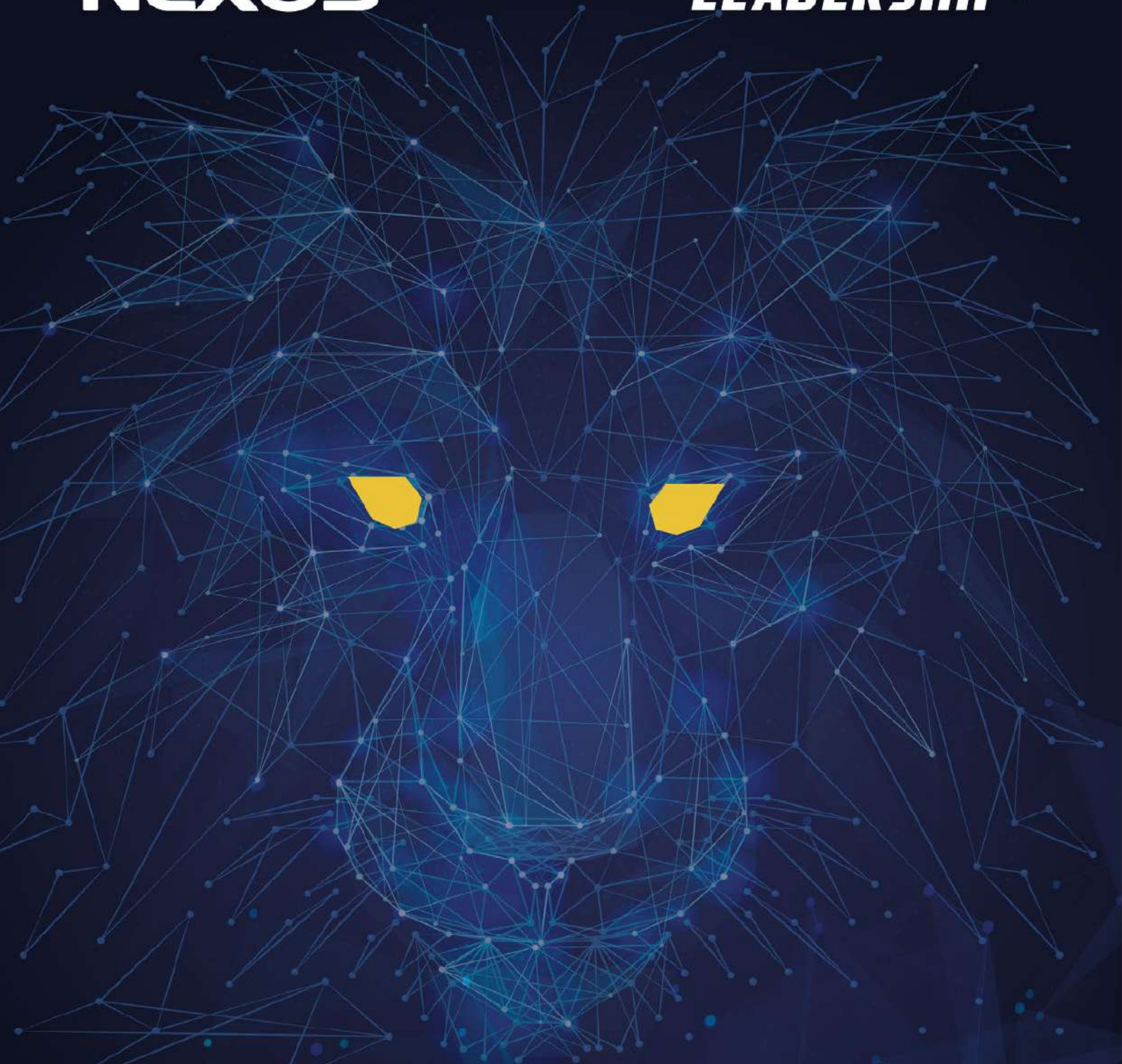


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**THE GAME  
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# The AI Playbook

Global Intelligence Association  
May 2024

Eric Siegel, Ph.D.  
Founder, Machine Learning Week  
Founder & CEO, Gooder AI  
Author, *The AI Playbook*

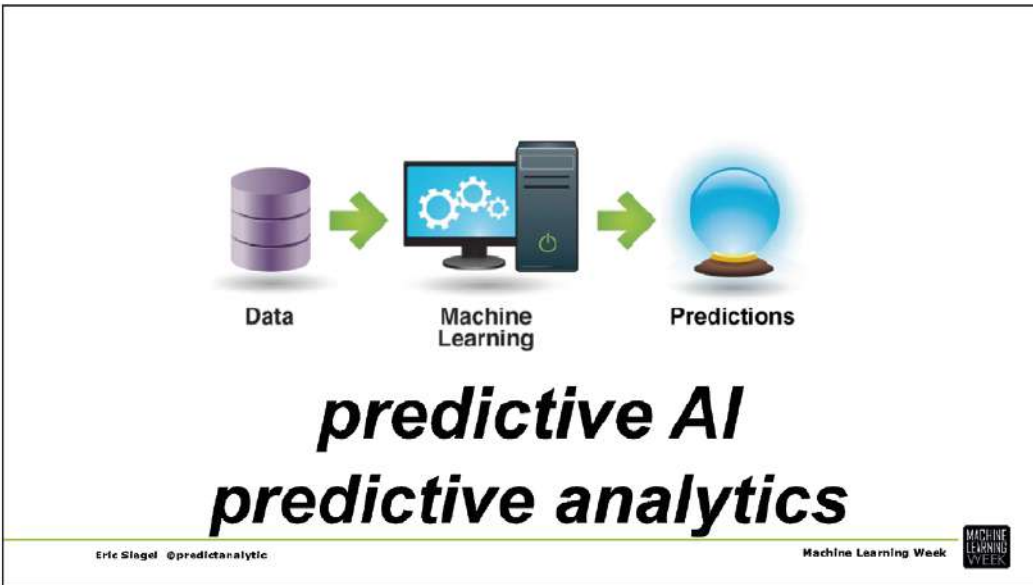
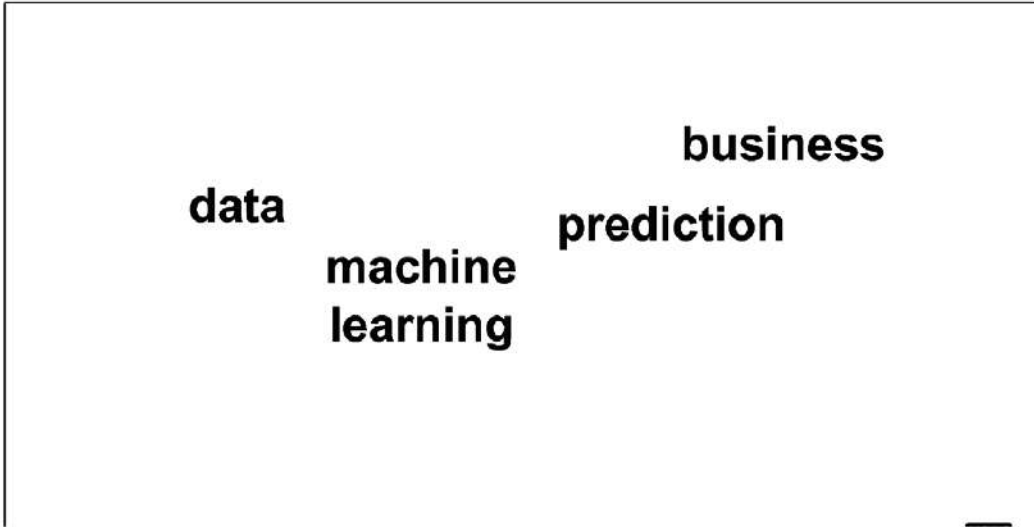
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*Machine learning's practical deployment represents the  
forefront of human progress: improving operations with  
science.*”

**Morgan Vawter**  
Global GP of Data & Analytics, Unilever

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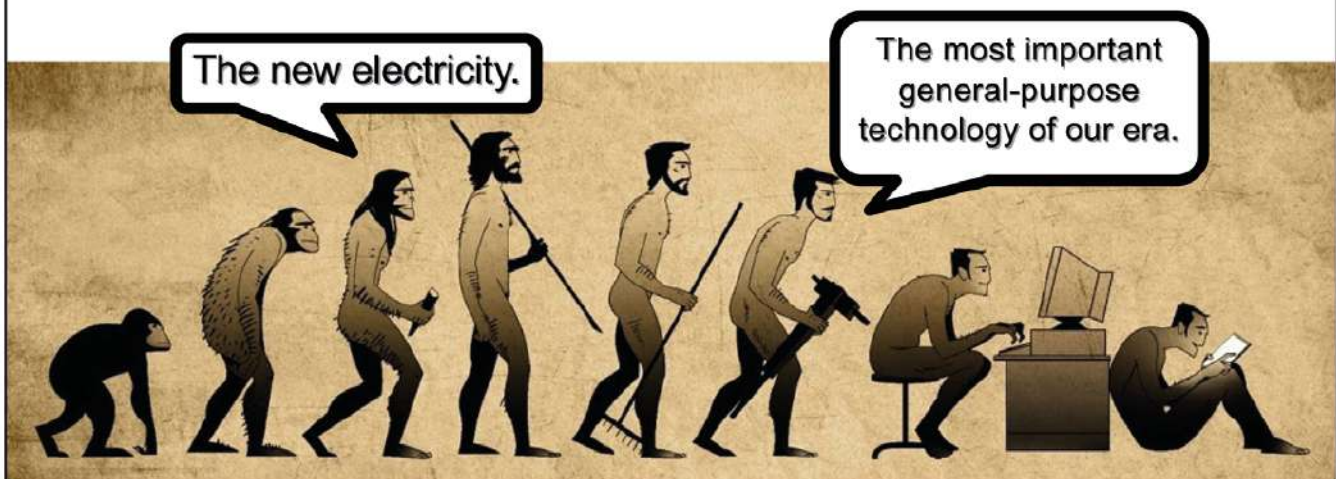
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Prediction as a capability -- calculating probabilities -- is the Holy Grail for improving large-scale operations.

Quote from the foreword of *The AI Playbook*, by Eric Siegel (MIT Press, 2024).

## Machine learning is the Information Age's latest evolutionary step.



Machine learning is:

**"The most important general-purpose technology of our era."** –Harvard Business Review (<https://hbr.org/2017/07/deep-learning-next-frontier>)

**"The new electricity."** –Andrew Ng, Stanford University professor, co-founder and chairman of Coursera

**"The Information Age's latest evolutionary step"** – Eric Siegel

This singular, universally applicable force improves every large-scale thing we do—how we build things, sell things, and prevent bad things from happening—because every function benefits from prediction. As its deployment takes hold across industries, we have moved beyond engineering the infrastructure that manages big data to implementing the science that taps its contents for more intelligent

Has emerged as a commonplace business practice necessary to sustain competitive advantage.

\$6.5 billion within a couple years

84% of marketing leaders intend to increase the role of predictive analytics in marketing over the next 12 months (Forbes)

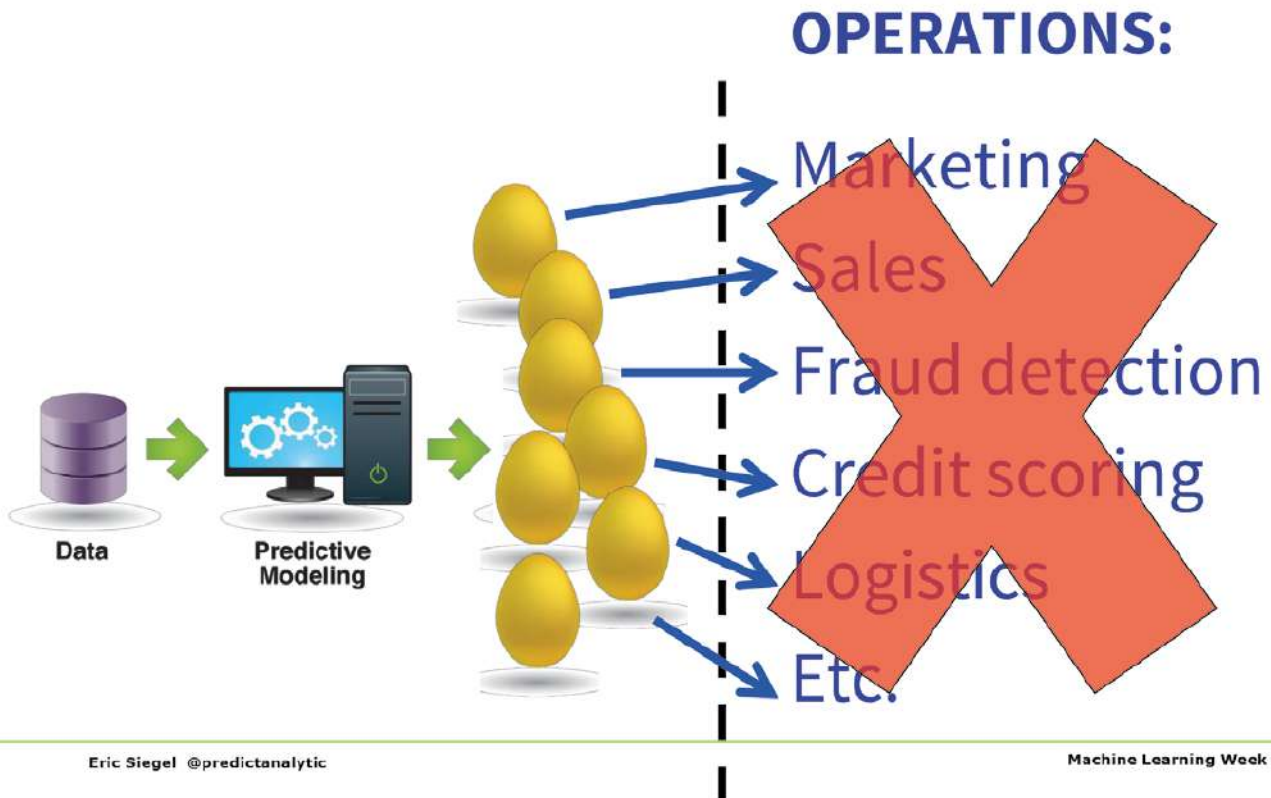
U.S. shortage of analytics experts at 140,000 in the near-term

LinkedIn's first/second "Hottest Skills That Got People Hired" is "statistical analysis and data mining"



Isn't prediction impossible?

