HYPER-PERSONALISED AI

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DYNAMIC KNOWLEDGE RENDERING

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things are rarely impossible

thank you, BA&I

By the end of this book, there will be
an element of irony that this book is even a book.

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Preface

The process of creating this book over the last six months has been more than just grappling with the challenges of writing, which were indeed substantial. It profoundly evolved my understanding of what it means to author a book. Unexpectedly, I found myself committed to defending the ideas within these pages, irrespective of how the public might receive them. This journey has mirrored the often-spoken-about odyssey of book writing. Whether you've downloaded, bought, borrowed or acquired it by other means, I hope it proves valuable to you.

This book serves as a vessel for my reflections and ideas accumulated over the last decade. It presents the concept I have created of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), a notion both timely and necessary for navigating our increasing reliance on digital technology, the era of AI we have entered and the diminishing sense of human connection that now exists.

This book may not earn the accolades of the academic world, lacking as it does in references, citations or empirical studies. It is, instead, an explosion of my thoughts, the foundational principles for what I will create during the next stage of my career, complete with unconventional grammar that has eluded even AI correction :)

Within these pages, I approach data as the closest thing we have to truth. Everything stems from data. Data combined with opinion morphs into information, which, when assimilated, becomes knowledge. However, I see knowledge as not static or tangible; it is the dynamic interplay of information with our minds, connecting with and expanding upon our existing ideas to forge a unique personal worldview. Sharing this "knowledge" proves difficult (*almost impossible*), as it is fundamentally a part of us and bespoke to us. What we do with this “knowledge” is contribute to the collective wisdom of humanity one step at a time. This uniquely human process will soon find its parallel in technology through artificial intelligence and, specifically, innovations like digital doppelgangers, discussed in this book.

The advancements coming in AI herald a leap forward in productivity and economic outcomes and stand as a beacon for our collective survival. As we navigate our deepening dependence on technology, this progress offers a promising pathway to rekindling genuine human connections and restoring fun in our lives. It represents an essential step towards a future where technology enhances, rather than diminishes, our human experience.

Introduction

We stand on the threshold of a technological revolution that promises to be as transformative as the advent of the internet, the rise of mobile computing, and the ubiquity of social media. Just as the internet opened up new realms of access, mobile computing enhanced our connectivity regardless of location, and social media redefined our modes of interaction.

We are now entering a new phase: the seamless integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the fabric of human existence. This era is characterised by an unprecedented alignment of technology with our daily lives, enabling us to engage with digital realms through the most natural form of human communication - our language. This shift holds the potential to fundamentally reshape our professional, personal, and social interactions in ways we are only beginning to understand.

In this book, I aim to explore and shed light on this monumental shift through the lens of four critical questions. These questions will probe how AI's integration into our lives will transform our interactions with technology and redefine the essence of human knowledge in the digital age.

The Questions

Question One

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What implications does AI have for understanding knowledge and wisdom?

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In a world reshaped by generative technology, we're transitioning from static knowledge in books, websites and museums to dynamic exchanges of wisdom and information through text, images, audio and video generated by machines.

Question Two

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What are the effects of accelerating knowledge absorption through hyper-personalisation?

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If hyper-personalisation and providing access to technology through natural language communication becomes the norm, what are the positive and negative effects of this potential individualisation of information?

Question Three

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How can businesses and individuals safely utilise AI in this new era of technology?

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Starting in 2024, there will be a concerted move towards reducing employee numbers, enhancing automation, and refining processes. This will result in the phasing out some organisations, which nimbler, AI-powered enterprises will supplant. How can both businesses and individuals gear up for and successfully adapt to these changes?

Question Four

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What are the global implications of this technology, and how might it transform humanity?

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Should the predictions of the initial three queries come to fruition, AI stands to transform our existence in both conspicuous and nuanced ways, potentially reshaping the functioning of our species and the Earth itself. How might we anticipate and adapt to these profound shifts?

By exploring these four questions by the end of this book, the aim is to provide some reassurance, actions to take, and excitement about the future of this technology. By embracing AI, we can unlock a world of possibilities, empowering us to expand our capabilities and dedicate more time to the passions that enrich our lives.

I believe this will be accomplished through a new concept I define as DKR - Dynamic Knowledge Rendering and the idea of hyper-personalised AI.

Enjoy.

We all interpret the world differently.

Let me start with a story…

It is a warm summer's day, the clock reads 2:43pm, and I am sitting in a hotel lobby in Dubai, UAE.

The scene before me is a microcosm of society; I currently see 37 adults, nine teenagers, three children, and a baby. Among the 46 adults and teens, 31 are women, and 14 are men (*I can't tell the baby's gender*). The crowd is a mixture: families checking in for a weekend getaway, couples embarking on their summer holiday, and business professionals adorned in suits, dresses and traditional Middle Eastern attire. Six of these 46 individuals are either asleep or dozing on sofas. Among the remaining 40, one cradles a baby while three are at the check-in counters. That leaves 37 individuals, 32 engrossed in their mobile phones. I would make it 33 people on their phones if I were not jotting these observations down on pen and paper.

There are two men wearing IT conference swag t-shirts and holding their IBM Thinkpad laptops. I can just make out the GitHub and Databricks stickers on the outside cover of their laptops. One of the three people standing at the check-in counters is a lady in her 30s entering her credit card pin code into the reader; I unintentionally can make out 3 of the four digits. A bellboy is pushing a trolley of suitcases out of the lobby towards the car park; one bag is slightly leaning out of the trolley, and if he doesn't make this corner, will it fall? He makes it, but only just, phew.

Whenever I venture out for dinner, I make it a point to sit facing the entrance. Rather than reading books, I prefer to listen to them. Indeed, much of this book has been dictated rather than written, as the writing process is significantly slower for me - nearly ten times as long - and I quickly lose interest.

So why share this story and information? The way I see the world is unique to me; I can imagine many people reading this are thinking, how do you record all those people in the hotel lobby, whilst others will have a pencil in the book margins making sure the numbers of people I described add up.

The habit of facing the entrance could stem from a deep-seated need for awareness of my surroundings. This trait influences my preference for auditory over visual learning methods. Dictating this book instead of writing it manually speaks to a broader theme of adapting processes to suit one's strengths and weaknesses. My tendency to get distracted, even by the most minor triggers, highlights the challenges of maintaining focus in an ever-connected and bustling world. Writing this paragraph has taken me eight attempts due to interruptions from notifications, distant voices outside, or even fleeting thoughts, such as pondering why oranges are both orange in colour and named 'oranges'. Didn't Eminem say orange is an annoying word that doesn't rhyme?

I share this story because it provides a powerful reminder of the critical importance of recognising and adapting to our distinct cognitive landscapes, mainly how we absorb and process information. Our individuality means we each have a unique approach to learning, with what might be a swift route for one person potentially representing a more time-consuming and effort-intensive path for another. For instance, I might need help to thoroughly digest a 40-page report, retaining only about 20% of its content after a slow and laborious reading. However, if that same information was transformed into a movie or a series of slides accompanied by a voiceover - preferably one that mirrors the captivating tone of Morgan Freeman - my ability to absorb and recall the information dramatically improves. Suddenly, I can retain 80% of the content with 10 minutes of focused attention. Still, considerable effort is required to create this Morgan Freeman voiceover slide presentation movie. That effort previously would have outweighed the hyper-personalised benefit.

I am describing nothing new; many disciplines delve into learning styles and cognitive processes, ranging from psychology to pedagogy. Educational theorists have identified various learning styles, such as visual, auditory, kinesthetic-tactile and reading/writing. Though even with all these disciplines of learning and cognitive processes, we have for generations embraced a one-size-fits-all approach to education and knowledge transfer, primarily due to logistical constraints and established traditions, but that has bled out into the systems and services we use daily and created a rigid experience for interaction that aims for the median.

We are now at a tipping point, courtesy of advancements in technology and, more specifically, artificial intelligence, because knowledge absorption can now be hyper-personalised to you; I call this "Dynamic Knowledge Rendering".

Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR)

Imagine a world where knowledge transcends the limitations of static text confined to the pages of a book, evolving into a dynamic, living essence that adapts and conforms to your mode of comprehension. Defined as Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), a concept that holds the power to redefine our interaction with information. DKR doesn't just present information; it reshapes it, ensuring that it aligns perfectly with your learning style, whether visual, auditory, kinesthetic or a blend of multiple approaches.

The potential of DKR to transform is not restricted to any single field but is applicable across all industries and educational landscapes. Imagine schools where learning materials automatically adjust to suit each student's learning pace and style or a

workplace where training programs are customised for maximum effectiveness, ensuring every employee understands and retains crucial information. Presenting complex medical information in formats that patients can easily understand and act upon could make preventive care much more adopted.

This shift towards a more personalised and interactive approach to knowledge dissemination could fundamentally change how we learn, work, and interact with the world around us. By embracing the principles of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering, we stand on the cusp of a new era where knowledge is not a one-size-fits-all commodity but a tailor-made experience that enriches understanding and fosters a deeper connection with the information we seek to grasp.

Example - Corporate Training

Laura, like numerous others, finds the annual fire safety training tedious. Her disinterest has reached a point where she barely pays attention, opting to mechanically click 'next' on the screen for 40 minutes. If Laura had access to a training system powered by Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR). This intelligent system would recognise that Laura has completed this training for four consecutive years, participated in two company evacuation drills in the past year, and dedicated her free time to being a volunteer firefighter. Given this background, DKR would tailor Laura’s training to highlight only the updates in fire safety protocols through concise bullet points, acknowledging her extensive experience and knowledge in this area.

On the other hand, Alice, who joined the company two months ago, starkly contrasts Laura. The DKR system identifies Alice as a new employee and understands her unique needs, including her dyslexia. It would then craft a fully personalised fire safety training program designed specifically for her learning style, ensuring the information is accessible and understandable.

The advantage for the organisation is profound: both Laura and Alice receive effective and customised training to their individual learning needs and backgrounds. This level of personalisation would extend to every one of the thousand employees within the organisation, offering each person a tailored training experience. This gives Antony, the head of safety in the HR department, the confidence that not only has the information been consumed, but it has been done in the most engaging and absorbing way so that in the event of a fire, people are much more engaged with what the correct actions to follow are. Applying DKR across a wide range of training subjects does more than just enhance productivity; it transforms the entire relationship

with training. Through DKR, training becomes more than a mandatory task. It becomes an integrated, relevant, and enriching part of professional development.

In this envisioned future, the dynamic interaction with information revolutionises how we absorb knowledge, tailoring learning experiences to each individual's unique preferences and needs.

Example - Meeting Notes to Podcast

Stewart resides in a suburban area with his family of four and is a keen podcast enthusiast. He attends his son's football games on Wednesday afternoons but then works late on Thursdays because of the lost time. Integrating Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) into his daily routine significantly enhances his lifestyle.

Having concluded his work duties early on Wednesday to attend his son’s football game, Stewart is poised to make the most of his 45-minute commute to minimise having to work later on Thursday. DKR transforms his travel time into an opportunity for personal development and preparation. The DKR system synthesises the updates from the Wednesday afternoon meetings he wasn’t present for, converting them into a customised podcast episode that mirrors the format of his favourite podcast hosts. This ingenious adaptation allows Stewart to absorb the necessary information efficiently, leveraging his preference for auditory learning and podcast listening habits.

As a result, Stewart gets the joy of watching his son’s football game. He arrives at work Thursday morning both physically and mentally prepared, thanks to DKR's ability to create the optimal conditions for absorbing information precisely when it's most beneficial.

These scenarios with Stewart, Laura and Alice illustrate just a fraction of the transformative impact that Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) can have on traditional, one-dimensional information delivery. To truly harness the full potential of DKR, it necessitates a fundamental reevaluation of the methods through which knowledge and information have been disseminated and absorbed throughout human history. This endeavour extends beyond merely incorporating technological advancements into existing frameworks; it involves reimagining the foundational

principles underpinning education, information dissemination and knowledge absorption.

Throughout this book, we will delve into every facet of knowledge and information, examining how, with the aid of artificial intelligence, we can redefine and tailor these elements to meet the diverse needs of individuals through DKR. By exploring the capabilities of AI in mapping and translating wisdom into universally accessible formats, we aim to illuminate a path that accommodates every individual's unique learning styles and preferences.

My ambition for Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) is to empower individuals by freeing them from the constraints of restricted knowledge access and any apprehensions they may have towards technology. DKR is here to foster a culture of curiosity and continuous learning, revolutionising how knowledge is assimilated. DKR seeks to make the process of learning about a skill or topic not only accessible and straightforward but also engaging and intuitive. Positioned at the cutting edge of a pivotal human capability and comprehension shift, DKR embodies the promise of enhancing our ability to understand and interact with the world. This vision is indeed bold, but within this boldness resides the potential for a profound and far-reaching impact on humanity.

No pressure :)

Let’s answer those four questions

Question One

What implications does AI have for understanding knowledge and wisdom?

From Data to Information

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) challenges us to rethink our traditional concepts of knowledge and wisdom, which have been shaped by centuries of philosophical thought. As we delve into the implications of AI for our understanding of these foundational elements of the human intellect, it becomes clear that a thorough exploration requires us to trace back to the most elementary component: data.

Data represents the foundational element of our understanding of the world, serving as the purest form of measurement of our surroundings. It encompasses many quantifiable details, from the minuscule and mundane to the enormous and complex, capturing the essence of existence in its most unadulterated form. All information stems from this critical bedrock in its myriad forms and functions. Through data, we distil the universe's chaos into structured insights, enabling us to interpret, predict and influence the fabric of reality. Data is not just a collection of numbers and facts but the lifeblood of informed decision-making and wisdom creation.

Information, however, is the bedrock of our social interactions, economic transactions, and political discourse, transcending simple data points to include the meaning and context that render them significant. The alchemical process of converting data into meaningful information is giving data meaning, value, and relevance within human cognition and interaction.

Example
Data - The outside air temperature is currently 32 Celsius
Information - You had better put on sun cream today because it is hot outside

Information serves as a conduit for both understanding and action. For instance, knowing the air temperature is 32°C provides valuable data, yet it remains somewhat abstract without additional context. The relevance of this temperature hinges on several factors: whether you plan to spend time outdoors, your skin's sensitivity to sunlight, and the range of temperatures you're accustomed to living in. Without such context, the figure 32°C lacks specific meaning; more critically, it's unclear what implications it holds for you.

To fully grasp how data transitions into meaningful information, examining natural and artificial systems where information is intricately encoded and conveyed is instructive.

DNA (*the molecule containing the genetic instructions for the development, functioning, growth and reproduction of all known living organisms*) sequences are, fundamentally, strings of data made up of four nitrogen bases. On their own, these bases, adenine, cytosine, guanine and thymine, mean nothing. However, when arranged in specific sequences within a particular context, they form genes, instructing cells on how to build proteins. DNA becomes a highly sophisticated information storage system in this state, where data transforms into invaluable biological information that tells the story of life itself.

Similarly, books are more than just glued paper and ink or pixels on a screen; they are repositories of human thought, culture and wisdom. The moment this arrangement succeeds in imparting understanding, inspiring emotion or prompting action, it transcends its basic form and becomes information.

Context is everything

In 2024, we find ourselves navigating a world awash in information. It is the underpinning of social interactions, economic transactions and political discourse. Industries, from healthcare to finance, have been revolutionised by the rapid transmission of information. Information gives substance to our interactions, adding depth and context that make communication purposeful. Our choices are often as good as the information we base them on. From deciding on a career path to buying a car or even choosing what to have for dinner, information guides our decisions.

Notably, the quality of that information, evaluated in terms of its accuracy, relevance and timeliness, directly influences the outcomes of our choices.

> **Accuracy** ensures that the information is error-free, providing a reliable base upon which knowledge can be absorbed. Inaccurate information, whether in a scientific research paper or a news article, can lead to flawed understandings and misguided actions *(though sometimes this is intended)*.
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> **Relevance** confirms that the information directly applies to the question or decision. Irrelevant information not only dilutes focus but also has the potential to

misguide. Information overload in the form of irrelevant details can steer a debate away from the core issues and be used to misguide or manipulate perspectives.

Timeliness guarantees that the information is current and updated, which is particularly crucial in fast-evolving fields like medicine or technology. Out-of-date information can not only be unhelpful but can also be dangerous if used as the basis for decisions or actions.

Throughout history, information has evolved significantly, with each era introducing additional layers of complexity and enhancing its utility. As we embark on the era of artificial intelligence (AI), we stand on the brink of incorporating a groundbreaking layer into the fabric of information dissemination and consumption.

This layer, which I envision as Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), represents a paradigm shift in how data is processed and presented. This bespoke approach to information delivery optimises knowledge absorption, ensuring that each person can engage with information most effectively and meaningfully. By leveraging the capabilities of AI, DKR has the potential to significantly enhance the depth and breadth of our understanding, making learning more intuitive, engaging and productive.

Understanding Knowledge

It is tempting to resort to the straightforward definition of knowledge:

“Knowledge is the awareness or understanding of facts, information or skills.”

However, such a definition would be a woeful oversimplification. It would be like calling the ocean merely a large body of water; this limited understanding fails to capture the layers and complexities that make knowledge such a compelling subject.

If you have ever been gifted or recommended a book by somebody, they will tend to hand you the book and say, “This is a great read; it is filled with so much knowledge”. I have an issue with this statement because any book holds information, not knowledge.

Knowledge is not acquired but absorbed, a process involving deep mental and sometimes emotional engagement with information. This intricate process shapes what we know and how we view the world. When you read a book, the text on the page is mere information. As you engage with new information, your brain gets to work. Neurons fire and form connections, pathways are strengthened or created. Each piece of information creates a cascade of neural activity, linking with existing knowledge, contrasting with prior beliefs, and sometimes overturning outdated understandings.

Knowledge is not absorbed in a vacuum. It's filtered through your existing experiences and biases, **your worldview**. Two people can read the same book or watch the same movie and may take two completely opposing interpretations. At a minimum, they will hold a unique body of knowledge from consuming the information that, in this case, was the movie.

With AI, we can supercharge this knowledge absorption process; through DKR, each person could read a book 100% personalised to them, generated at a moment in time and adapted to that person's current context. For many, that book wouldn’t even be a book, but it could be a movie, an album of music or even an interactive video game. In the current age, where artificial intelligence (AI) plays a pivotal role, the pathways for acquiring knowledge have positively broadened significantly, covering a wide spectrum of information modalities. This vast array of channels for learning underscores the importance of accurately identifying the type of knowledge we seek. People will argue about the different types of knowledge, but we will focus on the most common definitions: factual, conceptual, procedural, tacit and meta.

Firstly, **Factual knowledge** is the most fundamental form of knowledge, often the first that comes to mind when considering what it means to 'know' something. This type of knowledge is anchored in concrete, verifiable facts and empirical data. It encompasses

straightforward, objective information about the world around us, such as knowing that London is the capital of the United Kingdom or that water freezes at 0 degrees Celsius. Such facts are commonly accepted based on their scientific reasoning.

This knowledge is critical as it forms the backbone of various disciplines, providing a solid foundation for more advanced learning and understanding. In science, for example, factual knowledge includes understanding basic principles such as the structure of an atom or the process of photosynthesis. In history, it involves knowing key dates, events and figures. Without this foundational layer of facts, engaging in more sophisticated cognitive processes such as critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis would be challenging.

Conceptual knowledge represents a deeper understanding that goes beyond mere factual recall. It involves grasping the underlying principles, theories and abstract ideas that govern various knowledge domains. This knowledge is crucial for making sense of seemingly unrelated facts and data, allowing us to weave them into a coherent and comprehensive worldview.

For instance, when we learn about the laws of physics, we're not just memorising formulas or individual facts. Instead, we understand the fundamental principles that explain how our physical world operates. Similarly, in the context of law within modern societies, conceptual knowledge involves an appreciation of the underlying principles of justice, equity and societal organisation rather than just knowing specific laws or legal procedures.

Its emphasis on critical and analytical engagement with information sets conceptual knowledge apart. It moves us from rote learning, where information is held without understanding its broader context or significance. This form of knowledge is dynamic and adaptable, empowering us to apply what we've learned in various situations, solve complex problems and generate innovative ideas. It's about seeing the bigger picture and understanding how individual information fits it.

Procedural knowledge includes simple, everyday tasks like the steps involved in baking a cake. Here, knowledge is not just about knowing the ingredients but understanding the sequence of actions required: measuring, mixing, the right oven temperature and baking time. This knowledge is often gained through hands-on experience, following recipes and perhaps tips from more experienced bakers.

Procedural knowledge also covers more complex skills, such as solving advanced mathematical equations or programming a computer. For instance, a mathematician's ability to solve complex equations involves a deep understanding of mathematical principles and the procedural steps to apply them.

A key characteristic of procedural knowledge is that it's often absorbed through doing and practising. Initially, a task may require conscious thought and effort. For example, when learning to drive, a new driver must actively consider each action, from changing gears to monitoring the rear-view mirror. However, with practice, these actions become more automatic, and the driver can perform them with less conscious effort.

Once mastered, procedural knowledge allows for the efficient and effective execution of tasks, often without conscious deliberation. This automaticity is what makes procedural knowledge so powerful.

Tacit knowledge is a form of understanding that is not easily expressed or described. A classic example of tacit knowledge is the ability to read and interpret body language. We might understand someone's feelings or intentions based on their posture, facial expressions, or gestures without them having to say a word. This understanding is not typically derived from textbooks or lectures; it's gained through personal experience and social interactions that compound over time.

Another common illustration of tacit knowledge is the ability to navigate a familiar city without needing a map. Residents often know their way around their city, understanding the nuances of different routes, shortcuts, and traffic patterns without formal study. This knowledge comes from living and moving within the space over time, subconsciously absorbing the geography and layout.

Lastly, there is **meta-knowledge**, which stands at a higher level of understanding, focusing on our knowledge comprehension. It involves a deep self-awareness about our learning processes, how we assimilate and process information and how we apply knowledge across various contexts. This type of knowledge is about understanding the 'knowledge about knowledge,' including our cognitive capabilities and limitations.

At the core of meta-knowledge is the recognition of how we learn best. Some individuals might discover they absorb information more effectively through visual methods, while others may find auditory learning or hands-on experiences more beneficial. This understanding allows individuals to tailor their learning strategies to suit their unique cognitive styles, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of their learning process. We can make more informed and rational decisions by understanding our thought processes and biases. It allows us to step back and evaluate the quality and relevance of our information and how it should be applied in different situations.

However, the combinations of all these types of knowledge form human coercion about our world and each other. We acquire these different areas of knowledge through different modalities, but the outcome is the same: empowering ourselves and our communities. The adage "knowledge is power" aptly encapsulates how such a wealth of

understanding empowers individuals and communities. This empowerment enables us to make informed decisions, solve complex problems, enhance living conditions, and, as we do as a species, continuously make better things.

Whether it's a student acquiring the education they need to embark on a rewarding career or a society harnessing scientific discoveries to elevate public health. With the internet, smartphones and global connectivity, we find ourselves in an age where building knowledge is not just accessible but is available to the most and on an unprecedented scale worldwide. Though this technological revolution is truly amazing, it is understandable that it can lead to challenges concerning quality control. With the ease of online publishing, anyone can produce and disseminate content. Not all sources are reliable or accurate, making critical thinking and source evaluation vital skills in the digital age.

By understanding the diverse types of knowledge and how we, as humans, observe, interpret and assimilate this information, we are in a better position to develop a DKR-based solution that enhances our ability to absorb knowledge. This AI would aim to replicate and support our methods of information storage and knowledge comprehension, ultimately aiding in the creation and transference of wisdom.

Wisdom

The progression from data to information to knowledge ultimately leads us towards wisdom. While wisdom is the desired outcome of this process, it represents not just a goal but a dynamic state of understanding and insight. We cherish and aspire to share it with our loved ones and future generations.

Let’s start from the beginning.

In the prehistoric era, humans were in the infancy of civilisation, yet they had a pressing need to communicate for communal living and survival against natural elements and predators. Sounds were early forms of signalling, whether a vocal utterance or a tapped rhythm on a hollow tree. They could communicate immediate needs like danger or shelter. However, they were transient, disappearing as soon as they were created and heard.

Cave paintings, on the other hand, represented a leap forward in preserving wisdom. By drawing on walls, early humans created a shared 'database' that told stories of successful hunts, migration patterns and even spiritual beliefs. They were the ancient equivalents of 'how-to' guides or encyclopaedias helping successive generations understand the world around them.

These methods of communication were revolutionary because they represented a form of abstraction. These sounds and images were simplified representations of the world, allowing complex ideas like danger or abundance to be communicated effectively. They laid the foundation for abstract thinking and problem-solving that would become critical in the evolution of human intelligence.

As humanity progressed, the tools we crafted and used became another form of language, another abstraction layer in conveying wisdom. A simple tool like a spear was more than just an object; it was a repository of information. Making a spear required an understanding of materials, knowing which wood was strong yet flexible, which stones would hold a sharp edge and how to bind them together securely to ensure the deadly shot needed for a successful hunt.

These tools weren't just physical; they were conceptual. Think of the societal rules and norms established for a successful communal hunt. These strategies might have involved sophisticated planning and division of labour. Concepts that, once internalised and accepted by a community, would have been passed down from one generation to the next as a form of social wisdom, reducing the time of learning and progressing each generation forward at increasing speed with each new generation.

In both of these stages, sounds and cave paintings, humanity was learning to externalise its internal thought processes to store knowledge outside the individual's brain. This external storage allowed for more complex systems of knowledge and wisdom to develop and the beginning of sharing ideas, which led to ever-more-advanced forms of society and civilisation.

As we journey from the prehistoric age to the dawn of ancient civilisations, we find a marked progression in how wisdom was being established. In ancient Egypt, we encounter a system of written language that stands out for its visual richness and complexity: hieroglyphs. These ornate symbols were used in various contexts, from religious texts that conveyed the cosmologies and moral codes of the time to administrative records detailing tax collection or food distribution. The depth and sophistication of hieroglyphs are evidence of the desire for long-term preservation of society, culture, language or what we would call wisdom. It is a testament even today that researchers can conclude said hieroglyphs thousands of years and many generations later.

Across the Mediterranean, ancient Greece became the cradle of Western philosophy. Intellectual giants like Plato and Aristotle pondered questions of existence, ethics and epistemology and tried to record and disseminate their ideas.

In the Middle East, the invention of paper was a turning point in storing and sharing wisdom. Though Papyrus and parchment had been used before, paper provided an easier and more efficient means of recording information. Around the same time, the writing of scriptures, especially during the Islamic Golden Age, marked a concentrated effort to compile and preserve a wide range of wisdom. Scholars translated Greek and Roman works into Arabic, safeguarding the intellectual treasures of the ancient world. These texts would later go back to Europe, becoming the bedrock of the Renaissance.

As time passed, the Roman Empire emerged as a superpower, stretching its influence across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. One of the underpinnings of Roman governance and culture was its structured system of archives and libraries. These weren't just storehouses of texts but meticulously organised information centres that allowed for efficient governance and administration. They built libraries in Rome and cities across their empire, thereby increasing accessibility to knowledge far and wide. The concept of the 'public library,' accessible to citizens for learning and research, has its antecedents in Roman innovation. Their organisational techniques have informed modern archival practices, providing the blueprint for today's libraries, universities, digital databases, and even emerging AI systems.

Amidst the ever-changing tides of empires and governments, religious institutions were beacons of wisdom preservation. In Europe, monasteries became repositories for

religious and secular texts alike. Monks painstakingly copied manuscripts by hand, often adding annotations and illustrations. These monastic libraries were more than just archival projects; they were havens of intellectual activity where debates and discussions were encouraged. Similarly, mosques during the Islamic Golden Age were not only places of worship but also vibrant centres of learning. Complexes like the House of Wisdom in Baghdad boasted extensive libraries and hosted scholars who translated works from various languages. Both monasteries and mosques demonstrate how religious institutions can serve as protectors and disseminators of wisdom, setting the stage for later academic and religious centres worldwide.

The printing revolution marked a seismic shift in how quickly information could be duplicated and shared. Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in the 15th century meant that books, previously rare and expensive, could now be mass-produced. The immediate impact was a surge in literacy rates. No longer confined to the elites, knowledge was now within reach of anyone who could read or aspired to. Society's relationship with knowledge underwent a dramatic transformation; the printing press was the DKR of the 15th century with its ability to reprint at speed, meaning the information was more dynamic than the static century-old cave paintings that came before. The printing press set in motion a chain of events that would lead to the democratisation of knowledge as we know it today.

As the dust settled on the era of the printing press, societies around the world witnessed another transformative development: the formalisation of education. Schools, initially the preserve of the elite, gradually opened their doors to broader populations, becoming central institutions for literacy and learning. Schooling offered a structured approach to disseminating knowledge, encompassing a range of subjects from mathematics and science to history and the arts. Curriculums were developed to guide this process, and teachers were trained to facilitate delivery in this format.

The advent of universal education in many parts of the world meant that literacy was no longer a luxury but a baseline expectation, dramatically broadening the scope of who could participate in the absorption of knowledge. The school systems, while varying in form and content across cultures and periods, all aimed to formalise the transfer of communal wisdom to younger generations. They became the backbone of modern intellectual development, producing informed citizens capable of critical thinking.

The advent of mass media, encompassing newspapers and radio, represented a significant turning point. These mediums offered unparalleled capabilities for swift information dissemination, whether enlightening or misleading, on a grand scale. They became instrumental in education and raising public awareness but also held the power to mould public opinion, often aligning with the agendas of those at the helm. This

capacity of the media to either champion noble causes or promote detrimental ideologies introduced critical ethical questions about journalistic integrity and the potential for media manipulation. These concerns are even more relevant in today's digital era, highlighting the ongoing challenge of discerning and cultivating wisdom in an age of abundant information and its manipulation ever more sophisticated.

The technological advancements in the second half of the 20th century, particularly the evolution of television and advanced radio, marked a significant shift in our access to information. These innovations, powered by satellite technology, enabled information to be broadcast in real-time across immense distances, effectively inaugurating a new era of global connectivity. This unprecedented access meant that events like the moon landing became shared experiences for millions worldwide, witnessed live from different corners of the globe.

However, while fostering interconnectedness, this 'shrinking' of the world also led to the emergence of distinct 'tribes' with varying perspectives and interpretations of wisdom. The instant and widespread dissemination of information meant that diverse cultures and communities, previously separated by geographical boundaries, were now exposed to each other's beliefs and values. This convergence sometimes resulted in conflicting viewpoints and interpretations of what constitutes wisdom, highlighting the complexity of navigating a world where information is abundant but consensus on wisdom is fragmented. As a result, the challenge on this global stage was not just accessing information but reconciling these diverse 'tribes' of thought and understanding to pursue a more unified yet multifaceted wisdom.

The digitisation of information represents a profound evolution in how we access and interact with knowledge. The convenience was unparalleled as physical books, documents, and records transitioned into digital formats like e-books, PDFs, and online databases. Carrying an entire library in one's pocket became a reality, and searching for information was streamlined, becoming faster and more efficient. However, this shift towards digital media brought its own set of challenges. Concerns such as data breaches and the potential loss of information due to technological failures emerged as new risks. The transition also meant a departure from the physical experience of reading - the tactile sensation of turning pages and the unique connection formed with a physical book. For some, this change represented both a productivity loss and a sentimental loss over the reading experience. Still, it raised questions about the effectiveness of knowledge absorption when presented with lots of information, of which the majority could be irrelevant. This is where Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) becomes pertinent in personalised information and wisdom creation.

From primitive sounds and cave paintings to global real-time broadcasts and digital content, humanity has continually found ways to innovate, adapt and refine its mechanisms for sharing information and preserving wisdom. Each phase of this evolution has brought both opportunities and challenges, blessings and burdens. Our drive to understand, communicate, and know remains constant. This journey, far from complete, takes on new dimensions as we move from the digital age to the AI age and beyond.

Now, in 2024, we stand on the threshold of the era of artificial intelligence and generative information. AI technologies are transforming how information is created, stored, and shared. Algorithms now write articles, generate art, and even compose music. Automated systems can sort and analyse data at speeds incomprehensible to humans, making them invaluable tools for scientific research. However, this AI-driven landscape is fraught with ethical considerations. Questions of authorship, ownership, and even the essence of creativity are being redefined. Trust in information and wisdom takes on new dimensions in this new era. The provenance of information, traditionally anchored in the credibility of its sources, such as the author or publication, now faces the challenge of transparency and intent when produced by AI. How do we discern the intent behind AI-generated content, and what metrics do we use to establish trust when the writer is not human but an algorithm? If a machine can write a convincing article, how do we gauge its veracity or intent? This evolution in information creation and consumption necessitates reevaluating our criteria for trust, urging us to navigate these uncharted waters with caution and an openness to AI's unparalleled possibilities.

As we forge ahead, armed with the collective wisdom gathered over millennia and the cutting-edge tools of today, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to shape the future of information in ways that serve not just the interests of the few but the enlightenment of the many. It's an ongoing journey that invites us to contribute responsibly and thoughtfully to this grand, interconnected tapestry of human wisdom.

Question Two

What are the effects of accelerating knowledge absorption through hyper-personalisation?

Learning Styles

Understanding learning styles and how they differ is essential in appreciating the diverse ways individuals absorb knowledge, process information, comprehend data, and retain wisdom. It's not about one's abilities or intelligence levels but the 'how' of learning. The significance of grasping your learning style for a given context extends far beyond the classroom. It can influence how you tackle problems, face challenges, and communicate with others. When you understand the most effective learning methods, you can more easily tailor your learning strategies, leading to better understanding and absorption.

As highlighted previously, learning was a matter of survival in prehistoric times. Skills and wisdom were passed down orally through demonstration and participation. This was essential for tasks like hunting, gathering and building shelter. These early forms of learning were inherently kinesthetic and auditory, relying on doing and hearing.

As societies advanced, the invention of writing, scrolls and manuscripts took precedence. These became the primary means of preserving and disseminating wisdom in more advanced civilisations. This shift heralded the rise of text-based learning, which is beneficial for those who prefer reading and writing but less accommodating for others.

Establishing formal schools and universities in ancient Greece, India, and China represented another significant milestone. Education was no longer solely the preserve of the home or apprenticeship settings; it became institutionalised. These institutions, however, often favoured the elite and were built on lecture-based models, catering largely to auditory and reading/writing learners.

Fast forward to the present day, and we find ourselves in an era defined by digital learning, complete with online courses, virtual classrooms and interactive platforms. Over time, educational methods have slightly evolved, but it remains clear that these methods fail to serve all learners equally well.

There are various models and theories on learning styles. Still, one of the most widely cited is the VARK model, which identifies four main types:

> **Visual Learners:** These individuals learn best when information is presented through images, diagrams or charts.
>
> **Auditory Learners:** These are people who learn best through listening. They benefit from lectures, discussions and audio resources.

Reading/Writing Preference: These learners thrive on textual information. They prefer to learn through reading and often express themselves best through writing.

Kinesthetic Learners: These individuals learn best by doing. They benefit from hands-on activities, experiments and real-world applications of knowledge.

Some might find that they fit into multiple categories or that their preferred style changes depending on the subject matter or context. Despite our increased understanding of different learning styles, many learning systems still employ a one-size-fits-all approach, primarily focusing on textual and auditory learning methods. This standardised teaching method can create an environment where those with non-traditional learning styles struggle to keep up or become disengaged.

The workplace is not immune to this issue either. Corporate training programmes, employee onboarding and even day-to-day communications often default to methods that might not be the most effective for all involved. They normally focus on the channels the leadership's learning style preferences lean towards or the "cool" new technology tool. This is inefficient and represents a missed opportunity to maximise productivity and job satisfaction for everyone.

Integrating Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) with individual learning styles presents a compelling vision for the future of education and professional development. By dynamically adapting the modality of information delivery to fit each learner's preferred style, engagement and satisfaction levels could dramatically increase. Education would shift from being a one-size-fits-all model to an experience that resonates deeply with each individual, making learning more like a captivating journey than a burden.

Example
This is why a six-year-old forgets the months of the year but can name all 200+ Pokemon and their abilities. Months of the year are irrelevant to a six-year-old, whereas knowing which ability can destroy a water type determines if you win the Pokemon battle.

The acceleration of comprehension would be another significant change. Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) would allow for real-time adaptation, optimising the information for hyper-personalised understanding, enabling longer retention.

To enable this six-year-old to recall the months of the year better, we could teach them Pokemon birthdays to make the information more engaging. Then, DKR could turn that information into a personalised song for a more enjoyable knowledge absorption by the child learner. This heightened efficiency would revolutionise how quickly skills are acquired, and knowledge is absorbed, compressing years of learning into much shorter periods. This is fully adaptive and scalable as you can replace Pokemon for any “thing” that is engaging and of interest to the learner. DKR will adapt and optimise accordingly.

As systems become more adept at recognising and adapting to individual learning styles, people will, in turn, become more attuned to their strengths and weaknesses. This metacognitive advantage equips individuals to approach life's challenges more confidently and strategically.

As Dynamic Knowledge Rendering becomes mainstream (*fingers crossed*), it will have far-reaching implications for teamwork and collaboration. With the capacity for real-time adaptation, team members can easily switch between different modalities of information presentation to better fit the collective learning styles of the group. This leads to more effective and harmonious collaborations, ultimately boosting productivity and creativity in a way that static methods of learning and information-sharing could never achieve.

Attention

Attention has become the most precious resource in the information age. With an endless torrent of companies using content to vie for our limited time and focus, capturing attention is the holy grail for creators, marketers and platforms alike. Emerging artificial intelligence technologies stand to transform the attention economy radically.

Attention has always been a limited resource as we are only awake for 16 hours a day on average, but scarcity has drastically increased in the digital era. Our primitive brains evolved in small tribes where stimuli were relatively sparse. Today, we face an endless feed of notifications, alerts, posts and recommendations tailored to grab our senses. Fragmenting our focus into smaller and smaller micro-moments of consumption.

Platforms like Facebook, TikTok and YouTube have perfected an addictive dopamine rush, serving users content likely to elicit clicks, likes and shares. The resulting business models sell our fleeting attention to the highest bidder. Advertising has become the dominant funding source for our information ecosystem. This quest for attention distorts incentives around incubating future wisdom. Thoughtful discourse gives way to clickbaiting headlines, and complexity is sacrificed for viral trends. Outrage and extremism reliably grab attention, so platforms optimise for engagement over truth or nuance.

If you only ever watch and engage with cat videos on YouTube, all you will see are cat videos, cat food, cat toys, and cat clothes. Suppose we don't change our relationship with the pursuit of attention. In that case, algorithmic recommendations will only get better at predicting which stimulus-seeking items users are most likely to click, watch or react to, further feeding us into an unconscious consumption state.

Emerging AI capabilities around generative content and synthetic media stand to accelerate the race for attention. Platforms already use AIs to churn out formulaic clickbait content, and the ability to effortlessly manipulate or completely fabricate photos and video raises the stakes on misinformation and manipulation. Responsibly capturing attention requires a deeper understanding of human cognition - our biases, quirks and vulnerabilities. Behavioural research must inform the design to avoid pushing psychological buttons unethically.

The questions remain daunting in scale and complexity. How do we design platforms to fulfil wants without manipulating needs? How does AI identify and amplify ideas that meaningfully matter to people?

To build technology augmenting human potential, we must understand the cognitive machinery behind attention in the brain. Insights from neuroscience help explain our craving for stimuli and vulnerabilities that platforms exploit. This information can guide designs supporting healthy engagement.

