

Topic 0:

Image Prompting & Generation Control

Observed Patterns:

- Image generation with AI prompts, using tools like DALL·E, Sora, or custom vision models
- Frequent challenges around prompt rejection, blocked outputs, and overly strict content moderation filters
- Difficulties with controlling image layout, including object count, background presence, orientation, and scene structure
- Attempts to apply advanced prompting strategies such as few-shot techniques, structured outputs, or coordinate-based layouts
- Concerns about model behavior inconsistencies, especially in visual models failing to follow detailed or multi-step instructions
- Use cases ranging from product backgrounds to educational visuals, logo design, and storybook imagery


Examples:

Getting a Top Down view image

Prompting chatgpt


Feb 26

I've been struggling with this for a while and wanted to reach out to see if anybody else has experienced the same issue. I want to generate an image of a train with no tracks, viewed only from above (Bird's Eye View). But it keeps failing continuously.



i want this view

make a photo realistic image of a metro train, no tracks, on a white background, Top-Down (Bird's Eye View). 16:9




and i get only this

Here is your photorealistic top-down view of a metro train with no tracks on a white background. Let me know if you'd like any adjustments!

Using Dalle to create backgrounds for social publications

■ Prompting chatgpt, dalle3

1  Feb 27

Hello, I'm using ChatGPT Plus to create a custom GPT to generate backgrounds that I later combine with product photos I sell to post on social media.

So far, the results are good, but DALL-E tends to create circles or squares in the center of the image on the generated background, even when given precise instructions to include nothing but the background.

I can't find a way to generate just a background without those images in the center. I accept textures, gradients, or depth effects, but I can't get the GPT to generate only a background with these characteristics without something appearing in the center of the image.

Topic 1:

Assistant Behavior Control

Observed Patterns:

- Prompts involving system messages, chat history, and assistant roles
- Guidance on how to structure prompts for better response quality
- Suggestions for prompt design patterns, best practices, and pro-tips
- Example scenarios of user/system interactions and instructional workflows
- Highly focused on prompt engineering theory and customizing assistant behavior

Examples:

Customer chatbot with sequential questions

■ Prompting chatgpt, assistants-api

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I am building a customer chatbot that should have a flow or should ask questions (fixed questions) in a sequence so that when all questions are asked we can raise a ticket if issue is still unresolved.

Advice Needed: Creating topic specific Bot

■ Prompting chatgpt

Sep 2024

I want to create a Bot on baseball. I want to upload information (articles, transcripts, etc.) so that the bot can share information from the internet as well as content I have written. I am not a programmer. What is the best way to do this?

Topic 2:

Prompts for Programming and Data Manipulation

Observed Patterns:

- Practical data and code-related Q&A, often involving NumPy, tables, arrays, or method application
- Use of example-based prompts where users provide sample values, data types, or functions
- Questions around how to structure prompts to reduce or manipulate data (sum, reduce, value, x)
- Troubleshooting responses where users want the model to reason step-by-step, or explain methods
- Posts involving prompt templates, programmatic use cases, and task-specific formatting

Examples:

I need help creating a prompt for GPT to complete a specific column on a datasheet

■ Prompting gpt-4, prompt

Mar 2024

Hi,

I have a datasheet from a multiple-choice question bank. The sheet has a few columns, but the more important ones are 'question', 'choices', 'correct answer' and 'explanation'. The 'explanation' column is empty and I need chatGPT to write it based on the correct answer given on the other column. There are roughly one thousand lines, so doing it manually would be a nightmare so I'd like to try to automate it. I'm happy to share the file if needed.

Help me with prompt for data analysis and input of file?

■ Prompting gpt-4

Dec 2023

Hi there, can someone help me develop the best way to structure this request, and if I should do it via multiple prompts?

I have an excel file with 688 rows of data (keywords, in German) which I dont speak.

I need chatgpt to analyze the keywords and apply tags based on specific information.

Topic 3:

Retrieval-Augmented Prompting

Observed Patterns:

- Prompting for knowledge retrieval from uploaded files or documents
- Using assistants to answer questions using reference materials, often via retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) techniques
- Working with documents, PDFs, books, and citations to extract and use information in a prompt flow
- Mention of "vector", "citation", "source", "knowledge", "reference", "file", "document" indicates contextual search, indexing, and vector databases
- Discussions around instruction-based Q&A, searching inside files, and getting source-grounded answers

Examples:

Answer validation, how implement a fact checking method?

■ Prompting gpt-4, assistants-api, prompt-engineering

Sep 2024

Suppose we want to use ChatGPT to create an assistant that only responds with information contained in a SOURCE document.

