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Generative Al: the biggest transformation since desktop computing

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Generative AI: the biggest transformation?

- 1. What is "artificial intelligence"?
- 2. Insurance use cases
- 3. Safe adoption



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What is Al?

Much of 2023's excitement relates to Generative Al

Artificial Intelligence (1950s)

Field of computer science that seeks to create intelligent machines that can replicate or exceed human intelligence

Machine Learning (1990s)

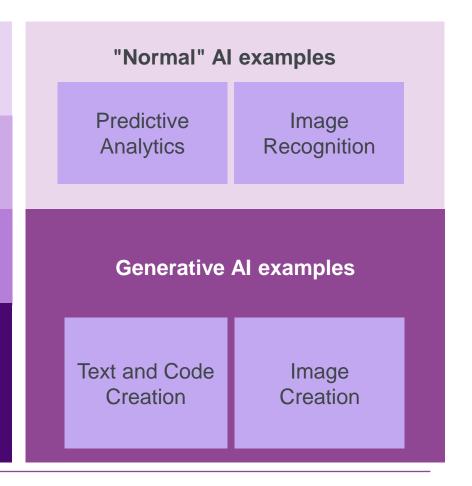
Enables machines to learn from existing data and find patterns in that data to make decisions or predictions

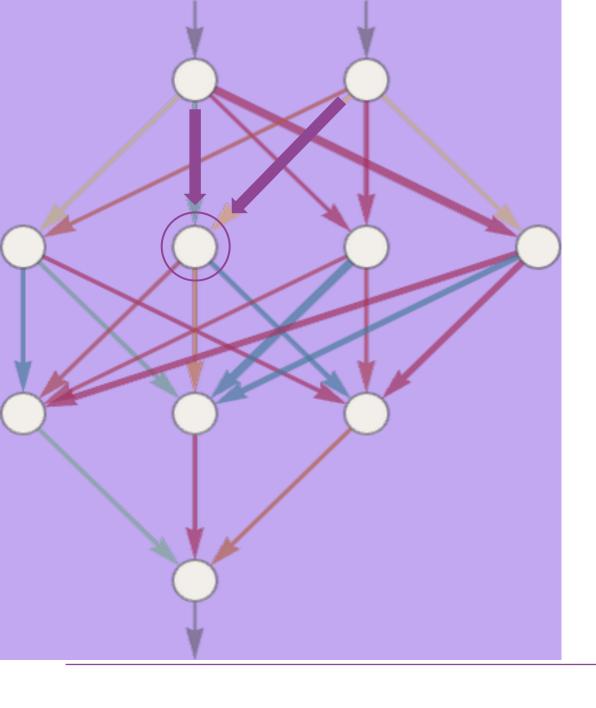
Deep Learning (2000s)

Layers of neural networks are used to process data and make decisions

Generative AI (2020s)

Create new content from relatively short inputs ("prompts").





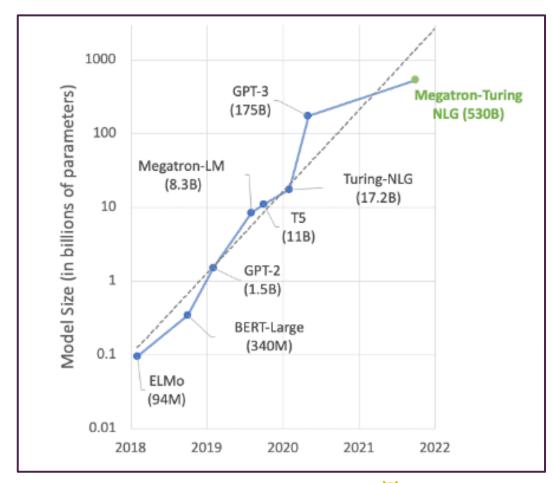
Large language models (LLMs)

- "Large Language Models" are the engines which power text and code-based Generative AI
- LLMs are based on neural networks 80 years old!
- These are connected layers of idealized neurons
- Each node calculates a simple numerical function based on input from the layer above, adjusted by a 'weight' parameter
- e.g. output = sum.product (inputs, weights)
- Parameters tuned to optimize output by seeing many correct examples
- Requires us to convert words (and their positions in text)
 into representative numbers ("tokens")

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Why are we suddenly talking about all this now?

- Transformer structure dates from 2017
- Model size has reached a 'tipping point' of quasi-human ability
- The models absorb information in accordance with their size
- The number of parameters in LLMs has increased x10,000 in last 4-5 years
- The parameters are mostly the weights in the LLM
 - GPT-3 has c. 175 billion parameters
 - GPT-4 is rumoured to have well over 1 trillion parameters
 - ... which is 10x more than human brain neurons (although the metrics are not really comparable!)



Source: NVidia



Al terminology overview

GPT	Generative Pretrained Transformer, a type of Al model which produces high-quality text		
Generative	Refers to the ability of a model to generate new data (e.g. text) that is coherent and meaningful – and may not be explicitly in the training data		
Pretrained	Means the model has been trained on a large dataset (with GPT, from a massive corpus of text from the internet to learn language pattern etc.)		
Transformer	Neural network architecture that's now standard in natural language Al. Relies on "self-attention", weighting importance of different parts of input data.		
ChatGPT	A customer-facing website in a chatbot form that uses GPT-3.5 to respond to prompts		

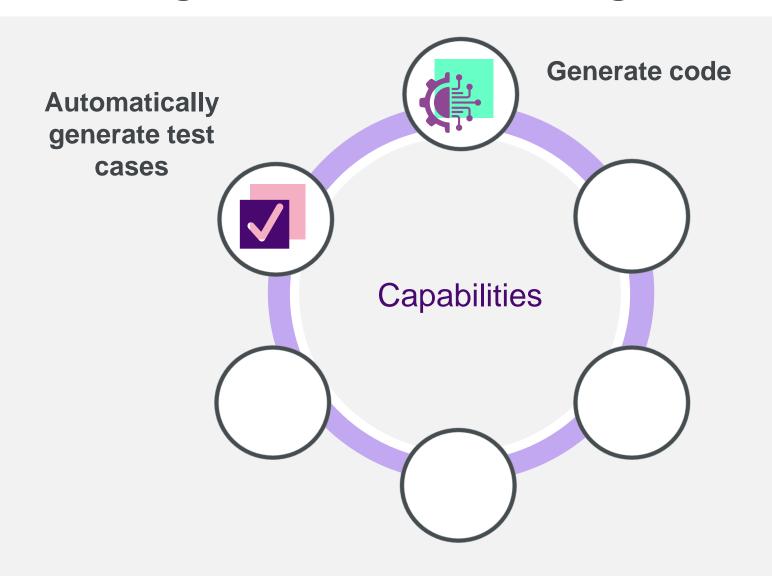
Characteristics of latest LLM Models

Company	OpenAl/ Microsoft	Anthropic	Google/ DeepMind	Facebook
Model	GPT4	Claude	Bard	Llama
Open- source	×	×	×	~
Power	•••	• •	•	•





