





Al and the Future of Jobs

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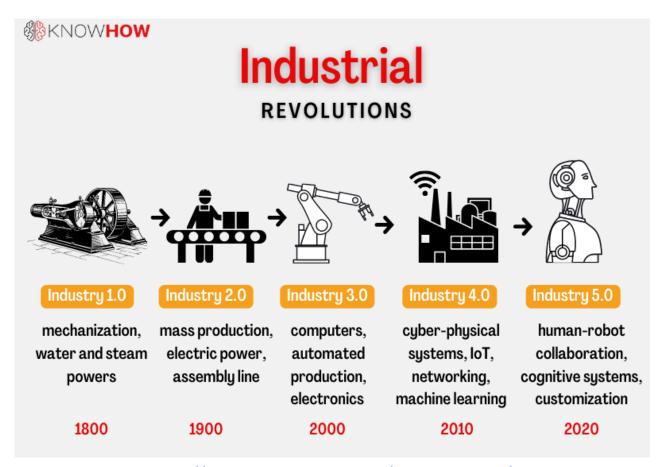
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The World is Changing Faster than We can Understand

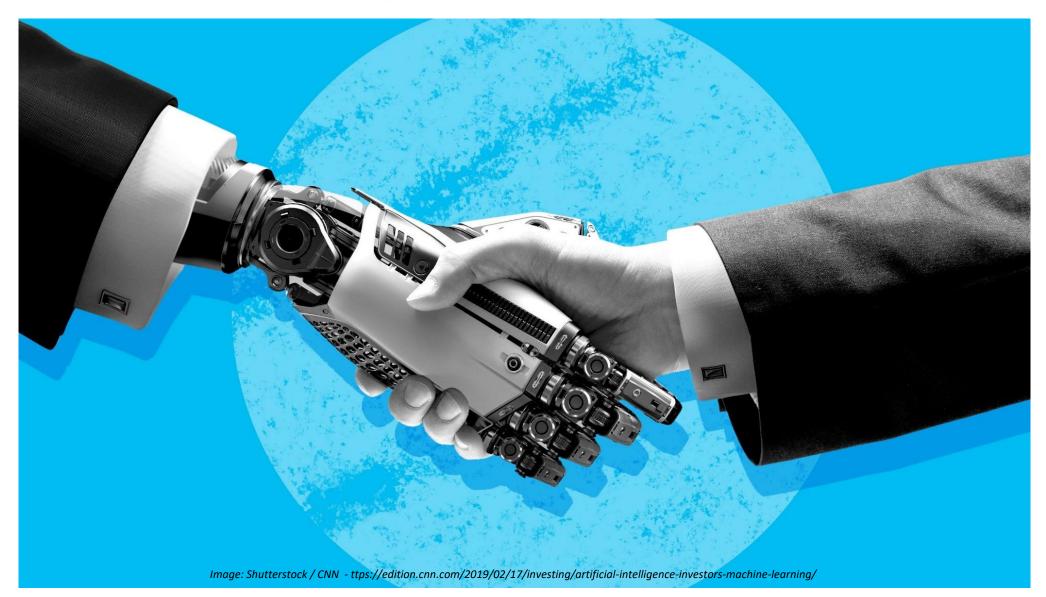
- Al won't replace humans but humans using Al will replace humans not using Al
- Al is moving from tools that assist humans to agents that act autonomously
- Autonomous, Physical, Goal-Driven, Learning Systems



