Prompt Engineering—Concept Document

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Topic: Prompt Engineering

Concept Overview:

1. Definition:

Prompt Engineering is the process of designing effective inputs (prompts) to get desired outputs from an LLM.

2. **Goal:**

To guide models like GPT or BERT to perform tasks accurately using well-structured queries.

3. Techniques:

- o **Zero-shot:** Asking the model directly without examples.
- o **Few-shot:** Providing a few examples for better context.
- o Chain-of-Thought (CoT): Asking the model to explain reasoning step-by-step.

4. Importance:

Prompts determine how well an LLM performs without needing to retrain it.

5. Applications:

Chatbots, summarization, reasoning tasks, code generation, and creative writing.

6. Conclusion:

Prompt Engineering bridges human intent and model output, making LLMs practical and adaptable.

Reflection (5–6 Lines)

I learned that the same question can yield very different results based on prompt design. Experimenting with zero-shot and few-shot prompts showed how examples improve accuracy. The Chain-of-Thought method helped me get more logical and step-by-step answers. The main challenge was formulating clear and concise prompts for complex questions. Prompt engineering taught me that communicating effectively with AI is a skill in itself.