



AI Adoption Guide for Project Management





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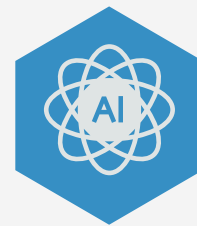
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Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Teaching a computer to think and learn like a human. AI solves problems, makes decisions, and learns from experiences.



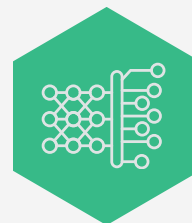
Machine Learning (ML)

A subset of AI that focuses on algorithms learning from data so it can learn and make predictions or decisions by itself.



Neural Networks

Set of algorithms modeled loosely after the human brain that are designed to recognize patterns.



Deep Learning (DL)

A further subset of ML involving neural networks with many layers for advanced pattern recognition.



Generative AI

It is a specialized application of deep learning designed to create new data that resembles the training data. AI that creates new things by learning from lots of examples..

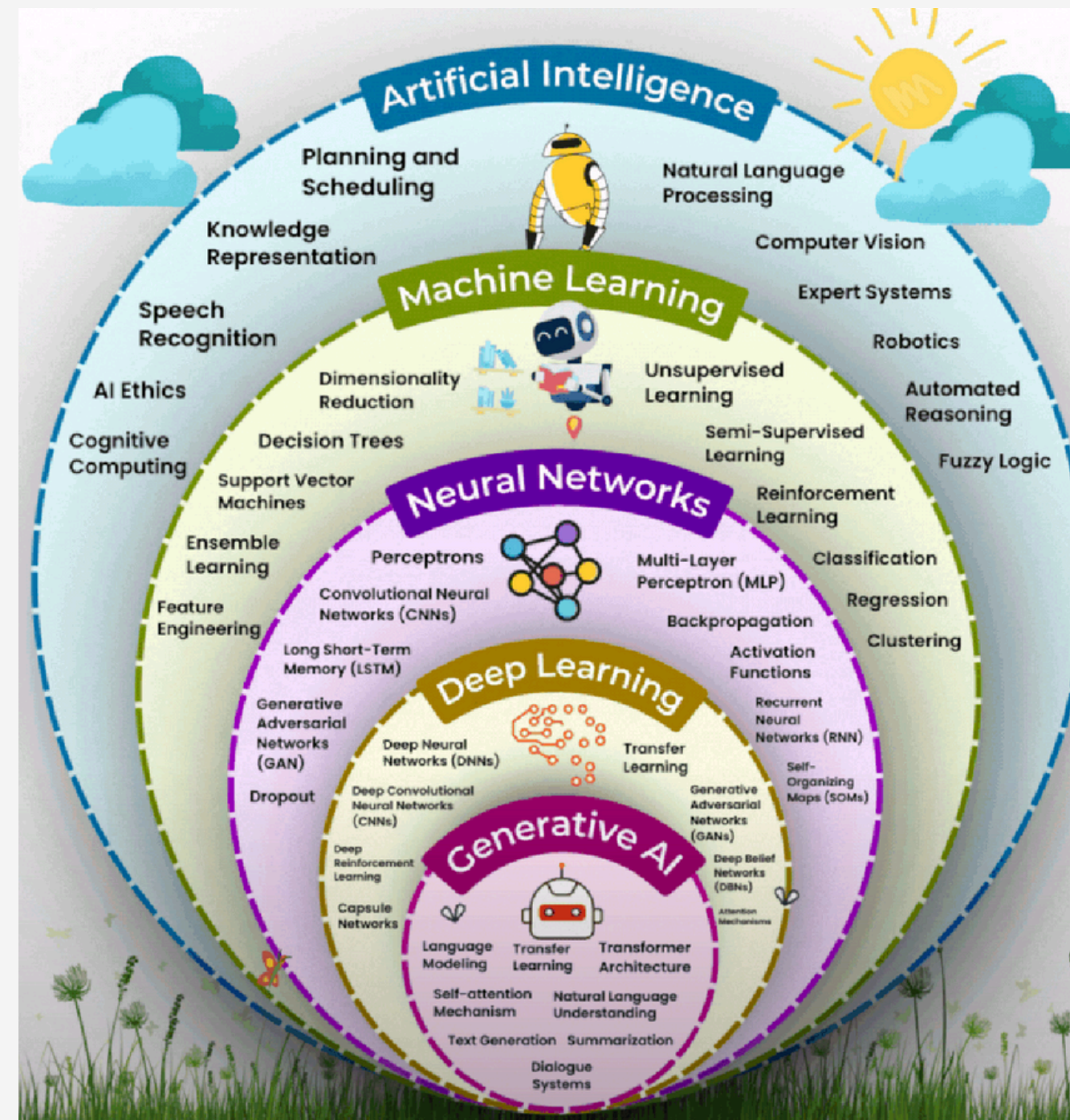


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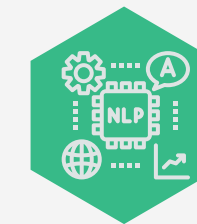
Large Language Models (LLMs)

Advanced AI models trained on large datasets to understand and generate human-like text, based on deep learning. Foundational technology for Generative AI, enabling the generation of coherent and contextually relevant text.



Natural Language Processing (NLP)

AI focused on the interaction between computers and human language, using techniques from both AI and ML. Includes Generative AI as a subset when it involves generating new content.



Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Combines retrieval of relevant information with generative AI to produce more accurate and context-aware responses, leveraging NLP and LLMs.





AI Introduction for Project Management

Let's explore how AI can enhance your processes and lead your projects to success:

WHY?

- To enhance project delivery (schedule management, progress tracking, team workload)
- Boost productivity
- Sharpen decision-making capabilities
- Build a problem solving organization

WHAT?

- Automate planning and scheduling
- Predict outcomes
- Optimize resource allocation
- Dynamic reporting and insights generation

HOW?

- By identifying high-impact areas
- Implementing AI-powered tools
- Fostering a data-driven project culture
- Training and Monitoring

WHEN?

- Begin exploration and adoption **NOW** with small-scale pilots
- Then, expand based on proven results and team adoption.

Think of it as having a super-smart assistant that never sleeps, constantly analyzing your project data to offer insights and suggestions



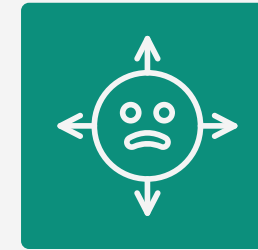
Human Challenges in Project Management

Let's face it—project management has always been a juggling act

Some persistent challenges include:



But here's where AI comes into play - See Next Slide for Use Cases



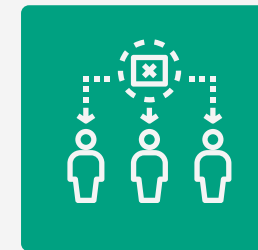
SCOPE CREEP AND CHANGING REQUIREMENTS

Often arise from unclear initial specifications, or undefined stakeholder requests.



RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS AND ALLOCATION ISSUES

Ensuring the right resources are available at the right time is often a juggling act.



COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWNS

Misunderstandings and lack of clear communication can derail projects.



RISK IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION

Identifying and mitigating risks proactively can be challenging.



TIME AND COST MANAGEMENT

Balancing deadlines with quality delivery requires meticulous planning.



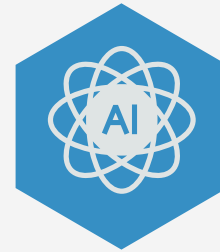
AI Project Management Use Cases

What for?

Let's relate AI Technology
with PM use cases:

Artificial Intelligence

- Automate project scheduling
- Real-time status updates
- Decision support systems
- Risk management



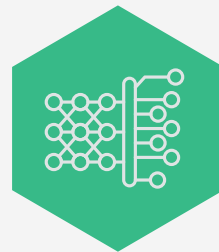
Machine Learning

- Predictive analytics for project timelines
- Optimize resource allocation
- Identify project risks



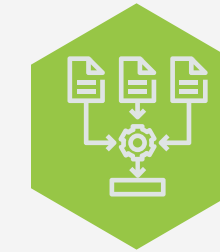
Deep Learning

- Predicting and mitigating risks - ensuring timely delivery
- Optimize resource allocation



Generative AI

- Automate generation of project reports
- Create project documentation
- Draft communication templates

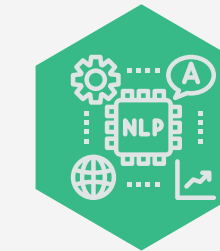


Large Language Models (LLMs)

- Draft detailed project proposals
- Answer project-related queries
- Generating progress summaries

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

- Sentiment analysis on project feedback
- Summarize meeting notes
- Automate email responses



Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

- Dynamic retrieval of project best practices
- Generate comprehensive project insights and real-time data lookup





Research Snapshot: AI in Project Management

Why do it? Why now?