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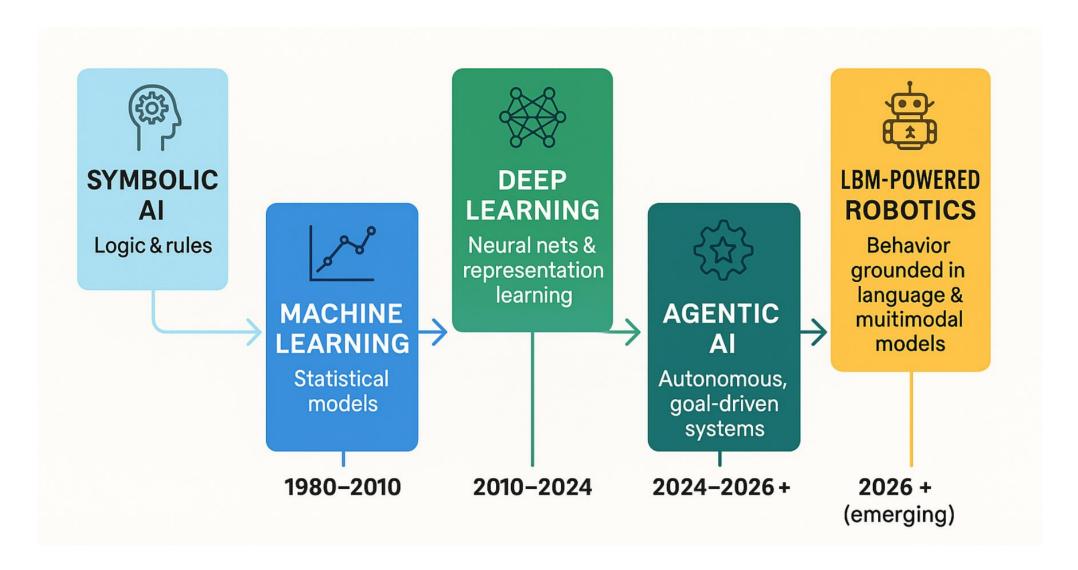


Al is no longer a Tool! It is a Partner!





Evolution of AI Paradigms





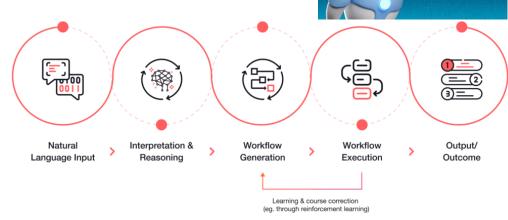
Agentic Al

- Autonomy: Ability to initiate and complete tasks with limited direct human supervision, with great flexibility and efficiency in executing tasks
- Reasoning: Sophisticated decision-making based on context and trade-offs
- Reinforcement Learning: Dynamically evolve by interacting with their environment and receiving feedback from these interactions.

Language Understanding: Capacity to understand and follow complex instructions.

• Workflow Optimization: Efficient execution of multi-step complex processes

Feature	Agentic Al	Generative AI	Traditional AI
Primary Function	Goal-oriented action & decision-making	Content generation (text, code, images, etc.)	Focused on automating repetitive tasks
Autonomy	High – Operates with minimal human oversight	Variable – May require user prompts or guidance	Low – Relies on specific algorithms and set rules
Learning	Reinforced Learning – Improves through experience	Data-driven learning – Learns from existing data	Relies on predefined rules and human intervention

