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Purchaising Plan Optimization

AI enables companies to **generate real-time, optimized purchasing plans** by analyzing internal data such as supplier performance, stock levels, and historical order volumes. It ensures that procurement teams can **make data-driven decisions quickly**, balancing cost efficiency and inventory needs.

Inventory Management

Managing stock levels becomes effortless with **AI** that **automates the calculation of reorder points and safety stock levels**. The AI continuously monitors supply and demand fluctuations, helping companies **maintain optimal inventory levels** without the need for manual data processing.

Demand & Trend Analysis

Anticipating market trends is crucial in procurement. AI analyzes data from external sources, such as **social media** and **customer reviews**, to **predict demand for specific product features**. This allows to **plan purchases that align with future market needs**, minimizing risks of over- or under-stocking.

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Risk & Contract Management

Proactively managing risks in the supply chain is vital to ensuring operational continuity. AI can **identify at-risk suppliers by analyzing financial and performance data**, while **automating contract management processes** such as reviews and renewals.

Route Optimization

AI optimizes logistics by analyzing real-time data to adjust delivery routes, **reduce transportation costs**, and **improve service levels**. It also integrates sensor data for end-to-end visibility of shipments, **ensuring proactive communication with customers and suppliers**, while dynamically responding to unexpected events.

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Purchaising Plan Optimization (1/2)

Problem

Managing procurement for **thousands of material codes**, each tied to **multiple suppliers** with **varying prices**, **delivery times**, and **policies**, is a highly complex task. This often leads to **missed opportunities for optimization**.

Generative AI Solution

Unlike traditional AI, **Large Language Model (LLM) Architectures** bring a structured approach, allowing the **AI Agents** to:

- **Orchestrate actions** based on a holistic view of suppliers, prices, and lead times (**LLM component**).
- **Plan and reason**, dynamically adapting to changes in supplier conditions or internal needs (**Thought component**).
- **Utilize tools** like ERPs or external APIs to make informed decisions and take action automatically (**Tools component**).

What's Different Now?

Traditional systems require **manual intervention** to extract and analyze procurement data, often **delaying decision-making**. The AI Agents continuously overview internal and external data sources, organize activities autonomously, and provide **actionable purchaising plan**.

Key Benefits

- **Real-time Optimization**

Purchasing plans dynamically adjust to changes in supplier conditions and internal requirements.

- **Automation of Repetitive Tasks**

Generative AI handles data extraction and analysis, allowing the team to focus on strategic work.

- **Informed Decision-Making**

Generative AI integrates both internal data (e.g., stock levels, historical orders) and external data (e.g., market trends, supplier performance) to create optimized procurement strategies.

Results and Impact

Impact Level: Medium-High - GenAI in procurement enables significant **cost reductions** by automating repetitive tasks and **optimizing purchasing budgets**. It also **improves operational efficiency**, allowing teams to **scale at low cost** and focus on more strategic initiatives.

Technical Comlexity

Complexity Level: Medium - The implementation of Generative AI into procurement systems requires **integration** with existing **ERP** and **supplier management systems**. Additionally, **AI captures critical company knowledge**, often held by key individuals, making it essential to structure this transfer properly to **avoid knowledge loss** and reduce reliance on specific people.

Example

With Generative AI, a manufacturing company managing **over 150 suppliers** and handling **more than 200,000 order lines** can now generate an **optimized purchasing plan** in just a **few minutes**.

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Purchaising Plan Optimization (2/2)