The statistics and predictions tells us why:

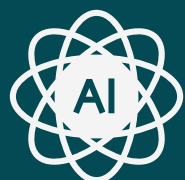
CURRENT STATISTICS

35%



The Standish Group notes that **only 35% of projects are successful**, and 65% of projects waste resources and have unrealized benefits.

22%



22% of project managers say AI tools are deployed in their organizations and in use today (Survey 2023). However, different surveys report different adoption ² levels.

9%

READY?

Only 9% of project professionals say they **are extremely ready for the adoption of AI tools**. However, **29%** say they **don't feel ready**.

FUTURE PREDICTIONS

17%
CAGR

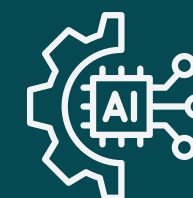
BY 2028



The global market for AI in project management is projected to grow from USD 2.5 billion in 2023 to **USD 5.7 billion by 2028**, with a compound annual growth rate **(CAGR) of 17.3%** during the forecast period.

93%

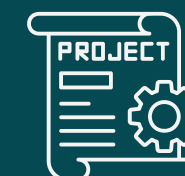
BY 2028



More than 93% of employers and 86% of workers anticipate using GenAI to automate repetitive tasks, improve creativity and innovation efforts and support increased learning within the next five ⁵ years.

80%

BY 2030



Gartner predicts that **80 percent of project management** work will be done by artificial intelligence by 2030.

Research Snapshot: Early AI Adopters Results

Note-taking and enhancing meeting efficiency

"I frequently rely on GenAI to streamline my work processes. During meetings, it helps me take notes and summarize discussions effortlessly, providing ready-to-send emails to keep the team updated. Moreover, I utilize it for data analysis in reporting, allowing me to efficiently generate insights and create training materials for projects."



Riam Chazbeck, consultant at KPMG for Dubai Municipality, UAE

Enhancing PMO efficiency with GenAI chat systems

"In order to improve the capabilities of the PMO, we utilize a chat system using AI both internally and externally. These systems automatically answer project management-related FAQs, ensuring quick responses and saving valuable time for project professionals who might need immediate assistance or clarification on project-related matters."



Yahiro Takegami, certified executive project manager, Delivery Excellence Of Technology Expert Labs, IBM, Japan

Enhancing project management through data-driven baseline models

"By leveraging a vast amount of project data, we establish various project baseline models to help project managers with project planning, risk assessment and resource allocation recommendations. This frees up project managers to dedicate more energy to maintaining good relationships with core stakeholders, coaching and supporting the growth of project team members."



Zhang Taosen, general manager of product and project management, iFLYTEK, China

Collaborative brainstorming and creative problem-solving

"I utilize GenAI as a collaborative brainstorming tool, seeking its input for creative problem-solving. I prompt it for ideas and request text rewrites to refine our communication. When compiling lists of solutions, I provide existing options and ask GenAI to generate additional alternatives in bulleted format. It also helps me formulate better questions for specific scenarios, aiding in critical thinking and information gathering. GenAI serves as a valuable assistant, bridging gaps in knowledge and enhancing my problem-solving capabilities."



Olalla García Pérez, deputy project manager, Kawasaki Rail Car, USA

Optimizing production timelines and resource allocation

"I often turn to GenAI for various project needs, adapting its functions to suit different project requirements. However, a standout use case that I find particularly fascinating is its role in optimizing production timelines and resource allocation across general projects. By analyzing historical data, GenAI identifies common pitfalls and scheduling improvements, considering factors such as resource availability and task dependencies. This proactive approach helps anticipate bottlenecks, mitigate risks and enhance overall project efficiency, regardless of the project's nature."



Subhankar Modak, business program manager, Wipro Technologies, India

- Early adopters of AI in project management report **significant benefits** such as improved efficiency, time savings, and better project outcomes.
- Companies using AI for project management report a **30% increase in project success rates**.
- High satisfaction levels with AI technology use in project management: **44% of respondents declared themselves extremely satisfied, and 46% very satisfied**.
- AI tools help **reduce project overruns by 25%**.

Overall AI Adoption Path

How to go about it?





