Is AI Ready to Take Over the World?

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YES

(BECAUSE IT ALREADY HAS)

Topics

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Industry and Application AI Readiness

Potential Risks

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Best Practices for Adopting AI

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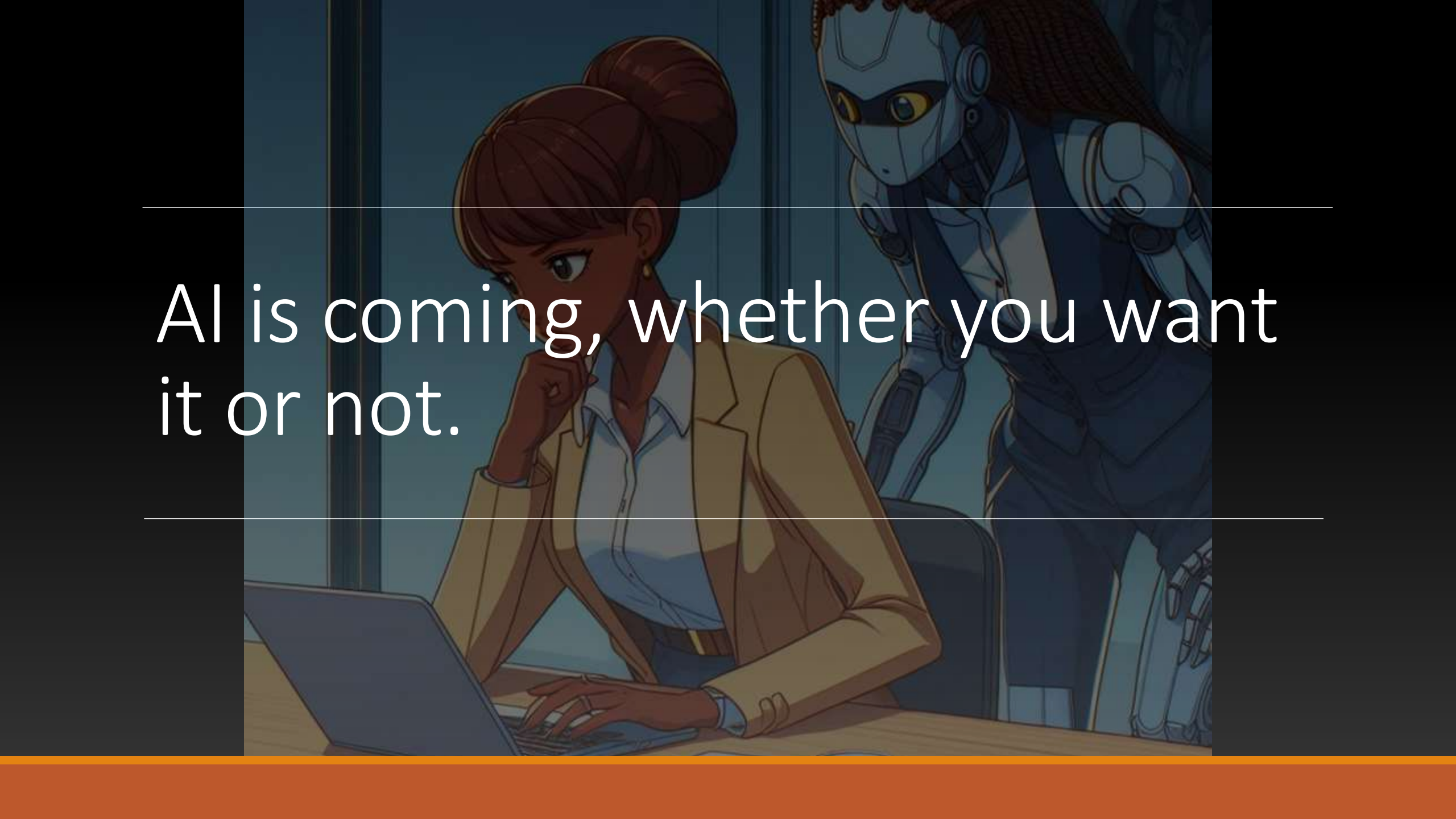

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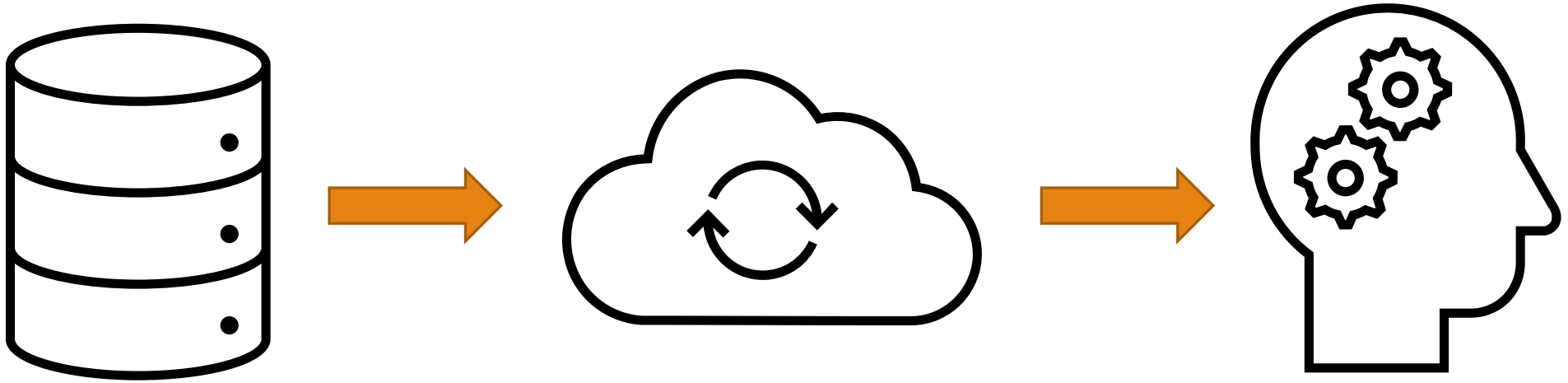
Defining AI in the Mainstream

What is AI?



What is AI: Examples

- Natural Language Processing
- Recognizers
- Recommendation Engines
- Generative AI
  - Large Language Models
  - Image Generation

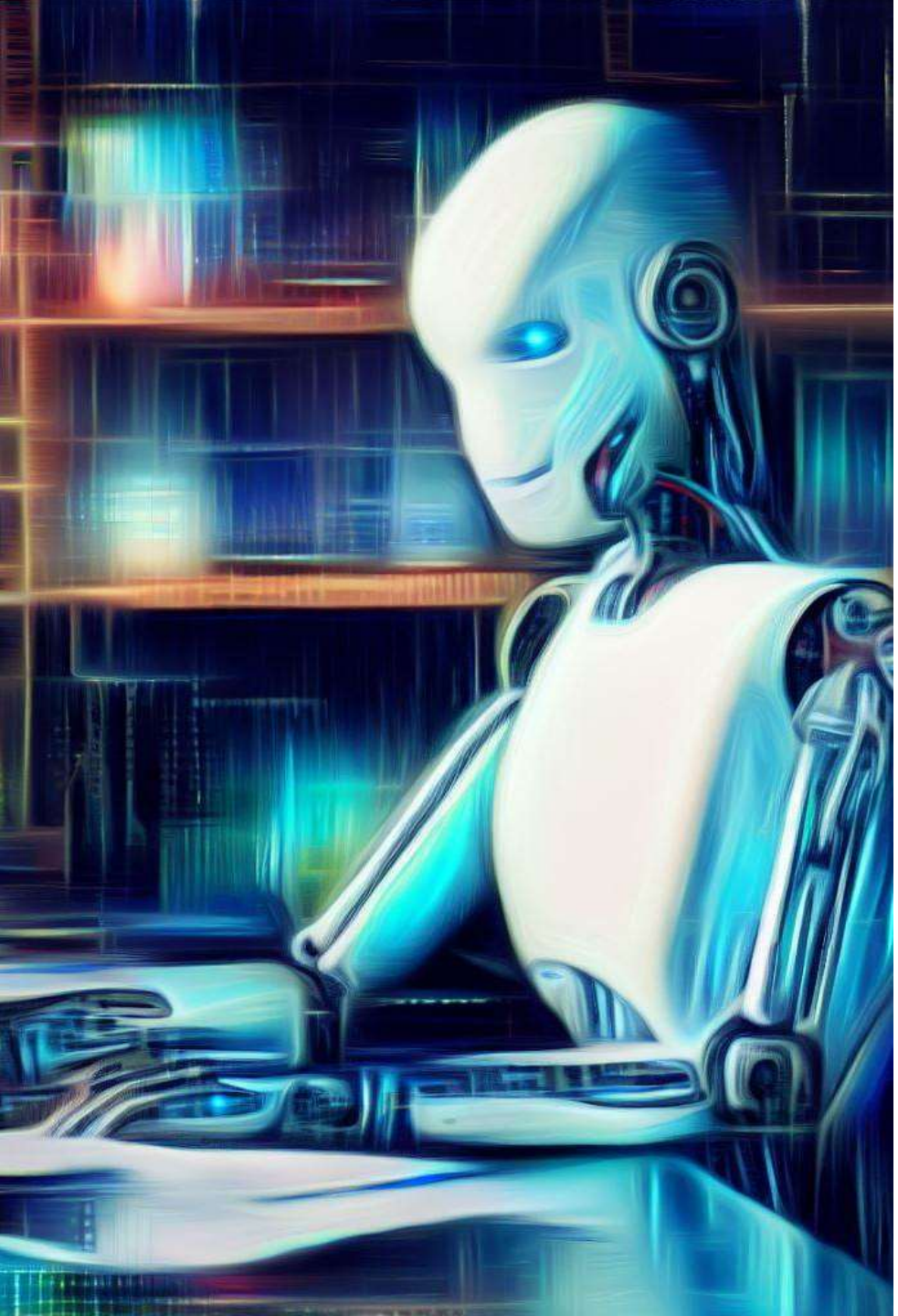
AI IS NOT “SMART”

