



BRIDGING THE GAPS IN AI SKILLING

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AI is captivating the interests of CEOs

- CEOs are increasingly captivated by the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and its transformative impact. According to our latest survey of CEOs and senior business executives in 2024, AI emerges as the clear leader in terms of the next major trend for business transformation, surpassing other contenders by a wide margin. Thirty-four percent of CEOs identified AI as the top priority, while operational efficiency and agility trailed behind at a distant 9%.
- The level of interest and enthusiasm displayed by CEOs towards AI, particularly generative AI, is remarkable and goes beyond what might be expected. This likely stems from the recognition of AI's highly disruptive nature and its potential to revolutionize various aspects of business operations.



According to Gartner's 2024 CEO and Senior Business Executive Survey, AI is a major focus for CEOs. Here are some key findings:



High priority



Productivity
boost



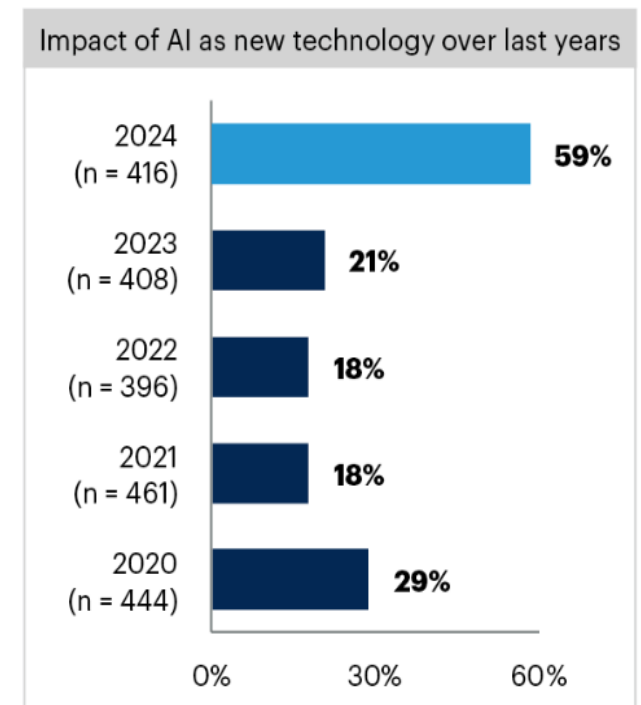
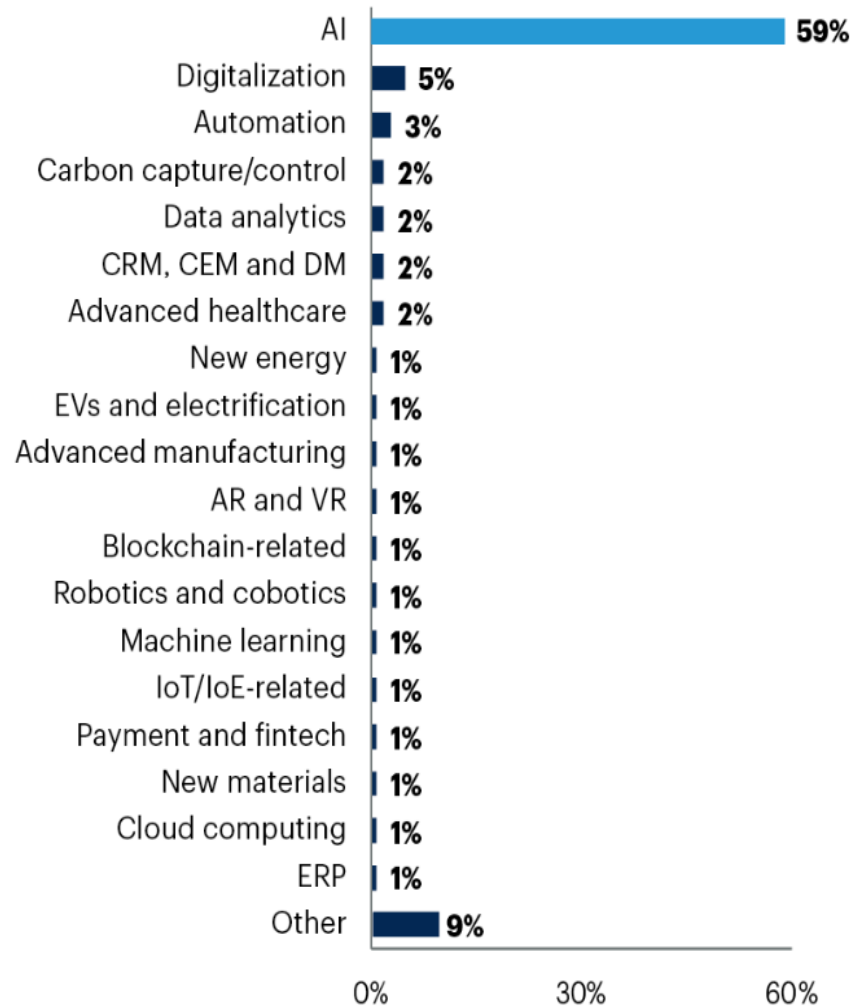
Revenue growth



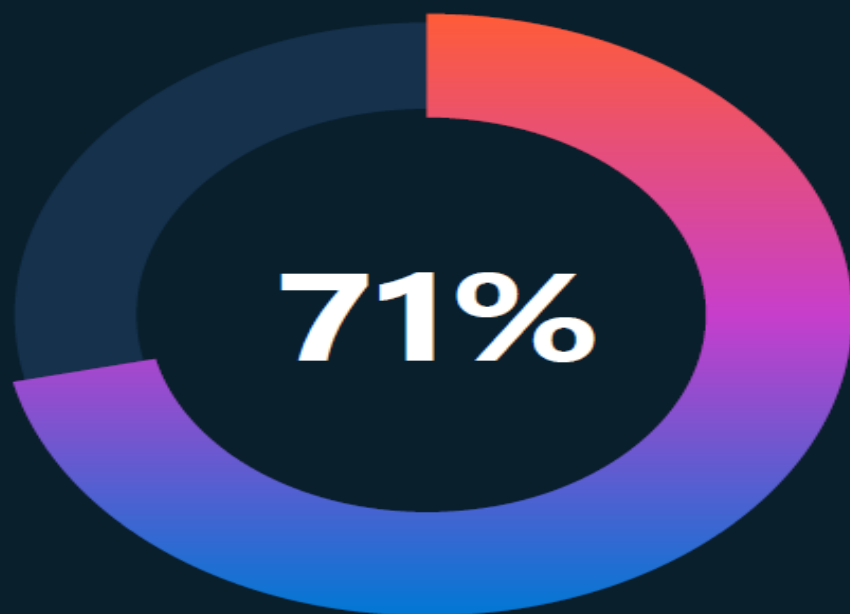
Personal use

Which new technology CEOs believe will impact their industries over the next three years

