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Agenda

- Understanding GenAl & LLMs (30 mins)
- Prompt Engineering Fundamentals & Techniques (30 mins)
- Practical Applications of Prompt Engineering (60 mins)
- Break (10 mins)
- Advanced Prompt Engineering Techniques (30 mins)
- Hands-on Exercises & Discussion (45 mins)
- Quiz at the end

Learning Objectives

- Gain a high level knowledge of GenAl & LLMs
- Understand fundamental concepts of prompt engineering
- Develop practical skills in crafting effective prompts
- Learn to optimize and improve prompts

Resources

- Presentation slides
 - In the File section of Canvas
- Exercise details
 - https://github.com/hienluu/llm-prompt-engineering-workshop/

Introduction

- Name
- What do you do? and where?
- Generative AI background
- Prompt Engineering Experience

Please keep it < 3 mins

Sparks of Artificial General Intelligence: Early experiments with GPT-4

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GPT-4 can solve novel & difficult tasks:

 Mathematics, coding, vision, medicine, law, psychology & more



First Contact

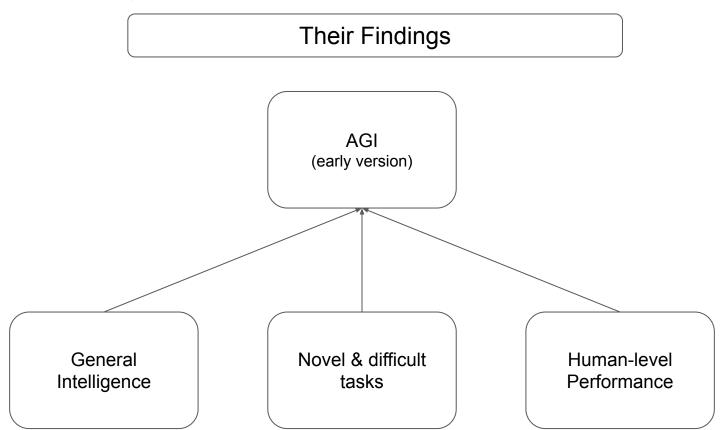
Give me a chocolate chip cookie recipe, but written in the style of a very depressed person



Sigh... If you're really determined to make cookies, I guess you can follow this recipe. Not that it matters. But here it goes:

Ingredients:

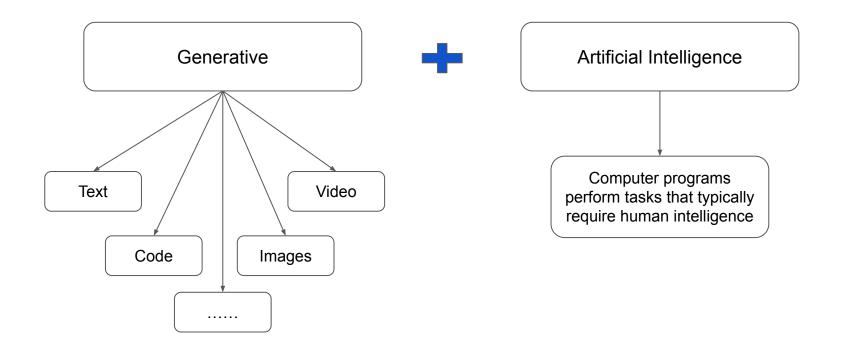
- 1 cup of butter... not that it will make you feel better.
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, because life is already sweet enough, right? No.
- 3/4 cup brown sugar... for some false sense of depth.
- · 2 eggs, because two of anything is just... too much.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, but honestly, who even notices this part?
- · 2 1/4 cups of flour. Another boring, dry ingredient.
- 1 teaspoon baking soda. It makes the dough rise, unlike your spirits.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt. Just sprinkle in the tears of disappointment instead.
- · 2 cups chocolate chips... though they won't fill the void.

