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# **Applying Agentic Artificial Intelligence in Auditing**

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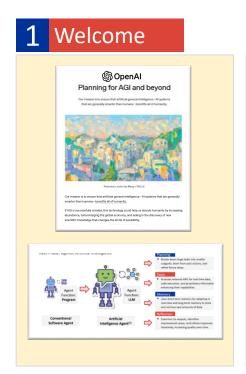
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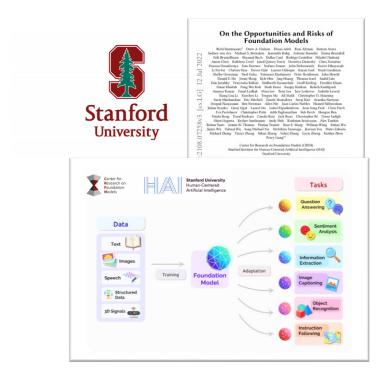
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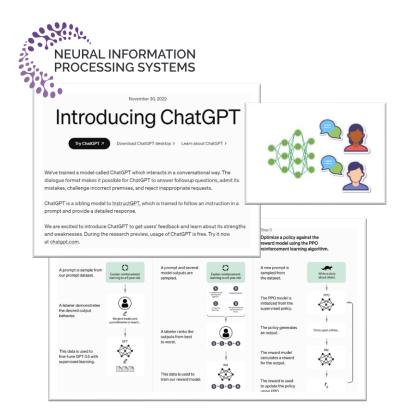
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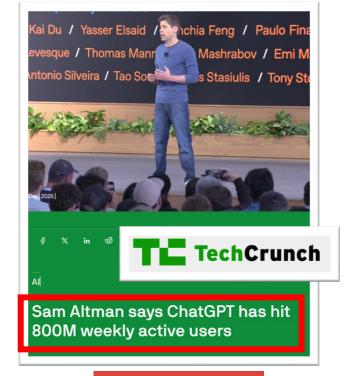
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#### **Road to Artificial General Intelligence (AGI)**







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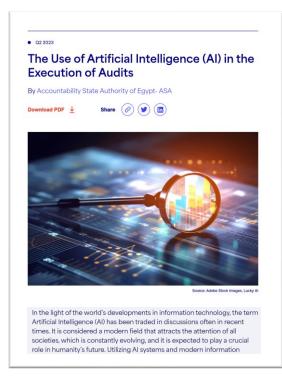




#### **INTOSAI Journal Articles on Artifificial Intelligence**









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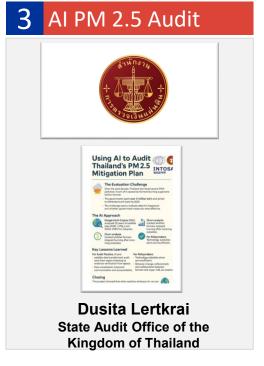
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#### **Inspirational AI Use-Case Examples**











# A sea of unstructured data to a large clean table

#### The material

- Municipal budgets
  - 1160 files (4 years \* 290 municipals)
  - 50 pages on average
  - 1 target table with about
    - 5 indicators
    - 4-6 years (outcomes and forecasts)
- ~ 27,000 values



#### The goal

| Municipal | Publishing<br>year | indicator      | Year<br>(outcome<br>of<br>forecast) | value  | page |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------|
| Stockholm | 2020               | Tax revenues   | 2020                                | 29,823 | 123  |
| Stockholm | 2020               | Tax revenues   | 2021                                | 30,853 | 123  |
| Stockholm | 2020               | Tax revenues   | 2022                                | 32,175 | 123  |
| Stockholm | 2020               | Gov.<br>grants | 2020                                | 35,420 | 152  |
|           |                    |                |                                     |        |      |