How can we implement a fact-checking method? Specifically, how can we instruct ChatGPT to verify that the response contains only information from the SOURCE file? (using commands included in the prompt)

Curious whether the file upload feature in the ChatGPT is the same as the RAG?

■ Prompting chatgpt, gpt-4

Jul 2024

Hello, I am a beginner researcher in the LLM field.

I am currently researching a prompting method where I provide a problem-solving approach as a few-shot concept prompt, and then check if GPT can solve similar application problems.

As a next step, I am considering using GPT for RAG.

As you know, on ChatGPT, there is a feature that allows attaching files and using them to engage in conversations (the clip icon). I would like to know if uploading a txt file that I have written and querying it would be equivalent to applying RAG.

Topic 4:

Instruction-based Prompts for Multi-Stage Task Execution

Observed Patterns:

- Crafting structured instructions and prompts for AI models to follow step-by-step tasks
- Use of user/system messages for multi-turn or guided interactions
- Examples that blend storytelling, command-line prompts, file handling, and instructional templates
- Questions on how to create prompts that generate code, responses, or files based on context
- Posts exploring prompt memory, tool usage, modular tasking, and reusable sections

Examples:

GPT getting stuck with multi-step instructions

■ Prompting gpt-4

Feb 2024

I want to develop a GPT which does the following:

On prompt “Good morning” visit 5 websites in succession, read the first five headlines on each site and bring me back a summary for each site.

GPT assures me that this is within its capabilities, but try as I might, it always gets stuck after the first site has been visited and the content summarized.

I can manually move the process by prompting “next” but have not managed to get the GPT to do this automatically.

Multiple custom instructions, also utilizing the ‘about you’ section for instructions

■ Prompting chatgpt, custom-instructions

Aug 2023

out of curiosity I did a proof of concept wondering if I could use both sections in custom instructions, to instruct the AI . Meaning using the “about you section” to extend the instructions, also defining several different modes invoked via commands, it worked just fine...

Topic 5:

Prompts for Length-Constrained Outputs


Observed Patterns:

- Managing token limits and text length in AI outputs (e.g., summarization, completion, text chunking)
- Users trying to control prompt/response length, word count, or character limits
- Frequent use of terms like summary, token, stop, limit, word, output, length
- Examples and experiments to shorten, cut off, or guide completions based on size
- Practical prompts for summarizing paragraphs, articles, or long inputs into fewer tokens

Examples:

How to generate text of a specific length (in words)

Prompting gpt-4, api




Sep 2023

Hello! Could you please tell me how to generate text of a specific length (in words) using the GPT model?

How can I guarantee by prompt that ChatGPT respects words' limit?

Prompting chatgpt, gpt-4, api



Oct 2024

Prompters,

I have a very simple prompt:
Summarize {{text}} in less than {{wordLimit}} words.

Unfortunately, ChatGpt (API +gpt-4 model) is not respecting the words' limit. Even if I add extra instructions to count the number of words of the summary and compare to the limit provided, It doesn't work all the time.

Is there an additional instruction that I can use to have 100% of accuracy?

Topic 6:

Improving Prompt Quality and Results

Observed Patterns:


- Use prompts to generate specific content like emails, slide decks, images, and examples
- Get the “best” result, “better” wording, or creative output via different ways of writing prompts
- Compare or improve different prompt formulations to achieve desired formats or tone
- Ask the community how others write effective prompts for tools like ChatGPT

- Get advice on prompt tools, patterns, and effectiveness

Examples:

What are best prompts for content marketing on LinkedIn?

■ Prompting chatgpt, writing

1  Jan 2024

I've gained experience in marketing events and products across Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. I'm eager to exchange ideas with you all—what are some of your most effective prompts? Let's share and learn together! ✨

Usually, I begin with the ChatGPT prompt by inquiring about the content structure of any events. 😊

Dalle 3: Looking for tips to optimize AI prompts for age-appropriate coloring pages

■ Prompting dalle3

Dec 2024

Hi everyone,

I'm working on a project that generates AI-powered coloring pages for kids. Parents can input a theme (e.g., dinosaurs) and the child's age, and the AI creates a tailored design.

I'm trying to refine my prompts to:

1. Ensure thematic relevance.
2. Adjust complexity for different ages.
3. Maintain a clean, simple style suitable for coloring.

Does anyone have experience with similar use cases or best practices for prompt structuring?

