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# MANAGER'S MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Department of Computer Science is launching the first issue of *Vita Digital Journal*, a monthly academic initiative aimed at nurturing knowledge, creativity, and innovation among students and faculty members.

In today's rapidly evolving digital world, platforms that encourage intellectual expression and technological awareness are essential for holistic education. This journal reflects the spirit of learning, embodied in our college motto, *Via, Veritas, Vita — the Way, the Truth, and the Life* — by promoting critical thinking, research culture, and responsible use of technology.

I appreciate the sincere efforts of the Editorial Board, faculty members, and students who have worked together to bring out this publication. Such initiatives provide valuable opportunities for young minds to share ideas, showcase talents, and engage in meaningful academic dialogue across disciplines.

May this journal inspire innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence within our insittution and beyond.

**— *Fr. Albert M***
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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Warm greetings as we prepare to release the inaugural volume of Vita Digital Magazine, an inspring initiative of the Computer Science Department at Marian College of Arts and Science (MCAS), Marian Educity, Thiruvananthapuram.

This launch is held in proud connection with National Science Day, observed across India on February 28th to commerporate the discovery of the Raman Efect by Sir C. V. Raman. This day semes as a vital reminder that scientific inquiry remains the heartbeat of our national progress. This year's theme, "Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat," resonates deeply with our institutional commitment to inclusive innovation, and transformative education. Vita Digital Journal is designed to serve as a vibrant intellectual space where students and faculty from Computer Science and allied streams can share research perspectives, technological explorations, and scholarly insights. By highlighting departmental activities, academic achievements, and smeaging trends, the magazine seeks to nurture a lasting culture of curiosity, collaboration, and creativity within our campus.

In this dynamic digital knowledge era, the MCAS family must strive toward sustained academic excellence, research engagement, and technological leadership. Initiatives like Vita Digital will undoubtedly catalyze our collective journey toward intellectual advancement and national development. It is my hope that this first volume mark the beginning of a dynamic academic tradition, empowering young minds to shape a progressive and self-reliant India.

With best wishes for a meaningful National Science Day celebration and a successful launch of Vita Digital.

**Yours Truly,**

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# EDITORIAL

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that we present the inaugural issue of *Vita Digital Journal*, the monthly publication of the Computer Science Department. This journal is envisioned as a vibrant academic platform that documents our departmental initiatives, celebrates achievements, and showcases intellectual and creative contributions from our academic community.

Guided by the motto *Via, Veritas, Vita – The Way, The Truth, The Life* — our institution stands committed to nurturing knowledge, integrity, and purposeful learning. In today's rapidly evolving digital era, technology is not confined to a single discipline: it influences every field of study and every aspect of life. As a department rooted in innovation and computational thinking, we recognnize the integration of collaboration, research, and interdisciplinary engagement.

*Vita Digital Journal* aims to serve as a space where ideas converge— where students and faculty from Computer Science and other science stream departments can share insights, research perspectives, technological explorations, and creative expressions. Innovation thrives when knowledge crosses boundaries, and this journal seeks to encourage such meaningful academic exchange.

This publication will highlight departmental activities, college events, student and faculty articles, achievements, and emerging trends in technology. More than a record of events, it aspires to reflect the **intellectual spirit** and **dynamic academic culture** of our institution.

As we launch this first issue, we extend our sincere gratitude to the management, principal, faculty members, student editors, and contributors whose efforts made this initiative possible. We also invite all members of our academic community to actively participate in future editions and help this journal grow into a strong and lasting academic tradition.

*— Chief Editor*

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# NANO BANANA: THE *AI* REVOLUTION IN IMAGE CREATION

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## Introduction

In the rapidly evolving world of artificial intelligence, one name has recently captured both public imagination and creative attention. Nano Banana — a powerful AI image generator and editor that's taken the internet by storm: What started as a quirky nickname has now become synonymous with one of the most popular and accessible tools for generating and transforming images with AI.

Despite the playful name, Nano Banana isn't a fruit based product — it is an AI driven image creation and editing model powered by advanced generative technology, often associated with Google's Gemini Nano image model. Users interact with it via through natural language prompts, turning simple text descriptions into detailed visual artwork.

## How It Works

At its core, Nano Banana leverages state-of the-art multimodal AI models that interpret natural language and visual data. Users describe what they want — for example, "a futuristic city at sunset" or "turn this photo into a 3D collectible figurine style" — and the model generates or edits images accordingly.

Key features include:

- **Natural language understanding -** the AI can use simple everyday language**.**
- **Character and scene consistency** - the Al ensures coherent and consistent high-quality images.
- **Fast performance** - The Al generates or edits images in seconds.

These tools often work in a browser-based environment, where users upload images or type prompts, and the AI processes requests instantly.

## Why It's Gaining Popularity

Nano Banana became widely known through social media trends where users shared unique AI-generated avatars, stylized mini figurines, and creative scenes—making the technology feel playful, accessible, and fun. This viral appeal has driven millions of people to try it out, sometimes integrating its use into marketing, personal branding, or just social media content creation.