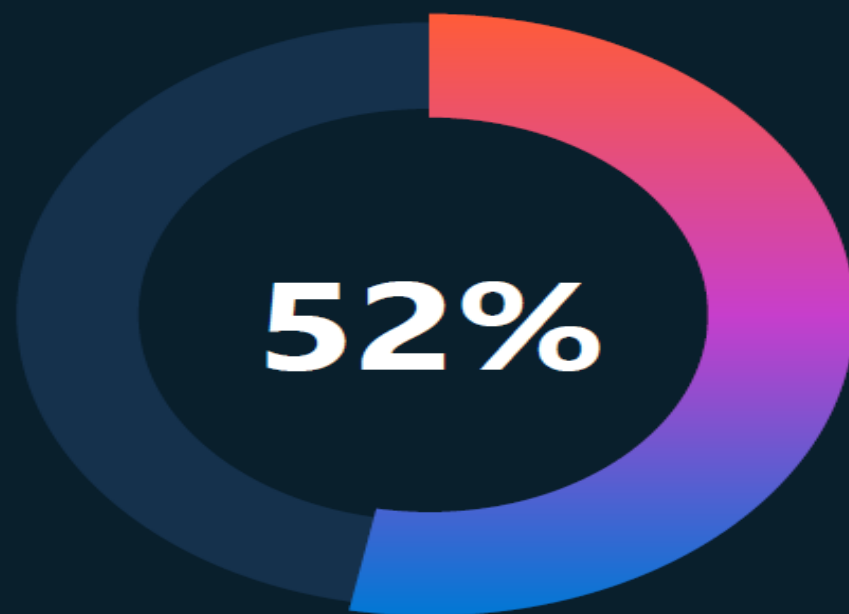
- **AI lives up to the hype**



Does your business have the skills to transform with AI?



of companies are
already using AI.¹

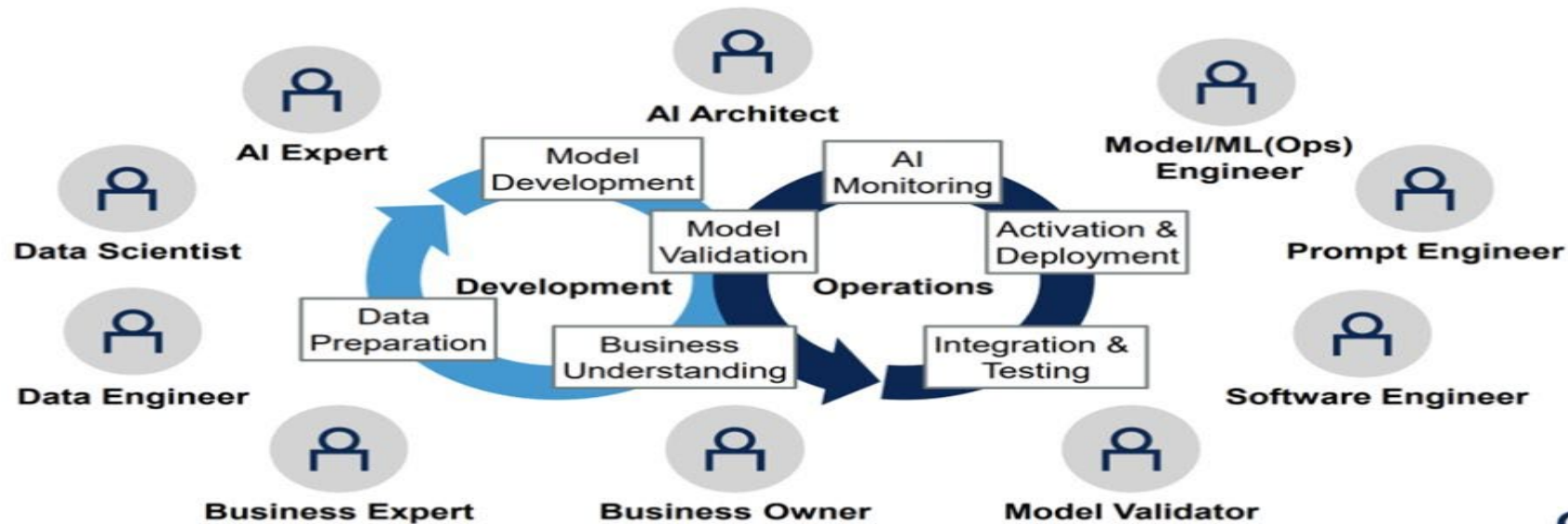
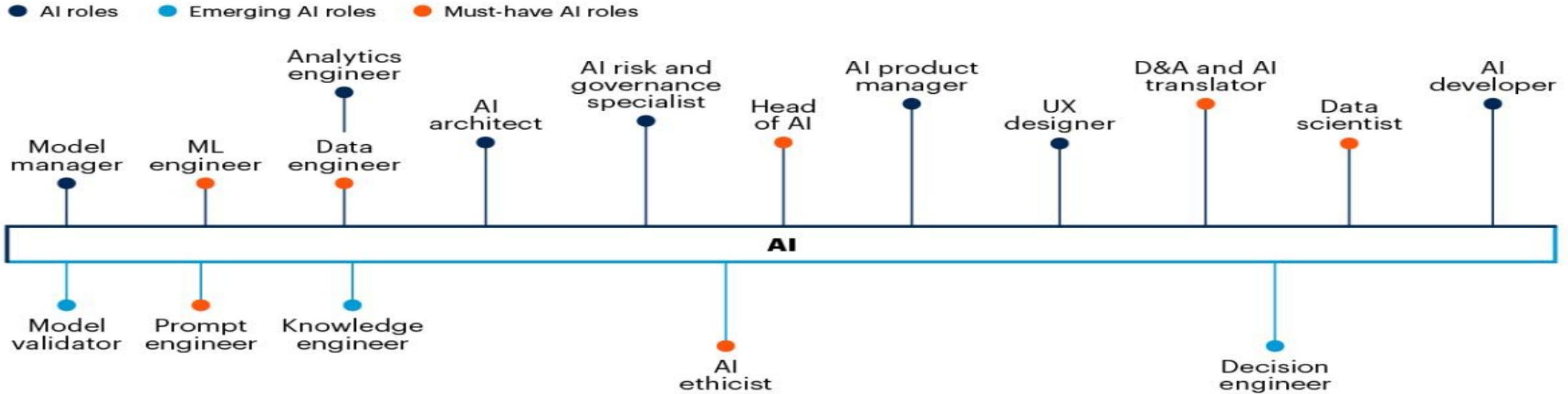


of companies report that
a shortage of skilled talent
is the biggest barrier to
implementing at scale.¹

Core Skills in 2030



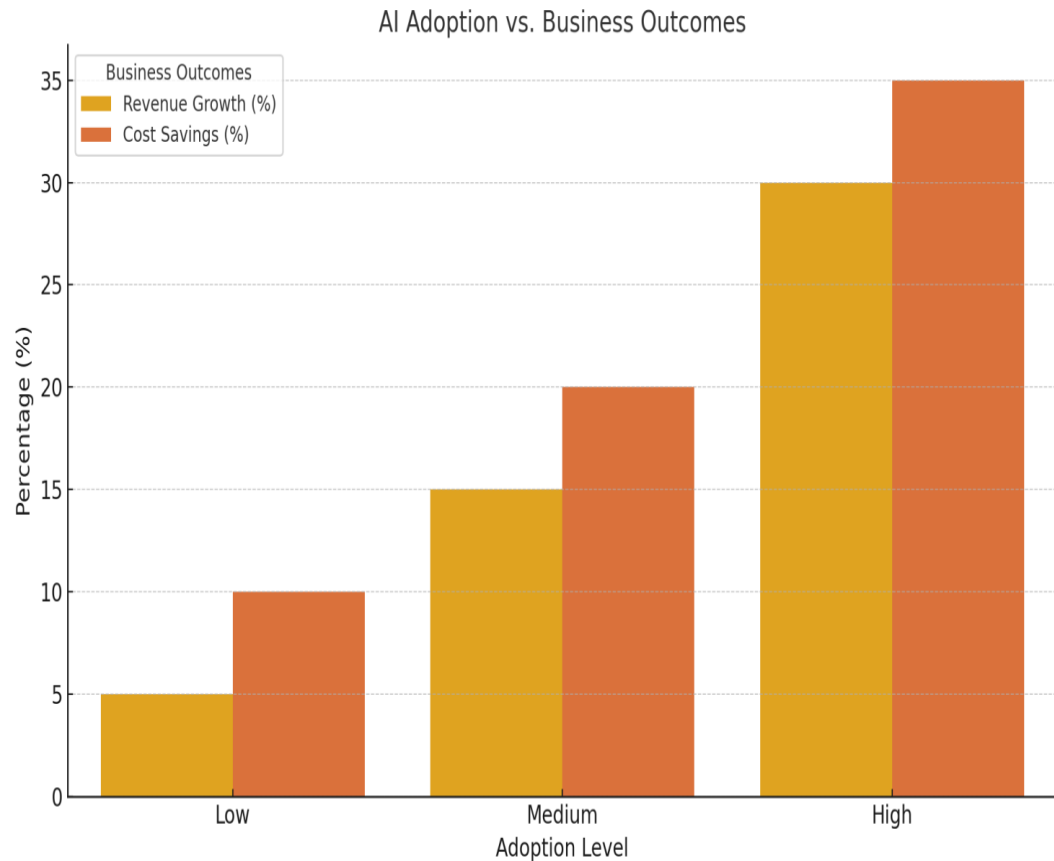
New Roles for AI



Becoming an AI-first Company

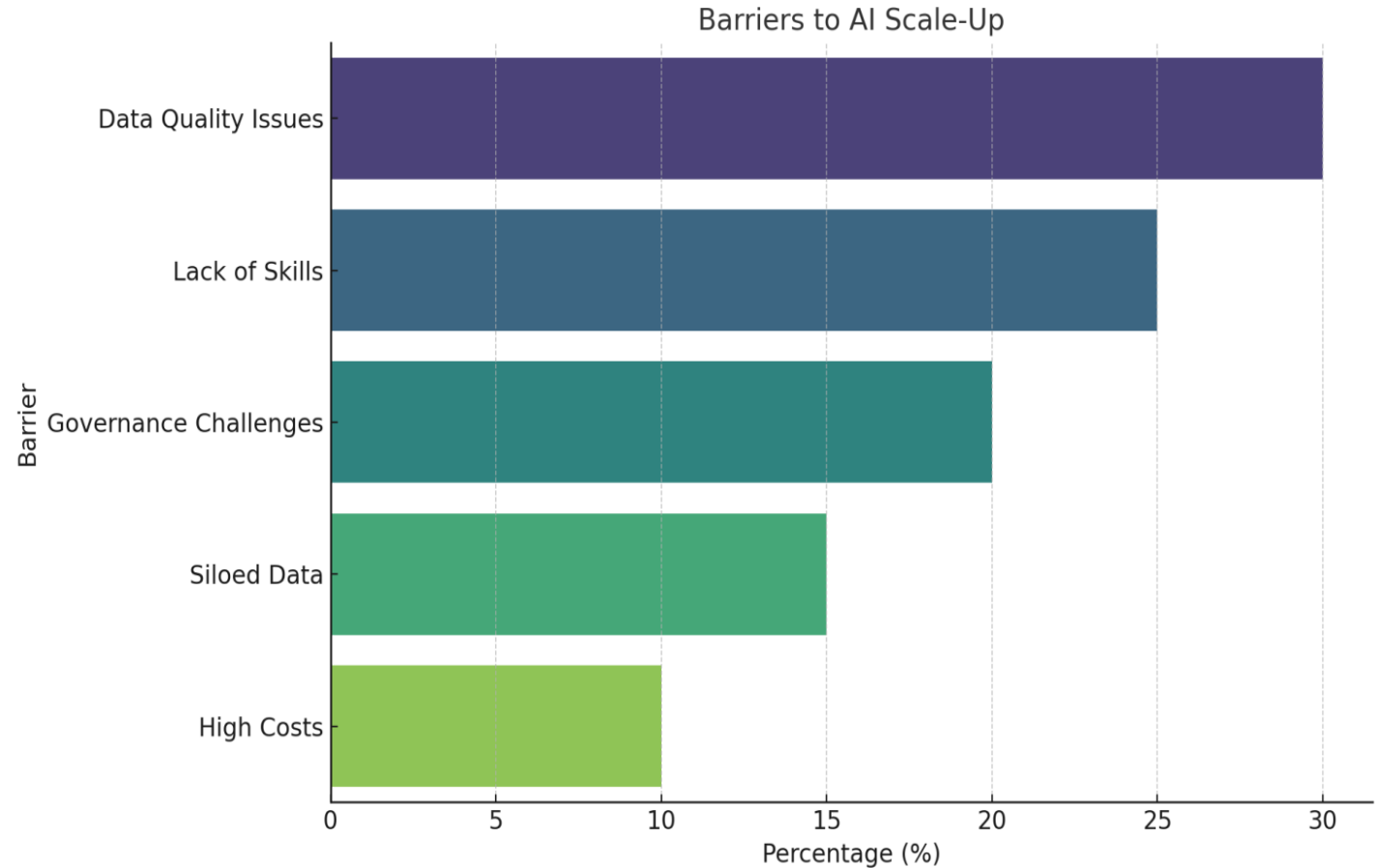
In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, adopting an AI-first approach is no longer a luxury but a necessity for companies aiming to stay competitive.

What sets AI-first organizations apart is their ability to integrate AI capabilities with business objectives, foster a supportive culture, and continuously adapt to emerging opportunities.



Implement AI at Scale

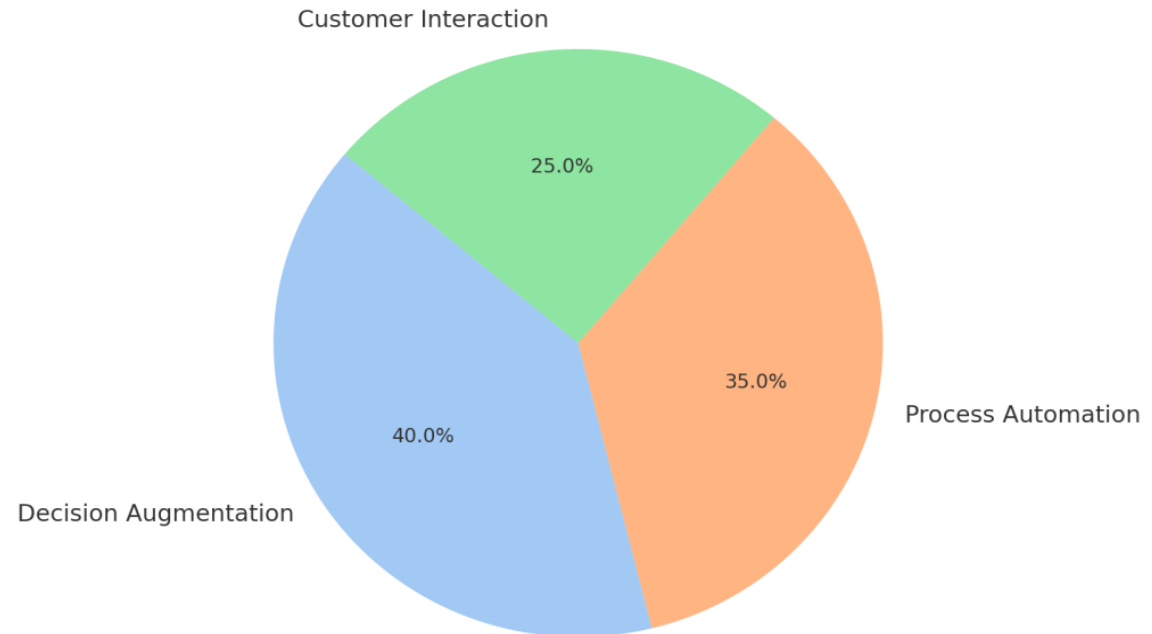
- Embrace MLOps: Machine Learning Operations simplifies the creation, deployment, and oversight of models.
- Invest in Cloud and Edge Computing: These technologies enhance scalability and minimize latency for AI applications.
- Form Cross-Functional Teams: Combine the expertise of data scientists, business analysts, and IT professionals to ensure AI projects meet both technical and business objectives.



Advantages of Integrating AI with Human Skills

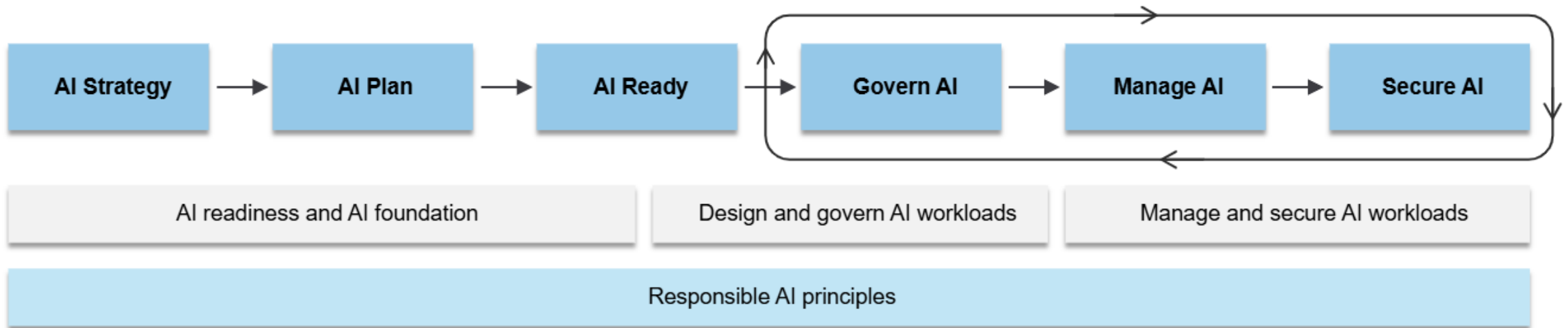
- Enhancing Decision-Making: Provide leaders with AI-generated insights to support strategic choices.
- Streamlining Processes: Use AI to handle repetitive tasks, enabling employees to concentrate on more valuable work.
- Improving Customer Service: Combine AI chatbots with human agents to offer smooth and efficient customer interactions.

Benefits of Aligning AI with Human Expertise



AI Adoption Framework

AI adoption framework supports organizations ranging from large enterprises to startups in launching effective AI solutions.

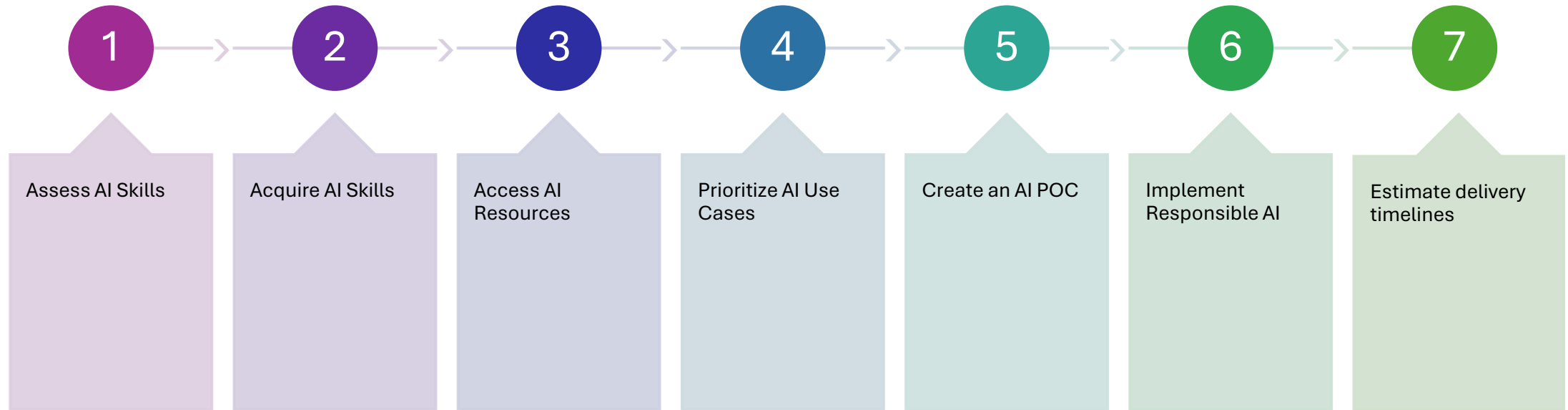


Develop an AI Strategy

- **Identify AI use cases:**
 - *Look for automation opportunities.*
 - *Gather customer feedback.*
 - *Conduct an internal assessment*
 - *Explore industry use cases*
 - *Set AI targets*
- **Define an AI Technology strategy**
 - Select AI technologies that align closely with your organization's skills, available data, and budget.
- **Define an AI Data Strategy**
 - *Establish data governance.*
 - *Prepare for data scalability.*
 - *Plan the data lifecycle.*
- **Define a responsible Strategy**
 - *Establish AI accountability*
 - *Use responsible AI principles.*
 - *Identify responsible AI tools.*
 - *Understand compliance.*



Build an AI Plan



Get AI Ready



Establish Reliability



Establish Governance



Establish Networking



Establish a Foundation
for AI Solutions

Enforce AI Governance policies



Assess AI
organizational risks



Document AI
governance policies



Enforce AI policies



Monitor AI
organizational risks

Manage AI models and Costs

Manage AI
Operations

Manage AI
Deployments

Manage AI
Endpoint
Sharing

Manage AI
Models

Manage AI
Costs

Manage AI
Data

Manage AI
Business
Continuity

Secure AI Resources and Data

Discover AI Security risks

- Identify AI security risks.*
- Identify AI data risks.*
- Identify AI model risks.*
- Conduct red team testing.*
- Conduct periodic risk assessments*

