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## Course 3

# From AI to IA: How Internal Audit Can Adopt and Address the Risk of Artificial Intelligence

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Her approach to projects emphasizes process optimization and the integration of advanced technologies. This approach enhances operational efficiencies and ensures regulatory compliance and accurate reporting. Kirstie also served as co-lead for the firm's Digital Transformation & Innovation strategy execution. Under her co-leadership, the firm achieved several milestones, including the establishment of the BDO bot factory, the organization's inaugural Hackathon, and the facilitation of brainstorming and ideation sessions throughout the company.

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# Learning Objectives



Recognize key risks of adopting Artificial Intelligence and mitigating factors and controls




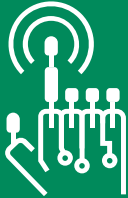
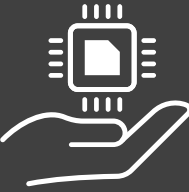

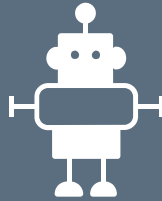
Identify how utilizing Artificial Intelligence to conduct audit procedures can provide efficiencies and the ability for the organization to better address critical risks



Conduct insightful conversations with employees and management regarding the adoption of AI

# Introduction

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Machine Learning	Neural Networks / Deep Learning	Generative AI	Predictive Analytics	Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
				

- ▶ What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?
- ▶ Core functionalities (Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Generative AI, Predictive Analytics, Natural Language Processing, Robotics)
- ▶ The rise of AI in business processes and its growing adoption of AI across industries
- ▶ AI and its potential impact on auditing projects



# AI Benefits Summary

- ▶ **Time-Saving:** provide quick and accurate answers to questions, eliminating the need for extensive research.
- ▶ **Idea Generation:** generate ideas and offer suggestions for various tasks, such as brainstorming sessions or creative projects.
- ▶ **Language Assistance:** assist with language-related tasks, such as proofreading, grammar suggestions, and language translation.
- ▶ **Learning and Education:** serve as an educational resource, providing explanations, examples, and training scenarios.
- ▶ **Task Automation:** automate some simple tasks, such as generating code snippets or providing basic information.
- ▶ **Virtual Assistance:** act as a virtual assistant, helping with basic tasks like setting reminders, making to-do lists, and creating efficiencies.



# MIT Study on Gen AI Productivity

A March 2023 MIT research paper on 444 professional workers evidenced substantial gains in efficiency, satisfaction, and quality of work against a control group, when completing real-world style tasks.



**EFFICIENCY GAINS** : Approximately 37% less time spent on the same task. Creating a rough draft took the participants 50% less time than the control group.

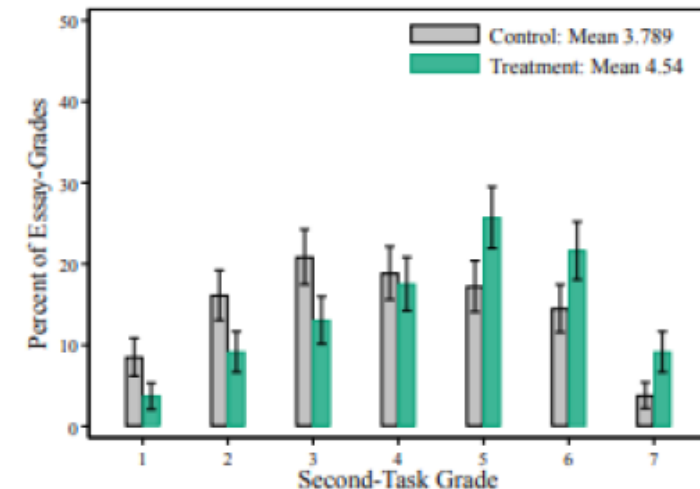
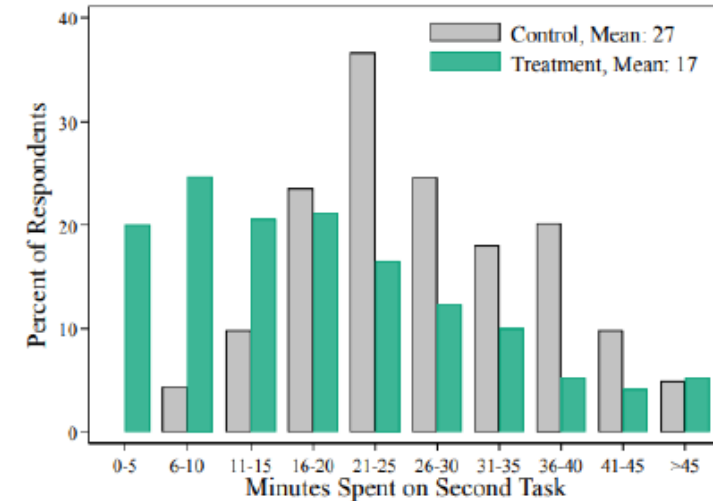


**INCREASED SATISFACTION**: Study recipients report materially higher satisfaction after completing a task with Gen AI versus without.



