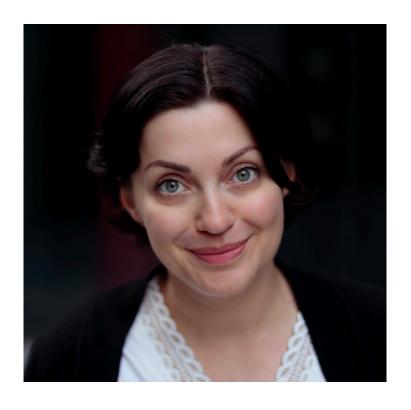
## From Hype to Help: Intelligent GenAl Adoption

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# Ergonautic

# **Stop Chasing Buzzwords Start Working Better**



GenAl is the most

Transformative Technology

Of the last 17 years

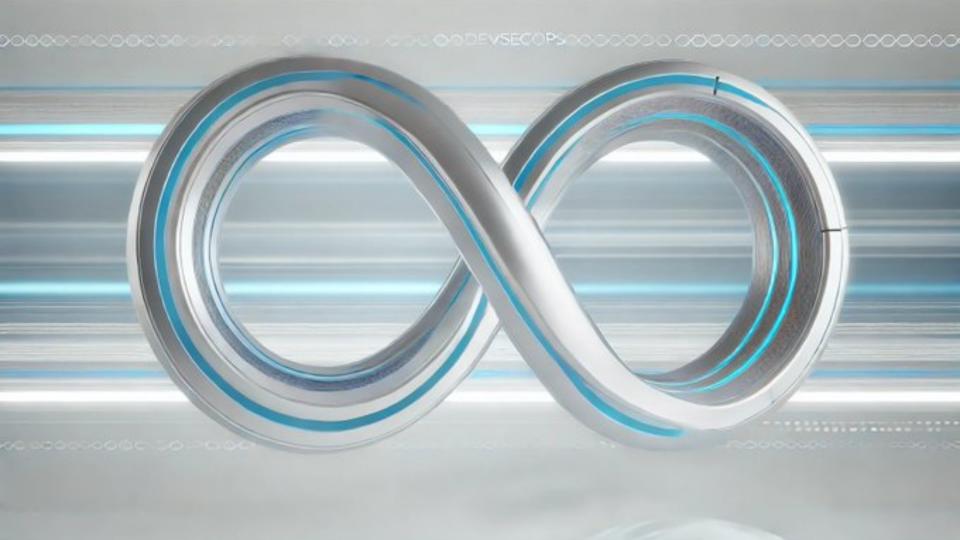




# Have you ever asked an LLM to generate an image?











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### 2 hours later...



## Intermittent reinforcement









# We work harder for intermittent rewards



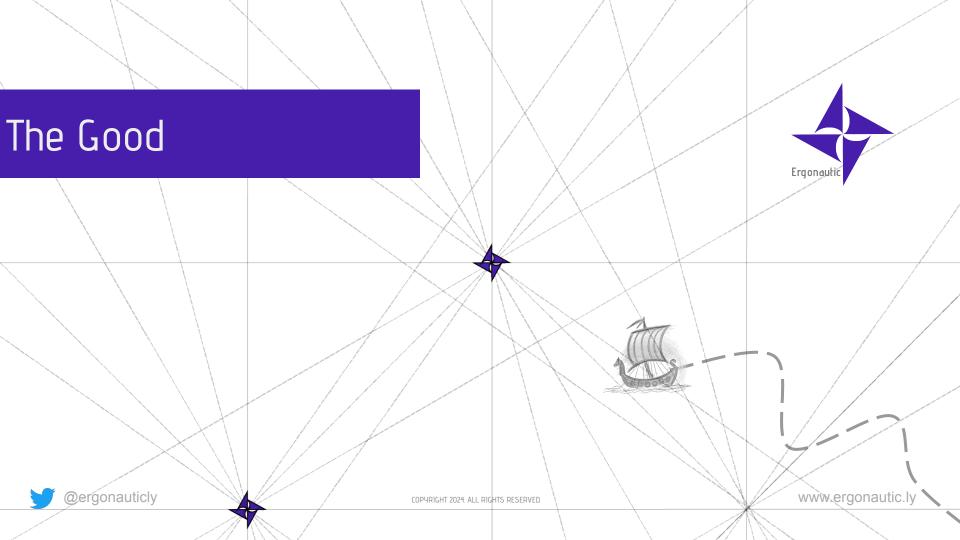




# GenAl is an accidental experiment in Intermittent reinforcement









### GitLab Duo

### Generate:

- Documentation
- Test Cases
- Release Notes
- Code Reviews
- Incident Summaries
- External Codebase Analysis