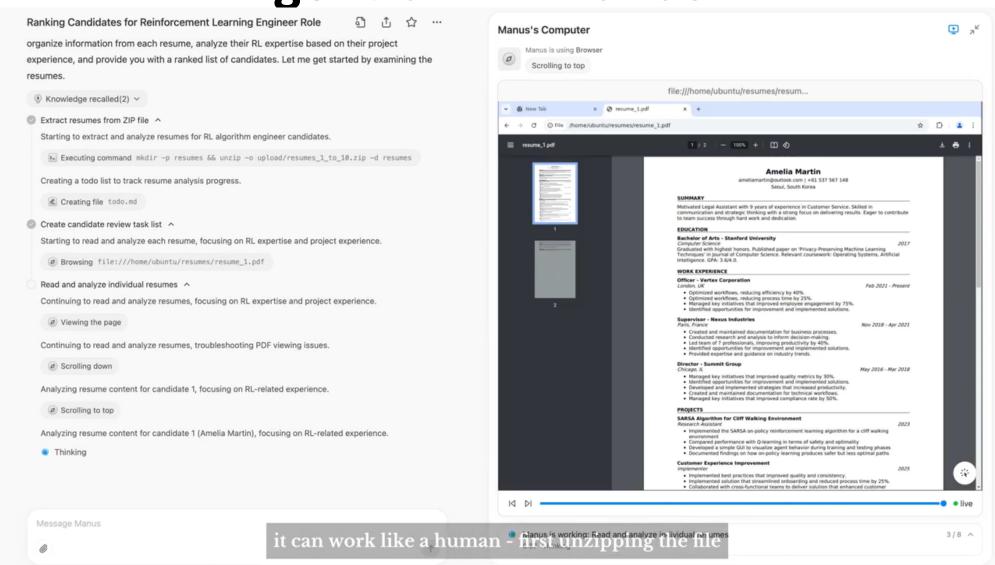


AGENTIC AI



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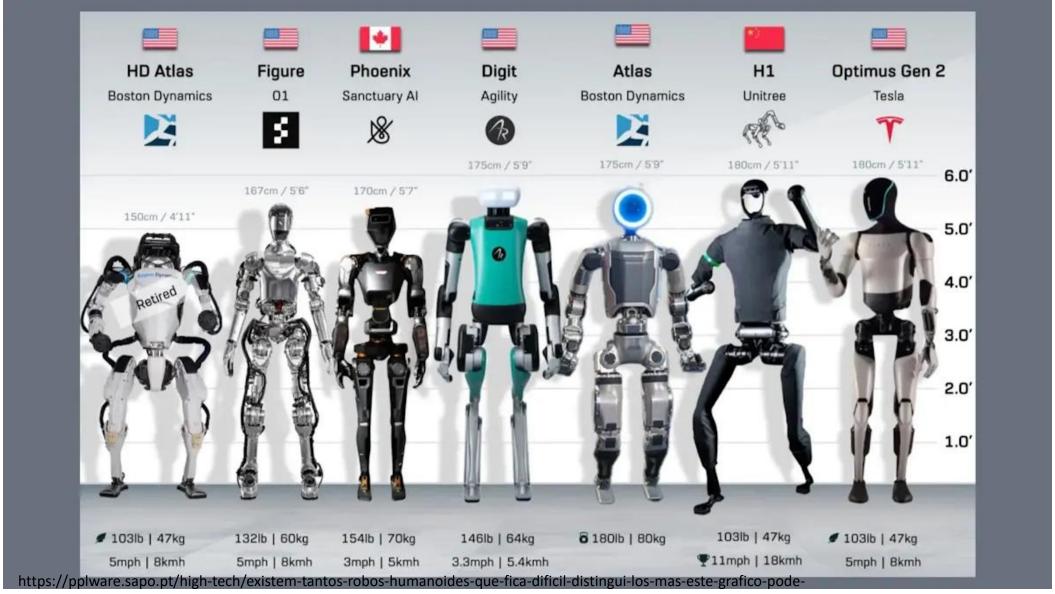
Agentic AI – Manus AI







Robotic Humanoids



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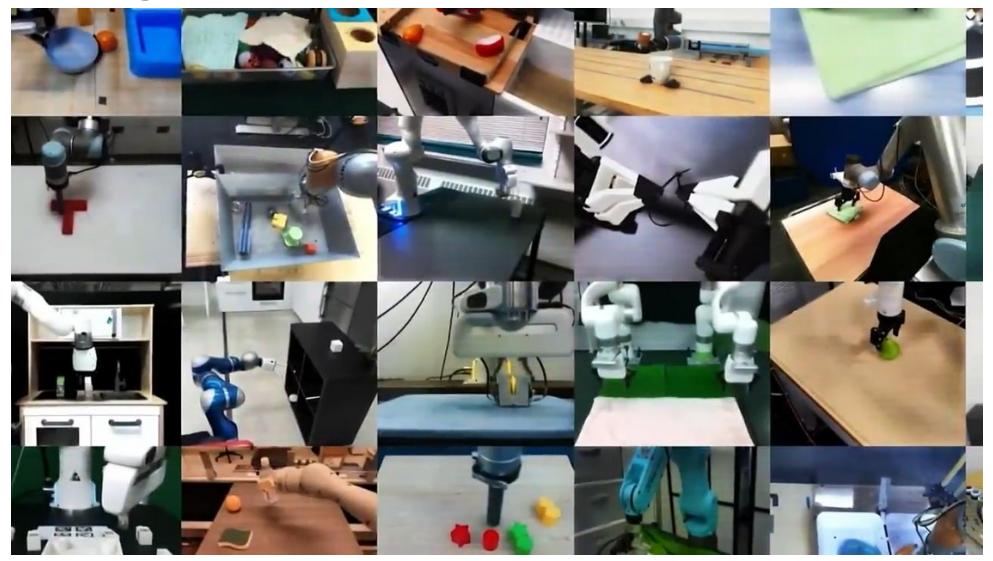