# *predictive AI*



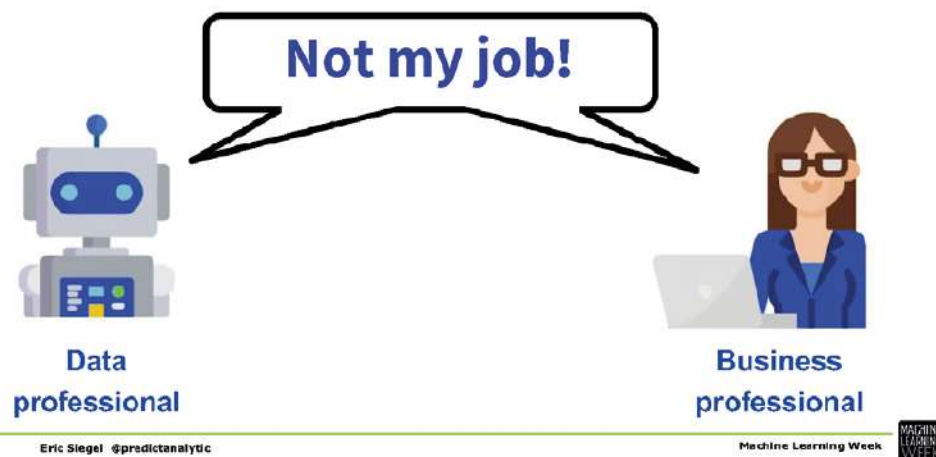
## Unmet need: a business paradigm for running ML projects



There is no established standardized business practice/paradigm/playbook for running machine learning projects that's well known to leaders, managers, and other business professionals.

However, there is an informally-established paradigm that's widely understood among senior, experienced data professionals. So, first and foremost, the greatest outstanding need is: **Semi-technical understanding by business stakeholders.**

We must greatly alleviate the *knowledge asymmetry*.

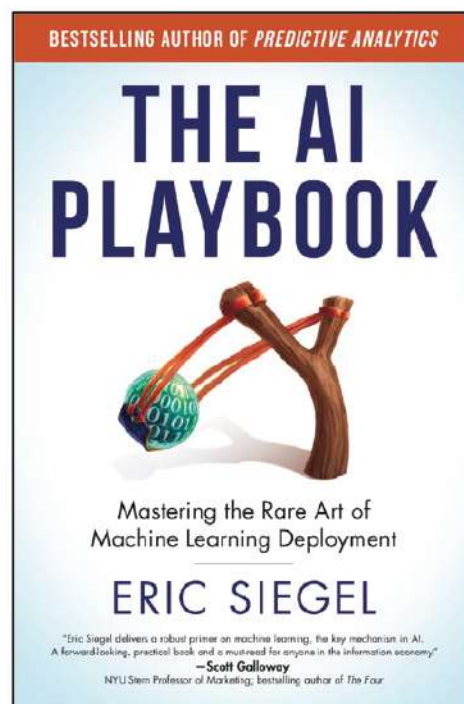
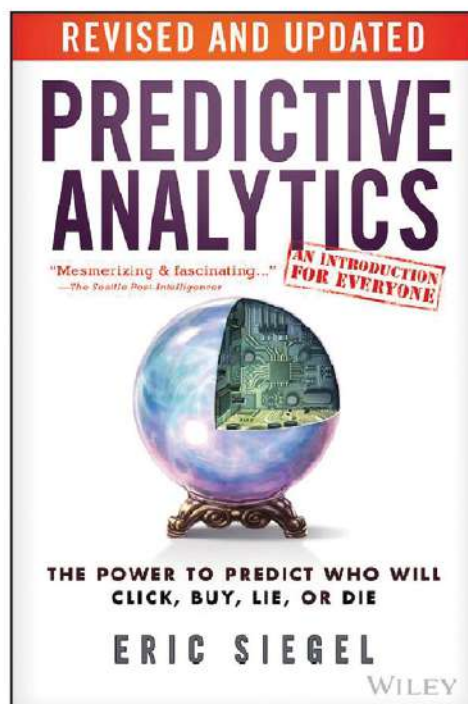


Who's meant to form and participate in the business process? Both sides. And which side takes up the mantle? Often, neither does. As you'll see, both sides have reason to consider it someone else's responsibility.

The strategic playbook for running ML projects often defaults to a neglected "no man's land."

## Agenda

- Define machine learning / predictive AI
- How it delivers value
- **Why ML projects routinely fail to deploy**
- Semi-technical understanding
- The bizML paradigm
- Generative AI





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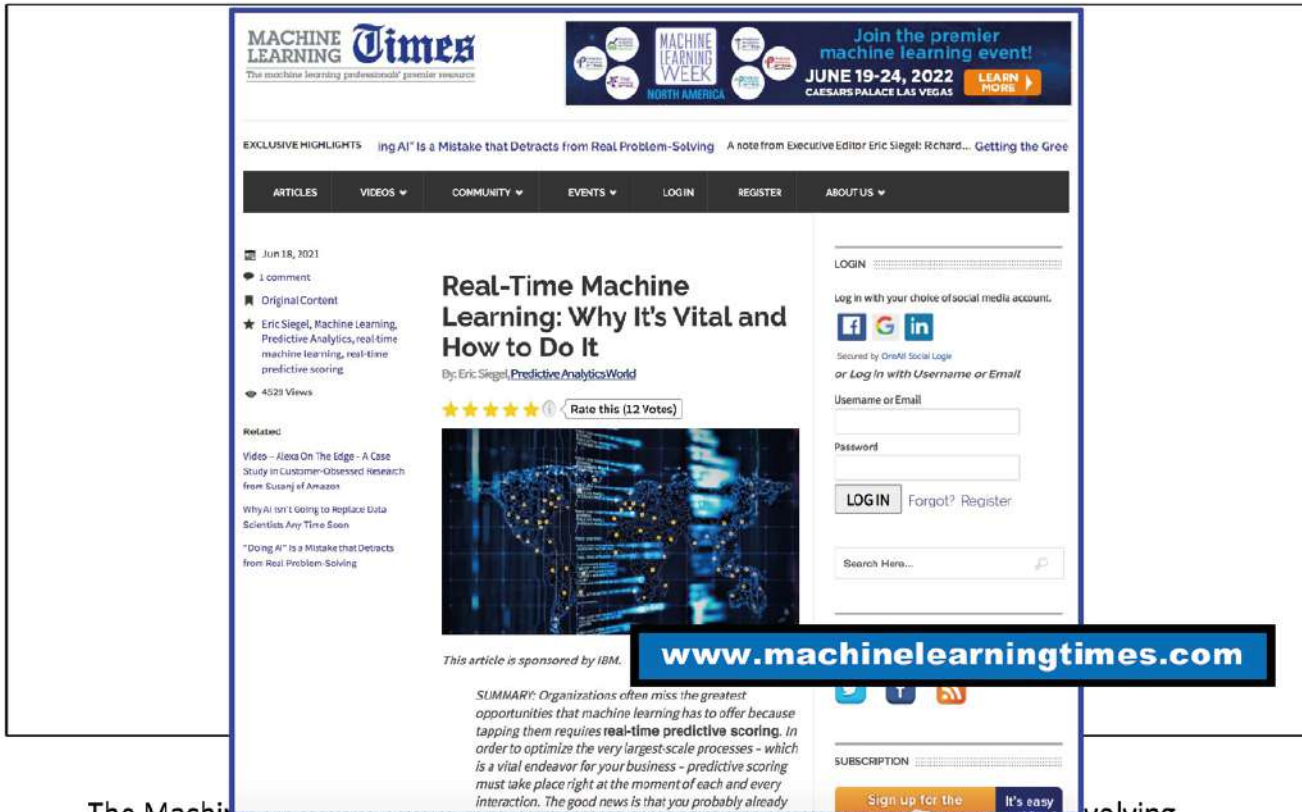
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<http://www.machinelearningtimes.com>

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For the article shown above, see:

<https://www.predictiveanalyticsworld.com/machinelearningtimes/real-time-machine-learning-why-its-vital-and-how-to-do-it/12166/>

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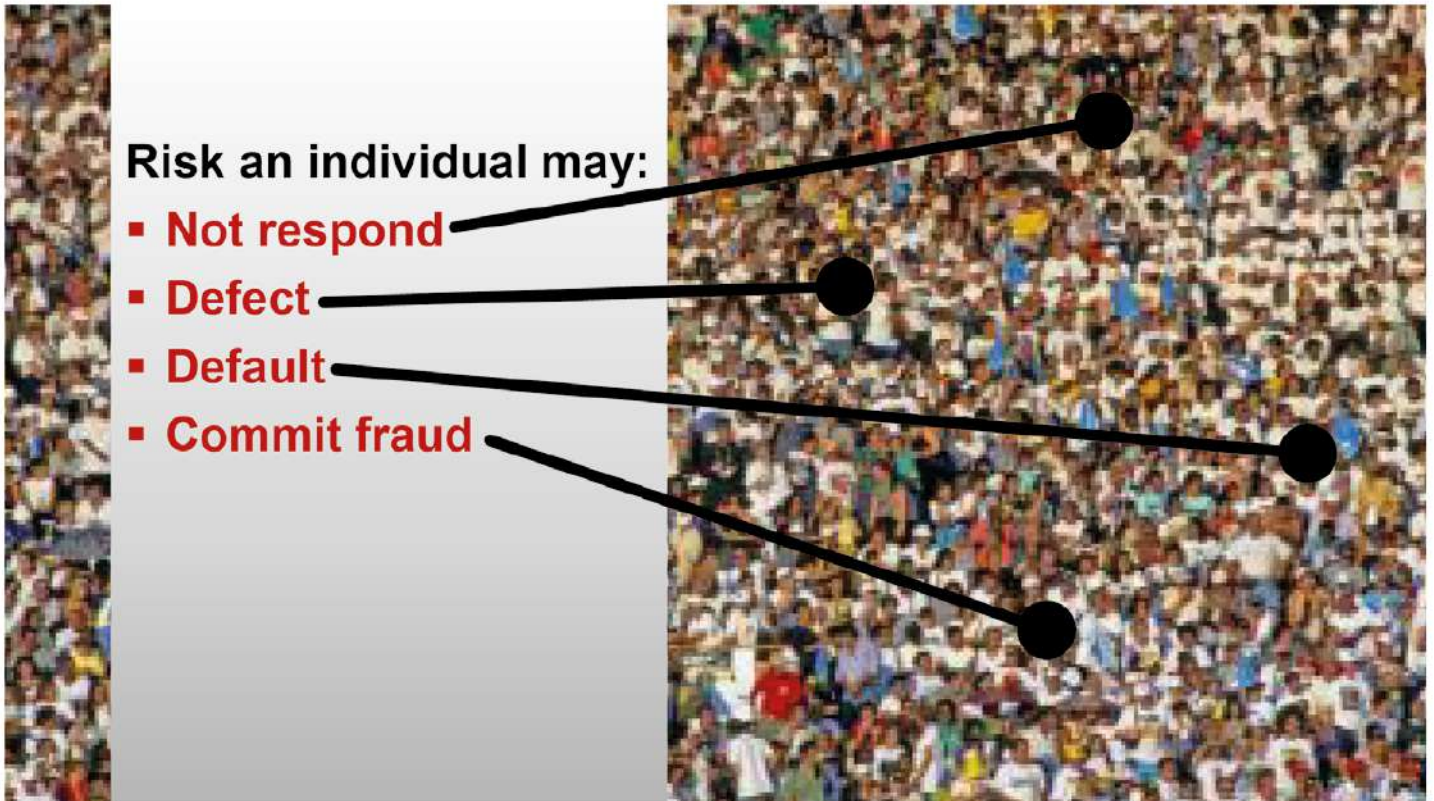
## Knee Walking





“*Insurance is nothing but management of information. It is pooling of risk, and whoever can manipulate information the best has a significant competitive advantage.*”

**Eric Webster**  
VP Marketing, State Farm



Risk an individual may:

- Not respond
- Defect
- Default
- Commit fraud

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*No certified, regulated profession like the actuarial practice exists outside of what is strictly considered insurance.*”

**Douglas Hubbard**  
*The Failure of Risk Management*



Triage

Across many use cases, the predictive model proactively targets according to risk or opportunity. It earmarks the individuals with the highest risk or potential gain -- those worthy of investing limited time and resources.

- Infrastructure risk
- Fault detection
- Sales leads
- Fraud detection
- Law enforcement
- Search results

## The Antidote to Information Overload

- **Google** search results
- **facebook** orders news feed
- Email filters spam

More examples:

- person to tag in a photo (Facebook)
- ad that interests you (also Facebook)
- people to "friend" (Facebook and LinkedIn)
- least-congested driving route (Waze and IBM)
- optimal shipping routes (for UPS drivers).