Source: https://about.gitlab.com/blog/2024/05/20/developing-gitlab-duo-how-we-are-dogfooding-our-ai-features/





One of the most tedious (but critical tasks) for software development teams is updating foundational software. It's not new feature work, and it doesn't feel like you're moving the experience forward. As a result, this work is either dreaded or put off for more exciting work—or both.

Amazon Q, our GenAl assistant for software development, is trying to bring some light to this heaviness. We have a new code transformation capability, and here's what we found when we integrated it into our internal systems and applied it to our needed Java upgrades:

- The average time to upgrade an application to Java 17 plummeted from what's typically 50 developer-days to just a few hours. We estimate this has saved us the equivalent of 4,500 developer-years of work (yes, that number is crazy but, real).

### Klarna international

Tech

# Klarna shuts down Salesforce as service provider, Workday to meet same fate amid Al initiatives

Aug. 28, 2024 11:27 AM ET | Klarna (KLAR) Stock, CRM Stock, WDAY Stock | By: Ravikash Bakolia, SA News Editor | 72 Comments

### xkcd.com/1425/



IN CS, IT CAN BE HARD TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EASY AND THE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

Is this a bird?





#### Copilot

Yes, this is a bird! Specifically, it's a white stork. The image shows the stork standing by the edge of a body of water, likely a pond or stream. White storks are known for their long red legs and pointed red beaks, along with black wing feathers that contrast with their predominantly white bodies. They are often seen in wetlands and are quite fascinating to observe in their natural habitat.

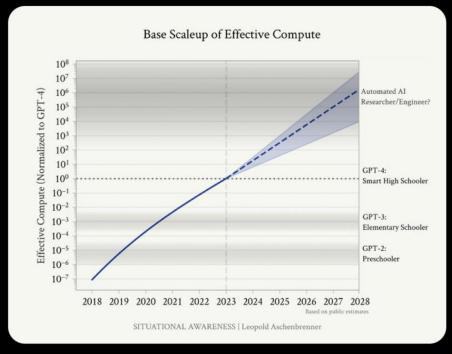


Leopold Aschenbrenner @ @leopo... · 20m

AGI by 2027 is strikingly plausible.

That doesn't require believing in sci-fi; it just requires believing in straight lines on a graph.







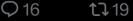
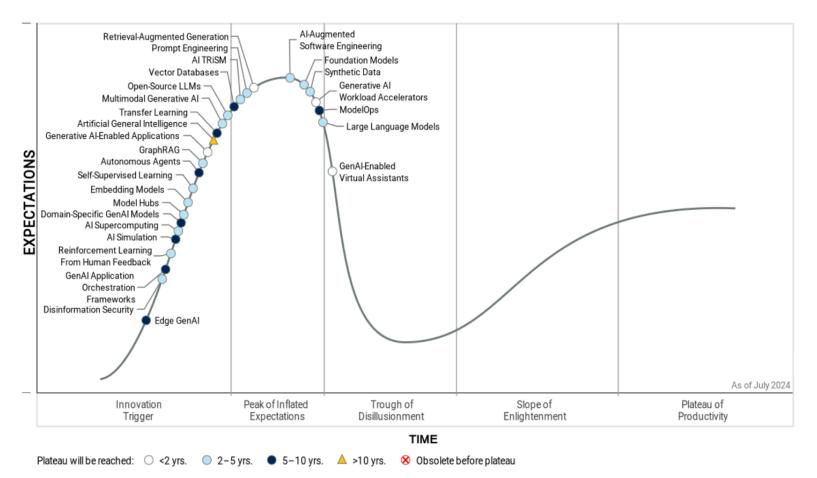