In fact, Google reported that Nano Banana helped bring over 10 million new users to its Gemini AI app, with over 200 million images generated through the model thanks to its vibrant and imaginative results.

## Use Cases Across Creative Fields

Nano Banana's versatility allows it to be used in many domains:

- **Digital Art & Illustration:** Users can produce original artwork from text descriptions.
- **Social Media Content:** Quick creation of compelling visuals for posts and stories.
- **Marketing & Branding:** AI-generated assets for campaigns or product visuals.
- **Photo Editing & Enhancement:** Intelligent scene edits like background changes or character adjustments.

Professionals and hobbyists alike find it appealing because it drastically reduces the time and technical barriers previously associated with design and image editing tasks.

The tool has grown beyond basic free platforms. Newer versions, such as Nano Banana Pro, offer enhanced capabilities–including-studio-quality design generation, support for multiple images in a single prompt, detailed local edits, and higher resolution outputs t that rival traditional creative software.

## The Future of Nano Banana and AI Imagery

Nano Banana is part of a broader movement where AI models are reshaping how we create and interact with visual content. With continuous improvements in natural language understanding and image synthesis, tools like Nano Banana are lowering the barrier to creative expression—enabling anyone to turn an idea into a vivid visual reality.

As AI continues to advance, we can expect even more seamless integration between text, visuals, and interactivity, making image creation as intuitive as having a conversation with a friend.

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# THE COSMIC FRONTIER: ADVANCING SCIENCE BEYOND EARTH

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We are living in a transformative era of space exploration. What began as simple observations of the Moon and stars has evolved into sophisticated missions exploring distant galaxies, planetary environments, and the possibility of life beyond Earth. Supported by rapid technological innovation and international collaboration, our capacity to investigate space has expanded dramatically in recent decades.

One of the most significant milestones in modern astronomy is the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).Designed to observe infrared radiation from some of the earliest galaxies formed after the Big Bang, it provides unprecedented insight into star formation and galaxy evolution. By analyzing the atmospheres of exoplanets, it detects elements such as water vapor and carbon-based molecules, offering valuable clues about planetary habitability.

Mars exploration remains central to planetary science. NASA's Perseverance Rover is examining regions that once contained liquid water, a key ingredient for life. By collecting rock and soil samples for potential return to Earth, scientists aim to determine whether ancient microbial life may have existed on Mars—an achievement that would profoundly influence astrobiology.

Meanwhile, NASA's Artemis program seeks to return humans to the Moon and establish a sustainable presence. Water ice near the Moon's South Pole could support future missions and enable fuel production, making the Moon a strategic stepping stone for deeper space exploration.

Private space companies have accelerated progress through reusable rocket technology, reducing launch costs and increasing mission frequency.

Despite these advancements, space exploration presents challenges, including high financial costs and technological risks that require responsible planning and international cooperation.

Importantly, the benefits extend beyond scientific discovery. Satellite technologies support communication, weather forecasting, navigation, disaster management, and environmental monitoring, demonstrating how space research directly improves life on Earth.

In conclusion, space exploration continues to expand scientific knowledge while driving technological advancement. As innovation progresses, humanity moves closer to exploring deeper regions of space, inspiring future generations to pursue discovery and progress.

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# AI Agent Creation: Transforming Intelligent Systems in 2026

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## Introduction

Artificial Intelligence has evolved from rule-based automation to highly adaptive intelligent systems capable of reasoning, learning, and decision-making. In 2026, one of the most significant advancements in this domain is the development of AI agents—autonomous systems designed to perceive their environment, process information, and take goal-oriented actions. AI agent creation is emerging as a central area of research and innovation in Computer Science and related scientific disciplines.

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## Understanding AI Agents

An AI agent is a computational entity that operates autonomously to achieve specific objectives. Unlike traditional software programs that execute fixed instructions, AI agents possess adaptive capabilities. They can analyze data, learn from interactions, and improve performance over time. Modern AI agents are built using technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, reinforcement learning, and large-scale neural networks. Organizations like OpenAI have significantly contributed to the development of intelligent conversational agents and generative AI systems that assist in research, content generation, and problem-solving.

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## Components of AI Agent Creation

The creation of AI agents involves several structured stages:

### 1. Problem Definition

The first step involves identifying the objective of the agent—whether it is designed for customer support, academic assistance, healthcare monitoring, cybersecurity analysis, or industrial automation.

### 2. Data Collection and Processing

AI agents require large volumes of structured and unstructured data. Proper preprocessing, data cleaning, and labeling are essential to ensure accuracy and reliability.

### 3. Model Selection and Training

Developers select appropriate algorithms such as supervised learning models, reinforcement learning frameworks, or deep learning architectures. The agent is trained using datasets to recognize patterns and make decisions.

### 4. Deployment and Integration

After training, the AI agent is deployed within applications, websites, cloud platforms, or embedded systems. Cloud infrastructures provided by companies such as Amazon Web Services and Microsoft support scalable deployment and continuous performance monitoring.