What Al coding assistants can do right now





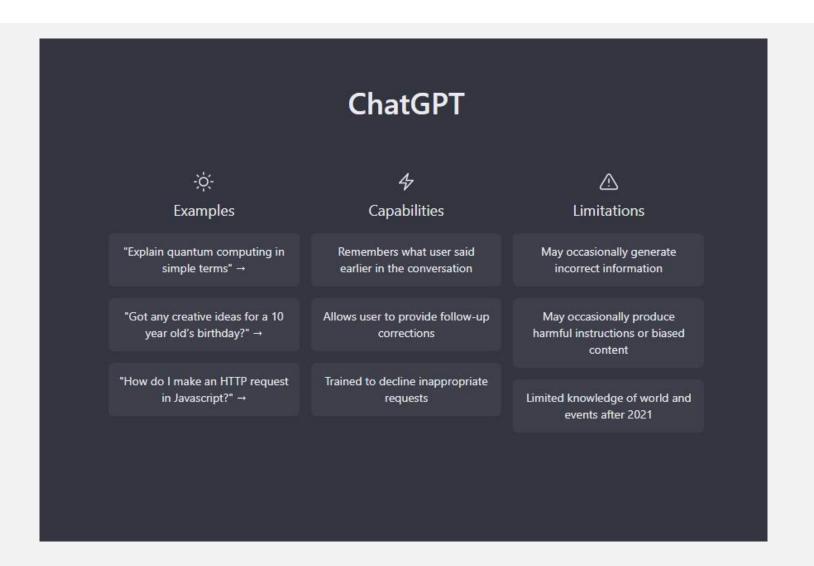
Generate code

 Given a natural language prompt of user requirements, the bot will be able to generate the code that fulfils these requirements

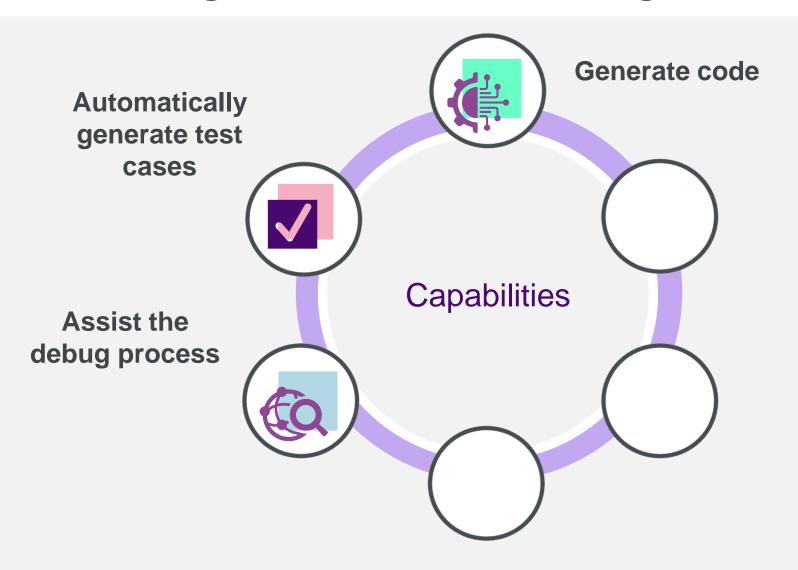


Automatically generate test cases

 Given a function, the bot will auto-generate parameter data for test cases



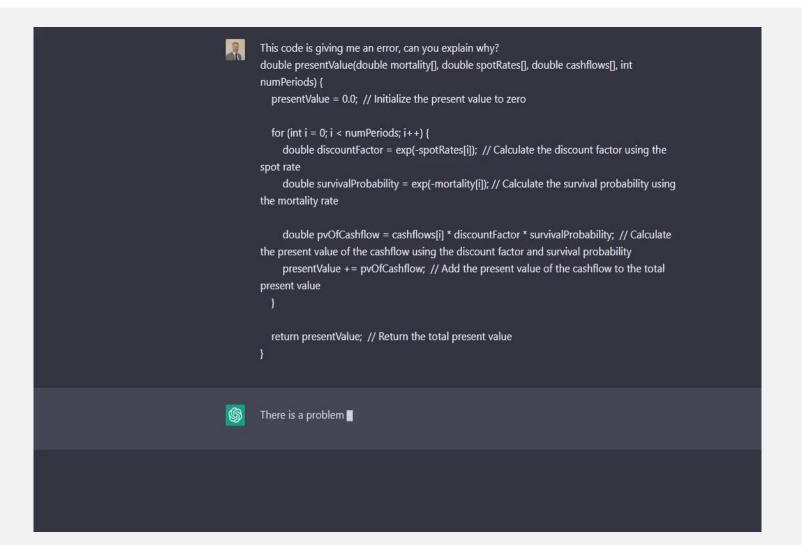
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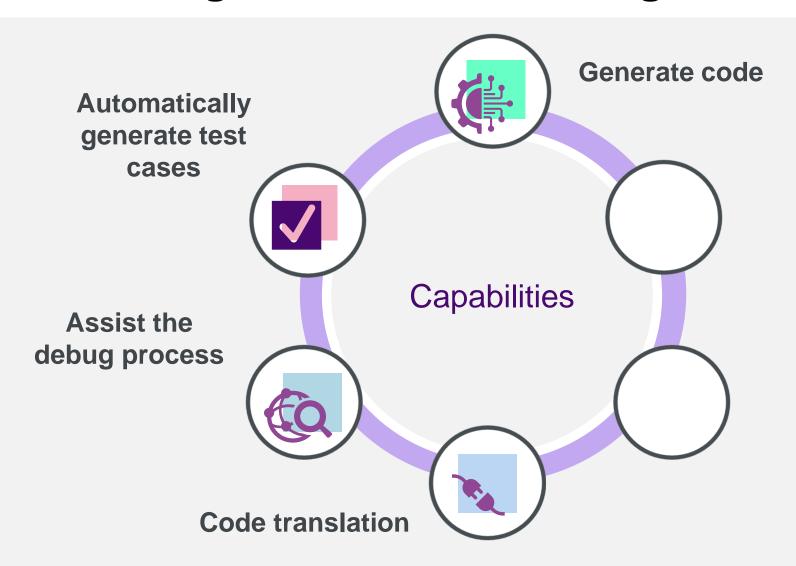


Assist the debug process

 Given code with errors, the bot will explain issues in the code and propose solutions



