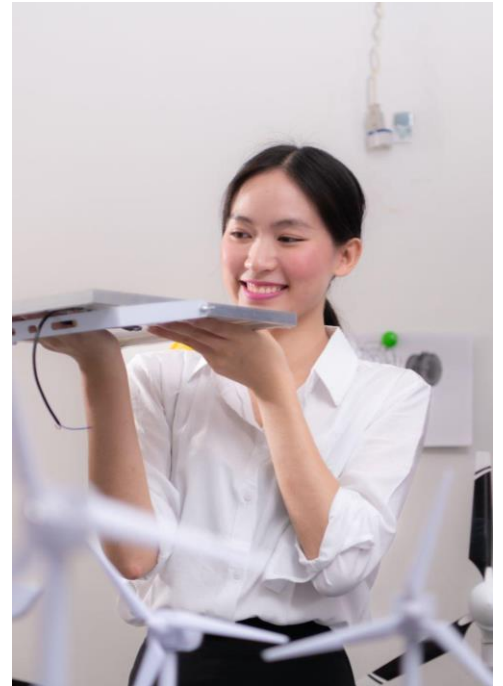
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Analyzing Current Infrastructure

Assess existing data systems and their ability to support AI initiatives.

Implementing Data Governance

Establish policies for data management, ensuring compliance and security.

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Establishing a Benefit Map

A benefit map visually connects your AI use cases to the expected benefits, required capabilities, necessary competencies, and key deliverables. Creating this map helps clarify how each component contributes to your overall goals and enables you to track progress effectively.

<div><div>#1. Identify Benefits</div><div>Start by listing the expected benefits for each use case.</div><div><div>→</div><div>Example for ChatBot: Reduce response time to customer inquiries, free up staff for complex tasks, improve customer satisfaction.</div></div><div><div>→</div><div>Example for Sentiment Analysis: Gain insights into customer opinions, identify areas for service improvement, enhance customer retention.</div></div></div>	<div><div>#2. Define Capabilities</div><div>Determine the organizational capabilities needed to realize these benefits.</div><div><div>→</div><div>ChatBot: Ability to integrate AI tools into customer service workflows, maintain and update chatbot content.</div></div><div><div>→</div><div>Sentiment Analysis: Capacity to collect and process large volumes of customer data, analyze and interpret AI-generated insights.</div></div></div>
<div><div>#3. Assess Competencies</div><div>Identify the skills and knowledge your team requires.</div><div><div>→</div><div>ChatBot: Technical skills to manage chatbot software, customer service expertise to handle escalated inquiries.</div></div><div><div>→</div><div>Sentiment Analysis: Data analysis skills, understanding of AI tools, ability to translate insights into actionable strategies.</div></div></div>	<div><div>#4. List Deliverables</div><div>Specify tangible outputs that will be produced.</div><div><div>→</div><div>ChatBot: Deployed chatbot on the website, knowledge base of FAQs, training materials for staff.</div></div><div><div>→</div><div>Sentiment Analysis: Reports on customer sentiment trends, dashboards displaying real-time analytics, recommendations for service enhancements.</div></div></div>

By mapping these elements, you create a clear pathway from implementation to value realization, ensuring all team members understand their roles and how their work contributes to the organization's objectives.

Establishing and Tracking AI Use Kase Value using OKR

To effectively measure and realize the value of your AI initiatives, adopting the **Objectives and Key Results (OKRs)**

framework can be highly beneficial. OKRs help align your team's efforts with your organization's goals by setting clear objectives and defining measurable outcomes. This pragmatic approach ensures everyone understands what they're working towards and how success will be measured.

OKRs consist of:

- **Objectives:** A clear, inspirational goal that you aim to achieve.
- **Key Results (KR):** Specific, measurable outcomes that indicate progress toward the objective.

Implementing OKRs for AI Use Cases

Start by setting ambitious yet attainable objectives for each AI use case. Objectives should align with your overall business goals and be easily understood by all team members.

