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Unpacking the State of AI and its Impact on Workforce Development

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- What is the impact on people and organizations?
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What is Generative AI?



GenAI is the next new frontier of a long AI journey



Artificial Intelligence, the science and engineering of making intelligent machines





Machine Learning (ML), a major approach to realize Al





Deep Learning

2010's



Generative Al

1950's

1960's

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Artificial Intelligence

Broad field of developing machines that can replicate human behavior, including all aspects of perceiving, reasoning, learning, and problem solving

1970's

1980's

1990's

Machine Learning

Major approach to AI focused on teaching machines to learn relationships hidden in data, and build approximate models of real systems

2000's

Deep Learning

Branch of Machine Learning that uses 'neural networks' to model real systems by mimicking how the human brain works, utilizing millions of computational 'neurons'

2020's

Generative Al

Branch of Deep Learning that uses exceptionally large neural nets called Large Language Models (with 100's of billions of neurons) that can learn especially abstract patterns

Applying these language models to interpret and create text, images, video, and data has become known as **Generative Al**

What is Generative AI?

Generative AI (GenAI) enables the creation of new content, such as text, images, audio, video, and code

GenAl is powered by Foundation Models (artificial intelligence models) trained on a **broad set of data** that can be adapted to a wide range of tasks

These models are typically also **better** at interpreting / labelling unstructured data than traditional Al



Generate marketing or social media copy in "house style" using ChatGPT, Copy.A, etc.



Accelerate the drug discovery process, reducing time in laboratories with ABSCI, etc.



Create new product design concepts using DALL-E2, Stable Diffusion, etc.



Automate code generation in programming languages like Python with Codex/Github Copilot, etc.

Generative AI use cases generally fall into four archetypes

Archetype

Content Synthesis



Coding & Software



Content generation



Customer Engagement



Description

Generate insights and drive actions based on summarization and synthesis of unstructured data Interpret and generate code and documentation

Support ideation for new product development or generate personalized marketing copy

Streamline interactions by interpreting text or model customer journeys

Selected use cases

Extract insights from large document sets (e.g., ESG information from sustainability reports)

Augment capabilities of operations staff (e.g., chat interface for maintenance operator)

Generate code and assist developers

Refactor or translate code to accelerate mainframe migration

Personalized customer comms or marketing

Generate RfPs or technical documents

Generate visuals (images, designs, 3D models) to accelerate the product design process

Streamline customer communications, e.g., issue resolution (driving action to resolve) and Q&A

Model and predict elements in patient or customer journey

Examples

Technical report query







Code optimization





Design ideation



Always on chat bot



Examples of GenAI solutions introduced in the public sector



Content Summarization & Synthesis

- Medicaid contracting tool to gather competitive intelligence by rapidly interrogating Medicaid RFPs and deepdiving into responses across all states / MCO / years
- Singapore GovTech's Pair app: a GenAl-powered assistant to help government officials summarize text, conduct research, and generate reports for internal use



Customer Engagement

- Heidelberg, Germany's Lumi chatbot: a digital assistant to help citizens navigate government services such as applying for a new ID
- Virtual tax and customs SME to synthesize complex import guidance from multiple sources to help answer specific customer questions