Topic 7:

Prompting for Structured Data Formats

Observed Patterns:

- Prompting for and working with structured data formats, especially JSON
- Getting the model to return specific fields, objects, or typed responses

- Issues and debugging around prompt formatting, completions, and how the model outputs structured data
- Using prompts to generate code, text-based APIs, or JSON templates
- Questions about why expected outputs fail, model behavior, and token budgeting

Examples:

Text parsing and producing the stable JSON output

■ Prompting gpt-4, api, gpt-35-turbo, json

Jul 2024

Hey guys.

I would love to develop an invoice parser to convert data into JSON format. The problem is I can't get the stable result. I extract text from PDF, and the text is formatted as is. Then I ask OpenAI to parse it and convert into JSON format. The result is not stable. Fields can be named differently every time. Is there a way to have a predictable stable result?

Getting GPT to generate correct XML tags for node_id+keyword

■ Prompting gpt-4

Apr 2024

Hi All,

I am building an RAG app in which I am trying to get GPT 4 to attribute each key information to a certain node_id (that it got via RAG into context), then I would wrap that into a clickable XML tag for the user. Current output is ok-ish, but still with lots of failure to generate correct tags. Did anyone face a similar issue or came up with a solution?

Topic 8:

Prompt Structuring for Fine-Tuned Models

Observed Patterns:

- Developers discussing how to fine-tune models, particularly using davinci, text-davinci-003, etc.
- Comparing **zero-shot prompting** vs. **finetuned prompt-response behavior**
- Posts focus on classification tasks, response generation, and question answering

- Common interest in dataset creation, training formats, examples, and how to evaluate fine-tuned outputs
- Use cases include SEO generation, Q&A bots, and custom completion styles
- Issues raised include prompt formatting for finetuning, tuning impact, and output differences between base vs. finetuned models

Examples:

How to get multiple labels for text with confidence in tuned model?

■ Prompting chatgpt

Oct 2023

Hi, I'm tuning a model for text classification , text-label , how to force model to return 4 labels with confidence score . I can do it in regular chat - "show 4 most relevant labels for provided text" , but trained model matches text to one label only .

🔒 Fine-tuned a davinci model repeats phrases in answers

■ Prompting

Feb 2023

Hi,

We fine-tuned a davinci model using articles on our website. But, when we try to have a conversation with the model, it keeps repeating information as answer to a questions. Like "answer phrase 1, phrase 2, phrase 3, then it keeps repeating phrase 3, phrase 4, phrase 3 and so on".

Did you encounter a behaviour like that? Is it because of the prompt? Because of the training data? Data is good. The answer is pretty ok, but the repetition is kills the effect.

Topic 9:

Prompt Design for Multilingual Tasks

Observed Patterns:

- Prompting for translation tasks using models like ChatGPT or fine-tuned completions
- Posts focus on multi-language text generation, especially English, Spanish, French, and Polish
- Developers share prompts for translating text, handling multilingual outputs, and avoiding errors or mistranslations
- Discussions include language-specific instructions, prompt structure, and behavior control (e.g., "don't translate", "always output in English")
- Some prompts deal with manual vs. automatic translation modes, or ensuring structured formats in multilingual settings

Examples:

What do you think about my translation prompt

■ Prompting gpt-4, api

2 [🔗](#) Mar 6

Hello,

I am using model `gpt-4o` with the associated python API.

I am trying to translate texts. But GPT sometimes answer with non sense translations with very explicit/simple text ??

Am I giving to much instructions ?

Is there any way of improving it ? making it clearer for gpt ?

Is it good to split developer instructions ?

Best RAG app multilingual prompt

■ Prompting chatgpt

Nov 2024

What would be the best prompt design for an RAG application capable of understanding and responding in multiple languages, even if the underlying documents are written in English?