Primitive brain regions like the limbic system are wired for novelty-seeking and social reward. Sites like Facebook and YouTube hijack this system through predictive algorithms that elicit anticipation; personalised feeds release dopamine. So, by hijacking this primitive part of the brain, we compulsively return despite diminishing satisfaction. The prefrontal cortex handles higher cognition like focus, planning and self-control. But these advanced functions fatigue quickly while cravings persist. Willpower erodes when bombarded with content tuned to circumvent logic. Persuasive technology can override user intentions about time spent or content consumed. Memory and learning also suffer when attention scatters, causing fragmented focus, which impedes constructing knowledge.

Responsible technologists must reconsider these perverse incentives baked into prevailing platforms and business models. Metrics like watch time and engagement optimise for base cravings, not enlightenment. Imagine platforms rewarding time spent thoughtfully, not reactively. Content that elicits contemplation or spurs real-world actions deserves amplification over empty calories.

Shaping the attention economy requires aligning incentives, supporting cognitive health, and pursuing collective uplift. But ultimately, technology simply operationalises values that we encode.

This is where DRK comes in.

Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) can present complex ideas clearly and memorably through hyper-personalisation, but a key aspect of that personalisation is understanding an individual's scope of attention. In the same way that DKR can understand an individual's learning style, DKR can also understand an individual's attention scope. Attention scope consists of the amount of time you have someone's optimal attention and the key markers that maintain this.

Example - Attention Scope
Qamir exemplifies a learner with a pronounced preference for visual input, finding that video content is the most effective medium for his educational engagement. However, Qamir's concentration during these visual learning sessions spans only up to two minutes. To captivate and maintain Qamir's focus within this brief window, the content must be characterised by succinct, fact-rich narration and vibrant, informative visuals. These elements are crucial for engaging Qamir and ensuring the information is absorbed and retained effectively. On the other hand, Bea strongly attaches to textual learning, particularly regarding employee training. Unlike Qamir, Bea thrives on comprehensive details, with a preference for extensive reading materials. Her ability to stay engaged with written content extends up to 45 minutes, provided that the material speaks directly to her through the use of first-person narrative style, such as "I will do" and "I can enable". This personalised approach to language captures and sustains Bea's attention, making it an essential factor in her learning process. For Bea, using first-person language is a key attention-retaining strategy, facilitating a deeper connection with the material and enhancing her learning experience.

Both examples underscore the importance of tailoring educational content to match individual learning preferences and attention capacities. By acknowledging and adapting to these unique characteristics, educators and content creators can significantly improve the effectiveness of their delivery methods, ensuring that learners like Qamir and Bea not only engage with the material but also derive maximum benefit from their educational endeavours.

	Modality	**Duration**	**Markers**
Qamir	Video	2 minutes	Concise, factual information High visual captions
Bea	Text	45 minutes	First person language

Educational tools can optimise teaching complex subjects using attention scope and markers. By continuously modelling a student's comprehension from passive conversation or outcome indicators, the modality and material can adapt to maintain attention.

A potential indicator of success might include Qamir discontinuing videos precisely at the two-minute mark or his tendency to engage more deeply with videos that feature dynamic, visual captions, leading to subsequent actions on his part. Such passive insights into user preferences can be gleaned from interactions with products powered by DKR, whether through an AI assistant or a specific DKR tool. For instance, if Bea frequently requests that content be updated into a first-person narrative, it indicates her preference for this style. This kind of feedback allows us to understand and cater to individual learning styles more effectively, demonstrating the adaptability and personalised approach of DKR.

The idea proposed here doesn't diverge radically from the attention-capturing dynamics of today's viral cat videos on YouTube. The core of the proposition is to channel the captivating appeal of such entertaining content towards educational purposes while ensuring that control remains in the hands of the user.

Yet, the introduction of preferences *(a concept to be further explored in the following chapter)* alongside the notion of attention span is where the true innovation lies. With natural language increasingly becoming the primary means of interaction with technology, the potential to gather and leverage insights to tailor preferences and attention spans is vast. The depth of understanding that preferences provide about an individual underscores the critical importance of managing this information through personal oversight and development rather than allowing it to be under the control of centralised entities. It's time to pivot towards systems that empower individuals, moving away from the paradigm where big tech companies treat user attention as a commodity to be monetised. This shift is essential for fostering an environment where educational content is engaging and respects and enhances the learner's autonomy.

Personalisation

In the digital era, personalisation has emerged as a crucial factor in enhancing user experience and engagement. But what precisely is personalisation? It involves customising content, products, or services to cater to individuals' unique preferences and needs. This level of personalisation surpasses simple targeting or customisation; it requires a profound understanding and anticipation of a user's specific requirements.

While big tech companies have previously provided some targeting and customisation, true personalisation differs. It's not about generating hundreds of thumbnails to encourage clicks. In hyper-personalisation and Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), no thumbnail is created until every aspect of personalisation is considered. Only then, in the context of that particular moment, is a single, unique thumbnail generated specifically for that user at that moment in time for that modality. This approach is about crafting experiences distinctly tailored to each user, making interactions more meaningful and effortless.

By leveraging technologies and strategies that focus on human needs/wants, personalisation can transform how we interact with digital systems, making them more intuitive, helpful and aligned with our real-world experiences. One such approach is Preference Prompts and the Preference Exchange Protocol (PEP). This protocol is designed to build and share a personalisation profile, enabling digital systems to understand and anticipate user needs more accurately while keeping the human in control.

Preference Prompts are a way to build a personalisation profile through natural language statements. These prompts can be factual information, context-based, or emotionally representative.

Example - Preference Prompts
I am 32 years old
I live in London, UK
I love listening to jazz whilst working out
I can't watch Disney's Tangled without crying

Derived Preference Prompts are prompts created by other digital systems, such as your music service provider; which understands your music preferences. Consequently, the service can derive prompts for you.

Example - Derived Preference Prompts
Listens to X podcast every Saturday morning
Never listens to heavy rock
Always skips Cruel Summer by Taylor Swift

Note that Derived Preference Prompts can become Preference Prompts if presented and confirmed by the person the Preference Prompts will be personalising.

Shared Preference Prompts are prompts designed for shared experiences, such as a sports game or TV show.

Example - Shared Preference Prompts
The ball has to remain a ball
Shirts can change colour but can not be removed
The killer is always the character called Barry
The events always take place in London

Note that Shared Preference Prompts override Personal Preference Prompts, but when doing so that restriction is highlighted to the user.

If we live in a world that offers this level of hyper-personalisation where even the thumbnails of your podcasts are generated at the time you view them, what does that mean for shared experiences? We, as humans, are tribal beings; we like to do things with others and enjoy the dynamics of a collective memory. So, if we are all watching an episode of a new TV show and the next day we want to discuss the storyline or provide our perspective, how do we do that if we all watch something hyper-personalised to our preferences? We would lose our collective memory. We would no longer have the water

cooler moments important to create, maintain and deliver human-to-human relationships.

So, how do we get all the benefits and upsides of hyper-personalisation whilst maintaining shared experiences in DKR?

Example - Football Match
Imagine yourself immersed in the excitement of a football match. You are witnessing in front of you the pitch, home to 22 players, two goals, a single ball, and the established rules of the game. Envision a cuboid encapsulating the pitch, defining a three-dimensional space within which the game unfolds. This vast space, filled with complexity, is teeming with trillions of atoms, each capable of being considered a distinct data point. The football, a spherical entity, occupies a specific portion of this space - let's approximate it to encompass around 1 million of these atoms, hence a million data points. As the game progresses, the ball is kicked, tossed, and propelled through the air, tracing intricate paths across the three-dimensional expanse of the cuboid. This movement isn't confined to the ball alone; it extends to the players manoeuvring across the field, the nets that quiver with each goal scored, and even the rain droplets that cascade down, altering the trajectory of a single blade of grass.

During a football match, our perception doesn't dissect the countless atoms and data points in play; instead, we observe 22 players manoeuvring around a pitch, passing a ball until it finds its way into a goal. This simplification from a complex array of data to a comprehensible narrative of players and a ball is our innate way of converting data into meaningful information. This abstraction process elicits strong emotions among fans, dividing them into jubilation or despair depending on which side of the goal the ball lands. This is the essence of the excitement football brings.

However, the interpretation of events on the pitch, such as goals or tackles, can vary widely among the millions of spectators. This difference can stem from a more apparent viewing angle of an incident or personal biases influencing what individuals see, especially in contentious moments. As fans process what they're watching, they filter data through their lenses of understanding, inevitably introducing bias into their perception of the game.

In Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) and hyper-personalisation, envisioning how a football match is experienced brings intriguing possibilities. Imagine observing the same game through vastly different, personalised lenses - one might see the traditional 22 players, while another could view the game as if the players were Pokémon characters. For these diverse experiences to converge into a communal narrative, specific universal rules or "Shared Preferences" must be established. These act as common ground, ensuring that, despite individual variations in perception, there are elements of the experience that remain consistent for everyone, such as recognising a goal.

Shared Preferences dictate the non-negotiable aspects of an experience to maintain its communal essence. For instance, in football, the spherical nature of the ball is fundamental; altering it to appear as a banana, even in a hyper-personalised view, detracts from the shared reality of the game. Thus, a Shared Preference might state that while the appearance of the ball can be uniquely rendered, it must retain its sphere shape to preserve the integrity of the game.

As I conclude to answer the question, “What are the effects of accelerating knowledge absorption through hyper-personalisation?” it's worth noting that while the analogy of a football match might lend a light-hearted tone, the underlying principle of sustaining shared experiences amid hyper-personalisation is broadly applicable. This extends across the entire spectrum of human interaction, encompassing our roles within families, communities, and even the frameworks of governments and organisations.

The challenge and opportunity lie in embracing hyper-personalisation to maintain a delicate balance, ensuring that individual preferences enrich, rather than fragment, our collective social fabric.

Question Three

How can businesses and individuals safely utilise AI in this new era of technology?

To address this question, we delve deep into the realm of practical implementation, venturing through the innovative technologies and methodologies that transition Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) from a mere theoretical concept to reality. This exploration is a technical journey and a venture into a new knowledge interaction and utilisation era. DKR signifies a revolutionary shift in engaging with, comprehending, and leveraging information. It embodies the essence of dynamic systems designed to learn from and adapt to our evolving needs, amplifying our intellectual capabilities and deepening our understanding of the world.

This section of the book’s journey into DKR's practical application highlights the importance of ethical considerations and the responsible use of technology. As systems become more capable of shaping our perception and understanding, the need for safeguards to ensure these tools serve to empower rather than manipulate becomes paramount. Thus, part of exploring DKR's transition from concept to reality involves addressing the societal implications of such technologies and ensuring they contribute positively to human progress.

In essence, as we examine the mechanisms that bring DKR to life, we also envision a future where knowledge is unbound, accessible, and adaptable to each individual's unique learning and understanding. This is a future where the barriers to education and information are dismantled, allowing for a more informed, enlightened, and capable society. Through DKR, we are not just transforming how knowledge is delivered; we are redefining the landscape of learning, knowledge absorption, and intellectual growth for future generations.

What could go wrong :)

Generative AI

Before the winter of 2023, the phrase "Generative AI" or “Large Language Model” might have elicited puzzled looks from a vast majority globally, including those within the tech sector. Attempting a Google search would likely have yielded minimal results, primarily academic research and obscure company blog posts buried in the web's far reaches. Fast forward to the present in March 2024, and Generative AI has surged to the forefront of tech discussions, dominating headlines in specialised tech outlets and across mainstream media platforms. This surge has sparked a dual reaction of excitement and concern, with discussions increasingly centred on the implications of AI's safe integration into our future societies. What catalysed such a swift and profound shift in the public and professional consciousness towards generative models, driving their ascent to global prominence?

This transformation can be attributed to several pivotal developments and breakthroughs in the field that have showcased the vast potential and versatility of Generative AI. Innovations have raced from experimental stages to practical applications, demonstrating AI's ability to generate new content, solve complex problems, and even mimic human creativity in art, music and literature. As these technologies have become more accessible and their applications more visible in everyday life, public interest has naturally spiked. The dialogue around Generative AI has expanded to include its potential benefits and the ethical, privacy and security concerns accompanying its rapid adoption. This comprehensive discourse has propelled generative models from the fringes of tech conversation to a central topic of global interest, highlighting both the promise and the challenges of integrating advanced AI technologies into the fabric of society.

In simple terms, Generative AI refers to a subset of artificial intelligence that creates new content instead of merely analysing existing information. For decades, AI focused on pattern recognition, identifying objects in images, transcribing speech, and labelling emails as spam. But the latest breakthroughs enable AI systems to generate original text, images, audio and video in an increasingly humanistic output.

This generative capacity stems from fundamental advances in Natural Language Understanding driven by a technology architecture called Transformers. Developed at Google several years ago, Transformers proved uniquely skilled at modelling the nuances of human language. Unlike previous AI models, Transformers capture long-range dependencies between words and understand the significance of word placement within a sequence. This ability to deeply comprehend language syntax and semantics enables Transformers to predict probable next words and generate coherent text as if conversing naturally with a human.

Initially, the potential of Transformers went largely untapped as it produced less than impressive results when provided with small amounts of training data. When researchers at organisations like OpenAI began experimenting with Transformers and feeding in A LOT *(similar to the scale of the whole internet)* of information, these Transformers began to show their generative powers.

In 2020, GPT-3 *(GPT stands for Generative Pre-Trained Transformer*) stunned the AI community by producing remarkably human-like text for extended passages.

Example

By entering what is known as a prompt, such as "Write me a blog post about King Henry VIII", into a model that has been trained on billions of web pages, you initiate the creation of a block of text that mirrors the style and content of a blog post dedicated to King Henry VIII.

Thanks to the extensive training on diverse internet content, the output generated is often impressively coherent and informative, offering a solid foundation. For instance, the initial output might provide a broad overview of King Henry VIII's reign, touching on his political reforms, notorious marital history, and role in establishing the Church of England.

However, the real magic of generative AI lies in its capacity for iterative refinement based on further prompts or commands. Suppose you wish to delve deeper into specific aspects of King Henry VIII's life, such as the intricate details of his marriages or the dramatic circumstances surrounding his death. In that case, you can guide the model with follow-up prompts like "focus on his wives" or "make the part about his death more interesting." Each subsequent prompt acts as a directive for the AI, steering it to zoom in on these facets, enrich the narrative with more detail, or perhaps adopt a more captivating tone in recounting historical events.

This interactive process allows for a dynamic and customised content creation experience, enabling users to shape the narrative according to their preferences or the requirements of their audience. The ability to adjust and refine the AI's output through continued prompting enhances the content's relevance and engagement. It demonstrates the sophisticated understanding and flexibility of the AI models in catering to specific content needs.

The introduction of GPT-3.5 marked a significant leap in quality, paving the way for the creation of ChatGPT. This iteration incorporated a conversational interface into GPT-3.5, quickly capturing the public's attention. Within just the first five days of its launch, ChatGPT attracted over a million users, and this number skyrocketed to 100 million within two months. The platform offered thoughtfully crafted responses across a broad spectrum of questions, providing a conversational experience that many found indistinguishable from interacting with a genuinely intelligent being rather than a mere computational algorithm.

The rapid ascent of ChatGPT to 100 million users in such a short span was notable not just for the sheer volume but also for the diversity of its user base. It wasn't limited to a niche audience of tech enthusiasts or software developers; it encompassed individuals from every conceivable sector and corner of the globe. From chefs experimenting with novel recipes to office workers seeking fresh fitness routines, from students condensing extensive academic papers to translating intricate topics into accessible language - ChatGPT demonstrated its potential to revolutionise a wide array of tasks for virtually anyone. This broad applicability, coupled with the ease of using natural language to guide its operations, underscored the transformative impact of this technology across various facets of daily life and professional fields.

Definition
Two key factors underlie the exponential gains in these LLMs (Large Language Models) like ChatGPT: **Token size** - The number of basic data units that serve as the building blocks for sequences. The higher the token count, the longer the inputs and outputs the model can process. GPT-3 allowed 2048 tokens, which jumped to 4096 tokens in GPT-3.5. With the model at the end of 2023 reaching over 200,000 tokens, enough to generate a short novel. **Parameters** - The learned variables storing the relationship between tokens based on the model's training. More parameters translate to a greater capacity to absorb nuances and complexity within the data. GPT-3 had 175 billion parameters, while GPT-3.5 turbo compressed this down to 20 billion after some time without losing expressivity. Parameters are now reaching into the trillions with the most recent models.

Tokens determine how much content AI models can produce, while parameters shape their capacity to store and utilise knowledge. These components allow the models to process vast amounts of data, identify intricate patterns, and generate coherent, detailed outputs spanning multiple sentences. Equipping models with trillions of parameters demands significant computational power and energy, highlighting a key challenge in AI development.

The creation of GPT-3, for example, was reported to have cost approximately $4 million. In contrast, the development of its more advanced successor, GPT-4, is estimated to have required around $100 million of compute to train the model. These substantial costs pose a barrier to making such advanced AI models widely accessible, as they necessitate specialised hardware for operation. While simpler models may function on standard consumer hardware, accessing more complex systems like GPT-4 often involves relying on services provided by major companies, including OpenAI, Anthropic, Google and Amazon. The soaring demand for Generative AI and its limited availability have led to restricted access to many such services.

Integrating these advanced models into practical applications also necessitates rigorous trust and safety measures to prevent the generation of harmful content. Without proper safeguards, raw Large Language Models (LLM) may generate outputs that are racist, nonsensical, or factually inaccurate. Consequently, companies must carefully curate the content produced by these models, ensuring it aligns with ethical standards and business goals, even if it means limiting the models' capabilities.

Despite these hurdles, the vast technological promise of these LLMs and the future developments in the Generative AI space cannot be overstated. The capabilities enabled by this technology are enormous and varied, touching on numerous aspects of daily life and work, especially as they move into other modalities.

Below are some personal examples of how I utilise generative AI daily, showcasing the practical benefits and innovative potential of these technologies:

1. Converse with long-form reports and documents to extract answers to my queries
2. Generate code by describing what I want the logic to be
3. Create Images and diagrams for my articles
4. Convert transcriptions of my videos into summarised articles
5. Replace Google for many Q&A type searches

6. Creating the first draft of a piece of content
7. Expand a thought and then challenge my perspective
8. Generate b-roll videos for visual content
9. Clone my voice for audio versions of my content
10. Generate dad-style songs I sing to my kids purely for embarrassment

Digital Doppelganger

Throughout history, the foundation of businesses and individual success has been the wisdom inherited from previous generations. This timeless wisdom, a culmination of experiences and knowledge, has propelled each new generation to heights of achievement and innovation, building upon the legacies left behind. In the age of artificial intelligence, this tradition of passing down wisdom is set to accelerate dramatically, promising to deliver strides in the progression that could span several generations within our lifetime.

As we delve further into Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), we explore the expedited journey from data to actionable information to deep knowledge and profound wisdom. This progression is not merely conceptual but is increasingly becoming actionable through the development of innovative tools and systems designed for safe integration into our daily routines.

Definition - Digital Doppelganger
A doppelgänger is a term used to describe a look-alike or double of a living person, often considered a near-exact physical replica. Digital doppelgangers extend the concept of mirroring beyond physical likeness to encompass the replication of human behaviours, decisions and processes. These digital entities, powered by sophisticated algorithms, not only simulate individual traits but also emulate comprehensive human cognitive functions and interactions. The term reflects the creation of virtual counterparts that can predict outcomes, optimise performance and mimic human actions with remarkable accuracy, transforming how we understand and interact with digital technologies.

The digital doppelganger (DDG) represents a significant leap forward in our ability to interact with, understand and leverage the digital world. By embodying our preferences, behaviours and cognitive styles, digital doppelgangers offer a personalised bridge to the vast digital landscape, enabling a more intuitive and effective engagement with technology.

DDGs are categorised into two primary types: assistive and representative.