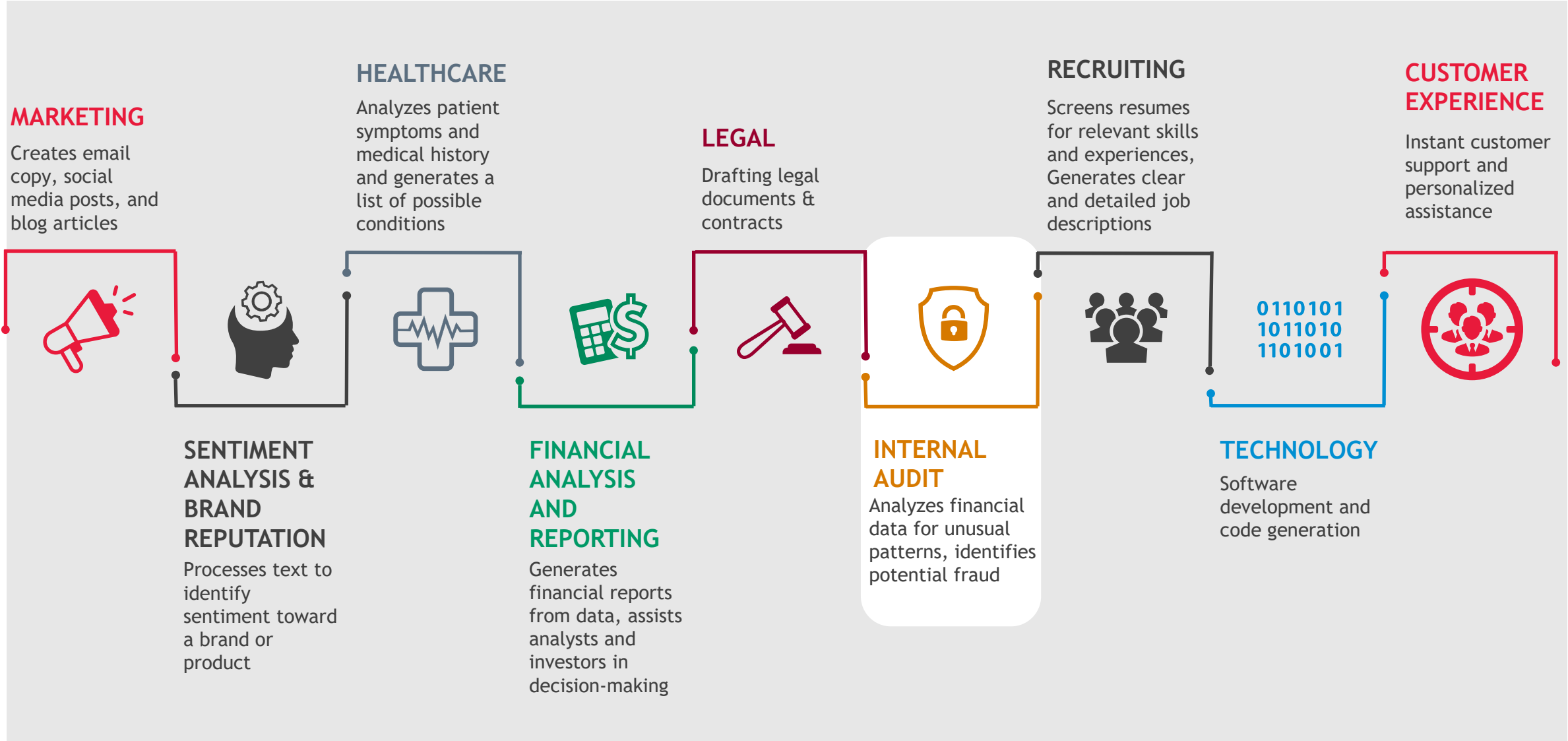
**INCREASED QUALITY**: Marks received by the treatment group were 20% higher than the control group. Importantly, the spread of grades became tighter, reflecting the substantial benefit to workers with lower writing ability, boosting them closer to high performing workers.