…BUT IT

SURE

FEELS

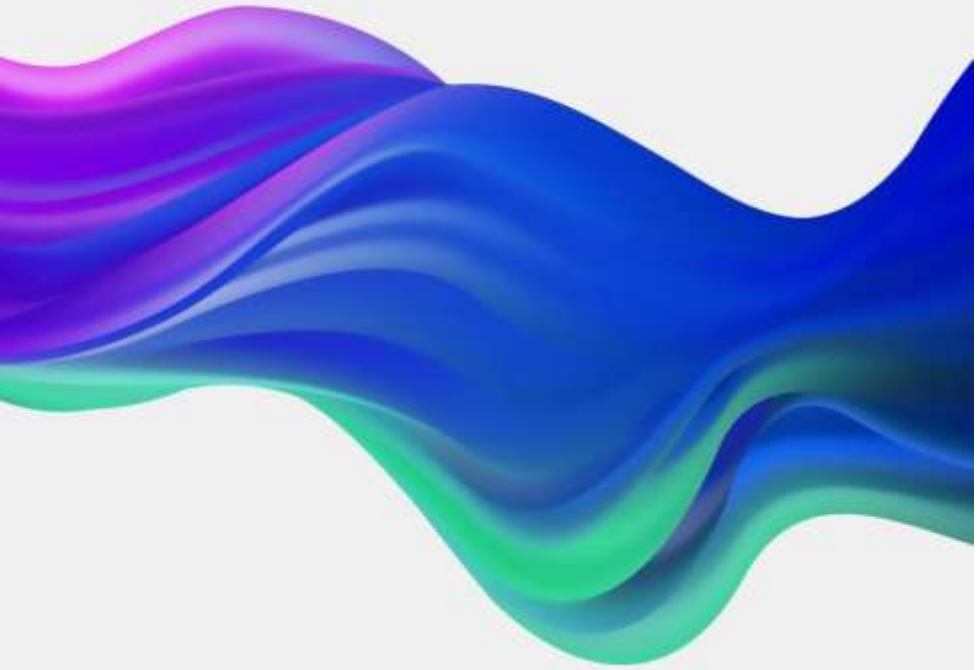
LIKE IT



AGI vs AI

AI (Artificial Intelligence) we are talking about today has a ***narrow*** focus

AGI (Artificial General Intelligence) is a ***broad*** focus



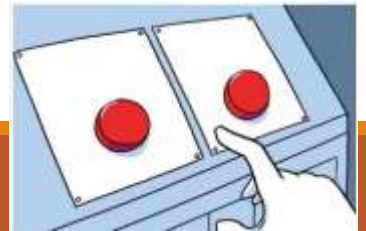
Industry and Application AI Readiness

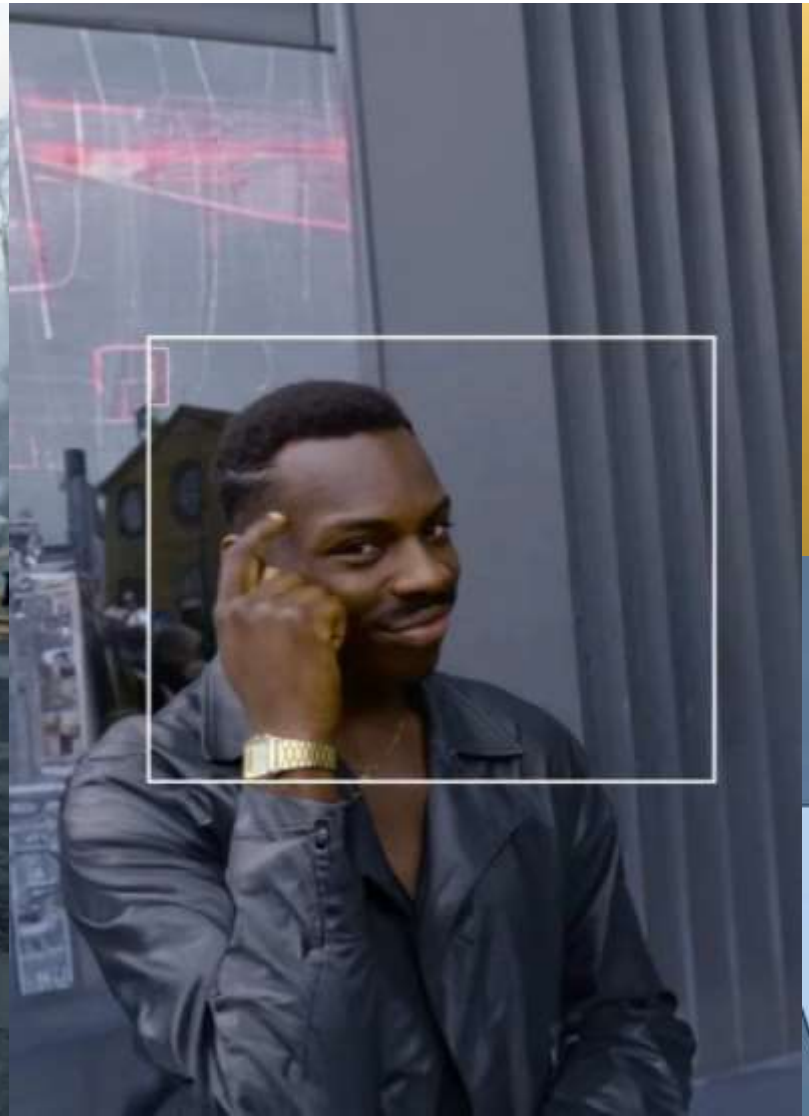
Finance

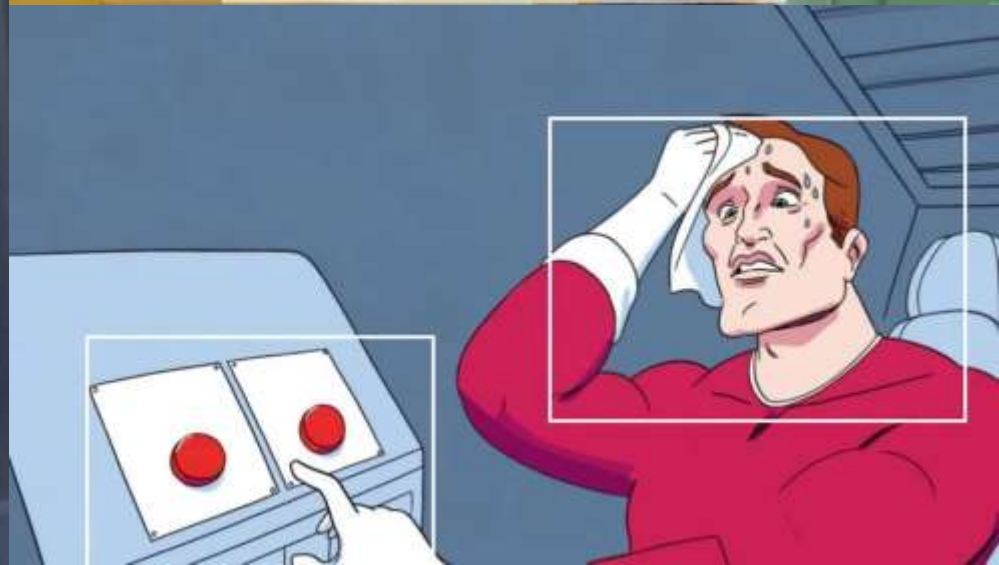
Healthcare

DEMO

Media Production







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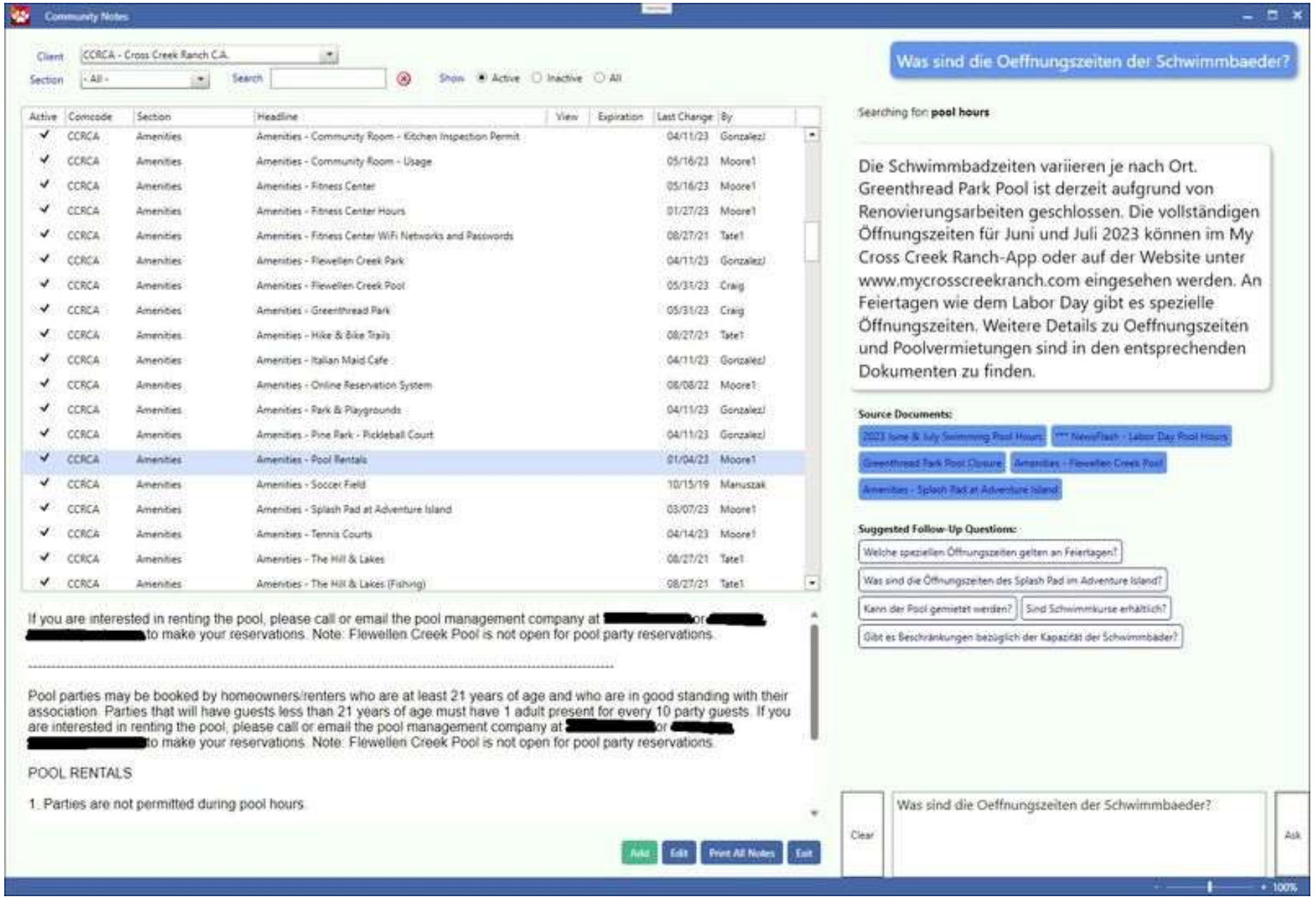