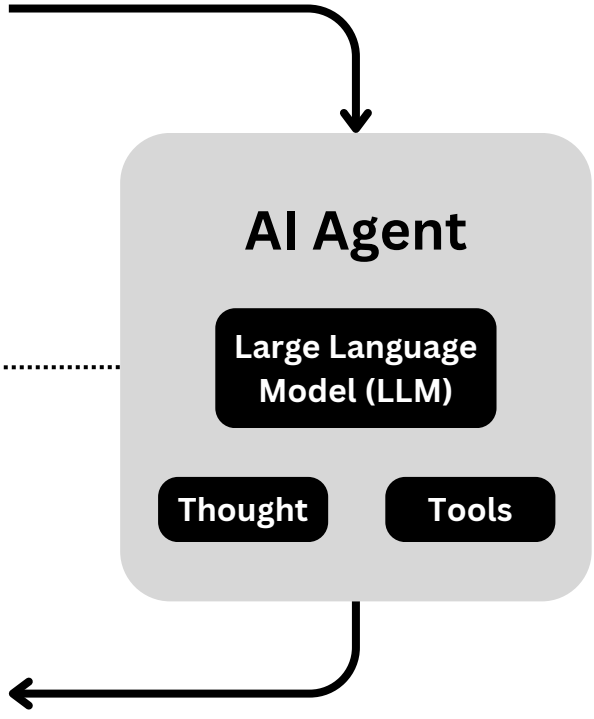
Input

Internal Data and Instructions

- **Material Codes and Specifications**: Details of each item needed.
- **Historical Purchasing Data**: Past orders, volumes, and prices.
- **Current Stock Levels**: Real-time inventory status.
- **Supplier Contracts and Performance Metrics**: Terms, reliability, and past performance.
- **Production Schedules**: Upcoming manufacturing needs.

External Data

- **Market Trends**: Price fluctuations, demand forecasts.
- **Supplier Availability**: Lead times, capacity constraints.
- **Economic Indicators**: Currency exchange rates, tariffs.



Output

Optimized Purchasing Plans

- **Order Recommendations**: What to buy, when, and from whom.
- **Supplier Selection**: Optimal choices based on performance and cost.
- **Budget Allocation**: Optimal spending to meet production needs.

Actionable Insights

- **Cost-Saving Opportunities**: Identifying bulk purchase benefits or alternative suppliers.
- **Risk Alerts**: Highlighting potential delays or supplier issues.
- **Efficiency Improvements**: Suggestions to streamline procurement processes.

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Inventory Management (1/2)

Problem

Optimizing the calculation of **reorder points** and **safety stock** is crucial for maintaining inventory balance. However, current systems make this process time-consuming as data must be manually extracted, organized, and analyzed using tools like Excel. Additionally, strategic decisions like whether to **stock more bulk or finished products** lack a holistic view of data.

Generative AI Solution

Generative AI simplifies inventory management by providing a structured approach that allows AI Agents to:

- **Orchestrate actions** to manage reorder points and safety stock based on a comprehensive view of supply chein (**LLM component**).
- **Plan and reason**, offering dynamic recommendations like to stock bulk vs. finished product stocking (**Thought component**).
- **Utilize tools** such as ERP systems and external databases to gather and process data for real-time optimization (**Tools component**).

What's Different Now?

Traditionally, managing inventory required manual analysis of fragmented data, leading to delays and incomplete insights. With Generative AI, the AI Agents analyze **data from all sources**, automatically generating **real-time optimal reorder points** and **inventory strategies**

Key Benefits

- **Real-time Inventory Optimization**

Dynamic adjustments to reorder points and stock levels as demand and supply conditions change.

- **Automated Reorder Point Calculation**

The AI continuously calculates and updates reorder points and safety stock levels in real time.

- **Informed Strategic Decisions**

AI offers a holistic view of both internal and external data to guide stocking decisions (bulk vs. finished products).

Results and Impact

Impact Level: Medium - Generative AI in inventory management leads to **cost savings** by **optimizing stock levels** and **reducing overstock or stockouts**. It also increases operational efficiency, allowing teams to focus on strategic decisions rather than manual data handling.

Technical Comlexity

Complexity Level: Medium - Integrating Generative AI into inventory management requires connecting the AI with **ERP** and **stock management tools**. Additionally, it captures company expertise around stock levels and supplier performance, ensuring that critical knowledge is used to inform strategic decisions.

Example

With Generative AI, a company managing **thousands of stock items** can now **calculate the optimal reorder point and safety stock levels in real time**, eliminating the need for days of manual data analysis in Excel.