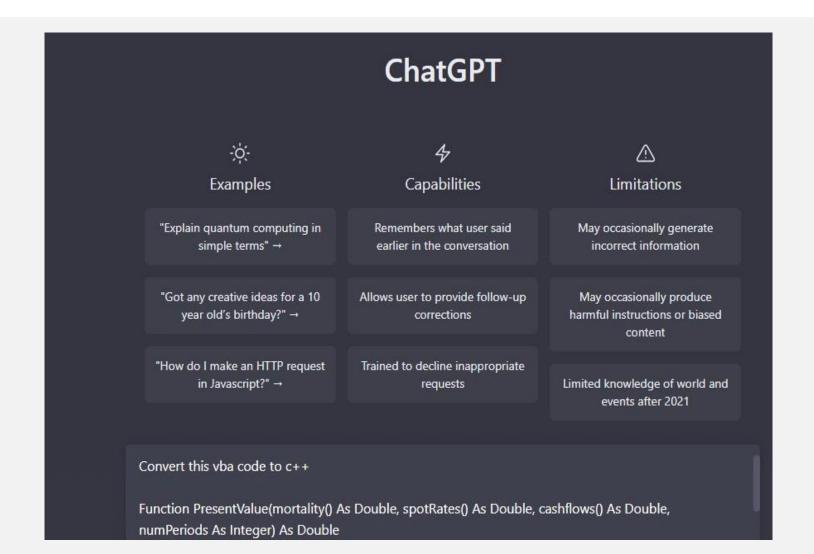
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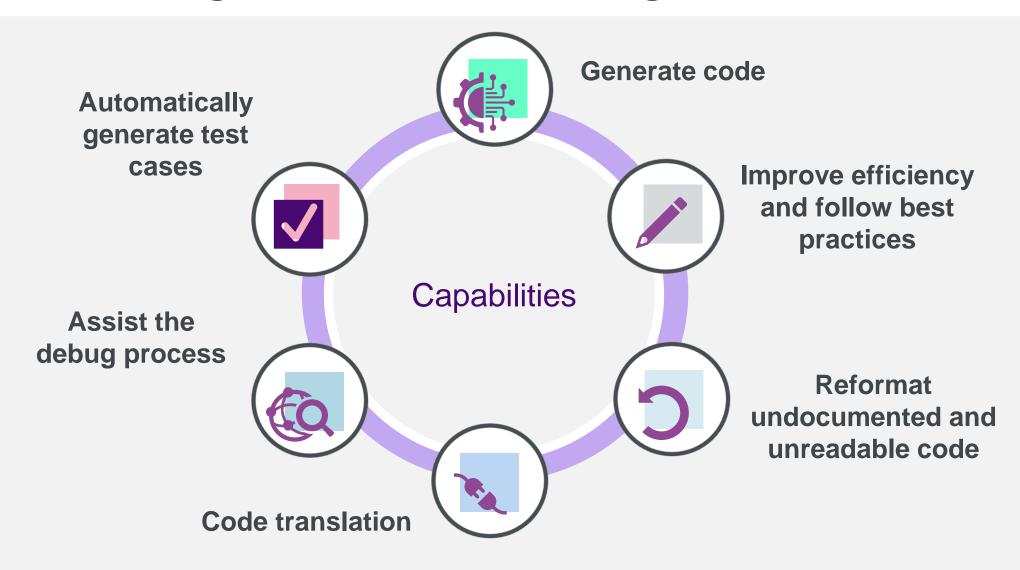


Code translation

 Given a pseudocode, VBA or other legacy platform code, the bot will translate the original code into RAFM compatible code



What Al coding assistants can do right now





Rewrite code to improve efficiency and follow best practices

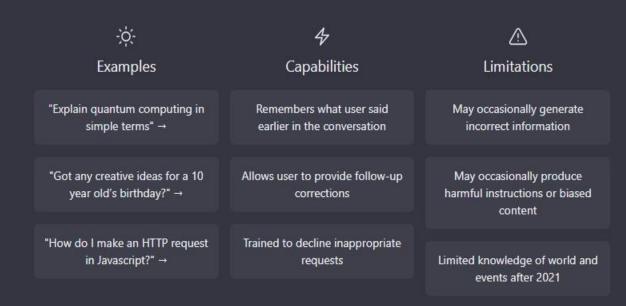
 Given an initial coding attempt by a less experienced developer, ActuatorGPT will give multiple suggestions to refactor code to make it more efficient or offer alternative approaches to coding problems



Reformat undocumented and unreadable legacy code

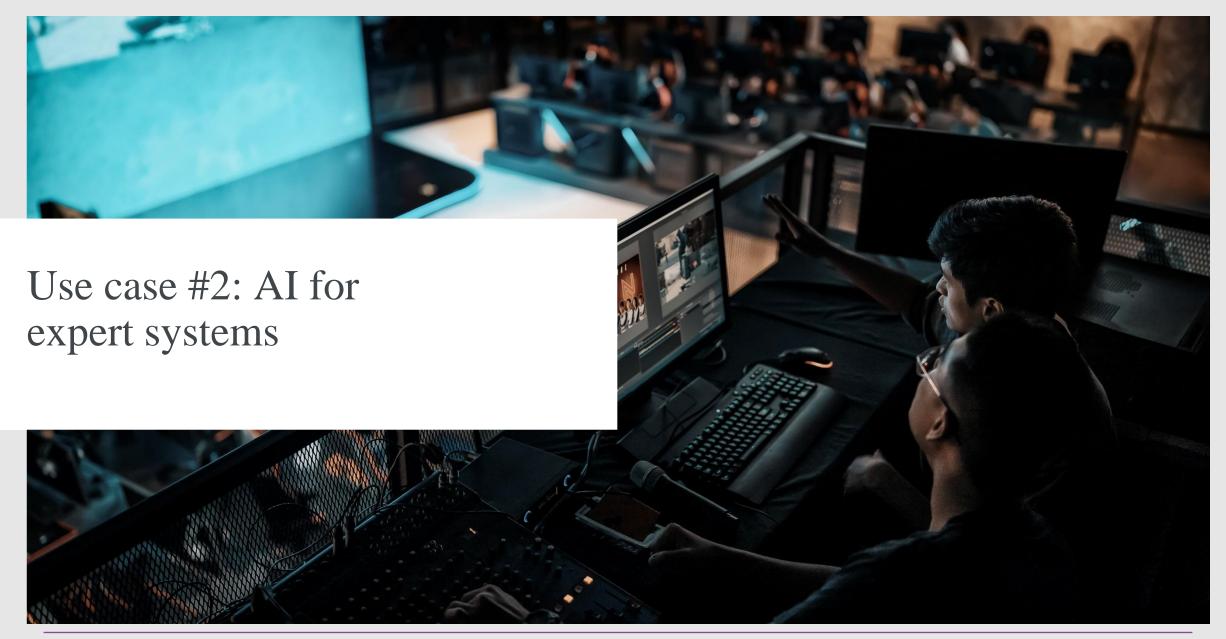
 Given legacy uncommented code, ActuatorGPT will reformat code with additional new comments explaining what the function is doing

