

Leverage Generative AI Effectively and Efficiently

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- 2. Considerations for using Al
- 3. Organizational best practices for using Al
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- 5. Writing effective AI prompts





Introductory overview of Generative Al





What is Generative AI?

Generative AI, also known as GenAI or GAI, is a type of artificial intelligence capable of generating new content such as text, images, videos, or other data.

This is achieved using statistical models capable of generating new data instances, often in response to prompts. These AI models learn the patterns and structure of their input training data and then generate new data that has similar characteristics.

Generative AI can learn from existing artifacts to generate new, realistic artifacts (at scale) that reflect the characteristics of the training data but don't repeat it.

It can produce a variety of novel content, such as images, video, music, speech, text, software code, and product designs.



What is Generative AI? (Cont.)

Generative AI has diverse applications across various industries:

- **1. Software Development** Generating code snippets, documentation, or test data.
- **2. Healthcare** Creating synthetic medical images or patient data for research.
- **3. Finance** Generating financial reports or market predictions.
- **4. Entertainment** Crafting music, art, or virtual characters.

- **5. Customer Service** Chatbots that respond to user queries.
- **6. Sales and Marketing** Personalized content generation.
- Fashion and Product Design Creating new designs.
- **8. Writing and Art** Generating poems, stories, or visual art.

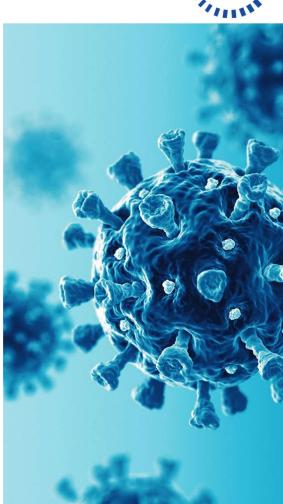


Overview of Generative Al

- Generative AI applications such as OpenAI ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, and Stable Diffusion have captured the imagination of people around the world.
- 2. These applications have broad utility and can perform a range of routine tasks, such as the reorganization and classification of data.
- 3. Generative AI technology is developing at a rapid pace, with new large language models and improved capabilities being released regularly.
- 4. Foundation models, which contain expansive artificial neural networks, have enabled new capabilities and vastly improved existing ones across a broad range of modalities.
- Generative AI is poised to transform roles and boost performance across functions, unlocking trillions of dollars in value across sectors.









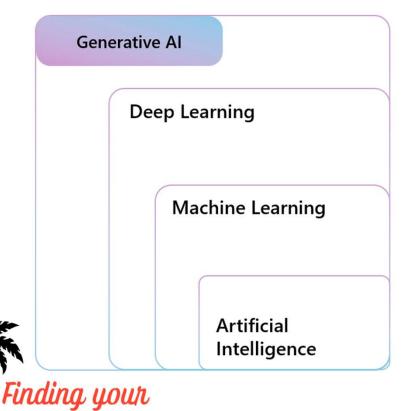
Brief History of Generative Al



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This is a new moment for AI, but first some history



2021

Generative Al

create new written, visual, and auditory content given prompts or existing data.

2017

Deep Learning

a machine learning technique in which layers of neural networks are used to process data and make decisions.

1959

Machine Learning

subset of AI that enables machines to learn from existing data and improve upon that data to make decisions or predictions.

1950s

Artificial Intelligence

the field of computer science that seeks to create intelligent machines that can replicate or exceed human intelligence.

What changed in AI?

Exponential growth of hardware and advances in software finally allowed neural networks to become complex

Before (2022)

- 1. Good at playing chess and Jeopardy.
- 2. Mostly recognizers not generators recognize a few things in an image, key words/concepts.
- 3. Chatbots are more like a menu selection.
- 4. Only usable by experts and researchers; usually each system is only good at one thing.
- 5. Used behind the scenes (e.g., optimizing inventory, directing ride-sharing, optimizing advertising).
- 6. Mostly limited to structured data (databases, forms, maps).
- 7. Progress measured in years. No one approach seemed to generalize.