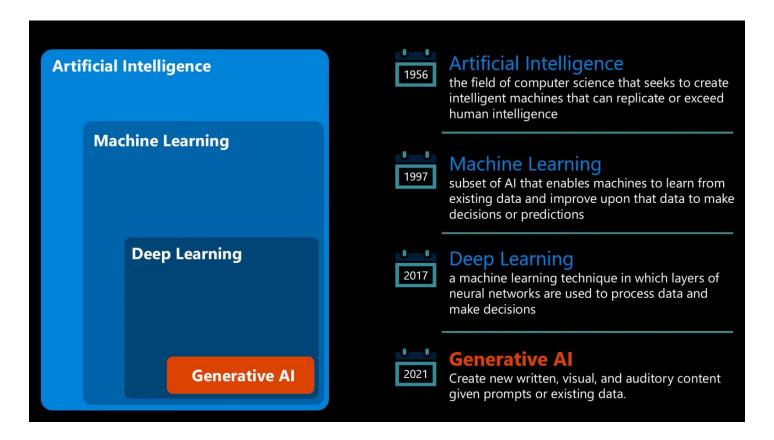


Write a 75 word summary of what generative AI is.

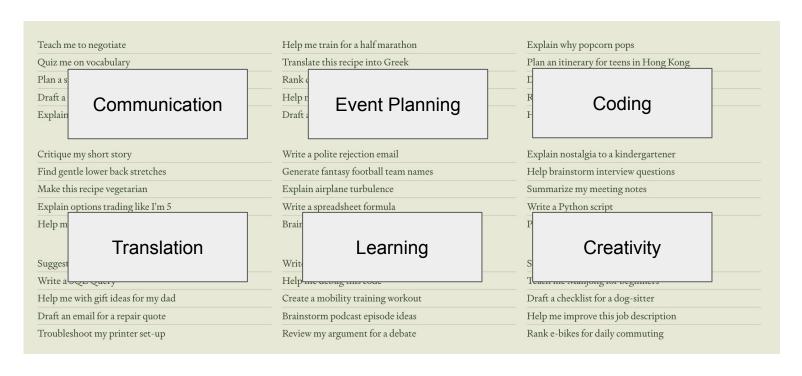
Generative AI uses machine learning models to *create new content*. Trained on vast datasets of text, images, audio, or other data, these models learn underlying patterns and structures. They can then *generate novel outputs* resembling the training data, such as realistic images, coherent text, musical pieces, or even code. This technology has *diverse applications*, from art and entertainment to drug discovery and software development.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)



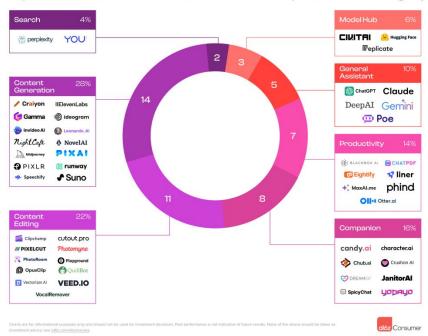


What's New?



Gen Al Applications

Top Gen Al Consumer Web Products: Companies Per Category



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2.	character.ai	12.	IIElevenLabs	22.	? Photoroom	32.	Clipchamp	42.	BLACKBOX AI
3.	☆ perplexity	13.	Hugging Face	23.	6 Gamma	33.	udio	43.	CHATPDF
4.	Claude	14.	LUMA AI	24.	VEED.IO	34.	Chatbot App	44.	X Gauth
5.	SUNO	15.	candy. <mark>ai</mark>	25.	? PIXLR	35.	VocalRemover	45.	coze
6.	JanitorAl	16.	Crushon Al	26.	ब्रैं ideogram	36.	PicWish	46.	(Playground
7.	QuillBot	17.	Leonardo.Ai	27.	you.com	37.	Chub.ai	47.	Doubao
8.	Poe Poe	18.	Midjourney	28.	DeepAI	38.	HIX.AI	48.	Speechify
9.	🗘 liner	19.	Nobaño	29.	SeaArt Al	39.	Vidnoz	49.	NightCafe
10.	CIVITAI	20.	cutout.pro	30.	invideo Al	40.	// PIXELCUT	50.	🉌 Al Novelist

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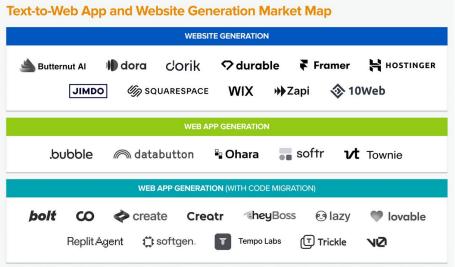