### 5. Continuous Learning and Optimization

AI agents are designed to evolve. Feedback mechanisms and performance evaluations enable them to refine their outputs and adapt to changing environments

## Applications in the Current Scenario

In the contemporary academic and industrial environment, AI agents are widely applied in:

- Intelligent tutoring systems in higher education
- Automated research assistants
- Smart healthcare diagnostics
- Cybersecurity threat detection
- Financial data analysis
- Virtual customer service platforms
- Within educational institutions

AI agents support personalized learning experiences, enabling students to access real-time academic assistance and interactive simulations

## Ethical Considerations and Challenges

Despite their advantages, AI agents raise significant ethical and technical concerns. Issues related to data privacy, algorithmic bias, transparency, accountability, and cybersecurity must be addressed responsibly. Institutions and developers are increasingly focusing on ethical AI frameworks to ensure fairness, inclusivity, and sustainability in intelligent system development

## Future Prospects

The future of AI agent creation lies in the development of more autonomous, collaborative, and context-aware systems. Research in multi-agent systems, explainable AI, and human-AI collaboration is expanding rapidly. As industries adopt AI-driven solutions, the demand for skilled professionals in AI engineering, data science, and system architecture continues to grow. For students and faculty in Computer Science and allied disciplines, AI agent creation offers vast opportunities for research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

## Conclusion

AI agent creation represents a transformative frontier in Artificial Intelligence. By combining advanced algorithms, scalable infrastructure, and ethical responsibility, intelligent agents are redefining how humans interact with technology. As academic institutions encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and research engagement, AI agents will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the digital future

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# THE INFLUENCE OF AI ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing almost every aspect of society and education is included in that list. Educators are learning new ways to instruct their students using innovative tools like personalized learning systems and automated grading.

Personalized Learning Represented by AI One of the areas where AI has helped revolutionize education is with personalized learning. Traditional classrooms are not designed to effectively meet the needs of every child alone, as every child learns differently from one another. As educators can use AI-based software programs to track and support their students through individualised assessments, and build engagement within their classroom experiences by offering tailored assignment and assessment direction.

Automation Helps in the Future of Education In addition to personalised learning, the other area that AI has significantly affected the teaching process is through automation. Every teacher spends an incredible amount of time performing various administrative functions such as grading papers, recording attendance, and producing reports AI will allow for automation of processes that previously required the educator's focus to be drawn away from instruction and student engagement to allow for more available time for them to spend with students.

Automated grading systems can provide immediate feedback for students submitting their exams and essays, allowing the student to take advantage of any specific feedback to advance their performance; therefore, AI will help improve on the efficiency of educational institutions. AI has created a level of accessibility and inclusivity for students with disabilities who would be unable to access the same materials in traditional learning environments. The tools used by these students, such as speech recognition, text-to-speech, and real-time translation systems have improved their access to learning materials.

The future workforce will require students to be educated in a digitally inclined environment. As the use of automation and data-driven processes grows within all industries, digital literacy and technological skills will be fundamental requirements for obtaining employment. Incorporating AI into education allows students to use innovative tools while developing critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and adaptability. AI will not only assist in student's learning through the use of AI- enhanced systems, but they will also gain knowledge

of AI and its application, which will help them to be successful in an increasingly competitive global economy.

While there are clearly multiple benefits associated with integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into today's schools; there are also various concerns associated with the use of this technology in education. For example, privacy issues related to collecting data on students' performance history and how technologies such as AI may lead to an over-dependence on machines instead of relying on teachers to facilitate learning.

In conclusion, AI has the ability to improve the way that students learn by customizing their level of instruction according to their individual needs as well as helping them prepare their careers. They will be able to engage more effectively with diverse groups of learners thereby improving their overall educational experience while also providing the necessary support for all learners

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# CYBER SECURITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE: THE 2026 LANDSCAPE

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As we navigate through 2026, the digital landscape has shifted from a world of "connected devices" to a world of autonomous ecosystems. Cybersecurity is no longer just a technical checkbox for IT departments; it is the cornerstone of national security, corporate survival, and personal safety.

The "digital age" has entered a transformative phase where Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the looming shadow of Quantum Computing are rewriting the rules of engagement.

## 1. The AI Arms Race: Defenders vs. "Agentic" Threats

In 2026, the biggest shift is the move from simple automated scripts to Agentic AI. Unlike previous bots, these AI agents can set their own goals, adapt to defensive responses in real-time, and move laterally through networks without human intervention.

The Threat: Cybercriminals are using "Shadow AI" to generate polymorphic malware that changes its code every few seconds to evade detection. Deepfake technology has also matured; we are now seeing "Social Engineering 2.0," where AI-generated voices and video calls can bypass standard multi-factor authentication (MFA) by impersonating trusted executives or family members.

The Defense: To counter this, organizations are deploying AI-driven Security Operations Centers (SOCs). These systems use predictive modelling to "hallucinate" potential attack paths before they happen, allowing defenders to patch vulnerabilities before a hacker even finds them.

## 2. The Quantum Countdown

While full-scale quantum computers capable of breaking modern encryption aren't yet in every basement, the "Harvest Now, Decrypt Later" strategy has forced a global pivot.

Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC): Governments and financial institutions are aggressively migrating to quantum-resistant algorithms. In early 2026, we've seen a surge in Hybrid Quantum Security, which combines traditional encryption with quantum key distribution to protect critical data flows.

## 3. Supply Chain & Digital Sovereignty

The complexity of modern software means that a single vulnerability in a small, third-party library can compromise thousands of companies.

SBOMs (Software Bill of Materials): Much like ingredients on a food label, companies are now legally required in many jurisdictions to provide a full "recipe" of their software code.

Digital Sovereignty: Nations are increasingly moving toward "localized clouds" to ensure that their citizens' data remains under domestic legal jurisdiction, protecting against geopolitical volatility and cross-border data espionage.

## 4. The Human Factor: The Greatest Vulnerability

Despite the high-tech tools, the "human in the loop" remains the most targeted link.

Cyber-Enabled Fraud: Reports in 2026 show that over 75% of people have been targeted by highly personalized AI-phishing scams.

The Skills Gap: There remains a critical shortage of cybersecurity professionals. The focus has shifted to "upskilling" regular employees to be "human sensors" who can spot the subtle irregularities of an AI-driven scam.

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# THE RISE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING:

## HOW INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS ARE RESHAPING OUR WORLD

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## ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have transitioned from theoretical constructs to transformative technologies embedded in everyday life. This article introduces undergraduate students to the fundamental concepts of AI and ML, traces their historical development, and examines the wide-ranging applications across healthcare, education, and industry. We also reflect on ethical considerations and the challenges that lie ahead. By the end of this article, readers will have a foundational understanding of how machines learn, why this matters, and what the future might hold.

## 1. Introduction

We live in an age where our smartphones can recognize our faces, our music apps can predict the next song we want to hear, and hospitals can detect cancer in X-rays with precision rivaling expert radiologists. Behind all of these marvels lies a common thread: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its most powerful subfield, Machine Learning (ML).

For undergraduate students in computer science and related disciplines, understanding AI and ML is not merely an academic exercise — it is an essential literacy for participating in a world increasingly shaped by intelligent systems. This article demystifies these technologies, explores how they work, and discusses their profound impact on society.

## 2. What Are AI and Machine Learning?

### 2.1 Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence refers to the simulation of human-like cognitive functions — such as reasoning, problem-solving, language understanding, and perception — by computer systems. The term was coined by John McCarthy in 1956 at the famous Dartmouth Conference, which is widely regarded as the birthplace of AI as a field of study.

AI can be broadly categorized into two types: Narrow AI (also called Weak AI), which is designed to perform a specific task such as playing chess or translating languages, and General AI (Strong AI), a hypothetical form of intelligence that can perform any intellectual task a human can. Today, every AI system in use is a form of Narrow AI

### 2.2 Machine Learning

Machine Learning is a subset of AI that focuses on enabling computers to learn from data without being explicitly programmed for every task. Rather than following a fixed set of rules, an ML system identifies patterns in large datasets and improves its performance over time through experience.

Consider a simple example: teaching a computer to recognize images of cats. Instead of writing thousands of rules (e.g., "cats have pointed ears," "cats have whiskers"), we feed the system thousands of labeled images of cats and non-cats. The algorithm learns the distinguishing features on its own. This is the essence of supervised learning — one of the three core ML paradigms, alongside unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning.

## 3. How Do Machines Actually Learn?

At the heart of most modern ML systems are artificial neural networks — computational architectures loosely inspired by the structure of biological neurons in the brain. These networks consist of layers of interconnected nodes (neurons) that process information and pass it forward.

During training, the network is presented with labeled data. It makes a prediction, compares it to the correct answer, and calculates an error (called a "loss"). Through a process called backpropagation and gradient descent, the network adjusts the strength of its internal connections (weights) to minimize this error. After thousands or millions of iterations, the network becomes increasingly accurate.

Deep Learning, a subfield of ML, employs neural networks with many layers (hence "deep"). These deep networks have driven spectacular breakthroughs in image recognition, natural language processing, and game-playing systems like AlphaGo and GPT-based language models.

## 4. Real-World Applications

### 4.1 Healthcare

AI and ML are revolutionizing medicine. Algorithms can now detect diabetic retinopathy, identify malignant tumors in radiology scans, and predict patient deterioration in ICUs. Drug discovery, which traditionally takes decades, is being accelerated by ML models that predict molecular behavior and identify promising compounds far faster than human researchers.

### 4.2 Education

Adaptive learning platforms powered by ML personalize educational content for individual students. Systems can identify knowledge gaps, suggest tailored exercises, and predict which students are at risk of falling behind — enabling early intervention. AI tutors and automated grading tools are making quality education more accessible at scale.

### 4.3 Industry and Automation

From predictive maintenance in manufacturing to fraud detection in banking and recommendation engines in e-commerce, ML is deeply embedded in industry. Self-driving vehicles, once a futuristic vision, are now a reality on select roads, combining computer vision, sensor fusion, and deep reinforcement learning.

## 5. Ethical Considerations and Challenges

The rapid proliferation of AI has raised important ethical questions that computer scientists, policymakers, and citizens must grapple with together.

Bias and Fairness: ML models learn from historical data, which may reflect societal biases. Facial recognition systems, for example, have demonstrated lower accuracy for darker-skinned individuals — a direct consequence of biased training datasets. Ensuring fairness in AI systems is an active area of research.

Privacy: Training powerful AI often requires vast amounts of personal data, raising concerns about consent, surveillance, and data security. The tension between data utility and privacy is a central challenge for regulators worldwide.

Accountability and Transparency: Many modern ML models — especially deep neural networks — operate as "black boxes," making it difficult to understand why they produce a given output. This lack of interpretability poses serious risks in high-stakes domains like healthcare and criminal justice.

Job Displacement: While AI creates new categories of work, it also automates routine tasks, raising concerns about labor market disruption. Preparing the workforce for an AI-driven economy through reskilling and lifelong learning is a pressing societal challenge.

## 6. The Road Ahead

The field of AI is advancing at a breathtaking pace. Large Language Models (LLMs) such as GPT-4 have demonstrated remarkable abilities in reasoning, writing, and coding. Multimodal AI systems can now process text, images, audio, and video together — moving closer to more general forms of intelligence.

Researchers are also exploring neuromorphic computing (hardware that mimics the brain), federated learning (training models across decentralized devices without sharing raw data), and AI alignment — the challenge of ensuring that increasingly capable AI systems act in accordance with human values.

For students entering computer science today, the opportunities are extraordinary. Whether your interest lies in building AI systems, studying their societal impacts, designing ethical guidelines, or applying them in healthcare or climate science, AI and ML represent one of the most significant technological frontiers of our time.

### 7. Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are no longer the stuff of science fiction — they are active, evolving forces transforming every sector of human activity. Understanding their foundations, capabilities, and limitations is essential for any technologist entering the modern world.

As you continue your studies, we encourage you to engage critically with these technologies: not just as builders, but as thoughtful participants in shaping how they are developed and deployed. The most important questions in AI are not purely technical — they are deeply human.

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# Role of Geographic Information System in Today's World

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Geography is the scientific study of the Earth's surface, the spatial distribution of physical and human phenomena, and the relationships between people and their environment. It seeks to understand where things occur, why they occur there, and how they change over time. To study these spatial relationships more effectively, the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has become highly advantageous and essential in today's world. GIS is a computer-based system designed to collect, store, manage, analyze, and display geographically referenced data.

## Beyond Mapping

Understanding the Earth Geographic Information Systems have transformed the way we understand the Earth and human activities upon it. Today, GIS is not merely a mapping tool but a powerful analytical system that integrates spatial data with real-world information to study patterns, relationships, and processes across space and time. By linking location with data, GIS enables geographers, planners, and decision-makers to interpret complex environmental and socio-economic phenomena with clarity and precision.

## Environmental Monitoring and Resource Management

One of the most significant contributions of GIS is in environmental monitoring and resource management. It allows scientists to map land use and land cover changes, assess biodiversity distribution, monitor deforestation, and evaluate ecosystem health. Through spatial analysis, GIS supports sustainable management of forests, water resources, and soil systems — transforming environmental awareness into measurable scientific understanding.

## Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

GIS plays a crucial role in disaster management and preparedness. It is widely used to identify hazard-prone zones, map flood and landslide risks, plan evacuation routes, and assess

postdisaster damage. By integrating satellite imagery, field data, and predictive models, GIS helps authorities respond efficiently to natural disasters and reduce potential losses. In India, satellite data from Indian Space Research Organisation significantly supports disaster monitoring and environmental assessment.

## Agriculture and Soil Resource Management

In agriculture and soil studies, GIS has enabled precision farming techniques. It helps in mapping soil types, assessing fertility levels, monitoring crop health, and planning irrigation systems. By connecting field observations with spatial distribution patterns, GIS strengthens our understanding of soil–landscape relationships and supports sustainable agricultural practices.

## Urban and Regional Planning

GIS has become indispensable in urban and regional planning. It supports land suitability analysis, infrastructure development, transportation planning, and sustainable city management. By analyzing how population growth, land use change, and environmental factors interact, GIS helps planners design more efficient and sustainable urban spaces

## GIS for a Sustainable Future

GIS is an essential tool for understanding and managing the modern world. Its applications in environmental monitoring, disaster management, agriculture, and urban planning demonstrate its interdisciplinary significance. As spatial data becomes increasingly available and technologies continue to evolve, GIS will remain central to sustainable development and informed decision-making for society

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# Hidden Environmental Cost of Digital Technologies

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I would like to discuss the image recently shared by the UN Environment Programme, which highlights the hidden environmental impact of artificial intelligence. The image conveys an important message that a single request made to AI systems like ChatGPT can consume significantly more electricity than a normal Google search. Through this image, the United Nations aims to raise awareness about the growing energy demands of digital technologies and the need for responsible and sustainable use of artificial intelligence.

