

Putting AI to Work

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Prompt Analysis and Refinement

Learning Objectives

- Create and apply prompt glossaries to facilitate clear communication across languages or technical subject areas
- Build or implement reusable templates to standardize prompts for consistency and clarity
- Incorporate documents into prompts to provide deep context and improve AI understanding
- Leverage prior AI interactions to maintain continuity, memory, and task alignment across multiturn conversations

Module 10.1: Translation Glossaries

- Translation glossaries are reference tools that define key terms, phrases, or commands.
- Their purpose is to improve clarity when working across languages, technical subjects, or specialized vocabulary.
- AI struggles with translating technical jargon, uncommon abbreviations, and field-specific language.
- Use cases:
 - Non-native language prompts
 - Domain-specific terminology
 - Multilingual translation
- Components: Term, definition, preferred translation, context or example use.
- How to use:
 - Reference terms directly.
 - Inform the AI of the glossary.
 - Attach it as context.

Module 10.1: Ethics in Action

- Glossaries ensure fair, inclusive communication by standardizing sensitive or culturally specific terms.
- They reduce the chance of bias or misunderstanding across languages and diverse audiences.
- Consistent terminology prevents harmful stereotypes from being amplified in AI outputs.

Module 10.1: Techie Dive

- Translation glossaries improve AI performance by reducing token ambiguity in LLMs.
- Pre-defined terms help models follow user intent instead of probabilistic guesses.
- This is critical for terms with multiple meanings depending on the context.
- Glossaries provide language conditioning that shapes model responses.

Module 10.1: Business Lens

- Accurate translation is critical in healthcare, finance, law, and e-commerce, where accurate terminology matters.
- Glossaries improve quality control and support localization workflows for international markets.
- Ensure regulatory compliance in multilingual content and reduce legal risks.
- They maintain brand consistency across global communications.

Module 10.2: Prompt Templates

- Prompt templates are structured formats that organize prompt components for reuse.
- Benefits:
 - Consistency
 - Clarity
 - Efficiency
 - Scalability for large projects
- Types include simple outlines to complex forms with multiple variables and placeholders.
- Common examples:
 - Customer service emails
 - Lesson plans
 - Brainstorming
 - Product descriptions
- Placeholders are bracketed variables like [tone], [audience], [topic] that are filled in for different uses.
- Name and save templates for future reference within AI conversations.

Module 10.2: Ethics in Action

- Templates amplify good habits or bad ones depending on their design.
- Biased assumptions or exclusionary phrasing spread across many outputs.
- Always review template language for fairness and inclusivity before widespread use.

Module 10.2: Techie Dive

- Many AI tools support custom instructions that serve as persistent templates.
- Some platforms support parameterized templates that are filled in automatically via code or forms.
- Template-based prompting aligns with software engineering principles of modularity.
- Advanced users integrate templates with APIs for automated prompt generation.

Module 10.2: Business Lens

- Templates improve team efficiency in marketing, HR, and customer service.
- Standardized prompts ensure consistent brand tone and reduce training time.
- They make it easier to audit and revise AI content for regulatory compliance.
- They offer a scalable solution for organizations generating large volumes of AI-assisted content.

Module 10.3: Using Documents as Input

- AI works best when it understands the full picture of a task.
- Methods:
 - Upload files (PDF, DOCX, TXT).
 - Paste long text.
 - Link to documents.
- Clearly state the purpose and the specific task related to the document.
- Common pitfalls:
 - Unclear instructions
 - Too much text at once
 - Assuming automatic reading
- Fix unclear instructions by adding specific goals like "Summarize the executive summary."
- Fix overload by breaking large amounts of text into sections or using chunked uploads.

Module 10.3: Ethics in Action

- Uploading private or sensitive documents raises serious privacy concerns.
- Make sure to ensure permission is given and understand AI tool's data retention policy.
- Contracts, student records, and health information require special caution.
- Anonymization and data protection are essential for personal information.

Module 10.3: Techie Dive

- Advanced AI tools use embedding and vector search for document processing.
- Documents are converted into vectors (numeric representations of meaning).
- The system retrieves the most relevant chunks based on semantic similarity.
- This improves both relevance and memory handling for long documents.

Module 10.3: Business Lens

- Customer service teams upload training manuals for quick response generation.
- Legal analysts upload contracts for instant summaries and risk flagging.
- Consultants process policy documents to draft client-ready content.
- This saves hours of manual review and improves response accuracy.

Module 10.4: Using Earlier Conversations

- Leverage prior inputs to maintain continuity across AI interactions.
- Benefits:
 - Refine content across sessions
 - Preserve instructions
 - Collaborate on multistep tasks.
- Within the same conversation, reference earlier messages with specific phrases.
- Example phrases: "Based on the outline above" or "Use the same tone as before."
- Across conversations, reintroduce key info by pasting summaries or reuploading documents.
- Platform variations: Some tools have persistent memory, while others only have memory within a single chat.

Module 10.4: Ethics in Action

- Persistent conversations may unknowingly share personal or sensitive data over time.
- Memory features keep information accessible to the tool indefinitely.
- Avoid uploading private information unless you understand the AI tool's storage and usage policies.
- Check the platform's privacy settings and review saved memory regularly.

Module 10.4: Techie Dive

- Persistent memory relies on session tokens or account-linked memory profiles.
- Conversation summaries and preferences are stored in secure databases.
- A system retrieves and applies context in real time during each session.
- It blends storage, access control, and contextual retrieval mechanisms.

Module 10.4: Business Lens

- Businesses benefit from memory-enabled AI for long-term projects.
- Users can train AI assistants to maintain consistent formatting and style.
- Users must ensure secure handling of client data across sessions.
- Memory features improve productivity while requiring careful data governance.

Key Takeaways

- Effective prompt refinement is iterative, requiring testing, feedback, and continuous improvement.
- Translation glossaries standardize terminology, reducing ambiguity in specialized fields.
- Prompt templates provide reusable structures ensuring consistency and scalability.
- Document-based input gives AI deeper context for more accurate responses.
- Leveraging earlier conversations maintains continuity in multistep projects.
- Privacy and security concerns are critical to consider when uploading documents or using memory features.
- Ethical design prevents amplification of biases in AI-generated content.
- Understanding technical mechanisms helps informed decision making about AI tools.
- Business applications span customer service, legal analysis, marketing, and global communications.
- The gap between "good enough" and "great" AI output is bridged through systematic refinement.