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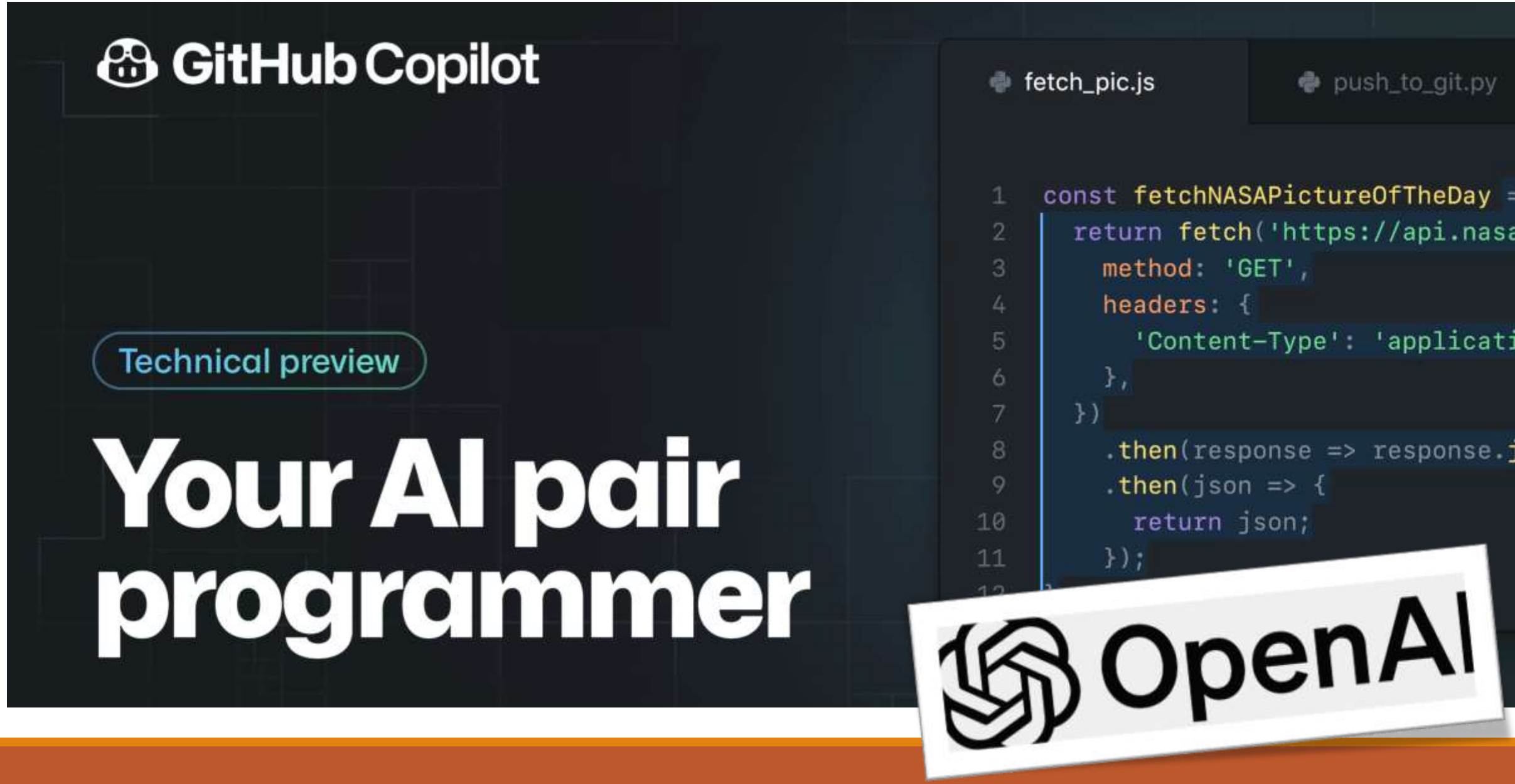
Software Development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2 return fetch('https://api.nasa
3 method: 'GET',
4 headers: {
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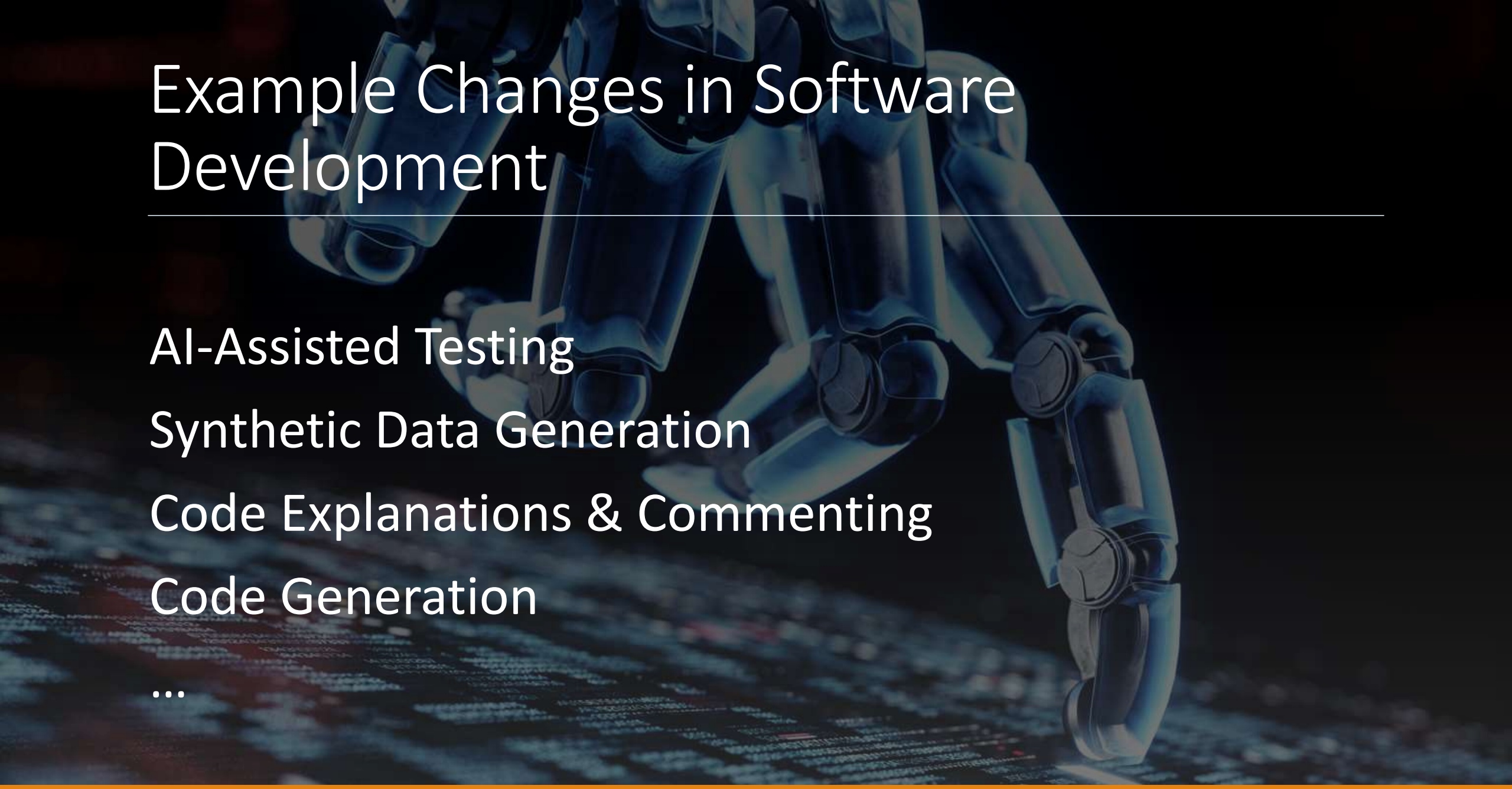
OpenAI

Example Changes in Software Development



AI-Assisted Testing

Synthetic Data Generation

Code Explanations & Commenting

Code Generation

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DEMO