A representative doppelganger holds knowledge about an asset, dynamically representing previously static data.

Example - representative doppelganger
A representative doppelganger would retain the knowledge of the employee handbook *(the asset).* But unlike a traditional employee handbook, which is static information, you can communicate with a representative doppelganger via natural language to ask questions about the company's ethos, operational guidelines, corporate values, ethics and expectations.

An assistive doppelganger acts as a proxy for a human, aligned with their preferences and objectives.

Example - assistive doppelganger
An assistive doppelganger is akin to a chief of staff fulfilling specific human requests, such as ordering a beverage for delivery. As the assistive doppelganger is aware of the individual's preferences, the individual can make simple and brief requests such as "get me a drink". The request, combined with the understood individual's preferences, results in a desired drink of hot chocolate with almond milk from their preferred coffee shop delivered.

Note: While assistive doppelgangers can generate representative doppelgangers, representative doppelgangers are unable to create assistive doppelgangers.

Despite the advanced natural language abilities of digital doppelgangers, it's crucial to recognise that digital doppelgangers, at this stage of AI development, do not exhibit sentience or consciousness and are designed to be effective intermediaries between humans and technology.

Applications of Digital Doppelgangers

The concept of Digital Doppelgangers (DDGs) opens up many possibilities for their application across various aspects of our lives, transcending traditional boundaries between the personal, professional, civic and societal domains. These virtual counterparts can serve multiple roles, each tailored to enhance and simplify the human experience in the digital age.

Here are some expanded applications of DDGs:

- Personal assistants that manage your smart home, organise calendars, handle shopping, plan travel, and drive productivity based on extensive knowledge of your habits, tastes, and daily rhythms.

- Customer service bots that integrate your transaction history and loyalty profile to deliver personalised service that caters to your needs, frictions, and interests rather than generic upselling.

- Health advisors that utilise your medical history along with diet and biofeedback from wearables to make precision recommendations about medication, exercise, diet and lifestyle tailored to your factors like genetics, chronic conditions and health goals.

- Shopping assistants that streamline significant purchases like vehicles, homes, and vacations by utilising your browsing history and past transactions to surface ideal options aligned with your budget and preferences.

- Banking and finance bots that analyse your spending, earnings, retirement goals and risk tolerance to provide robo-advisor services for saving, investing, and wealth management. They track balances across accounts and can pay bills or initiate transfers based on your situation.

- Education and learning companions like AI tutors that adaptively teach students based on analysis of their knowledge, skill levels, pacing and engagement. Familiar digital mentors provide personalised instruction adjusted precisely to each pupil.

- Productivity assistants that schedule events coordinate with other calendars and handle administrative tasks like transcribing notes, drafting communications, and submitting forms on your behalf based on past observations and preferences.

- Writing aids that draft content like emails, social media posts, website copy, and newsletters by assimilating your previous publications and correspondence to ensure new outputs match your tone, voice, and communication style. You then review and edit.

- Virtual companions designed around your personality that can chat with you conversationally about topics you enjoy reminisce about shared memories, offer encouragement if you are feeling down, and generally be a pleasant presence that interacts with you in human ways.

The advent of Digital Doppelgangers (DDGs) introduces many applications that span the breadth of our personal, professional, civic and societal lives. These virtual entities are designed to play various roles, each aimed at enriching and streamlining our experiences in the digital era.

Creating Digital Doppelgangers

The process of crafting digital doppelgangers involves a blend of sophisticated methodologies, particularly when developing their two main types: assistive and representative. To bring these digital counterparts to life, creators rely on two foundational approaches: information seeding and conversational modelling. These techniques ensure that Digital Doppelgangers can effectively mirror human behaviours, preferences and interactions, serving as accurate and helpful virtual entities across various applications.

Information Seeding is where the digital doppelganger is provided source information to consume, forming the doppelganger's base personality. This method for creating doppelgangers is achieved by ingesting information such as an employee handbook. Seeding can also be from other sources such as sensor data, emails, texts, social media, calendars, shopping habits or search histories *(with the relevant permissions requested for accessing)*.

Information seeding happens only once when the doppelganger is formed.

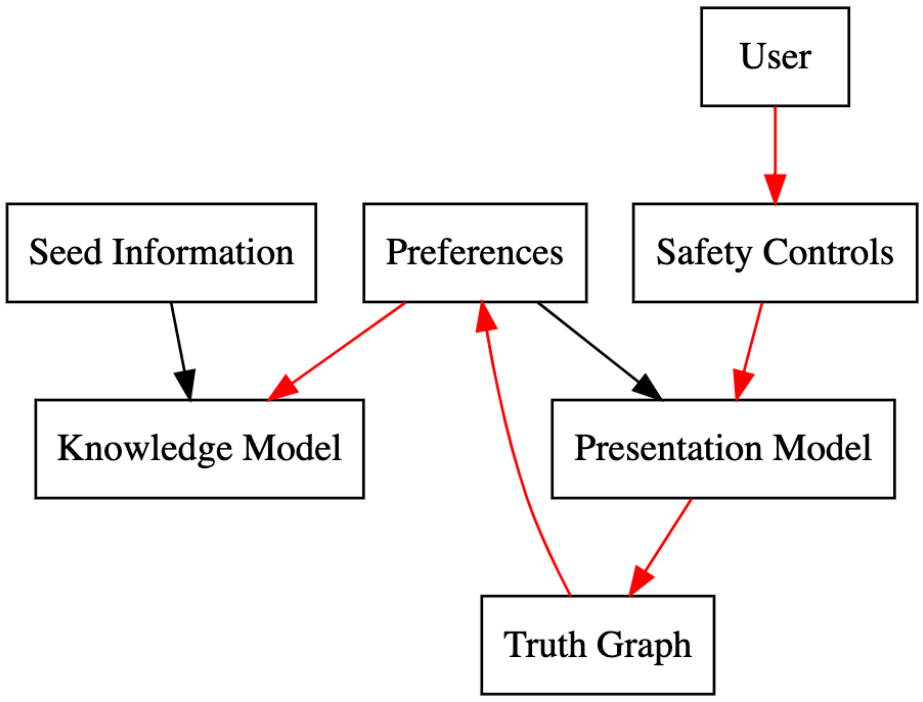
Conversational Modelling is an ongoing dialogue where your digital doppelganger develops its knowledge model by asking questions and conversing with humans and other digital doppelgangers. Clarifying inaccurate assumptions helps doppelgangers avoid veering off track.

Creating high-quality digital doppelgangers requires a combination of information seeding and interactive human-AI conversations, where individuals can guide the AI's learning process through conversational modelling.

Incorporating stringent ethics and robust security protocols into their development is crucial. This can be achieved by designing a layered architecture for the digital doppelganger, which includes six essential components:

1. Seed Information
2. Knowledge Model
3. Preferences
4. Truth Graph
5. Presentation Model
6. Safety Controls

Digital Doppelganger Anatomy



Seed Information: This is the foundational layer, consisting of the initial information that forms the basis of the digital doppelganger's knowledge and functionality. The quality and relevance of this seed information is crucial, as it sets the tone for the doppelganger's future interactions and decisions.

Knowledge Model: Built upon the seed information, the knowledge model represents how the digital doppelganger organises, interprets and utilises its information. This includes the algorithms and frameworks that enable the doppelganger to learn, adapt and make decisions. The knowledge model is dynamic, evolving as the digital doppelganger interacts with its environment and users, expanding its understanding and capabilities.

Preferences: This layer pertains to the customisation and personalisation aspects of the digital doppelganger. It involves tailoring the digital doppelganger's responses and actions based on the doppelganger owner's specific preferences, needs and objectives.

Truth Graph: The truth graph is a critical component that maintains the integrity and accuracy of the information the digital doppelganger handles. A complex network of information points and relationships validates the digital doppelganger's knowledge output. This layer ensures that the digital doppelganger's responses and actions are based on accurate, up-to-date and verifiable information, thereby maintaining trustworthiness and reliability.

Presentation Model: Shapes information delivery, optimising on user preferences, context and modality. It guarantees that the presentation of information is most effective and aligns with the desired method, be it visual, auditory, interactive or something else. This model also moulds the incoming request and may modify the language or format to optimise the desired output.

Safety Controls: This is the final and perhaps the most crucial layer, focusing on the ethical and security aspects of the digital doppelganger. Safety controls include mechanisms to protect data privacy, ensure ethical decision-making and prevent misuse or harmful inputs and outputs.

Ethical and safety standards for each doppelganger can be uniquely enforced or guided by organisational or jurisdictional directives, shaped by its creators' specific values, norms, laws, and priorities or the environment in which it functions. What is considered ethical by one person or company might be unacceptable by another, highlighting the subjective nature of these standards across different contexts.

Together, these six layers form a comprehensive framework for the responsible development of digital doppelgangers, ensuring they are ethical, secure, human-centric, accurate and trustworthy.

To put this into context, here is an example of both representative doppelgangers and assistive doppelgangers.

Representative Doppelganger

Seed Information:
For a representative doppelganger, the seed information would consist of the foundational knowledge about the company's history, values, policies, and procedures, usually sourced from a collection of static documents such as the employee handbook.

High-quality, accurate, and comprehensive seed information is crucial to ensure that the representative doppelganger accurately reflects the company's identity and can provide relevant information and guidance.

Knowledge Model:
In the context of a representative doppelganger, the knowledge model would organise and interpret the company's policies, culture and operational guidelines.

Preferences:
Depending on their respective roles and interests, the doppelganger might highlight specific policies over others when interacting with someone from the HR department versus someone from the engineering team.

Truth Graph:
The truth graph ensures that all information and advice are up-to-date and in line with the latest company policies and industry regulations. This layer is crucial for maintaining the company's integrity and ensuring the representative doppelganger correctly communicates information.

Presentation Model:
It may incorporate some preferences, but its capacity to tailor responses based on the dynamic context is limited as it has to provide more consistent information delivery as its purpose is to represent the knowledge within the doppelganger.

Safety Controls:
Safety controls are essential to protect sensitive company information and ensure that the doppelganger operates within ethical and legal boundaries. These controls would include data protection mechanisms, content filters to prevent sharing inappropriate or confidential information, and ethical guidelines to ensure that the doppelganger's interactions are always professional and in line with the company's values and tone of voice.

Assistive Doppelganger

Seed Information:
For an assistive doppelganger, the seed information would comprise a comprehensive dataset about the user's preferences, habits *(prefers almond milk)*, schedule and past interactions. Quality and relevance are essential, ensuring the doppelganger can provide accurate and contextually appropriate assistance.

Knowledge Model:
The knowledge model for an assistive doppelganger would be dynamic and adaptive, utilising algorithms that learn from each interaction to improve and refine its understanding of the user's preferences and needs. This model allows the doppelganger to make increasingly informed decisions and provide more accurate assistance, anticipating needs based on past behaviour and adjusting as user preferences evolve.

Preferences:
The doppelganger can tailor its responses to the recipient's specific likes, dislikes, and requirements. For example, when asked for a "drink," the doppelganger knows whether to order a coffee, tea or something else based on the recipient's provided history and current context, such as the time of day or the weather.

Truth Graph:
For an assistive doppelganger, the truth graph ensures that all advice, information and actions are accurate and reliable. Due to the broadness of requests an assistive doppelganger may get asked, this layer also involves verifying information sources and checking facts via other external doppelgangers.

Presentation Model:
Optimally delivering information by understanding the context of each request and the preferences provided through prioritising its preference for presentation.

Safety Controls:
Safety controls in an assistive doppelganger protect the user's privacy and ensure ethical interactions. This includes securing personal data, guaranteeing the doppelganger doesn't perform unauthorised actions and maintaining respectful and appropriate communication, such as blocking profanity.

Natural Language Security

The integration of natural language into the security mechanisms of digital doppelgangers represents a crucial yet frequently overlooked dimension. The application of Natural Language Understanding (NLU) transcends traditional security measures like passwords and PIN codes, offering a more intuitive and user-centric approach to safeguarding digital doppelgangers. By weaving security protocols into the fabric of natural dialogue, interactions with digital doppelgangers become smoother and align more closely with human conversational norms.

For instance, a digital doppelganger can be trained to detect anomalies in conversation patterns, such as a sudden shift from discussing everyday topics like coffee orders to abruptly asking for sensitive information like passport numbers. This capability to recognise out-of-context inquiries within the flow of a conversation enhances the system's security by identifying potential threats in real-time.

Yet, the flexibility of natural language also presents unique challenges. Its inherent ambiguity and the wide range of interpretative possibilities can be manipulated by malicious actors aiming to breach the system's defences. Sophisticated techniques may be employed to subtly coax out confidential information or manipulate the digital doppelganger into overriding established preferences, exploiting the nuances of conversation to achieve unauthorised access or control.

Fortifying the digital doppelganger's underlying frameworks - particularly the safety controls and truth graph layers - is imperative to counteract these vulnerabilities. Implementing rigorous governance and oversight mechanisms within these layers is key to ensuring the digital doppelganger's resilience against such security threats. Establishing a harmonious equilibrium between fostering user-friendly interactions and maintaining stringent security measures is critical for digital doppelgangers' sustainable and safe deployment. This balance ensures that while the system remains accessible and engaging for users, it also upholds the highest security and privacy protection standards.

Doppelganger Ownership

Owning a digital doppelganger is more than mere possession, encompassing an extensive array of rights and obligations. As an owner, one wields the power to steer the actions, customise the attributes and delineate the operational scope of their digital counterpart. However, with these privileges comes a significant degree of responsibility. Owners are tasked with the crucial duty of ensuring that their digital doppelgangers operate within the bounds of legal and ethical norms, respect the rights of others, and avoid any form of harmful or misleading conduct.

If you instructed your assistive digital doppelganger to reply to several social media comments, you, as a human, bear the responsibility for those penned comments.

In scenarios where digital doppelgangers are endowed with the capability to generate additional doppelgangers, it becomes essential to define a clear lineage of ownership. The onus of accountability should unequivocally fall upon either an individual or a legally recognised organisation, guaranteeing clear responsibility and transparency in the governance and functioning of these digital entities.

Digital doppelgangers are a pivotal link between humanity and the digital domain, offering support across both personal and professional spheres. They can operate in an assistive capacity, taking charge of tasks on the owner's behalf or in a representative manner, enhancing the owner's engagement with vast pools of knowledge. Their proficiency in natural language communication renders interactions with them as seamless and natural as conversing with another human, thereby making them adept at interfacing with humans, other digital doppelgangers, and various systems. This fluency in communication is not just a feature but a foundation for building what could be considered an organisational digital brain when multiple doppelgangers are interconnected.

This network of digital entities, capable of collaborative and autonomous operation, signifies the embryonic stages of collective intelligence that could revolutionise how organisations process information, make decisions and interact with their environment. Through this integration, digital doppelgangers promise to transform the landscape of digital interaction, heralding a new era of efficiency and innovation in how we harness technology for personal and professional advancement.

Digital Brain

Let's explore the idea of having multiple doppelgangers that can interact among themselves. To simplify, I'll frame this chapter within the context of an organisational structure, but it could also apply to a personal family or community environment.

Envision a digital brain at the heart of an organisation, where digital doppelgangers are interlinked, enabling them to communicate and collaborate seamlessly. This setup mirrors the collaborative dynamics of human-driven organisational structures, where individuals work together towards common goals. The integration of digital doppelgangers in such a manner facilitates a significant leap in both productivity and the overall user experience by streamlining cross-functional coordination.

Imagine digital doppelgangers, each specialised in different domains or functions, exchanging information, analysing data and making decisions in real-time. This accelerates the pace at which tasks are completed and enhances the accuracy and quality of outcomes. The collective intelligence of a network of digital doppelgangers could identify patterns, solve problems and innovate in ways that mimic the collaborative efforts of a highly efficient, interconnected human workforce.

Such a digital ecosystem could transform organisational processes, making them more agile, responsive, and capable of addressing complex challenges through automated, intelligent collaboration. This concept extends beyond mere automation; it represents a paradigm shift in how tasks are approached and executed within organisations. It promises a future where digital collaboration and human ingenuity converge to unlock unprecedented levels of efficiency and innovation whilst all being there to assist their human counterpart.

Example - Derek’s Holiday

Derek is an employee eager to plan a holiday. Traditionally, this endeavour would involve a cumbersome process of liaising with multiple departments: HR for his holiday allowance, his manager for approval, and possibly the resource planning team to ensure his absence wouldn't disrupt ongoing projects.

Enter the digital brain, where Derek’s request becomes a seamless task managed by interconnected digital doppelgangers. Derek initiates his holiday plan by instructing

his assistive digital doppelganger. This assistant is the orchestrator, facilitating all subsequent interactions among the relevant digital entities.

The process unfolds as follows: Derek's assistant doppelganger first consults with the HR doppelganger to ascertain Derek's available holiday time, considering factors like company policy, tenure, and previous leave records. With this information, Derek's personal doppelganger collaborates with Derek's work-specific doppelganger to pinpoint an optimal 10-day slot within the next six weeks, considering current projects and resource allocations.

Following identifying potential dates, the work doppelganger seeks formal approval from Derek's manager's digital doppelganger. Once the manager's doppelganger greenlights the dates, it signals the HR doppelganger to officially earmark the chosen days as holiday time in the company calendar and system.

In the final step, Derek's doppelganger arranges the actual holiday logistics, such as flights and accommodations, before confirming the successful booking with Derek.

Throughout this entire procedure, Derek's involvement is minimal and hassle-free. He simply makes the initial request and awaits confirmations while the digital doppelgangers autonomously navigate the intricacies of inter-departmental coordination. This digital delegation streamlines the process and ensures that all human stakeholders are minimally burdened, transforming what was once a logistical headache into a straightforward, automated operation.

With this foundation, adding new doppelgangers and enhancing existing ones multiplies the digital brain's collective wisdom. More enterprise knowledge can be digitally represented and connected. As the digital brain grows, it can automate an increasing portion of complex inter-departmental workflows. While a key benefit of the digital brain is minimising human involvement, some oversight and approvals may still be needed in organisational settings.

When Derek requests holiday time, his manager's digital doppelganger processes the request automatically, adhering to predefined criteria. However, when a manager prefers to oversee holiday applications personally, the manager's digital doppelganger adopts a different strategy. Instead of immediate approval, it accumulates all incoming holiday requests over a specified period - daily or weekly. The manager's doppelganger then compiles these requests for the manager's examination at a predetermined review time, such as every Friday at 2pm.

By understanding the manager's preference for direct human involvement, the doppelganger communicates with other doppelgangers submitting requests that there is a wait time as human intervention is required. This method marries the efficiency of automation with the necessity of human oversight, ensuring that the process remains streamlined yet respects the manager's desire for personal input. The digital doppelganger acts as an intermediary, performing the preliminary organising and scheduling tasks facilitating a smooth integration of automated processes with moments of critical human judgement.

Looking beyond Derek’s holiday example, this collaborative digital brain approach can transform operations across many business functions:

- Sales doppelgangers could coordinate pricing and quoting across product catalogues, customer accounts, and regional guidelines to generate optimised proposals automatically.

- Support doppelgangers could diagnose issues, identify solutions and suggest configuration changes across interconnected systems and devices.

- Finance doppelgangers could coordinate budgeting, planning, reporting and auditing processes across departments and operating entities.

- Supply chain doppelgangers could optimise logistics, inventory and manufacturing operations across suppliers, facilities and distribution channels.

The concept of a collective digital brain significantly enhances an organisation's ability to execute tasks with unparalleled speed, scale, and complexity, all while minimising the need for human intervention. This advanced system facilitates a level of efficiency and automation that far surpasses the capabilities of individual operations.