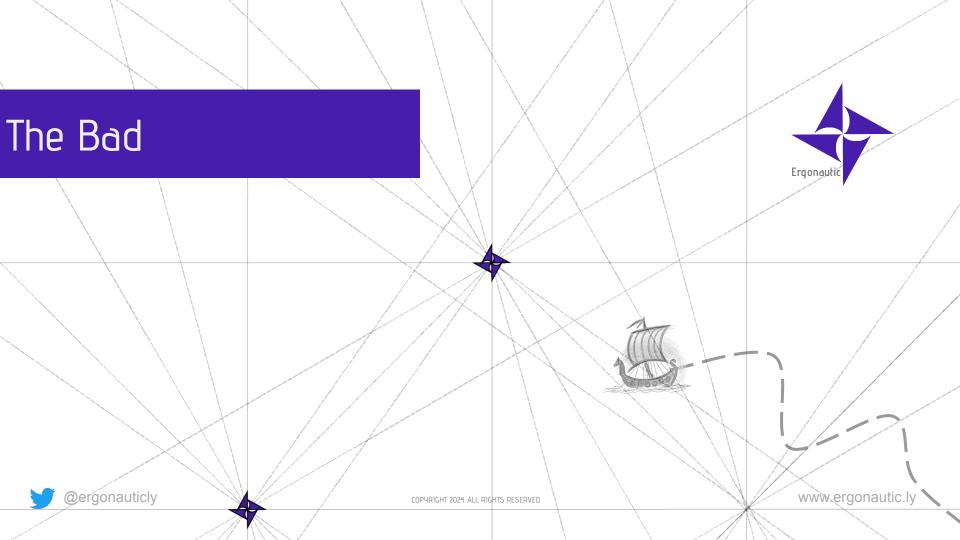
Figure 1: Hype Cycle for Generative AI, 2024



Source: Gartner (September 2024)







## 77% Of Employees Report Al Has Increased Workloads And Hampered Productivity, Study Finds

**Bryan Robinson, Ph.D.** Contributor ① author of Chained to the Desk in a Hybrid World: A Guide to Balance.

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Pharma Company Drops Microsoft Copilot AI
Due To High Costs And Limited Value, Sparking
Industry Concerns



# Research: Using AI at Work Makes Us Lonelier and Less Healthy

by David De Cremer and Joel Koopman

June 24, 2024

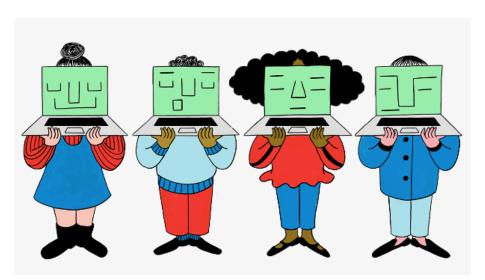
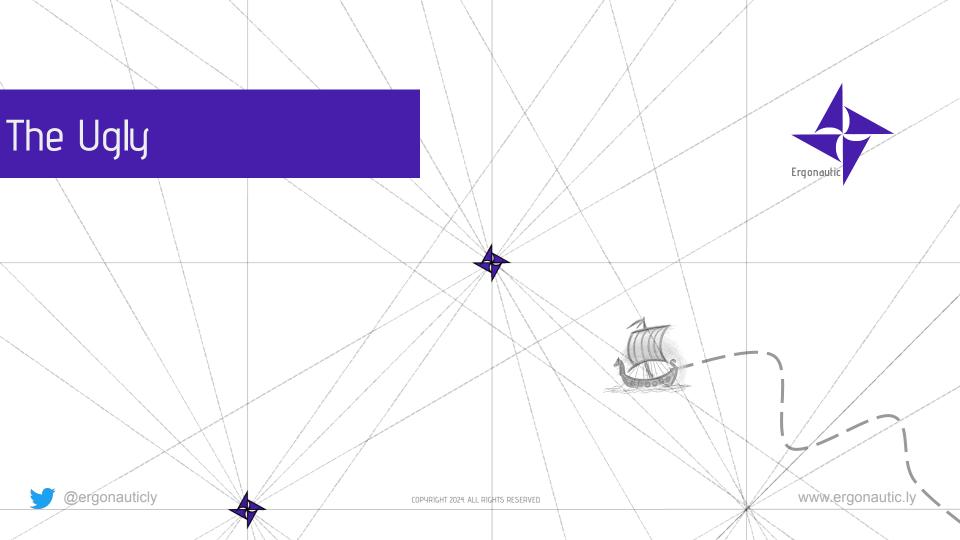


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## **Ethics**





### GenAl enables us to create more

- More code
- More text
- More media



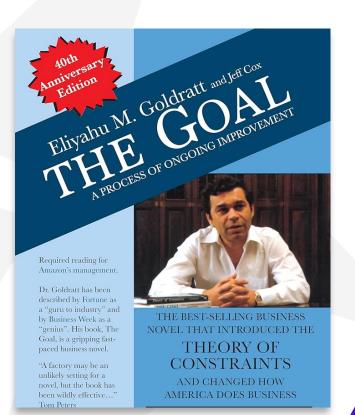


## Is more always better?





"What I'm telling you is, productivity is meaningless unless you know what your goal is"



Ergonal

## We have been here before





### The Tesla Robot Revolution

- Tesla's 2017 Model 3 assembly line built with > 1000 robots
- Musk said the line will produce 20,000 cars a month by E04
- Tesla makes only 2,425 in the 4th quarter of 2017



# Tesla relied on too many robots to build the Model 3, Elon Musk says / The guy telling everyone to be afraid of robots uses too many robots in his factory

By Andrew J. Hawkins, transportation editor with 10+ years of experience who covers EVs, public transportation, and aviation. His work has appeared in The New York Daily News and City & State.

Apr 13, 2018, 1:41 PM EDT







Elon Musk says Tesla relied on too many robots to build the Model 3, which is partly to blame for the delays in manufacturing the crucial mass-market electric car. In an interview with CBS Good Morning, Musk agreed with Tesla's critics that there was over-reliance on automation and too few human assembly line workers building the Model 3.





# But wait, there is more



#### The GM Robot Revolution

- In 1980s, GM spends > \$45 Billion on industrial robots
- CEO Roger Smith lauded as a "visionary 21st century futurist"
- By 1990, GM earnings per US car sale fall from \$588 to \$47



# GM's decline truly began with its quest to turn people into machines

Meanwhile, GM continued to lavish spending on big capital investments, confident that the secret to competitiveness lay in replacing humans with technology. But as in Lordstown, the spending bore little fruit. As automotive analyst Maryann Keller recounted in her 1989 book Rude Awakening, one GM executive observed that, between 1980 and 1985, the company shelled out an eye-popping \$45 billion in capital investment. Despite that spending, its global market share rose by but a single percentage point, to 22%. "For the same amount of money, we could buy Toyota and Nissan outright," said the executive -- which would have instantly bumped GM's market share to 40%.







# But wait, there is more



# The origins of the term "Socio-Technical":

studies by Eric Trist in 1950 Britain of mechanization of Coal Mining

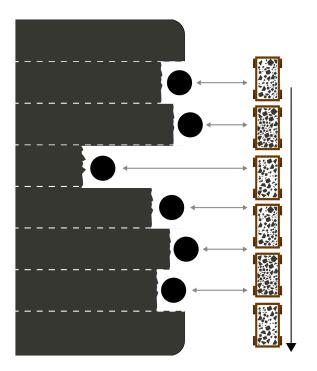




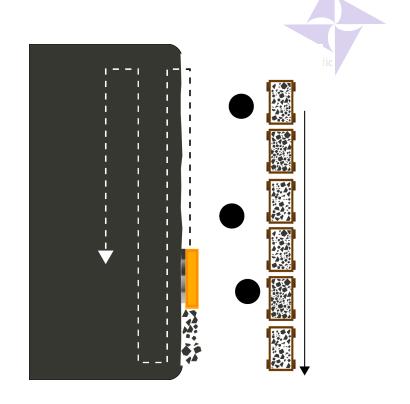
"Shortwall"

VS

"Longwall"







The newly automated Longwall mining was predicted to be much more productive than Shortwall mining

The expected productivity did not develop





#### Old Paradigm

The technological imperative

Man as an extension of the machine

Man as an expendable spare part

Maximum task breakdown, simple narrow skills

External controls (supervisors, specialist staffs, procedures)

Tall organization chart, autocratic style

Competition, gamesmanship

Organization's purposes only

Alienation

Low risk-taking



# All this effort gets shut down

In favor of top-down bureaucracy

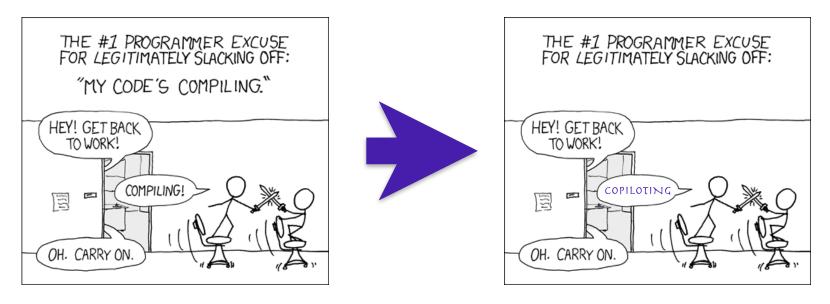
With "it must have only worked once"