*"One ChatGPT request uses 10× more electricity than a Google search"*

Although AI tools like ChatGPT feel virtual and harmless, they:

- Run on huge data centers
- Use thousands of powerful processors
- Consume large amounts of electricity

# Why AI Uses More Power Than Search Google Search?

A Google search mainly:

- Looks up information from a pre-built index
- Shows already stored web pages
- Uses simple retrieval algorithms
- Small computation, Short processing time and Less electricity

## An AI request is different because it:

- Uses a large language model with billions of parameters
- Does not fetch ready-made answers
- Generates new text word by word
- Performs Probability calculations, Pattern matching and Context understanding

It runs on:

GPUs / TPUs (high-power chips), Multiple servers at once, Continuous cooling systems

So it needs:

More processing, More memory, More cooling, More electricity

That is why:

- One AI query consumes much more energy than one search query.
- The deeper social message is about Responsible AI.
- Use AI wisely and sustainably.
- What Responsible AI Use Means

For users

- Do not use AI for unnecessary or repetitive queries.
- Avoid wasteful usage (e.g., asking the same many times)
- Prefer simpler tools (like search) when AI is not needed

**For companies:**

- Build energy-efficient models
- Use renewable energy for data centers
- Optimize software to reduce power usage

**For society:**

- Balance:
  - Technological progress
  - Environmental protection
- Ensure AI development does not increase:
  - Climate change
  - Digital pollution

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the image shared by the UN Environment Programme draws attention to the often-ignored environmental cost of artificial intelligence. While AI technologies like ChatGPT offer great benefits in education, communication, and problem-solving, they also require large amounts of electricity and contribute indirectly to carbon emissions. This message reminds us that digital tools are not completely eco-friendly and must be used thoughtfully. Therefore, it is important for users, companies, and governments to promote energy-efficient systems and adopt sustainable practices. By using AI responsibly and supporting green technology, we can enjoy the advantages of innovation while also protecting the environment for future generations.

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# Math in AI Era

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Mathematics has a pivotal role in the development and application of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The concepts in Mathematics are used to develop thinking machines which can imitate human behaviours. It is used in Machine learning, Program coding, Robotics and others. The foundational fuel of AI are 'data' and the processing and analysing of these data are done by Mathematical algorithms. Also for solving complex problems in AI, like Learn patterns, Logical thinking, Make predictions and decisions etc. mathematical models are used.

Some of the mathematical branches that form the foundation for AI are the following:

## Linear Algebra

Matrices and Vectors are used to manipulate data in AI. They are also employed to process and analyse X-Rays, MRIs and CT scans.
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) based on matrix operations can detect tumours and fractures by recognising patterns in image data. Self driving Cars use Sensors and cameras to collect data, and linear algebra is crucial for processing this data

## Calculus

For optimising AI models and algorithms, Calculus play a vital role. The gradient descent help in predictions and optimization of models during the training phase. The efficacy of new drugs compounds can be analysed using calculus based optimisation algorithms. Also the calculus based algorithms enable vehicles to calculate the best possible path by minimising functions like distance, time or fuel consumption. In self driving vehicles, Calculus is used for motion control.

## Graph theory

It plays a crucial role in network analysis and irregularity detection in AI applications. It is used in data mining to represent and analyse relationship between data points. Graph Algorithms like PageRank and community detection are used in social network analysis.

## Kinematics

Kinematics is a branch of Mathematics used to model and control the motion of robots. For computing the position and orientation of robot joints -forward and inverse, kinematics equations are used. Mathematical model are also used to optimize robot trajectories.

## Statistics

In AI, Probability theory is used to analyze uncertainty and make decisions. It is used in anomaly detection models to identify fraud activities in banking. Statistical hypothesis testing is used to evaluate the level of Significance and accuracy in performance of AI models. Also Credit Risk Models utilize probability of a borrower defaulting on a loan.

So those who are interested in AI should learn advanced Mathematics which include vectors,matrices, calculus and graph theory etc.. Creating a better career in AI one should be proficient in Mathematics, because Math and AI are two branches of same tree. Above all those who are studyingMathematics will enhancetheir potential and capabilities.

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# YOLO (You Only Look Once): A Real-Time Object Detection System

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## Introduction

Object detection is one of the most important tasks in computer vision. It involves identifying objects in an image and locating them using bounding boxes. YOLO (You Only Look Once) is a state-of-the-art, real-time object detection algorithm that revolutionized the field by performing detection in a single forward pass of a neural network.
Unlike traditional methods that apply object detection in multiple stages, YOLO treats detection as a regression problem and predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities simultaneously.