(c) Time Distribution (Second Task)



# How Internal Audit Can Leverage AI

# Internal Audit and AI



## USE CASE

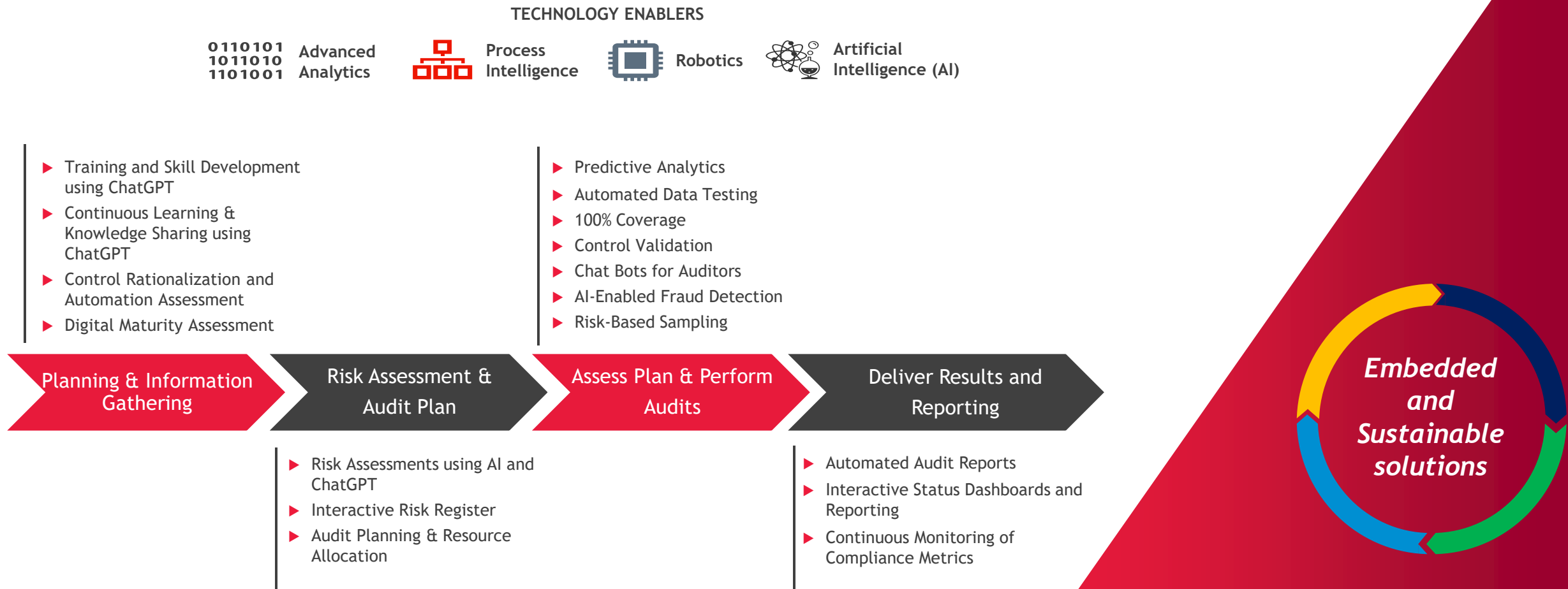
# ChatGPT for Internal Audit

Hi, I am Carl Wilson, the Chief Audit Executive for a large manufacturing firm. We are based in 125 countries with over 7,000 offices and 150,000 employees.

- ▶ My team doesn't have a complete list of Key Risk Indicators by business process and audit area
- ▶ Often, our teams perform audit testing procedures for similar audits in an inconsistent and manual way
- ▶ I have been assigned the task of enhancing our controls environment by finding ways to implement more preventative vs detective controls
- ▶ I have also been asked to find more opportunities to replace manual controls and procedures with more automated controls
- ▶ I have a small team of auditors that must support several audits globally
- ▶ How can I leverage artificial intelligence and ChatGPT?