# Ekonomisk sammanställning 2021–2023

| Resultaträkning                                       | 2021        | 2022        | 2023        |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Verksamhetens intäkter, exklusive realisationsvinster | 10 328 200  | 10 558 900  | 10 830 600  |
| Realisationsvinster                                   | 500 000     | 500 000     | 500 000     |
| Verksamhetens kostnader                               | -43 922 200 | -44 395 900 | -45 234 600 |
| Avskrivningar   | -1 850 000  | -2 050 000  | -2 250 000  |
| Verksamhetens nettokostnader                          | -34 944 000 | -35 387 000 | -36 154 000 |

| Årets resultat                        | 0          | 360 000    | 500 000    |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Utdelning                             | 540 000    | 540 000    | 540 000    |
| Finansiellt netto exklusive utdelning | -8 000     | 1 000      | -3 000     |
| Generella statsbidrag och utjämning   | 4 310 000  | 3 956 000  | 3 516 000  |
| Skatteintäkter                        | 30 102 000 | 31 250 000 | 32 601 000 |

| Balanskravsutredning  | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Årets resultat  | 0        | 360 000  | 500 000  |
| Avgår samtliga realisationsvinster  | -500 000 | -500 000 | -500 000 |
| Årets balanskravsresultat före<br>ianspråktagande/avsättning till<br>resultatutjämningsreserv | -500 000 | -140 000 | 0        |
| Medel till resultatutjämningsreserv   | -        | -        | -        |
| Medel från resultatutjämningsreserv   | 500 000  | 140 000  | -        |
| Årets balanskravsresultat   | 0        | 0        | 0        |

| ommun   | år   | indicator  | year | value     | nage |
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| öteborg | 2020 | Skatteintäkter                                       | 2020 | 29823000  | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2021 | 30853000  | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 32175000  | 123  |
|         |      | Generella statsbidrag och utjämning                  | 2020 | 3542000   | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2021 | 3313000   | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 3199000   | 123  |
|         |      | Verksamhetens nettokostnader exklusive avskrivningar | 2020 | -33038500 | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2021 | -33573500 | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | -34748500 | 123  |
|         |      | Årets resultat                                       | 2020 | 805000    | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2021 | 1040000   | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 1040000   | 123  |
|         |      | Årets balanskravsresultat                            | 2020 | 305000    | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2021 | 540000    | 123  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 540000    | 123  |
|         | 2021 | Skatteintäkter                                       | 2021 | 30102000  | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 31250000  | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2023 | 32601000  | 152  |
|         |      | Generella statsbidrag och utjämning                  | 2021 | 4310000   | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 3956000   | 152  |
| -       |      |  | 2023 | 3516000   | 152  |
|         |      | Verksamhetens nettokostnader exklusive avskrivningar | 2021 | -34944000 | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | -35387000 | 152  |
| _       |      |  | 2023 | -36154000 | 152  |
|         |      | Årets resultat                                       | 2021 | 0         | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 360000    | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2023 | 500000    | 152  |
|         |      | Årets balanskravsresultat                            | 2021 | 0         | 152  |
|         |      |  | 2022 | 0         | 152  |
| L       |      |  | 2023 | 0         | 152  |
| Τ       | 2022 | Skatteintäkter                                       | 2022 | 32147000  | 185  |
|         |      |  | 2023 | 33411000  | 185  |
| I       |      |  | 2024 | 34606000  | 185  |



```
class Name(str, Enum):
   """Datamodell over possible indicators."""
   TAXREV = "Tax revenues"
   GOV GRANT = "Government grants"
   NET EXP = "Net operating expenses excluding depreciation"
   PROFIT = "Profit for the year"
   BALANCE REQ = "Balance requirement result for the year"
class YearValue(BaseModel):
   """Data model for the year and value pairs."""
   year: str = None
   value: Optional[int] = None
class Indicator(BaseModel):
    """Data model for an indicator."""
   indicator: Name = Field(
       description="Selecting the correct predefined indicator name."
   values: List[YearValue] = None
class Indicators(BaseModel):
   """Data model for an indicator."""
   indicators: List[Indicator]
IND="\n* ".join([i.value for i in Name])
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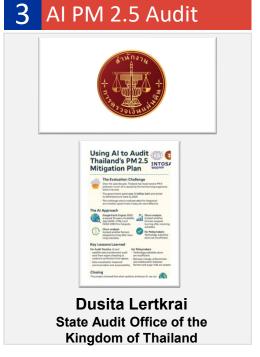
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def system prompt(budgetår, kommun, rapport_typ, IND):
   t = int(budgetår)
   t1 = t + 1
   t2 = t + 2
   prompt = f"""
   You're a helpful AI assistant who reads, compares, and stores
information from tables. If there are minus signs (-) at the beginning of
numbers, keep it.
   You will get a page from a {rapport_typ} for {municipality}.
   You must find and structure information according to the schedule you
have received for the years {t}, {t1}, {t2} on the following indicators:
  {IND}
   return dedent(prompt)
def get_financial_indicators(text: str, system_prompt:str):
    """Get financial indicators from a text."""
    completion = client.beta.chat.completions.parse(
       model=MODEL,
        temperature=0.2,
       messages=[
           {"role": "system", "content": dedent(system_prompt)},
           {"role": "user", "content": text}
       response_format=Indicators,
   return completion.choices[0].message.parsed, completion
```