Large Behavior Models - LBMs

- LBMs go beyond processing language. They're designed to interpret, predict, and generate complex sequences of human-like actions and behaviors
- While LLMs focus on text and dialogue, LBMs specialize in behavioural patterns, decision-making processes, and interactive scenarios
- LLMs try to guess the next word, while LBMs try to guess the next action or behaviour
- LBMs are enhancing robots' abilities to move naturally and respond intuitively to their surrounding
- LBMs rely on:
 - Transformer Architecture: Similar to LLMs but adapted to handle sequences of actions/behaviours
 - Multi-Modal Learning: Integrating visual, spatial, and temporal data to enhance understanding
 - Reinforcement Learning: Learning from interactions and feedback to improve behavior over time



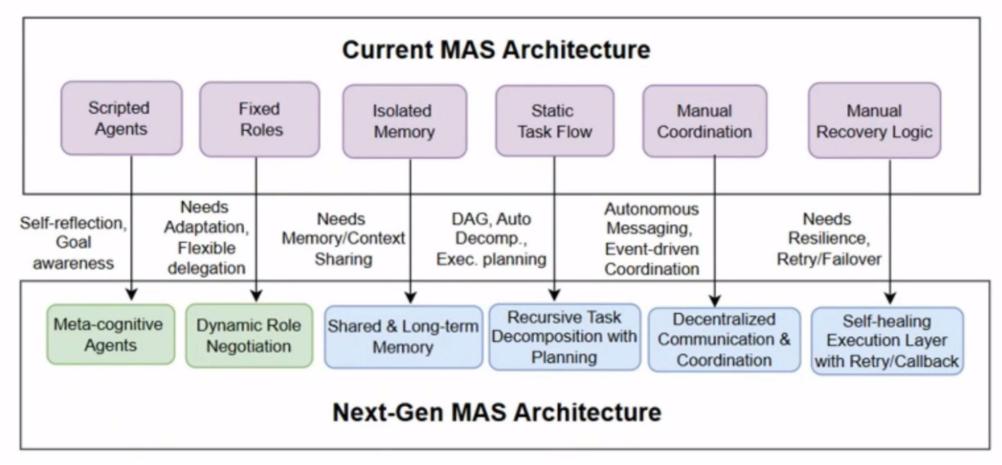
Large Behavior Models – LBMs – RT-X







From Agentic AI to Multi-Agent Systems



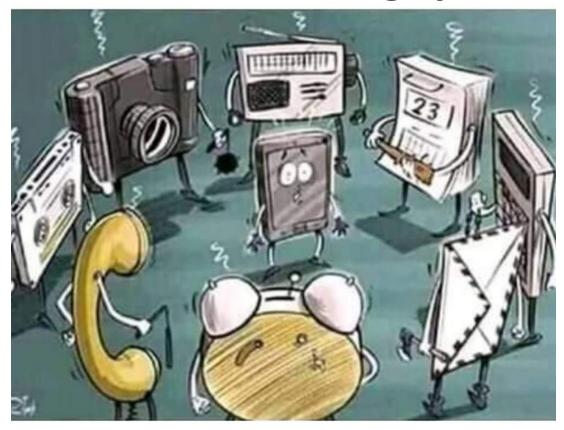
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Technology: Adapt or Resist?!