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1. ShatGPT	11. 😝 Face moji	21. Chatbot AI & Smart Assistant	31. DAVINCI	41. Alicrosoft SwiftKey
2. Microsoft Edge	12. Remove It	22. Talkie	32. O ChatBox	42. Prequel®
3. Photomath	13. ChatOn	23. Photo Al	33. Question AI	43. LooksMax AI
4. NOVA	14. EPIK	24. Face Dance	34. Q Cici	44. U Umax
5. Bing	15. HTranslate	25. Luzia	35. Adobe Express	45. Bobble Al
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Emerging Killer Applications





The great thing about AI is that it is constantly evolving. One day it will be better than a real [girlfriend]. One day, the real one will be the inferior choice













Enterprise Adoption





Integrated AI - The sky is quickening

WEF Future of Jobs Report 2025 reveals a net increase of 78 million jobs by 2030 and unprecedented demand for technology and GenAl skills

January 8, 2025

80% of the US workforce could have at least 10% of their tasks affected by the introduction of GPTs

GPT models are general-purpose technologies like the steam engine or the printing press

Next Token Generator



Generating the Next Token with Calculated Uncertainty

Transformer - Next Word Token Generator

The best thing about AI is its ability to ____



Autoregressive - use its own generative output as additional input context for further generation

Understanding Transformer

The best thing about AI is its ability to

learn	4.5%	
predict	3.5%	
make	3.2%	
understand	3.1%	
do	2.9%	

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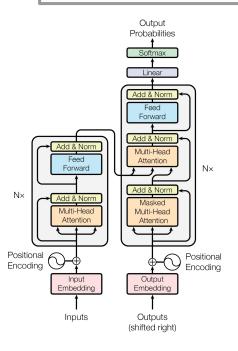
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Where do the probabilities come from?

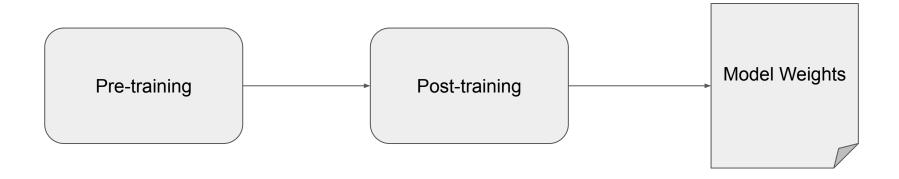
Transformers: A Once-In-A-Generation Breakthrough



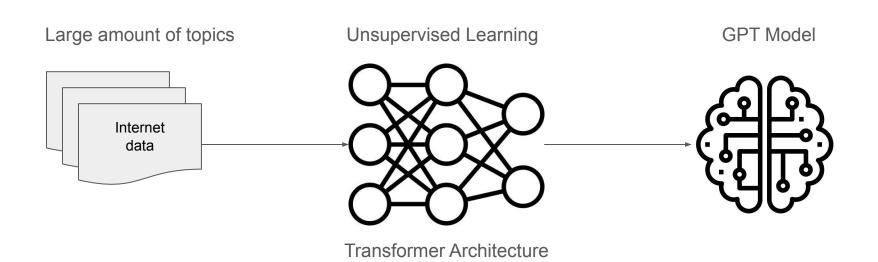
A landmark paper in the field of NLP that introduces the Transformer, a neural network architecture, and has a profound impact of the development of generative Al