Now (2022 onward)

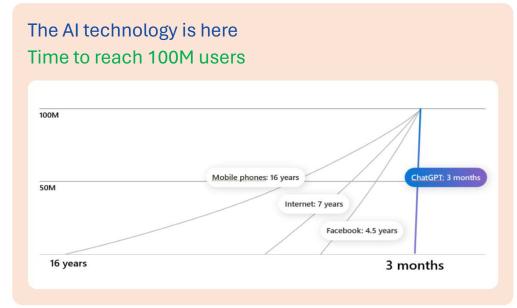
- Won art and photography competitions against humans.
- 2. Can generate language at a university graduate level on almost any topic.
- 3. Have passed most human tests very strongly (e.g., Legal exams).
- 4. Can pass coding tests for major corporations in minutes or help you write code.
- Strong visual recognition and tracking of objects in images and video; can transform them.
- 6. Anyone can use via chat or even voice; can read documents and answer questions about them.
- Progress made daily faster, smaller, more accurate, safe

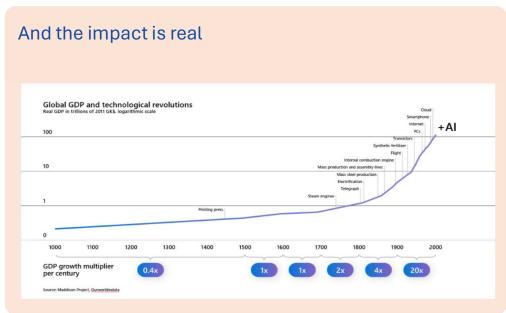






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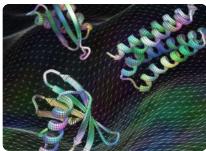
What can these new Al services do?

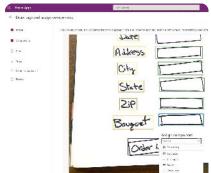
- Natural language chatbots: Everything from customer service to personalized tutoring to training for suicide prevention counselors.
- Advanced search capabilities: Searching not just for links, but for answers.
- Generate text: Emails, draft legislation, contracts, screenplays.
- Real-time translation, transcription, analysis, and summaries of content (audio, video, text).

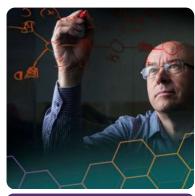














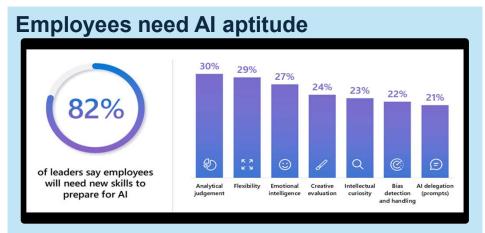




Al Impact | The reality

Modern Work Trend Index Report finds that organizations need to invest in Al-driven solutions to stay competitive and that workers need to develop new skills to take advantage of the opportunities Al presents.







Meeting the AI moment



Al is built and used responsibly and ethically



Al advances international competitiveness and national security



Al serves society broadly, not narrowly



Meeting the AI moment: advancing the future through responsible AI

Feb 2, 2023 | Brad Smith - Vice Chair & President



Early last summer, a small group of senior leaders and responsible AI experts at Microsoft started using technology from OpenAI similar to what the world now knows as ChatGPT. Even for those who had worked closely with the developers of this technology at OpenAI since 2019, the most recent progress seemed remarkable. AI developments we had expected around 2033 would arrive in 2023 instead.

Looking back at the history of our industry, certain watershed years stand out. For example, internet usage exploded with the popularity of the browser in 1995, and smartphone growth accelerated in 2007 with the launch of the iPhone. It's now likely that 2023 will mark a critical inflection point for artificial intelligence. The opportunities for people are huge. And the responsibilities for those of us who develop this technology are