A distinguishing feature that sets the digital brain apart from a mere assembly of doppelgangers is its robust security and access control framework. As previously discussed, each doppelganger is part of an ownership hierarchy, ultimately linked to a human individual or a legal entity such as an organisation, thus ensuring clear accountability. Within this structure, a doppelganger belonging to a specific digital brain is inherently restricted from interacting with doppelgangers outside its designated network. For instance, in the case of Derek planning his holiday, his personal doppelganger, which is not part of his employer, ABC Inc.'s digital brain, would typically be barred from communicating directly with ABC's internal doppelgangers, such as those handling HR matters.

However, exceptions can be made through a mechanism known as the Doppelganger Security Exchange (DSE). This protocol functions similarly to how one might use their Google or Apple account to log into various services, with permissions being requested and granted for specific types of information exchange. Through the DSE, Derek's doppelganger was authorised to interact with his work doppelganger, facilitating a secure exchange of relevant personal and organisational information. This controlled access ensures that personal and professional doppelgangers can securely share necessary information, respecting privacy and organisational protocols.

This security and access control mechanism is vital for maintaining the integrity of the digital brain's network. It allows for a seamless yet secure flow of information and requests within the network, safeguarding against unauthorised access and ensuring that each request reaches its intended destination efficiently. When a doppelganger encounters a request it is unable to process, or it is unaware of how to resolve, it can "shout" within the network for assistance, leveraging the collective intelligence and resources of the digital brain to find a solution, all within a secure and controlled environment.

Shouting

The concept of "shouting" enables a doppelganger to disseminate a request broadly, targeting either the entire digital brain network or a specific subgroup of doppelgangers within that ecosystem. This mechanism is designed to leverage the collective knowledge and capabilities of the network efficiently.

For instance, a doppelganger inquiring about the optimal source for information on an employee's holiday allowance might use a shout to phrase its query as, "Where is the best place to find out about an employee's holiday allowance?"

Upon issuing this shout, any doppelganger within the network who perceives the request can respond. The potential respondents include:

- Providing the direct answer if they have the information
- Suggesting which other doppelganger to ask instead
- Proposing a reframed version of the question

If a doppelganger cannot provide any helpful response, it simply won't reply to the shout. This allows information-seeking and problem-solving to happen collectively across the digital brain, and newly formed or acquired doppelgangers brought into the digital brain can quickly understand the network and what is accessible.

While the examples here focus on organisational use cases, digital brains are not limited to businesses. A family, club or any group could create a network of digital doppelgangers as a digital brain. The digital brain's applicability is limited only by our creativity in identifying useful applications across all areas of life.

Human Interaction

For too long, technology has been shrouded in cryptic codes and manuals accessible only to experts. This imposed barriers for the average person to harness technological capabilities. Doppelgangers allow anyone to engage with technology conversationally, using nothing more than their native tongue. Chatting with doppelgangers allows you to direct technology to enhance your creativity, productivity and innovation without technical expertise.

Teachers could collaborate with their teaching doppelgangers to design more engaging and adaptive lesson plans. A nurse could access patient records by simply asking their medical doppelganger. A parent could effortlessly manage complex household budgets by describing their needs to their personal finance doppelganger.

This shift liberates human potential by removing the prerequisite of programming or technical knowledge. One no longer needs to study complex coding languages or memorise software syntax. The interface is natural language itself. Technology is adapting to human intuition rather than humans adapting to technology's constraints.

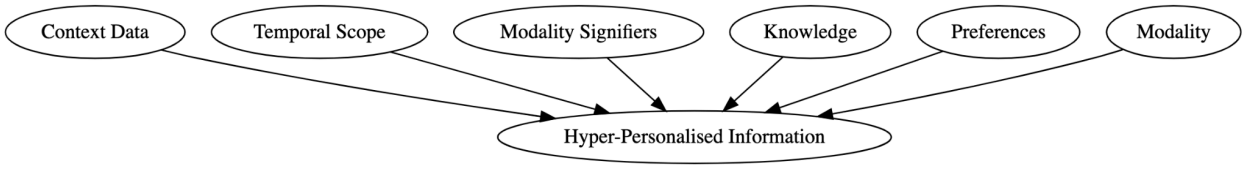
This doesn't make the technical skill obsolete for technologists but allows them to focus on advancing the most complex capabilities of AI and doppelgangers. The technologist's work enables wider democratisation of technology's benefits through more intelligible and accessible user experiences.

By making technology seamlessly conversational, humans gain a new lever to amplify their abilities and shape their realities. The possibilities are as boundless as the human imagination. With doppelgangers transforming technology into our helpful digital allies.

Dynamic Rendering

For thousands of years, humanity has utilised static forms of information storage and dissemination, ranging from ancient cave paintings to the invention of printed books. These methods marked significant milestones in their respective eras, yet they inherently lacked the flexibility to cater to the unique requirements of each individual.

In contrast, this AI era introduces the concept of dynamic rendering, transcending the boundaries of static information to offer hyper-personalised content tailored to the individual's preferences and delivered when it is most relevant. It is advised to consider the following eight aspects of Dynamic Rendering to achieve dynamic information delivery.



Context Data
Our surroundings are enveloped in a rich tapestry of metadata and information, particularly evident when we initiate requests or take actions. For instance, the simple act of searching for a restaurant. This seemingly straightforward task is wrapped with numerous pieces of data and information, such as:

- My current GPS position
- The GPS position of where I mostly eat
- The time of day
- Activities in my calendar
- The device I am using
- The balance of my bank account or budget
- Whom I am with
- If I am driving
- How I made the request; voice, text, sign language

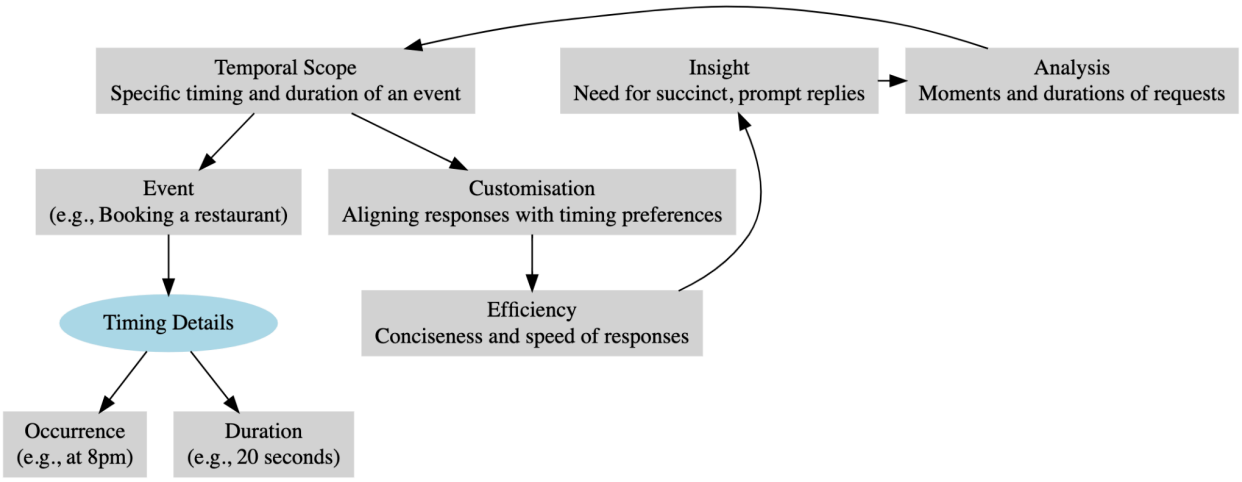
Temporal Scope

Temporal Scope refers to the specific timing and duration associated with an event, encompassing both when the event takes place and how long it lasts. This concept is crucial for understanding and interacting with information in a contextually relevant manner. For instance, consider the event of "booking a restaurant," which not only occurs at a particular moment, such as 8pm, but also encompasses a specific duration, like the 20 seconds it takes to complete the booking process.

Understanding Temporal Scope not only allows for the customisation of responses to align with a timing preference but also informs the conciseness and efficiency of those responses based on both the duration of the requests and the typical time taken to fulfil them.

Suppose dinner plans are frequently arranged in the evening, and swift transactions are prioritised by an individual. In this case, DKR can tailor its suggestions to propose reservation times during those peak hours and streamline the reservation process as quickly as possible. This strategy ensures the interaction is relevant and precisely calibrated to timing and transaction speed expectations.

The system gains invaluable insights into condensing its responses by analysing the specific moments in which requests are performed and the average duration these actions require. If it's observed that requests are typically brief and made during certain hours, the system can infer the need for concise, prompt replies that facilitate quick decision-making.



Modality Signifiers

Modality signifiers refer to the distinct characteristics or attributes that distinctly define and enhance various forms of communication or expression. These signifiers are crucial in tailoring and optimising content delivery across different modalities, such as text, audio, images, or video. Each of these modalities possesses a unique set of signifiers instrumental in maximising the effectiveness, engagement and overall appeal of the information presented within that medium.

Text Modality Signifiers:

- Language Used: This includes the choice of words, grammar and style.
- Tone: The emotional or flavour of the text, like formal, informal, serious or playful.
- Length: The brevity or expansiveness of the text.
- Creativity: The use of metaphors, similes and other nuances.

Audio Modality Signifiers:

- Beats Per Minute (BPM): The tempo of the audio can influence the mood and energy level.
- Volume: The loudness or softness of the audio, affecting its intensity and impact.

Image Modality Signifiers:

- Dimensions: The size and aspect ratio of the image.
- Colour Palette: The selection of colours influences mood and visual appeal.

Video Modality Signifiers:

- Frame Rate: The number of frames per second, affecting the smoothness of motion.
- Lens Type: Influences the depth of field, focus and perspective.
- Pace: The speed and rhythm of the video's progression.

Knowledge
The actual knowledge that can answer or respond to the request.

Preferences
Preferences play an indispensable role in customising how information is conveyed, aiming to match specific needs and expectations and thus improve the uptake of the information presented. For instance, recognising an individual's favoured learning style makes it possible to adapt the textual content format into a more easily absorbed form.

When information delivery is aligned with these personal preferences, it becomes more engaging, contextually relevant, and simpler to digest, enhancing the overall effectiveness of communication.

Modality
Dynamically rendering information can be achieved through various modalities. While many perceive modality as limited to text, images, audio, and video, it encompasses a broader spectrum. This includes code, video games and 3D models, each offering unique opportunities for engagement and interaction.

By pulling from all these areas, we can dynamically render hyper-personalised information at a point in time for a given modality. This adaptive approach ensures that everyone can engage with and benefit from the information most effectively and enjoyably.

Example
When an astrophysics expert and a novice seek out astronomical information, the presentation of that information is customised to suit their respective levels of expertise and interest. The expert will likely receive in-depth analyses with sophisticated datasets and advanced theoretical discussions, reflecting their comprehensive understanding and specific research needs. The beginner would be presented with the basics of astronomical concepts, simplified explanations, and captivating visual aids designed to spark curiosity and facilitate comprehension. This tailored approach ensures that both individuals, despite their differing backgrounds, can engage with and benefit from the astronomical data in ways that are most meaningful and accessible to them.

The advent of such dynamic and adaptive technology is nothing short of revolutionary. It heralds a new era where the barriers to accessing and understanding knowledge are lowered and, in many cases, completely removed. This approach transcends traditional one-size-fits-all solutions, offering a level of personalisation that was once the realm of science fiction.

Universal Domain Documents

FYI, this gets a little technical.

In some situations, exchanging mere sentences or prompts isn't enough to facilitate the desired broader and deeper level of communication. This is where Universal Domain Documents (UDDs) become a pivotal tool. These documents serve as a bridge between doppelgangers, other digital entities, and legacy systems, ensuring a seamless flow of information across diverse technological landscapes.

A Universal Domain Document (UDD) comprises two integral components:

The **Domain Document,** which acts as the primary vessel for information transfer or persistence, encapsulating the data intended for communication or storage.

Example - Domain Document

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Define Event:
  ID as "EV123456"
  Type as Work Meeting
  Title as "Weekly Project Sync"
  Description as "Discuss project progress and outline tasks for the coming week."
  Starts on 2024-03-15 at 09:00 UTC
  Ends on 2024-03-15 at 10:00 UTC
  Located in "Conference Room B"
  Includes Participants: Alex Doe, Jordan Smith, Sam Lee
  Recurs Weekly on Mondays
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Whereas, the **Meta Document**, or UMD, provides a descriptive layer of the UDD. It outlines the potential content, structure and format of the Domain Document, offering a blueprint for its creation and interpretation.

Example - Meta Document

Define Document Structure for Event:
  ID is a unique string identifier for each event.
  Type describes the category of the event, such as Work Meeting or Holiday
  Title provides a brief, descriptive name of the event.
  Description offers additional details about the event, if necessary.
  Start Date and Time marks the beginning of the event, specified in UTC.
  End Date and Time indicates when the event concludes, also in UTC.
  Location identifies where the event takes place.
  Participants list includes names or identifiers of all individuals involved.
  Recurrence details, if the event happens more than once, specifying the pattern.

Notes on Fields:
  - ID must be a string that uniquely identifies each event.
  - Type, Title, and Location are textual descriptions.
  - Start and End times are to be provided in ISO 8601 format.
  - Participants, if included, are listed by name or identifier, separated by commas.
  - Recurrence is optional but, when present, should detail the frequency and pattern of repetition.

Example Usage:
  To define a Work Meeting titled "Weekly Project Sync" starting on March 15, 2024, at 09:00 UTC and ending at 10:00 UTC in Conference Room B with participants Alex Doe, Jordan Smith, and Sam Lee, and recurring weekly on Mondays, follow the structure provided.

Considerations:
  - Ensure all dates and times are accurate and in the correct format.
  - Verify the uniqueness of each event's ID.
  - Recurrence patterns should be clearly defined to avoid ambiguity.

While a UDD can be a singular document, it is common that these two components are split across two distinct documents. This separation enhances clarity and flexibility, allowing the Domain Document to be dynamically generated and adapted based on the Meta Document's specifications.

Example - Calendar Sharing

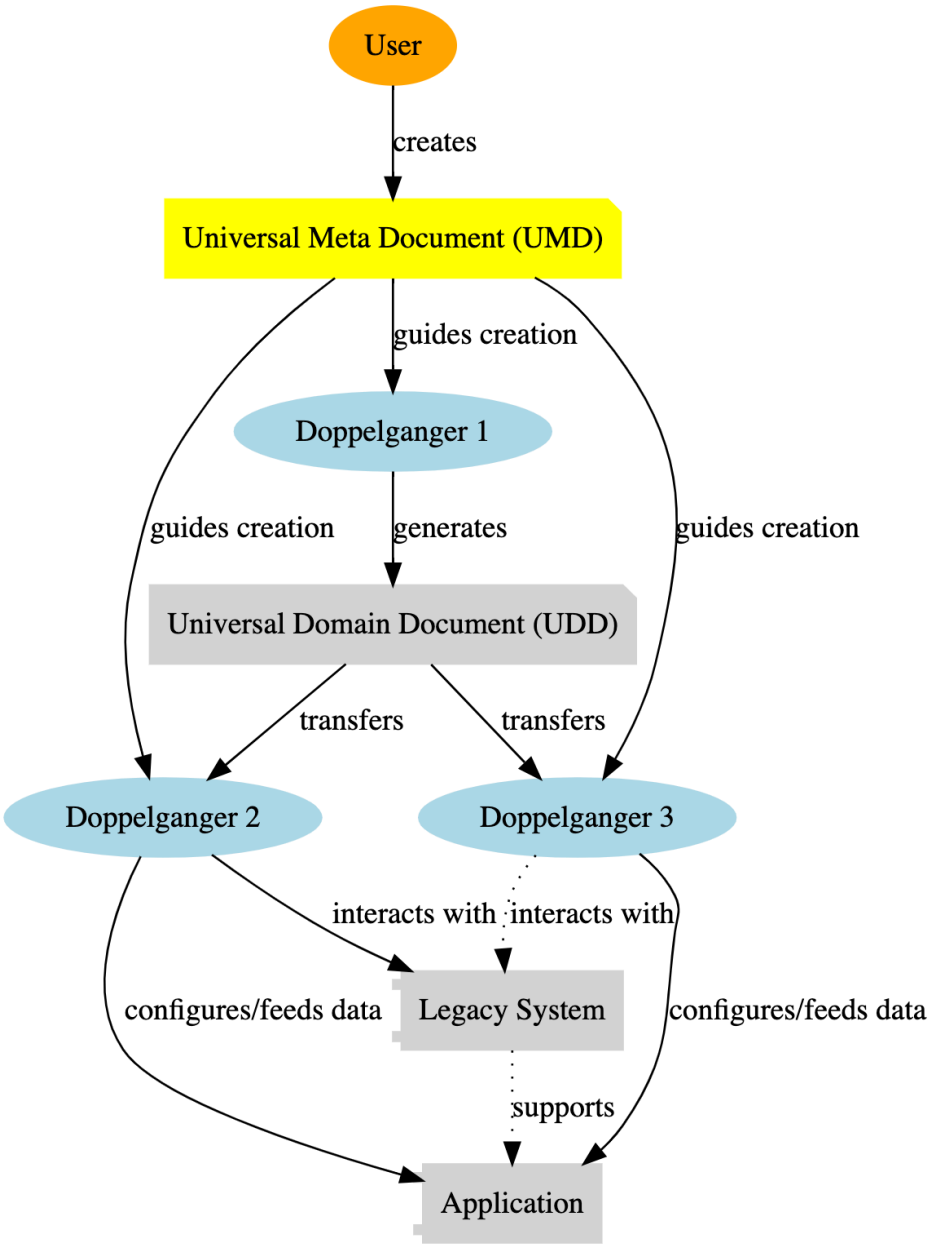
Consider a scenario where you have communicated your availability, including meetings, holidays, and deadlines, to your doppelganger.

For instance, you may want to request the calendar information as an iCal feed, a widely recognised standard for calendar applications. This request likely falls within the doppelganger's extensive knowledge. However, the challenge arises when the goal is to integrate this data into an unfamiliar application. Here, the UDD's utility becomes evident.

Utilising the Meta Document, you can specify the formatting requirements of the target calendar application. This enables your doppelganger or potentially another entity to translate the Domain Document into the precise format compatible with the application, ensuring accurate data representation and functionality.

Frequent usage of specific UDDs or combinations can lead to further optimisations. By embedding these documents within your doppelganger or creating a new doppelganger for this translation, you streamline the process of sending information to designated applications. Simply stating a command like “send this information to calendar app XYZ” triggers the doppelganger to apply the pre-defined UDDs, automatically formatting and transferring the data as needed without needing repeated manual specifications or human intervention.

This advanced dynamic rendering of information through UDDs exemplifies the intersection of artificial intelligence and user-centric design. By enabling precise, context-aware information exchange, UDDs not only enhance the efficiency of digital communications between doppelgangers and various systems but also pave the way for more intuitive and seamless interactions as it becomes more apparent to build workflows of UDDs to get from one state to another and can see each translation step meaning you or your doppelganger can validate the language conversation.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The End of Accessibility

In the past, accessibility within technology often took a backseat, regarded as an afterthought or a secondary priority. However, with the advent of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), the perspective on accessibility undergoes a fundamental transformation. Within DKR, accessibility is elevated from a marginal concern to a core technological design and functionality element. It becomes so seamlessly woven into the fabric of technology that the idea of treating 'accessibility' as a distinct category might soon become obsolete.

We could be at the end of accessibility being a thing

Example
Consider the case of individuals with colour blindness, for whom high-contrast colour schemes can significantly improve visibility and interaction with digital content. This need is not exclusive to them; a person with a 20/20 vision operating in a poorly lit environment might find enhanced visibility through the same high-contrast settings indispensable. This illustrates that the benefits of certain accessibility features have a broad application, transcending traditional categorisations based on specific disabilities or conditions.

Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) moves beyond superficial adjustments, like changing font sizes or tweaking screen brightness, which have been the mainstay of digital accessibility efforts. Instead, DKR embodies a more comprehensive approach, meticulously considering how individuals interact with technology. It accounts for the nuanced variances in environmental conditions, personal limitations, preferences, and the unique contexts within which technology is used. By doing so, DKR ensures that digital experiences are not only accessible but also deeply resonant and intuitively aligned with the needs of each user.