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Inventory Management (2/2)

Input

Internal Data and Instructions

- **Stock Levels**: Current levels of raw materials, work-in-progress, and finished goods.
- **Demand Forecasts**: Projections of future customer demand based on historical data.
- **Order History**: Past purchase orders, supplier lead times, and performance data.
- **Production Schedules**: Information on upcoming production runs and required materials.

External Data

- **Supplier Availability**: Lead times, delivery constraints.
- **Market Trends**: Fluctuations in demand for materials or products.
- **Economic Indicators**: Exchange rates, tariffs, and other economic factors affecting supply chain.

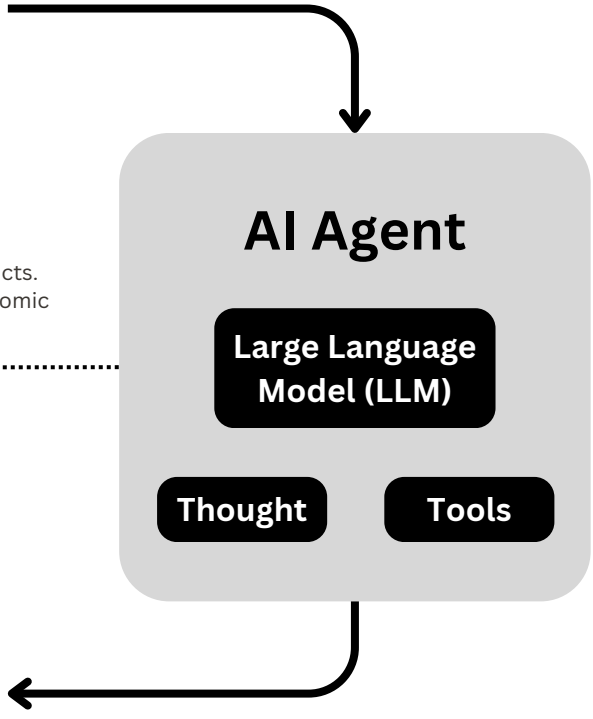
Output

Optimized Purchasing Plans

- **Reorder Point Recommendations**: When to restock, based on current levels and future demand.
- **Safety Stock Calculations**: Ensures there is enough buffer stock to avoid shortages.
- **Stocking Strategy**: Determines whether to prioritize bulk materials or finished goods.

Actionable Insights

- **Cost-Saving Opportunities**: Identifying overstock risks and bulk purchasing advantages.
- **Stockout Risk Alerts**: Highlights potential supply issues that could impact production or sales.
- **Efficiency Improvements**: Suggestions for streamlining warehouse and inventory management processes.



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Demand & Trend Analysis (1/2)

Problem

Many companies lack a system to **predict market demand at a strategic level**, making it difficult to align purchasing decisions with future trends. Without a comprehensive view of upcoming market shifts, the company risks over-purchasing slow-moving products or understocking high-demand items, resulting in inventory imbalances and missed opportunities.

Generative AI Solution

AI Agents can analyze vast amounts of data from **social networks**, **reviews**, **blogs**, and **forums** to:

- **Orchestrate actions** to optimize purchasing based on emerging demand patterns (**LLM component**).
- **Plan and reason**, offering real-time insights into what products will likely see increased demand (**Thought component**).
- **Utilize external tools** to pull in social and market data, optmizing supplier and inventory management (**Tools component**).

What's Different Now?

With Generative AI old predictive algorithms become tools of AI Agents, capable of having a **holistic view of the purchasing landscape**. The AI integrates **textual data** from external sources such as **social media**, **reviews**, and **market trends**, allowing for real-time demand predictions.

Key Benefits

- **Demand-Driven Purchaising**

Aligns purchasing decisions with real-time demand predictions, reducing overstock and shortages.

- **Trend-Based Supplier Orders**

AI provides recommendations on which products to prioritize in orders, based on upcoming market trends.