# Opportunity to Leverage Next-Generation Digital Tools Can Be Found Throughout the Internal Audit Lifecycle



Chats

+ New Chat

Older

EU Data Act Enforcement

Crisis Response Simulation

Crisis Response Drill

Crisis Response Simulation

Test Conversation Inquiry

Copilot Access Announcement

Project Update Call

Collaborative Asignet Partnership

Vendor Data Update

Vendor Data Modification

AI Governance in Business

AI Insights for Directors

Knowledge Assistant Simplified

Awaiting Meeting Notes

AI-Driven IT Strategy

GPT Unleashed: AI Impact

New Chat

Clear Conversations

New Chat


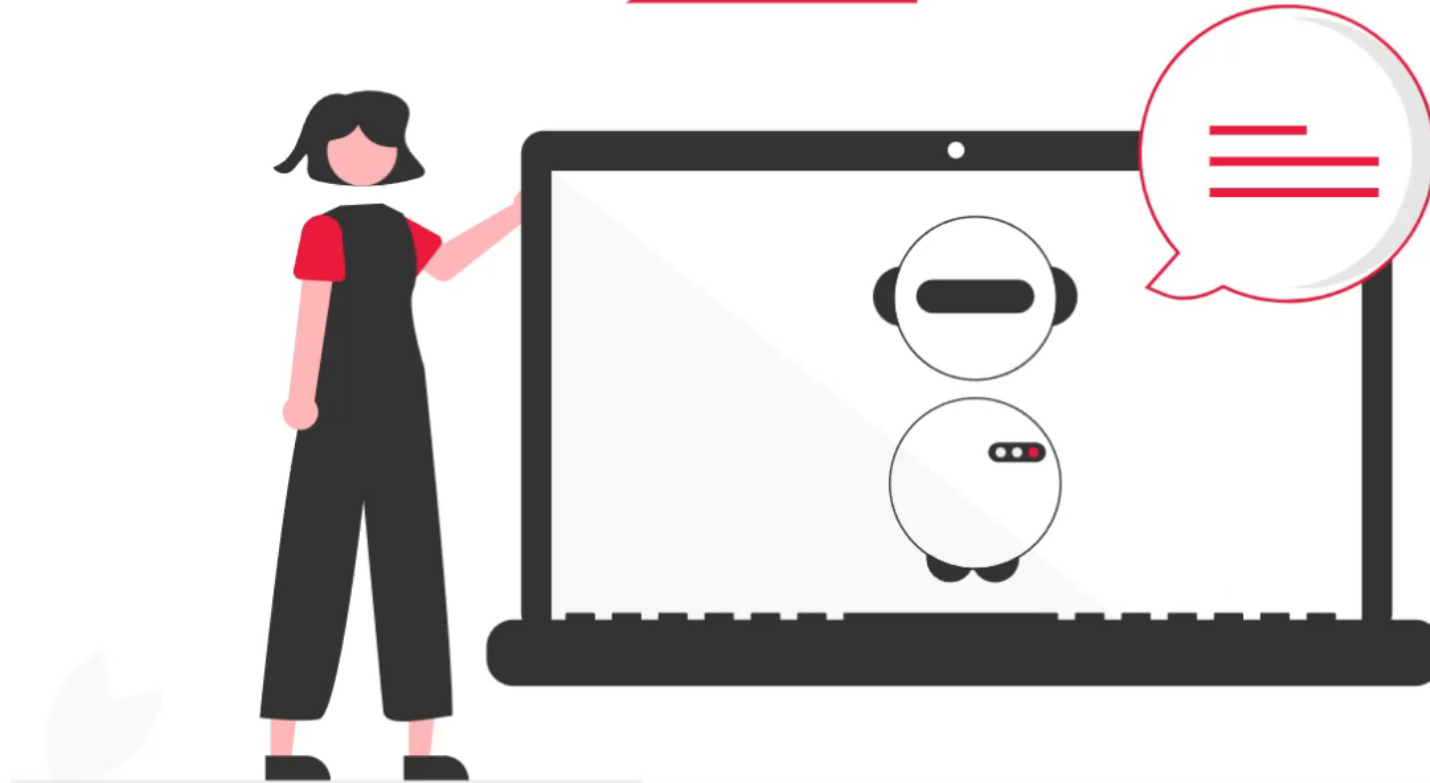


 Send a message...