#### **Inspirational AI Use-Case Examples**











#### Need to automate the processing of documents: workflow

1 Electronic submission

Political parties submit documentation by the Electronic Site

3 Manual classification and data entry

Audit teams must classify all documentation and copy their information to the working papers in order to carry out the checks.

5 Seasonality

Audit on electoral process is seasonal, which generates peaks in work

2 Election expenses

Invoices for election expenses (over 1,000 €) and mailing expenses are submitted, along with bank receipts for payment.

4 Big data volume

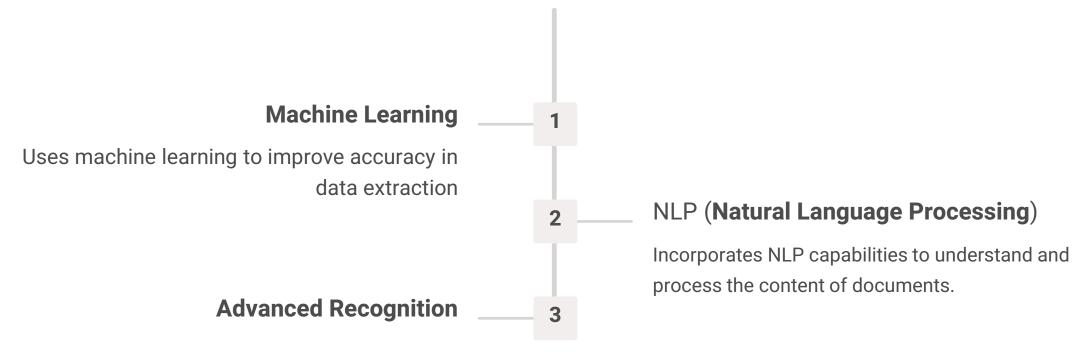
227 political parties and more than 10,000 invoices were audited

It's important to use tools to check election expenses quickly and make sure they follow the legal requirements

#### Need to automate the processing of documents: solution with machine learning

SCA invests in a risk-project to automate reading of the invoices and documents: Al-software "THEIA"

**THEIA is a software** designed to help manage various types of documents using machine learning, NLP (natural language processing) and advanced recognition capabilities. THEIA performs automatic training per vendor and improve accuracy.



# Need to automate the processing of documents: key benefits

#### **Focus on high Value Tasks**

Automation allows employees to focus on tasks of greater value added to the organization.

#### **Mistakes Reduction**

It reduces errors from manual data handling, so you won't need to copy this information to the working papers.

#### **Process Acceleration**

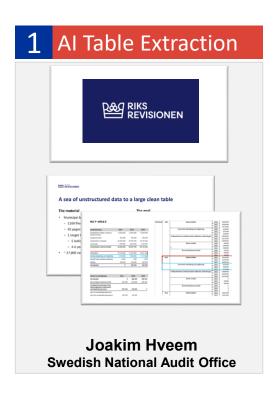
Speed up the verification of electoral expense documentation to consider them as justified and eligible for subsidies.



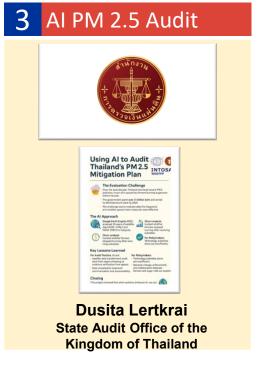




#### **Inspirational AI Use-Case Examples**









# Thailand's Al Audit





# Using AI to Audit Thailand's PM 2.5 Mitigation Plan





#### The Evaluation Challenge

Over the past decade. Thailand has faced severe PM.5 pollution, much of it caused by farmers burning sugarcane before harvest.

- The government spent over 25 billion baht and aimed to eliminate burnt cane by 2024.
- The challenge was to evaluate why this happened and whether government measures were effective.

# Thailand's Al Audit





#### The Al Approach



Google Earth Engine (GEE): analyzed 25 years of satellite data (AOD  $\rightarrow$  PM<sub>S</sub>) and NASA VIIRS fire hotspots.



Churn analysis tracked whether farmers stopped burning after receiving subsidies.



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For Policymakers
Technology subsidies
alone are insufficient.

#### **Key Lessons Learned**

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- satellite data transformerd audit work from report checking to evidence verification from space.
- Data visualization improved communication and accountability.

#### For Policymakers

- Technology subsidies alone are insufficient.
- Behavior change, enforcement, and collaboration between farmers and sugar mills are essential.

#### Closing

This project showed that when auditors embrace AI, we can see beyond numbers — we can see signals of change in real

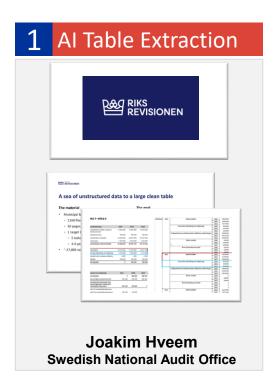


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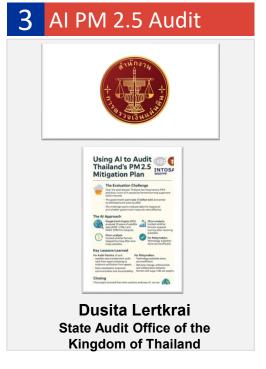




#### **Inspirational AI Use-Case Examples**









# USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EFFECTIVELY FOR DATA ANALYSIS

#### Idea

- Government procurement valued at more than Rp 200 million shall be carried out through a bidding process, while smaller ones may be conducted through a direct appointment mechanism.
- Recurring audit finding: contract splitting, where a large procurement is intentionally divided into smaller ones to bypass the competitive bidding threshold.
- Increase the risk of corruption and collusion

#### Tools

# Natural Language Processing (NLP)

NLP is a field of AI that focuses on enabling computers to understand, interpret, and generate human language.

NLP helps computers read, listen, and talk like humans

#### **Benefits**

- Speed up the audit process
- Produce more accurate audit results

#### **Lesson Learned**

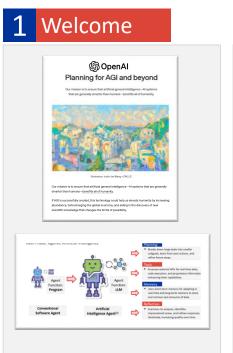
- Not all auditors are familiar with NLP
- SAI must conduct training to many more auditors
- Substantive testing is still required to gain stronger audit evidence.

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# Inspiration



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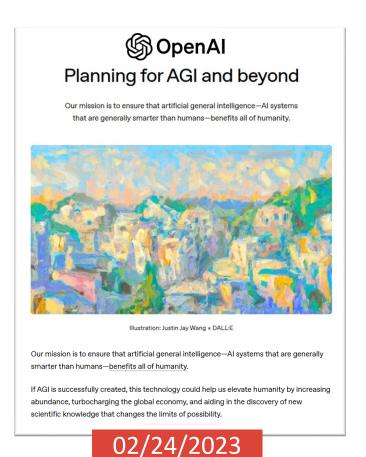
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# Inspiration



#### **Road to Artificial General Intelligence (AGI)**





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Research Scientist, Post-AGI Research O London, UK

#### Snapshot



At Google DeepMind, we've built a unique culture and work environment where long-term ambitious research can flourish. We are seeking a highly motivated Research Scientist to join our team and contribute to groundbreaking research that will focus on what comes after Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). Key questions include the trajectory of AGI to artificial superintelligence (ASI), machine consciousness, the impact of AGI on the foundations of human society.