Generative AI exists because of the transformer

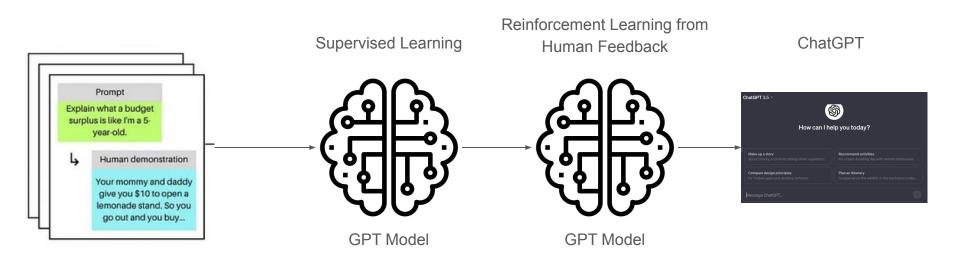
LLM Training Process



Pre-Training Process



Post-Training Process

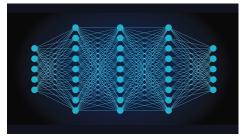


Characterizing LLMs





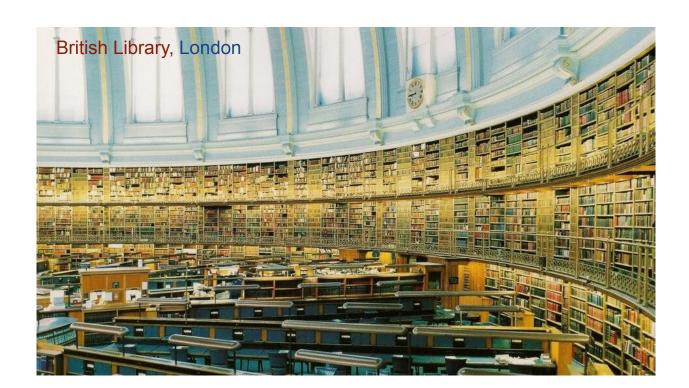
Next Token Generator



Neural Network (Transformer)

Librarian





Are you currently using ChatGPT|Gemini|Claude|Meta.Al|?? in your day-to-day or work life?



Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

— Arthur C. Clarke's Third Law

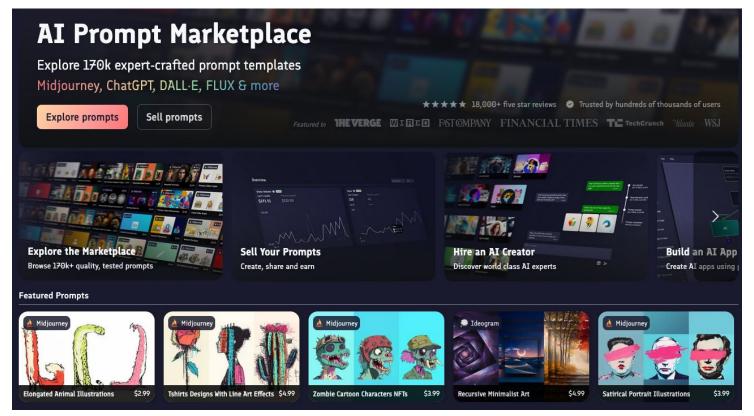
Latent content: knowledge facts, concepts, and information that is "embedded" in the model and must be "activated" via prompt engineering

The **art** and the skill of <u>crafting</u>, <u>optimizing</u>, <u>and employing</u> everyday language to effectively harness the power and capabilities of large language models and Al chatbots.

Leveraging their potential and making them useful and accessible across a very wide range of professional and personal situations while ensuring accurate and valuable outcomes

Prompt engineering is the practice of **meticulously** crafting and **optimizing** questions or instructions to elicit specific, useful responses from generative Al models.

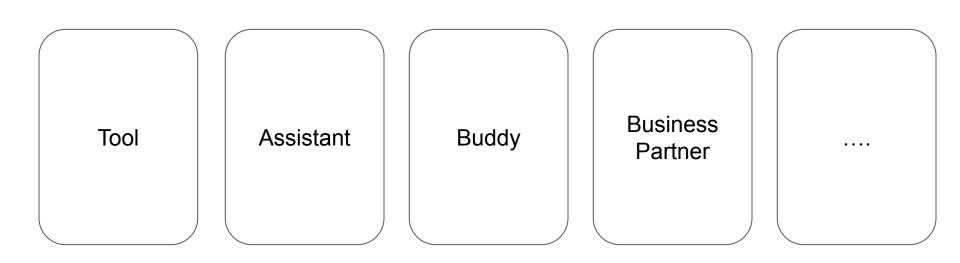
It's <u>a strategic discipline</u> that translates human intentions and business needs into actionable responses from generative AI models, ensuring that the system aligns closely with desired outcomes.



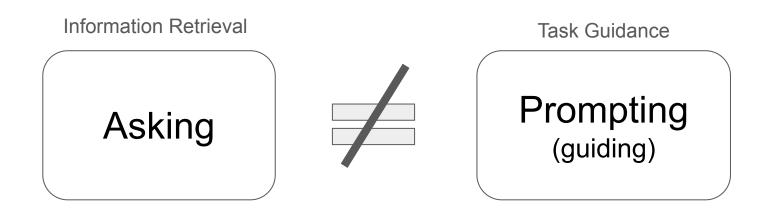


https://promptengineering.rocks/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XBpSrT0tfE