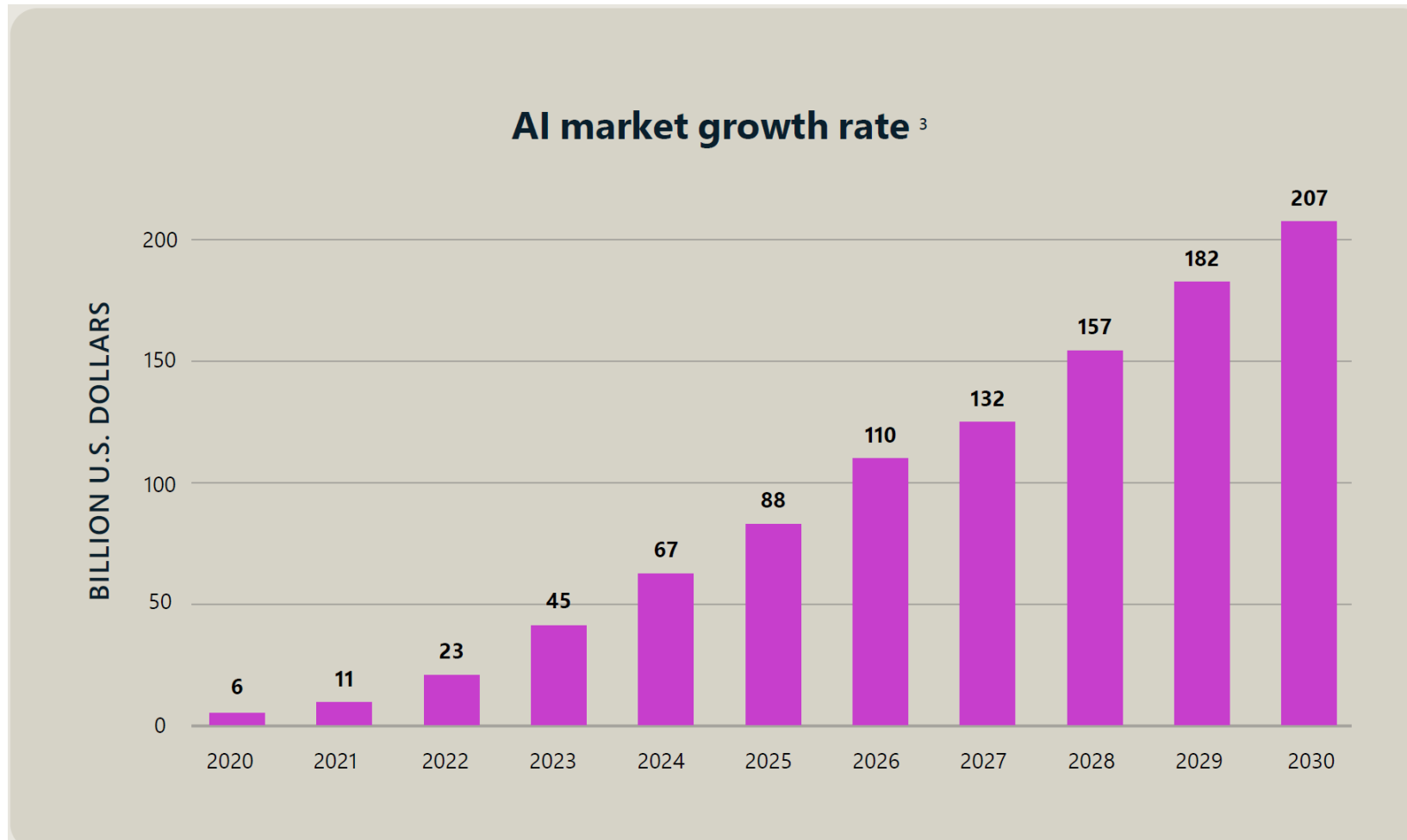
Protect AI resources and Data

- Establish a centralized AI asset inventory*
- Secure AI platforms*
- Apply workload-specific security controls*
- Define and maintain data boundaries.*
- Control data access*
- Maintain a data catalog*
- Train employees on AI-specific risks*

Detect AI security threats

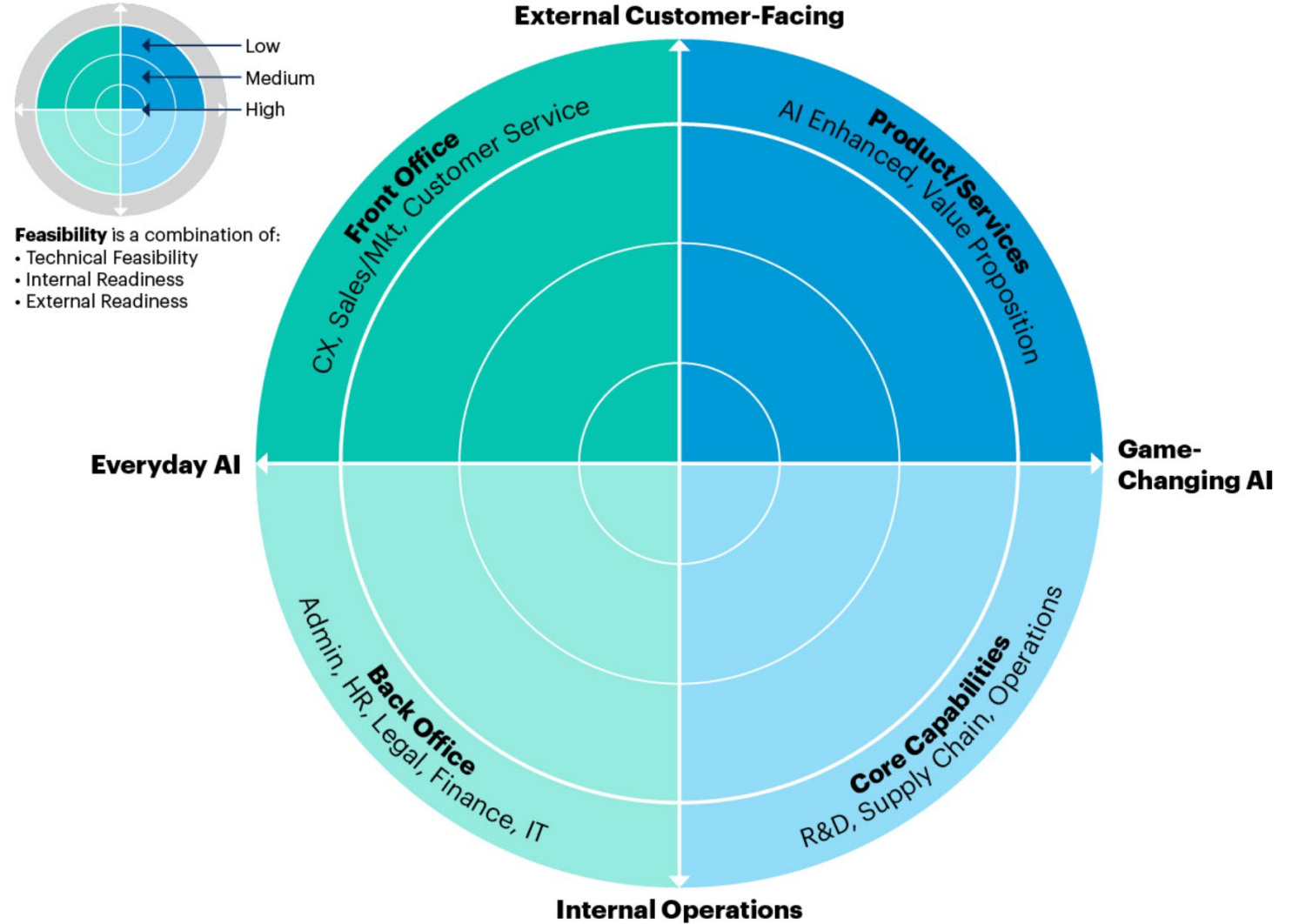
- Detect AI risks*
- Detect AI security incidents*
- Apply workload-specific monitoring*

AI is transforming the business landscape



Statista, Generative artificial intelligence (AI) market size worldwide from 2020 to 2030 (in billion U.S. dollars), February 8, 2024.