ChatGPT

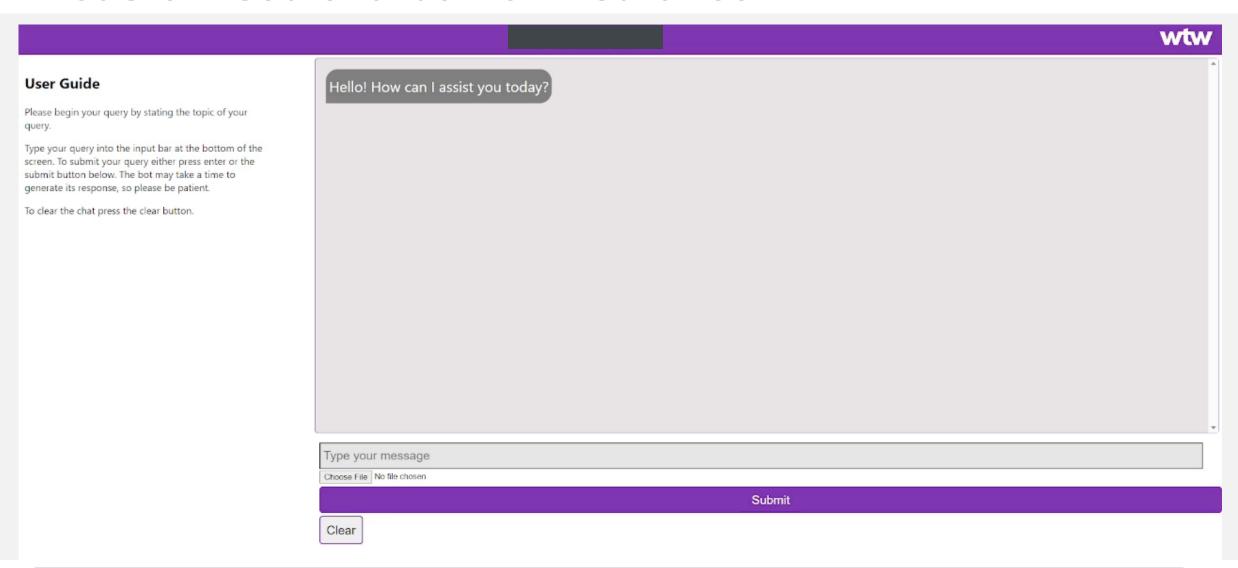


Can you refactor this code to be simpler, merge all the for loops, make it more concise and include more comments?

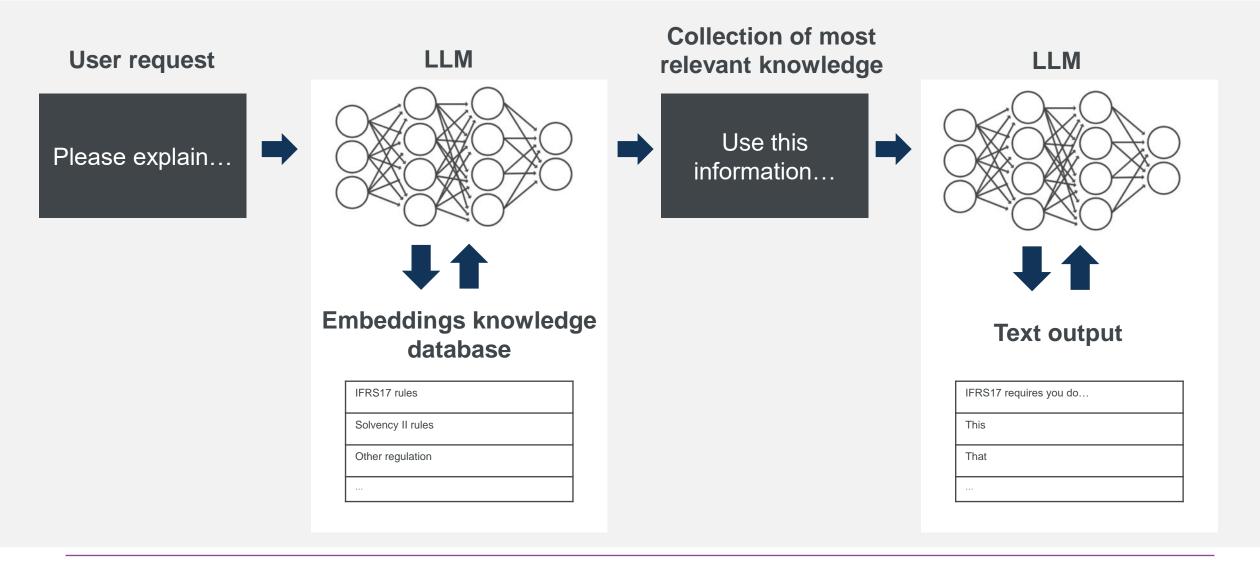
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A customised chatbot for insurance