AI for Project Management: Adoption Roadmap Recommendation

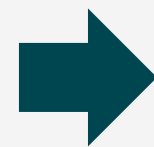
How to go about it?

This prioritization takes into account the ease of implementation and the immediate benefits that AI can deliver to the most essential project management responsibilities/tasks:

PRIORITY CRITERIA

High priority tasks are those that can be implemented **quickly with significant benefits.**

Low priority tasks are more **resource-intensive and costlier**, providing fewer immediate benefits.



HIGH

- Organize Meetings
- Prepare Agendas
- Write Up Meeting Notes
- Project Planning
- Task Management
- Time Management

MEDIUM

- Communication
- Documentation
- Stakeholder Management
- Performance Monitoring
- Quality Management

LOW

- Budget Management
- Risk Management


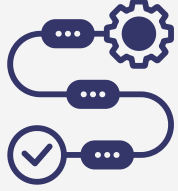
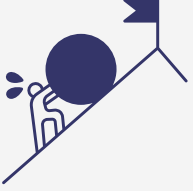
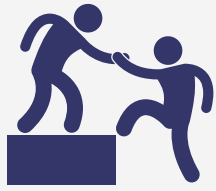



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Key Project Management Processes and AI Benefits



 Priority	 Project Management Tasks / Processes	 Challenges	 How AI Can Help?	 Benefits
	Meetings: Organize Prepare Agenda Write-up meeting notes	Scheduling conflicts Time-consuming Capturing all key points accurately	Automated scheduling tool AI-generated agenda suggestions based on data	Efficient meeting planning, reduced conflicts Streamlined agenda preparation Accurate meeting notes, time savings
	Project Planning & Resource Allocation	Complex planning and resource allocation	Automated scheduling Resource optimization by matching tasks with the most suitable team members	Improved accuracy, efficiency in planning
	Task Management	Overseeing multiple tasks	Task automation Prioritization based on deadlines, dependencies, and team capacity.	Reduced workload, increased efficiency
	Time Management	Meeting deadlines	AI-driven timeline predictions Scheduling	On-time delivery, improved time management

HIGH



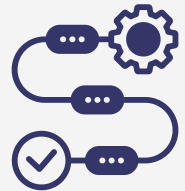
Key Project Management Processes and Gen AI Benefits



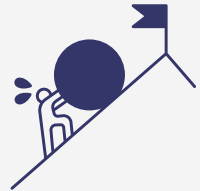
Priority

MEDIUM

LOW



Project Management Tasks / Processes



Challenges



How AI Can Help?



Benefits

	Communication	Ensuring clear communication	AI can analyze communications and identify potential issues or bottlenecks.	Improved communication Better team alignment
	Documentation	Managing extensive project documentation	Automated document generation, data extraction	Time savings Increased accuracy
	Stakeholder Management	Engaging and managing stakeholders	AI-driven insights for stakeholder communication	Improved stakeholder satisfaction, better engagement
	Performance Monitoring	Tracking project performance	Real-time data analytics, performance dashboards	Enhanced decision-making Better performance tracking
	Quality Management	Maintaining project standards	Automated quality checks, compliance monitoring	Consistent quality Adherence to standards
	Budget Management	Tracking expenses, budget overruns	AI-driven budget forecasting, expense tracking	Cost control Reduced financial risks
	Risk Management	Proactively identifying and mitigating risks	Predictive analytics for risk assessment	Proactive risk management Enhanced safety



Limitations of AI in Project Management

Despite the effective applications, AI has its limitations



LACK OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

AI can't replace human intuition and emotional understanding in team dynamics.



DATA DEPENDENCY

The quality of AI insights is only as good as the data it's fed.



COMPLEXITY IN IMPLEMENTATION

Integrating AI into existing project management processes can be challenging.



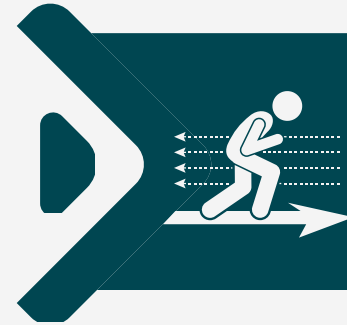
ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

AI recommendations may raise questions about accountability and bias.

Challenges and Barriers in AI Adoption

AI Limitations make me nervous...should I wait until technology evolves?