Considerations for using Al to increase effectiveness



Impact of Generative AI on Jobs



Up to 300 million full-time jobs could be replaced by AI applications

Report by Goldman Sachs

Hundreds of new job categories could be created

Boost in global productivity by around 7% annually over 10 years

Uncertainty in navigating careers in an AI-enhanced world

 Opportunities for success by increasing comfort with technology



Navigating the AI Risks





Al Misalignment with Human Values

 Issues such as data security vulnerabilities and amplification of human biases

Unintended Autonomous Decision-Making

Existential threats cannot be ignored

Generative Al's Dual-Use Nature

Can be employed for both beneficial and malicious ends

Strong Governance Policies and Oversight Mechanisms

Advanced cryptographic solutions and third-party audits

Regulatory Bodies Worldwide

Must establish cohesive safety guidelines and standards



Surging quality of work when using Al





Researchers found AI improved output quality by over 40%

 Al used to generate ideas, conduct analysis, and craft documents

Al benefits remained significant across numerous statistical models

Unambiguous proof of AI's ability to amplify human capabilities

Other research found similar results for individual professional tasks

ChatGPT raises average productivity and decreases inequality between workers

Al's Capability to Boost Productivity

Consultants completed their work 25% faster on average with Al assistance

 Experiment involved brainstorming and developing product prototypes and market launch plans for shoes

Al helped participants finish 12.2% more sub-tasks and reach the final task question 22.5% faster on average

Sub-tasks covered creativity, analysis, writing, and persuasion

Al provides massive productivity and efficiency boosts to highly skilled professionals

Unlike previous automation focused on routine tasks, Al augmentscomplex jobs







Considerations for Companies and Business Leaders

Preventing negative use cases

 Ensure technology is not deployed in harmful ways

Sharing experiences with generative AI

- Transparently share experiences within and across industries
- Share experiences with governments and society





How to capture value while managing risks

- Quickly move to capture potential value at stake
- Manage risks presented by generative AI

Workforce transformation

- Occupations and skills needed will be transformed
- Enable transitions in hiring plans and retraining programs

Considerations for Individuals

Concerns about the advent of generative Al

- Accurate, unbiased information for citizens
- Impact on lives and livelihoods

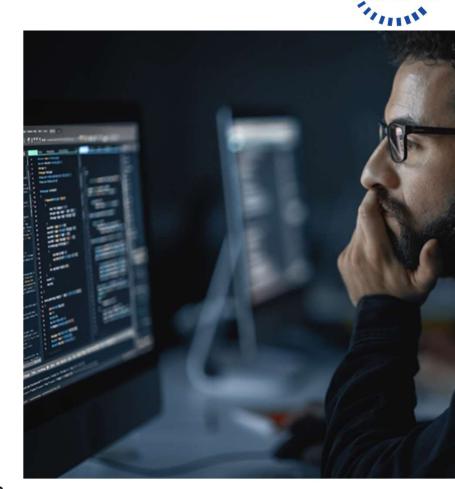
Balance of convenience and impact

Impact on workplaces for individuals as workers and consumers

Having a voice in decision-making

Shaping the deployment and integration of generative AI





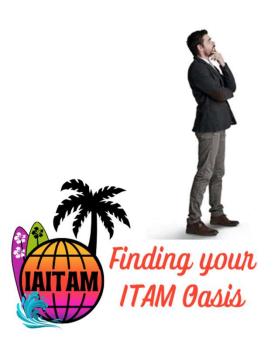




Organizational Best Practices



Factors affecting the adoption of Generative AI by organizations



1. Cost and Efficiency

Assessing benefits vs expenses of GenAl-based systems

2. Knowledge and Process-based Work

High degree of knowledge and process-based work

3. High Cloud Adoption

Medium-to-high level of cloud adoption

4. Low Regulatory and Privacy Burden

 Functions or industries with low regulatory scrutiny and data privacy concerns

5. Specialized Talent

Strong technical talent with new capabilities

6. Intellectual Property and Licensing Agreements

Ability to assess licensing/usage agreements and restrictions



How organizations should approach preparing for Al



Clearly define business objectives, use cases, and measurement of value.