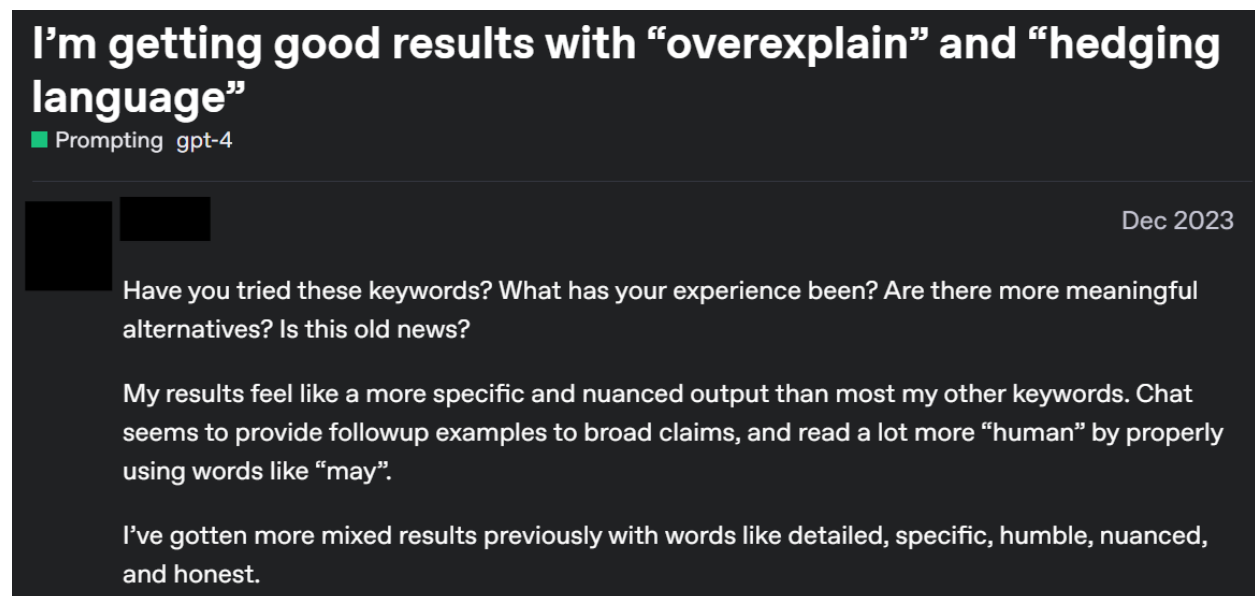
Topic 10:

Simulating Human Reasoning with Prompts

Observed Patterns:

- Asking open-ended questions or trying to generate human-like thoughts
- Using prompts that simulate conversations, emotions, or deep thinking
- Exploring language, meaning, world concepts, creativity, and semi-philosophical prompts
- Trying to get the model to “think like a human”, or respond in more freeform, imaginative ways
- Engaging with concepts like identity, existence, language, and the nature of ideas

Examples:



Topic 11:


Storytelling and Humor through Prompts

Observed Patterns:

- Creative text generation using prompts — stories, poems, jokes, and short-form writing
- Users asking the model to write something imaginative, often blending formats (e.g., poems + puns)
- Prompts designed to entertain, amuse, or surprise with clever wordplay, storytelling, or random generation


- Frequent mention of line count, style, tone, and playful tasks
- Posts range from artistic use cases to just-for-fun prompts, including "cookie poems", "random jokes", or "Ryan Boudinot's Substack"

Examples:



CookieSpeak: Making a “cookie language” (and other fake languages...)

Prompting prompt, prompt-fun

1  Aug 2023


hey make up a cookie language for me?

ChatGPT:

Certainly! Creating a whimsical “cookie language” can be a fun and creative exercise. Here’s a basic outline for the language, complete with some vocabulary, grammar rules, and examples. Feel free to expand upon it or adapt it to your needs.

Multiple-step short story generation

Prompting

1  Sep 2021

I used GPT-3 to produce a story through a multi-step process. Here’s the prompt, the story, and thoughts on the process that went into it.

Topic 12:

Optimizing Token Usage in Prompts

Observed Patterns:


- Token usage, efficiency, and prompt structure, particularly with newer models like gpt-turbo and gpt-4-turbo
- Users experimenting with system/user/message formats, and how to optimize responses
- Prompting strategies for minimizing tokens, improving instruction-following, and handling null/empty responses

- Questions on message formatting, return types, query input, and performance of the model
- Focus on using ChatGPT more effectively for short answers, types, lists, or tool-based flows

Examples:

I have a 10K tokens prompt,. Does gpt-4-turbo handle that?

■ Prompting gpt-4




Jan 17

I have a 10K tokens prompt,. Does gpt-4-turbo handle that ? Some times gpt-4-turbo generate really good aswers but some times it get confuse and I was reading that gpt-4-turbo onlye support 8K tokens is that correct? I asked to gpt-4o and its told me that I should use gpt-4-32k but that model does not listed in my dashboard. I am not sure if that model really exist

What is the token cost for image prompt in GPT-4o?

■ Prompting gpt-4, token, image-reading



Jun 2024

I am testing the capability of GPT-4o (Azure OpenAI) on image captioning by using the Python API. According to the OpenAI guide [here](#) 155 , the token needed to process image with "detail": "low" should take 85 of tokens. However, my experiment shows that only 73 tokens are being used. Am I missing something here?

Topic 13:


Articles and Blog Writing through Prompts


Observed Patterns:

- Generating or rewriting long-form content like blog posts, articles, or news content using prompts.
- Developers asking the model to produce structured documents, often by section, paragraph, or headline.
- Tasks like content expansion, article rewriting, or creating contextual pieces for different audiences.