- COVID-19 Use of technology
- Educate New Generations
- Ethical Use
- Technical Use
- Al Policy
- Prompt Engineering

So! You are the guy...



That took all of our Jobs!



Jobs Most at Risk of Disappearance

Repetition Disappears. Creativity Remains!

Category	Examples of Vulnerable Jobs	Main Reason
Routine cognitive	Data-entry clerks, bookkeeping assistants,	LLMs and automation tools now handle structured language, classification, and
work	basic translators, call-center operators	documentation with high accuracy.
Repetitive manual	Assembly-line workers, packaging operators,	Robotics and computer-vision systems enable continuous, precise, and low-
labor	basic machine operators	cost automation.
Basic administrative	Scheduling assistants, document clerks,	Intelligent assistants automate planning, documentation, and coordination
support	travel agents	tasks.
Customer support	EAO amagataga figat layal ayyan agt aganta	Conversational AI and voicebots deliver standardized and context-aware
(scripted)	FAQ operators, first-level support agents	responses instantly.
Low-complexity	lunior analysta simple report writers	Auto-analytics tools and dashboard generators convert raw data into insights
analytical tasks	Junior analysts, simple report writers	automatically.
Basic digital &	Programmers, basic web developers, software	Generative-Al coding assistants (e.g., Copilot, ChatGPT) now produce and
programming tasks	test assistants, data-cleaning technicians	debug code, run unit tests, and generate documentation autonomously.



Emerging High-Value Roles in the AI Economy

Hybrid experts who can make AI systems reliable, explainable, and human-compatible!

Domain	Emerging Roles	Core Human Value
Al Development & Oversight	Al trainer • Explainability engineer • Responsible-Al officer • Model auditor	Ethics • Transparency • Trust
Human-Al Collaboration	Prompt engineer • Al workflow designer • Cognitive-interface architect	Creativity • Context understanding
Industry & Operations	Predictive-maintenance expert • Human–robot collaboration manager • Smart-factory strategist	Technical reasoning • Safety
Robotics &	Robot-behaviour designer • Reinforcement-learning specialist • Multi-robot	Embodied intelligence • Trust •
Autonomous Systems	coordination engineer • Human-robot interaction designer • Ethical-autonomy advisor	Safety by design
Public Sector & Law	Algorithmic-governance advisor • Al-policy analyst • Digital-law specialist	Accountability • Fairness
Education & Health	Learning-analytics expert • Clinical-AI interpreter • Digital-wellbeing coach	
Society & Communication	AI ethicist • Fact-checking analyst • AI literacy facilitator	Social responsibility • Critical thinking



Reskilling for the AI Era

Skill Domain	Key Skills	Why It Matters
Cognitive & Problem- Solving	Analytical thinking • Complex problem-solving • Systems thinking • Design reasoning • Alaugmented decision-making	As AI automates analysis, humans must focus on framing problems, interpreting outputs, and designing creative, high-impact solutions.
Artificial Intelligence and Robotics	Al and data literacy • Robotics knowledge • Automation design • Human–robot collaboration • Cybersecurity and digital ethics	The new digital baseline requires understanding, supervising, and questioning intelligent systems rather than just using them.
Human & Social Intelligence	Communication • Empathy • Cross-cultural collaboration • Negotiation • Leadership in human–AI teams	Value shifts from execution to empathy, creativity, and trust—areas where humans remain irreplaceable.
Learning & Adaptability	Self-directed learning • Cognitive flexibility • Curiosity • Resilience • Growth mindset	Lifelong learning becomes the central professional competency—learning, unlearning, and relearning at speed.
Ethical, Strategic & Sustainability	Ethical reasoning • Sustainability awareness • Policy & governance literacy • Foresight • Inclusion & social responsibility	Work must align with human and planetary goals—balancing innovation with accountability and long-term vision.