#### https://xkcd.com/303/



#### February 17 2024

# Ironies of Generative AI: Understanding and mitigating productivity loss in human-AI interactions

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Aggregated decades of Human Factors research, and new studies of GenAl automation usage in different domains



## GenAl Productivity Challenges

- Production to evaluation shift
- Unhelpful workflow restructuring
- Task interruptions
- Task complexity polarization





#### Production to Evaluation

Ergonautic

- Reduced situational awareness
- Output volume, complexity
- System unreliability
- Over-reliance







#### Workflow Restructuring

New lengthy tasks competing with workflow:

- Prompting
- Output Adaptation





#### Workflow Restructuring

#### Errors due to:

- Loss of task sequence
- Loss of progress tracking





#### Workflow Restructuring

Loss of feedback:

Loss of rich social commentary on coding suggestions

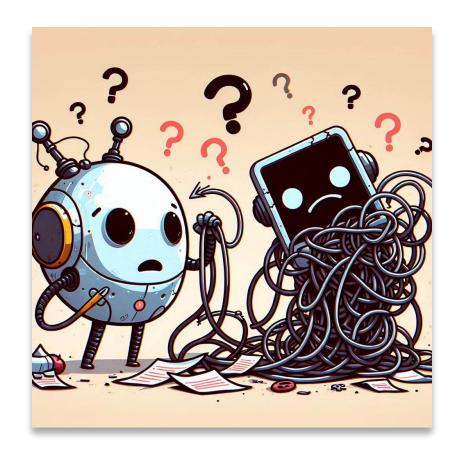




#### Task Interruptions

- High cognitive costs of task interruptions
- Content suggestions interrupting the flow





#### Task Complexity Polarization

Automation can make easy tasks easier while making hard tasks even harder



# Inevitably, the friction with the machine is getting blamed on human error





TRANSPO

# Deadly Boeing crashes raise questions about airplane automation

'Automation is a double-edged sword'

By Andrew J. Hawkins, transportation editor with 10+ years of experience who covers EVs, public transportation, and aviation. His work has appeared in The New York Daily News and City & State.

Mar 15, 2019, 10:40 AM PDT









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## Your "feels" might be wrong:

"While Copilot did not necessarily improve the task completion time or success rate, most participants preferred to use Copilot in daily programming tasks"

Source: Expectation vs. Experience: Evaluating the Usability of Code Generation Tools Powered by Large Language Models.