Coding & Software

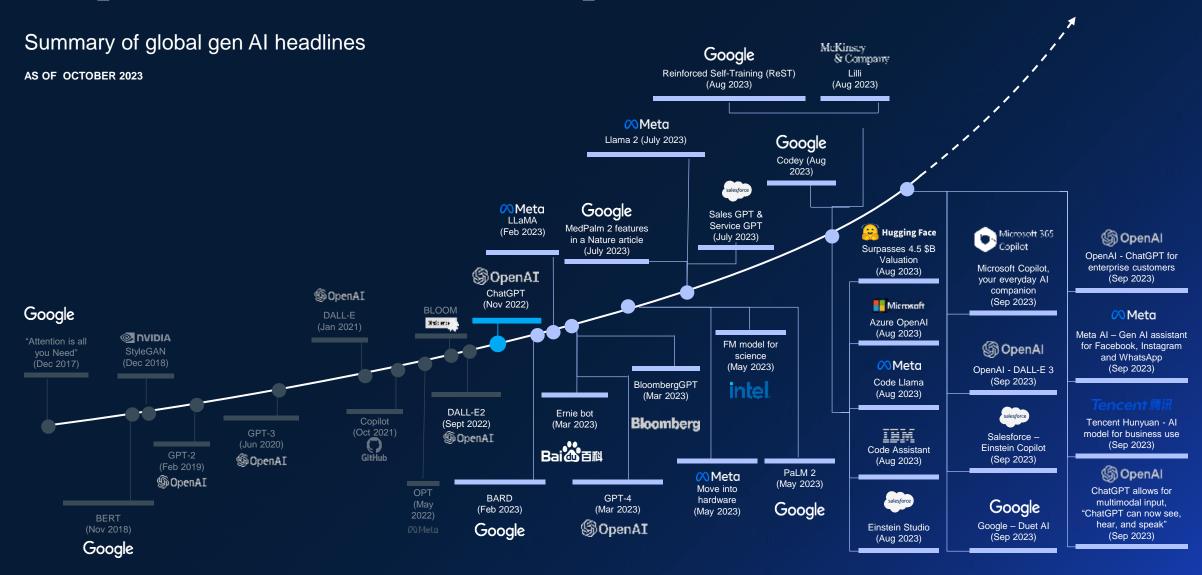
 GitHub Copilot: an Al-based programming solution that provides coding suggestions, used extensively in private sector and being tested by the United Kingdom's economic and finance ministry



Content Generation

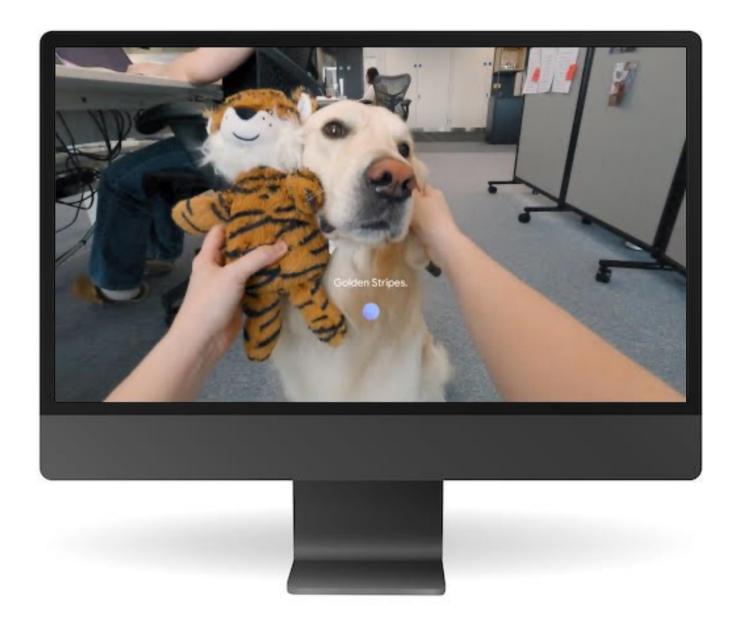
 Acqbot: an Al-powered contract-writing solution developed by the DoD to help speed up procurement processes

The pace of innovation seems unprecedented



Source: Press search

"The pace of change has never been this fast, yet it will never be this slow again"



Source: Google, Project Astra McKinsey & Company

What is the impact on people and organizations?