Concerns of AI and ChatGPT in Education

- More in person exams and oral assignments
- Continuous evaluation of projects
- Help students develop their critical thinking skills by comparing Alproduced content with reliable, valid sources of information
- Be careful with over-reliance on Al
- Shift the object of evaluation from the "product" to the "process" of student learning
- Emphasize **ethical use of AI** and the importance of proper research and citation practices and avoiding plagiarism



Changing Role/New Skills for the Teacher

From Knowledge Transmitter → Learning Architect

- Teachers evolve from information deliverers to curators and facilitators
- Designers of Al-enhanced learning experiences, integrating adaptive systems and data-driven insights
- Need for AI pedagogical literacy understanding how AI supports, not replaces, learning
- Ethical and responsible use of AI in the classroom (bias, privacy, transparency)
- Human judgment remains essential to interpret, contextualize, and emotionally support students
- Teachers as mentors of critical and creative thinking, helping students question Al outputs
- Collaboration with AI systems to create **personalized** yet **human-centered education**
- Continuous professional development in digital pedagogy and emotional intelligence



Changing Role/New Skills for Students

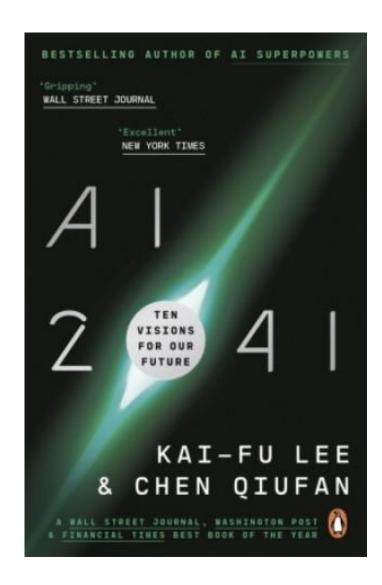
From Memorization → Cognitive Adaptation in the Age of Al

- Beyond calculation and memorization: focus on reasoning, abstraction, and problem framing
- Prompt engineering and critical evaluation of Al-generated solutions
- Developing Al literacy: understanding how algorithms work, their limits, and ethical implications
- Data literacy ability to interpret, question, and visualize quantitative information
- **Algorithmic thinking**: breaking problems into logical, computable steps
- Metacognition awareness of how one learns with and without AI support
- Collaboration with AI systems: treating AI as a partner, not a shortcut
- Strengthening creativity, curiosity, and adaptability in problem-solving contexts
- Ethical and responsible use of AI in learning and assessment



The Lesson of the Twin Sparrows

- When AI meets Humanity in Learning!
- **Two twin sisters** same potential, different paths
- One guided by an advanced AI tutor, mastering precision and speed - AI Learning Partner (AIP)
- The other supported by a human teacher, growing through curiosity and empathy
- Final open challenge:
 - Al-trained twin falters unable to act without algorithmic guidance
 - Her sister succeeds through intuition, collaboration, and creativity
- Their teacher, Lixin, realizes...





The Lesson of the Twin Sparrows



Al and ChatGPT in Education

"Al and Can Complement Learning, Not Replace It!"
From Knowledge Transmitter → Learning Architect







Concerns of AI and ChatGPT in Research

- Risk of fabricated or inaccurate references and data ("hallucinations")
- Possible erosion of methodological rigor due to over-reliance on automated reasoning
- Challenges in ensuring reproducibility and transparency when AI is involved
- Need for explicit disclosure of Al use in research design, writing, and analysis
- Potential bias amplification from training data and opaque model behavior
- Ethical responsibility to validate, interpret, and contextualize AI outputs using human expertise
- Importance of maintaining authorship integrity and avoiding ghostwriting by AI



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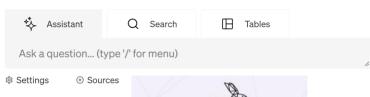
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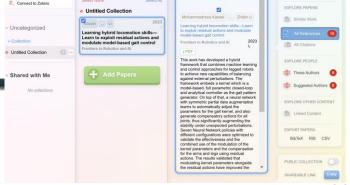
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Elsevier's Five Responsible Al Principles

- We consider the real-world impact of our solutions on people
- We take action to prevent the creation or reinforcement of unfair bias
- We can explain how our solutions work
- · We create accountability through human oversight
- We respect privacy and champion robust data governance



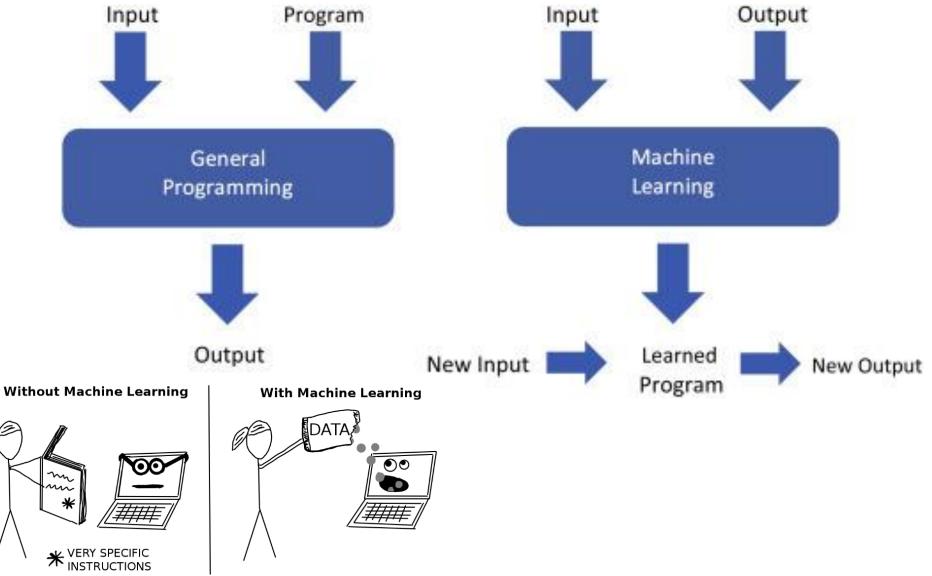






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Programming vs Machine Learning



The End of Programming!

Nvidia CEO predicts the death of coding — Jensen Huang says AI will do the work, so kids don't need to learn



By Benedict Collins published February 26, 2024

Jensen Huang believes coding languages are a thing of the past











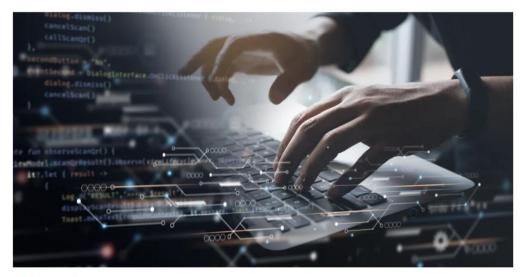
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Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has once again announced the death of coding, but this time in front of a potentially far more influential audience.

StarCoder 2 is a code-generating AI that runs on most GPUs

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Developers are adopting Al-powered code generators — services like GitHub Copilot and Amazon CodeWhisperer, along with open access models such as Meta's Code Llama — at an astonishing rate. But the tools are far from ideal. Many aren't free. Others are, but only under licenses that preclude them from being used in common commercial contexts.

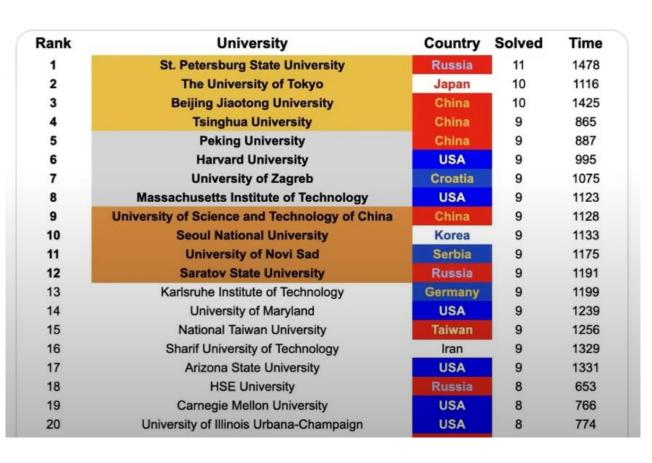
Perceiving the demand for alternatives, Al startup Hugging Face several years ago teamed up with ServiceNow, the workflow automation platform, to create StarCoder, an open source code generator with a less restrictive license than some of the others out there. The original came online early last year, and work has been underway on a follow-up, StarCoder 2, ever since.

StarCoder 2 isn't a single code-generating model, but rather a family. Released today, it comes in three variants, the first two of which can run on most modern consumer GPUs:

- A 3-billion-parameter (3B) model trained by ServiceNow
- A 7-billion-parameter (7B) model trained by Hugging Face
- A 15-billion-parameter (15B) model trained by Nvidia, the newest supporter of the StarCoder project



2025 International Collegiate Programming Contest



OpenAI and Google DeepMind Outshine Students at World's Top Coding Contest

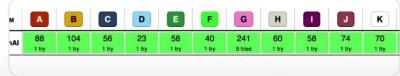
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OpenAI scored a flawless 12/12 and Google DeepMind struck gold at ICPC 2025, the world's toughest programming contest for top university teams.



We officially competed in the onsite AI track of the ICPC, with the same 5-hour time limit to solve all twelve problems, submitting to the ICPC World Finals Local Judge - judged identically and concurrently to the ICPC World Championship submissions. We received the problems in the exact same PDF form, and the reasoning system selected which answers to submit with no bespoke test-time harness whatsoever. For 11 of the 12 problems, the system's first answer was correct. For the hardest problem, it succeeded on the 9th submission. Notably, the best human team achieved 11/12.





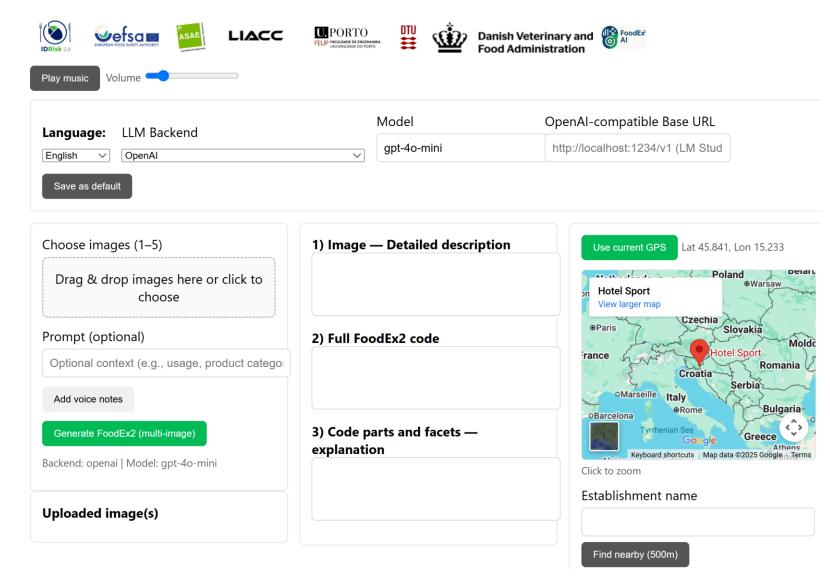
Coding Applications – Practical Example













Conclusions

- AI has become a Partner no longer a Tool
- LLMs, Agentic AI, LBMs, New GenAI and DRL Robots
- Al will not replace humans but humans who use Al will replace those who don't
- Al transforms work into higher-value, creative, and humancentered roles
- Success depends on synergy between research, education, policy, industry and society
- Our challenge is to ensure Al Grows With Us, Not Against Us!









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