## We have this incredible tool





# But things are not as simple as they seem

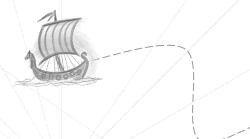








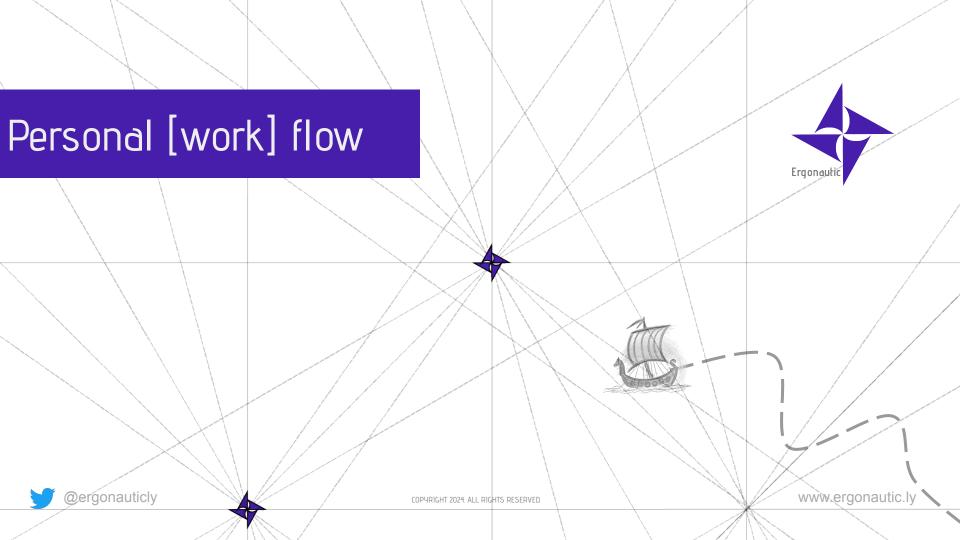






## Person

# **Product**







# "The Death of the Junior Developer"



## What skills do "seniors" have?





# Recognizing what "good" looks like









### Infrastructure as Code

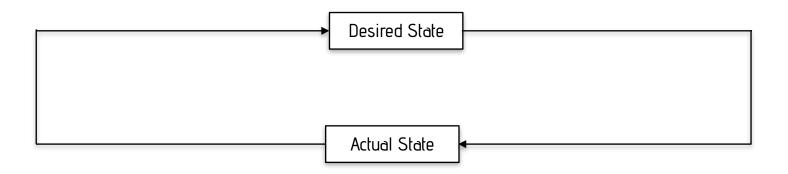


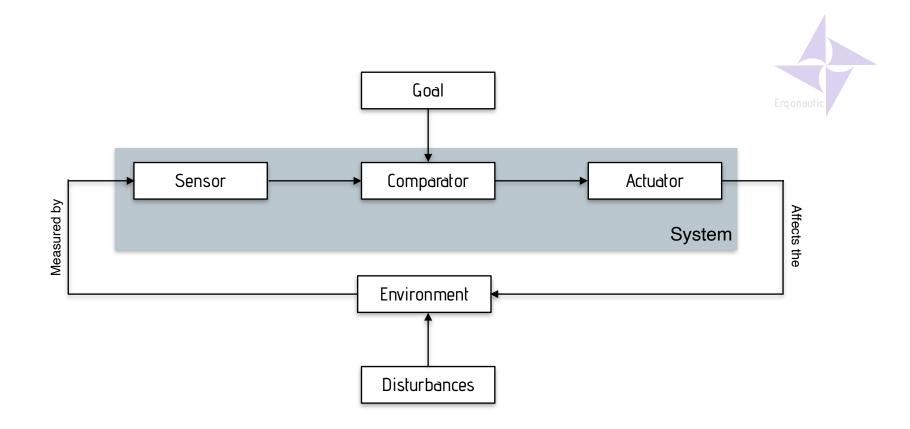






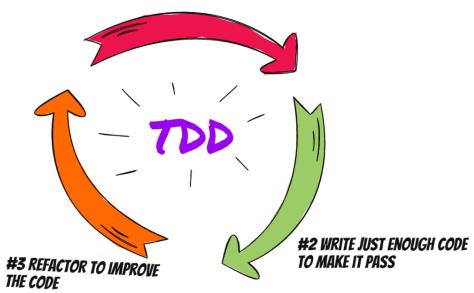






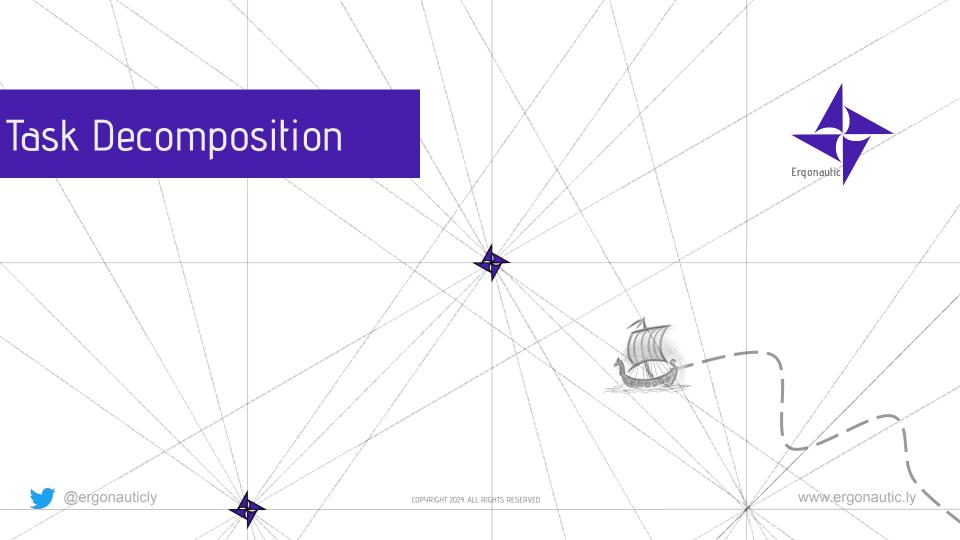


#### #1 WRITE A FAILING TEST



# Improve your ability to recognize what "good" looks like





# Humans are better at understanding complex tasks after they are decomposed into simpler subtasks



#### July 23 2024

## Learning Task Decomposition to Assist Humans in Competitive Programming

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#### Assistive Value (AssistV)