At a use case level assess build vs. buy

Partner with trusted technology solution suppliers and service providers



Establish a clear operating model along with leadership support that empowers agile culture and experimentation



Determine if your data application and data platform are AI ready

Reimagine the technology function and upgrade the enterprise technology architecture



Develop and establish processes, controls, and accountability structures around data privacy, security, and responsible use of AI and inhibit nefarious scenarios



Engage in proactive change management impact on workforce

Invest in reskilling/upskilling and/or hiring & contract resources





Organizational Best Practices for using GenAl

Best practices to follow when using Generative AI to increase effectiveness and efficiency

Leveraging Generative AI effectively can significantly boost productivity and efficiency.

Here are some best practices to consider:

- 1. Human Oversight and Collaboration
 - **a.** Involve Humans Combine with human expertise in parallel with human decision-making.
 - **b.** Control Quality Regularly review and validate the output generated by Al models.
- 2. Start with a Sandbox Approach
 - a. Pilot Projects Implement generative AI in controlled environments or pilot projects.
 - **b.** Expand Gradually Gradually expand its use based on successful outcomes.
- 3. Narrowly Define Use Cases
 - a. Focused Applications Leverage specific use cases where GenAl can provide immediate value.
 - **b.** Avoid Overgeneralization Keep applications narrow to ensure accuracy and relevance.



Organizational Best Practices for using GenAI (Cont.)

- 4. Data and Context Matter
 - a. Quality Data High-quality training data is crucial for generative AI models.
 - b. Understand Context Consider the context in which AI operates to fine-tune its output.
- 5. Business Context and Impact
 - a. Align with Business Goals Ensure generative AI aligns with organizational objectives.
 - **b.** Quantify Impact Measure how generative AI affects productivity and effectiveness.
- 6. Predictive AI for Proactive Decisions
 - a. Anticipate Needs Use generative AI to predict future trends or customer behavior.
 - **b.** Strategic Planning Make informed decisions based on predictive insights.





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Organizational Best Practices for using GenAl (Cont.)

- 7. Responsible and Ethical Use
 - a. Bias Mitigation Address biases in generative Al models.
 - **b.** Transparency Be transparent about Al-generated content (e.g., disclaimers for chatbots)
- 8. Upskilling and Reskilling of the Workforce
 - a. Educate Training around security and compliance
 - **b.** Encourage Facilitate a culture of sharing and collaboration for the use of AI in everyday work



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Market Vertical Examples for using GenAl



Automate Content Creation

- Industry: Marketing and Advertising
- Best Practice: Use generative AI to create personalized marketing content, such as social media posts, ad copy, and email campaigns.
- **Example**: An e-commerce company uses generative AI to automatically generate product descriptions and promotional emails, freeing up marketing teams for strategic planning.

Enhance Customer Support

- Industry: Customer Service and Retail
- Best Practice: Deploy AI chatbots powered by generative models to handle routine customer queries.
- **Example:** A telecom company uses chatbots to provide instant responses to common customer inquiries, reducing wait times and improving overall customer satisfaction.

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Market Vertical Examples for using GenAI (Cont.)

Automate Report Generation

- Industry: Finance and Business Analytics
- Best Practice: Leverage generative AI to automate financial reports, performance summaries, and business insights.
- **Example:** An investment firm uses AI-generated reports to analyze market trends, portfolio performance, and risk assessments, allowing analysts to focus on strategic decisions.





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Automate Code Generation

- Industry: Software Development and IT
- Best Practice: Generative AI can assist in writing code snippets, automating repetitive tasks, and suggesting optimal solutions.
- Example: Developers use AI-powered tools to generate boilerplate code, reducing manual coding effort and improving development speed.



Individual Best Practices



Individual Best Practices for using GenAl

Generative AI can significantly enhance your productivity in various work-related tasks

Leveraging Generative AI effectively can significantly boost productivity and efficiency.

1. Meeting Insights and Action Items

- Al Note-Taking transcribe discussions and highlight action items.
- Post-Meeting Summaries Automatically generate summaries with key takeaways and next steps.

2. Time Optimization

- Calendar Prioritization Analyze your workload and suggest optimal time allocations for tasks & meetings.
- Avoid Double-Booking Prevent overlapping appointments.

