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You're Using ChatGPT Wrong! Here's How to Be Ahead of 99% of ChatGPT Users

Master ChatGPT by learning prompt engineering.



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Most of us use ChatGPT wrong.

We don't include examples in our prompts.

We ignore that we can control ChatGPT's behavior with roles.

We let ChatGPT guess stuff instead of providing it with some information.

This happens because we mostly use standard prompts that might help us get the job done once, but not all the time.

We need to learn how to create high-quality prompts to get better results. We need to learn prompt engineering! And, in this guide, we'll learn 4 techniques used in prompt engineering.

If you don't feel like reading, you can watch my video below.

Few Shot Standard Prompts

Few shot standard prompts are the standard prompts we've seen before, but with examples of the task in them.

Why examples? Well, If you want to increase your chances to get the desired result, you have to add examples of the task that the prompt is trying to solve.

Few-shot standard prompts consist of a task description, examples, and the prompt. In this case, the prompt is the beginning of a new example that the model should complete by generating the missing text.

Here are the components of few shot standard prompts.

Few Shot Standard Prompts

Translate English to Spanish: ← task description

table - mesa

apple - manzana

← examples

house -

← prompt

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Now let's create another prompt. Say we want to extract airport codes from the text "I want to fly from Orlando to Boston"

Here's the standard prompt that most would use.

Extract the airport codes from this text: "I want to fly from Orlando to Boston"

This might get the job done, but sometimes it might not be enough. In such cases, you have to use few shot standard prompts.

Extract the airport codes from this text:

Text: "I want to fly from Los Angeles to Miami."

Airport codes: LAX, MIA

Text: "I want to fly from Nashville to Kansas City."

Airport codes: BNA, MCI

Text: "I want to fly from Orlando to Boston"

Airport codes: