The Future of Careers with and in Al with Tim King

Previous AI related presentations:

Al will replace you, if you let it ICTC

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Careers of the Future with ICTC, NGEN & Chatterhigh



My Current Context: I am a seconded teacher

After 20+ years teaching in Ontario classrooms, I suddenly find myself teaching cybersecurity nationally!

https://ictc-ctic.ca/





... and then things got accelerated! https://www.quantumalgorithmsinstitute.ca/









My Current ContextIf you enjoy travel, technology can make it happen...



The world beyond the classroom

- There is a shortage of **digitally skilled** people in the workplace
- That shortage is especially acute in emerging fields such as Al & quantum computing
- And in intersectional fields of study like cybersecurity, geomatics, GIS and mechatronics (and many more).

"Quantum is not vertical, it's horizontal. Like AI, it is going to have an impact on everything."







How did I get my students into AI?

It started in our game dev class in 2015 and expanded in 2017!



Since 2016 in grades 11-12: Game Dev building enemy Al



2022 in grades 11-12 Al assisted coding



2018 on <u>in grade 10</u> coding chatbots



Digging deeper

Exploring the technicalities of large data set management and Al integration



Razz is now at Carleton studying geomatics and computer science. They did a coop project that taught us both a lot about AI, data cleaning and the fundamentals of machine learning.



Don't worry, Al will make more jobs that it destroys!

"Al's impact will vary across different sectors - 46% of tasks in administrative & 44% in legal professions could be automated but only 6% in construction 4% in maintenance"

"Consider the introduction of GPS technology and platforms like Uber. Suddenly, knowing all the streets in London had much less value - and so incumbent drivers experienced large wage cuts - the result was lower wages, not fewer drivers."

https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-65102150

"Al could create **58 million jobs**, which is significant but not enough to negate the **375 million jobs it will remove** over the next ten years."

https://www.zippia.com/answers/will-ai-create-more-jobs-than-it-destroys/



What has teaching Al taught me?

Everyone needs to learn how to use it and to use it you need to understand it...

How to thrive in Al

NONTECHNICAL

- Understand what it is
- Work with it (develop this new media fluency!)
- Leverage your human strengths
- Consider work that isn't automation friendly
- Consider how AI will influence your field of interest and be ready for it



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Everyone needs to learn how to use it, technical types need to learn how it works

How to thrive in Al

TECHNICAL

- Understand what it is
- Work with it in many forms
- Learn its use cases and focus on those cross overs
- Learn how to build it
- Learn where it is in terms of evolution (and get in front of it)
- Find where it isn't working and develop those technical specialities



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What we have now is less artificial intelligence than it is a brute force statistical computing trick that we apply the intelligence to, so it takes on meaning - we give it that meaning.

https://www.oneusefulthing.org/p/embracing-weirdness-what-it-means

"we created software that does a seemingly good job thinking and acting like a human (even though that is mostly an illusion). And this strange software has strange capabilities that are undocumented and not fully explored"

OPPORTUNITY!



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The Mechanics of A.I.

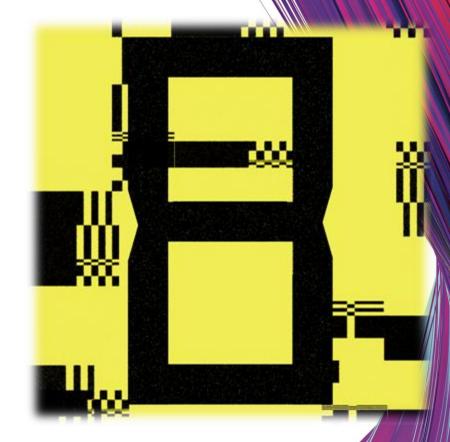
BY <u>STEVEN LEVY</u> <u>BACKCHANNEL</u> MAR 20, 2024 6:00 AM

8 Google Employees Invented Modern Al. Here's the Inside Story

They met by chance, got hooked on an idea, and wrote the "Transformers" paper—the most consequential tech breakthrough in recent history.

https://www.wired.com/story/eight-google-employees-invented-modern-ai-transformers-paper/

"Transformers: Iterative Self-Attention and Processing for Various Tasks." They picked the name "transformers" from "day zero," Uszkoreit says. The idea was that this mechanism would transform the information it took in, allowing the system to extract as much understanding as a human might—or at least give the illusion of that.