 [New Analytics Question](#)

# Data Analytics & Continuous Monitoring

- ▶ AI can analyze vast amounts of data for anomalies and fraud detection (identifying patterns, trends, anomalies in large datasets)
- ▶ The use of AI for continuous monitoring of controls and transactions (fraud detection and risk assessment)
- ▶ Examples of AI-powered audit tools (real-time monitoring and controls)
- ▶ Data visualization tools for impactful reporting



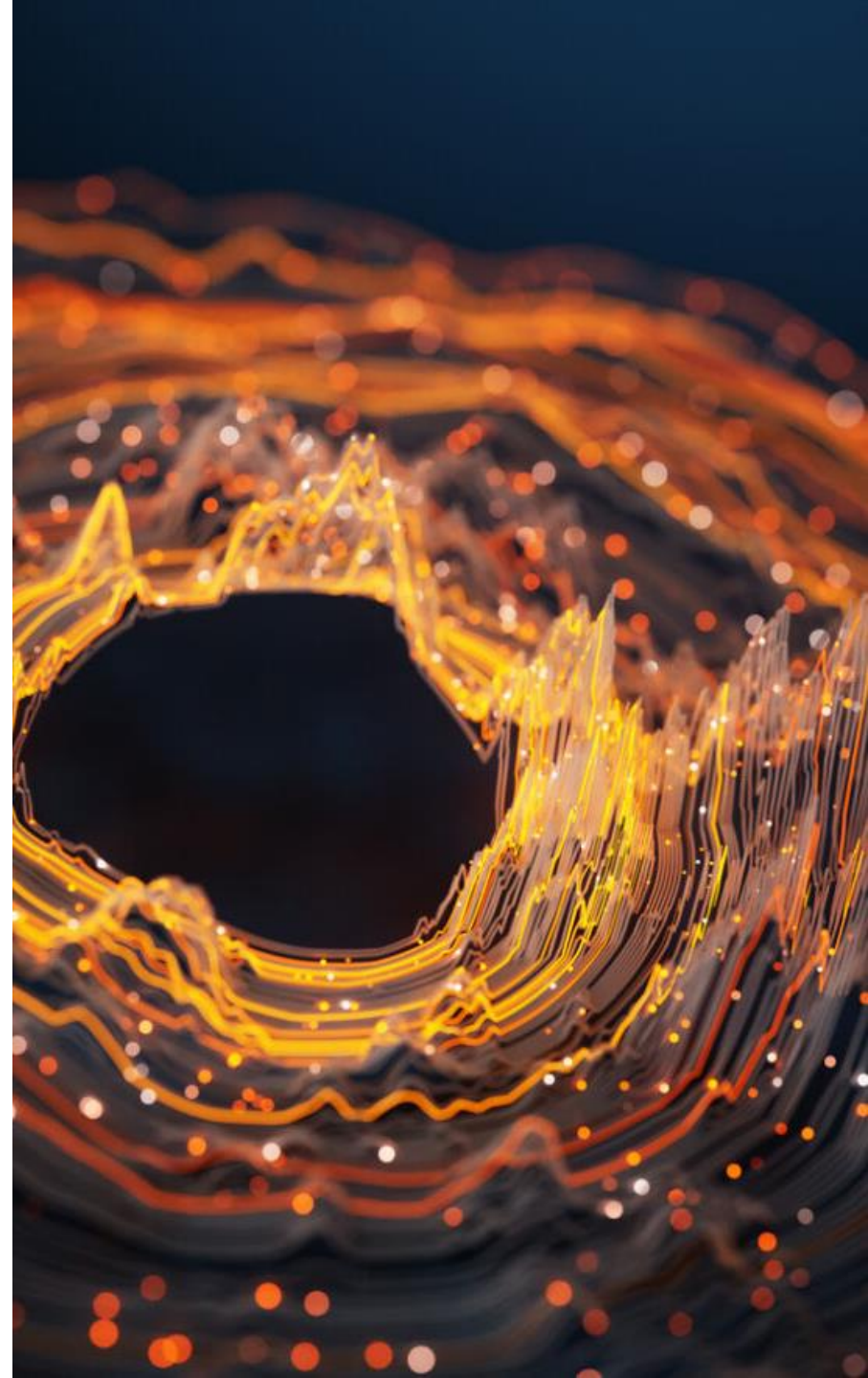
# Enhanced Risk Assessment

- ▶ AI can identify emerging risks within the organization
- ▶ Leveraging AI to analyze historical data for better risk predictions
- ▶ AI can help prioritize risks based on potential impact
- ▶ Manage risk and compliance to meet evolving business and regulatory requirements