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**First 100 cases:**

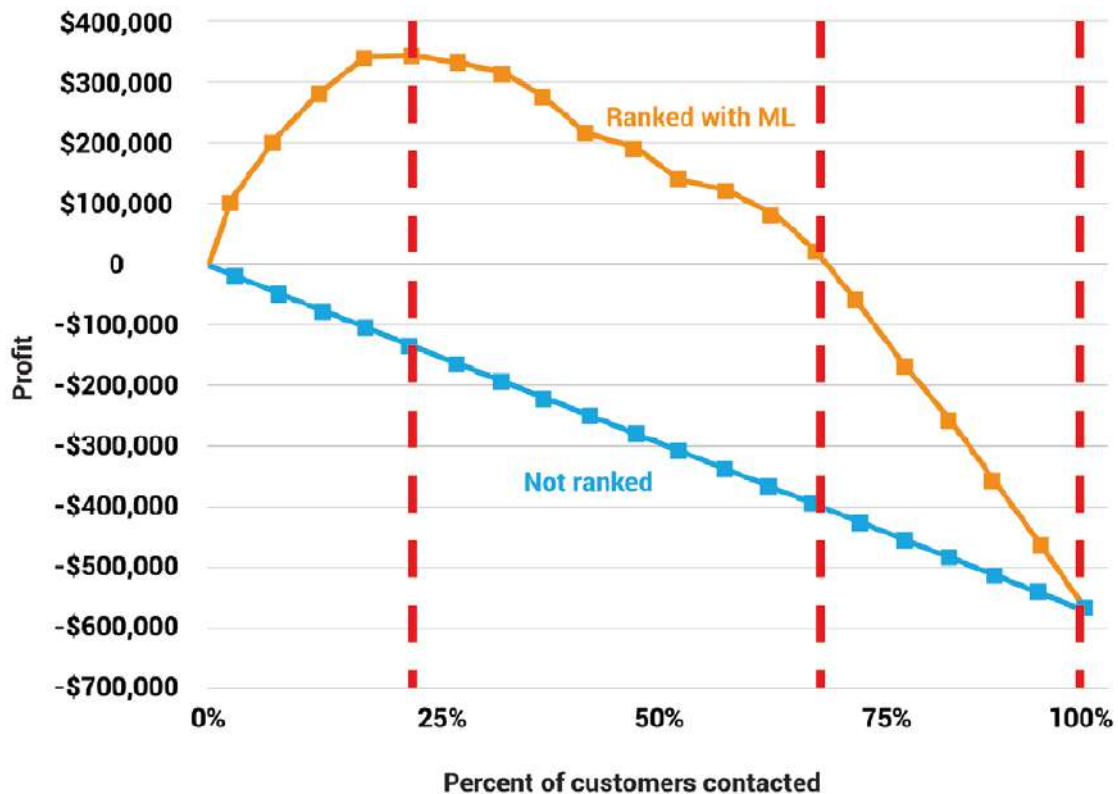
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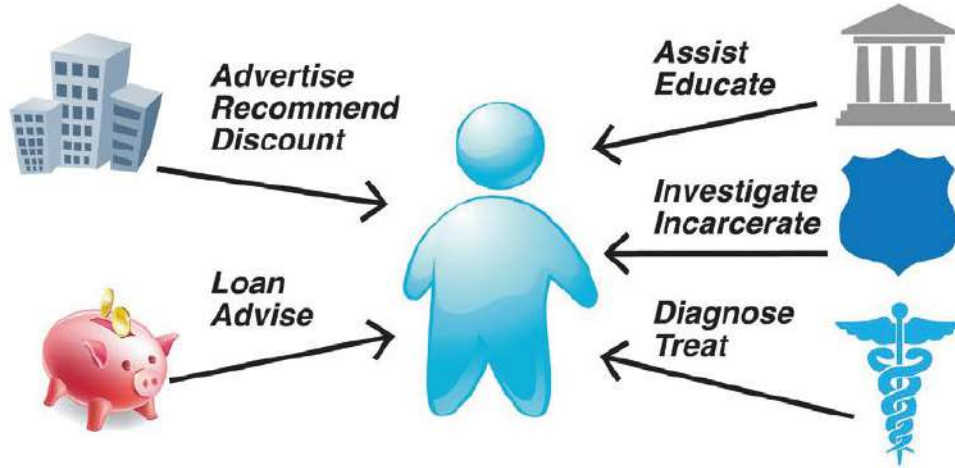
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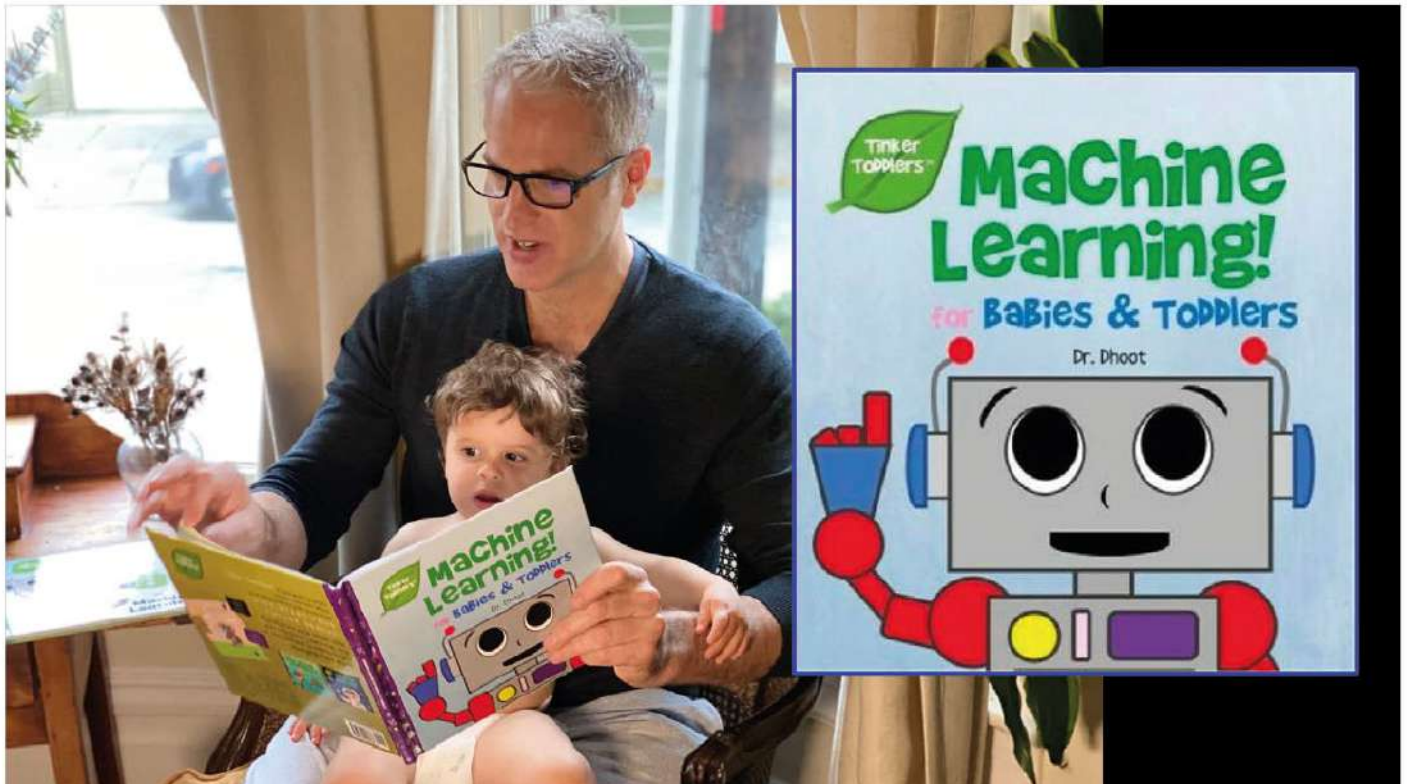
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Millions of decisions a day determine whom to **call, mail, approve, test, diagnose, warn, investigate, incarcerate, set up on a date, and medicate.**



## Machine learning:



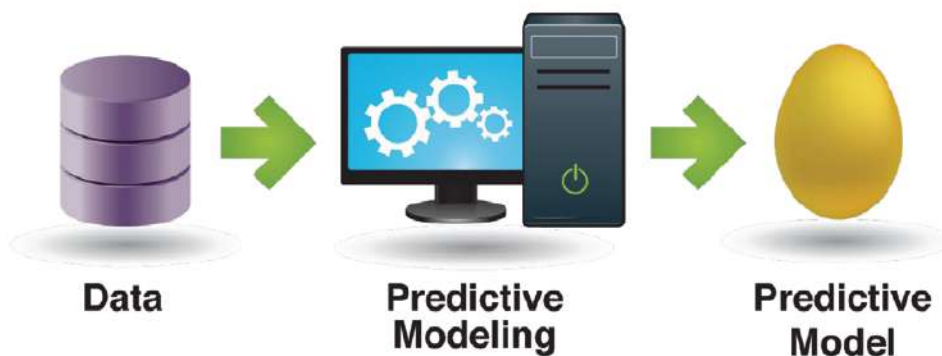
(data)

*Technology that learns from experience to predict the outcome or behavior of each customer, patient, business, vehicle, image, piece of equipment, or other individual unit ... in order to drive better decisions.*

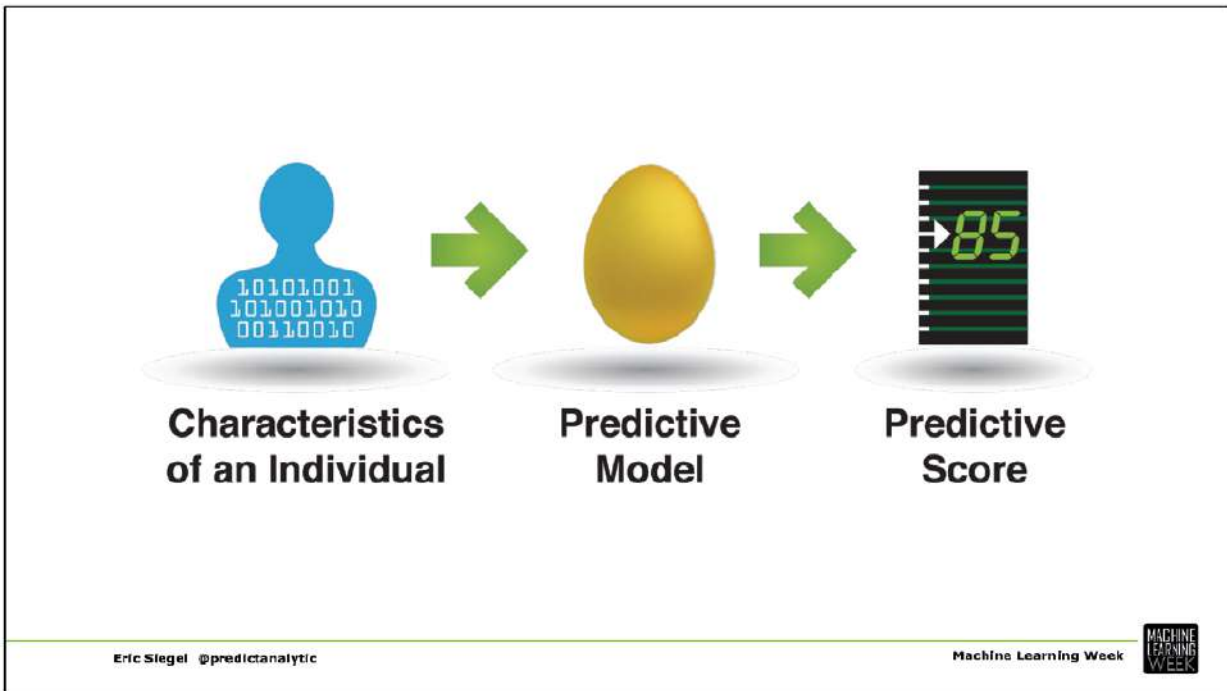


This talk is about machine learning in the above practical, applied sense.

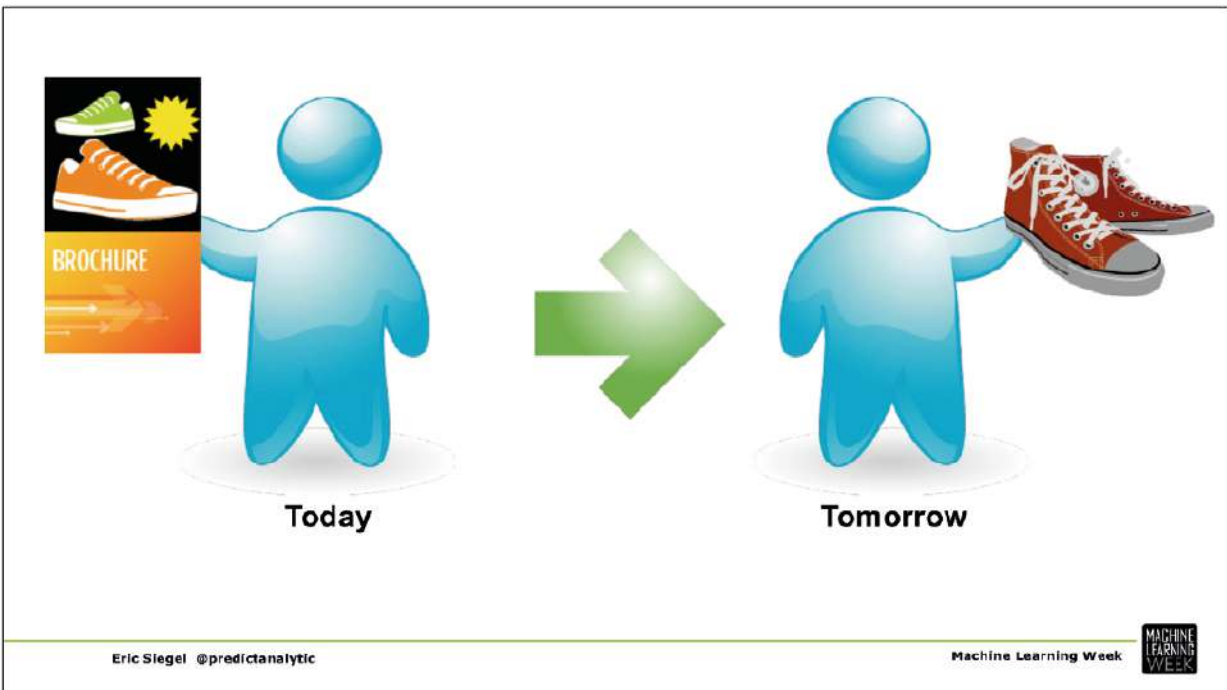
A.k.a. *predictive analytics, predictive AI*



Predictive modeling learns from data in order to generate a predictive model. For details on how this works, see Chapter 4 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (<http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).