- **Trend Breakdown by Product Features**

AI identifies and dissects trends based on specific product characteristics (e.g., color, shape, size), providing actionable insights for more precise purchasing decisions.

Results and Impact

Impact Level: Medium-High - Generative AI helps companies anticipate future market demand, ensuring they can **procure the right products at the right time**. This results in **cost savings** by minimizing over-purchasing and stockouts, while **increasing sales** with accurate demand prediction.

Technical Comlexity

Complexity Level: Medium-High - Integrating Generative AI for demand prediction requires **incorporating external data sources** (e.g., social media, reviews, market trends, etc.) into procurement systems. Some AI tools could need training to recognize patterns and anticipate shifts in demand.

Example

In the **fashion industry**, an AI Agent can predict which specific product features — such as **color**, **shape**, or **material** — will be in high demand in the upcoming season, allowing the company to **stock the right products ahead of the trend**.

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Demand & Trend Analysis (2/2)

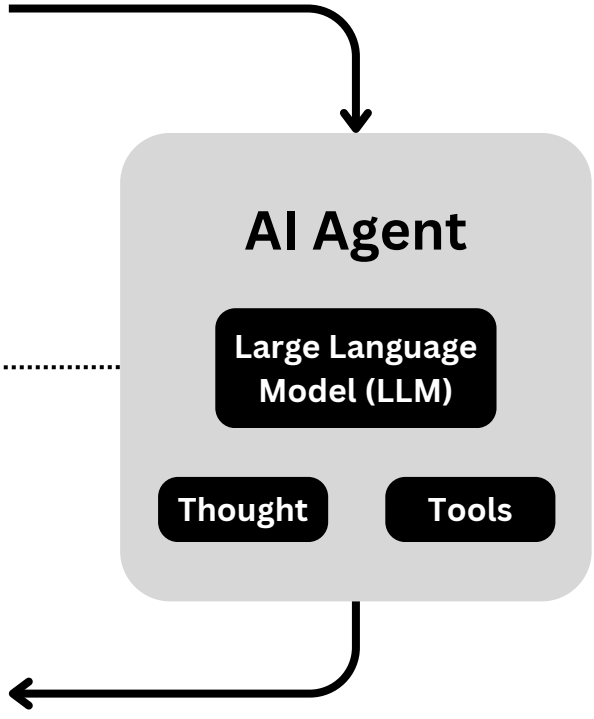
Input

Internal Data and Instructions

- **Historical Purchase Data**: Past order volumes and product performance.
- **Current Inventory Levels**: Stock levels of existing products.
- **Supplier Contracts**: Terms, pricing, and lead times from suppliers.

External Data

- **Social Media and Reviews**: Real-time data on consumer preferences.
- **Market Trends**: Reports and analysis of upcoming demand in the sector.
- **Economic Indicators**: Currency exchange rates, tariffs, and supply chain risks.



Output

Optimization Strategy and Insights

- **Market Sentiment Forecasts**: The AI continuously analyzes consumer sentiment across social media, reviews, and blogs, giving an early indication of which products and features will surge in demand.
- **Order Recommendations**: AI suggests not only what to buy and when, but also which specific product features (e.g., color, shape, material) will resonate with consumers, allowing for feature-specific stock that aligns with upcoming trends.
- **Tailored Product Bundles**: For companies selling through distributors, AI creates optimized B2B2C packages that emphasize the most in-demand features, aligning stock with distributor campaigns.

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Risk & Contract Management (1/2)

Problem

Managing risks in the supply chain is a challenge for many companies. **Identifying risky suppliers** or **detecting potential failures** before they occur is often reactive and time-consuming. Without real-time risk analysis, companies may suffer from supply chain disruptions or contract management inefficiencies, leading to operational delays or financial losses.

Generative AI Solution

Generative AI Agents can proactively manage supply chain risks by:

- **Orchestrating actions** to automate contract reviews, updates, and renewals based on requirements (**LLM component**).
- **Plan and reason** on data such as supplier financial reports and performance, to detect potential risks (**Thought component**).
- **Utilizing tools** like risk management platforms for testing the supply chain resiliance with what-if scenarios (**Tools component**).