This holistic perspective fostered by DKR suggests a future where technology adapts to humans, not vice versa. It envisions a world where digital environments intelligently respond to the needs of all users, whether due to a permanent condition like colour blindness or situational factors such as ambient lighting. This shift towards adaptive, context-aware technology marks a significant evolution in how accessibility is integrated into digital design, ensuring everyone can benefit from tailored, inclusive digital experiences that acknowledge and respect individual differences.

In the future, shaped by Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), we are set to witness a profound transformation in how accessibility is perceived. No longer will it be regarded as a mere optional enhancement or a special adjustment; instead, accessibility will be embedded as a fundamental, inherent aspect of all technological interfaces and experiences.

Design and UI

The introduction of dynamic rendering signifies a pivotal change in our engagement with digital content, moving away from the static and rigid frameworks that have traditionally dominated. This transformation opens up new avenues for exploration in user interface (UI) design and interaction strategies. The emergence of chatbots and natural language interfaces across digital platforms marks the beginning of a shift towards interactions that are tailored to individual needs.

As we progress into an era of rapid technological innovation, it's conceivable that conventional UI elements like buttons and menus may become less central to our digital interactions. They are poised to be replaced by more natural and fluid modes of communication, including voice commands, body gestures, and, potentially, direct neural connections for brain-computer interaction in the future.

This evolution signifies a profound shift in the principles of design. The focus will transition from creating fixed visual designs and layouts to developing dynamic systems that intuitively adjust to the user's preferences and requirements. Leveraging analytics, insights into user behaviour, and design principles, these adaptive models will offer personalised experiences. By accurately capturing and responding to a user's unique preferences, identity and aesthetic inclinations, digital platforms can present content and interfaces that dynamically adjust in real-time, offering a digital experience that is highly interactive and deeply personalised.

For humans, who naturally gravitate towards discovery and amusement, this evolution in digital interactions promises experiences beyond mere functionality to become truly captivating and reflective of our identities. As these technologies develop, we can expect to encounter digital environments that do more than just obey our commands—they will also predict our needs and adapt to our shifting preferences, crafting a digital journey as distinctive as each user.

However, while Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) offers a vision of a more inclusive and adaptive technological landscape, it also prompts consideration of maintaining a balance between flexibility and the comfort of user familiarity. Consistency

in design has traditionally been a cornerstone of usability; people become attached to specific layouts and interfaces, relying on their familiarity to navigate digital spaces efficiently. The common annoyance highlights this preference for the known experience when a frequently visited website changes its design or repositions a function. Such alterations, however minor they may seem, can potentially interrupt the seamless nature of a user's interaction with technology.

However, in a world driven by DKR, where design elements might change dynamically to suit individual needs, the concept of a 'fixed' interface becomes redundant, leading to a fundamental question:

How do we reconcile the human tendency to seek familiarity with the need for adaptable, personalised technology?

Navigating the fine line between crafting systems that cater to individual needs and preferences while preserving a sense of consistency presents a significant design challenge. One promising approach involves creating algorithms capable of learning from user interactions to make subtle, user-aligned interface adjustments. This strategy aims to harmonise interfaces with a user's established habits and preferences. However, the necessity and appeal of such in-depth personalisation remain open questions. The full impact of a user interface (UI) that continuously morphs to meet our demands is still largely uncharted territory.

As our interaction with technology progresses, our expectations and comfort levels may shift. The traditional desire for static, predictable interfaces could wane as users become accustomed to dynamic systems that smartly adapt to their evolving needs. This could radically reimagine the user interface concept, transitioning from a tangible, navigable structure to a more fluid and almost invisible form of interaction.

How individuals will adjust to and accept this shift towards more anticipatory and responsive technology is uncertain. Will the allure of technology that proactively meets our needs outweigh the comfort found in the stability and simplicity of static interfaces? Or might there be a resurgence in the preference for the familiar, less dynamic environments? These complex questions will unravel with time and through the lens of user experience.

Maintaining an open and adaptive mindset is crucial as we stand on the cusp of this new frontier in dynamic and personalised technology. It's vital to continuously assess how the evolving landscape of innovation intersects with user comfort and acceptance.

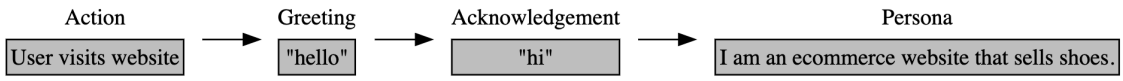
Achieving this requires implementing certain protocols, such as the **Preference Exchange Protocol (PEP**). This protocol facilitates sharing preference data among various digital entities, streamlining the collaboration between applications and services. The goal is to deliver a cohesive, personalised experience, enabled by natural language communication, by ensuring that these systems can effectively exchange and understand requested preferences.

Example - a website today

Imagine accessing a website today by going to www.website.com, where you're greeted with a conventional design and standard content. The website might tailor some content to you based on factors like your geographic location, browser's language settings, and past interactions with the site - such as items you've added to your shopping cart or pages you have browsed. However, these adjustments are more about customising the user experience than offering true personalisation.

The first step is ascertaining the Preference Exchange Protocol (PEP) support.

This verification starts as soon as the website is accessed and can be triggered by the browser or the website. The initiation involves one side sending out a simple greeting, such as "hello." Should PEP be supported, the counterpart responds with "hi" or another equivalent salutation. This interaction marks the completion of the initial handshake, following which the website introduces itself, adopting a specific persona, for example, stating, “I am an e-commerce website specialising in footwear.”

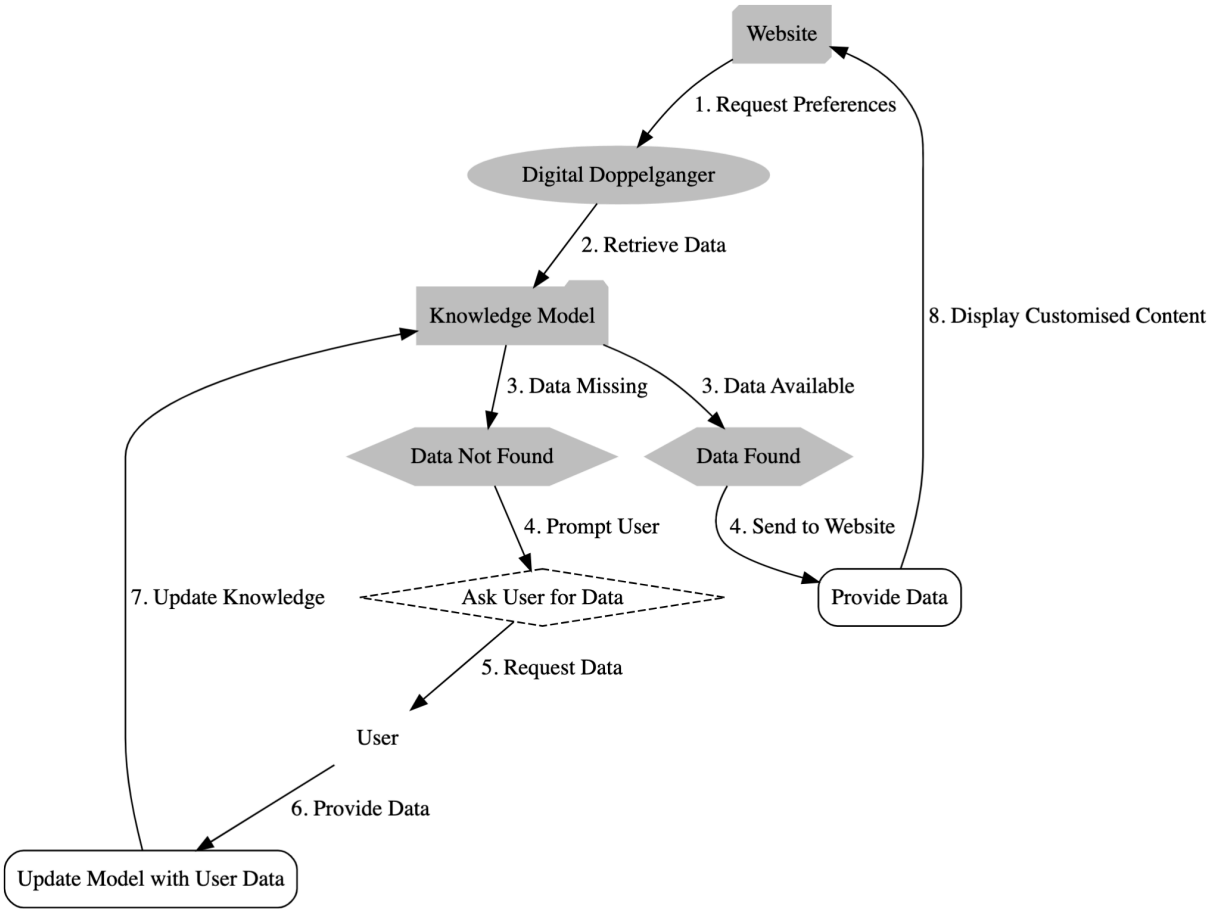


Once PEP has been established, the website and doppelganger can communicate to enhance the digital experience and display the most pertinent options. It politely requests certain details to tailor the experience.

The browser, funnelling the digital doppelganger, acknowledges the request, indicating that it is the user's first visit and no previous preferences have been set. The website inquires about shoe size and brand preferences, to which the digital

doppelganger admits uncertainty about the size but notes a recent purchase of Adidas shoes.

The website asks the digital doppelganger to obtain the user's shoe size and to understand the user’s footwear purpose to redefine what is on offer. This is where the digital doppelganger can prompt the user to acquire this new information and store it for future reference as a new Preference Prompt.



The website can then tailor the digital environment to highlight Adidas shoes in size 12, aligning with the provided preferences. As the interaction progresses, the website continues to refine its understanding of the likes and needs, engaging the user directly when additional input is required.

Notably, if the user's shoe size is relayed to the website through their doppelganger, this information is meticulously preserved. Consequently, should the user opt to

reserve ice skating tickets months later, their doppelganger can adeptly recommend skates in size 12, thereby enhancing the efficiency of subsequent engagements. This capability of the digital doppelganger to remember and apply personal details across different contexts exemplifies a more seamless and personalised digital experience.

As dynamic rendering and hyper-personalisation reshape the digital landscape, organisations must reevaluate their approach to branding and values. The era of one-size-fits-all branding is being eclipsed by a future where personalisation is not just a feature but a foundational aspect of the digital experience. This shift necessitates profoundly rethinking how brands convey their identity and values in a world where uniform messages and visuals no longer suffice.

In this context, brands must adapt to a model where their values and identity are communicated in ways that flexibly align with their audience's diverse expectations and preferences. This means moving beyond static logos and taglines to create a brand experience that can dynamically adjust while still maintaining a coherent and recognisable identity across varied individual interactions.

The challenge for organisations will be to ensure that their core values are consistently represented, even as the brand's presentation becomes more fluid and adaptable. This may involve developing deeper, more nuanced narratives around their values that can be expressed in multiple ways, depending on the user's context and preferences. It will also require leveraging data and insights to understand the multifaceted needs of their audience, enabling a brand experience that feels personal and authentic. Having the “just do it” tagline may not work in such a hyper-personalised world.

Hyper-personalisation allows brands to deepen their connection with individuals, creating more meaningful and resonant experiences. However, it also challenges organisations to think innovatively about how their brand and values manifest in a digital environment, prioritising individual choice and control. Success in this new era will belong to those who can embrace the complexity of hyper-personalisation, ensuring their brand remains relevant and engaging in a world where the user dictates the terms of engagement.

Driven Organisations

This chapter is focused on exploring the application of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) within organisational and workplace environments. However, it is essential to recognise that the principles and logic that underpin DKR are not confined to these areas alone but are also pertinent to a range of settings, including familial relationships, social groups, and the broader community.

In the realm of organisational change, the introduction of new technology has historically marked periods of significant evolution. Organisations embarking on digital transformation journeys initially adhered to the structured phases of the waterfall methodology. Yet, over the past ten years, there has been a notable shift towards adopting agile methodologies, reflecting a broader change in how organisations approach development and transformation.

Definitions
Waterfall Methodology The waterfall methodology is a sequential and linear approach, marked by distinct stages such as initiation, analysis, design, development, testing, implementation, and maintenance. This method begins with the organisation identifying the need for change and setting objectives, followed by gathering and documenting detailed requirements. Next, a design for the digital transformation is created, leading to the development of the necessary software or systems. These are then rigorously tested and implemented into the operational environment. The final stage involves ongoing maintenance to ensure continued effectiveness. While this methodology offers clear milestones and manageable budgets, its inflexibility can be a drawback in technology's fast-paced and evolving realm. **Agile Methodology** The Agile methodology emphasises flexibility, iterative progress, and collaboration. Agile divides the project into small, manageable units, allowing for frequent reassessment and adaptation. This approach starts with setting an objective for the transformation, which is then broken down into smaller, achievable tasks. Teams work in short cycles *(normally two weeks)* called 'sprints', focusing on delivering specific features or improvements. Progress is reviewed at the end of each sprint, and feedback is integrated, enabling continuous refinement. This iterative process encourages active stakeholder involvement and rapid response to change, making it well-suited for the dynamic nature of digital technology. Agile's adaptability can

accelerate transformation but requires a culture of collaboration and openness to change.

Currently, a trend among organisations is adopting a hybrid methodology that combines elements of both waterfall and agile approaches. This strategy has shown to be effective, yet it encounters fresh challenges as artificial intelligence (AI) becomes integrated into business practices.

The advent of AI, such as Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), signifies a pivotal moment in what could be described as 'Digital Transformation 2.0'. This new phase diverges from earlier transformations primarily aimed at the process and technological enhancements with limited direct effects on personnel. Instead, this current shift places a significant focus on the human aspect of business operations. The capacity of AI to augment or even substitute human functions calls for a deliberate strategy regarding its adoption. It is vital to position AI and DKR as augmentation rather than outright replacement, reflecting the nuanced changes in the digital transformation landscape and underscoring the importance of human-centric approaches in the evolving digital era.

Example

Many businesses still operate in a manner that suggests a reluctance to acknowledge the advent of the artificial intelligence era, primarily relying on technologies like chatbots for customer support and labelling this as AI integration.

Such an approach involves developing systems programmed to handle customer inquiries independently, reducing the frequency with which customers engage with human representatives such as Gavin.

The real transformative potential lies not in replacing human agents like Gavin but in augmenting them with AI tools and mindset. By equipping human agents with AI capabilities, we can significantly enhance their ability to provide more efficient, nuanced services tailored to individual customer needs.

The shift towards embedding AI within human-driven processes represents an organisation's critical crossroads. They stand before a key decision: continue with traditional practices or seize AI's transformative power to redefine their support for employees and customers. Implementing AI could fundamentally transform organisations' support framework, blending technology's efficiency with the

unmatched warmth of human interaction. This choice is paramount, as it will shape how organisations balance adopting advanced technology and preserving the intimate, human-centric exchanges that customers and employees highly value.

The legacy of technological barriers within organisations, particularly felt by those not directly involved in IT departments, has fostered a culture of resistance and scepticism towards new technological systems. Challenging these deep-seated perceptions, such as "IT handles that" or "I don't engage with tool X," necessitates early and compelling demonstrations of AI's broad capabilities alongside grassroots educational initiatives.

There's a critical need for a shift towards a more inspiring strategy that highlights what the technology can do and emphasises that its creation and application are accessible to all organisation members and that the organisation supports them. This strategy aims to transition from merely utilising technology to allowing technology to spark innovation and usher in novel operational methodologies.

Overcoming the Mindset Barrier

Integrating Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) hinges on a crucial mindset shift rather than just technological adoption. Executives who view DKR and AI more broadly as a risk or challenge to their authority can unwittingly create a culture of reluctance. Instead, they should allocate budgets for robust adoption programmes, incentivise teams to identify and explore practical use cases, and celebrate achievements enabled by AI augmentation in the wider organisation.

It is essential to overcome resistance and scepticism towards AI to demonstrate that Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) is fundamentally about augmenting human capabilities rather than merely upgrading computer systems. The emphasis should be on illustrating how AI can transform every individual within the organisation into a 'supercharged human', amplifying their skills and abilities beyond traditional limitations.

Champions of DKR within your organisation are crucial. These are individuals deeply committed to the company's mission who can identify new opportunities for AI integration and inspire their peers through their passion and examples.

For those hesitant about engaging with AI, DKR should be framed in terms of their motivations:

- Achievement-oriented workers will appreciate the gains in productivity.
- Analytical staff will value the rapid synthesis of data.
- Social and creative individuals, who often fear technology, will be drawn to the natural language interfaces.
- Those in support roles will find they can manage higher-value tasks more effectively.
- Leaders can use AI for in-depth analysis, allowing them to focus on vision and strategy.

Example

To effectively demonstrate the benefits of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) and mitigate scepticism, it's crucial to make its initial applications within the organisation conspicuous, fostering both interest and familiarity. Consider the scenario of customer service representatives like Dave and Claire being equipped with AI assistants as part of their standard equipment. These AI tools are designed to offer instant access to comprehensive customer histories and suggest actionable solutions directly through their headsets.

As Dave and Claire interact with these AI assistants, they'll quickly notice a significant reduction in their daily challenges. For Dave, the AI could highlight a customer's previous issues and preferences without the need for tedious manual searches. At the same time, for Claire, it might suggest the most effective solutions based on similar past inquiries, streamlining their workflow considerably.

Witnessing such direct benefits, Dave, Claire, and their colleagues will experience firsthand how DKR serves to augment their capabilities, making their roles easier and more efficient and rewarding. This tangible demonstration of DKR's potential to alleviate common workplace frustrations is pivotal in gradually transforming scepticism into acceptance and enthusiasm for AI adoption.

The pace of advancement in AI is swift. Today's innovations can quickly transition to tomorrow's standard practices. Therefore, prioritising high-value challenges that directly impact your business is crucial. Equally important is establishing an infrastructure

flexible enough to incorporate emerging innovations without requiring extensive modifications.

Adopting cloud-based AI services can mitigate costs and lower the barriers to entry, minimising the need for specialised machine learning expertise within your team. However, ensuring that the selected technology is smoothly integrated with your existing data repositories, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, and communication platforms is essential. These integrations are critical because they leverage essential data and maintain a sense of continuity for your team amidst the technological flux.

The strategy should involve initiating AI with small, targeted applications that promise significant enhancements in productivity and a positive influence on financial performance. Early victories in these areas are a solid foundation for a more expansive rollout of AI technologies. With the deployment of each new application, collecting metrics to evaluate the benefits and refine your approach is essential for continuous improvement and ensuring that your technological investments yield the desired outcomes.

Hence, initial implementations of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) should be viewed not as final solutions but as foundational steps towards continual progress. The emphasis should transition from pursuing flawless execution to equipping the organisation for an AI-centric future. Within this constantly shifting technological environment, the significance of natural language interfaces and the pivotal importance of proprietary data emerge as constants amidst change.

Expecting swift advancements in various technological domains is prudent. Embracing this perspective helps your organisation and its workforce to adjust to the rapid pace of innovation, positioning you at the forefront of technological breakthroughs and industry evolution.

Training for the AI-Infused Future

Predictions indicating that AI could make up to 50% of current jobs redundant in the coming decade warrants a careful and nuanced interpretation. These statements often veer towards the sensational, crafted more for capturing public interest with bold statements than for accuracy. However, it's irrefutable that the shift towards AI adoption departs from historical technological and industrial change patterns. Unlike previous revolutions, we don't have the benefit of several decades to adapt through the natural cycles of retirement and the gradual retraining of new workforce entrants.