- Frequent focus on controlling tone, length (e.g., paragraph, word), and content organization (title, section, point).
- Use cases include marketing, content creation, and document structuring using prompt-based automation.

Examples:





Full blog post with OpenAI - is it possible with one prompt?

Prompting

Sep 2022

Hello,

I've been testing OpenAI for some time and I was able to generate text with a Python program via the API without any problem.

I would like to do a new test, a little more advanced by generating a complete blog post including

- an H1 title,
- an introduction,
- Some H2/H3 sub-headings that I will declare (sentence containing Why / How / For whom / Advantages / Our opinion...)
- Several paragraphs under each subtitle.

Is it possible to do this with OpenAI?

How to prompt the API to enhance/rephrase a specific section of a larger article

Prompting
gpt-4

May 2023

Imagine having an article of 1,000+ words. The user doesn't like a specific phrasing of a paragraph or a sentence and he wants to rephrase/enhance it.

What would be the best prompt using Chat model to get the full context of the article and tell to just replace that specific part? What are best practices in this, so I don't waste too much tokens in including whole context? So far, what I tried did not work, did always get much more text back than just a simple rephrasal/improvement


Topic 14:


Timeouts, Errors, and Prompt Troubleshooting

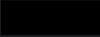


Observed Patterns:

- Users frequently discuss response failures, timeouts, and models not following instructions
- Repeated mentions of “prompt not working”, thread issues, or unexpected completions
- Questions related to account type (plus), new versions, conversation flow, or prompt behavior differences
- A mix of debugging, reliability concerns, and user frustration

Examples:


 **Prompts don't work at all anymore after activating plugins feature**


 Prompting chatgpt, gpt-4

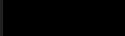

1  Oct 2023

I have ChatGPT Plus since it was available and using v4 ever since.

But since activating a plugin for searching through PDFs last week, in 9 of 10 times ChatGPT doesn't respond to my prompts anymore when initiating a new chat. After hitting enter, the prompt just vanishes and nothing happens, no textcursor indicator, nothing.

 **Prompt issues in Chat GPT**

 Prompting chatgpt

May 2023

Been using the paid version now and the responses are constantly cutting off mid code files. This empties prompt caps pretty fast. What is possible to do?

Topic 15:

Prompting for Classification and Categorization

Observed Patterns:

- Using prompts to perform classification and categorization tasks
- Developers asking models to label, sort, or group items like:
- Products, brands, services, food, websites, titles, etc.
- Prompts designed for list-based input to return structured or formatted outputs
- Usage of metadata, item names, or product info to generate or assign categories
- Examples of taxonomy building, data tagging, or automated content labeling
- Recurrent mentions of titles, articles, descriptions, and web content

Examples:

Correctly categorizing products into an existing tree of categories

■ Prompting gpt-4

Feb 11

Hello! I've read through a whole bunch of existing topics but I can't find one that corresponds enough with my specific problem. So I'm hoping to get some help here.

Problem:

We have an existing category tree (with roughly 700 product categories, that will increase as time goes on) and many, many products.

What I want is to create a prompt that will take a list of uncategorized products and suggest the most fitting one, in our existing category tree. It doesn't have to do the actual task of putting them in categories (that would be neat, though) but just suggest the best category for each product based on product name, so I can categorize everything afterwards.

Topic -1:

General Prompting Support and Usage


Observed Patterns:


- General prompting issues (e.g., “how to make this prompt work”)
- Questions about model behavior, outputs, formatting, and how to get desired results
- Involves example-based prompts, prompt design, and troubleshooting
- Repeated mentions of:
- prompt, response, text, output, use, instruction, answer, system, user, assistant
- Also mentions content generation tasks like image, list, code, word, data

Examples:

DALLE3 Prompt Tips and Tricks Thread

■ Prompting dalle3, dalle, gallery



3  Nov 2023

I wanted to create a master thread for all DALLE3 tricks and tips...

Try to limit side-discussions, so we can make this a valuable repository of tips and tricks for DALLE3 API and ChatGPT Plus (or other versions...)

Basic DALLE3 Prompt Tips

1. **Be Specific and Detailed:** The more specific your prompt, the better the image quality. Include details like the setting, objects, colors, mood, and any specific elements you want in the image.
2. **Mood and Atmosphere:** Describe the mood or atmosphere you want to convey. Words like “serene,” “chaotic,” “mystical,” or “futuristic” can guide the AI in setting the right tone.