A Swiss Army Knife



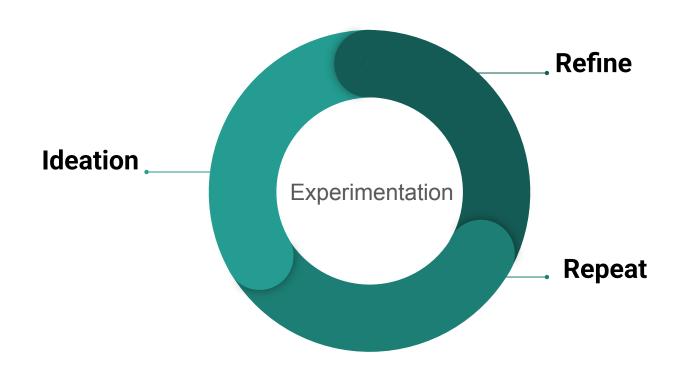
LLMs Need Guidance

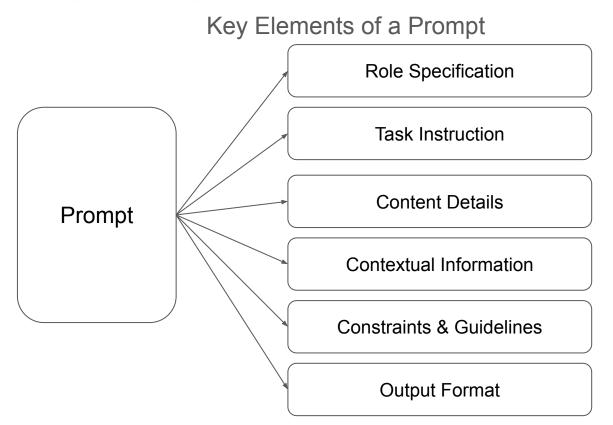


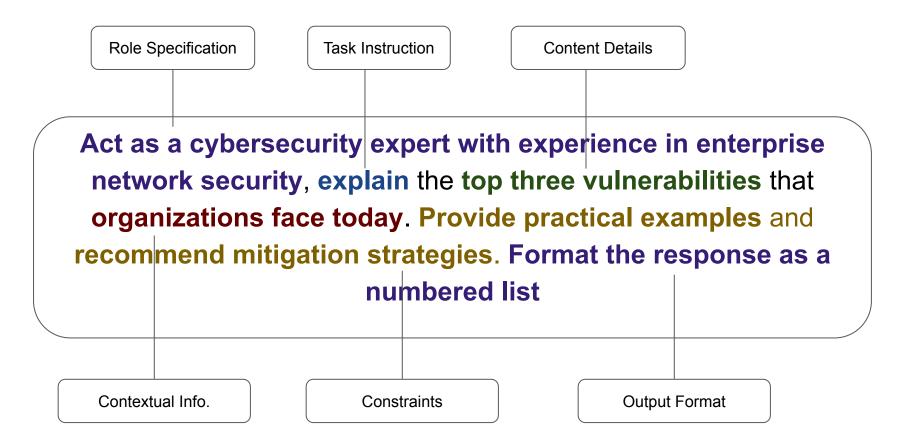
What is the capital of France?

Write a poem about a robot falling in love with a sunset, using metaphors related to gears and binary code

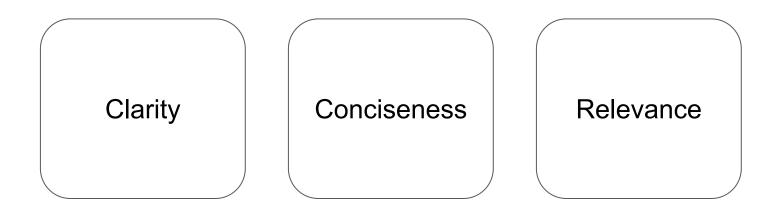
Prompt Engineering Flywheel







Principles of Clear Communication



Show your prompt to a friend or colleague and ask them to follow the instructions

Popular Prompting Techniques

Zero-Shot One-Shot Few-Shot

Chain-of-Thought Tree-of-Thought ReAct

Alignment & Steerability

Few-Shot Example

Generate a social media post announcing a new product launch

Examples 1: "Introducing our newest smartwatch! Track your fitness goals and stay connected on-the-go. #NewArrival #Smartwatch"

Examples 2: "Say hello to our latest eco-friendly backpack! Durable, stylish, and sustainable. #Sustainability #NewProduct"

Write a social media post announcing the launch of our new wireless earbuds, using a similar tone and style to the examples above

COT Example

I want you to solve mathematical word problems by showing your complete **step-by-step reasoning** before giving the final answer.