Microsoft 365 Chat (preview)

Combine the power of AI with your work data and apps to help you unleash creativity, unlock productivity, and uplevel skills.

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Potential Risks

Change Exhaustion

Only 38% of workers in 2022 are willing to support organizational change, compared to 74% in 2016.

Job Replacement

Innovation Insight for Generative AI (December 15, 2022)

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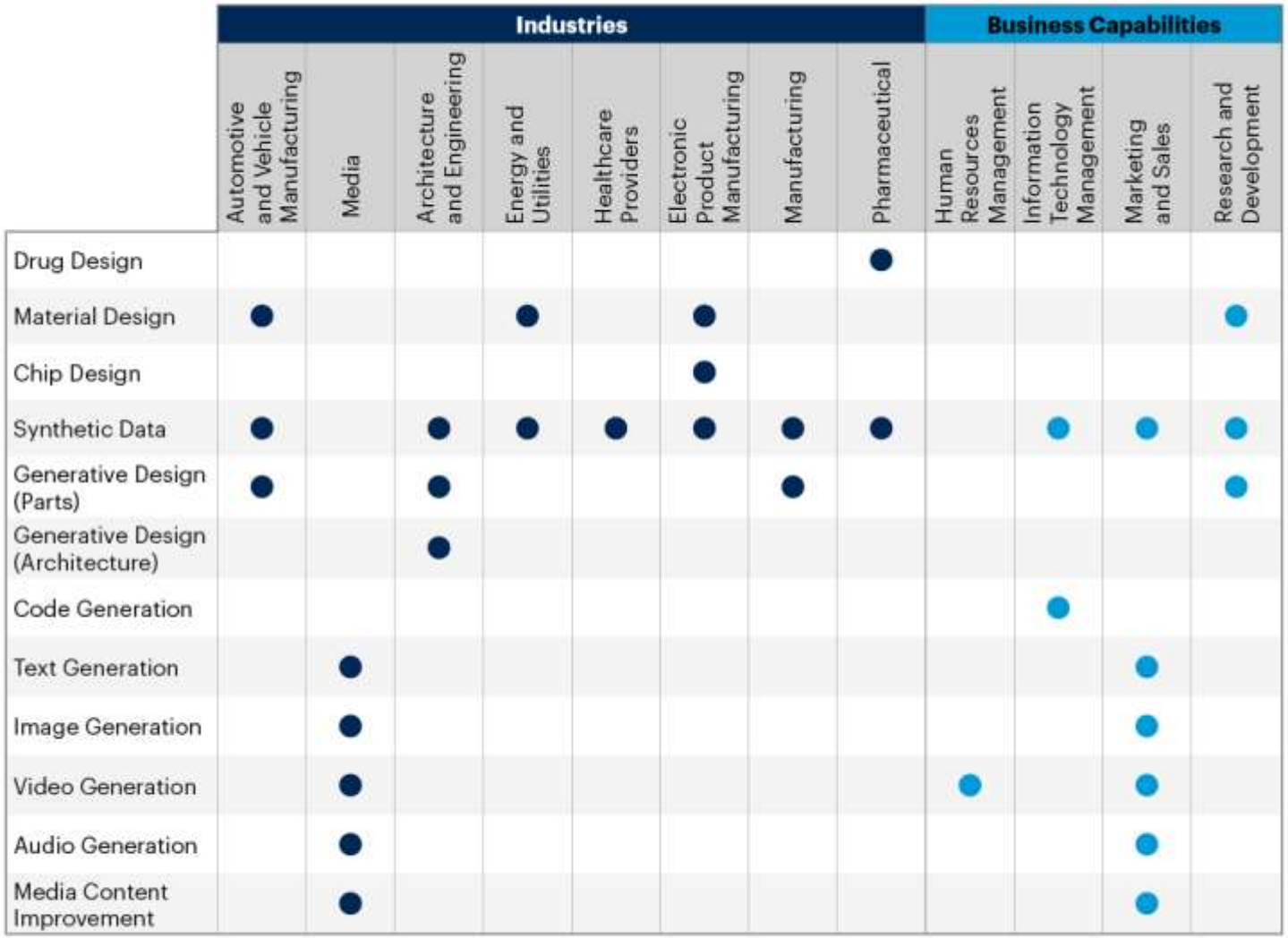
Use Cases by Industry/Capability