# Improved Efficiency

- ▶ AI can automate (streamlining repetitive tasks, data extraction, reconciliation, analysis)
- ▶ AI-powered tools for document review and interview transcription
- ▶ Potential for AI to free up auditor time for more strategic analysis
- ▶ Standardized, consistent workpapers, audit execution, and reports
- ▶ Interconnectivity support that AI brings from cross-platforms, various disciplines and the world wide web



# How Organizations Can Leverage AI

# AI in Your Day

## MARKETING

Creates email copy, social media posts, and blog articles



## HEALTHCARE

Analyzes patient symptoms and medical history and generates a list of possible conditions



## LEGAL

Drafting legal documents & contracts



## RECRUITING

Screens resumes for relevant skills and experiences, Generates clear and detailed job descriptions



## CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Instant customer support and personalized assistance



## SENTIMENT ANALYSIS & BRAND REPUTATION

Processes text to identify sentiment toward a brand or product



## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Generates financial reports from data, assists analysts and investors in decision-making



## INTERNAL AUDIT

Analyzes financial data for unusual patterns, identifies potential fraud



## TECHNOLOGY

Software development and code generation



# AI-Enabled Applications

Integrate advanced generative AI technologies, such as ChatGPT, into familiar tools used by employees and customers. This approach addresses the challenges of user adoption by enhancing existing applications



## Game Changing Processes

Using AI to drive efficiency in the apps users already spend their time in or in new, purpose-built experiences



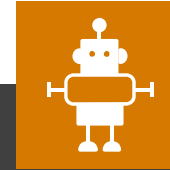
## Disparate Data No Problem

Use AI to bring together data from multiple sources and search it



## The Easy User Journey

Simple conversational interactions, voice-enabled control, and user-centric interfaces make life easier



## Constant AI-Powered Assistance

Embedded AI assistants provide continuous support and information retrieval



## Intelligent Content Generation

Auto-generated content speeds users through processes that would otherwise have them typing for hours



# Generative AI Possibilities in Marketing



## GENERATION

- ▶ Product descriptions and postings
- ▶ Product photos
- ▶ Marketing materials
- ▶ Seller review suggestions
- ▶ Resolve customer complaints and disputes
- ▶ Automated reporting
- ▶ Code for product features



## INSIGHT/ANALYSIS

- ▶ Conduct research on topics of interest to clients
- ▶ Analyze client data including social media, product reviews, comments, customer service interactions
- ▶ Provide tailored data-driven recommendations
- ▶ Suggest the 'Next Best Offer' and determine the ideal marketing mix using historical data and predictive insights



## IDEATION

- ▶ Ideate new features
- ▶ Develop customized product design
- ▶ Generate customer experience improvements
- ▶ Co-collaborate with AI



## SIMULATION

- ▶ Simulated customer persona panel
- ▶ Empathize with the client journey
- ▶ Tailor marketing and communications for specific audiences
- ▶ Conduct sentiment analysis on reviews or survey responses

# Generative AI Possibilities for Legal



## RESEARCH

Help lawyers and legal research find relevant case law, statutes, regulations, and legal opinions by providing quick and accurate answers to their queries



## CONTRACTS

Assist with reviewing and analyzing contracts, identifying potential risks, and highlighting important clauses or legal obligations



## COMPLIANCE

Provide guidance on regulatory compliance matters, such as data protection laws, antitrust regulations, or environmental regulations along with advice on best practices



## TRAINING

Create interactive training modules or onboarding materials for employees, covering topics like legal compliance, workplace policies, ethics, and provide guidance to ensure employees have a clear understanding of legal matters

# Generative AI Possibilities for Tax



## PREDICTIONS

Historic datasets for predictions and actions

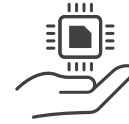
- ▶ Trial balance
- ▶ Transfer pricing
- ▶ Transactions
- ▶ YoY ETR
- ▶ State
  - Apportionment
  - Nexus
  - UTP



## CLASSIFICATION

Algorithms to suggest classification or anomalies

- ▶ Trial balance
- ▶ VAT
- ▶ Transfer pricing
- ▶ Fixed assets
- ▶ R&D document Analysis



## GENERATIVE AI

Visualizations, transcript summary, and presentations

- ▶ Executive/audit summaries
- ▶ Talk to your ERP
- ▶ Analysis
  - Materiality
  - Comparisons
- ▶ Advanced Analytics



## COPILOTS / SMART ASSISTANT

Operational efficiencies and collaboration

- ▶ Spreadsheet review
- ▶ Document search
- ▶ Talk to your mailbox
- ▶ Priority and task management

# The Road to AI

Wherever you are in your artificial intelligence (AI) adoption journey, BDO Digital can help you seize opportunities, solve business problems, and drive growth with AI.