The AI Opportunity Radar



Source: Gartner

Considerations for investing in AI in each zone



Front Office

CX importance, AI acceptance, scaling capabilities, and sales/customer service improvement.



Product/ Services

Market demands, competition, changing offers, and potential obsolescence of existing products/services.



Core Capabilities

AI-driven improvements in strategic capabilities, leading to substantial competitive advantages. Examples include healthcare diagnosis, banking risk assessment, and life sciences drug discovery.



Back Office:

Internal employee usage of AI in back-office functions like finance, HR, legal, and IT. Opportunities for productivity enhancement and task automation.

Impact of AI in different Industries

Healthcare

- Enhancing diagnostic accuracy
- Streamlining patient care
- Aiding in development of new treatments and drugs

Finance

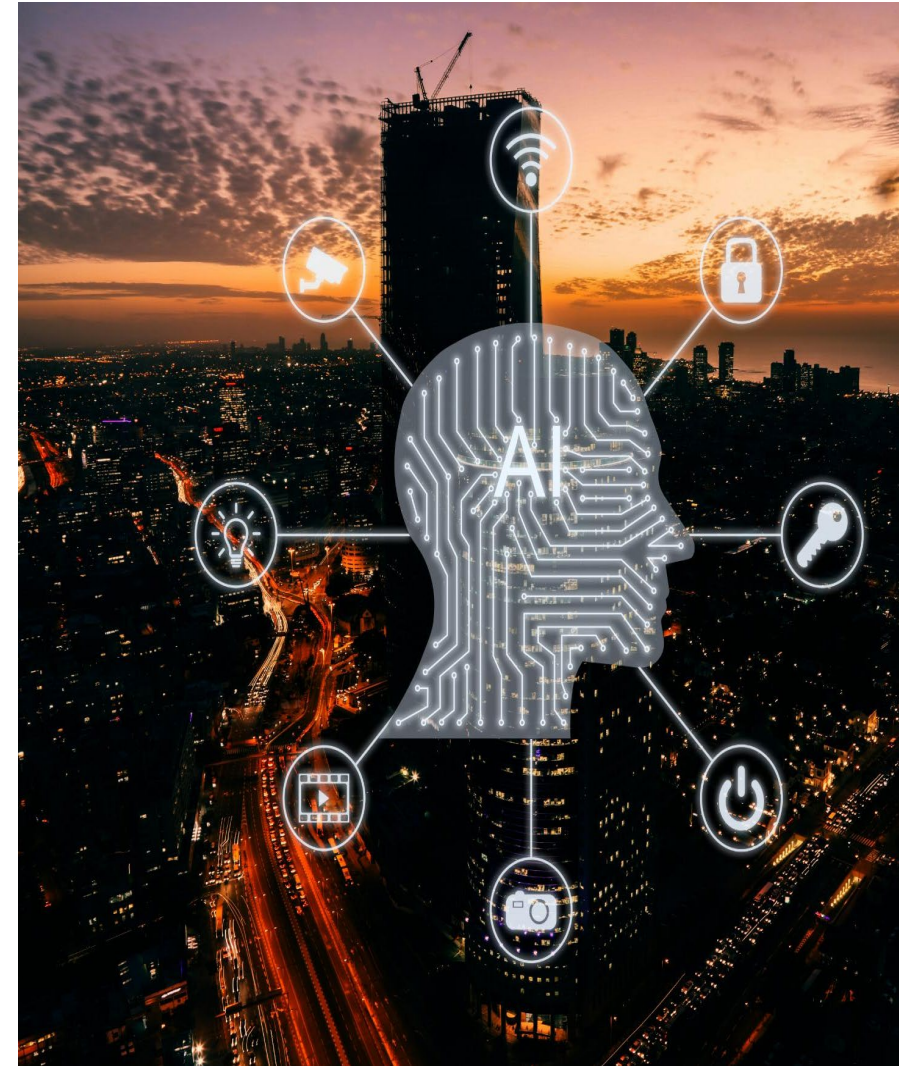
- Detection of fraudulent activities
- AI driven chatbots for financial advices

Retail

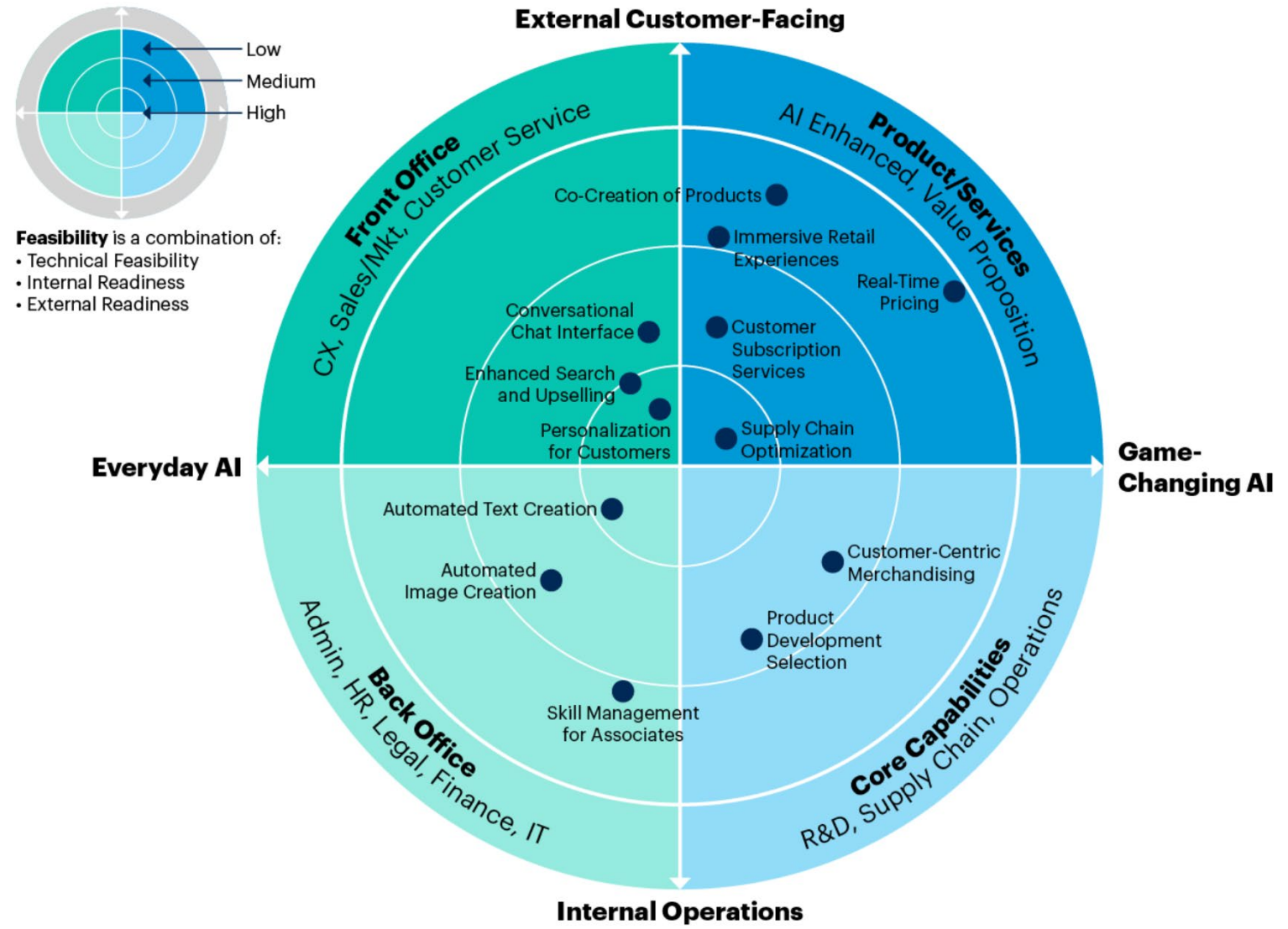
- Personalized shopping experience
- Optimize inventory and supply chain management
- Analyze customer behavior and preferences