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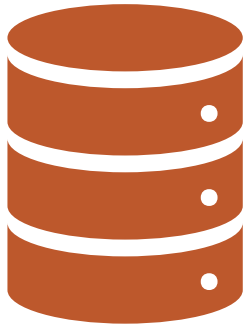
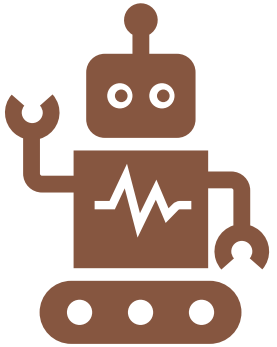
Ethical Concerns & Misuse

Security, Privacy, and Legal Concerns



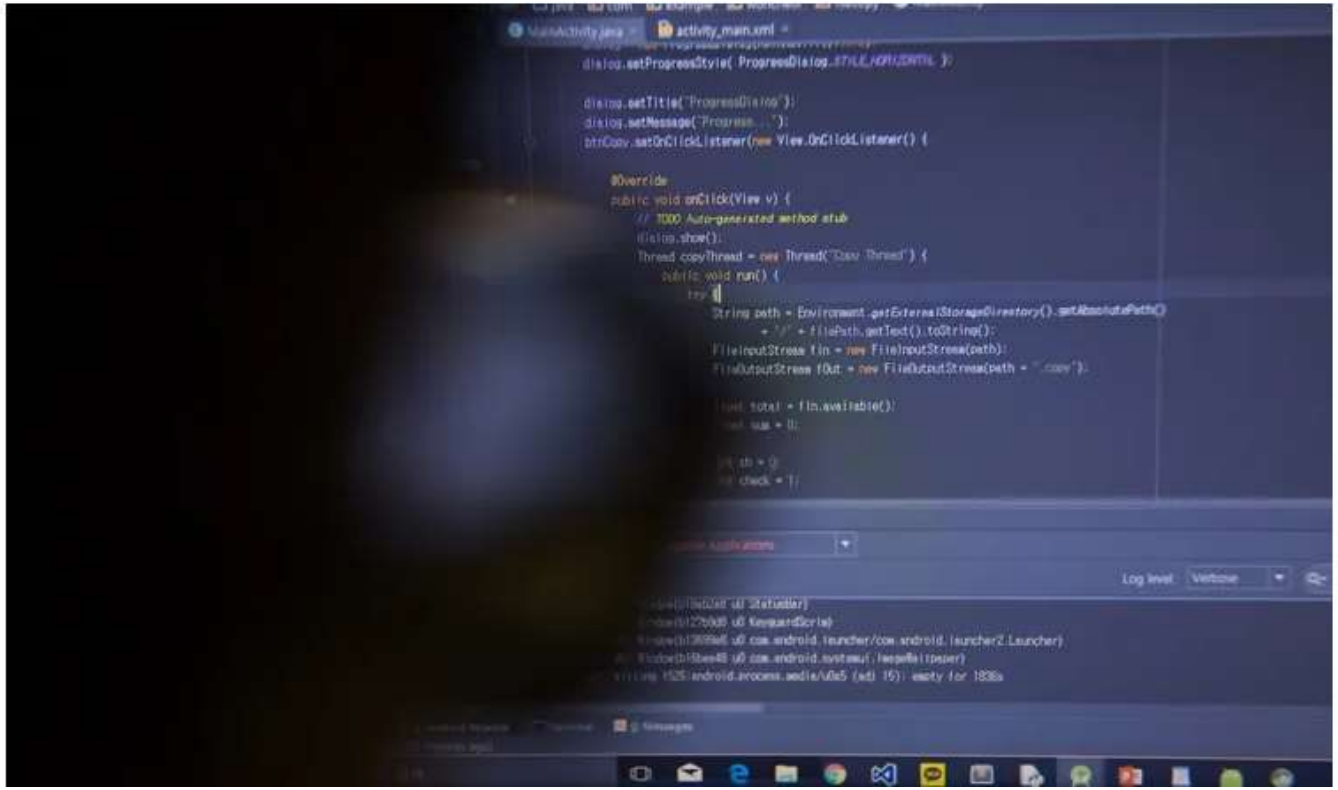
What data was used in training the model?



Does the AI use my prompts to improve its model?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / TECH / LAW

The lawsuit that could rewrite the rules of AI copyright



/ Microsoft, GitHub, and OpenAI are being sued for allegedly violating copyright law by reproducing open-source code using AI. But the suit could have a huge impact on the wider worl of artificial intelligence.

By James Vincent, a senior reporter who has covered AI, robotics, and more fo eight years at The Verge.

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Microsoft announces new Copilot Copyright Commitment for customers

Sep 7, 2023 | Brad Smith, Vice Chair and President, Hossein Nowbar, CVP and Chief Legal Officer