# Risks Associated with AI

# Artificial Intelligence Failures in the News

TastingTable.

**McDonald's Is Removing Its Current AI Technology From More Than 100 Drive-Thrus**

**March 2024**

**Copilot goes into autopilot, starts breaking rules**

**April 2024**

**X's chatbot Grok accuses NBA player of going on vandalism spree after it misinterprets tweets about game**

**August 2023**

**Pregnant woman sues after AI accuses her of carjacking**

**September 2023**

**AI-generated song submitted to the Grammys**

**June 2024**

**Microsoft Recalls CoPilot+**

**Rite Aid Banned from Using AI Facial Recognition After FTC Says Retailer Deployed Technology without Reasonable Safeguards**

# Risks of AI



## Privacy and Cyber Security

- ▶ Privacy
- ▶ Identity
- ▶ Data Security
- ▶ Secure Cloud
- ▶ Incident Response



## Responsibility and Accountability

- ▶ Acceptable use
- ▶ Societal / Market Impacts
- ▶ Regulatory Environment
- ▶ Accountability of Outcome



## Misinformation and Inaccuracies

- ▶ Output Integrity
- ▶ Validation
- ▶ Intellectual Property Concerns



## Bias and Discrimination

- ▶ Unintended Bias
- ▶ Unrecognized data patterns
- ▶ Market Fit

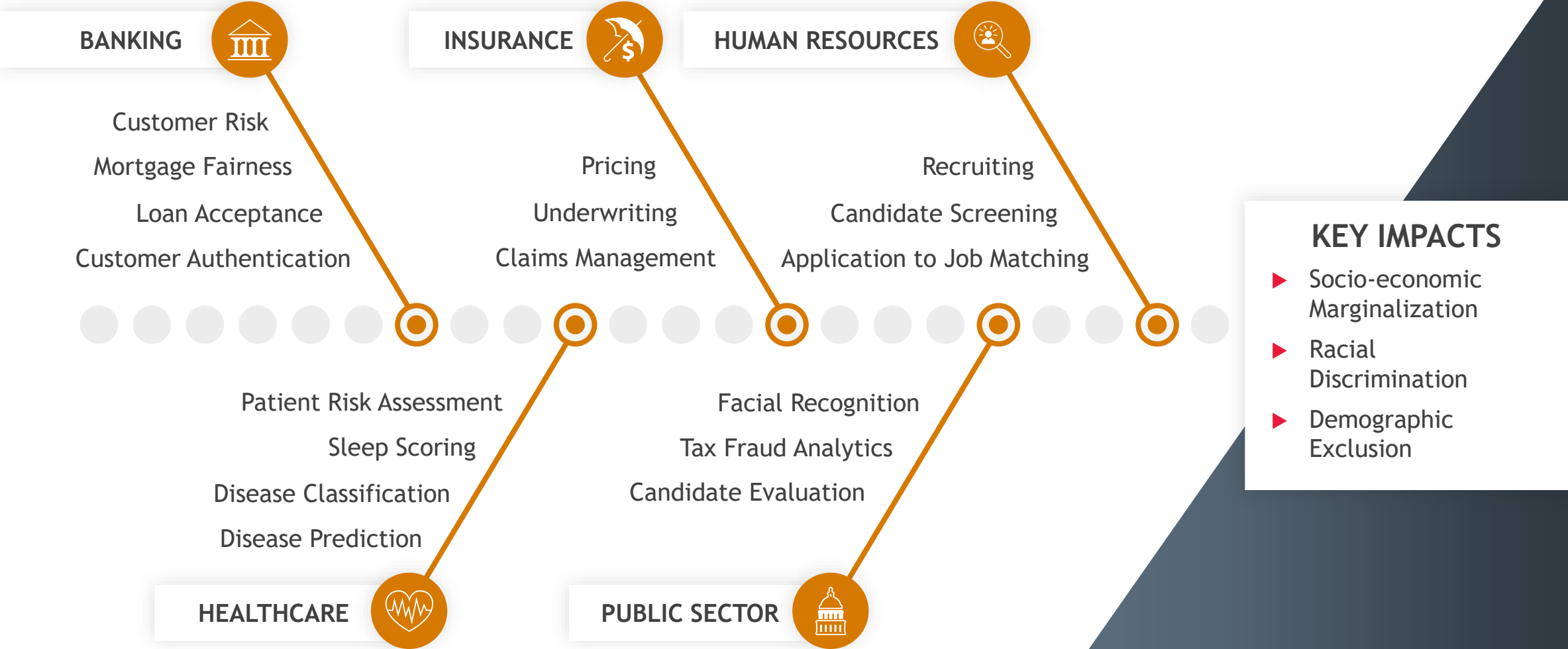


## Regulations and Requirements

- ▶ Regulatory Alignment
- ▶ Governance of Program



# Key Industries and Potential Bias



# Third Party Vendor AI Risks

- ▶ Lack of Transparency and Explainability
- ▶ Intellectual Property (IP) Ownership
- ▶ Model Performance and Maintenance
- ▶ Vendor Lock-in
- ▶ Business Continuity and Exit Strategy
- ▶ Regulatory Compliance

## Risk Mitigations

# Control Objectives for AI Risk Mitigation

- ▶ Develop AI Strategic Plan
- ▶ Data Governance
- ▶ Model Validation and Testing
- ▶ Transparency and Explainability
- ▶ Intellectual Property Management
- ▶ Model Performance Monitoring



# Control Objectives for AI Risk Mitigation

- ▶ Change Management