Manufacturing

- Predictive maintenance
- Improving production efficiency
- Reducing downtime and waste.

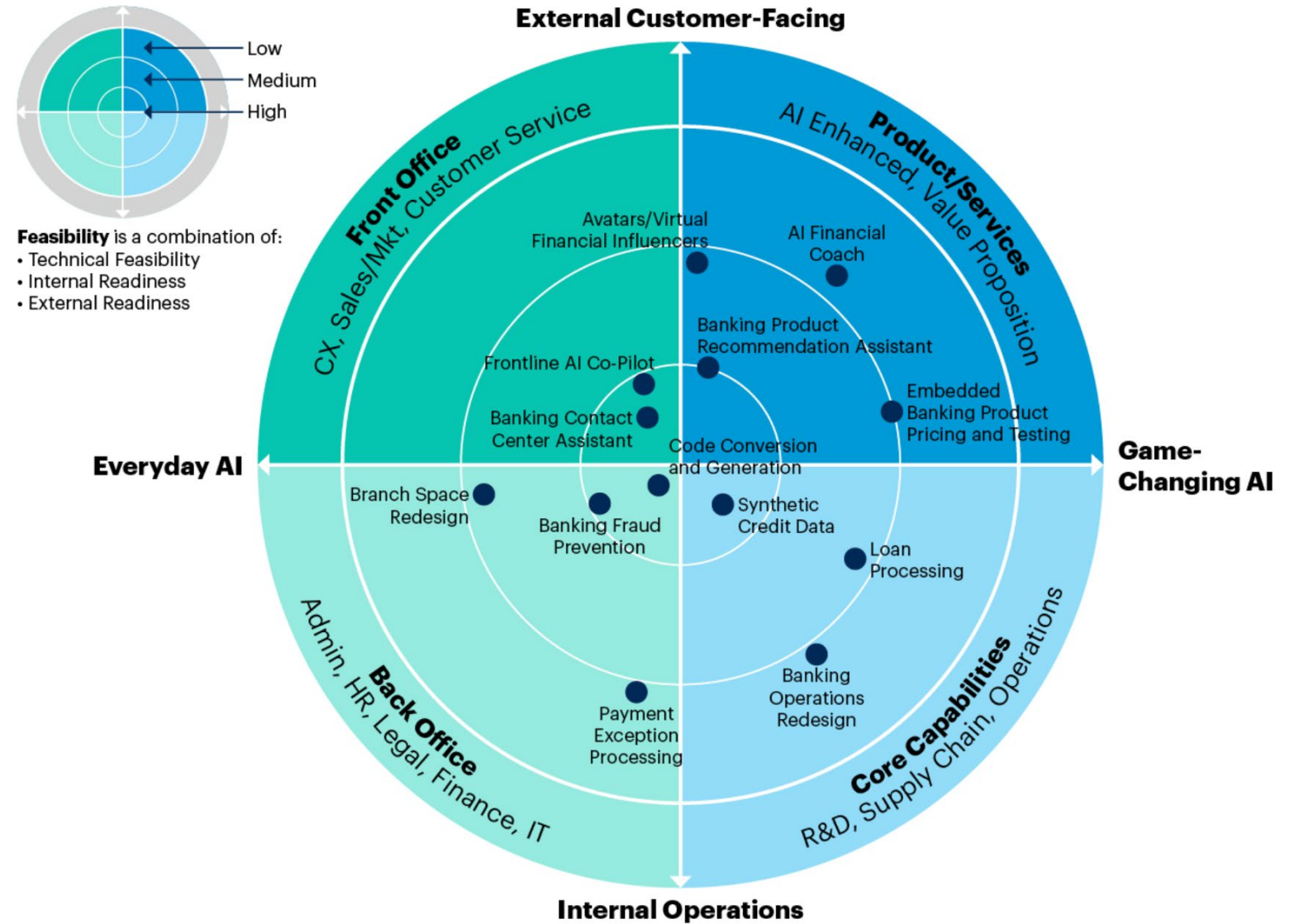


Retail Industry Use Cases



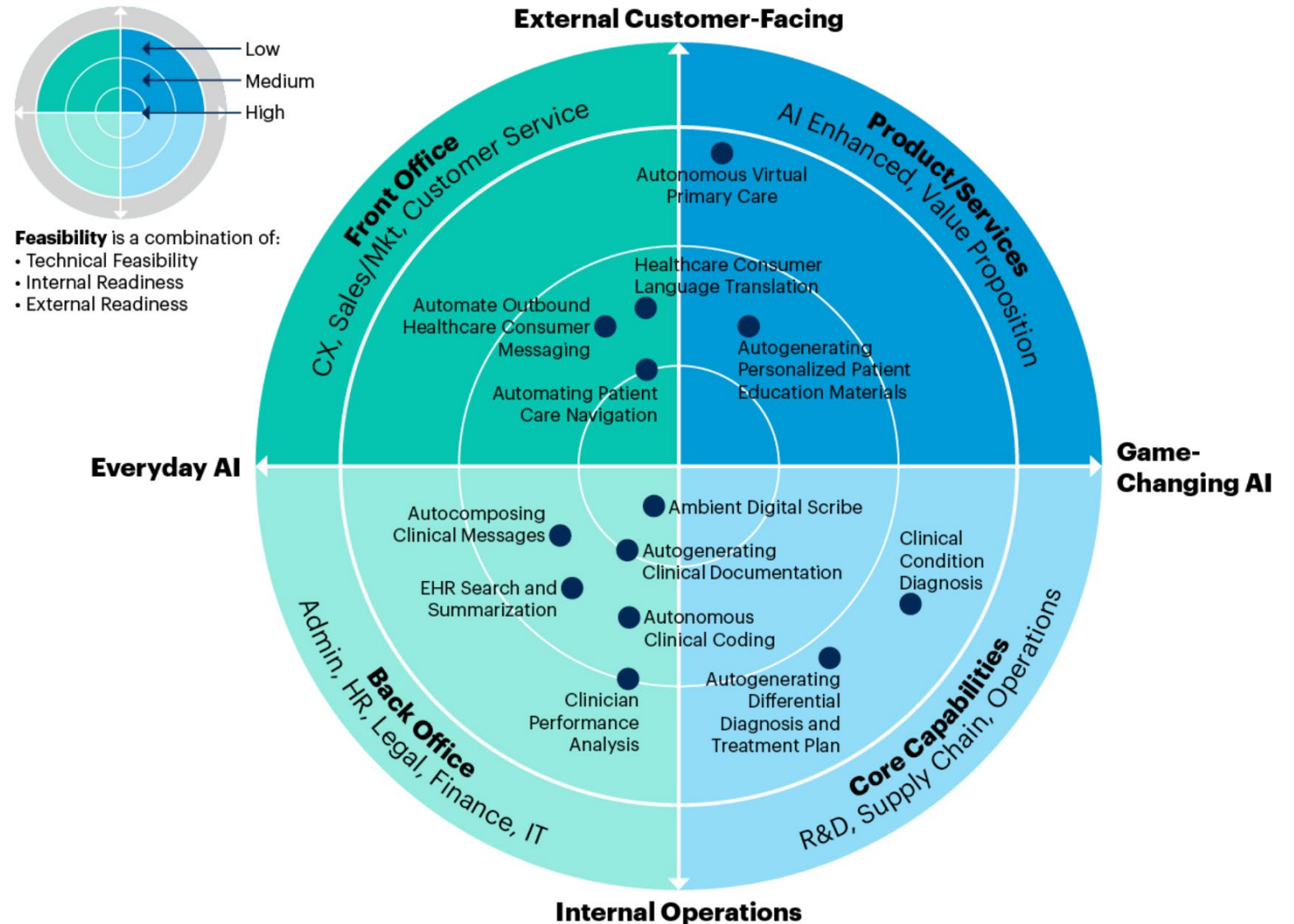
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Banking Industry Use Cases