#### The role

We are seeking a Research Scientist to explore the profound impact of what comes after AGI. Key responsibilities include defining critical research questions within these domains, collaborating with cross-functional teams to develop innovative solutions, and conducting experiments to advance our mission.

#### Key responsibilities

- · Spearhead research projects exploring the influence of AGI on domains such as economics, law, health/wellbeing, AGI to ASI, machine consciousness, and education.
- . Develop and conduct in-depth studies to analyze AGI's societal impacts across key domains.
- . Engage in collaborative efforts with cross-functional teams, including external partners, to drive research forward
- . Dive deep into specific areas to improve our understanding of the impact of AGI, and create the map of potential outcomes.
- . Build and refine measurement infrastructure and evaluation frameworks for a systematic evaluation of Al's societal effects.

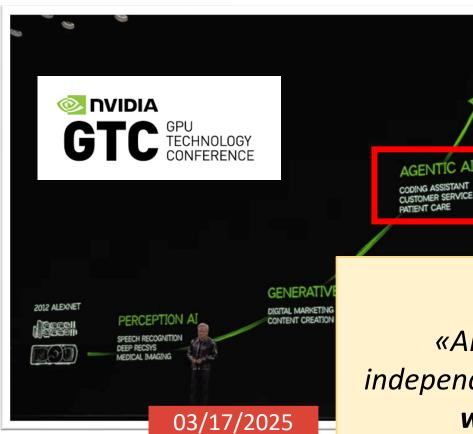
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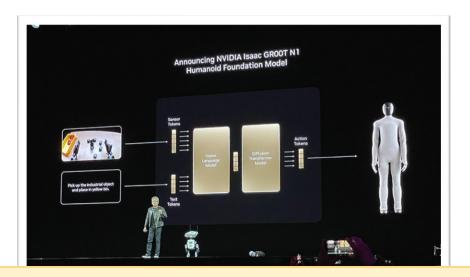
We seek out individuals who thrive in ambiguity and are eager to contribute to evolving projects. We frequently develop innovative solutions and adapt to changing priorities, so flexibility is essential.

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**Next Phase: Agentic Artificial Intelligence** 





# Agency:

«Al systems that **act autonomously**, making independent decisions to achieve predefined objectives **without constant human intervention**.»

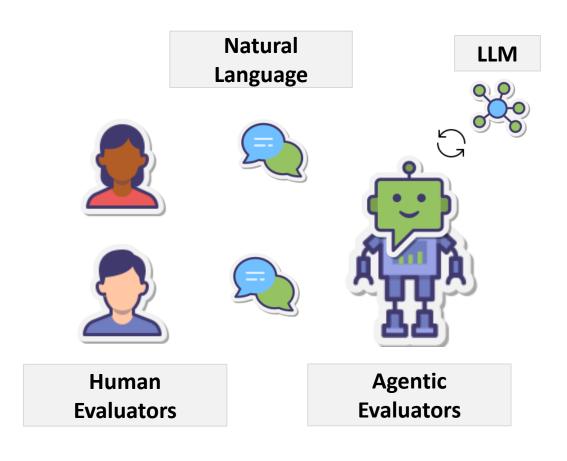
Russell, Stuart J., and Peter Norvig. Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach. Pearson, 2025.

Source: https://www.nvidia.com/gtc





#### A Novel «Digital Audit Workforce»?



#### Planning



 Breaks down large tasks into smaller subgoals, learn from past actions, and refine future steps.

#### **Tools**



 Accesses external APIs for real-time data, code execution, and proprietary information, enhancing their capabilities.