## Evolution of Object Detection

Before YOLO, object detection systems such as R-CNN, Fast R-CNN, and Faster R-CNN used region proposal methods to identify possible object locations and then classify them. Although accurate, these methods were computationally expensive and slow for real-time applications. YOLO introduced a unified architecture that processes the entire image at once, making it significantly faster while maintaining high accuracy.

## Working Principle of YOLO

YOLO divides an input image into an S × S grid. Each grid cell is responsible for detecting objects whose centers fall within it. For each grid cell, the model predicts bounding boxes, confidence scores, and class probabilities. The confidence score reflects the probability that a bounding box contains an object and how accurate the bounding box is.
The final detection is obtained by applying Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS), which removes duplicate bounding boxes and retains the most confident predictions.

## YOLO Architecture

YOLO uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for feature extraction. The architecture typically consists of multiple convolutional layers followed by fully connected layers. Later versions such as YOLOv3, YOLOv4, YOLOv5, and YOLOv8 introduced improvements such as residual connections, better backbone networks, multi-scale detection, and enhanced training strategies to improve speed and accuracy.

## Advantages of YOLO

- Real-time detection suitable for video processing and surveillance.
- High speed due to single-stage detection architecture.
- Global reasoning about the image reduces false positives.
- Efficient and deployable on edge devices.

## Limitations of YOLO

- Struggles with detecting very small objects.
- May produce localization errors compared to two-stage detectors.
- Performance depends heavily on dataset quality and training parameters.

## Applications of YOLO

YOLO is widely used in various real-world applications such as autonomous driving, traffic monitoring, medical imaging, security surveillance, retail analytics, face detection, and industrial automation. Its ability to process images quickly makes it highly suitable for time-sensitive systems.

## Future Scope of YOLO

Future developments of YOLO focus on improving accuracy for small object detection, reducing computational requirements, and enhancing performance on edge devices. Integration with transformer-based architectures and multimodal AI systems is expected to further enhance detection capabilities.

## Conclusion

YOLO (You Only Look Once) has transformed the field of object detection by combining speed and accuracy in a single-stage detection framework. Its real-time performance and continuous evolution across versions make it one of the most influential algorithms in modern computer vision. As research continues, YOLO is expected to play a central role in intelligent vision systems across industries.

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# Advanced Human-Machine Interaction

## Recent Trends, Technologies, and the Future of HMI

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## Introduction

Human-Machine Interaction (HMI) has evolved far beyond the era of keyboards and mouse clicks. Today, the boundary between humans and intelligent systems is dissolving rapidly — machines can read emotions, interpret gestures, understand natural language, and even anticipate user intent before a command is issued. This transformation is not merely technological; it is fundamentally reshaping how we work, communicate, heal, and navigate the world.

Advanced HMI sits at the convergence of artificial intelligence, neuroscience, cognitive psychology, robotics, and materials science. It encompasses every touchpoint where a human being exchanges information with a machine — from voice assistants and AR headsets to brain-computer interfaces and collaborative robots. As of 2025-2026, we are witnessing a step-change in sophistication, accessibility, and societal impact of these systems.

## 1. Multimodal Interaction: Beyond Single-Channel Input

One of the defining trends in advanced HMI is the shift toward multimodal interfaces — systems that accept and fuse multiple types of input simultaneously. Rather than relying on a single modality such as touch or voice, modern interfaces combine speech, gesture, gaze tracking, facial expression analysis, and even physiological signals to create richer, more natural interactions.

### Voice + Vision Fusion

Large language models (LLMs) like GPT-4o and Gemini 1.5 have enabled real-time voice interaction with visual understanding. Users can speak to a device while pointing at an object, and the system interprets both channels contextually. This is already deployed in industrial maintenance, where technicians query AI assistants while working hands-free, using cameras to identify machine components

### Affective Computing

Affective computing — the ability of machines to recognize and respond to human emotions — has matured substantially. Systems now analyze micro-expressions, vocal tone, posture, and heart rate variability to infer emotional states. Applications include adaptive learning platforms that detect student frustration, customer service bots that adjust tone based on sentiment, and mental health monitoring tools

## 2. Generative AI as the New Interface Layer

Generative AI has not just changed what machines can do — it has changed how humans interact with them. Natural language has become the universal interface. Instead of navigating hierarchical menus or learning domain-specific commands, users can now describe intent in plain language and receive intelligent, contextual responses.

### Conversational Operating Systems

We are beginning to see the early emergence of conversational operating systems, where an AI agent acts as an intermediary between the user and applications. Microsoft Copilot integrated across Office 365, Google Gemini embedded in Android, and Apple Intelligence woven into iOS represent this paradigm — where the interface layer is a generative AI that understands user needs and orchestrates software on their behalf.

### Prompt Engineering as a Human Skill

A new literacy has emerged: the ability to craft effective prompts. As generative AI becomes the interface, human-machine interaction increasingly depends on how well users can articulate their goals to AI systems.