01



Resistance to change from team members

High initial costs of AI implementation



02

03



Lack of standardization in AI tools for project management

Integration with existing project management software



04

05



Training and upskilling the team to work with AI

Overcoming these barriers requires a strategic approach and commitment from leadership.

The Urgent Need for Skill Adaptation

Key skills to develop include:

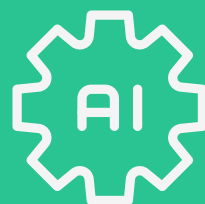
01



Data literacy and interpretation

High data literacy enables managers to draw accurate insights, identify trends, and make data-driven decisions that enhance project outcomes.

02



AI tool proficiency

Mastery of AI tools increases efficiency, automates routine tasks, and provides deeper insights, allowing managers to focus on strategic aspects of the project.

03



Strategic thinking and decision-making

Important skills for navigating complex project landscapes, ensuring that projects not only meet their immediate goals but also contribute to broader business objectives.

04



Ethical AI usage and governance

Ethical AI usage ensures that AI applications are fair, transparent, and comply with regulations. This builds trust among stakeholders and mitigates risks associated with AI deployment.

Fear of AI Job Takeover

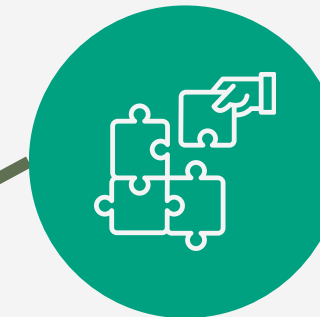
The role as a project manager
is evolving, not disappearing.

Let's address the
elephant in the room:
job security

Here's what AI can't replace:



Leadership and team motivation



**Complex problem-solving in
unique situations**



**Stakeholder management and
communication**



**Ethical decision-making and
accountability**



Critical Thinking and Innovation

Key Ethical Guidelines and Governance for AI in Project Management

1. Bias Mitigation:

- Utilize algorithmic fairness tools and frameworks available within the AI tools to detect and mitigate biases. Many out-of-the-box solutions provide built-in fairness metrics and adjustment options.
- Create a feedback loop where users can report any perceived biases or issues with AI decisions.

2. Privacy Protection:

- Adhere to data protection regulations.
- Anonymize personal data where possible to protect individual privacy.
- Limit data access to authorized personnel only and use encryption to safeguard data.

3. Transparency:

- Document and disclose the criteria and data sources used by AI systems
- Allow users to query and challenge AI-driven insights.