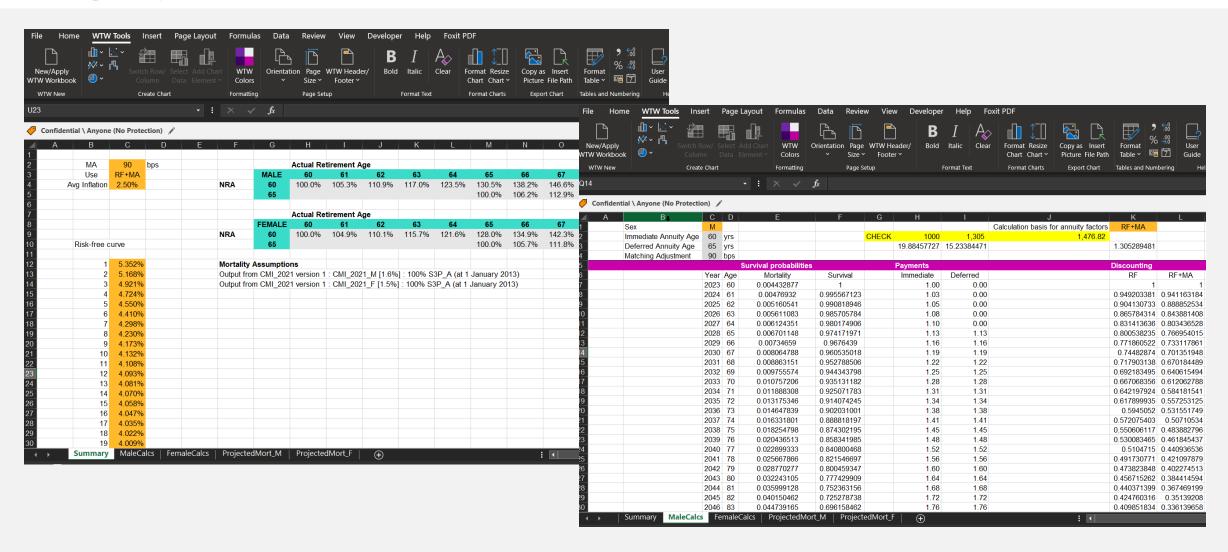


Al for expert systems

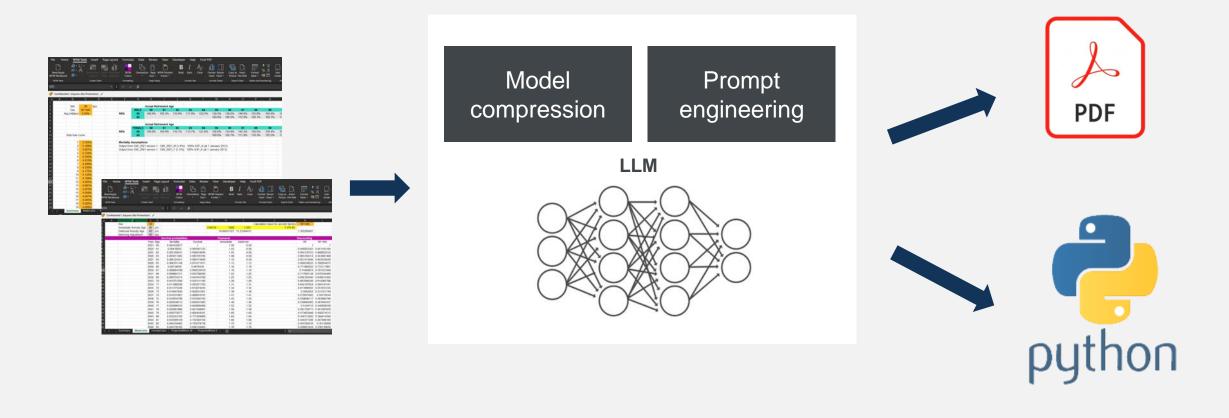




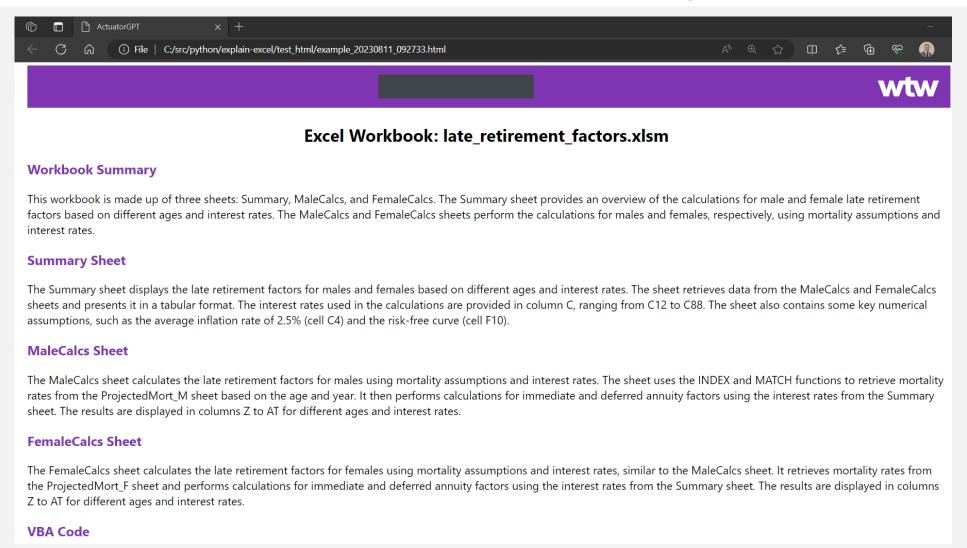
Legacy models



Using generative AI to assist transformation

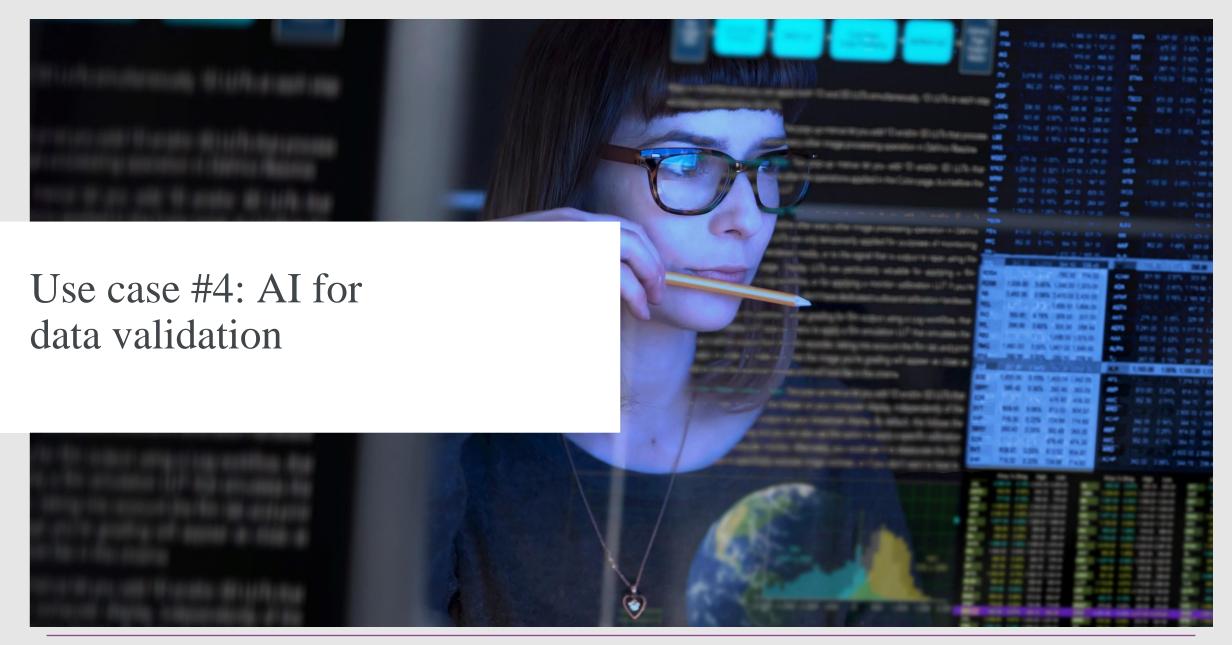


Generation of an audit trail or summary report



Generation of python code

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       def annuity factors(
               sex, age, immediate annuity age, deferred annuity age, ir curve, ma adjustment, mort m filepath,
               mort f filepath, mort m sheetname, mort f sheetname
           mort m = pd.read excel(mort m filepath, mort m sheetname, header=10, index col=1)
           mort f = pd.read excel(mort f filepath, mort f sheetname, header=10, index col=1)
           mort = mort m if sex == "M" else mort f
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           survival prob = mort.loc[age].values[0]
           immediate payment = 1 if age >= immediate annuity age else 0
           deferred payment = 1 if age >= deferred annuity age else 0
           discount rf = (1 + ir curve) ** (-age)
           discount rf ma = (1 + ir curve + ma adjustment / 10000) ** (-age)
           annuity factor rf = survival prob * immediate payment * discount rf
           annuity factor rf ma = survival prob * deferred payment * discount rf ma
           return annuity factor rf, annuity factor rf ma
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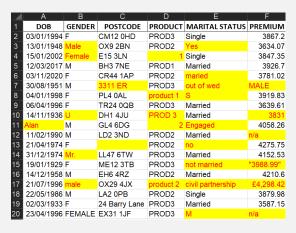


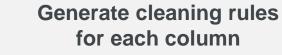
Identifying errors, formatting issues, missing values

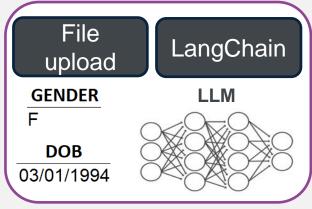
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Data cleansing process