GenAI will add value across industries

Travel, transport & logistics \$180-\$300 billion

\$120-\$230 billion

Advanced manufacturing \$170-\$290 billion

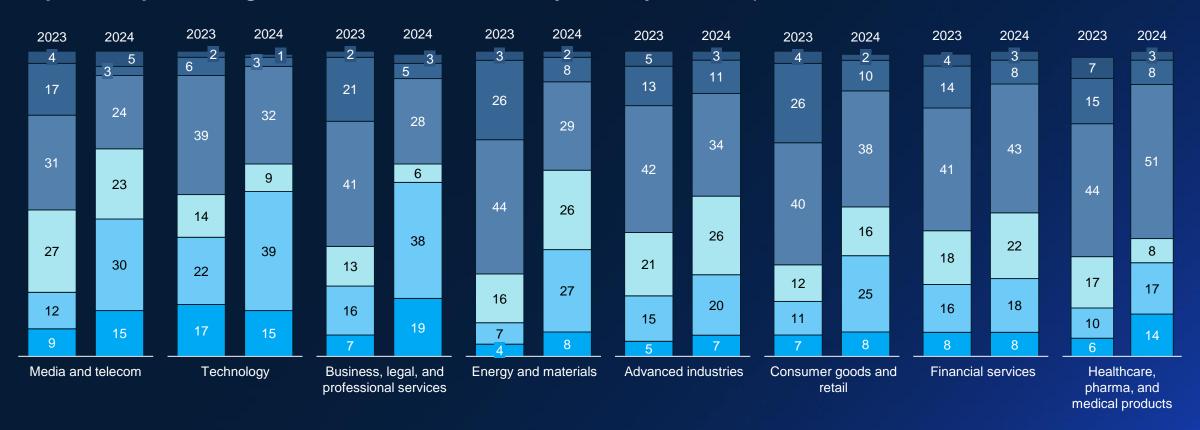
Life Sciences /
\$60-\$110
billion

and more...

All industries are increasing their enterprise use

Regularly use for work Regularly use for work and outside of work Regularly use outside of work Have tried at least once No exposure Don't know

Reported exposure to generative Al tools, 2023–24, by industry, 1 % of respondents