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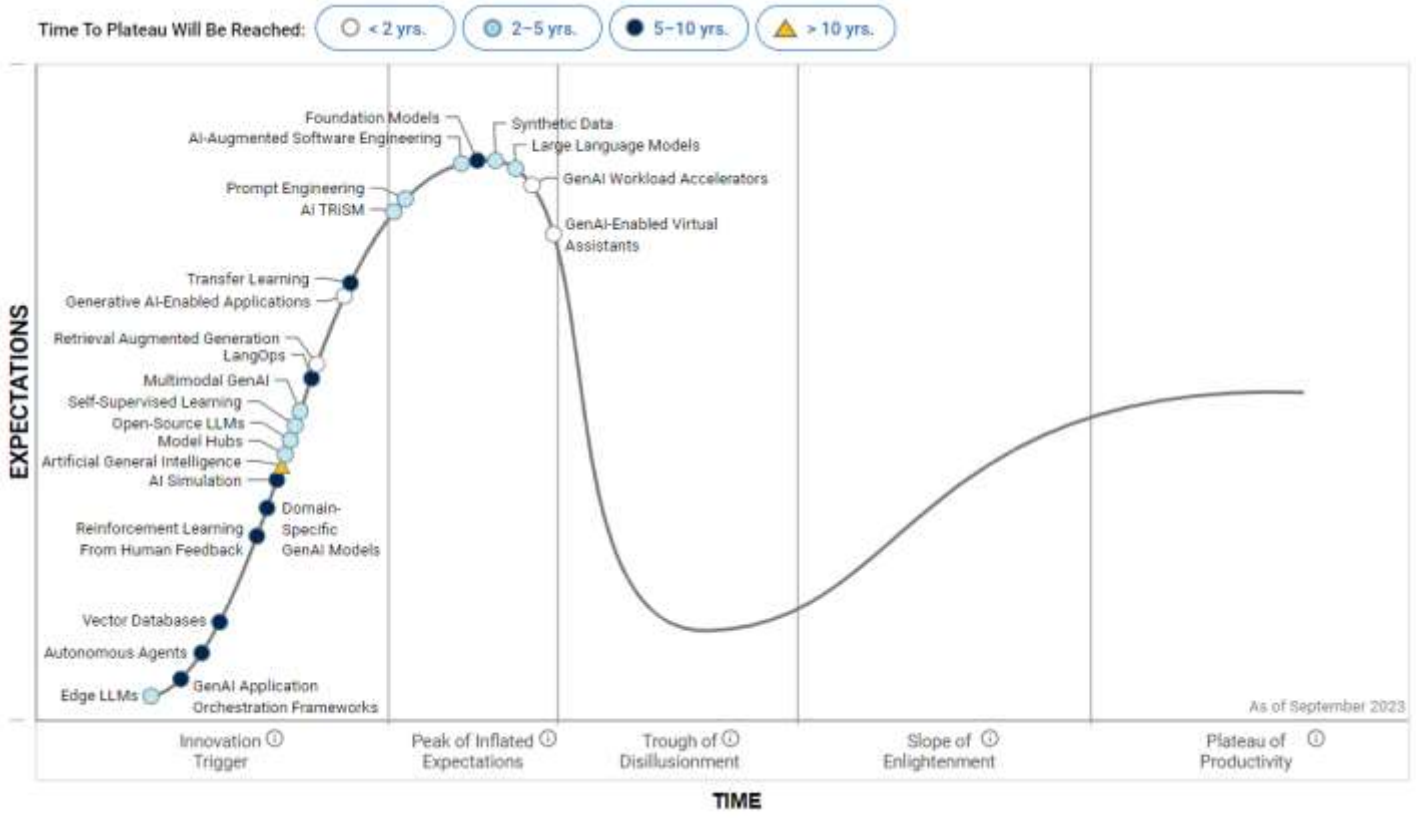
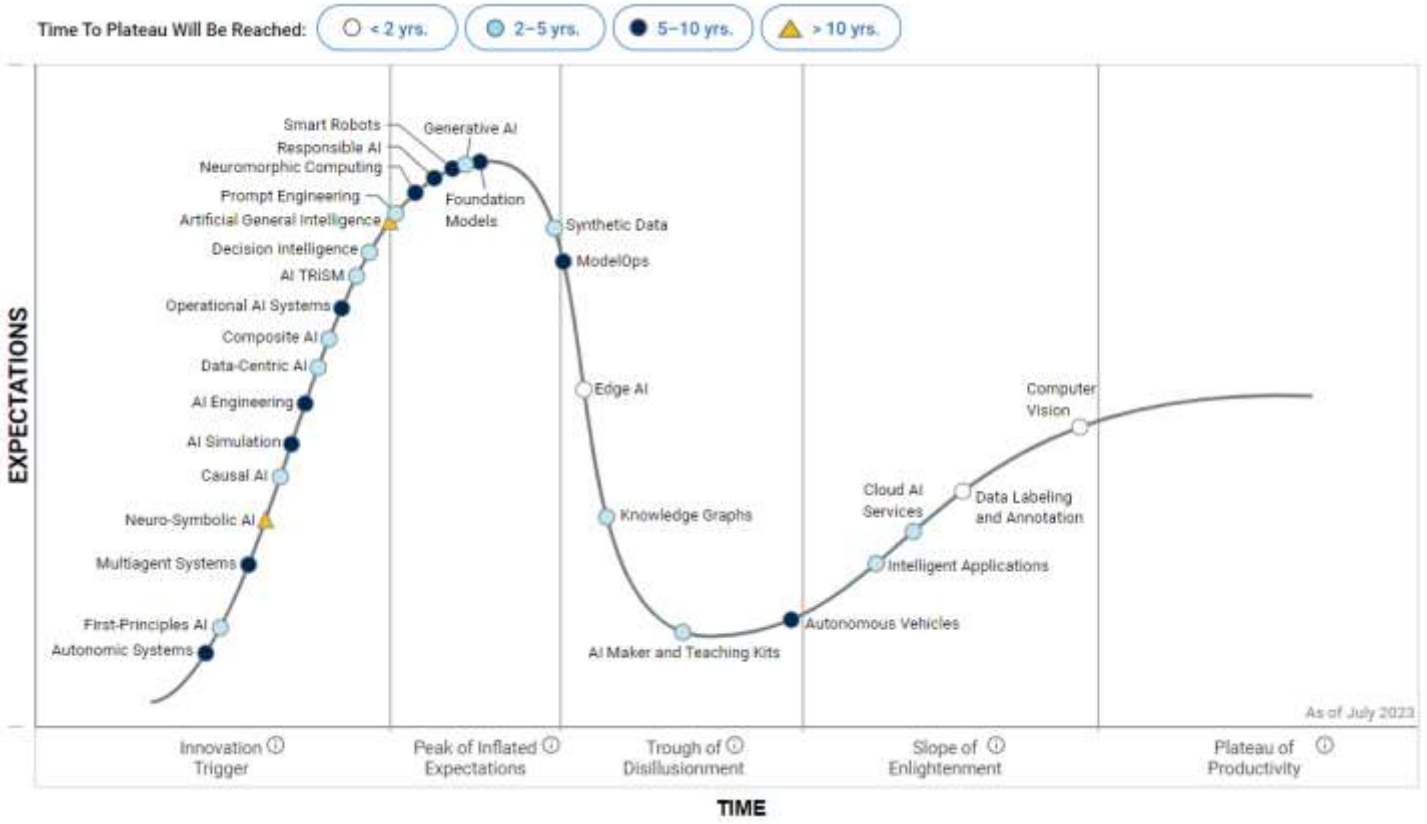
Lack of Transparency



Early Adopter ROI



Early Adopter ROI

Potential Benefits

Efficiency & Productivity

"Exposure to ChatGPT increases job satisfaction and self-efficacy and heightens both concern and excitement about automation technologies."

- Experimental Evidence on the Productivity Effects of Generative Artificial Intelligence, March 2023 (MIT)

Teaching and Learning

"A staggering 85% of high school and college students who have availed themselves of both ChatGPT and traditional tutoring sessions during the recent academic year assert that ChatGPT surpasses traditional tutoring in effectiveness as a learning tool."

https://venturebeat.com/ai/chatgpt-takes-center-stage-students-ditch-tutors-in-favor-of-ai-powered-learning/

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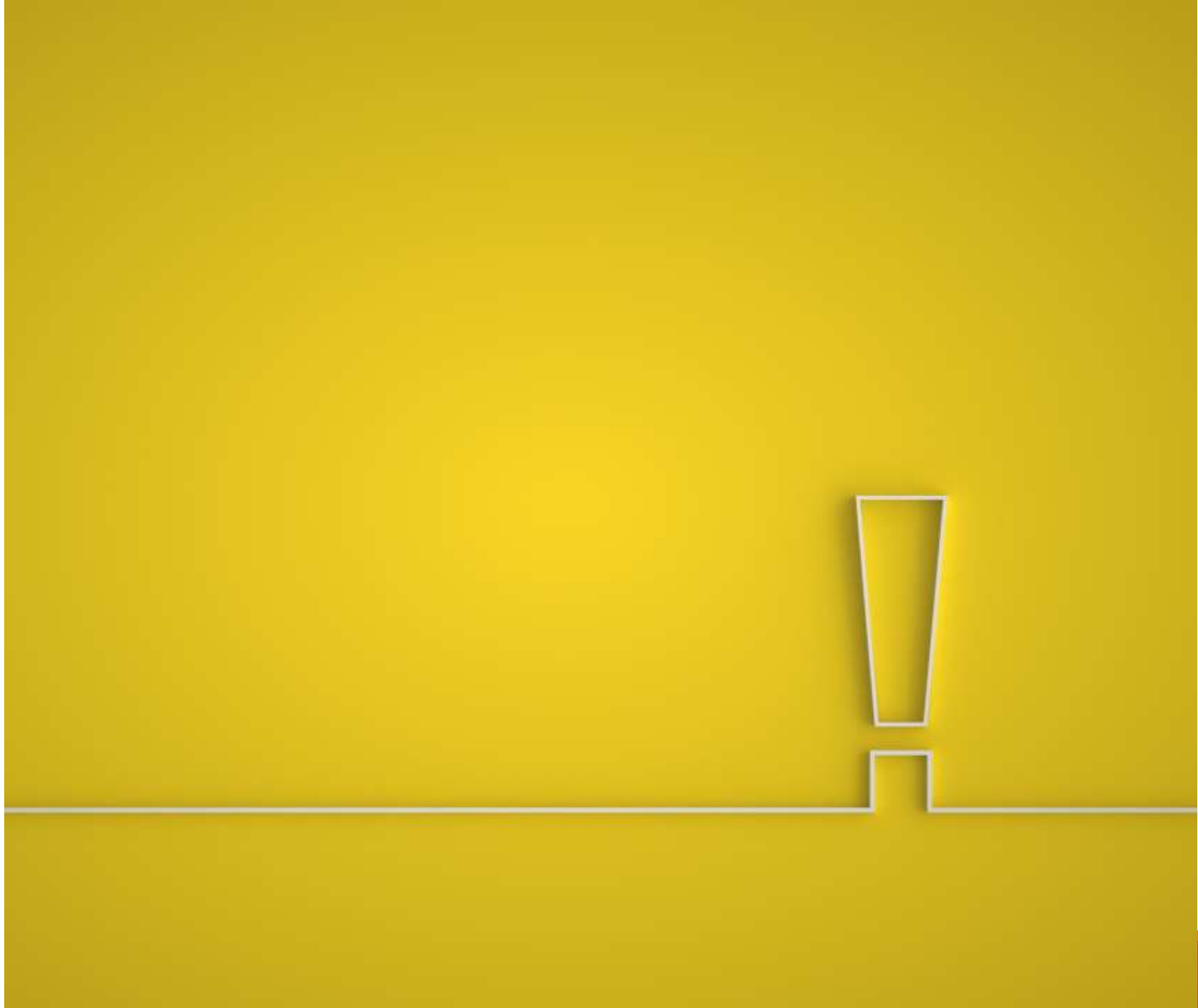
…and there's more!