#### Memory



 Uses short-term memory for adapting in real-time and long-term memory to store and retrieve vast amounts of data.

#### Reflection

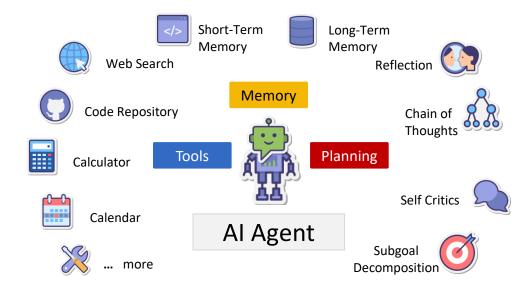


 Examines its outputs, identifies improvement areas, and refines responses iteratively, increasing quality over time.





#### **Next Phase: Agentic Artificial Intelligence**



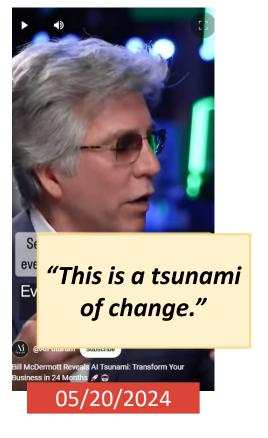
[2] Schreyer, Marco, Hanchi Gu, Kevin Moffitt, and Miklos A. Vasarhelyi. "Artificial Intelligence Agentic Auditing." Available at SSRN 4909147 (2024).

#### Agentic Al-Capabilities

- Intelligent agents handle complex tasks.
- Autonomous execution with minimal supervision.
- Dynamically adapts to changing environments.



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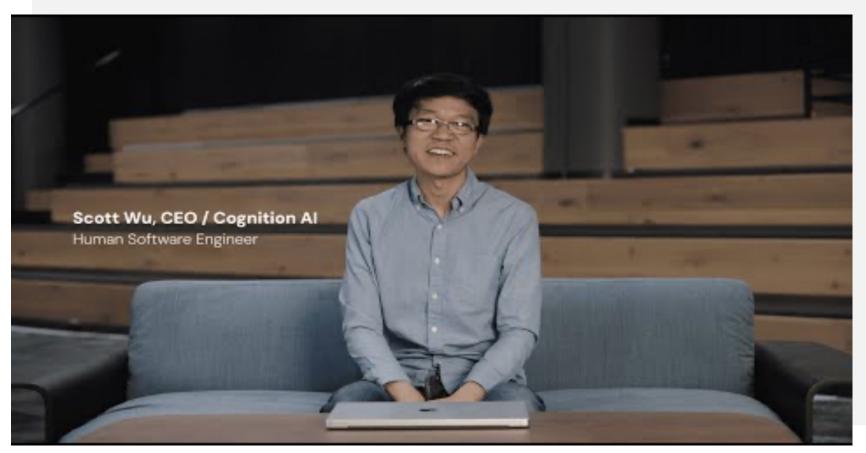




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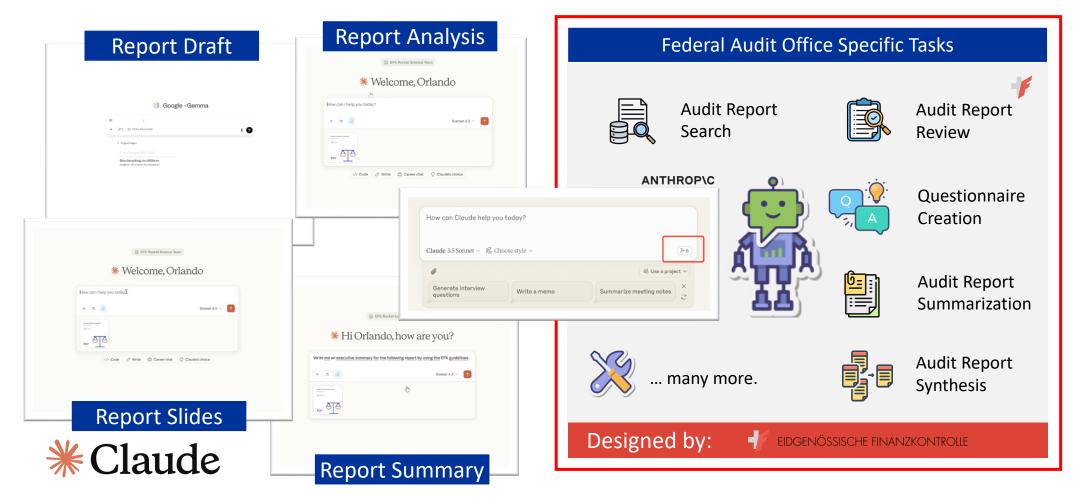