- ▶ Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
- ▶ Cybersecurity and Privacy Controls
- ▶ Compliance Management
- ▶ Vendor Oversight and Due Diligence
- ▶ AI Trusted Testing Program

# AI Trusted Testing Program

## OUTCOMES:

- ▶ Reduce bias
- ▶ Reduce inaccuracies
- ▶ Identify customer experience issues
- ▶ Identify critical bugs
- ▶ Improve NPS
- ▶ Improve accessibility for disabled users

It's important to test your AI against a diverse set of real-world users



**LLM APPLICATION**  
Text or Voice interaction



**PERSONAL DATA  
CONSENTS & NDAS**



## DIVERSIFIED TEAM

Example: Age, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, socio economic, education  
Experts: Medical, Financial  
Location: Cultural context



## TESTING STRATEGIES

### Prompt Input/Responses

- ▶ Natural usage
- ▶ Directed usage
- ▶ Adversarial

Testing for: Biased and/or inaccurate responses

### User Feedback

- ▶ Surveys to gauge user satisfaction, trustworthiness, pain points
- ▶ Measure attributes, such as latency for voice interaction

### Quality Assurance

- ▶ Exploratory, scripted
- ▶ Localization
- ▶ Accessibility

# Conclusion

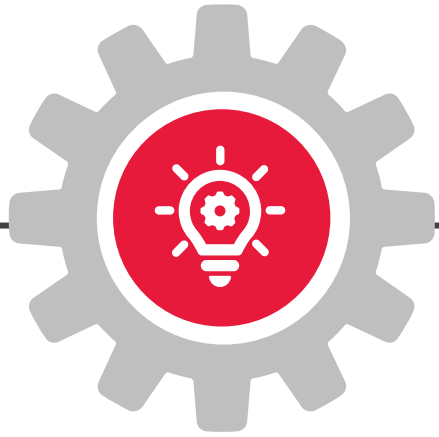


# Conclusion

- ▶ Key takeaways on AI's potential for various projects
- ▶ Collaboration with IT and data science teams
- ▶ Developing an AI strategy
- ▶ The importance of AI governance and risk management strategies
- ▶ The future of AI and its continued impact on our profession

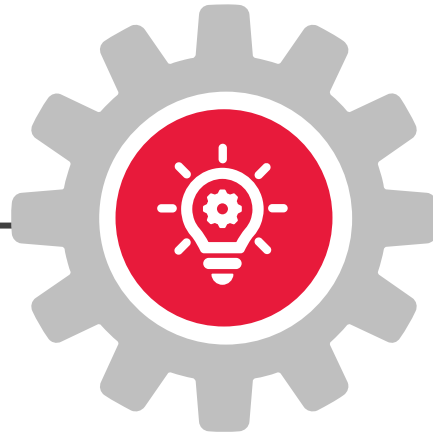


# Final Thoughts & Takeaways



## Numerous Use Cases

AI has numerous use cases throughout the organization



## Additional Risks

With the use of AI, as with any technology, comes additional risks



## Internal Audit Can Help

As Internal Audit professionals we can help the organization adopt AI in a risk responsible manner

Questions?



# Thank You



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