Measures the feasibility and speed of humans' ability to repair the decomposed solution



Human-Designed Problem

GenAl Proposal GenAl Decomposition Human Repair Unit Test Evaluation

Solution

Coding Problem GenAl Proposed Solution Heuristic

Initial

Vanilla

Assistive

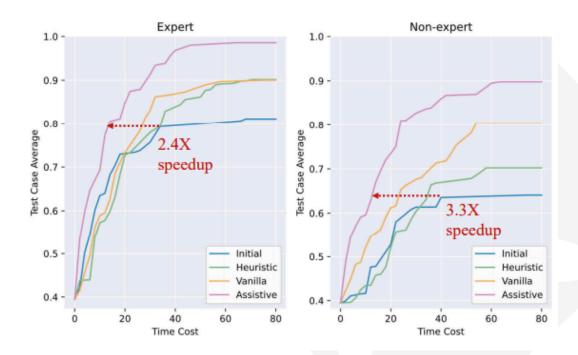
Experts

"Non-Experts"

Evaluation







Source: Learning Task Decomposition to Assist Humans in Competitive Programming

#### Assistive Decomposition Effects

- Sped experts up 2.4x, "non-experts" 3.3x
- "Non-experts" matched experts
- Solution accuracy improved by ~30% for both groups
- Had more benefits on hard problems
- Improved LLM ability to supervise itself
- Was preferred by human participants







#### GOODHART'S LAW

WHEN A MEASURE BECOMES A TARGET. IT CEASES TO BE A GOOD MEASURE

MEASURE NAILS MADE

IF YOU NUMBER OF

WEIGHT OF NAILS MADE

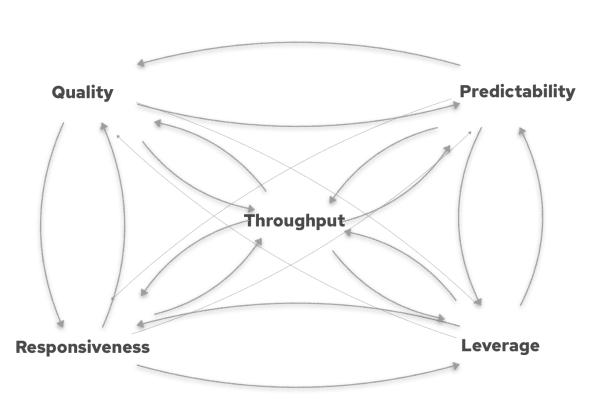
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THEN YOU 1000'S OF MIGHT GET TINY NAILS