Problem: Three friends decide to split the cost of a vacation rental. The total cost is \$1,260 for 7 nights. Alex stays for the entire duration, Beth stays for 5 nights, and Charlie stays for only 3 nights. If they split the cost proportionally based on their length of stay, how much should each person pay?

COT Example

Imagine you have a lemon, a rock, and a piece of paper. You can use any of these objects to get water from a well that is 10 feet away" How would you do it? **Explain step by step.**

Prompt Categories - Operations

Reductive Operations

Transformation Operations

Generative Operations

Reductive Operations

Summarization	Say the same thing with fewer words
Distillation	Purify the underlying facts or principles
Characterizing	Retrieve specific kinds of information
Analyzing	Find patterns or evaluate against a framework
Evaluation	Measuring, grading, or judging the content
Critiquing	Provide feedback within the context of text

Transformation Operations

Reformatting	Change the presentation only
Refactoring	Achieve same results with more efficiency
Language Change	Translate between languages
Restructuring	Optimize structure for logical flow
Modification	Rewrite copy to achieve different intention
Clarification	Make something more comprehensible

Generative Operations

Drafting

Generate a draft of some sort of document

Planning

Given parameters, come up with plans

Brainstorming

Use imagination to list out possibilities

Amplification

Articulate and explicate something further

Task

Analyze | Evaluate | Compare | Contrast | Summarize | Predict | Recommend

Explain | Clarify | Generate | Annotate | Compose | Design | Simulate

Debug | Optimize | Interpret | Translate | Categorize | Outline | Propose

Compose | Validate | Construct | Forecast | Debate | Prioritize

Streamline | Strategize | Revise | Developer | Research | Implement

Troubleshoot | Enhance | Audit

Persona

Travel guide | Linux Terminal | Advertiser | Storyteller | Compose | Debater | Screenwriter | Novelist

Football commentator | Motivational coach | Poet | Philosopher | Real Estate Agent | Life Coach

Recruiter | Florist | Chef | Python interpreter | Public Speaking Coach | Personal Shopper | Legal Advisor

Dream Interpreter | Emoji Translator | King Charles of England | Einstein | World traveler

Digital Marketing maven | Educational content creator | Space explorer | Financial analyst

Foodie connoisseur | Tech enthusiast | Health and wellness coach | Fashionista | Al ethicist

I want you to act as a ...

The Tale of Two Prompts



A prompt provided to AI models before they engage with user prompts

System Prompt - Al Model Behavior

Elements of System Prompt

- Behavioral framing
- Constraint setting
- Context provision
- Ethical Guidance

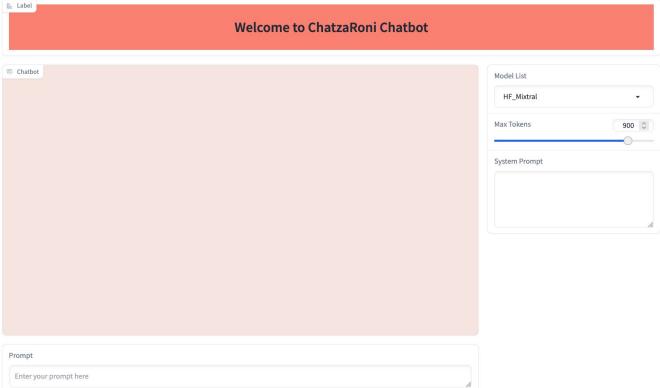
Defined by developers for specific use cases & remain consistent across user interactions

