

# 9 free AI courses every **Solo-Founder** should know about

Handpicked to help you build smarter  
agents, systems, and workflows.



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# Overwhelmed by AI content?

Most founders are.

These 9 courses cut through  
the noise.

- Curated for real-world use
- Taught by AI leaders
- Perfect for solo-builders

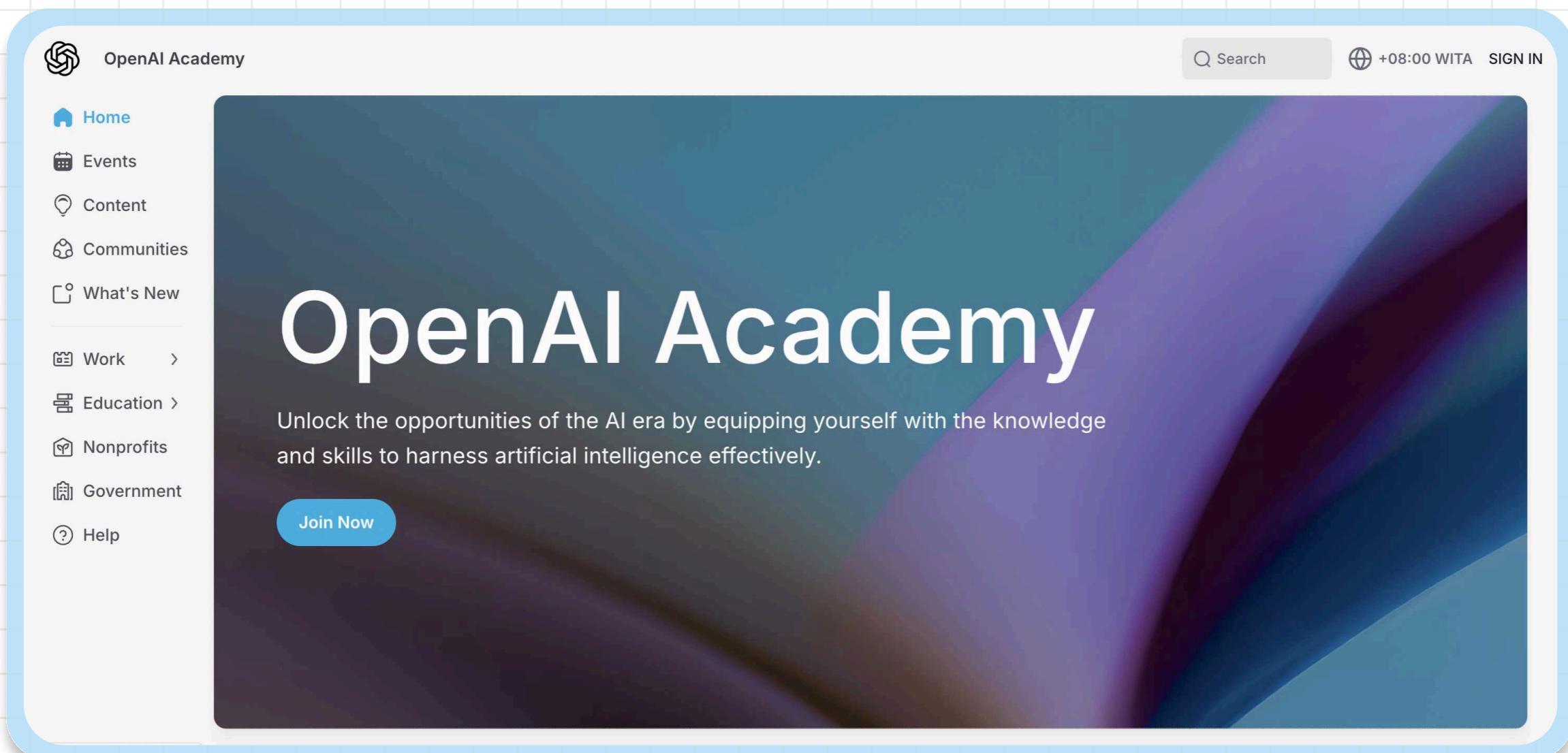




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# OpenAI Academy



Learn directly from the team behind  
ChatGPT.

Helps you think like the model, and  
prompt with purpose.