Data Analysis & Predictive Capabilities

Safety & 24/7 Operation



Best Practices for Adopting AI

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Having clear goals

Invest in training

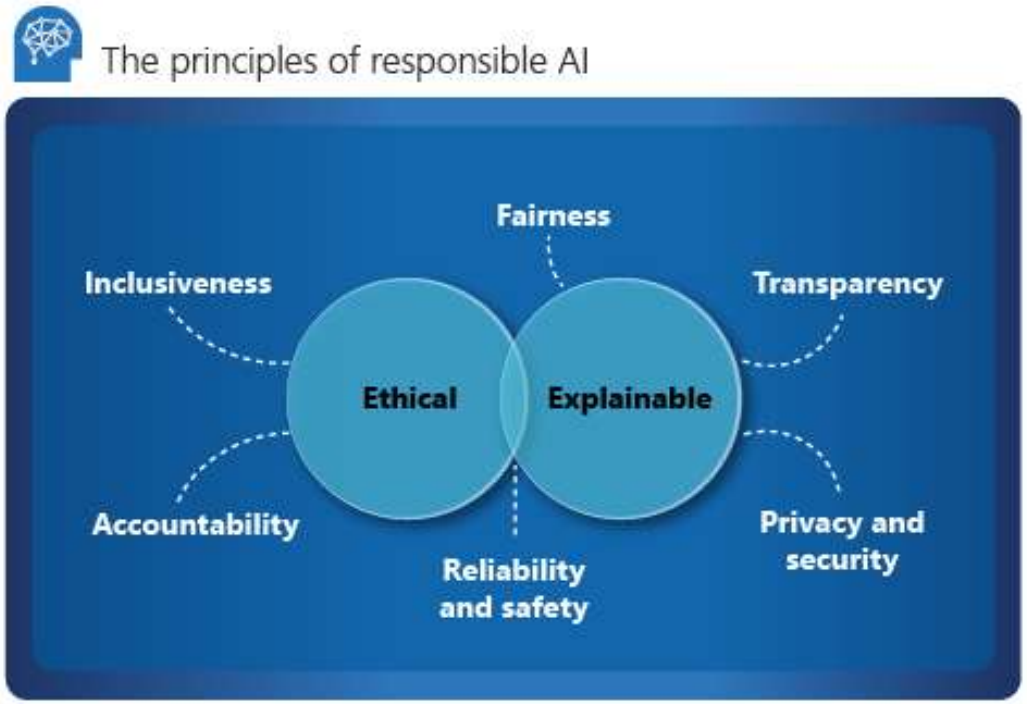
Data management

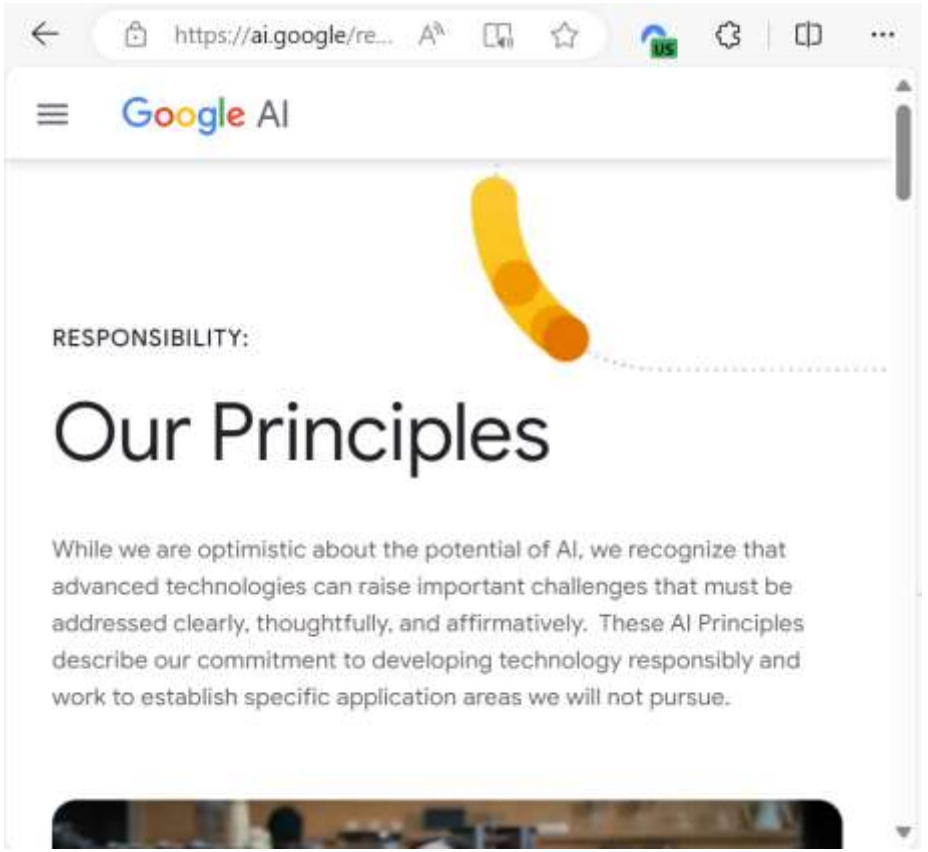
Start Small (and Learn)

Transparency

Monitor and Evaluate Performance

Building Responsible AI





Recap & Takeaways

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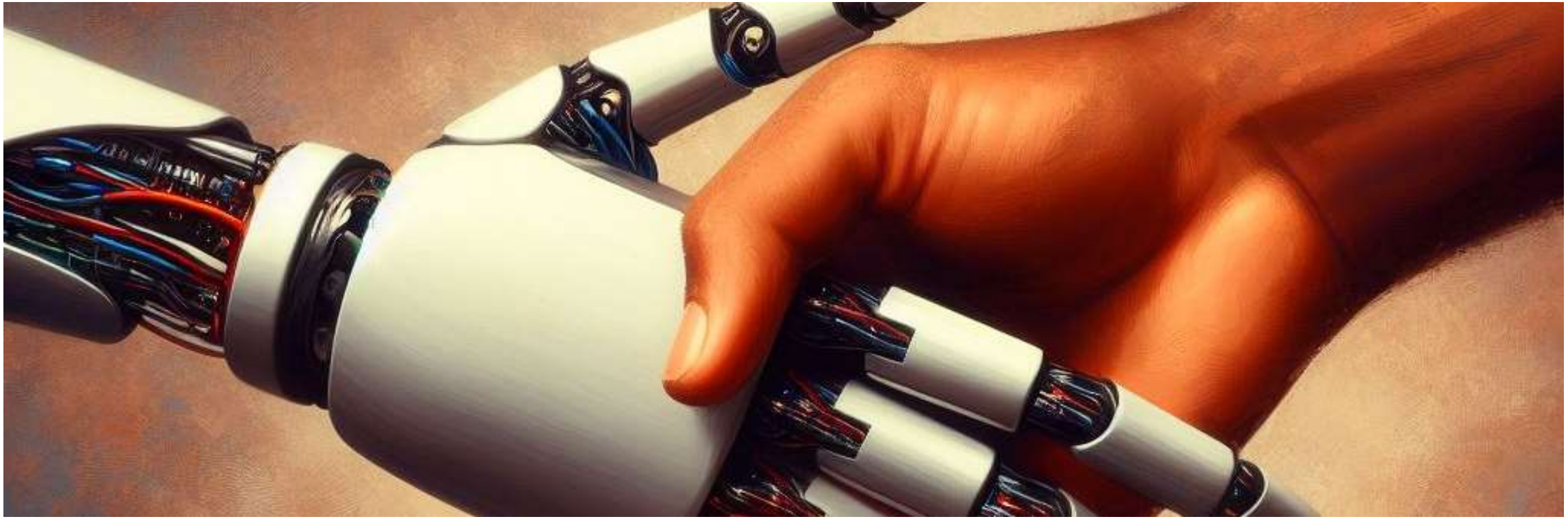
Takeaways