Two lenses through which to view how GenAI affects People and Organization



Enabling the organization and its people to capture the value of GenAl



GenAl as a driver of People Function efficiency and effectiveness



80% of jobs significantly exposed to automation due to GenAl



88% of current users are non technical employees

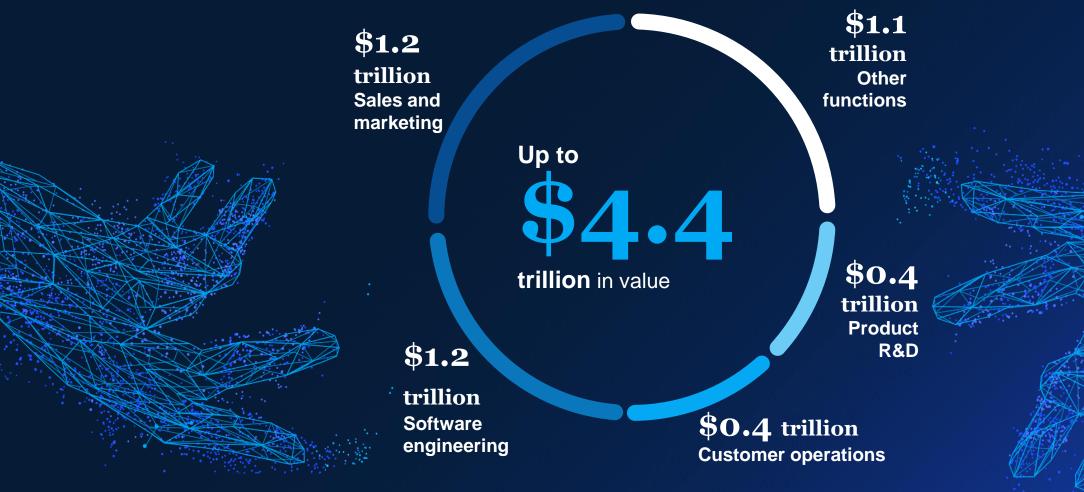


\$80b global value in HR due to GenAl



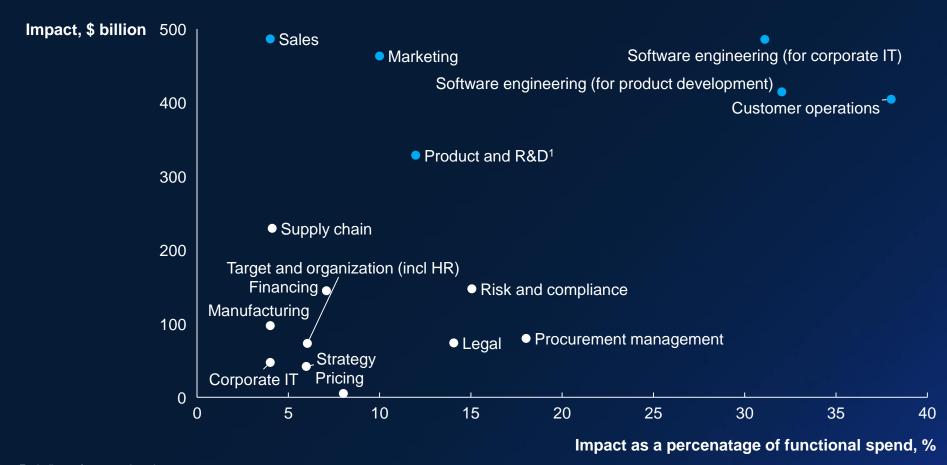
54% automation potential of HR processes

GenAI is poised to boost performance across functions



Using generative AI in just a few functions could drive significant impact across the organization...





Excluding software engineering
 Note: Impact is averaged.
 Source: Comparative Industry Services (CIS), HIS Markit; Oxford Economics; McKinsey Corporate and Business Functions database; McKinsey Manufacturing and Supply Chain 360; McKinsey Sales Navigator; Ignite, a McKinsey database; McKinsey analysis

GenAI's impact on organizations will be faster, broader and deeper

Continuation..



Automation and digitization reshaping Future of Work and Future of Workforce



Demographic shifts changing structure of workforces and talent pools



Employees placing increased demands on their (potential) employers



...and exacerbation of talent challenges and opportunities



Faster

The pace of workforce transformation is likely to accelerate



Broader

GenAl will reshape the way we work impacting all employees, incl. occupations with higher levels of education



Deeper

GenAl has the potential to change the anatomy of work, augmenting individual tasks for all employees

10 year

acceleration of widespread automation compared to pre-GenAl

70%

of jobs significantly exposed to automation due to GenAI – with some professions 2X compared to pre GenAI