ChatBot example:

- **Objective:** Enhance customer support efficiency and satisfaction.

Insurance example:

- **Objective:** Improve policyholder engagement by understanding customer sentiments.

For each objective, identify 2-5 key results that are specific, quantifiable, and time-bound. These key results will serve as indicators of your progress toward the objective.

ChatBot example:

- **KR1:** Reduce average customer response time from 4 hours to under 1 minute within three months.
- **KR2:** Increase first contact resolution rate to 75% within six months.
- **KR3:** Achieve a customer satisfaction score of 90% in quarterly surveys.

Insurance example:

- **KR1:** Analyze 100% of customer feedback weekly using AI tools.
- **KR2:** Identify and address the top 3 policyholder concerns each month.
- **KR3:** Increase Net Promoter Score (NPS) by 10% over the next two quarters.

Communicate the OKRs across the organization to ensure everyone is aligned and understands their role in achieving these goals.

- **Team Alignment:** Share OKRs in team meetings and larger-scale briefings.
- **Individual Contributions:** Encourage employees to set personal goals that support the overall OKRs.

Implement a consistent schedule for reviewing OKRs, such as monthly check-ins. Use these sessions to assess progress, celebrate achievements, and identify any obstacles.

- **Progress Updates:** Use simple tools like spreadsheets or project management software to track key results.

- **Visual Aids:** Create dashboards or charts that display current performance against targets.

Practical OKR Examples from Different Business Domains

<p>Business Services Industry</p> <p>(AI for Automated Customer Support)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Objective:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve efficiency of customer support through AI automation. ● <i>Key Results:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KR1: Implement AI chatbot to handle 60% of customer inquiries within three months. ○ KR2: Reduce customer wait times by 70% in six months. ○ KR3: Achieve a customer satisfaction score of 85% in quarterly surveys.
<p>Financial Services</p> <p>(AI for Personalized Financial Advice)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Objective:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance client engagement by providing personalized financial recommendations. ● <i>Key Results:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KR1: Implement an AI-driven advisory platform for 80% of clients within four months. ○ KR2: Increase cross-selling of financial products by 20% in the next six months. ○ KR3: Achieve a client satisfaction score of 90% in bi-annual surveys.
<p>Insurance Services</p> <p>(AI for Claims Processing and Customer Sentiment Analysis)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Objective:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate claims processing and enhance policyholder satisfaction. ● <i>Key Results:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KR1: Reduce average claims processing time from 10 days to 2 days within six months using AI. ○ KR2: Analyze 100% of policyholder feedback monthly to identify key concerns. ○ KR3: Increase policyholder retention rate by 15% over the next year.

Qualitative Check-Ins with Implementation Teams

Maintaining open communication with your implementation teams is vital for addressing challenges and promoting a positive work environment.

- **Regular Meetings:** Hold weekly or bi-weekly meetings to discuss progress, share successes, and identify obstacles.
- **Feedback Sessions:** Encourage team members to provide honest feedback on the implementation process and suggest improvements.
- **Recognition:** Acknowledge individual and team contributions to boost morale and motivation.
- **Support Resources:** Provide access to additional training or support if team members encounter difficulties.

By involving your teams in the tracking and improvement process, you empower them to take ownership of the AI initiatives. This collaborative approach fosters a positive work environment where employees feel valued and engaged.

- **Empowerment:** Allow team members to make decisions within their areas of responsibility.
- **Transparency:** Share KPI results and discuss both successes and areas needing improvement openly.
- **Collaboration:** Encourage cross-functional collaboration to share insights and best practices.
- **Well-being:** Be mindful of workloads and provide support to prevent burnout during the implementation phase.

Conclusion

Embarking on an AI journey requires strategic planning, careful execution, and ongoing assessment. By following the outlined steps, USEKASE can effectively integrate AI into its operations, driving growth and innovation while addressing potential challenges with foresight and flexibility. The journey promises not only enhanced efficiency but also a transformative impact on business operations and competitive positioning.