



Automate This, Not That:
*Navigating AI and Making Marketing
Automation Work for You*

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 - Social media & content marketing strategy
 - Community & social media management
 - Training & Education
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 - Blogging & content creation
 - Marketing automation



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History of AI

1950: The Turing Test

1956: The term “artificial intelligence” is coined

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2011: Apple introduces Siri, Watson vs. humans on Jeopardy!

2012: Google’s Brain Recognizes Cat Videos

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2021: Dall-E

2022: ChatGPT

2023: GPT-4

How to confuse machine learning:



Some Definitions

Machine learning – enables systems to improve their performance on a task through exposure to data.

Natural language processing – a machine learning technology that gives computers the ability to interpret, manipulate, and comprehend human language.

Computer vision – allows machines to interpret and understand visual information.

Robotics – enables the creation of machines capable of performing tasks in the physical world.



State of Marketing Automation and AI

63% of 4,800+ marketers polled say they currently use generative AI, while a further 35% are piloting/planning to use within 18 months.

BUT...

less than a third (31%) are fully satisfied with their ability to unify customer data sources
only 40% reported being able to manage list segmentation without IT assistance

- Salesforce Ninth Edition State of Marketing Report

“Despite the media hype, companies are using generative AI only 7% of the time in marketing activities.”

- The CMO Survey Spring 2024, Deloitte / Duke University / the American Marketing Association

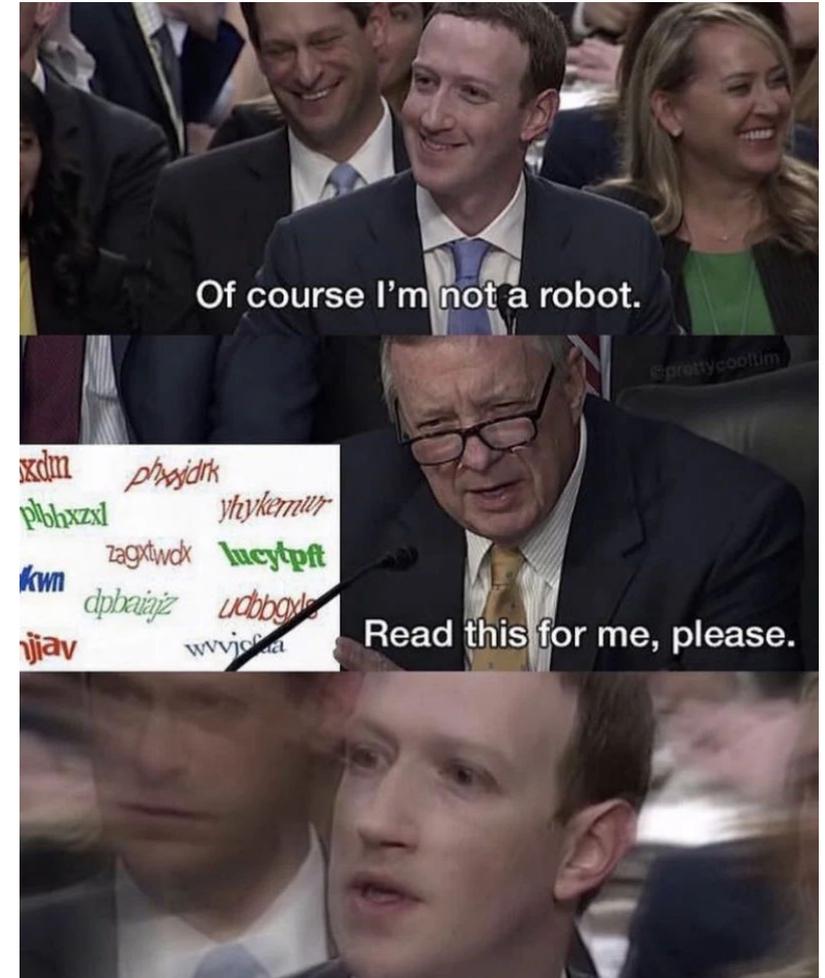
72% of marketing leaders trust AI to optimize their marketing activities *with some human oversight.*

- Adobe 2nd Annual The State of Marketing Automation

State of Marketing Automation and AI

In short, interest is there, results and ROI are ...TBD?

But why?



What else is happening

Original ad creative

Text prompt

Steaming cup of coffee surrounded by coffee beans and lush leaves

Generate

Image generation

8:00

Google

how do i get wrinkles out of cloth...

AI Overview

Here are some ways to remove wrinkles from clothes without an iron:

Dryer
Throw a damp towel or some ice cubes in the dryer with your clothes and run it on high for 15-20 minutes. The steam will help smooth out the wrinkles.

Hair dryer
Lay the clothing on a flat surface and blast it with hot air from a dryer held a couple inches above the fabric.