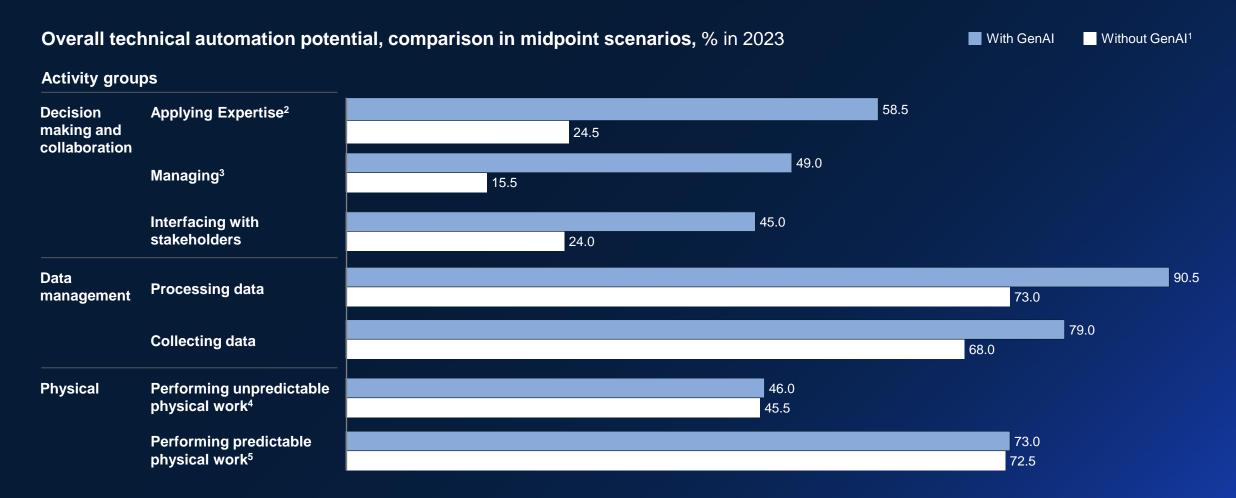
25%

of employees' time previously not automatable, is now potentially automatable by GenAl

Source: McKinsey Global Institute

McKinsey & Company

Generative AI could have the biggest impact on collaboration and the application of expertise, activities that previously had a lower potential for automation



Note: Figures may not sum, because of rounding

^{1.} Previous assessment of work automation before the rise of generative Al. 2. Applying expertise to decision making, planning, and creative tasks.

^{3.} Managing and developing people. 4. Performing physical activities and operating machinery in unpredictable environments.

^{5.} Performing physical activities and operating machinery in predictable environments.

GenAI opportunities exist across the talent lifecycle

Non exhaustive

Workforce planning



Talent acquisition



Onboarding



Talent management



Learning



Conduct labor market analysis

Create organization scenarios

Draft skill-based job postings

Draft customized candidate

Create pre-onboarding checklist and assist with forms

Virtual "buddy" to answer common early-hire questions

Career co-pilot to uncover career paths and draft associated development plans

Develop learning and employment records

Create simulation-based, personalized learning experiences

Develop multimodal learning content (not limited to text)

Performance management and coaching



7 Benefits

communications



Diversity,

Equity, and
Inclusion



Employer and Manager Self Service



Workforce productivity



Aggregate performance input from multiple sources for manager review

Assist in developing specific goals tied to business strategy

Answer benefits eligibility questions via advanced chatbot

Assist in suggesting additional benefits offerings for which employees are eligible

Aid in accessibility with multi-model support (text, image, language) – including translation

Support DEI in implementation of GenAI across other elements of talent lifecycle

Provide self-service through improved interface for administrative tasks

Auto-complete medical leave form

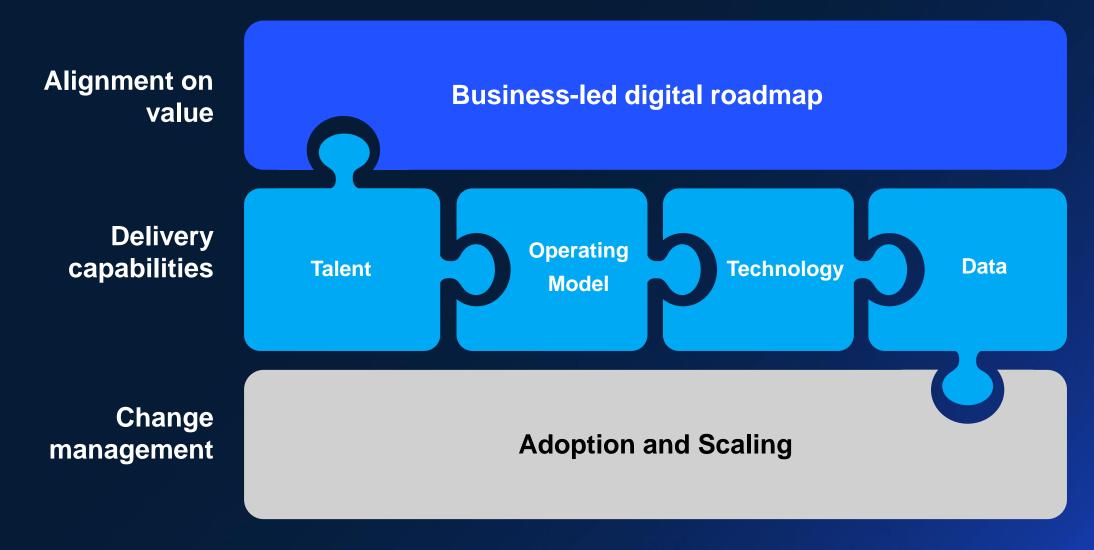
Summarize / create first drafts to save time and enhance productivity