A FEW GIANT, HEANY NAILS





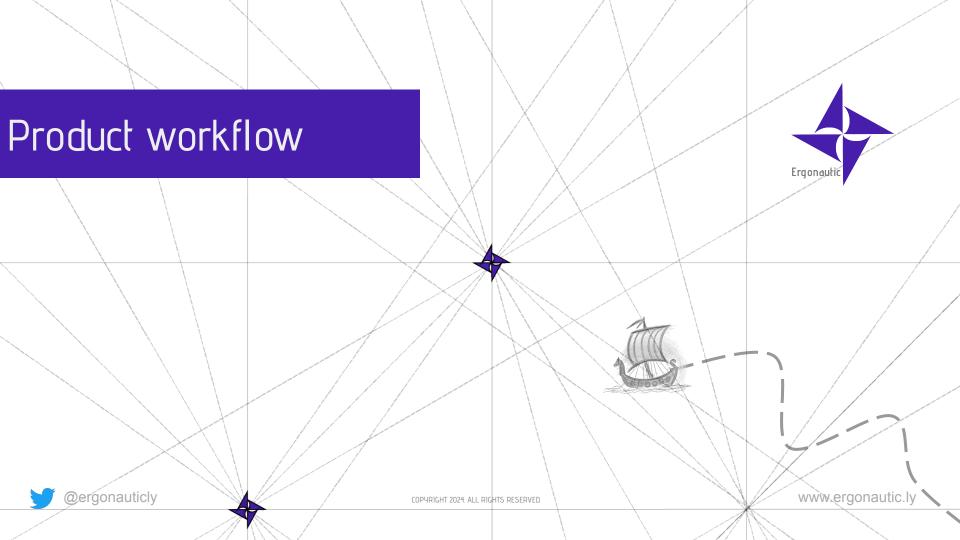




#### Winning with GenAl:

- Define what "good" looks like
- Create meaningful task decomposition
- Measure what matters







#### Non-Deterministic Software





#### "Hallucinations" are a Feature





# Cataskophic Mistakes







## Conversational recruiting platform using A1 to automate administrative tasks and improve the hiring process





How Tractor Supply reduced their time to apply by 58% by automating interview scheduling



How Dell drastically reduced their time to schedule interviews with Paradox's Conversational Scheduling



How Ace Hardware wconverted over 133,000 candidates in one year with Paradox's Conversational Apply



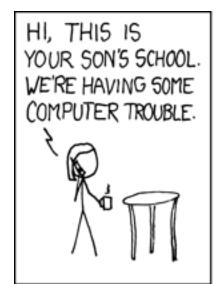
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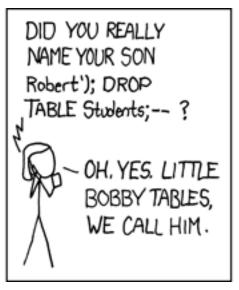
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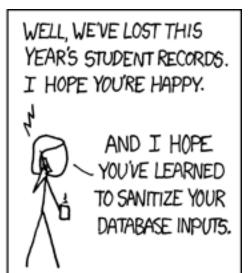


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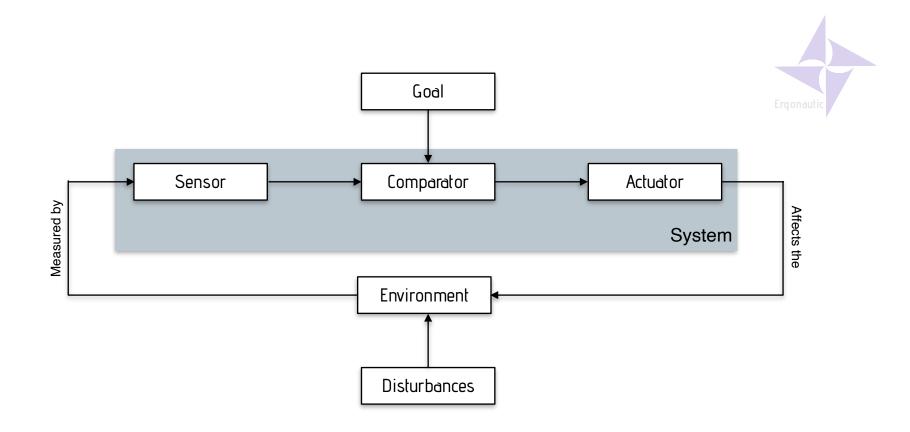


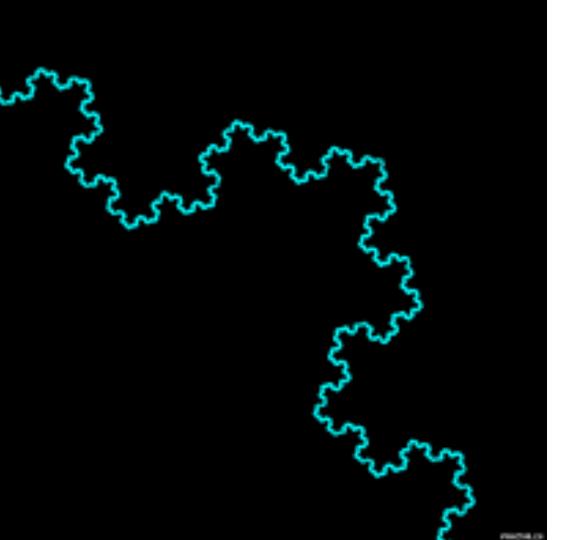


### Non-keyword search











It is control loops all the way down



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## Thank you!

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