A predictive model generates a predictive score for an individual. For details on how this works, see Chapters 1 and 4 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (<http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).



Marketing targets an individual predicted as likely to buy. For details on how this works see the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (<http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).

## The Challenge of Prediction

*Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future.*

- Niels Bohr



*How come you never see a headline like "Psychic Wins Lottery"?*

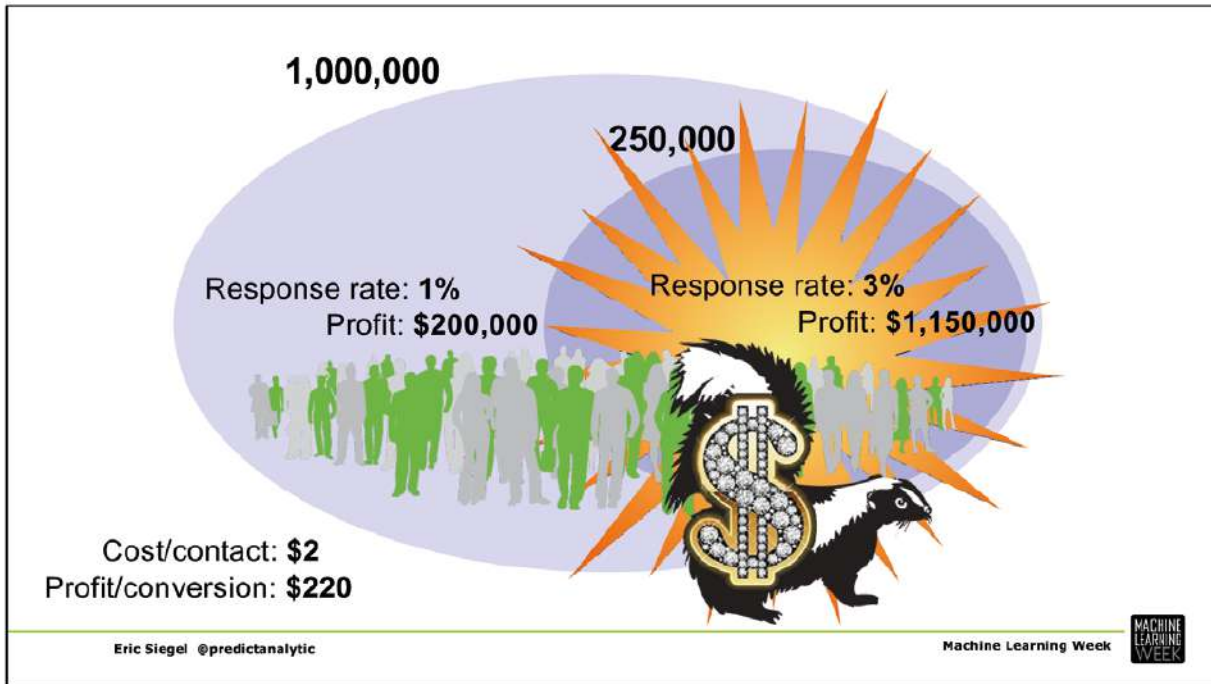
- Jay Leno

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Is prediction an audacious goal? Isn't prediction impossible? For details on how why predictive analytics predicts well enough, see the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (free to access as a PDF on the "Excerpts" page of <http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).



A crummy predictive model delivers big value. It's like a skunk with bling.

here is a spreadsheet detailing the calculations, which you may copy and toy with at will.  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sLp2sGxTZKH0FW4x-ViukfZ-RsCYDrD9B-ReuMZus8M/edit?usp=sharing>

Simple arithmetic shows the bottom line profit of direct mail, both in general and then improved by predictively targeting (and only contacting 25% of the list). The less simple part is how the predictive scores are generated for each individual in order to determine exactly who belongs in that 25%. For details on how this works, see Chapter 1 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (<http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).

## The Prediction Effect:

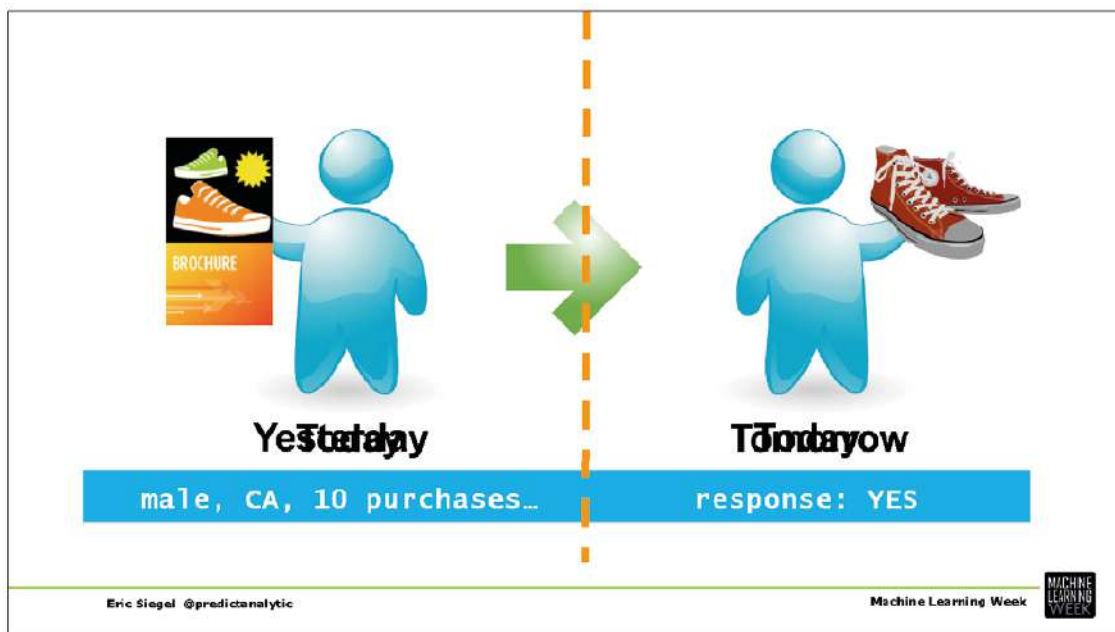
*A little prediction goes a long way.*

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Put another way, predicting better than guessing is often sufficient to generate great value by rendering operations more efficient and effective. For details on how this works, see the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (available for free on the Excerpts page of <http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).



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Each row of *training data* corresponds to one individual – first the individual's facts and figures are listed (predictor variables, aka independent variables), and then the target variable (aka dependent variable) – ie, the thing you're trying to predict – is listed.

A table of such rows composes the training data, on which predictive modeling operates.

Wide data has more information about each case



E-commerce	\$125	Not-present	\$250/day	...	...	Yes
Grocery	\$17	Chip	\$700/day	...	...	No
Clothing	\$275	Swipe	\$25/day	...	...	No
Pharmacy	\$27	Tap	\$150/day	...	...	Yes
Utility	\$59	Not-present	\$75/day	...	...	No
Airline	\$782	Not-present	\$35/day	...	...	Yes
Hotel	\$1,221	Chip	\$100/day	...	...	No
Restaurant	\$76	Tap	\$40/day	...	...	No
Pharmacy	\$32	Swipe	\$275/day	...	...	No
Grocery	\$112	Tap	\$400/day	...	...	No
E-commerce	\$43	Not-present	\$80/day	...	...	No
Restaurant	\$82	Chip	\$30/day	...	...	No
Utility	\$26	Not-present	\$100/day	...	...	No

Long data has many cases



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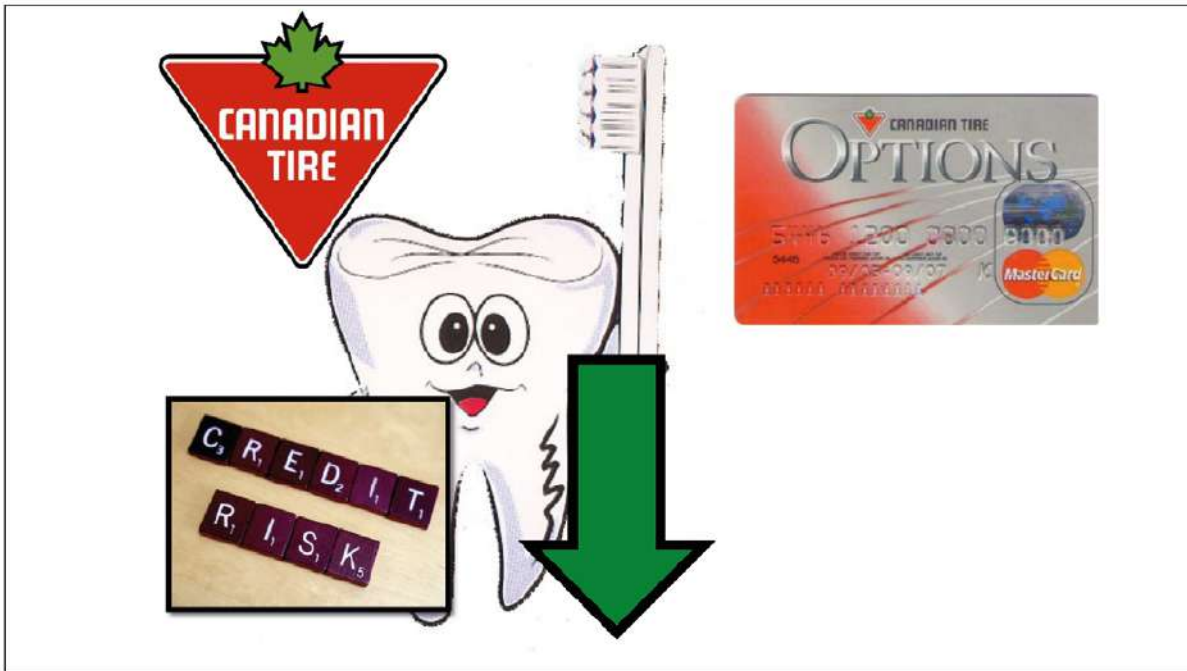
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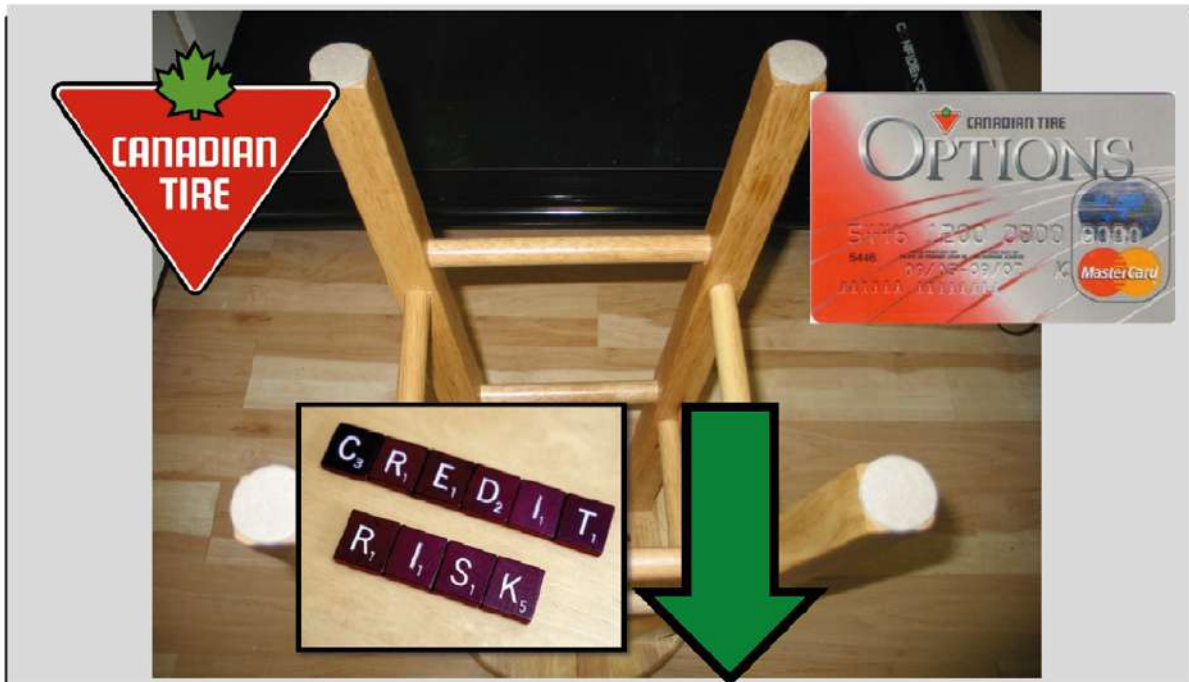
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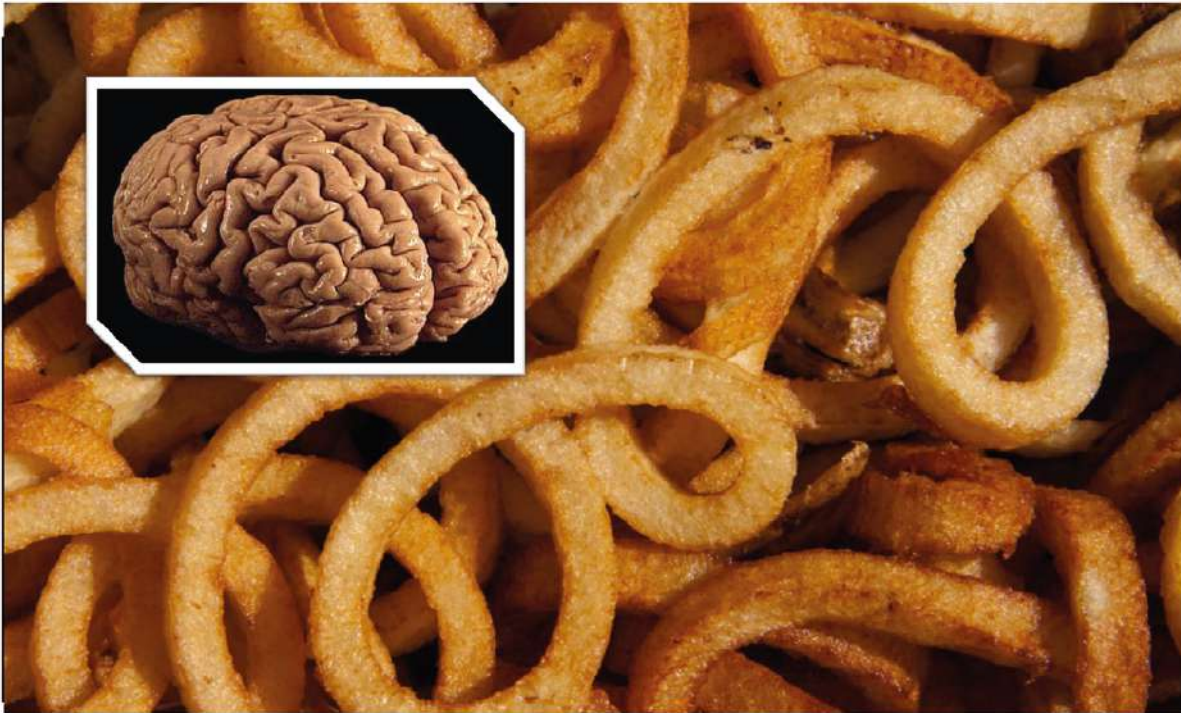