Summarize meetings and send to attendees

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How do organizations get started?

Framework for how organizations can rewire to drive value from GenAI



Scaling generative AI beyond initial use cases requires building capabilities across multiple dimensions

Strategic roadmap



How do we align our GenAl strategy with our overall technology aspirations?

How should we approach the transformation in a way that ensures value capture and unlocks competitive advantage?

How do we define use case delivery and integrate them in a holistic roadmap?

Enablers



Technology

How do we set up a scalable tech stack and infrastructure to support multiple GenAl use cases and solutions?

Data

How do we to set up a robust data foundation to scale GenAl across the organization?

Talent

How do we manage talent to stay ahead of the GenAl skill gaps?

Op model

How do we organize ourselves and teams to deliver on our GenAl strategy?

Adoption & scaling



How do we design our scaling plan to ensure easy re-usability and scalability across the organization?

How do we deliver effective training to support skill building and manage culture change at scale?

How do we think about risk and responsible use of GenAl across the organization?

Five critical areas can guide organizations when implementing GenAI

Area	Key Questions		
Adoption road map	1 Risk tolerance	What is my organization's tolerance for risk, broadly and for specific use cases?	
	2 Potential benefits	For which processes or functions does GenAl offer the greatest value potential?	
Governance	3 Enterprise adoption	How is my organization monitoring both sanctioned and unsanctioned enterprise adoption of gen AI?	
	4 Risk monitoring	What are our protocols for continual risk assessment and monitoring as GenAl evolves and our approach matures?	
	(5) Guidelines for use	What are our guidelines for official and unofficial use of GenAl? Do we have plans to refresh those based on experience and technological advancement?	
Technology and data	6 Pilot readiness	How is our IT team assessing readiness for potential gen AI pilots?	
	7 Infrastructure needs	How are we assessing IT infrastructure needs and opportunities to improve efficiency via GenAl software development tools?	
Talent	8 Readiness	How knowledgeable and prepared are leaders and employees for GenAl adoption?	
	Talent strategy	Does our strategy meet the needs of GenAl in our organization?	
Operations	10 Process selection	Have we reviewed business processes, dependencies, and readiness for GenAl adoption?	
	11) Reducing risk	Are there any processes where GenAl might reduce risk and provide better outcomes? McKinsey & Company 24	

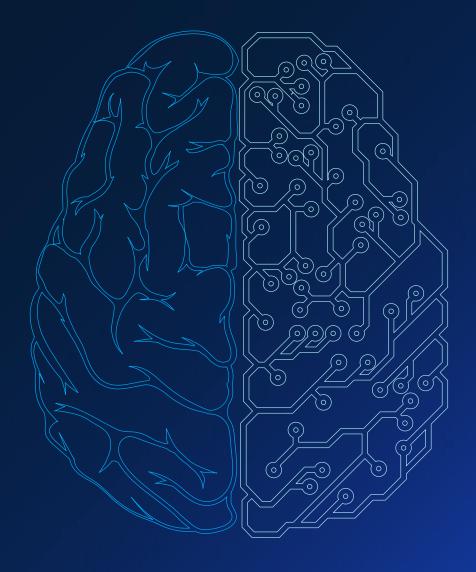
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How do I get started?