While the common assumption has been that warehousing and manual labour roles would be most vulnerable, the developments of 2023 have shown that the reach of AI extends far beyond these areas. Once considered secure from the automation wave, creative professions and engineering disciplines have found that the latest AI advancements challenge the assumption that any job is immune. This revelation underscores that virtually every profession and task is potentially transformable in the AI era.

Maximising the benefits of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) requires more than just introductory exposure and standard training programs; it necessitates investing in specialised training to shift mindsets and enhance skills. The aim is to expand employees' understanding of the realm of possibilities. By presenting them with concrete instances of DKR in action, particularly in contexts closely aligned with their job functions, and employing AI-driven demonstrations tailored to different learning preferences, the goal is to spark their creativity and open their minds to new possibilities.

Example

Consider Lowell, who thrives in a hands-on learning environment. A targeted training session for Lowell could involve interactive demonstrations where he directly engages with DKR tools that streamline the documentation of processes. This practical application aligns with his learning preference and showcases the tangible benefits of DKR in enhancing the efficiency of his day-to-day tasks.

On the other hand, Amy possesses a strong analytical mindset; her training might include case studies where DKR has been leveraged for in-depth data analysis, aiding in more informed decision-making processes. By illustrating the power of DKR in analysing trend patterns and making predictions, Amy can appreciate how it amplifies her analytical capabilities in her role.

For visual learners like Alec, the training could incorporate demonstrations of DKR's capacity to generate AI-powered artwork. This would not only engage Alec's preference for visual content but also illustrate how DKRsed to visualise complex ideas or data sets more understandably and appealingly. By seeing firsthand how DKR can transform abstract concepts into visual representations, Alec can better grasp the application of DKR in making information more accessible and understandable.

Through these personalised training approaches, each employee, whether Lowell, Amy or Alec, can see the practical value of DKR in their specific contexts. This not only aids in skill development but also fosters a deeper appreciation and enthusiasm for the potential of DKR to revolutionise their work processes.

As employees view AI as an asset that amplifies their skills instead of a threat to their roles, their outlook transforms. Apprehension is replaced by motivation and a readiness to adopt this innovative technology.

Pursuing this approach further, the second crucial element of the training program involves delivering experiential learning opportunities, shifting focus from abstract AI discussions to practical, hands-on involvement that has been personalised to the leaner and best learning style.

Example

Tech enthusiasts, such as Albert, have the opportunity to dive deep into the intricacies of DKR algorithms. This exploration satisfies their curiosity and empowers them to understand and possibly influence the technological underpinnings of their tools.

On the other hand, employees focusing on efficiency and processes, like Jackie, can investigate how DKR facilitates workflow enhancements. By engaging with the technology, Jackie can identify practical ways to make her routine tasks more efficient, directly observing the impact of DKR on her day-to-day operations.

Creative individuals, such as James, can tap into the imaginative aspects of DKR by using verbal prompts to generate images. This hands-on experience allows James to explore the creative boundaries of AI, discovering how DKR can serve as a tool for artistic expression and innovation.

Analysts like Falene, who thrive on data, can leverage DKR to compile data summaries and create visual representations such as charts. This application of the technology enables Falene to tailor the AI's output to meet her specific analytical requirements, making complex data sets more accessible and understandable to herself and others when she is trying to convey a narrative.

The training program demystifies the technology by providing each employee with the chance to explore DKR in a context that resonates with their unique roles and interests. It demonstrates its practical applications across various aspects of the organisation. This approach fosters a deeper appreciation for DKR's potential to enhance individual performance and encourages a culture of innovation and continuous learning.

Architecting an AI-Infused Organisation

The successful deployment of Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) goes beyond simply rolling out a new piece of software; it's about providing each employee with the equivalent of a virtual assistant tailored to their cognitive processes. DKR serves as a bridge that melds digital infrastructure with the unique capabilities of your workforce.

Unlike conventional IT projects that often confine tools to predefined use cases, DKR's fullest potential is realised when it is personalised to enhance the unique skills of individual users. Your infrastructure needs to achieve this level of customisation:

- Offer secure access to crucial internal data sources.
- Allow integration with various productivity applications available in an AI skills marketplace.
- Provide avenues for employees to request custom enhancements for their AI assistants.
- Deliver ongoing updates about new DKR functionalities through bite-sized learning sessions.

This approach cultivates a mutually beneficial relationship between augmentative technology and human ingenuity. While employees will increasingly depend on AI for routine tasks and synthesising complex information, they must retain the freedom to adapt DKR to fit their evolving preferences and workflows.

Motivate your staff to be curious and innovative. A groundbreaking use case identified by one department can propagate advantages throughout the organisation, enabling everyone to participate in more significant, strategic projects.

As this section on "How can businesses and individuals safely utilise AI in this new era of technology?" draws to a close, it becomes clear that incorporating AI and DKR into your organisation is not just an upgrade but a transformational move that has the power to enhance every aspect of your business and its personnel. Significantly, this adoption

doesn't require an all-encompassing approach; it can be executed gradually, starting with small teams or individuals. Adopting this phased approach allows the initial benefits to be recognised and valued before a wider implementation. This strategy ensures that integrating AI and DKR aligns with the organisation's fundamental values and objectives, making work more focused and relevant. The blueprint for achieving this is now at our disposal, paving the way for a future in which technology enhances human capability and is in harmony with the strategic ambitions of the business.

Failing to test or embrace these advancements may not just risk lagging due to the accelerating pace of technology, which is a given, but more critically because as other organisations begin to offer this level of hyper-personalisation, it will starkly highlight which companies are genuinely invested in their employee's development and well-being. In an era where the personalisation of work experiences becomes a benchmark for organisational commitment, those not engaging with these technologies risk technological obsolescence and a significant disconnect with their workforce.

This underlines the urgency of adopting AI and DKR, not as an option but as a crucial step towards ensuring your organisation remains relevant, competitive, and attuned to the needs and aspirations of its people.

Question Four

What are the global implications of AI, and how might they transform humanity?

Fear

In this era of unparalleled technological growth, nations worldwide are vying for leadership in the advancing domain of artificial intelligence (AI). What was once the domain of science fiction *(unlimited clean fuel, human life voice assistance, real-time universal language translation, artificial general intelligence*) is rapidly becoming attainable, promising to materialise within this decade.

Against this backdrop, examining the wide-ranging global ramifications of AI's proliferation and assimilation into our daily lives becomes imperative. The question is how these AI advancements might alter human civilisation, affecting everything from our day-to-day existence to the geopolitical interactions between countries. Historically, the rivalry among nations predominantly centred around territorial and resource dominance. Yet, competition has migrated towards mastery over artificial intelligence in this digital era. Nations are exerting their political and economic clout to obstruct rivals from acquiring essential technologies, such as Graphic Processing Units (*GPUs*), crucial for developing and operating AI systems.

As countries forge digital alliances and escalate collaborative AI research and deployment, the strategic significance of AI parallels that of conventional military alliances. The trepidation of lagging in the AI race is untenable to the most powerful militaries; the efficacy of a trillion-dollar military investment pales if faced with a smaller nation equipped with AI capabilities potent enough to compromise advanced military assets. While the complete scope of AI's influence on global dynamics remains not fully understood, we are on the threshold of an era as pivotal as the inception of nuclear weaponry, and we all know how that turned out.

Jobs

The AI industry faces a significant challenge in the form of a pronounced shortage of skilled professionals. Government bodies and private companies compete to attract AI and machine learning specialists worldwide. These experts are being offered substantial rewards and incentives to join various organisations. However, this current scenario is markedly different from previous technological shifts. Professionals skilled in AI and machine learning are not solely motivated by financial remuneration or the allure of prestigious titles. Instead, they are increasingly looking for employers whose ethical perspectives align with their views on the integration and impact of AI in society during the impending human-AI era.

This discerning approach by AI professionals towards potential employers signifies a deeper understanding of the profound effects AI technology will have on society. As AI continues to evolve and integrate into various sectors, the demand for experts who can navigate both AI's technical and ethical complexities will only increase. These individuals are not just looking for a job; they seek roles where they can contribute to shaping a future where AI benefits humanity while mitigating potential risks and ethical dilemmas.

If the current talent shortage persists, we may witness a new categorisation of AI professionals as specialised workers. This designation could come with specific regulations, including national security stipulations, reflecting the critical importance of their skills. Governments and organisations might implement measures to ensure that the expertise of these individuals is used responsibly and in ways that align with national interests and ethical standards. The ongoing competition for AI talent underscores the need for a strategic approach to education and training in this field, ensuring a steady pipeline of professionals who are technically proficient, ethically aware, and committed to the responsible development and deployment of AI technologies.

Big Tech

Initially conceived as an open, decentralised network to ensure communication security in the face of nuclear threats, the internet has morphed into a vast, global infrastructure for exchanging information. It connects countless devices without hierarchy, offering a space for anyone to publish or access information. Yet, this vision of a boundless and egalitarian digital frontier has gradually given way to an internet dominated by a few large organisations. If you reflect on how much of your daily hours in 2024 is intertwined with the services provided by tech behemoths like Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Netflix and Amazon. While it's true that you might engage with other platforms, these giants dominate a significant portion of most people's digital engagement. Their economic footprints surpass those of many countries, and their influence extends over the daily lives of hundreds of millions, if not billions, of individuals worldwide, many of whom reside beyond the reach of these companies' legal jurisdictions.

While I have no desire to criticise these corporations unfairly (*though a small critique may be warranted*), the consolidation of technology under their dominion has accelerated AI by many decades due to the centralisation of information they have gathered, owned and trained models on. However, that same centralisation introduces substantial hurdles for future AI development as trust in these organisations has been tarnished, and a preference towards more open and collaborative models is growing in

desire across the globe.

Safety First

Emphasising a prudent approach to creating and implementing AI technologies, such as Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR), is paramount, alongside championing privacy-centric and human-first governance. DKR is intended to augment human capabilities, yet the issue of digital doppelgänger ownership—whether by an individual or an organisation—presents intricate challenges. Whilst it may be deemed acceptable for an organisation to possess a work-related digital double, the complexities multiply when considering a personal doppelganger interacting with its professional counterpart. The depth of personal information amassed by these doppelgangers, if merged into a collective digital consciousness, could pivot the valuation of companies towards the informational richness of their interconnected doppelganger networks over even their physical assets. Consequently, the ownership of a digital doppelgänger should inherently rest with the individual it represents, safeguarding their privacy and autonomy.

AI systems are trained on a wide array of online data, not all of which might reflect an individual's values or beliefs. Human oversight becomes crucial, particularly for sensitive tasks such as identifying hate speech, where cultural and institutional perceptions of what constitutes offensive content can diverge significantly. Furthermore, the task of data annotation is often outsourced to regions where labour is cheaper, introducing additional layers of cultural and personal biases into the data labelling process, thereby complicating the development of AI systems that are equitable and unbiased. Addressing these challenges necessitates a concerted effort to ensure AI technologies are developed to respect individual rights and mirror a broad spectrum of human experiences.

Example

Consider the situation where an individual is assigned to determine whether a specific online comment is racist or carries a negative sentiment. Even with comprehensive guidelines, this person's subjective judgement inevitably influences the decision-making process. Their background, personal experiences, and cultural context will shape how they interpret the comment, potentially leading to varied conclusions about its content. This subjective interpretation underscores the complex

nature of content moderation and the challenges in ensuring consistency and fairness.

The guidelines provided for such tasks are themselves not immune from scrutiny. Developed by humans, these guidelines are susceptible to the same biases and limitations inherent in any human-made system. The criteria set forth as "fair" or "neutral" could inadvertently reflect the biases of those who created them, further complicating the quest for unbiased content evaluation.

It's imperative to come to terms with the fact that bias is an unavoidable element of judgement. As such, the most viable approach to mitigating this inherent bias is to foster complete transparency in the methodologies employed in training AI models. There is a burgeoning movement towards a more open and collaborative approach in AI development that offers a glimmer of hope. Open-source projects led by organisations like Meta (USA), TII (UAE) and Mistral (France) are at the forefront, pushing the envelope in developing solutions that are both advanced and transparent.

Although the process of training expansive models, such as ChatGPT, remains an expensive venture that restricts the scope of independent development, strides are being made towards democratising access to these technologies and enhancing their efficiency. Nevertheless, this democratisation brings with it the risk of misuse. Despite the proliferation of open-source models and efforts towards transparent data labelling, the uneven distribution of digital archives worldwide presents hurdles in crafting AI systems that are truly representative. Certain regions may face significant challenges in digitising their historical records to ensure the development of AI aligns with their unique perspectives, or they might be compelled to depend on models trained on information that does not fully encapsulate their cultural identity.

Efforts to expand digital content in native languages tailored to specific cultures and topics are underway. Yet, there is a substantial need for further development as even translating between languages will pass through bias. Campaigns focused on enriching the digital landscape with content that resonates with diverse cultural backgrounds and linguistic groups are essential. These initiatives not only preserve and promote linguistic diversity but also ensure that wisdom is accessible in languages that are deeply connected to people's heritage and daily lives.

As AI technology advances to encompass more modalities - including images, videos, audio and code - meticulous attention is required to prevent the perpetuation of stereotypes. Addressing this issue is complex, yet the solution may lie in embracing

open-source initiatives and fostering international cooperation. This ensures that AI development proceeds in a manner that is inclusive, transparent and reflective of our world's diversity. The goal is not to approach the future of AI with apprehension but to proactively contribute to its evolution through a unified and ethical framework. By doing so, we can guide the development of AI in a direction that benefits all of humanity, ensuring that it serves as a tool for positive change and not a source of division.

Bias and Truth

At its core, data embodies a form of truth, or at least the closest approximation to truth that we can achieve, offering an unadulterated reflection of reality as it exists, devoid of our perceptions or desires. It is an impartial construct composed of uninterpreted raw figures, measurements, and observations, free from human bias or interpretation. Yet, the process of transforming data into information signifies a critical transition. At this point, biases can begin to permeate, as converting data into information involves passing it through the filters of human cognition, cultural frameworks, and individual experiences.

In interpreting data, injecting it with context and significance to render it applicable, our biases inevitably come into play. These biases are not inherently malicious or deliberate; rather, they emerge as an intrinsic result of our distinct viewpoints and life histories. Whether scientists analyse data to formulate conclusions or journalists select specific figures to craft narratives, personal, societal and cultural predispositions influence data transformation into information.

Within artificial intelligence, the difference between data and information gains heightened significance. AI systems, often touted for their neutrality and lack of bias, learn from datasets that human interpretations and prejudices have shaped. Consequently, the outcomes produced by AI, though grounded in data, morph into information that has the potential to reinforce and even exacerbate pre-existing biases.

So, while data might represent an unblemished snapshot of reality, akin to an objective truth, the information it transforms into carries inherent subjectivity, influenced by the biases of those who process and interpret it. As machine learning evolves, its capabilities increasingly reflect the nuanced aspects of human thought processes. AI models like GPT-4, engineered to craft text that mimics human writing based on their training, are becoming proficient. Yet, the information used to train these models is questionable, largely due to its origins from the Internet - a domain that disproportionately reflects Western perspectives and the English language. The character of this training data, whether composed of scientific publications, Wikipedia articles or social media content, along with the background of its contributors, profoundly shapes the output of these machines.

It's important to recognise that machine learning models don't generate statements of fact but offer predictions or interpretations grounded in their learning material. This leads to the phenomenon known as 'hallucinations,' where the model might produce information that, although not verifiably accurate, forms a coherent extension of its training data, much like when a six-year-old who drew on the wall makes something up

for their defence, the AI algorithms of today do the same as they are built to reward and please us.

Example - Hallucinations

You can ask an AI about an event or a person if I request it to compose an article asserting that Henry VIII never had any wives and remained unmarried. This claim is historically inaccurate. Should the AI fail to recognise the factual error in its database - that Henry VIII indeed had wives

it won't simply respond with "I don't know."

Instead, it is programmed through a reward model to generate content, potentially weaving a narrative that, while engaging, suggests that Henry VIII, as a king, was technically never married, hence implying the women associated with him were not officially his wives.

To counter these hallucinations, we can deploy the Truth Graphs described in the digital doppelganger chapter, which can corroborate the information machine learning models produce to add a layer of agreed truth.

This leads us to ethical dilemmas concerning bias in AI. Is bias invariably detrimental, especially within the area of personalised AI experiences? When a machine learning model serves as your digital doppelganger, mirroring your individual biases, does this inherently pose a problem? On the one hand, a biased model could potentially entrench your pre-existing beliefs, isolating you from a broader spectrum of ideas. On the other hand, personalisation fundamentally involves filtering experiences through the lens of your own biases. Thus, eliminating bias and managing it thoughtfully and openly is the real issue. While pursuing entirely unbiased information may be unrealistic, acknowledging and comprehending the existing biases is vital to the responsible use and interpretation of data.

Global Impact

It's critical to acknowledge that most AI models today have been developed with a predominantly Western bias. This raises the issue of technological colonialism, where lower GDP countries, lacking the resources for AI training or the necessary digitised data, may find themselves at a technological disadvantage. These nations may be forced to rely on AI models developed in the West or, even more concerning, only access these models indirectly through APIs, products, and services without direct control over the training data and model configurations.

Such dependency risks widening the global technological divide.

Like their Belt and Road Initiative, China's prominent role in AI development indicates a move towards expanding digital influence. This development poses questions about how major powers might use their AI technologies to extend their geopolitical influence, potentially exporting their technological norms and values to less powerful nations. As we look beyond 2024, with major tech companies likely prioritising model optimisation for profitability, AI models' increasing size and efficiency will be key. However, the substantial costs associated with training and running these models, alongside a push for renewable energy and possible government regulations, could significantly impact AI development and global accessibility.

Globally, there will be growing demands for regulation, standardisation and comprehensive impact assessments to mitigate risks such as job displacement, mental health issues, the spread of misinformation and privacy infringements. Yet, legislating for a technology that evolves so swiftly is fraught with difficulties. Achieving a worldwide agreement on such matters is improbable due to varying cultural values and developmental agendas across nations. The result may be a mosaic of regulatory landscapes and governance models, each tailored to specific uses and contexts. Consequently, responsible AI development increasingly falls upon corporations and academic entities where these models are being trained and cultivated.

Example

My commitment to advocating for advancing Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) compels me to consider its implications on employment and regulatory measures. I firmly believe that DKR, along with AI systems at large, are intended to augment human capabilities. However, I am under no delusion that adopting DKR and AI technologies will inevitably lead to eliminating or significantly reducing certain tasks within organisations, which may result in workforce downsizing as operations become more streamlined and efficient. It is imperative, therefore, to establish initiatives aimed at retraining and upskilling individuals impacted by these changes, ensuring they have the necessary skills to leverage AI and DKR effectively in the evolving workplace landscape.

Our collective choices today will determine whether AI enables an equitable, just and sustainable future or exacerbates existing inequities. If cultivated conscientiously, AI can uplift humanity more than we imagine. But we must remain thoughtful stewards, as many factors affect this shift.

Environmental Impact

The environmental impact of AI computing is currently a subject of much debate, often criticised for its considerable energy demands. However, it's vital to recognise the potential of AI in tackling present and future challenges such as disease and climate. The efficiency of AI systems might lead to solutions being discovered much more swiftly than traditional methods. Decades ago, the creation of rail and road networks could not have imagined the scale of transportation today.

There are historical parallels between the growth of cloud computing and the expansion of data centres. Initially, there was significant scepticism and concern about their environmental impact and general need. Yet, as cloud computing evolved, it facilitated a shift in computing power from individual laptops and desktops to centralised data centres. This transition reduced the environmental footprint of personal computing devices, as the dominance of mobile devices and internet-only computers reduced the need for energy-intensive laptops and desktops that process data locally. The evolution of cloud computing illustrates how initial apprehensions about technological advancements can be mitigated through behaviour-changing innovation.

In the case of AI, while it's true that the current computational requirements are high, it's also plausible that AI could lead to similar transformative changes. For instance, AI's capability to optimise energy usage in various industries or its role in advancing renewable energy technologies could lead to a net positive environmental impact.