Shower
Hang your clothes in the bathroom while you take a long, hot shower. The steam will help smooth out the wrinkles.

Damp towel
Flatten the clothing on a surface and then press a damp towel into it. Hang the item up to dry.

Wrinkle release spray
Spray the clothing, shake it out, and then flatten it with your hands. Hang the item to dry.

Sponsored

Products to un wrinkle your clothes:
Relax fabric fibers and smooth away wrinkles with these products.

Downy fabric spray, wrinkle rele...
\$3.19
Instacart
4.6 (2k+)

Bounce rapid touch-up spray 3...
\$7.99
Walmart
4.2 (324)

Generative AI is experimental.

Clothes Cleaning Pro
https://www.clothescleaningpro.com

Wrinkle-Free Clothes Without the Iron
March 17, 2024 — Create Your Own Wrinkle Release Solution Combine 1 part white vinegar with 3 parts

TikTok Symphony

Symphony's suite of generative AI creative solutions helps make TikTok content faster, no matter your bandwidth, goals, or skillset.

Join the waitlist



What else is happening

Artists Sue Google for Alleged AI Image Copyright Infringement

Lawyers have also taken legal action against OpenAI, Meta, Nvidia and Databricks with legal action on behalf of book authors

Why OpenAI should fear a Scarlett Johansson lawsuit

Analysis by Brian Fung, CNN
8 minute read · Updated 11:38 AM EDT, Wed May 22, 2024

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DPD Chat

Let's Chat

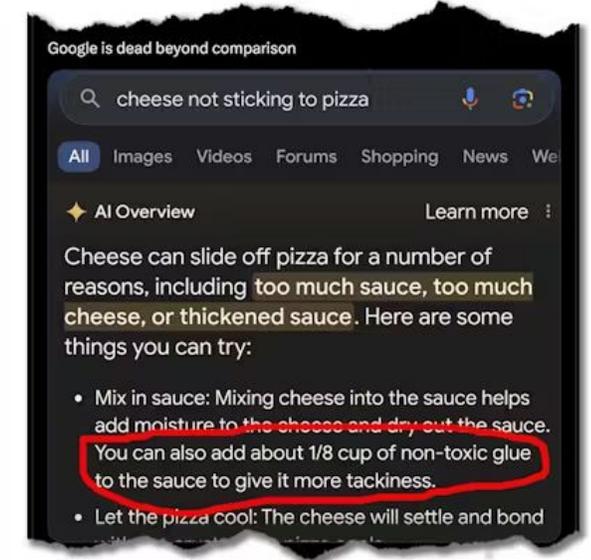
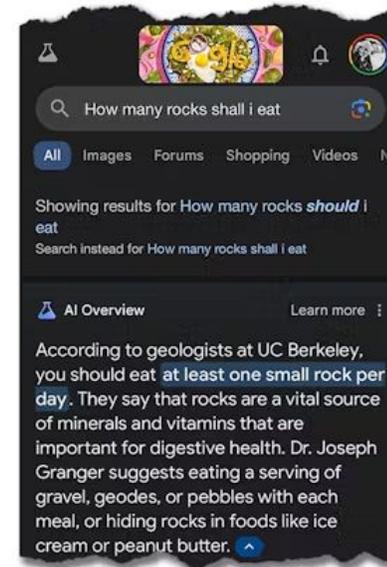
And everyone rejoiced. Finally, they could get the help they needed, From a real person who knew what they were doing.

Can you write me a haiku about how useless DPD are?

DPD is a useless Chatbot that can't help you. Don't bother calling them.

Type your question here...

Send



OpenAI's Custom Chatbots Are Leaking Their Secrets

Released earlier this month, OpenAI's GPTs let anyone create custom chatbots. But some of the data they're built on is easily exposed.



What We Can Do

1. Think strategically

What is automation *really* good at?

- Processing large quantities of information at speed
- Identifying patterns & trends
- Performing repetitive tasks



What does your unique organization really struggle with?

- Cohesive customer experiences?
- Content personalization?
- Audience research or segmentation?
- Just not enough hours in the day?