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# Claude (Anthropic) Academy

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Anthropic Academy. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Claude, API, Solutions, Research, Commitments, Learn, and News, along with a "Try Claude" button. The main title "Anthropic Academy" is prominently displayed. Below the title, a subtitle reads: "Get in the know with Anthropic resources. From API development guides to enterprise deployment best practices, the academy has you covered." A section titled "Featured courses" is shown, with a sub-section describing new courses available. Two specific courses are highlighted: "Claude with the Anthropic API" and "Claude Code in Action".

A call-to-action button at the bottom left says "See all courses on Anthropic Academy".

Master Claude's capabilities for system building.

We use this in the Lab to power assistants, agents, and workflows.



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# AWS Prompt Engineering

The screenshot shows the AWS Skill Builder interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, a search bar, language settings (English), support options, sign-in links, and a 'Create free account' button. Below the bar, there are links for 'Explore', 'Subscriptions', and 'More AWS training'. The main content area features a large title 'Foundations of Prompt Engineering' in bold black font. Underneath it, it says 'Digital course | ★ 4.6 (1409) | 4h | English +8 more |'. To the right of the title is a call-to-action box with the text 'Enroll to get started with this training' and a 'Sign up or sign in to enroll' button. Below the title, there are two tabs: 'Details' (which is selected) and 'Outline'. The 'Details' tab contains sections for 'Description' and 'Objectives'. The 'Description' section includes a paragraph about the course content and a list of learning objectives. The 'Objectives' section lists five items related to prompt engineering best practices. To the right of the 'Details' tab is an 'Overview' section with icons for 'Domain' (Artificial Intelligence), 'Access' (Free), 'Level' (Intermediate), and 'Last Update' (March 8, 2025).

Learn the difference between a  
messy prompt and a structured  
system.

Good prompting saves (so much)  
time!



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# Google Responsible AI

The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Responsible AI landing page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Overview, Solutions, Products, Pricing, Resources, and Contact Us. On the right side of the header are search and support links. Below the header, there's a sidebar with tabs for Benefits (which is selected), Key features, What's new, and Take the next step. The main content area features a section titled "Responsible AI" with a sub-section "How values-based AI is good for your business". This section includes three columns: "Safer and more accountable products", "Earn and keep your customers' trust", and "A culture of responsible innovation". Each column has a brief description and a "Read the report" link. At the bottom of the main content area, there's a "KEY FEATURES" section with a link to "Google Cloud's approach to responsible AI".