Are you ready for the A.I. challenge?

A.I. will replace you, if you let it...

A.I. is part of a larger move to AUTOMATION.

Automation offers centralized control and significant cost savings, but this revolution isn't a surprise!

Look up A.I. online and in the media.
Understand what this technology is and how you can leverage it to make your best cyborg self, and then thrive in an uncertain future!



"a human being who understands artificial intelligence thriving in a technological future as digital art" - Microsoft Al Image Creator



Links and Resources

Game Development:

A.I. in Unity Development: https://learn.unity.com/search?k=%5B%22q%3Aai%22%5D

The Future of AI on Gaming:

https://www.gamedesigning.org/gaming/ai-in-gaming/

Chatbots:

Documentation: How to Build A Chatbot:

https://www.ibm.com/ca-en/products/watson-assistant/docs-resources

Our how-to resource document for it: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1csmzh2LKDKRuYEEboVMbadqdcR085y3G7mSDfb8 YP8/edit?usp=sharing

Create an account on IBM Cloud: https://cloud.ibm.com/registration

How to build your first AI chatbot: https://youtu.be/6sXwKDj6Sp4

https://youtu.be/97lamYD Cp0

Dialogue Trees, Intents and Media Integration all played a part in our early engagement with chatbots. Talking about coding in terms of intents and how a large language model (the same tech that spawned ChatGPT) works

https://www.ibm.com/products/watson-assistant/artificial-intelligence

Artificial Intelligence as a Media Literacy:

A reflective blog post on **The New Creativity**:

https://temkblog.blogspot.com/2023/02/the-new-creativity.html

Picture Limitless Creativity at Your Fingertips

Artificial intelligence can now make better art than most humans. Soon, these engines of wow will transform how we design just about everything. https://www.wired.com/story/picture-limitless-creativity-ai-image-generators/

If Pinocchio Doesn't Freak You Out, Sydney Shouldn't Either

https://www.wired.com/story/artificial-intelligence-fiction-philosophy-consciousness/

The Bar For Being Human Got Raised Again

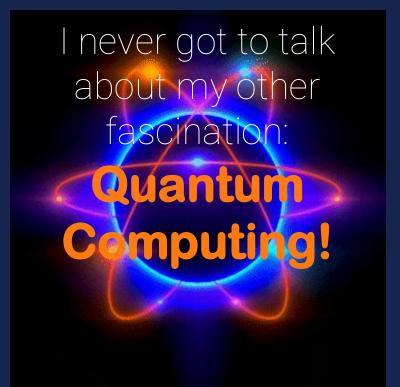
https://temkblog.blogspot.com/2020/07/the-bar-for-being-human-just-got-raised.html

Al jobs: https://ca.indeed.com/q-artificial-intelligence-jobs.html?vjk=99409d4c428d0c29





Fearless Enthusiastic Curiosity Wins!

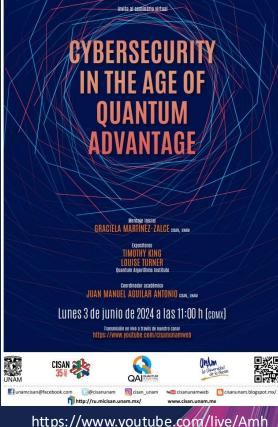




https://www.linkedin.com/posts/unitary-fund_announcement-new-grant-awarded-to-timothy-activity-7214548206003646464-BULE?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop



Quantum Arcada



https://www.youtube.com/live/Amh Qt O3q78?si=HmHtC77A1EpGVi42

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