"As machines get better at being machines, humans have to get better at being more human... So human empathy, EQ, et cetera, will all become more important for employment"

Andrew J. Scott, professor of economics at the London Business School



Shifting away from role-based upskilling to 'future-proof skills' can help workers avoid being displaced by future waves of automation



Select occupations¹ with low automation adoption rate and average annual wages of more than \$42,000



^{1.} Select occupations from among the top 20 occupations with >20,000 employees that have the lowest adoption rate by 2030.

^{2.} Potential labor displacement driven by automation adoption; midpoint scenario through 2030. Automation includes both GenAl and pre—GenAl technology (eg, robotics). Additional GenAl displacements may include displacement by some technologies that benefitted from gen al in addition to GenAl itself.

Appendix

What are the biggest opportunities you see for your organization?

Three common ways to deploy gen AI solutions



TAKER

Integrate commercial off-theshelf gen Al solution into workflows as-is, with little to no customization



SHAPER

Augment existing gen Al models for specific geographic, sector, organization, and business case needs, leveraging proprietary data and insights



MAKER

Develop and train a new foundational model from scratch, tailored to the organization

Cost and value implications

Lower capex needs, minimal differentiation possible

Higher capex needs, high differentiation possible

Industries employ both "shaper" and "taker" models

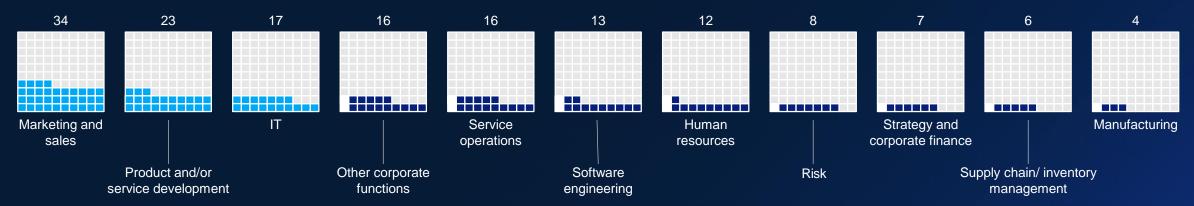
Significant customization or developed own model Primarility off the shelf, with little or no customization

Strategy for developing generative AI (gen AI) capabilities, % of reported instances of gen AI use¹

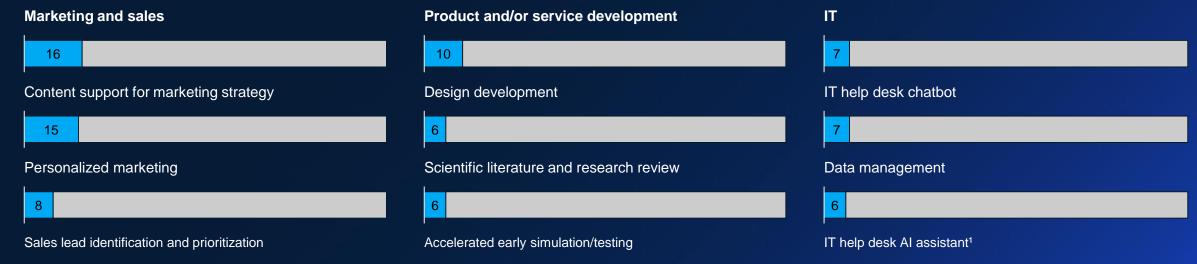
Energy and materials	60		40	
Technology	56		44	
Media and telecommunications	54		46	
Consumer goods and retail	50		50	
Financial services	47	53		
Healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and medical products	47	53		
Advanced industries	42	58		
Business, legal, and professional services	37		63	
Overall	47		53	

>50% of organizations are using gen AI in 2 or more functions

Respondents' organizations regularly using generative AI (gen AI), by function, % of respondents