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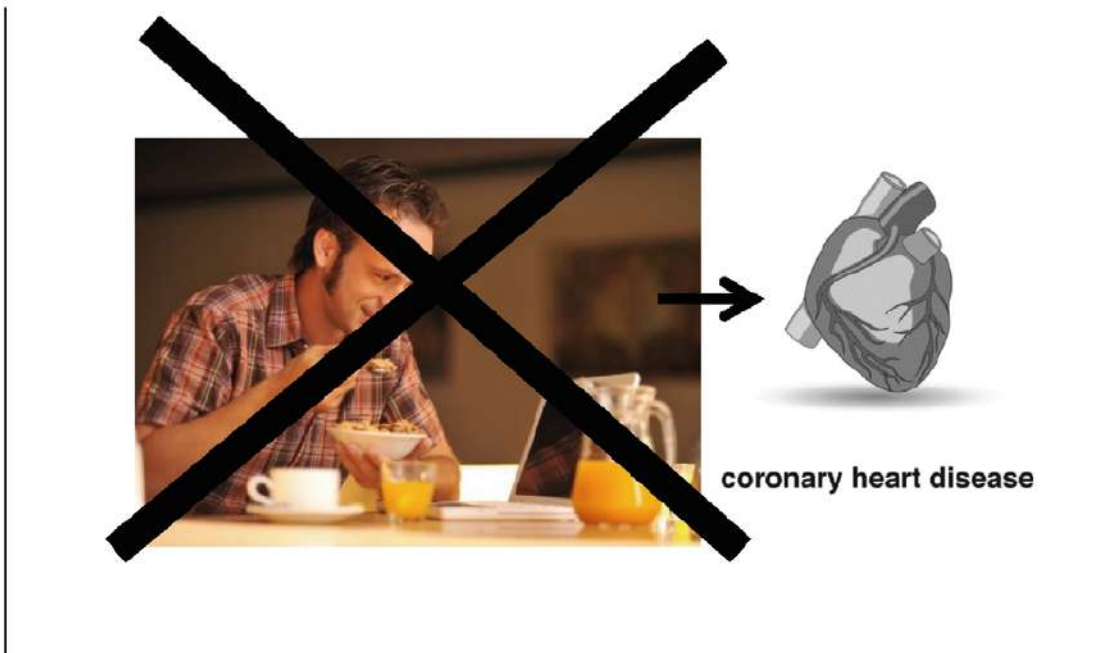


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People who “like” curly fries on Facebook are “more intelligent.”

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**Men who skipped breakfast showed a 27% higher risk of coronary heart disease.**

"Prospective Study of Breakfast Eating and Incident Coronary Heart Disease in a Cohort of Male US Health Professionals," by Cahill et al.  
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## The Data Effect:

*Data is always predictive.*

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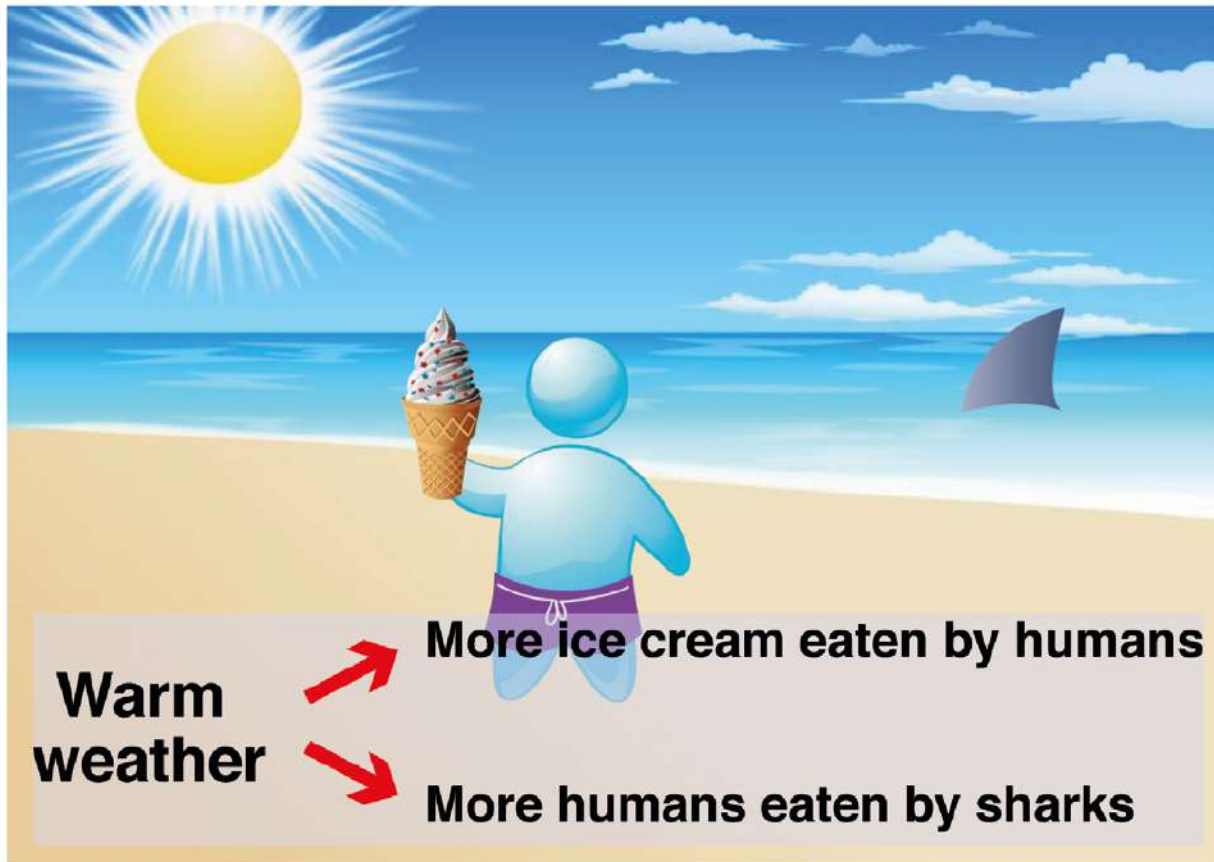


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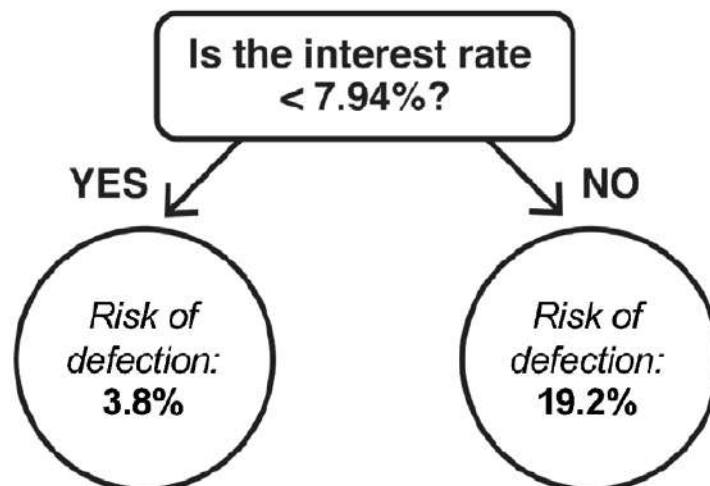
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Correlation does not entail causation. For more information, see Chapter 3 of the book "Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die" (<http://www.thepredictionbook.com>).



### Customer Attrition: Mortgages



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IF:

*the mortgage is greater than or equal to \$67,751 and less than \$182,926*

AND:

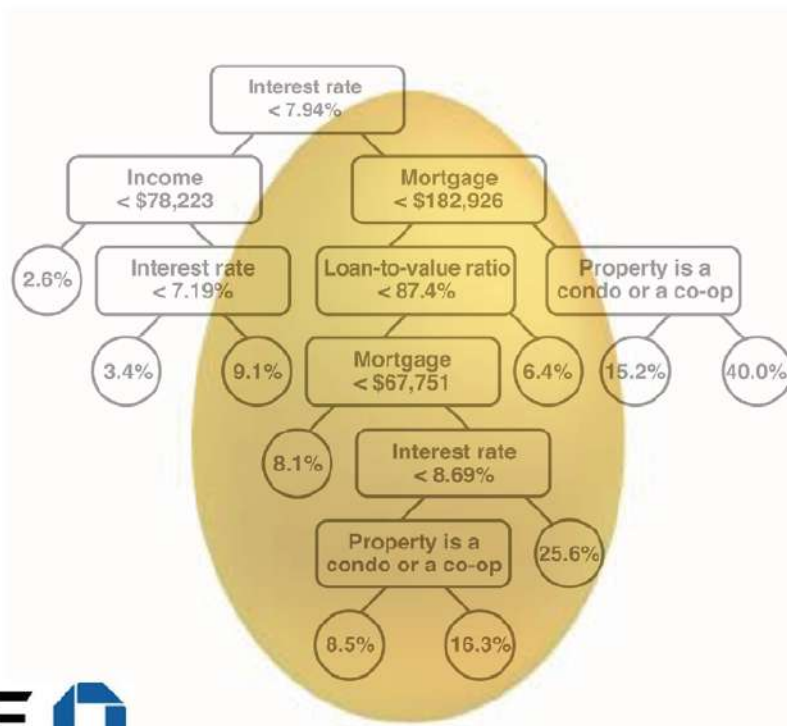
*the interest rate is greater than or equal to 8.69 percent*

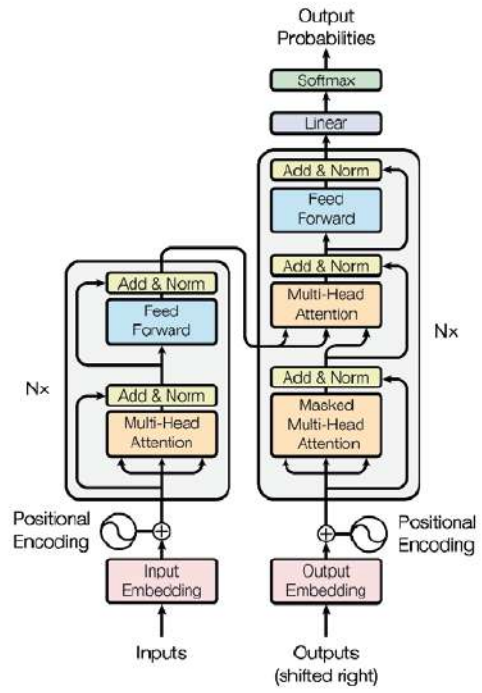
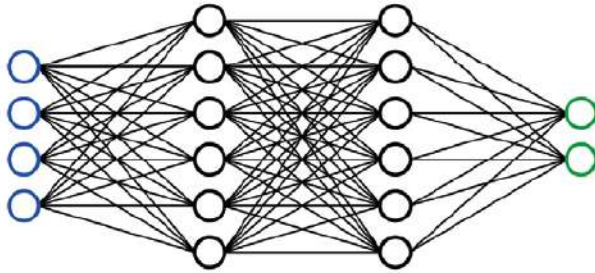
AND:




*the loan-to-value ratio is less than 87.4 percent*

THEN:

*the probability of prepayment is 25.6 percent.*





	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>
	<i>Lowered direct mail costs 20% Increased response rate 3.1% 600% ROI</i>
	<b>RETAIL</b>
	<i>Improved direct mail targeting by 15-20%</i>
	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>
	<i>Reduced mailing costs by \$12 million</i>

...and many more, such as Cox Communications, FedEx, Sprint, etc. - see the book "Predictive Analytics" ([www.thepredictionbook.com](http://www.thepredictionbook.com)) for many case studies, including a central compendium of 147 mini-case studies, of which 37 are examples in marketing applications of predictive analytics.