3. Automated Follow-Ups

- Post-Meeting Follow-Ups Send follow-up emails or reminders after meetings.
- Task Assignments Automatically assign tasks discussed during meetings

4. Meeting Efficiency Metrics

- Analyze Meeting Data Evaluate meeting effectiveness, attendance patterns, and duration.
- Identify Productive Meetings Use insights to improve future meetings.

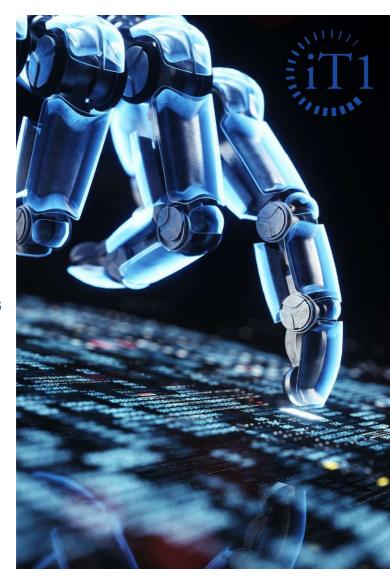




Integrate Al in Your Daily Work

- 1. Use AI as your own personal assistant
 - Scheduling meetings
 - Managing routine emails
 - Organizing calendar
 - Reviewing or approving work
- 2. Leverage integrated AI features in productivity tools
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Microsoft Word
 - Gmail
- 3. Respect the limitations of Al
 - Struggles with nuanced decision-making
 - Resolving conflicts between team members

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Integrate AI in Your Daily Work

Project Planning and Management

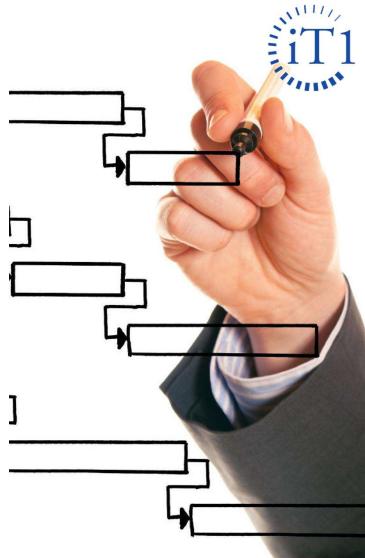
ChatGPT: A Tool for Project Planning

Easy to use - just input your goals and let it generate an action plan

Human Intervention: Necessary for Unique Challenges

Adapting project plans to unexpected situations





Integrate AI in Your Daily Work

Data Analysis

Automates tasks such as interpreting complex data sets and identifying trends

Tools like TensorFlow and Keras can be used to create predictive models

 Natural language processing tools can be used to analyze and interpret written content

May struggle with interpreting ambiguous or poor-quality data

 Cannot currently explain the causality behind the patterns it identifies



Integrate Al in Your Daily Work

Research

Language-based AI interfaces such as ChatGPT or KOMO

 Effective and faster than search engines for gathering sources and summarizing key information

Double-check the research AI provides against known, reputable sources

These tools can be opaque about where they're getting facts from

Al is still limited in discerning the quality of its sources

May sometimes fail to understand the nuanced context behind certain information





Integrate AI in Your Daily Work

Writing

Al can assist in drafting research reports

- Provides structure and suggests content based on data analysis
- Can generate initial drafts for humans to refine and finalize

Tools like Grammarly use AI to improve writing quality

Others like Quill or Automated Insights can generate written content from data

Creating a convincing report with nuanced insights is still largely a human task





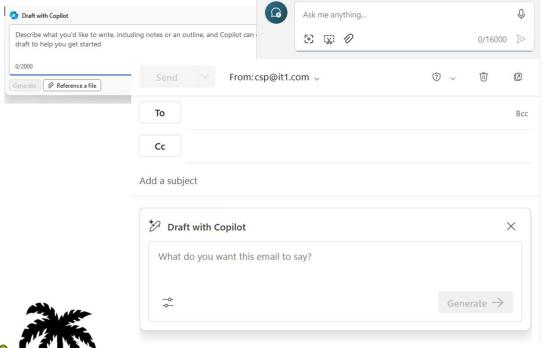


Writing effective Al prompts



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What is an Al "prompt"?