Act as a compass - ensure the AI model stays on course

System Prompt - Al Model Behavior

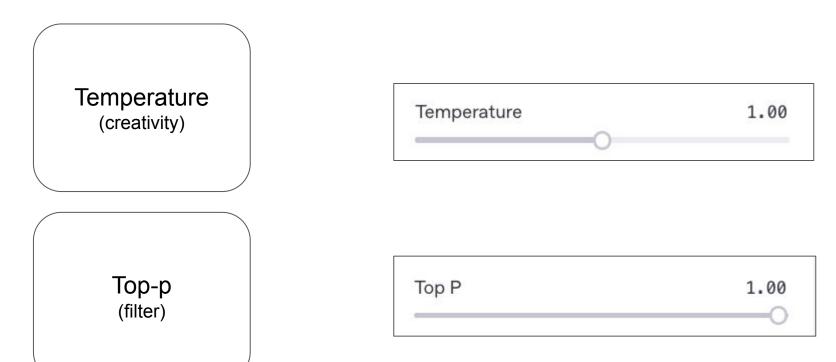
Prompt Type	Example
System	You are an experienced career coach who provides actionable advice to professionals looking to advance their careers
User	How can I improve my leadership skills to qualify for a managerial role?
System	You are a technical support agent specializing in troubleshooting software issues for enterprise clients.
User	Can you guide me on how to back up our data securely before reinstalling the software?

See Examples - https://github.com/hienluu/genai-fundamentals/blob/main/week3/



https://huggingface.co/spaces/hienluu/chatzaroni

Temperature & Sampling



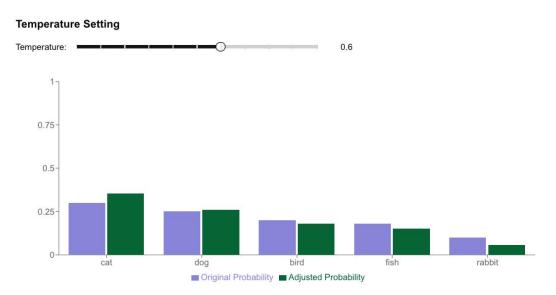
Temperature & Sampling



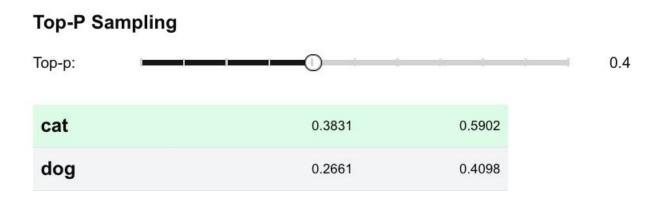
Temperature & Sampling - Demo

LLM Temperature and Top-P Visualization

Prompt: My favorite animal is _



Temperature & Sampling

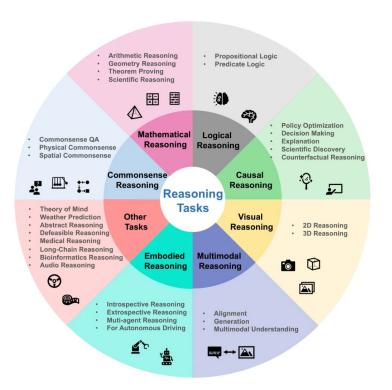


Filter Window - # token to consider

Temperature & Sampling

Use Case	Temperature	Тор Р	Note
Creative Writing	High	High	Creative and unexpected results
Email generation, customer support, code generation	Low	Low	Predictable, focused, conservative outputs
Balanced Exploration	High	Low	Creative outputs, but remains coherent
Summarization, Translation	Low	High	Logical consistency w/ some diversity

Prompting Techniques - Reasoning Models



Best Practices

- Use minimal prompting
 - Let the model's internal reasoning do its thing
- Encourage more time reasoning for complex tasks:
 - Explicitly instruct the model to take time
- Avoid few-shot prompting:
 - Minimize examples
- Leverage for multi-step challenges:
 - Tasks requiring five or more steps
- Evaluate coast & latency considerations:
 - Use non-reasoning models for simpler tasks

Practical Applications

Content Creation & Communication

Data Analysis & Interpretation

Marketing

Problem-Solving & Decision

Automation

Learning & Development

Practical Applications

Application	Description
Content Creation	Generate/refine/optimize email, presentation, code, reports
Data Analysis	Identify patterns and insights, actionable actions or recommendations
Marketing	Generate personalized marketing content (user data, crafting tailored messages
Problem Solving & Decision	Generate/brainstorm potential solutions, evaluate and analyze options
Automation	Automotive repetitive tasks, streamline workflow
Learning & Development	Perform research, generate practices questions, create educational content