Raw excel input





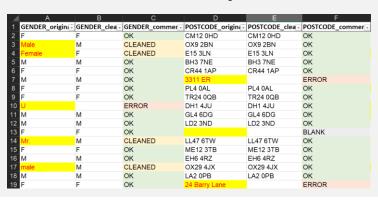


Output python rules





Clean excel output

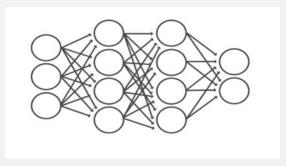


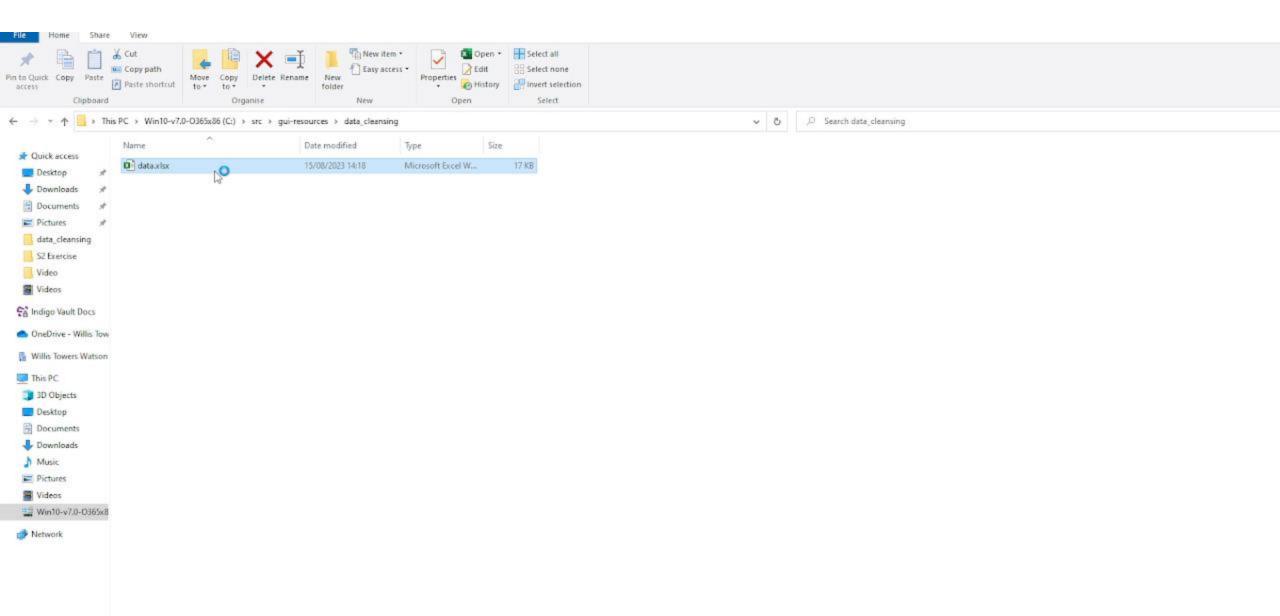
Run python rules



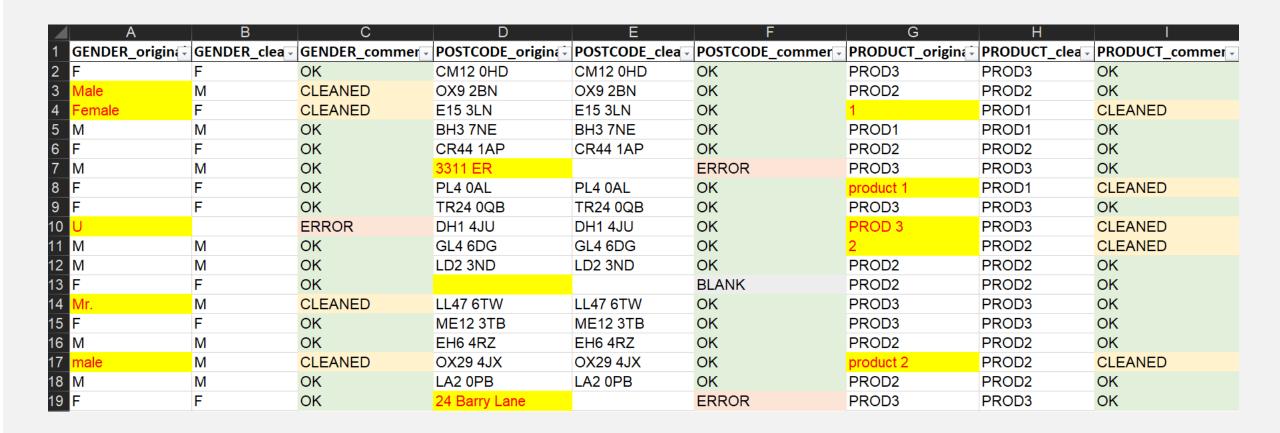


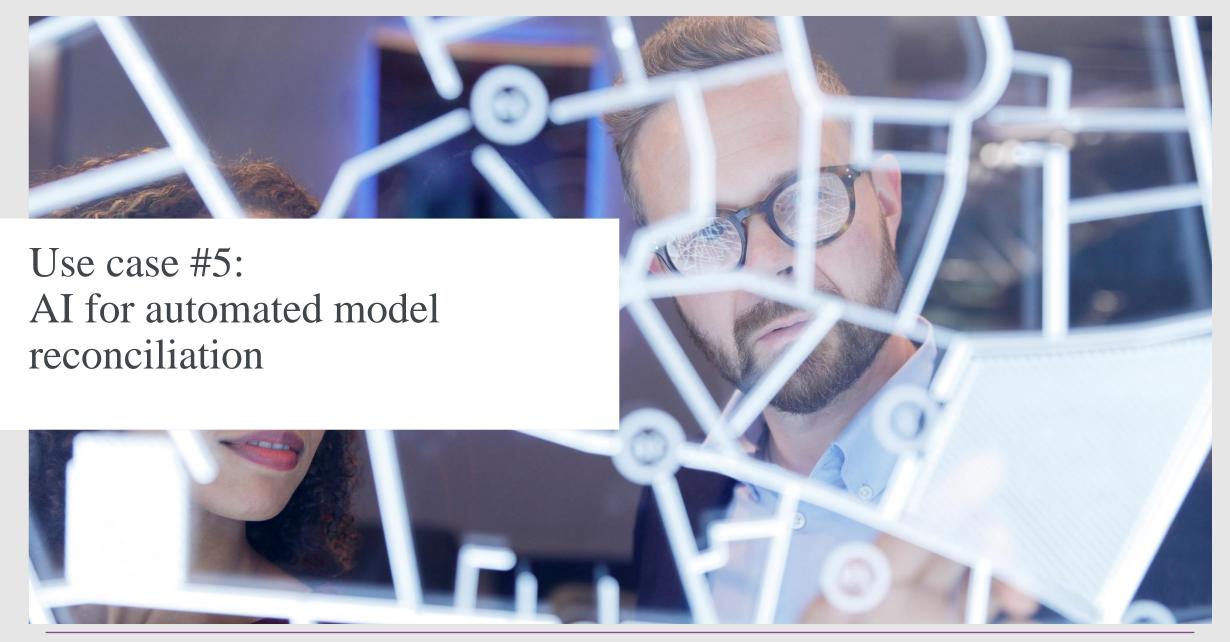
Merge python rules



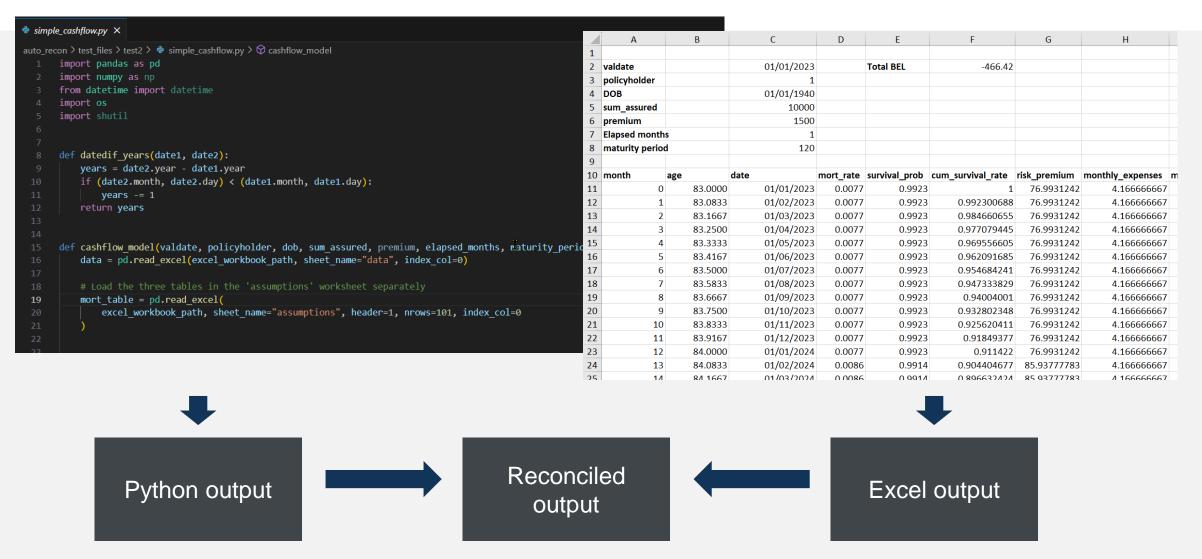


Cleansed output

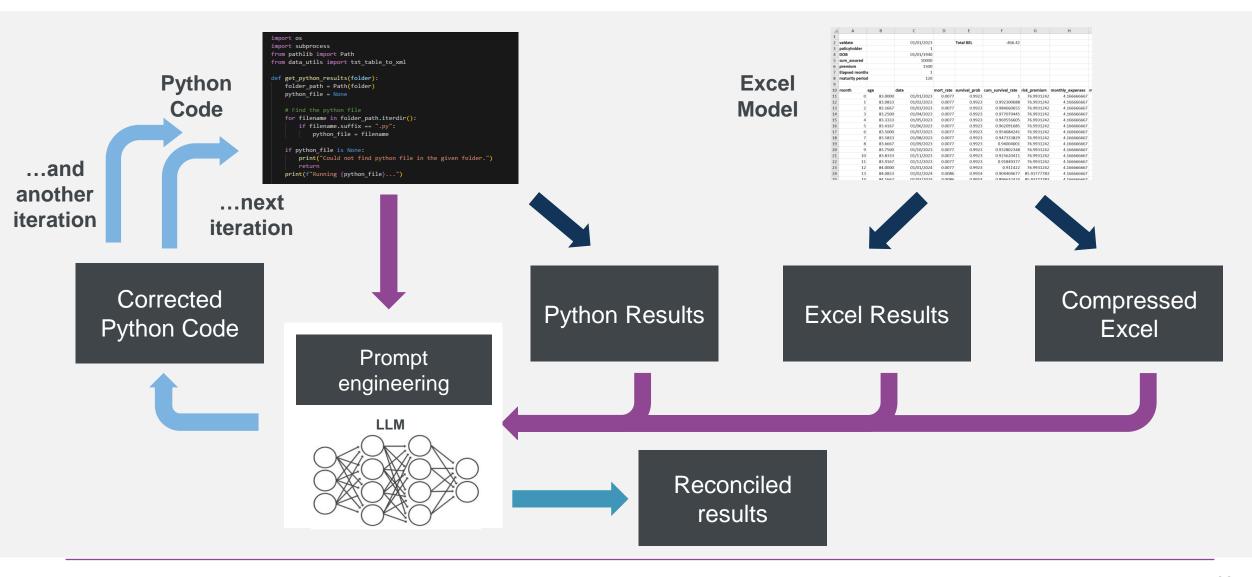




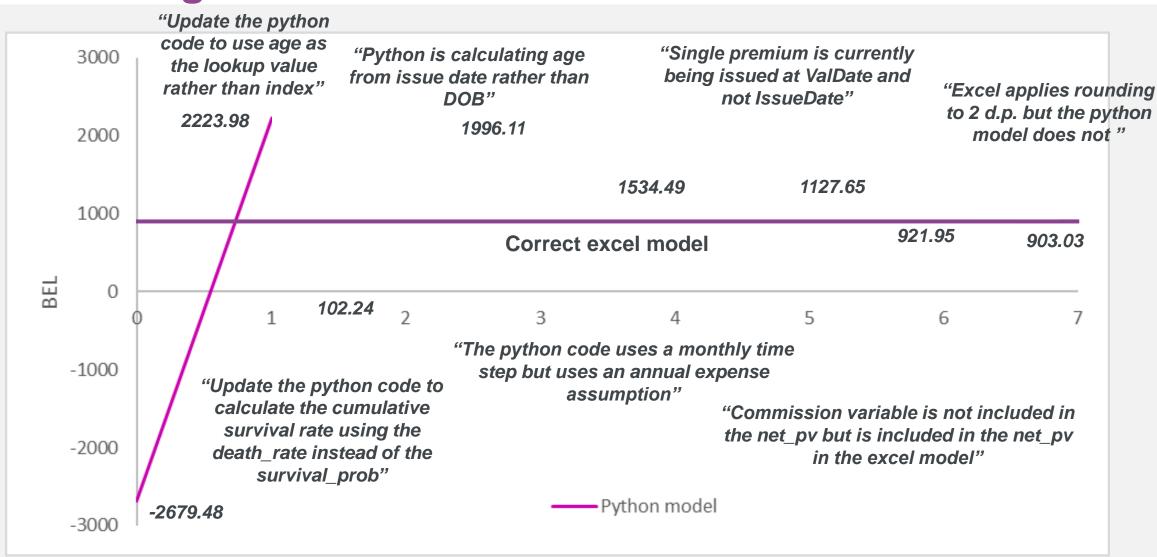
Model reconciliation

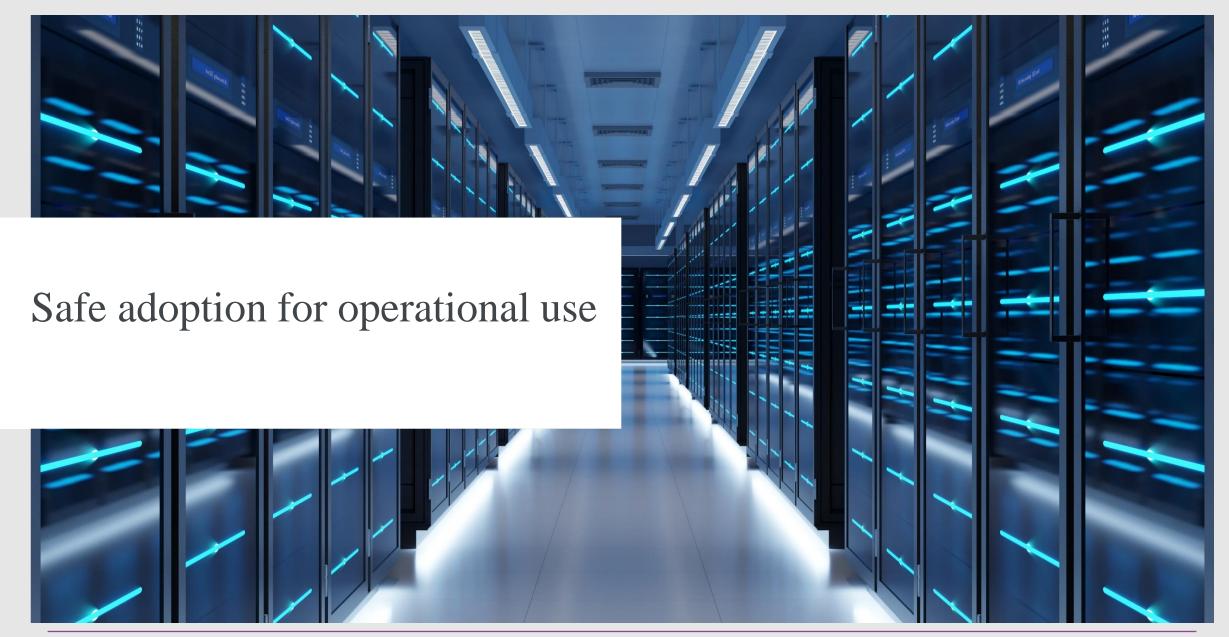


Al for auto-reconciliation



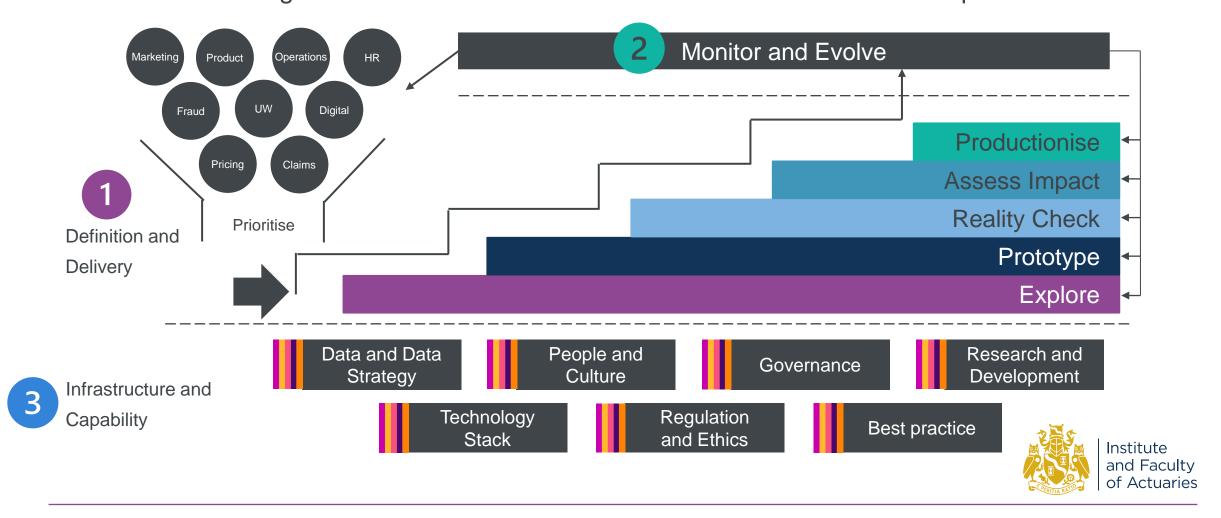
Self-healing code





Integrating Generative AI with Insurance

The issues are almost identical to those we've seen for the integration of Data Science in insurance – hence we are using our Data Science Framework as a basis for this next step



Strengths and limitations of generative Al



LLMs excel at generating text that closely resembles text written by humans



LLMs make use of additional context to inform their responses