Get started by entering your question in the text box

- A prompt is the question or instruction you enter in the text box. This is what Copilot will respond to.
- 2. Use natural language. Don't feel like you need to break your idea or question down into keywords.
- 3. Classic search is about keywords to get a list of sources. Chat is about using detailed questions or statements to generate a custom response for you.
- 4. Enter your prompt in the text box provided by Copilot in all contexts.





What makes an effective AI prompt?

Effective

- ✓ Specific and detailed
- ✓ In full sentences, with instructions
- ✓ States the tone, purpose, preferred format, etc.

Example: Recap the findings of the article I've copied below and include the top 3 concerns. Provide the answer in two to three paragraphs and use a business tone.



Less Effective

- × Vague
- × Just a few words
- × No context on preferred output

Example: Recap article.

The recap may be more vague than desired, or in a format that you were not seeking.

But there are no 'wrong' prompts because **natural**, **conversational language is not only welcome**, it is encouraged!

Source: The art of the prompt: How to get the best out of generative Al (Microsoft)





How to maximize prompts to utilize generative Al

Goal

What do you want from Copilot?

"I want a list of 3-5 bullet points to prepare me..."

Context

Why do you need it and who is involved?

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"...for an upcoming meeting with [client], focusing on their current state and what they're looking to

Expectations

How should Copilot respond to best fulfill your request?

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"Respond with a tone that is friendly but authoritative..."

Source

What information or samples do you want Copilot to use?

"... and focus on email and Teams chats with [people] over the last two weeks.

Recommended Guidance for Prompts

1. Be specific and detailed

achieve."

- 2. Provide some context to help frame out your ask
- 3. Be conversational, generative AI is designed to understand text

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- 4. Be direct to reduce the amount of interpretation
- 5. Define your desired output and format
- 6. You can continue to refine the results through follow-up conversations



The structure of an effective AI prompt

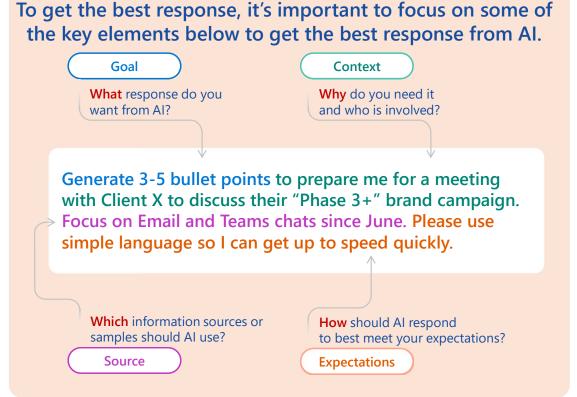
Learn how to prompt Al

Prompting AI is the process of giving instructions or asking questions to AI in natural language.

You can prompt Al by typing your request in the Al prompt window.

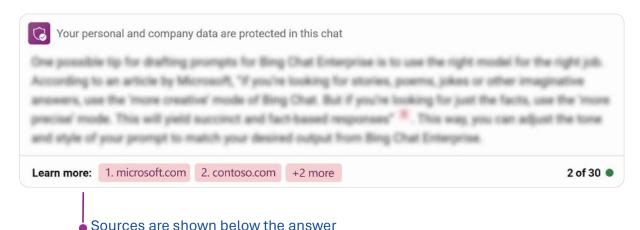
To prompt Copilot effectively, follow the below best practices.

- 1. Use the default prompts provided in the menu for better results.
- 2. Use clear and specific language
- 3. Provide as much context as possible.
- 4. Review the Prompt guidance and Prompt elements for more information on how to use prompts effectively.









Al aims to base its responses on reliable sources, but Al can make mistakes, and third-party content on the internet may not always be accurate or reliable. Al will sometimes inadvertently misrepresent the information it finds.

This is why AI is transparent and shows the sources of information behind its answers. Always check the sources before making decisions or taking actions based on the responses.

Al does not replace human judgment.



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Thank you!