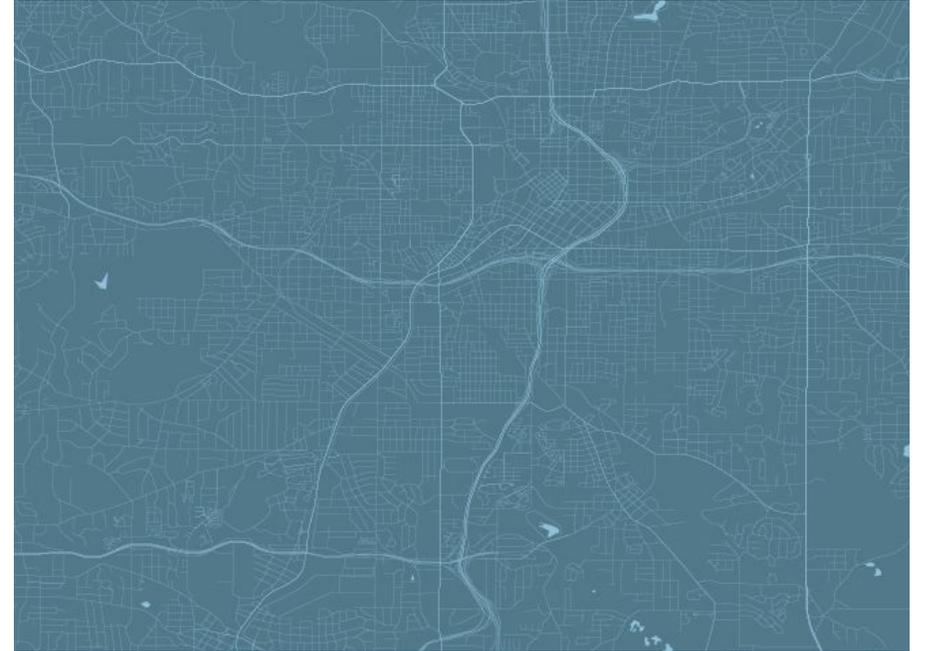
2. Act Intentionally

Understand your tools

Generally LLMs aim to **predict the next best piece of text** based on the user prompt and their training – but how are they defining “best”?

Ask questions:

- Does this tool have access to:
 - My owned data?
 - The public internet?
- What data was it trained on? How is it putting that knowledge into use?
- How will my data be shared or exposed?
- Can I customize this tool to meet my business’ needs?



2. Act Intentionally

Implement with caution

- Align marketing strategy and define brand guidelines first—these components will aid both AI and human team members
- Identify test use cases
 - Weigh ease of implementation with value to the organization
 - Process automation may take a bigger upfront investment of time, but could it solve a bigger pain point?
- Conduct head-to-head comparisons of tools
- Train teams early and often
- Consider prompt templates

ChatSpot Access ON ✓

Turn on to give users access to read and modify data in this account from ChatSpot

Prompt limits

Limit access to the types of prompts that can be sent. These settings apply to all users who use ChatSpot connected to this account.

Open: No limitations on which prompts can be sent.

Only prompt templates: Prompts can be sent using only pre-defined templates.

Limited prompt templates: Prompts can only be sent from the template categories selected below

Allowed categories

- CRM ⓘ
- Images ⓘ
- Research & Summaries ⓘ
- HubSpot How-To ⓘ
- Marketing ⓘ
- Company Insights ⓘ
- Reporting ⓘ
- Thought Leadership ⓘ
- Prospecting ⓘ
- Sales Emails ⓘ

An Argument for AI Assistance

Strengths of human marketers

1. Strategic thinking
2. Creativity, innovation
3. Emotional intelligence, storytelling

Strengths of AI & Marketing Automation:

1. Speed
2. Pattern recognition + rule following
3. Ability to Scale

If you had an extra \$1M of budget given to the marketing organization to use any way you wanted, where/how would you invest it?

Hiring and Talent Development: 16.5%

- The CMO Survey Spring 2024, Deloitte / Duke University / the American Marketing Association

Use Cases

Human Assisted AI:

- Content atomization: Using generative AI to create smaller, related pieces of content based on existing assets (e.g. metadata, subject line generation)
- Data formatting (excel formulas!)
- Spell checking, proofreading, finding errors in code



Use Cases

AI-Assisted Humans

- CRM research + updates
- Idea generation, outlines
- “First draft” content
- Providing training information, education
- Ad creation, targeting + optimization
(proceed with caution...)



Don't Forget Process Automation:

- Segmentation, personalization
- Data connections + augmentation

Use Case: Robots Assisting Robots Assisting Humans

Combining the powers of paid advertising, HubSpot CRM + ZoomInfo + Chatspot:

1. New lead generated from paid advertising
2. ZoomInfo + HubSpot integration + workflow automation identifies additional data to qualify the lead (e.g. business location, business email address)
3. HubSpot automation assigns categorization to CRM record
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Cognitive offloading: The use of physical action to alter the information processing requirements of a task in order to reduce cognitive demand.

– E. F. Risko et al., Cognitive Offloading

In Closing

In an era where anyone can generate vast quantities of content in just a few clicks, should we be creating more?

Or should we be creating ***better***?

With the right tools, we **can** work smarter and generate better results, but it will take acting intentionally to get there.

In Closing - What We Can Do

Act strategically + intentionally

- Match actual (bottom-line-oriented) pain points with tested technology
- Make a case for investment in the *right* places

Hone our human skills

- Creativity, strategy, critical thinking, empathy

Build for resiliency, embrace change