4. Accountability

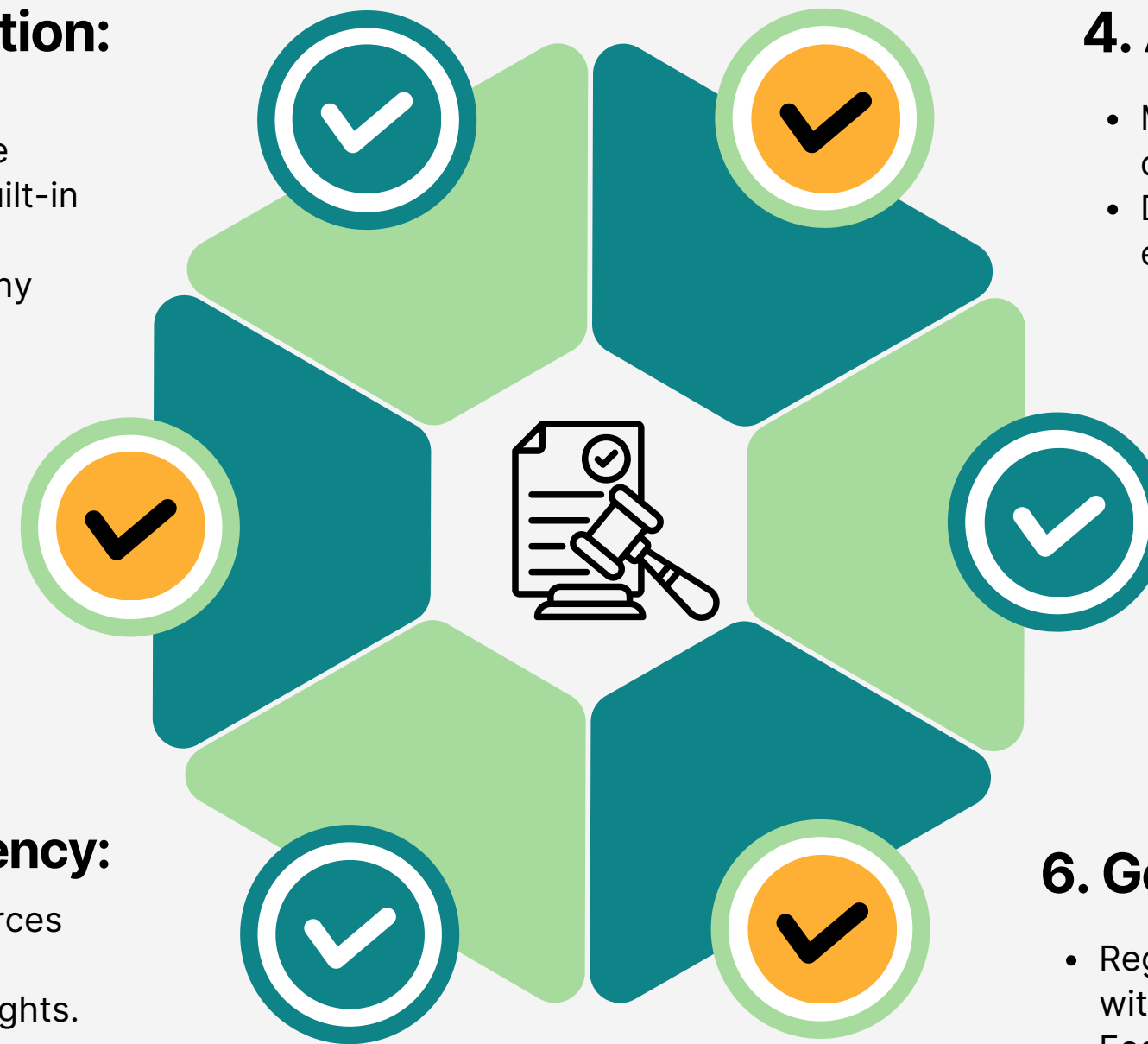
- Maintain human oversight on critical AI-driven decisions recommendations.
- Develop a framework for addressing and rectifying errors or unintended consequences.

5. Ethical Use of AI

- Ensure AI applications align with the organization's values and ethical standards.
- Engage in continuous education on ethical AI practices for team members.
- Promote a culture of ethical AI use and encourage reporting of unethical practices.

6. Governance Structure

- Regularly review and update AI policies to keep pace with technological advancements.
- Foster stakeholder engagement in the development and monitoring of AI governance frameworks.





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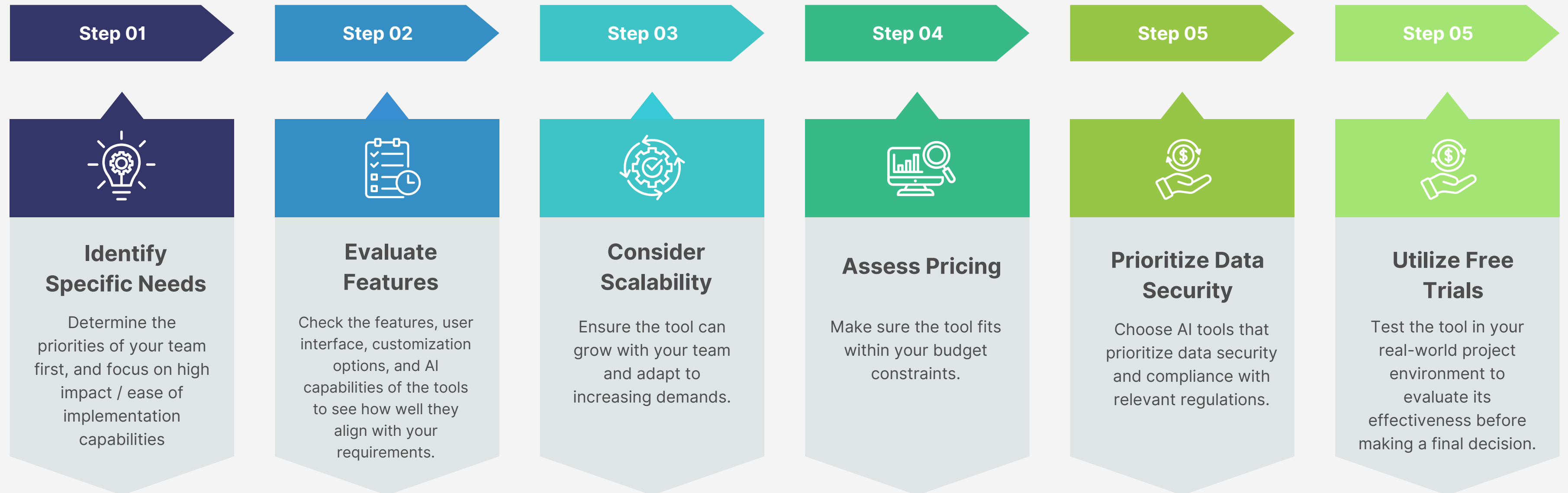
Assessing Project Management Tools with AI Capabilities