## 3. Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs): The Frontier of Direct Neural Interaction

Brain-computer interfaces represent the most radical form of HMI — eliminating physical intermediaries entirely and enabling direct communication between biological neural networks and digital systems. While once the domain of science fiction, BCIs are now transitioning from laboratory research to early clinical and commercial applications

### Medical BCIs

Neuralink's first human clinical trials, initiated in 2024, demonstrated that paralyzed patients could control digital devices — cursors, keyboards, and communication software — using neural signals alone. Similarly, Synchron's Stentrode device, implanted through blood vessels rather than open-brain surgery, has enabled ALS patients to communicate and control smart home devices

### Non-Invasive BCIs

Beyond implantable devices, non-invasive BCIs using EEG, fNIRS, and dry electrode arrays are being refined for consumer and professional markets. Applications include attention monitoring for pilots and surgeons, neurofeedback training for athletes, and immersive gaming experiences where mental states directly influence gameplay. Companies like Emotiv, Neurosity, and OpenBCI are expanding this ecosystem.

## 4. Extended Reality (XR): Spatial Computing as an Interaction Paradigm

Extended Reality — encompassing Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and Mixed Reality (MR) — has matured into a serious platform for human-machine interaction. The launch of Apple Vision Pro in 2024 and Meta Quest 3 marked a new era of spatial computing, where digital information is overlaid onto or fully replaces the physical world

### Spatial UI Design

Traditional 2D interface conventions are giving way to spatial UI paradigms. In XR environments, users manipulate virtual objects using hand tracking, voice, and gaze. Interaction designers must now think in three dimensions — considering depth, proximity, and embodied cognition in ways that flat screens never demanded.

### Industrial and Enterprise XR

Manufacturing, healthcare, construction, and defense sectors are deploying XR for training, remote assistance, and procedural guidance. Surgeons use AR overlays during procedures. Factory workers receive real-time instructions projected onto their field of view. Remote experts guide on-site technicians via shared spatial annotations.

## 5. Embodied AI and Collaborative Robotics

The next major frontier in HMI is the physical world. Embodied AI — AI systems that inhabit robotic bodies and interact with humans in shared physical spaces — is accelerating rapidly. Advances in foundation models for robotics, dexterous manipulation, and human-robot collaboration are transforming warehouses, hospitals, homes, and construction sites.

### Cobots and Social Robots

Collaborative robots (cobots) designed to work alongside humans — not in isolated cages — require sophisticated HMI. They must interpret human intent from gesture, gaze, and posture; communicate their own state and intentions clearly; and adapt dynamically to human behavior.

### Gesture and Proxemics

As robots enter human spaces, interaction designers are drawing on proxemics — the study of interpersonal space — to define how robots should behave around humans. Distance, orientation, movement speed, and eye contact equivalents all become variables in robot HMI design. This interdisciplinary synthesis of robotics, social science, and UX is one of the most vibrant areas of current research.

## 6. Ethical and Design Challenges

As HMI systems grow more powerful and pervasive, they surface critical ethical challenges that the field must confront directly.

### Transparency and Explainability

When an AI system makes a decision — whether to flag a medical image, approve a loan, or escalate an alert — humans need to understand why. Explainable AI (XAI) is an active research area focused on making machine reasoning legible to human users. This is not merely a technical challenge but a design challenge

### Cognitive Load and Automation Complacency

Highly automated systems can paradoxically erode human skill and vigilance. Pilots who rely heavily on autopilot may lose manual proficiency. Radiologists who use AI diagnostics may become less attentive. Designing HMI systems that keep humans meaningfully in the loop — avoiding automation complacency — is a central challenge for aviation, medicine, and autonomous vehicles alike.

### Privacy and Biometric Data

Many advanced HMI modalities — emotion recognition, gaze tracking, physiological monitoring, BCI — collect deeply personal biometric data. Robust privacy frameworks, data minimization principles, and user consent mechanisms are essential as these technologies scale

## 7. Future Outlook

Looking ahead, several trajectories seem clear. Interfaces will become increasingly invisible — ambient, anticipatory, and woven into the environment rather than housed in discrete devices. AI agents will mediate more of our interactions with software, services, and information. The physical and digital will continue to merge, with XR and spatial computing redefining presence and collaboration. And BCIs, while still in early stages, will gradually expand the population of people who can benefit from direct neural interaction with machines.

## Conclusion

Advanced Human-Machine Interaction is one of the most consequential fields shaping the 21st century. It determines how billions of people access information, make decisions, perform work, and relate to one another. The trends explored in this article — multimodal interaction, generative AI interfaces, brain-computer interfaces, spatial computing, embodied robotics, and adaptive personalization — are not isolated developments but converging forces.In the interplay between human intelligence and machine intelligence lies the defining design challenge of our era

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## Launch of the Samsung Galaxy S26 Series

- Samsung unveiled the Galaxy S26, S26+ and S26 Ultra models.
- On-device AI, improved cameras, and battery efficiency highlighted.

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- Global leaders gathered in New Delhi to discuss responsible AI and policy frameworks.
- Speakers included Sundar Pichai and Bill Gates.

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