- AI has been present in our lives for years (this is not a revolution, but an evolution)
- The potential is great, but so is the risk
- Prepare yourself (and staff) with training, policy, and assessment
- Understand change fatigue in the workplace
- AI-enhanced work IS COMING, one way or another



Action Item: Try it

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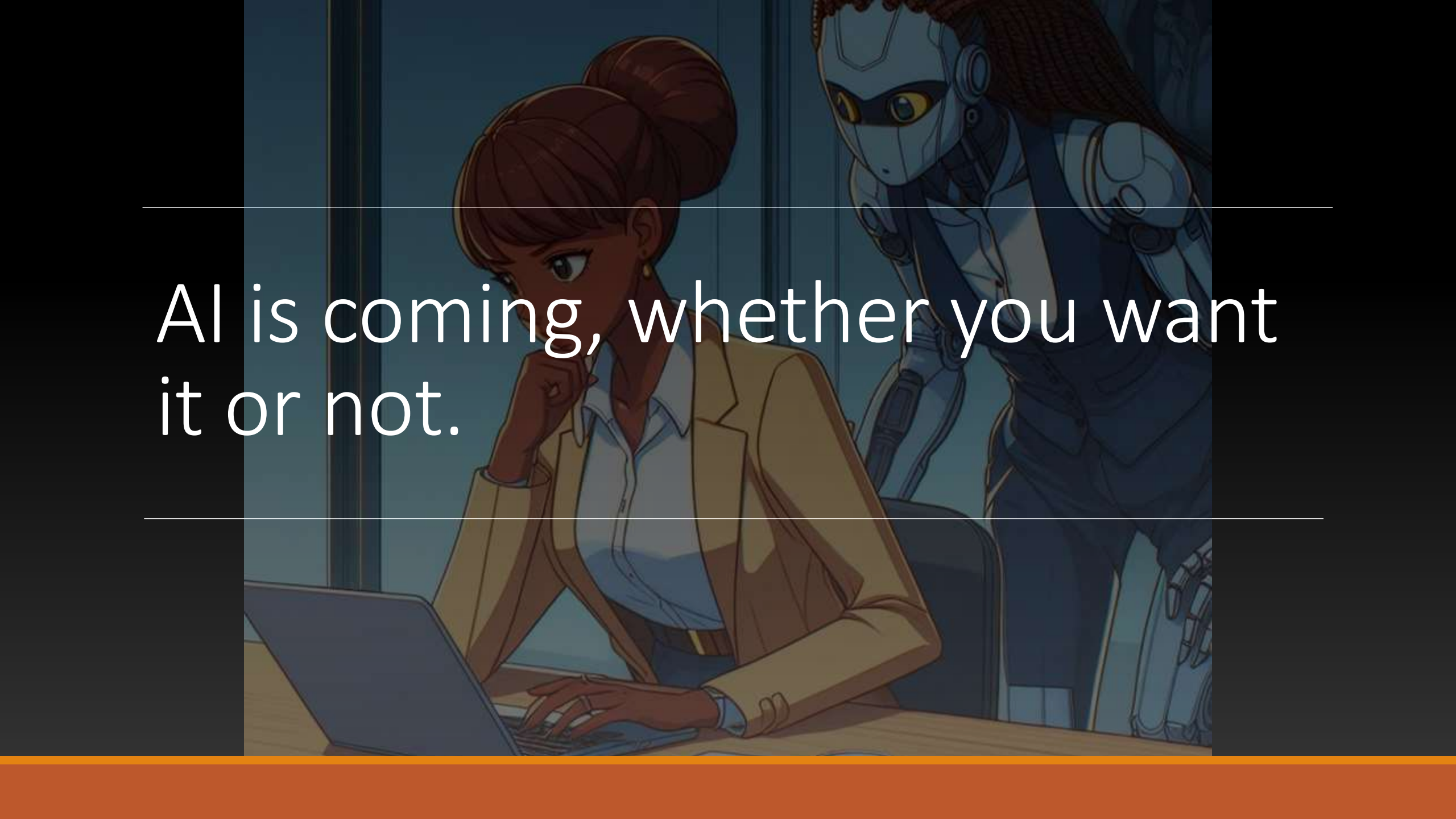

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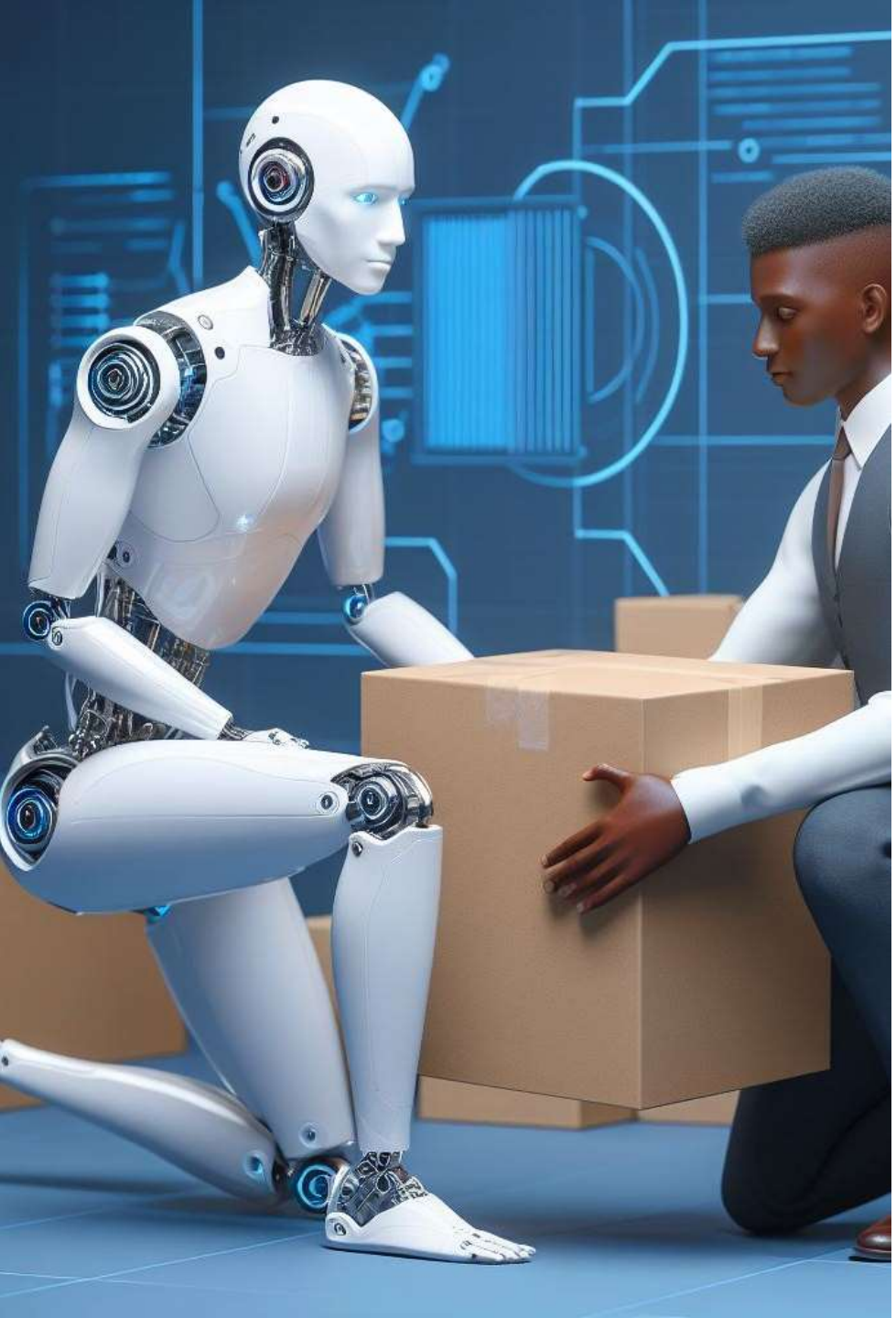

...So get ready and learn!

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