Tool Selection Criteria

When selecting an AI project management tool:



When selecting an AI tool **DON'T**:

01.

Ignore Total Cost

Don't: Overlook the total cost of ownership, including hidden fees, implementation costs, and long-term expenses.

Example: Consider subscription fees, training costs, and potential upgrade charges.

02.

Neglect Support and Training:

Don't: Ignore the importance of customer support and training resources when selecting an AI tool.

Example: Ensure the vendor offers comprehensive support, documentation, and training.

03.

Overcomplicate with Features:

Don't: Choose tools with excessive features that you don't need or won't use.

Example: Focus on essential functionalities that align with your project requirements.

04.

Underestimate Implementation Time

Don't: Underestimate the time and effort required to implement the AI tool and integrate it into your workflows.

Example: Plan for a realistic implementation timeline.

05.

Disregard Vendor Reputation:

Don't: Ignore the reputation and reliability of the AI tool vendor.

Example: Research vendor reviews, and industry reputation to ensure they have a track record of success and customer satisfaction.



SUCCESS



Comparison of Popular Project Management Tools with AI Capabilities

Features	Asana	ClickUp	Monday.com	Motion	Notion	Smartsheet	Trello	Wrike
User Interface	Intuitive and clean Easy to navigate.	Clean, modern interface with multiple views.	Intuitive, colorful, and visually appealing.	Simple, task and schedule focused.	Flexible, minimalistic, and highly customizable.	Spreadsheet-like interface, familiar to Excel users.	Simple, card-based layout, user-friendly.	Professional, slightly complex for new users.
Project Management	Comprehensive task and project management features.	Robust task management, timelines, Gantt charts, Kanban boards, and goal tracking.	Comprehensive features including timelines, Gantt charts, Kanban boards, and resource management.	Task management and scheduling with AI-driven features.	Robust task and project management with integrated databases and notes.	Strong in project scheduling, resource management, and Gantt charts.	Basic project management features with Kanban boards.	Strong task and project management features with time tracking.
AI Capabilities	AI: Automated project scheduling and task management. ML: Predictive analytics for timelines and resource allocation. NLP: Sentiment analysis and automated reporting.	AI: Task and project automation. ML: Predictive analytics and resource management. Generative AI: Document creation. NLP: Automating email responses.	AI: Real-time project status updates. ML: Resource optimization and risk identification. Generative AI: Automated report generation and communication templates.	AI: Automated scheduling and task management. ML: Predictive analytics for time management. NLP: Automating responses and reporting.	AI: Automated task and project management. ML: Predictive analytics for workflow optimization. NLP: Advanced note-taking and data retrieval.	AI: Decision support and project scheduling. ML: Timeline predictions and risk management. LLMs: Drafting detailed proposals and summaries.	AI: Task automation and scheduling. ML: Predictive task completion and resource tracking. NLP: Summarizing comments and feedback analysis.	AI: Project and task management automation. ML: Predictive analytics for project timelines. NLP: Automating communication and sentiment analysis.
Customization	Customizable task fields, workflows, and templates.	Extremely customizable with multiple views and task options.	Highly customizable boards, templates, and workflows.	Customizable schedules and task lists.	Highly customizable pages, databases, and templates.	Flexible sheet-based interface, highly customizable.	Customizable boards and card details.	Customizable dashboards, workflows, and reports.
Collaboration Tools	Integrated messaging, file sharing, and real-time updates.	Built-in chat, comment threads, document collaboration, and real-time updates.	Integrated messaging, file sharing, and real-time updates.	Task comments and scheduling notifications.	Real-time collaboration, comments, mentions, and shared documents.	Robust collaboration features, including comment threads and attachment sharing.	Basic collaboration with comments and attachments.	Built-in chat, task comments, and file sharing.
Automation	Customizable automation rules for workflows.	Advanced automation capabilities, including custom triggers and actions	Customizable automation rules for workflows.	Automated task scheduling and rescheduling.	Automation for databases, tasks, and workflows.	Powerful automation capabilities for repetitive tasks.	Basic automation for task movements.	Automation for project and task workflows.
Integration	Integrates with Slack, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Workspace, and more.	Integrates with over 1,000 apps, including Slack, Google Workspace, Zoom, and more.	Integrates with various tools like Slack, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Workspace, and more.	Integrates with Google Calendar, Outlook, and other scheduling tools.	Integrates with Slack, Google Workspace, Trello, and more.	Extensive integrations with business apps like Salesforce, Jira, and Microsoft Office.	Integrates with Slack, Google Workspace, and other productivity tools.	Integrates with Salesforce, Slack, Google Workspace, and more.
Reporting & Analytics	Visual dashboards and reporting tools for tracking progress and performance.	Advanced reporting and analytics	Visual dashboards and reporting tools for tracking progress and performance.	Basic reporting on task completion and scheduling.	Customizable reports, dashboards, and analytics.	Advanced reporting features, including customizable dashboards and reports.	Basic reporting features with activity logs.	Advanced reporting and analytics with custom dashboards.
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Customer Support	24/7 support, knowledge base, webinars, and community forums.	24/7 support, extensive documentation, webinars, and community forums.	24/7 support, knowledge base, webinars, and community forums.	24/7 email support, knowledge base.	24/7 support, extensive documentation, community forums.	24/7 support, extensive documentation, webinars, and community forums.	Community support, knowledge base, and help center.	24/7 support, knowledge base, webinars, and community forums.
Best For	Small to medium-sized businesses, teams needing easy-to-use task management.	Teams of all sizes needing extensive customization and robust task management.	Small to medium-sized businesses, creative teams, startups.	Individuals and small teams focusing on scheduling and task management.	Teams and individuals needing a flexible, all-in-one workspace for project management and note-taking.	Large enterprises, teams familiar with Excel-like interfaces.	Individuals and small teams needing simple project management.	Teams needing strong task and project management with time tracking.