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PREMIER Bankcard also lowered delinquency to increase net by over \$10 million

More information about First Tennessee Bank and other case studies are available at <http://tinyurl.com/PAExamples>

Dan Marks, First Tennessee Bank, "First Tennessee Bank: Analytics Drives Higher ROI from Marketing Programs," IBM.com, March 9, 2011.  
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**HEALTHCARE**

*Refined their outreach to increase response by 38%*



**SMALL BUSINESS**

*Earned 40% response rate amongst lapsed buyers*



**NON-PROFIT**

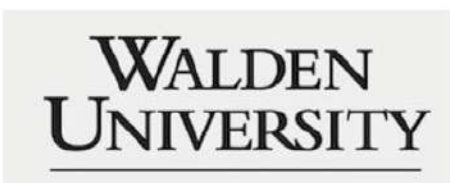
*Discovered how to earn \$650,000 in donations*

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**PAYROLL SERVICES**

*Decreased by 40% the number of phone calls needed in order to book each sales meeting*



**UNIVERSITY**

*Scores prospective students*

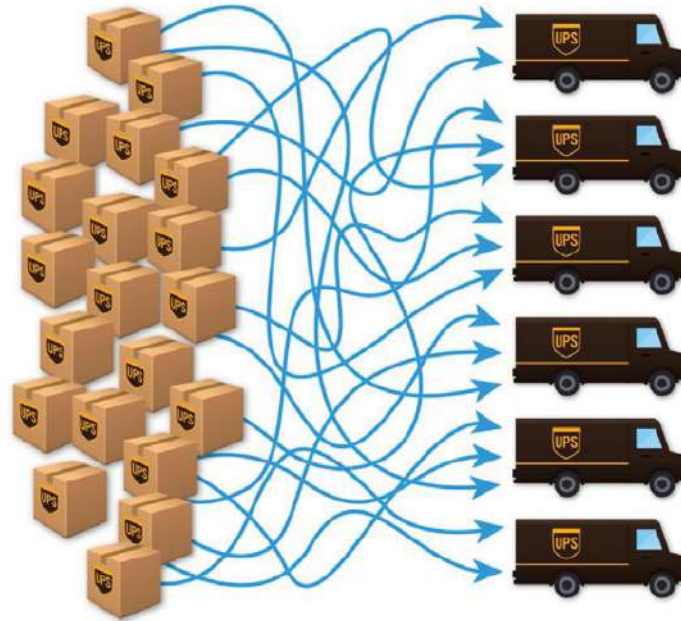


**HIGH TECH**

*Doubled number of leads per phone call*

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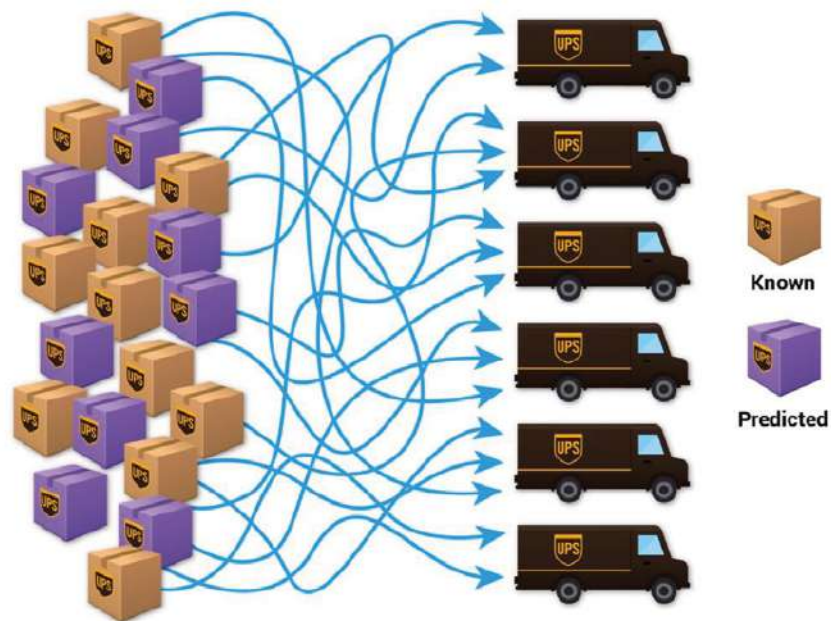


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16 million packages/day  
1000 shipping centers  
55 trucks  
300 packages



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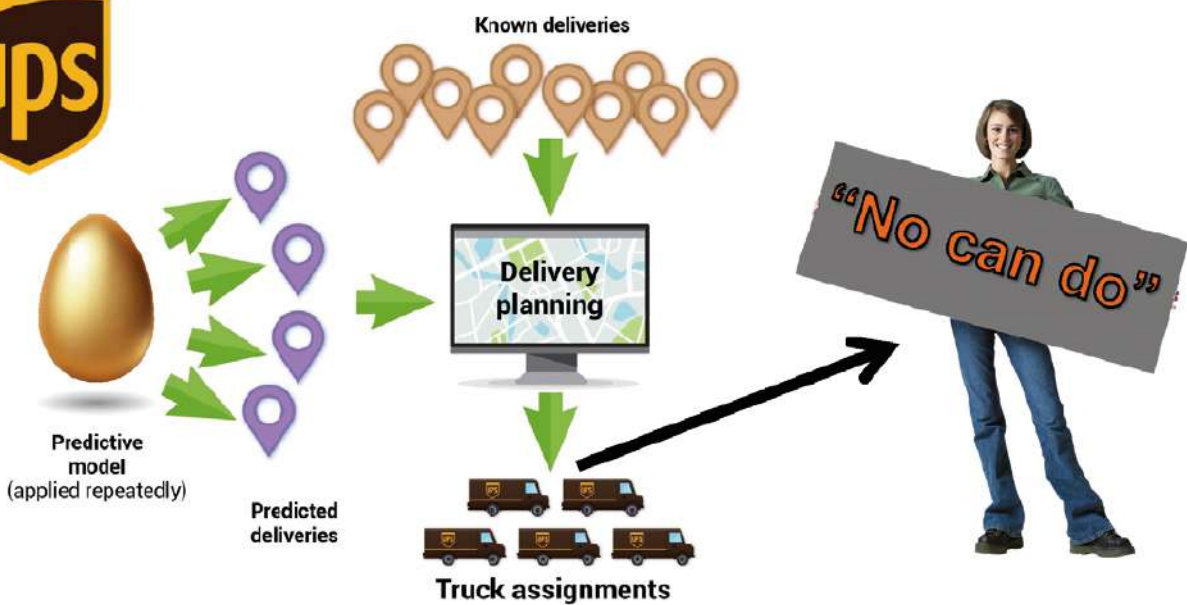




Application	What's predicted	What's done about it
<b>Delivery prediction</b> <i>to plan for more efficient delivery</i>	<i>Will the address receive a package delivery?</i>	Plan the delivery truck assignments of predicted packages alongside known ones.

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## Package Flow Technology and ORION

Overall annual savings:

185 million miles

\$350+ million

8 million gallons of fuel

185,000 metric tons of emissions



Annual savings due specifically to delivery-prediction (estimated):

18.5 million miles

\$35+ million



**Characteristics  
of an Individual**

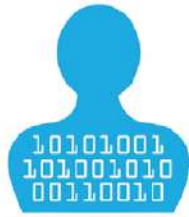


**Predictive  
Model**



**Probability**





Characteristics  
of an Individual



Probability

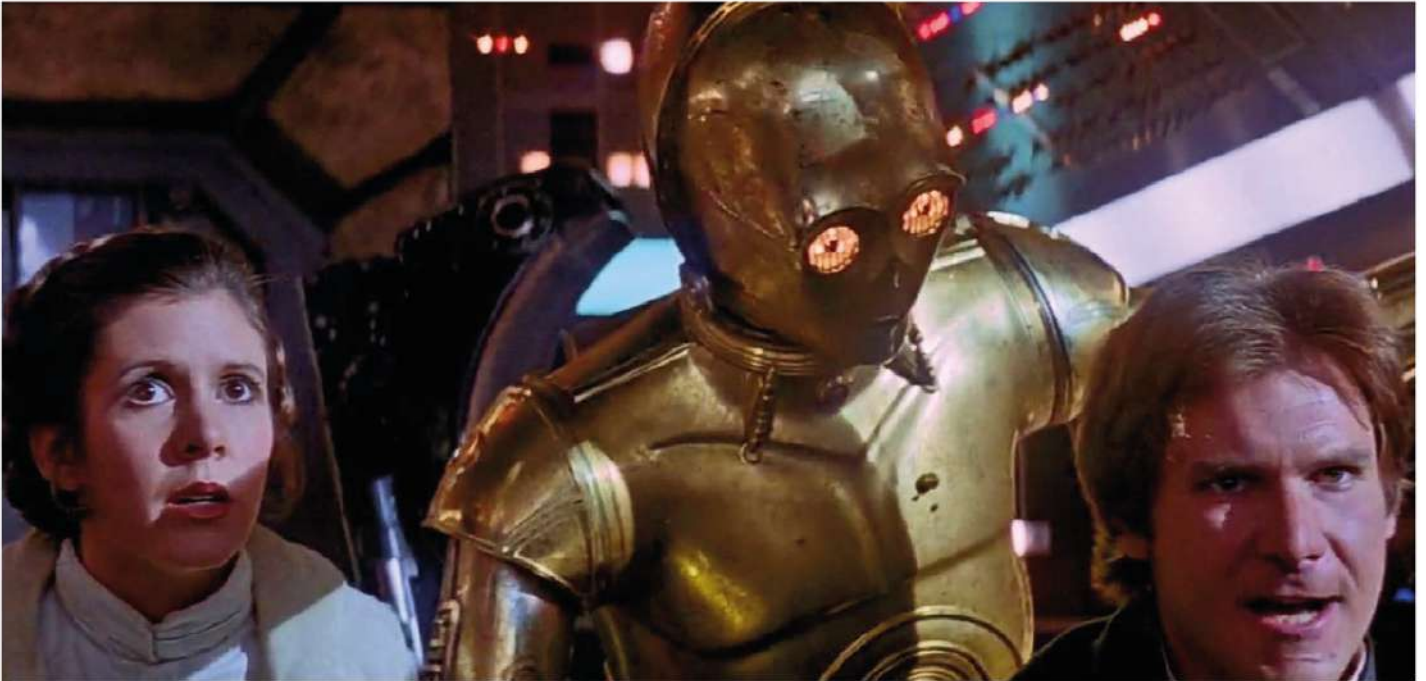
## A probability calculator

### Predict:

*To put a probability on an unknown.*

*–The future*

*–Detecting / diagnosing*



**NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS.**

C3PO: The possibility of successfully navigating... 3,720 to 1.

Han Solo: Never tell me the odds.



"Moneyball" celebrates math and yet epitomizes the glossing over of math.



**1) What's predicted**

**2) How well**

**3) What's done about it**

To transfer business expertise into to technical requirements is to get business professionals ramped up on:

- What's predicted, How well, What do about it
- What the model does, with what success, how use it
- Dependent variable, metrics, deployment: how predictive probabilities actively change business operations in order to improve them. Stakeholders must understand change in order to manage it.

**Dependent variable: 1) What's predicted**


**Metrics: 2) How well**

**Deployment: 3) What's done about it**

Application	What's predicted	What's done about it
Response modeling <i>to increase the marketing response rate</i>	<i>Will the customer buy if contacted?</i>	Mail a brochure to those likely to buy.

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Application	What's predicted	What's done about it
Response modeling to increase the marketing response rate	<i>If sent a brochure, will the customer buy within 13 business days with a purchase value of at least \$125 after shipping and not return the product for a refund within 45 days?</i>	Mail a brochure to those likely to buy.

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**Dependent variable: 1) What's predicted**

**Metrics: 2) How well**

**Deployment: 3) What's done about it**

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*Benchmarks for training and deployment*

*Technical performance and business performance*



## The Accuracy Fallacy

**THE SPECTATOR:** *Linguistic Analysis Can Accurately Predict Psychosis*

**THE DAILY MAIL:** *AI-Powered Scans Can Identify People at Risk of a Fatal Heart Attack Almost a Decade in Advance*

**THE NEXT WEB:** *This Scary AI Has Learned How to Pick Out Criminals by Their Faces*

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For more on the accuracy fallacy, see: "The Media's Coverage of AI is Bogus", by Eric Siegel, Scientific American, November 2019.  
<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-medias-coverage-of-ai-is-bogus/>

## Accuracy:

***The proportion of cases a predictive model predicts correctly.***



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Accuracy: The proportion of cases a predictive model predicts correctly, that is, how often the model is correct. Accuracy does not differentiate between how often the model is correct for positive and negative examples. This means that, for example, a model with high accuracy could in fact get none of the positive cases correct, if positive examples are relatively rare.