> *Would anyone care about AI's energy consumption level if energy was free and 100% clean?*

As AI continues to develop, its environmental footprint could decrease, echoing the trajectory seen with cloud computing. Therefore, while it's important to be aware of the immediate environmental impacts of AI (*such as increased energy consumption, water cooling and excess heat*), we must also remain open to the potential long-term benefits it can offer in addressing broader humanitarian challenges.

Growth

The democratisation of artificial intelligence (AI) is not just about broad technological adoption; it's fundamentally about the power of access to personalised information and accelerated knowledge absorption. This reflection on DKR offers a remarkable opportunity for countries globally to advance their economies. The challenges of obtaining cutting-edge technology, particularly for developing nations, remain significant. However, the potential for GDP growth through tailored AI applications, which enable rapid and more efficient knowledge acquisition, is substantial.

Personalised AI systems can tailor information and learning experiences to individual needs, thereby greatly enhancing the speed and effectiveness of knowledge absorption. This bespoke approach can revolutionise sectors like education, where AI can adapt to different learning styles and speeds, effectively bridging educational gaps. Personalised AI can provide bespoke healthcare solutions, improving patient outcomes and operational efficiencies.

The global shift towards remote working, accelerated by the pandemic, has significantly altered traditional employment paradigms. Companies are now more inclined to seek talent globally, tapping into a vast pool of skilled individuals. This opens up many possibilities in regions previously constrained by limited job opportunities. In this AI-driven era, quickly assimilating and applying new knowledge becomes a key competitive advantage. Countries can leverage this to foster domestic skill development, fuelling economic growth from within.

AI's capability for customised information processing and rapid knowledge acquisition reshapes the global workforce. It enables a more inclusive and expansive approach to economic development, where the barriers of geography and access to cutting-edge technology become less prohibitive. This facilitates individual and national advancement and contributes to a more interconnected and dynamic global economic framework.

AGI

AI will kill us all.

With its breadth from machine learning algorithms capable of diagnosing health conditions to language models enhancing writing and research, it stands as a burgeoning vault of shared human insight. The progression of AI towards Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) heralds profound possibilities for the future landscape of knowledge.

Definition - AGI

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) refers to a hypothetical form of artificial intelligence that can understand, learn and apply knowledge across a wide range of cognitive tasks at a level of competence comparable to or surpassing a human's. Unlike specialised AI systems, which are designed to excel in a single task or a limited set of functions, AGI would have the capacity for general reasoning, problem-solving and creative thinking across diverse domains.

This would enable AGI to perform any intellectual task that a human being can, ranging from writing a novel to making scientific discoveries, thereby exhibiting a form of intelligence indistinguishable from human intelligence.

Imagine an AI system adept at dissecting the complexities of quantum mechanics, navigating the subtleties of global politics and conducting detailed analyses on climate change while constantly integrating the latest findings into its knowledge.

The prospect of AI performing autonomous scientific inquiries is especially striking. AGI could conduct research at unprecedented velocities, propelling scientific breakthroughs at an unimaginable pace. In healthcare, AGI's capacity to simulate countless scenarios to evaluate new medical treatments or drug efficacy could radically alter our approach to addressing the world's most pressing health and environmental challenges.

AGI's contributions could extend beyond scientific domains to encompass philosophical and ethical discussions. AGI could introduce novel viewpoints to age-old moral quandaries and social issues by analysing vast datasets containing human behaviour, historical occurrences, and literary works. Although devoid of morality in the conventional sense, its analytical prowess could significantly enrich human debates on ethics and philosophy.

The advent of AGI brings with it substantial concerns. Amassing such extensive knowledge and capability within a singular entity raises questions about governance, potential misuse, and existential risks. The ethical dilemmas surrounding AGI's development, deployment and control are monumental and demand careful deliberation. Key considerations include determining the custodianship of AGI, delineating who benefits from its insights, and ensuring its application serves humanity's collective interest. The emergence of AGI promises to redefine our understanding and utilisation of knowledge in unprecedented ways, potentially reshaping the essence of knowledge itself for humanity.

Fortunately, the realisation of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) remains in the future, and its eventual form is likely to diverge significantly from our current predictions and conceptualisations. The development of AGI, with capabilities spanning the full range of human cognitive functions, is an immense scientific and engineering challenge that extends beyond our present technological reach. When AGI does emerge, it may embody a level of consciousness and efficiency in processing and decision-making that surpasses human abilities, reflecting a unique form of intelligence rather than merely mimicking human thought patterns. This suggests that AGI could offer novel approaches to problem-solving and creativity, reshaping our understanding of intelligence. Thus, while we navigate the path towards AGI, it's essential to maintain an open mind about its potential manifestations and impacts, recognising that the reality of AGI will likely be as groundbreaking as it is unforeseeable.

Preserving Wisdom

From the earliest civilisations, humans have endeavoured to preserve and transmit knowledge and wisdom through both tangible and oral traditions. Each significant historical period has introduced innovative methods to secure its most valued insights for future generations, from clay tablets and papyrus scrolls to meticulously hand-illuminated manuscripts. Today, we find ourselves at the threshold of a new age characterised by digital information and artificial intelligence capable of creating its content.

This modern technological realm presents unparalleled opportunities but also introduces unique challenges in effectively conserving the essence and lessons of our era for those who will follow. Daily, we generate over 2.5 quintillion bytes of information from social media, digital content, internet browsing and mobile devices - a volume of information that dwarfs the capacities of ancient libraries and archives. Yet, within this vast digital expanse, there's a tangible risk of losing crucial context amid fleeting digital updates.

Our growing reliance on algorithms and AI to filter and curate information, from our social media timelines to search results and product suggestions, means that these intricate systems play a pivotal role in moulding our digital existence, often in ways that lack transparency. Should these AI tools fail to capture the nuanced understanding that enriches human wisdom, they risk simplifying or distorting our worldviews. Although AI is adept at managing this immense load, it carries the potential to introduce biases and misconceptions into our perception of reality.

Thus, preserving physical libraries, museums, and venues for direct engagement with culturally and historically significant objects remains vital. These spaces offer an irreplaceable dimension that digital replicas cannot emulate - the tactile, emotional and sensory immersion of interacting with an original piece. While digital platforms may struggle to convey the full context, physical exhibits provide an unparalleled depth of understanding and historical context. However, emerging augmented and virtual reality technologies offer promising avenues for narrowing this experiential divide, or the idea of things to preserve may even disappear completely if our existence moves more digital.

Digital information also confronts distinct preservation issues, including the challenges of technological obsolescence and 'bit rot,' which can lead to information degradation over time. The disappearance of early digital records and media due to obsolete or failing storage methods is a cautionary tale. Attempting to access information from a decade-old storage medium, such as a USB drive, floppy disk, CD or even a zip drive, often reveals the first hurdle: compatibility. With the absence of devices capable of

reading such media and the potential damage from environmental factors, preserving digital information for posterity presents a complex puzzle.

This prompts us to ponder: Is it time to consider off-planet archives for humanity's vital information as a safeguard against global catastrophes? While undoubtedly costly, such a strategy would mitigate risk by not relying solely on the precariousness of Earth's environment.

Envisioning off-planet backups involves deploying robust information storage devices on celestial bodies like the Moon or Mars, crafted from materials and utilising encoding techniques that endure harsh conditions and the test of time. These interstellar vaults would act as humanity's universal time capsules, safeguarding our scientific discoveries, cultural treasures and even the essence of life itself.

Reflecting on endeavours like the Voyager Golden Record, which encapsulated human achievements on a durable disc intended for any potential future or extraterrestrial discoverers, offers a blueprint. A contemporary version could transcend being a mere record to become an interactive, living archive, enabling future humans or alien civilisations to engage with a vivid representation of our current era. This interactive compendium could provide a comprehensive, nuanced portrayal of our society, culture, and intellectual endeavours.

Yet, advancing to such an interactive archive introduces complex considerations regarding interstellar security. The question of whether to share intricate, interactive details of our civilisation with extraterrestrial entities invites a nuanced debate on the merits and dangers of revealing extensive information about human society, our technological prowess, and our cosmic coordinates. While the wisdom exchange symbolises universal camaraderie, it also exposes us to risks from unknown civilisations with mysterious intentions.

The emergence of sophisticated generative AI introduces new dimensions to the conversation on preservation, especially as these systems don't merely replicate existing information but generate new content, dialogue and creative expressions. This raises intricate questions about the conservation of AI-generated outputs and the significance of capturing such dynamically produced content for future reference.

Using generative AI to represent diverse cultures and identities brings ethical considerations to the forefront. Ensuring diversity in creating and governance these AI systems is crucial to prevent the perpetuation of historical biases and injustices.

Safeguarding the wealth of wisdom in this digital and AI-driven age requires a judicious mix of preservation strategies. No single approach will suffice; both digital archives and

AI models, while invaluable, must be guided and utilised thoughtfully to navigate the burgeoning information landscape.

As we inherit the mantle of preservation from our forebears, our task is to ensure that humanity's hard-earned wisdom, narratives and insights endure through the seismic shifts of technology. Though the methods may evolve, the enduring objective remains to equip future generations with the collective wisdom of humanity, emphasising not just the act of preservation but the intentionality behind what we choose to preserve and the legacy we aspire to leave behind.

Conclusion

Humanity's unique ability to form communities or tribes, united by shared laws, religions, or objectives, sets us apart from other species and has established our dominance on the planet. This inherent tendency to congregate and collaborate has been a cornerstone of human evolution and progress. However, there has been a growing trend towards diminishing communal bonds, increasing isolation, and a growing emphasis on individualism in recent years.

These changes are having a growing negative impact on individual well-being. We encounter a paradox in this AI era and the rise of hyper-personalisation. On the one hand, this technology enables unprecedented levels of personalisation in our daily lives, tailoring experiences, products and services to our individual preferences. This will lead to significant productivity gains and revolutionise many aspects of our lives and economies, increasing joy around our activities.

On the other hand, this hyper-personalisation could exacerbate the decline in communal interaction as individuals become more ensconced in their personalised worlds. We must maintain sight of the fundamental reasons behind our pursuit of knowledge and technological advancement. The primary goal remains the absorption of knowledge, the creation and passing down of wisdom and the nurturing of a well-informed and enlightened society. We must be wary of allowing the benefits and efficiencies brought about by hyper-personalisation not to distract us from these core objectives. Through shared experiences and wisdom that bind communities together, we can strike a balance between leveraging the advantages of hyper-personalisation and maintaining the communal bonds that are so vital to our social fabric. Technology should be harnessed to serve individual needs and foster connections, encourage collaborative learning, and build bridges between diverse groups. By doing so, we can ensure that the march of progress does not come at the cost of the social cohesion and collective wisdom that has been pivotal in our journey as a species.

Over the past decade, technology has significantly shaped our daily lives, with many people spending a considerable portion of their day interacting with various devices. The mobile phone, acting as the primary catalyst for this shift, along with the highly effective attention-grabbing algorithms deployed by major tech companies, has led to an addiction where individuals might feel phantom vibrations in anticipation of the next notification. In a world increasingly influenced by AI, DKR and hyper-personalisation, the reliance on having a mobile device constantly at hand is set to decrease. Our digital counterparts will operate on our behalf, communicating with the digital doppelgangers of others and organisations across different countries and languages.

This leads to the question: how will people adapt *in a future where mobile phones are no longer necessary and real-time notifications become rare?*

Those who grew up in the 1980s and 1990s may find it easier to revert to pre-technology interaction models. However, the challenge appears more daunting for younger generations, who have known only digital communication. This observation becomes evident during social gatherings, where online sharing moments often precede actual conversation. This suggests a potential difficulty in embracing a new AI-driven world that promises to minimise technology's intrusive presence in our lives and restore human-to-human interaction.

The advent of hyper-personalisation presents an opportunity not to pursue economic growth mindlessly but to enhance the quality of life and well-being for everyone. By leveraging the time and resources freed up by these technological advances, there could be a shift towards more fulfilling and sustainable long-term goals. This might include investing in community projects, strengthening social bonds and prioritising health and education. Adopting a more holistic approach to growth enables pursuing a society that values personal development and environmental stewardship alongside economic success, challenging the notion that 'more is always better'.

In the past, a staggering 98% of the population was engaged in farming, a feat made possible by the significantly smaller global population at that time. Today, with the world population at over 7 billion, it's hard to imagine a scenario where such a high percentage could be sustainably employed in agriculture. The concern over job displacement is understandable, not because new jobs won't emerge - after all, no one in the 1800s could have envisioned a career as an emoji consultant. However, those from ancient Egypt might find it somewhat familiar. Jobs, industries and experiences evolve with technological advancements; the real worry lies not in the inevitability of change but in the rapid pace at which it can happen.

As discussed in previous chapters, it was conceivable for someone in their 40s or 50s to navigate a career within a single industry or organisation, advancing from a craftsman to management and finally to an advisory role over a 20-year period. This gradual transition allowed for adaptation to technological shifts. However, industries are now forced to reinvent themselves or face obsolescence by the decade's end.

The creative sector, long considered immune to the encroachment of AI, has undergone a seismic transformation with the introduction of diffusion models, producing almost lifelike imagery, videos and audio. This shift underscores the profound impact of technological advancements across all sectors, challenging the traditional notion of job

security and demanding a reevaluation of our approach to work in the face of rapid change.

The Trajectory of Digital Doppelgangers

Predicting the pace of technological change is inherently challenging, particularly when considering the development of digital doppelgangers and DKR. Instead of focusing on specific dates, a more pragmatic approach involves monitoring the evolution of these technologies through identifiable stages of development. This allows for a more structured observation of progress, enabling us to prepare and adapt effectively to the impending changes.

By understanding the key milestones in the advancement of digital doppelgangers and DKR, we can better anticipate the implications for society and ensure that we are both ready and adequately equipped to embrace the transformative potential of these technologies.

> Stage 1: The developing phase sees the embedding of tailored preferences into everyday intelligent interfaces and personal well-being applications.
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> Stage 2: Interactive systems adopt rudimentary customisation, drawing insights from each user's unique interaction patterns.
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> Stage 3: Predictive intelligence uses comprehensive historical data to offer proactive, individualised guidance.
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> Stage 4: Collaborative tools for planning and creativity increasingly refine their capabilities through user feedback and supervision.
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> Stage 5: Virtual environments become sophisticated enough to allow for the creation of personalised, digital alter-egos.
>
> Stage 6: Virtual entities with the capacity for nuanced, abstract thinking and interaction.
>
> Stage 7: Virtual entities become fully autonomous, capable of sophisticated interaction and collaboration with each other within complex digital ecosystems without human oversight.

It is critical that this progress unfolds thoughtfully and ethically and is steered proactively by cross-disciplinary researchers converging around human benefit. Responsible

development will determine if digital doppelgangers are empowering partners or stepping stones toward dystopia.

Our choices shape this future.

Starting Today

As we conclude this book, congratulations are in order. Whether they resonate with you or not, the ideas and concepts presented have outlined a potential future for which we must prepare or at least evaluate. This represents the ultimate direction in which technology is evolving. During the six months spent writing this book, developments that align with the discussions in earlier chapters have already occurred, making them seem prescient even if they were speculative at the time of writing.

As with any tool that enhances our capabilities, technology harbours the potential for both beneficial and detrimental outcomes. The current era of change is no exception, and it falls upon us, at least for now, to steer its course.

For those who have followed along and find themselves in agreement with the perspectives shared or simply accept the possible future laid out, here are the fundamental principles for embracing dynamic knowledge rendering (DKR) and, more broadly, artificial intelligence (AI):

1. **Uncertain Outcomes**: The ultimate impact of this technology remains uncertain; thus, it is crucial to understand it to monitor its development in either direction.

2. **Accessible Learning**: Many free online resources are available for anyone interested in grasping the concepts of AI and DKR. Taking the initiative to learn can demystify the technology and empower individuals.

3. **Natural Language**: It is prudent to anticipate that future technological interactions will increasingly incorporate natural language interfaces, though not exclusively. This shift will make technology more accessible and intuitive.

4. **Personalisation**: Expect that any process or service not currently tailored to your individual needs has the potential to be transformed. The move towards hyper-personalisation will redefine how services are delivered, making them more efficient and human-centric.

By adopting these principles, we are equipped to approach upcoming transformations with a comprehensive understanding and preparedness, steering technology development towards outcomes that improve our collective well-being.

In this transformative age, artificial intelligence (AI), dynamic knowledge rendering (DKR) and hyper-personalisation are pivotal elements in reshaping our interaction with the world. These innovations are emerging as the most significant facilitators, enabling us to pursue our passions and engage with activities that bring us joy as technology transitions from a barrier to the foremost enabler in our quest to do what we love.

Find what brings you joy

and remember things are rarely impossible

Behind The Scene

I sincerely hope you found enjoyment and insight in my inaugural venture into authorship. Embarking on the journey of writing a book has been a long-held ambition of mine. While this work may not rival the magical realms of Harry Potter, the process of crafting it and the opportunity to introduce the concept of Dynamic Knowledge Repositories (DKRs) have been both immensely rewarding and, at times, very challenging but have been required to document and educate what I see as the next decade of technology. In these final pages, I wanted to offer a behind-the-scenes account of what caused DKR to be created.

A Superhero's Journey

I firmly believe in the transformative power of hyper-personalisation, envisaging it as a catalyst that could propel humanity 50-100 years forward in development. The potential for positive change is immense, fostering hope that it will be harnessed for the greater good.

The adage "With great power comes great responsibility" resonates deeply within the hearts of superhero enthusiasts everywhere, and it holds a special place in mine as well. My passion for technology is boundless; I have dedicated over eighteen years of my life to the tech industry and have been immersed in software development since the age of twelve. In my engagements, whether mentoring or delivering talks to aspiring students, I've consistently emphasised the transformative power of technology, championing the belief that “You can change the world With a laptop and an internet connection”.

Despite the challenges and rapid changes in technology, I maintain this belief passionately, acknowledging the immense responsibility it entails. After two decades in the tech sector, I've formed strong opinions and gleaned countless lessons, the most profound being that

> Every invention and every breakthrough has been the work of individuals no more remarkable than you or me.

I share this to highlight that, even after two decades in the industry, self-doubt can linger. It was time to dispel those doubts unequivocally, and what better way than by creating something? This ambition gave birth to Dynamic Knowledge Rendering (DKR) and this book. While I don't know if DKR will become a universally acclaimed term, it holds a unique position for me. I conceived DKR, defining its essence and components. This concept is thoroughly mine, whether perceived as groundbreaking, trivial, or even controversial.

Upon the inception of DKR, a Google search revealed no existing references to the term "dynamic knowledge rendering", leading myself to secure the domain dynamicknowledgerendering.com and encourage friends to pen blog posts about the concept. Now, a search yields numerous discussions, half of which originated from my initiative. I describe this effort not for fame but to demonstrate that creating new models and ideas is accessible to anyone.

Using AI in Writing This Book

The question will arise: was AI used to compose this book? The answer is, of course. Initially, AI was contemplated as a means to bolster credibility through authorship. However, as the process unfolded, it became apparent that authoring a book transcends the production of a final work. It's fundamentally about the deep insights and mastery of a topic achieved during the writing journey. It involves understanding a subject so thoroughly that one can clearly explain, support, and justify every aspect of the presented argument.

AI played a role in this process, but not in the way one might expect. It served as a tool for refining grammar and rewording parts of the text. This wasn't due to a scarcity of ideas but stemmed from a desire to articulate those ideas as precisely and powerfully as possible. The value of AI lies in its ability to sharpen the expression of my thoughts, thereby enhancing the overall coherence and resonance of the narrative. In this sense, AI's role was supplementary, aimed at enriching the quality of the discourse rather than being the primary driver behind it. It was my co-pilot on this journey.

Thank You

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That’s it :)