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How Ikigai Edge Consulting can help?





Consulting Services

Current State Assessment

Conduct a comprehensive analysis of your current Project Management Office (PMO) operations



Quantify ROI

Measure and report the return on investment from implementing recommended tools and strategy



Ongoing Support and Consultation

Offer continuous support to ensure successful tool integration and process optimization.



AI Adoption Roadmap

Create a tailored roadmap that aligns with your organization's unique goals and challenges



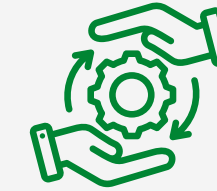
Develop Project Plan

Develop detailed project requirements and specifications to guide implementation.



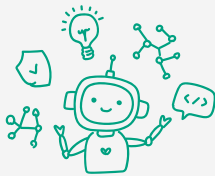
Change Management

Assist in managing the transition to new tools and methodologies, ensuring minimal disruption and maximum adoption.



Evaluate / Recommend AI tools

Assess various project management and AI tools suitable for your needs.



Training and Upskilling

Provide comprehensive training programs to enhance your team's skills in AI and project management.



Customized Solutions

Develop bespoke solutions to address specific project management needs unique to your organization.





Consulting Services Benefits

Current State Assessment

Identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement to optimize your project management processes



Quantify ROI

Justify expenditures and demonstrate the financial benefits of improvements



Ongoing Support and Consultation

Maintain and improve project management practices with expert guidance



AI Adoption Roadmap

Ensure a clear and structured approach to achieving project management excellence.



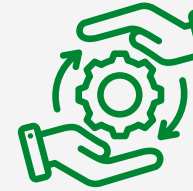
Develop Project Plan

Ensure clarity and precision in project planning and execution, reducing the risk of scope creep and miscommunication



Change Management

Smooth transition to new processes, increasing the likelihood of successful implementation



Evaluate / Recommend AI tools

Implement the most effective tools to enhance productivity and efficiency



Training and Upskilling

Empower your team with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively utilize AI tools



Customized Solutions

Tailored strategies that meet your unique needs and drive project success





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