- Predicting bestselling books
- Spotting legal issues in non-disclosure agreements
- IBM's claim that they can predict which employees will quit with 95% accuracy
- Classifying which news headlines are "clickbait"
- Detecting fraudulent dating profile scams
- Spotting cyberbullies
- Predicting earthquake aftershocks
- Predicting the need for first responders after an earthquake
- Detecting diseases in banana crops
- Distinguishing high and low-quality embryos for in vitro fertilization
- Predicting heart attacks
- Predicting heart issues by eye scan
- Detecting anxiety and depression in children
- Diagnosing brain tumors from medical images
- Detecting brain tumors with a new blood test
- Predicting the development of Alzheimer's

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For our latest, updated list of all such accuracy fallacy examples, click through from this article to the blog article it links:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-medias-coverage-of-ai-is-bogus/>

... to be specific, this one:

<https://www.predictiveanalyticsworld.com/blog/more-examples-of-the-medias-bogus-claims-of-high-accuracy-ai/>



<https://www.predictiveanalyticsworld.com/machinelearning/accuracy-fallacy-the-medias-coverage-of-ai-is-bogus/10652/>

Original (shorter version and behind payroll):

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**Technical metrics:**

- Precision
- Recall
- AUC



**Business metrics:**

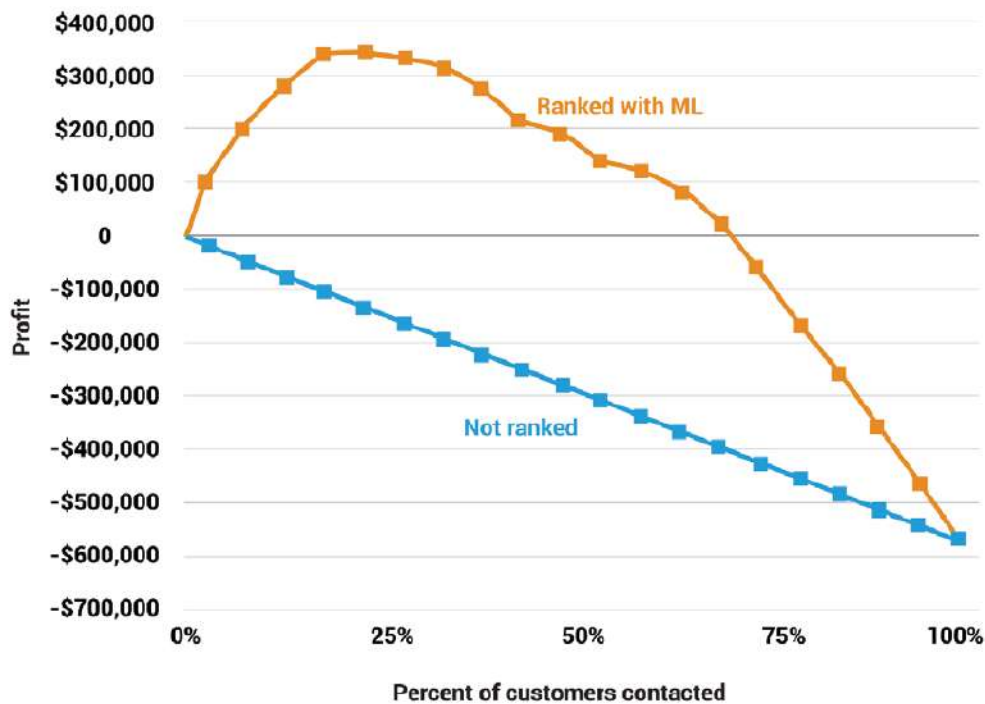
- Profit
- Savings
- ROI

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Eric Siegel has co-founded a startup to move from technical ML metrics to business metrics: <https://www.Gooder.ai>



## The Cost of Fraud



100,000 cards  
1,000 transactions each  
100 million transactions per year

Fraud: 0.1%  
100,000 fraudulent transactions  
Cost per fraudulent transaction: \$500

Annual loss:  
 $100,000 * \$500$   
**\$50 million**

## Savings with Fraud Detection



Blocked: 2 per 1,000  
Blocked: 200,000 per year  
Percent fraud: 30%  
Blocked fraud: 60,000

False positives: 140,000  
False negatives: 40,000

Cost of FP: \$100  
Cost of FN: \$500

Total cost: **\$34 million (versus \$50 million)**

Cost of a FP	\$100	<i>Average cost of each false positive - inconvenience to cardholder</i>				
Cost of a FN	\$500	<i>Average cost of each false negative - fraud that goes undetected</i>				
Fraud rate	0.1%					
Num transactions	100,000,000	of which	100,000	are fraudulent	which cost	\$50,000,000 if none are detected
Transactions held	0.2%	as potentially fraudulent, which is		200,000	transactions	
Lift	300	... so the held transactions are		30.00%	positive, that is	60,000 detected cases of fraud
	FP count	FP cost	FN count	FN cost	Total cost	
Cost with model	140,000	\$14,000,000	40,000	\$20,000,000	\$34,000,000	
					\$16,000,000	savings compared to no fraud detection

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To try this spreadsheet yourself, go to:

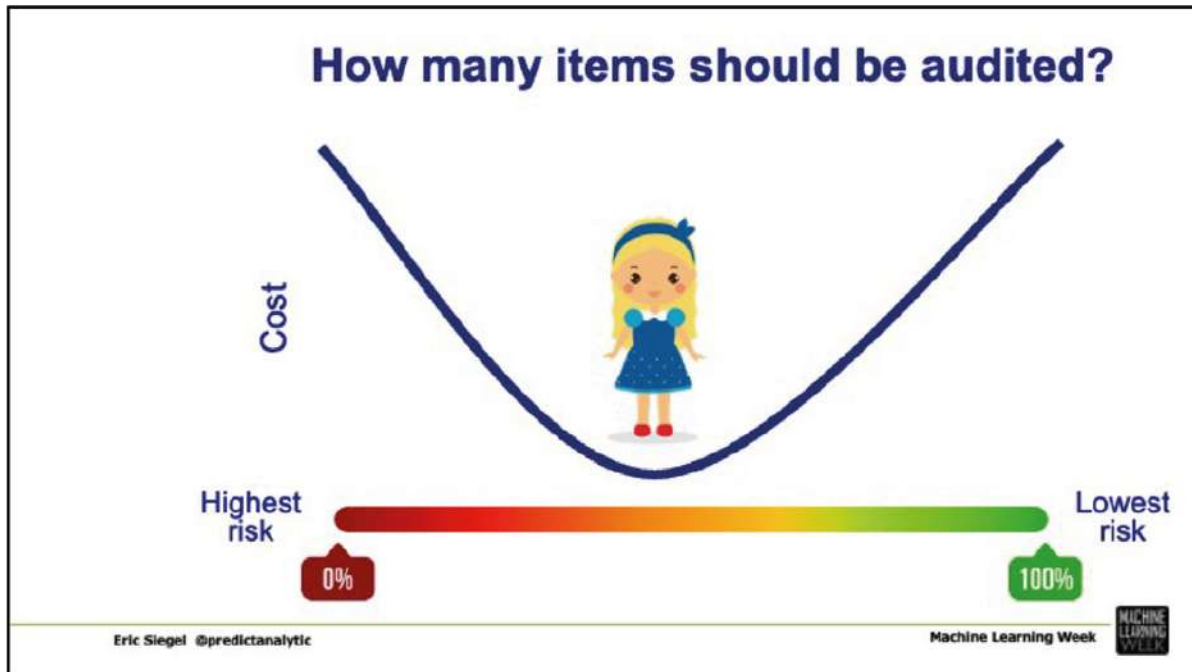
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12dKRw4TYmqwbAkp3VRTwt5gUe1rnLweg0EHfRBQHclc/>

**Instructions:** First, make a copy of this spreadsheet (do not request edit access). Then change the light yellow cells as you wish. The blue cells are the bottom line.

Consider a bank that has issued 100,000 credit cards and each sees an average of 1,000 transactions per year, with one in a thousand being fraudulent.

I consider FICO Falcon to be one of the world's most successful and widely impactful commercial deployment of ML. It screens all the transactions for 2.6 billion payment cards worldwide. That's two thirds of the world's cards, including about 90% of those in the U.S. and the U.K. 17 of the top 20 international credit card issuers, all of the U.S.'s 100 largest credit-card issuers, and 95 of the U.S.'s top 100 financial institutions use Falcon.

Since its introduction, Falcon has reduced card fraud losses by more than 70% in the U.S. With the U.S. currently suffering around \$10 billion in annual fraud losses, that reduction is saving us more than \$20 billion per year.



You can't manually audit every single post/transaction -- that's too expensive.  
Where do you draw the line? How do you strike that balance?  
There's no existing solution for navigating that decision.


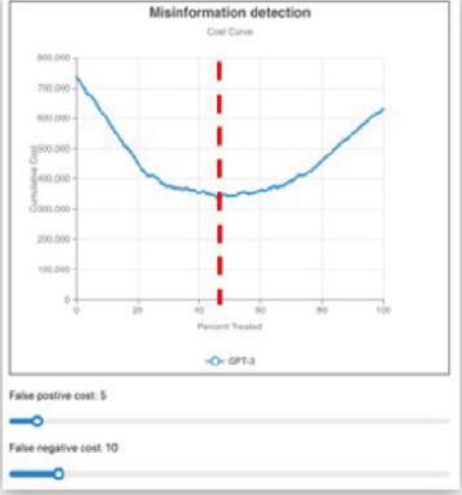
Will show a \$400k weekly cost savings in the demo – using GPT-3.  
And a \$1.7M profit improvement for marketing.

The same concept applies to decide how many to:

- Audit (fraud and misinformation)
- Contact (marketing)
- Approve (loan applications)
- Treat or test (healthcare)

The model doesn't autonomously or unilaterally tell you what to do at each case. It depends on business context, strategic decisions, and how good the model is. This is where we navigate whether and \*how\* to use a model. This visual represents the options and helps us navigate the deployment decisions. Yet tools almost never show this view.

**Use case:** misinformation detection  
**Model:** OpenAI's GPT-3 (175B)

**Striking a balance between:**

*Unneeded audit* →

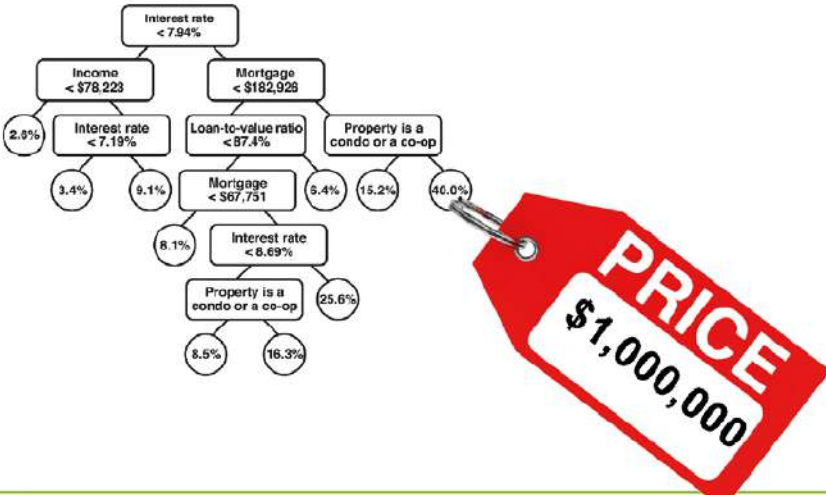
*Undetected misinformation* →

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Gooder AI goes beyond technical metrics like AUC to focus on business metrics like profit and costs.

Dataset: boolQ 1000 (5000)  
 3155 yes  
 1845 no ("misinformation")

Misinformation detection  
 OpenAI / davinci (175B) == GPT-3  
[https://crfm.stanford.edu/helm/latest/?runs=1&runSpec=boolq%3Amodel%3Dopenai\\_davinci%2Cdata\\_augmentation%3Dcanonical](https://crfm.stanford.edu/helm/latest/?runs=1&runSpec=boolq%3Amodel%3Dopenai_davinci%2Cdata_augmentation%3Dcanonical)



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You can't just say, "This model is worth a million bucks" -- its value depends on how you use it.



Move the decision threshold:

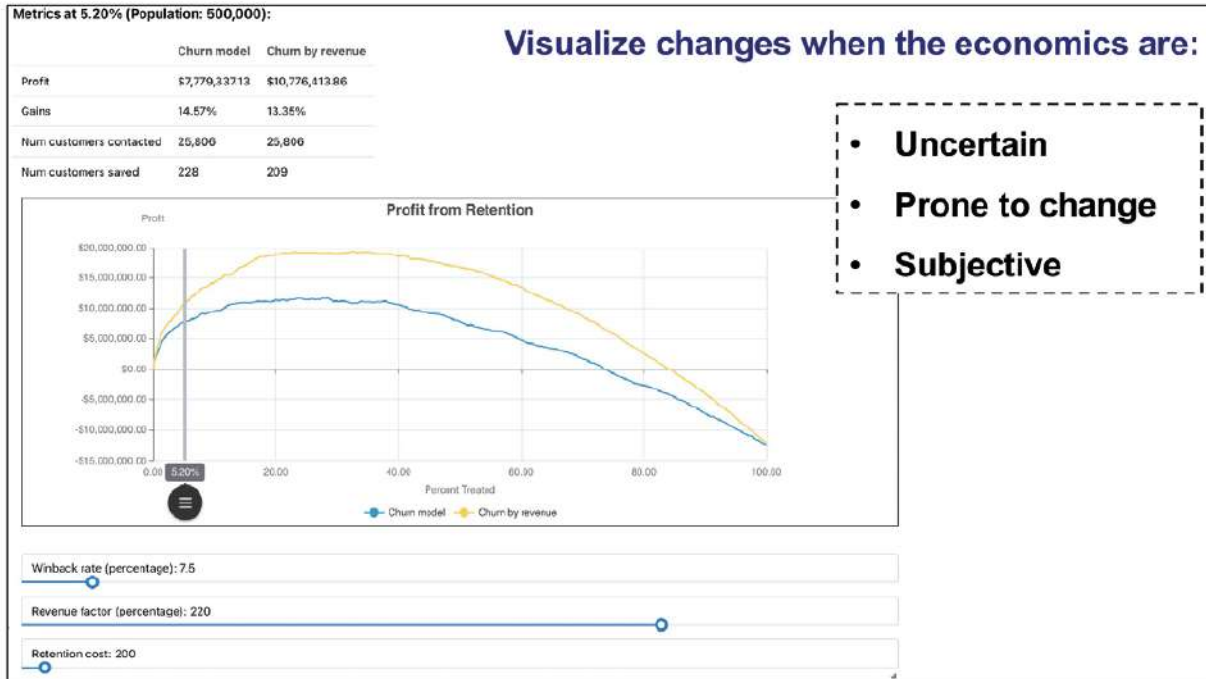
View the available tradeoffs between competing metrics

Adjust the parameters:

Visualize the effects of changing parameters

A key capability offered by Gooder AI is to contextualize – and visualize the effect of – setting the confidence threshold (aka decision threshold). Doing so isn't the "rocket science" part of an ML project – it's the part that aims the rocket. In making this choice, every predictive AI project must wrestle with striking practical tradeoffs between competing objectives.