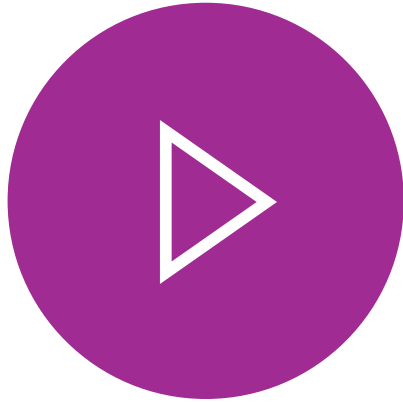
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Healthcare Industry Use Cases



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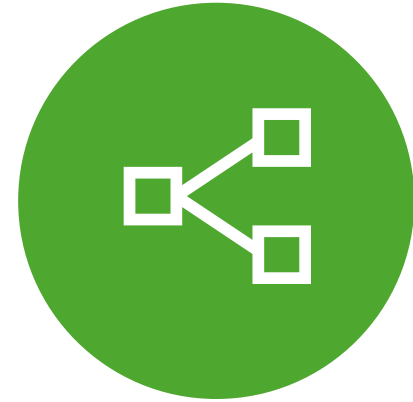
AI transformation starts with skill building



**DEVELOP A STRUCTURED
APPROACH TO AI SKILL BUILDING.**



**UPSKILL ACROSS EVERY BUSINESS
FUNCTION.**



START WITH A TRUSTED PARTNER.

THE FOUR STAGE AI LEARNING JOURNEY



Understanding AI

Start with a strong foundation. Learn AI concepts, definitions, and key terms.



Preparing for AI

Gain essential knowledge to get your infrastructure ready to adopt copilots.



Using AI

Discover skills to use copilots and maximize their benefits.



Building AI solutions

Learn how to build AI experiences into your own apps and services.

Upskilling Entire Organization

Business leader

Leads AI strategy and adoption in an organization.

Technical leader

Leads AI strategy and adoption with a focus on technology adoption.

Business user/Functional consultant

Uses AI technologies, like copilots, or helps implement AI technologies.

Developer/AI engineer/Software architect

Builds AI solutions and apps.

Citizen developer

Builds low-code AI apps.

Data scientist/ML engineer

Implements data science and machine learning solutions.

Data engineer/Data analyst

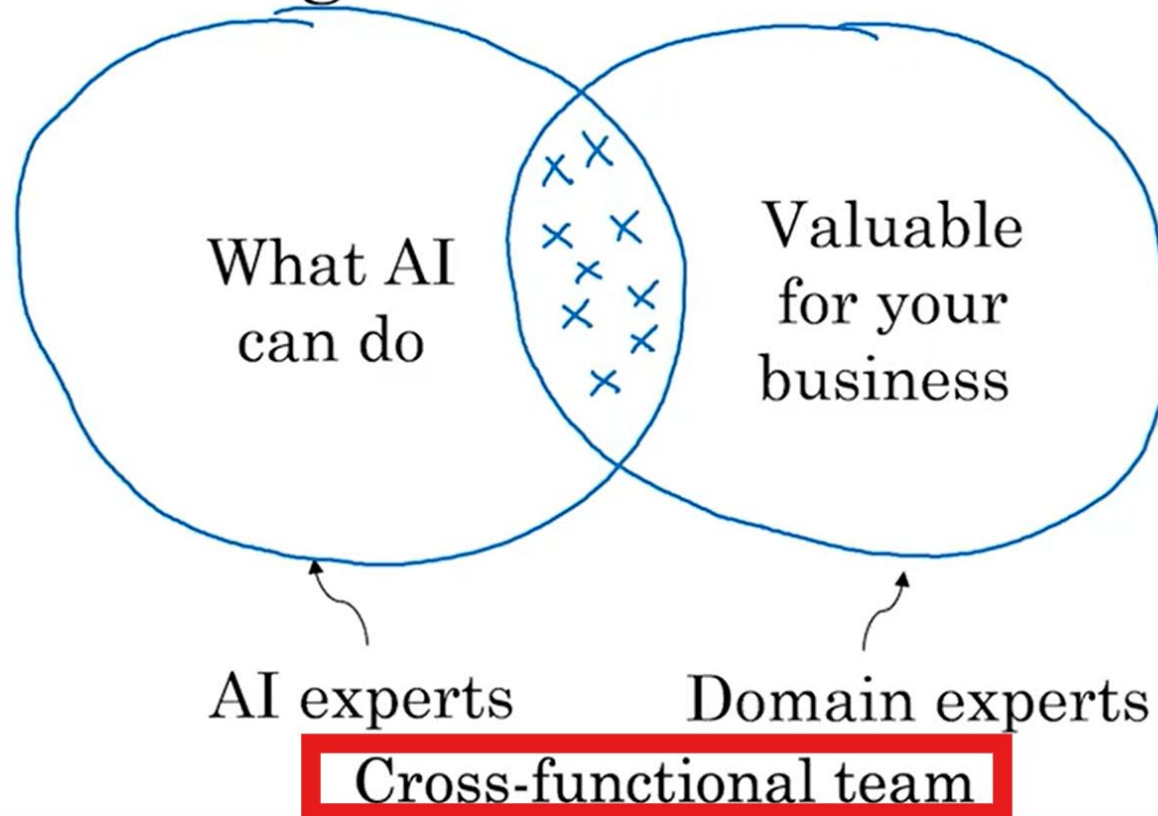
Implements end-to-end analytics and data engineering to prepare for AI solutions.

IT professional

Takes care of infrastructure needed to implement, deploy, secure, and manage AI solutions.

Building Cross Functional Teams

AI knowledge and domain knowledge



Best Practices for your AI skill-building



Give space for exploration



Making Learning fun and engaging



Start with foundations



Have A Plan to update



Set clear guidelines for responsible use



Leverage a partner

THANK YOU