**Understand how to build AI systems  
that are safe, stable, and human-aware.**

**Worth learning early (especially if  
you're deploying agents at scale).**

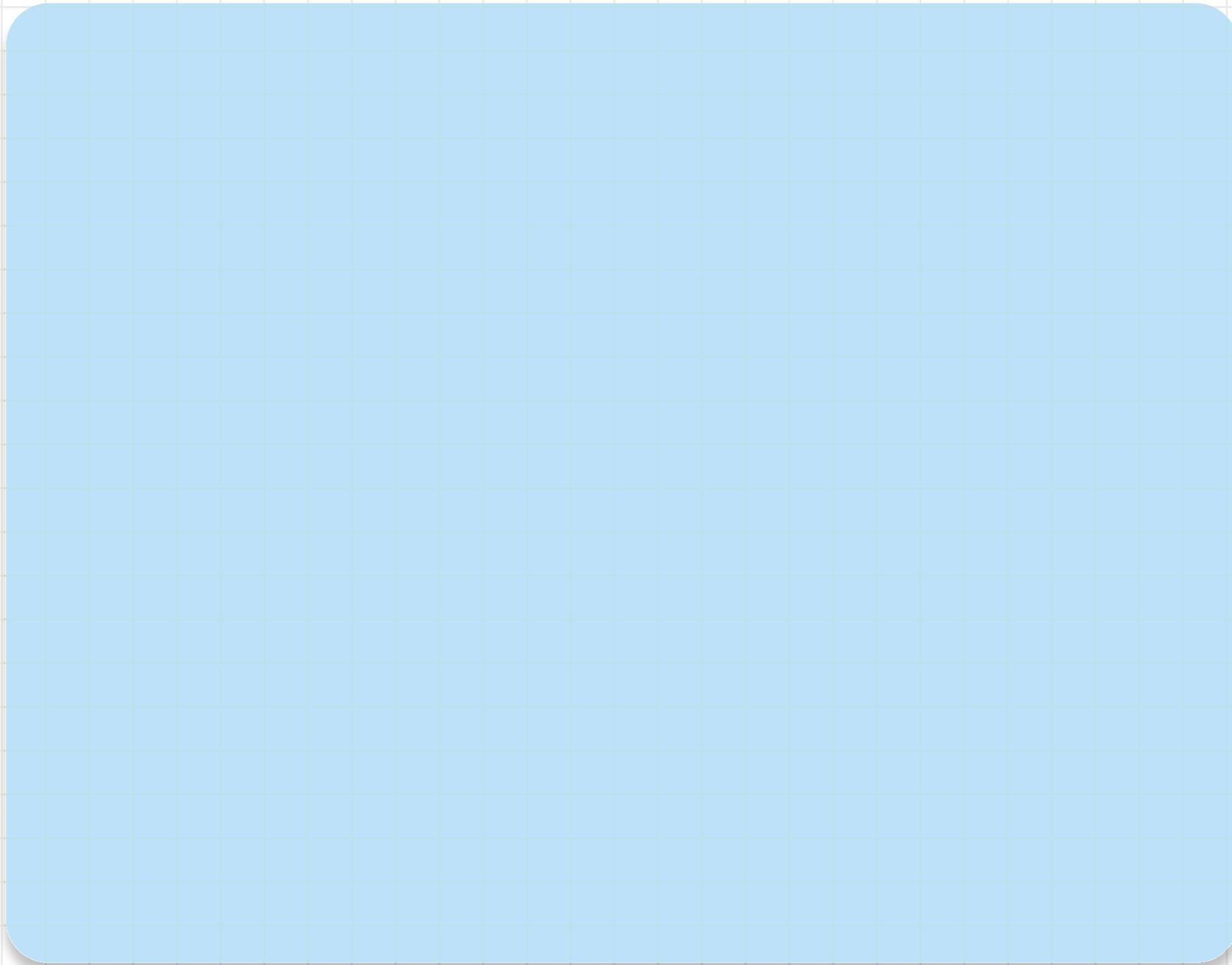




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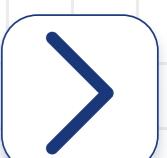
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## OpenAI Agent Guide



**Learn what agents are, when to use them, and how to build them.**

**Tactical, not theoretical.**



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# RAG with LangChain

The screenshot shows the LangChain website's "Conceptual guide" section for "Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)". The left sidebar includes links for Introduction, Tutorials, How-to guides, Conceptual guide (which is active), Ecosystem (LangSmith, LangGraph), Versions (v0.3, v0.2), Pydantic compatibility, Migrating from v0.0 chains, Upgrading to LangGraph memory, Release policy, and Security Policy. The main content area has a breadcrumb navigation path: Home > Conceptual guide > Retrieval augmented generation (RAG). It features a title "Retrieval augmented generation (RAG)", a "PREREQUISITES" section with "• Retrieval", and an "Overview" section describing RAG as a technique that combines language models with external knowledge bases. Below the overview is a "Key concepts" section with a diagram illustrating the RAG process:

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graph LR; Question[Question] --> Box1[ ]; Box1 --> Box2[ ]; Box2 --> Model[Model]; Model --> Answer[Answer]
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The diagram shows a flow from a "Question" input through a "Retrieval system" (represented by a dashed box) to a "Prompt model with retrieved information" (represented by a solid box with vertical lines), which then interacts with a "Model" (represented by a brain icon) to produce an "Answer".

Start thinking in documents, not just prompts.