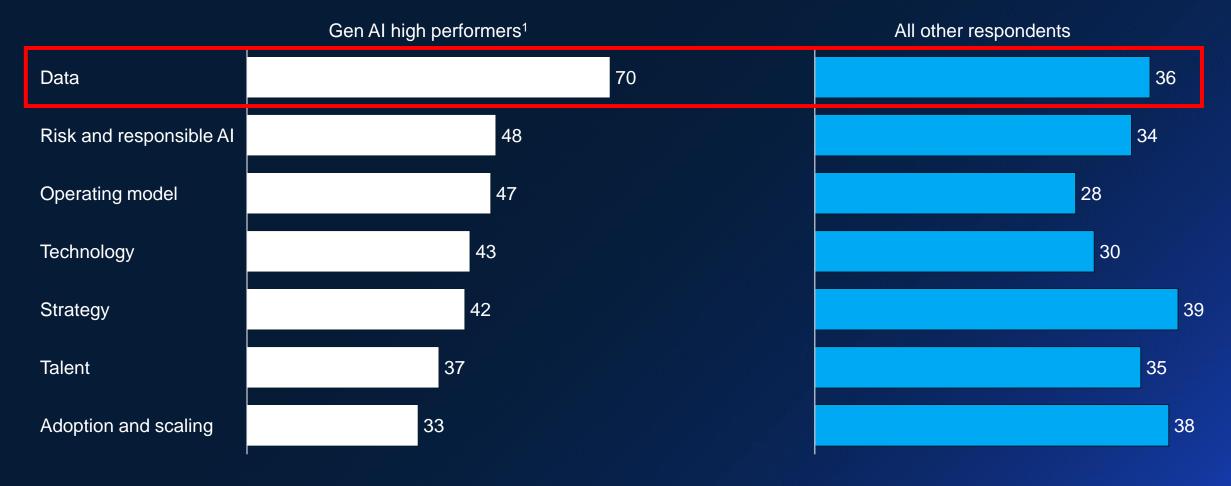
Most commonly reported gen Al use cases within function, % of respondents



^{1.} Eg, providing real-time assistance and script suggestions to help desk employees during human-to-human conversations.

Generative AI high performers say data is their top challenge

Elements that have posed challenges in capturing value from generative AI (gen AI), % of respondents



Common pitfalls and corresponding principles

Common pitfall		Corresponding principle
"Shiny toy" syndrome	\rightarrow	Prioritize critical areas and problems for AI use cases to transform how work is delivered or experienced with quantified targets for ROI
Vendor overreliance	\rightarrow	Avoid vendor or tool lock-in with a plan for integration with current systems and internal capability building to sustain long-term use and evolution
Siloed solutions	\rightarrow	Build the solution to be interoperable with other organizational systems so that a process is transformed end-to-end with a focus on experience
Availability of quality data	\rightarrow	Identify the data requirements and plan for model training (for traditional Al and GenAl solutions)
Risk-resilient model design	\rightarrow	Require measures for bias, explainability, and performance across the lifecycle (data integration, model development, deployment and use)
User mistrust and resistance	\rightarrow	Invest in adoption from Day 1 with a focus on user experience, re-engineering the business process, and building in AI explainability

Risk matters, but that does not mean you can't innovate

Responsible AI risk types



Impaired fairness

Algorithmic bias; misrepresentation of generated content as human-created



IP infringement

Infringement on copyrighted or otherwise legally protected materials



Privacy concerns

Unauthorized use/disclosure of personal or sensitive information



Malicious use

Al-generated promulgation of malicious content



Performance & explainability risk

Inability to explain model outputs appropriately and model inaccuracies



Security threats

Vulnerabilities in generative AI systems that may be breached or exploited



ESG impact

Non-compliance with ESG standards; reputational risk



Third-party risk

Risks associated with the use of third-party Al tools



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