Source: Devin – the first AI software engineer, Cognition AI, San Francisco, USA





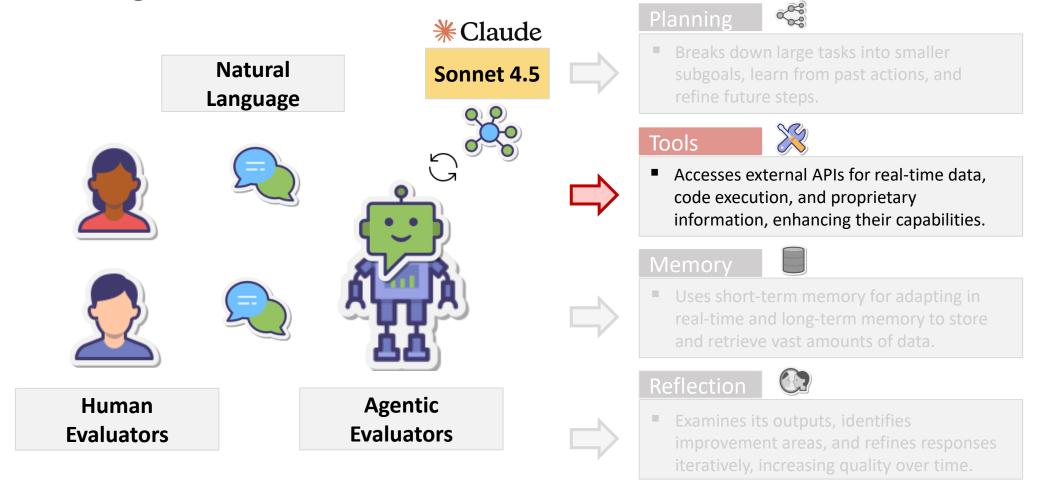
#### **Building Agentic Auditing Capabilities**