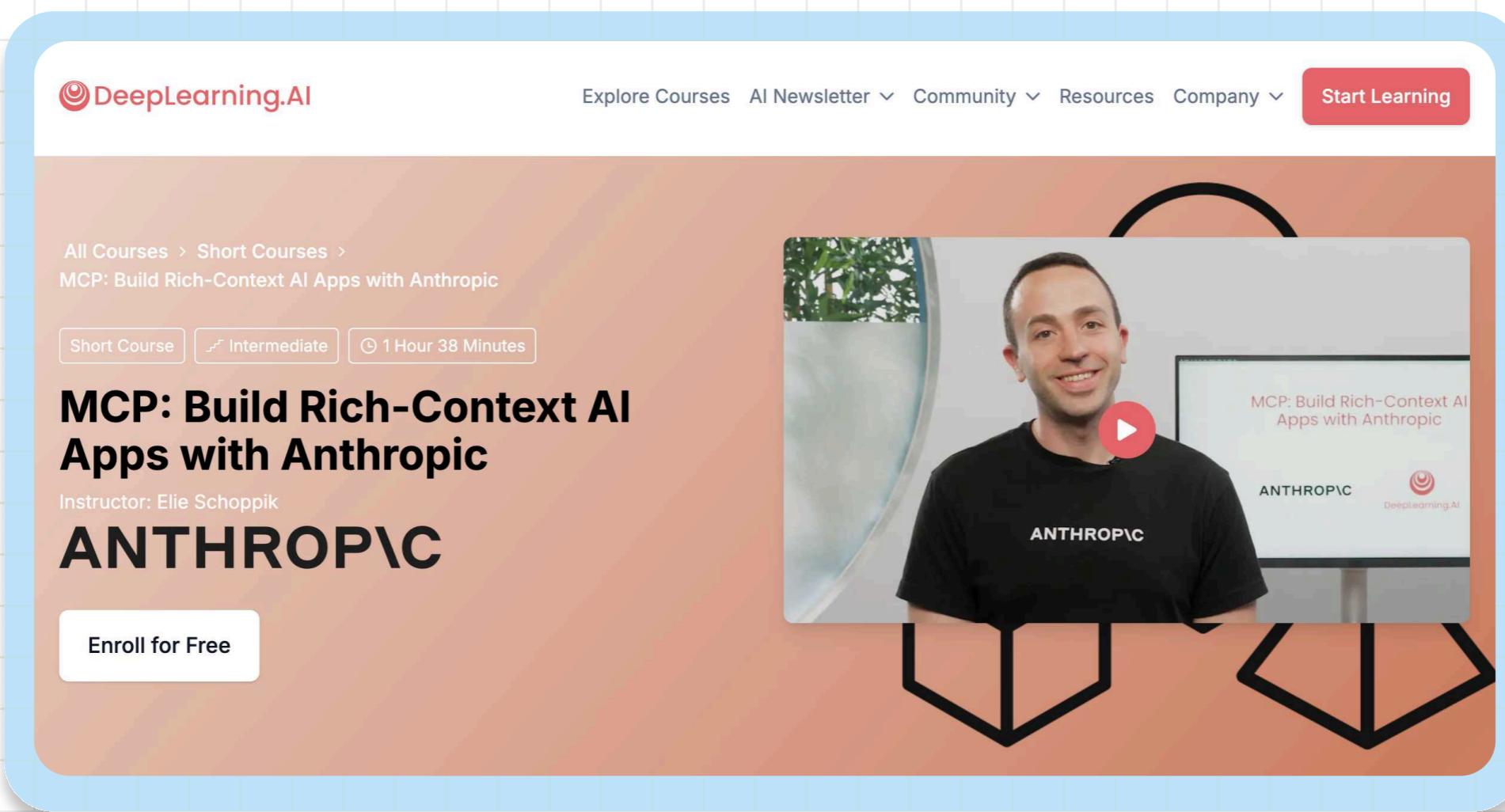
RAG systems connect your content with your model.



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# Claude MCP + Rich Context



Train Claude with the context it needs to think clearly.

This is core to building reliable assistants.



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# Harvard ML Course

The screenshot shows the course page for "Data Science: Machine Learning" on the Harvard University website. The page features a dark blue header with the Harvard logo and a search bar. Below the header, the course title "Data Science: Machine Learning" is displayed in large white text. A brief description follows: "Build a movie recommendation system and learn the science behind one of the most popular and successful data science techniques." A red "LEARN MORE" button with a link to edX is present. To the right, there's a large image of a modern building's interior with curved architectural features. On the left, course details are listed: "April 16 - December 17, 2025", "Free\*", "Online", and a "What you'll learn" section with a bulleted list of topics. On the right, a sidebar provides detailed course information:

DURATION	8 weeks long
TIME COMMITMENT	2 - 4 hours per week
PACE	Self-paced
SUBJECT	Computer Science
COLLECTION	Professional Certificate in Data Science
DIFFICULTY	Introductory
CREDIT	Audit for Free Add a Verified Certificate for \$149
PLATFORM	edX