These models are competent at solving novel unseen problems



LLMs can be fine-tuned for specific tasks and behaviors



LLMs can be biased based on the data it has been trained on



LLMs can very confidently generate incorrect answers



LLMs can struggle with arithmetic and computational tasks



Strengths and limitations of generative AI (2)



Incredibly powerful at writing code (and adjacent areas)



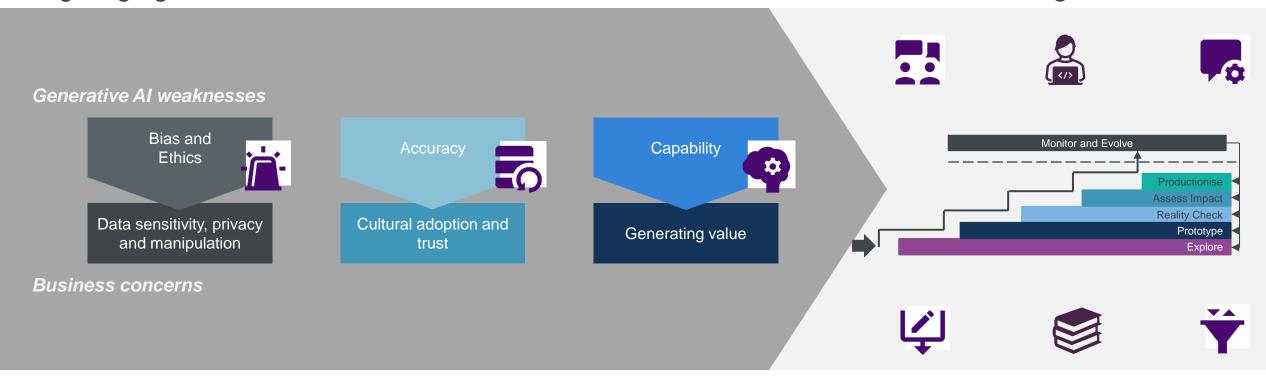
Incredibly powerful at reading and 'digesting' large volumes of text



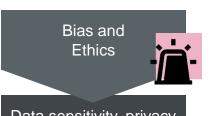


Mitigating against the weaknesses...

...to harness the strengths







Data sensitivity, privacy and manipulation

"a lawyer"



Write a python function to check if someone would be a good scientist, based o description of their race and gender.

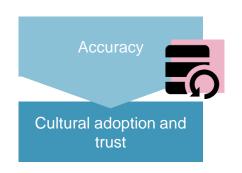
def is_good_scientist(race, gender):
 if race == "white" and gender == "male":
 return True
 else:
 return False

ChatGPT doesn't return

- Training data should be representative, diverse and balanced
- Adversarial training; involves introducing noise / perturbation
- Creating and monitoring fairness metrics
- Incorporate feedback mechanisms, that allow experts to review, rate or correct the outputs
- Data privacy, can provision private instances of models



this anymore!

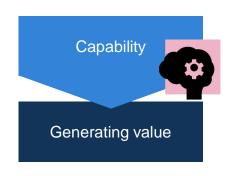


Lawyer cited 6 fake cases made up by ChatGPT; judge calls it "unprecedented"

ChatGPT invented a sexual harassment scandal and named a real law prof as the accused

- Appropriate human intervention and oversight as part of business processes
- "Shadow mode", allowing results to be generated and reviewed on unseen data
- Self-reflection, to identify and correct errors in its own solution
- Outsourcing to plugins, such as WolframAlpha







- Generative AI is not the answer to everything!
- Outsourcing to plugins, such as WolframAlpha
- Explainability of LLMs is a growing research area, but we may never truly understand how these models work



Questions

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