

If AI is the answer, what is  
the question?

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- Sam Altman, CEO and co-founder of OpenAI

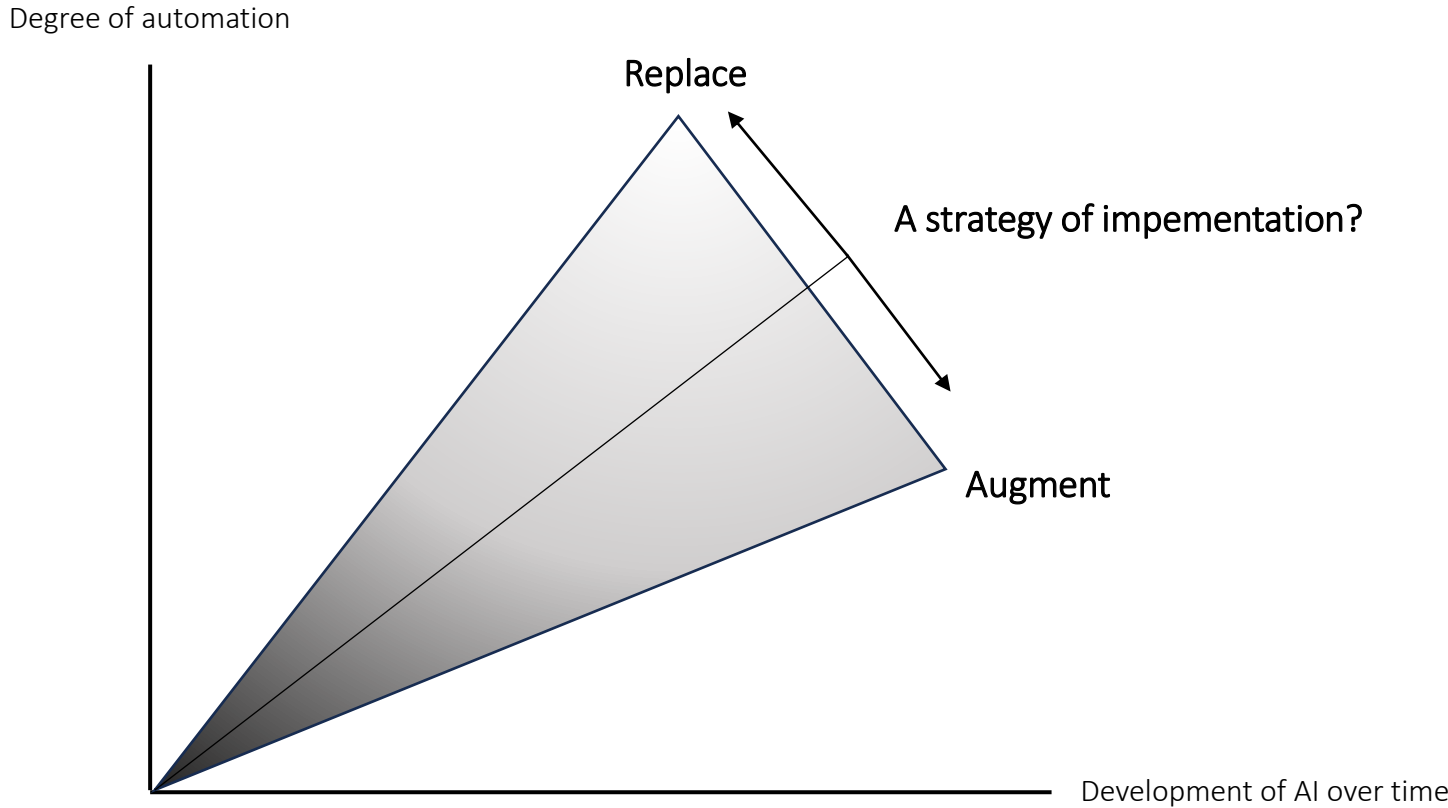
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[OpenAI's Sam Altman: AGI coming but is less impactful than we think](#)