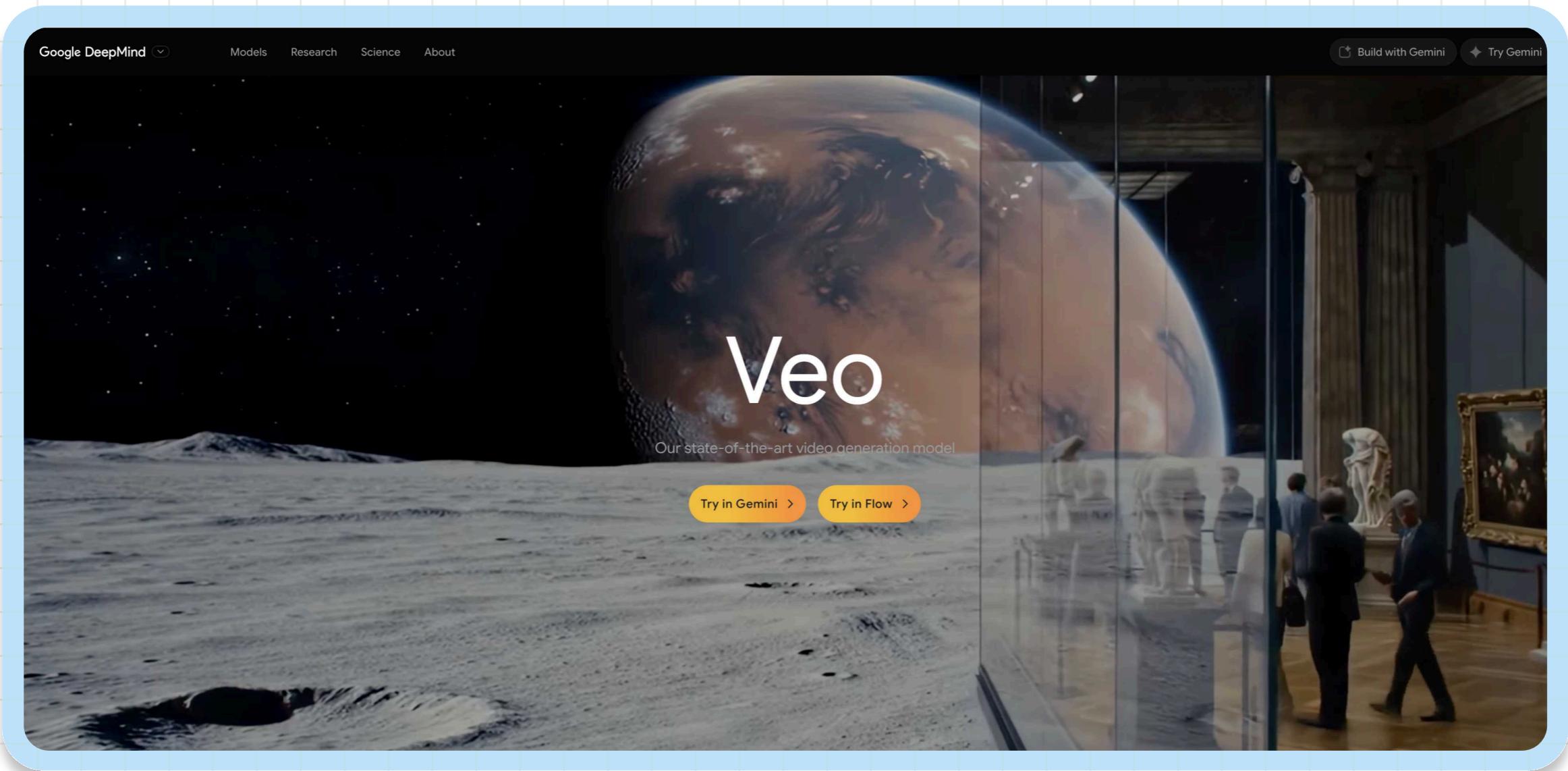
Gives you just enough machine learning theory to build smarter, and debug better.



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# Google Veo AI Video



If you're exploring AI video tools,  
this will give you a high-level  
view of what's possible.



The  
clickable list  
is above



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