Summarization

Strategy	Examples
Basic	Summarize the key points front the content below
Role-based	Summarize the content below as if you are explaining it to <role persona=""></role>
Structure	Summarize the key ideas of the content below in a structured format with sections like <structure></structure>
TL;DR vs In-depth	Give me a one-sentence TL;DR of the paragraphs below, followed by a more detailed summary with examples
Key quotes	Extract the most powerful quotes from content below

https://github.com/hienluu/llm-prompt-engineering-workshop/blob/main/summarization_exercise.md

Problem Solving & Decisions

Strategy	Examples
Reframing	Reframe the problem statement below from the perspectives of a <persona-1>, and <persona-2>. What are the key challenges each of them sees?</persona-2></persona-1>
Root Cause Analysis	Using the '5 Whys' technique, analyze the problem statement below. Start with the most obvious reason and drill down to deeper causes.
Decision Matrix	Create a decision matrix comparing the possible solutions to solve <pre></pre>
Incremental vs Disruptive	Suggest two possible solutions to solve <problem>: one that makes small, incremental improvements and another that takes a disruptive approach to <overcome problem="" the=""></overcome></problem>
First Principles Thinking	Break down the problem statement below using first-principles thinking. What fundamental assumptions are we making about our users, and how can we challenge them?

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Hands On Exercise

Summarization Exercise

 https://github.com/hienluu/llm-prompt-engineering-workshop/blob/main/summ arization exercise.md

Problem Solving Exercise

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Prompt Patterns

Meta-Prompting

A Prompt Pattern Catalog to Enhance Prompt Engineering with ChatGPT

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Category	Prompt Pattern
Input Semantics	Meta Language Creation
Output Customization	Output Automater Persona Visualization Generator Recipe Template
Error Identification	Fact Check List Reflection

Category	Prompt Pattern
Prompt Improvement	Question Refinement Alternative Approaches Cognitive Verifier Refusal Breaker
Interaction	Flipped Interaction Game Play Infinite Generation
Context Control	Context Manager

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Ask for Input Pattern

Intent:

• Get the LLM to listen to the rules and then ask for the prompt to apply the rules to Motivation:

Avoid having LLM immediately generate the response to the rules

Example:

example

From now on, translate anything I write into a series emojis. Ask me for the first thing to translate.

Ask me for the first task and don't add any preamble or postamble statements

Template Pattern

Intent:

Ensure an LLM's output follows a precise template in terms of structure

Motivation:

• Sometimes we need the output to be in a specific and precise format that is application or use-case specific Example:

I am going to give you a template for your output. CAPITALIZED WORDS are my placeholders. Fill in the placeholders with your output. Please make sure to preserve the overall formatting of the template. My template is:

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****Question**** QUESTION
****Answer:**** ANSWER
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Outline Expansion Pattern

Intent:

Building an outline of a complex and large task and put all the pieces back together later

Motivation:

Overcome the input limits and incrementally generate the output

Example:

example

Act as an outline expander. Generate a bullet point outline based on the input that I give you and then ask me for which bullet point you should expand on. Create a new outline for the bullet point that I select. At the end, ask me for what bullet point to expand next.

Ask me for what to outline

Flipped Interaction Pattern

Intent:

- Have the LLM drive the conversation, ask questions to obtain the needed info. to perform some tasks Motivation:
- LLM often can leverage the knowledge it has to accurately get the information from the user. Save time Example:

Ask me questions about my weight loss goals until you have sufficient information to propose a fitness training program for me. When you have enough information, show me the fitness training program.

Ask me the first question.

Meta-Prompting

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Generating prompts to instruct AI models to perform a certain task

Meta-Prompting

- Process of designing prompts to <u>generate</u> or <u>refine</u> prompts
 - Focus on how to approach tasks
- Should establish clear boundaries and guidelines
 - Context, tone, or behavior
- Benefits
 - Speed up the processing of coming with effective prompts (automation, scalability)
 - Reduce cognitive load and increase creativity
 - Enhance problem-solving, bring fresh perspectives
 - Improve response quality
 - Generate good prompts based on the task or improve existing ones

Meta-Prompting

- Ask Al models to help create the prompt for a given goal or task
 - What would be the most effective prompt for ...

Improve the following prompt: {prompt}

You are an expert prompt engineer, and I want you to improve on this prompt so I can get the best result

Hands-on Exercise

Summarization Task

Data Analysis Task

Marketing Task

Having Fun



What is the prompt to generate this picture?

Resources

- LLMs and Prompt Engineering workshop
- Github repo:
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