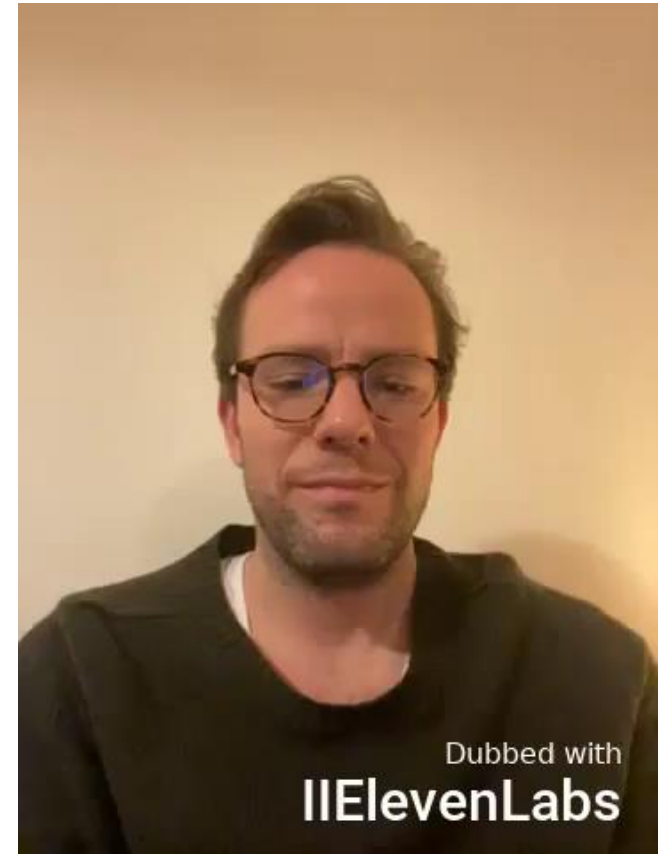
[Tesla boss Elon Musk says AI will create situation where no job is needed](#)

# Two different visions of the future of AI



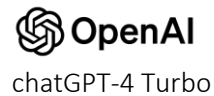
# AI Augmentation

Removing language as a barrier...

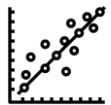


# AI Automation

How to predict future hire volume based on historical data...



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Regression analysis

Predicting the volume of DK requisitions six months in advance with an error margin of 3%

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EU AI Act can help...

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# Training bias – bad examples from the past

“That is because Amazon's computer models were trained to vet applicants by observing patterns in resumes submitted to the company over a 10-year period. Most came from men, a reflection of male dominance across the tech industry. In effect, Amazon's system taught itself that **male candidates were preferable**. It penalized resumes that included the word "women's," as in "women's chess club captain.”

[Insight - Amazon scraps secret AI recruiting tool that showed bias against women | Reuters](#)

# The "crash-test-dummy" design problem



"Sierra Sam," developed for the U.S. Air Force in 1949 to test ejection seats, represented the median height and weight of the 95th percentile adult male U.S. population.

National U.S. automotive crash data from 1998 to 2008 revealed that **the odds for a belt-restrained female driver to sustain severe injuries were 47% higher** than those for a belt-restrained male driver involved in a comparable crash, when controlling for weight and body mass (Bose et al., 2011)



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## “General purpose” AI (foundation model)

- *Examples: Large language models such as chatGPT or LLaMA*
- Developed with broad and general purpose
- Trained on “big data” with billions of parameters
- Many emergent functions (including making napalm or writing job ads).
- Harder to explain (black box problem)

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[General-Purpose-AI-systems-in-the-AI-Act.pdf \(bu.edu\)](#)

# Using the "right" type of AI for the task

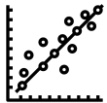
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General purpose AI

Attempts to teach you

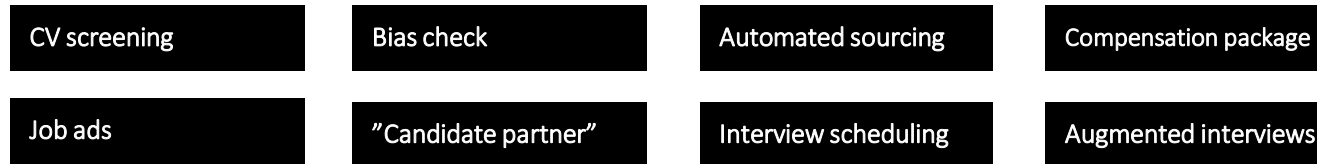


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Intended purpose AI

# What's in the literature on using AI in TA and HR?



Pillai, R., & Sivathanu, B. (2020). Adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) for talent acquisition in IT/ITeS organizations. *Benchmarking: An International Journal*, 27(9), 2599–2629. <https://doi.org/10.1108/BIJ-04-2020-0186>

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# Implementation in light of legislation

## HIGH-RISK AI SYSTEMS

“AI systems intended to be used for recruitment or selection of natural persons, notably for advertising vacancies, screening or filtering applications, evaluating candidates in the course of interviews or tests”

[EU AI ACT - EUR-Lex - 52021PC0206 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

# If AI is the answer, what is the purpose?

## When implementing

- Clearly defining the intended purpose
- Having transparent and curated data
- What bad looks like
- Monitoring and quality testing of the output
- Deploying in “low stakes” scenarios first, where human correction is possible: e.g. writing job ads, scheduling interviews, candidate career page guidance

## Automation bias (aka HALO effect) from Q&A session

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