You must visualize the effects of parameter changes when the economics are:

Not yet known

Estimated

Prone to change

Change cost of contact (black and white)

Change profit margin (new vendor)

Mitigate fraud FP cost

Tactical changes, e.g., switching vendors

Subjective

Medical diagnosis

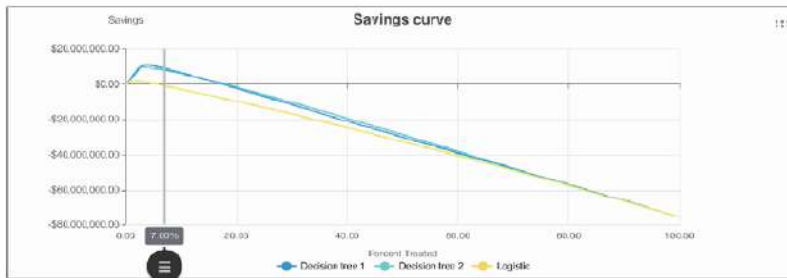
Misinformation detection

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Payment Card Fraud Detection

Metrics at 7.00% (Population: 10,000,000):

	Decision tree 1	Decision tree 2	Logistic
Gains	66.33%	61.28%	24.53%
Loss	\$10,900,996.54	\$12,153,021.11	\$20,714,000.20
Savings	\$8,880,346.80	\$7,906,661.70	-\$577,749.18
False positives	469,367	483,320	610,187
Blocked fraud	224,845	209,300	82,501



FP-cost: 10

FN-cost: 60

**MIT Sloan** Management Review

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### What Leaders Should Know About Measuring AI Project Value

Most AI/machine learning projects report only on technical metrics that don't tell leaders how much business value could be delivered. To prevent project failures, press for business metrics instead.

Eric Siegel • February 07, 2024 Reading Time: 11 min

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The illustration depicts a person standing on a path of yellow hexagons, shining a light on a large blue 'N' shape. The background is a dark blue and orange geometric pattern.

<https://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/what-leaders-should-know-about-measuring-ai-project-value/>

## ML Lifecycle

Data

Train

Evaluate

Deploy

Monitor

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**New category: *ML value-capture***

Gooder AI maximizes the value of machine learning by testing and visualizing its business performance.



## bizML

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- 2) Establish the **prediction goal**
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*Determine the salient benchmarks to track during both model training and model deployment and determine what performance level must be achieved for the project to be considered a success.*

**4) Prepare the data (fuel)**

*Define what the training data must look like and get it into that form.*

**5) Train the model (algorithm)**

*Generate a predictive model from the data.*

**6) Deploy the model (launch)**

*Use the model to render predictive scores and then use those scores to improve business operations.*

**After step 6: Maintain the model (upkeep)**

*Monitor and periodically refresh the model as an ongoing process.*

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**Data scientist:**

*Those are management issues.*

*My model's valuable – of course it'll be deployed.*



**Business professional:**

*I delegate all that technical stuff to the experts.*

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As a result, nobody is connected the hose to the faucet.



With no one taking proactive ownership, the hose and the faucet fail to connect.



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The irony is undeniable: All parties tend to focus more on the technology itself than how it should deploy. *This is like being more excited about the development of a rocket than its launch.*



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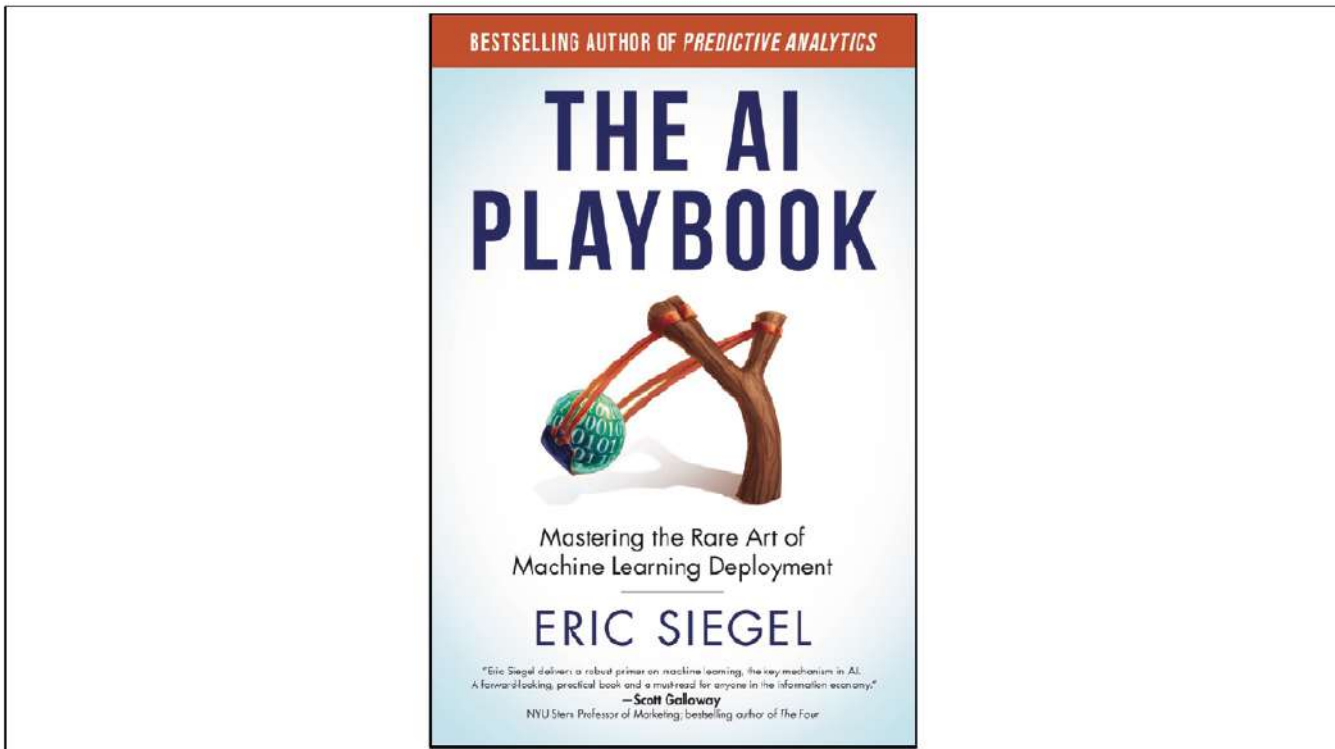
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*To drive a car, I don't need to look under the hood.*

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## MACHINE LEARNING PROJECT

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- Prep the data
- Train the model
- Deploy

### Business side:

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- Deep collaboration with stakeholders
- Ramp up the stakeholders



This is the much-neglected "other half" of what it takes to run an ML project.

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## ~~MACHINE LEARNING PROJECT~~

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## Generative AI:

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## Use cases:

- First drafts
- Brainstorming / planning / advice
- Summarization
- Review / proofread
- Chatbots
- Search
- Entertainment (games, creative writing)

Use cases that may be more questionable:

- Tutor
- Therapist
- Employee performance reviews

[https://old.reddit.com/r/ArtificialIntelligence/comments/1ceafk/whats\\_the\\_most\\_practical\\_thing\\_you\\_have\\_done\\_with/](https://old.reddit.com/r/ArtificialIntelligence/comments/1ceafk/whats_the_most_practical_thing_you_have_done_with/)

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## Conclusions

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- 3) BizML: a specialized playbook to deploy ML

## Generative AI:

*The use of ML to generate new content items, such as text, images, video, sound, or code.*

- 1) Concrete use case / measure value
- 2) GenAI easier to use; harder to use WELL
- 3) Predictive AI is often more valuable
- 4) #noAGI

Predictive and generative:

- Both use ML (for different purposes)
- Both are branded as "AI"
- Both require a value-focused practice

Overlap: LLMs can also be used as predictive models.

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Not designed to be correct.

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“ By using Generative AI, marketers were able to reduce the time needed to produce creative campaigns and content by up to 2-3 weeks, resulting in an average time savings of 34%. ”

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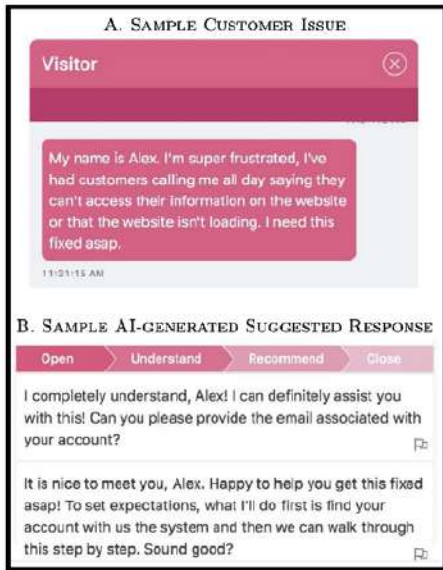


... which could equate to an annual savings of almost 3,000 hours across the participant team.

Ally Financial: a top 25 U.S. financial holding company managing \$196B in assets and serving over 11 million customers.

One of the nation's leading automotive lenders, as well as providing deposit, lending, mortgage, and credit card services as the nation's largest all-digital bank.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/randybean/2023/11/27/how-ally-financial-is-delivering-business-value-from-generative-ai/?sh=166e03999a86>



**Fortune 500 software firm:**

"Conversational assistant" for customer support

Increases issues resolved per hour by 14%

... 34% for novice and low-skilled workers

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Two main types of output: 1) real-time suggestions for how agents should respond to customers and 2) links to the data firm's internal documentation for relevant technical issues.

**GENERATIVE AI AT WORK**

by Erik Brynjolfsson et al

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[https://www.nber.org/system/files/working\\_papers/w31161/w31161.pdf](https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w31161/w31161.pdf)

<https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/workers-less-experience-gain-most-generative-ai>



- 1) Predictive AI often delivers **higher returns** than generative
- 2) Predictive AI can operate **autonomously**, whereas generative AI usually cannot
- 3) Predictive AI is much **cheaper** and imposes a much smaller footprint than generative



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*AI strategies fail because AI is a means, not an end. 'Do you have an AI strategy?' makes as much sense as asking, 'Do we have an Excel strategy?'*

”

**Mihnea Moldoveanu**

University of Toronto management professor

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<https://hbr.org/2019/03/why-ai-underperforms-and-what-companies-can-do-about-it>

OTHER ARTICLES TEMPERING AI HYPE:

<https://hbr.org/2023/06/the-ai-hype-cycle-is-distracting-companies>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ericsiegel/2024/04/10/artificial-general-intelligence-is-pure-hype/?sh=40e2a52a73c5>

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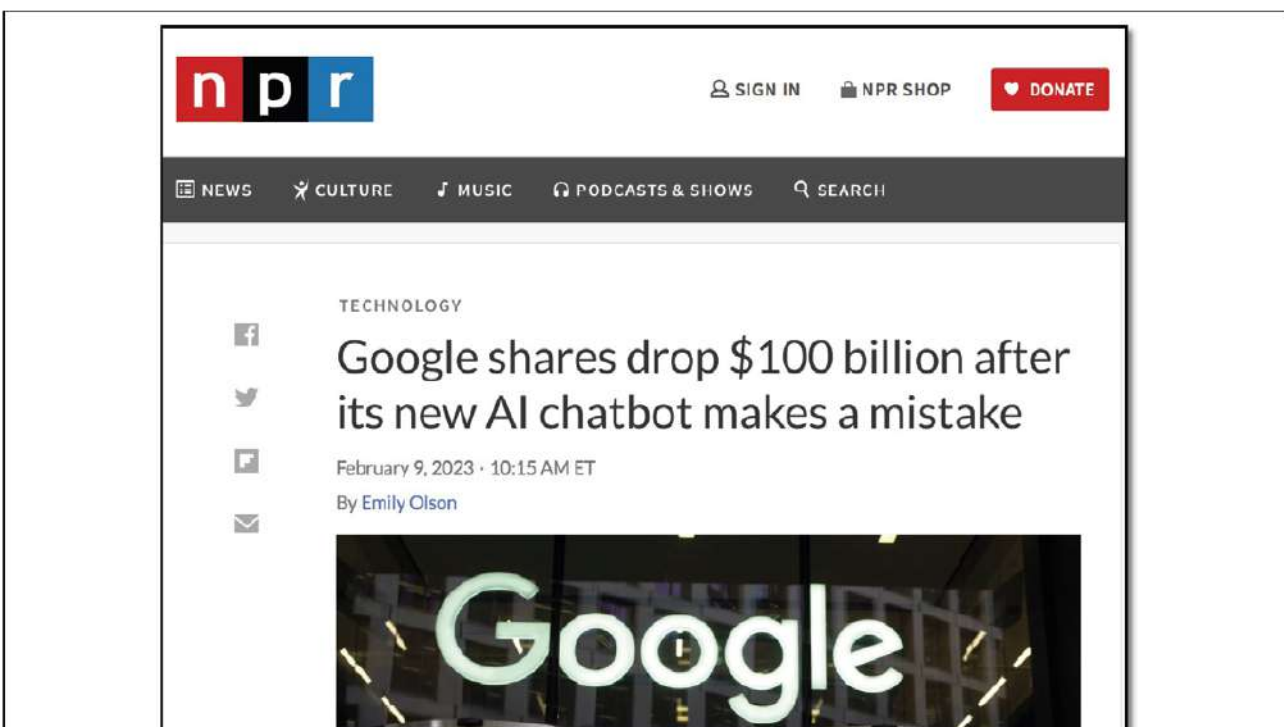


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"Companies have been timid to adopt generative AI technologies on a wide scale."

<https://outthinker.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0c3f7e67b4ffa9d91ff7d63f9&id=fa11a89152&e=a5e154a5bc>



<https://www.npr.org/2023/02/09/1155650909/google-chatbot--error-bard-shares>





Harvard Business Review

## Don't Let Gen AI Limit Your Team's Creativity

From the Magazine (March–April 2024)

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**Stanford researchers:**

*Comparing teams with/without ChatGPT*

**Business problems:**

- Develop internal training resources
- Scale up B2B sales

**Hypothesis:** Teams with ChatGPT would generate vastly more and better ideas

**Results:** GenAI led to more average ideas

GenAI by definition generates “average” inside the box responses.

GenAI can be overly trusted - more than human.

Slightly fewer D's, mores B's, fewer A's.

The researchers weren't expecting this, and are still bullish, suggesting guidance for more well homes prompt engineering.

<https://hbr.org/2024/03/dont-let-gen-ai-limit-your-teams-creativity>

<https://docsend.com/view/7xyy84yi9kyn8ngr>

<https://howtofixit.ai/>

## Final Conclusions

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