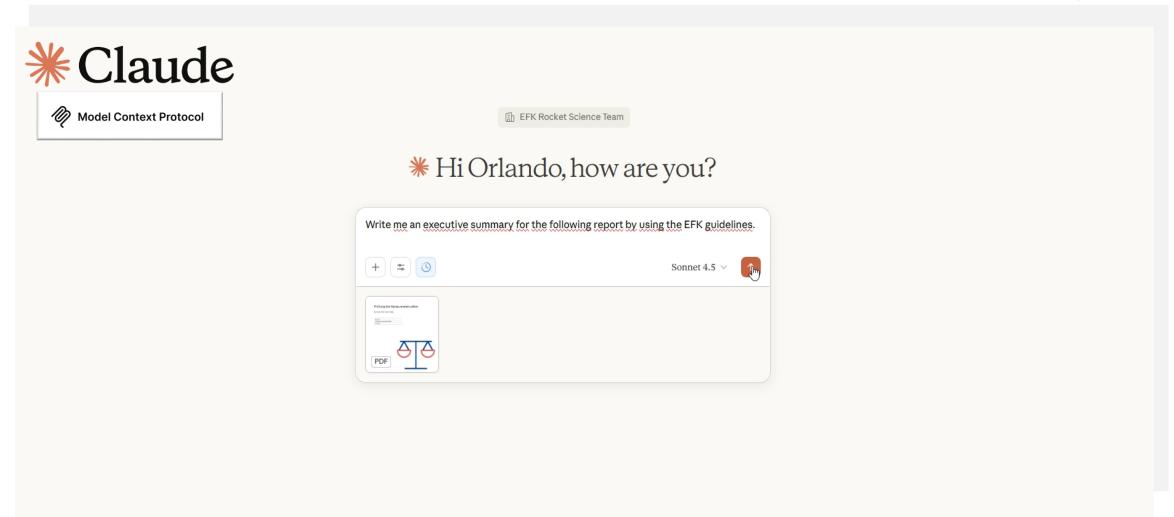


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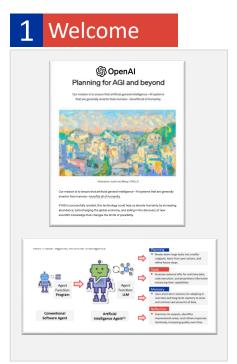




# Idea Sprint



#### **Innovation Lab Agenda**











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# Idea Sprint





#### **Design Your Own AI Evaluation Agent**



Imagine your own AI evaluation agent - like Devin's AI Software Engineer - that can autonomously find, read, and reason over public data to spot and analyze audit relevant risks. In the next 20 minutes, you'll design how it should work for SAIs.







What is the main evaluation risk your AI agent should address?

(e.g., delays in infrastructure, inefficiency in public services, weak policy implementation)





Which publicly available data sources could help the AI agent to detect this risk?

(e.g., service statistics, performance indicators, citizen feedback, satellite data)





What specific risk indicators should the AI agent look for?

(e.g., missed targets, rising wait times, repeated project delays, worsening outcomes)





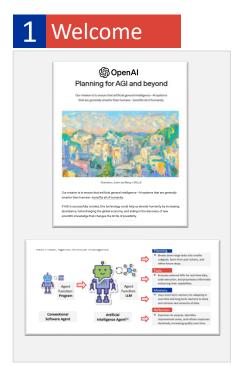
How should the AI present the results so that auditors can act quickly?

(e.g., dashboard, heat map, narrative summary, automated alerts)

# Promotion



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# **Sharing & Discussion**





#### **Promote Your Own AI Evaluation Agent**



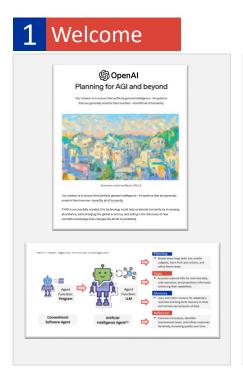
Introduce and promote **your AI Evaluation Agent** to uncover audit-relevant insights. In the next 90 seconds, pitch its underlying idea to your colleagues.

- 1. State the main risk your agent is designed to address.
- 2. Identify the **public data sources** you selected.
- 3. Describe the **key risk signals** the agent would detect.
- 4. Explain the **output format** that would best support auditors.
- 5. Keep your presentation concise maximum 90 seconds.

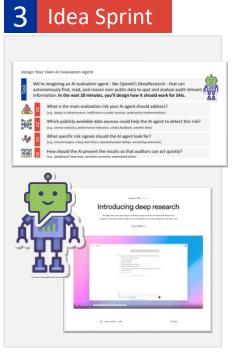
# Wrap-Up



#### **Innovation Lab Agenda**











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# Wrap-Up



#### **Vote on Your Favourite AI Evaluation Agent**

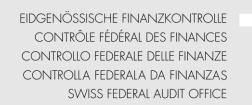


Pick and vote for your **favorite AI Evaluation Agent**, the one you believe best uncovers audit-relevant insights. You might want to consider the following questions:

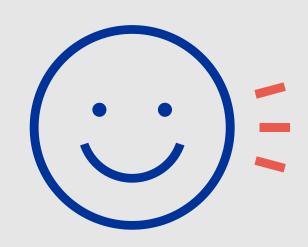


- 1. Which idea has the **highest potential** impact for SAIs?
- 2. Which idea feels **most feasible** to test within the next 12 months?
- 3. Which data source should be **prioritized** first for piloting?
- 4. Which output format would be **most useful** for auditors?
- 5. Would you be interested in **contributing** to a pilot of one of these ideas?

# Thank you!







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