What's Different Now?

Traditionally, risk management in the supply chain was a manual process dependent on periodic reviews and often missing early warning signs. With **Generative AI**, companies can continuously monitor data sources to **identify at-risk suppliers** and **simulate the impact of potential risks in real-time**.

Key Benefits

- **Proactive Risk Identification**

AI flags supplier potential failures based on financial or performance data, giving time to find alternatives.

- **Automated Contract Management**

AI automates contract reviews and updates, ensuring compliance with legal and business requirements.

- **Scenario Analysis**

AI generates "what-if" scenarios to test the impact of various risks and enables the creation of robust contingency plans.

Results and Impact

Impact Level: Medium - Generative AI enables companies to mitigate supply chain risks more effectively by identifying problems before they escalate. The ability to generate real-time scenarios helps ensure business continuity, while automating contract management reduces legal and compliance risks.

Technical Comlexity

Complexity Level: Medium-High - Integrating Generative AI for risk management requires **connecting it to financial data sources**, supplier performance metrics, and contract management systems. AI tools could require to integrate external risk management platforms as well as the ERP.

Example

A manufacturing company uses Generative AI to monitor the financial health of its **top 50 suppliers**. The AI Agent **flags a supplier at risk of bankruptcy** warning the company to proactively sources alternative suppliers, avoiding potential delays or production stoppages.

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Risk & Contract Management (2/2)

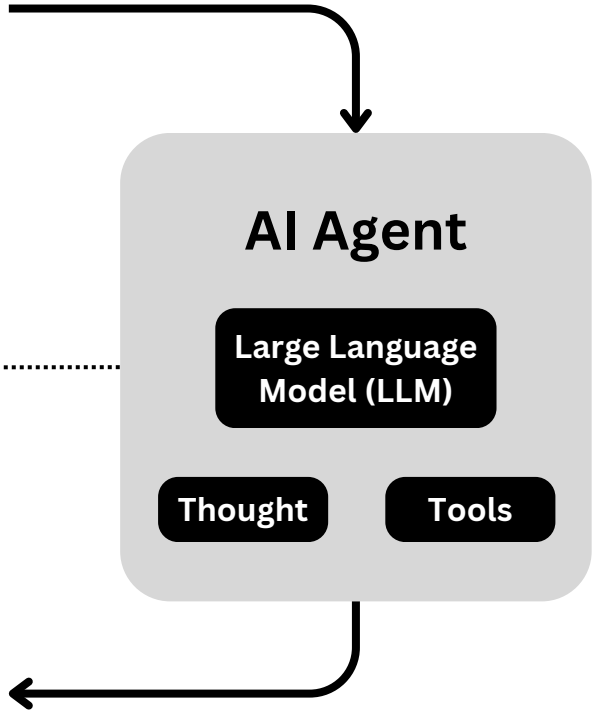
Input

Internal Data and Instructions

- **Supplier Contracts**: Terms, renewals, and performance metrics.
- **Supplier Performance**: Delivery times, product quality, and compliance records.
- **Historical Risk Data**: Information on past supply chain disruptions.

External Data

- **Financial Reports**: Supplier financial health and market indicators.
- **Market Trends**: Industry conditions that could impact supplier performance.
- **Regulatory Compliance**: Legal and compliance data relevant to contracts.



Output

Risk Mitigation Plans

- **Supplier Risk Alerts**: Early warnings about suppliers at risk of failure or financial trouble.
- **Contract Management**: Automated reviews, updates, and renewals based on legal and operational criteria.
- **What-If Scenarios**: AI-generated simulations that assess the impact of various risks on the supply chain.

Actionable Insights

- **Alternative Supplier Recommendations**: AI suggests potential replacements for at-risk suppliers to maintain operational continuity.
- **Contract Compliance Alerts**: Notifications to ensure contracts are updated and compliant.
- **Supply Chain Resilience**: Recommendations (e.g. new suppliers) for improving supply chain resilience.

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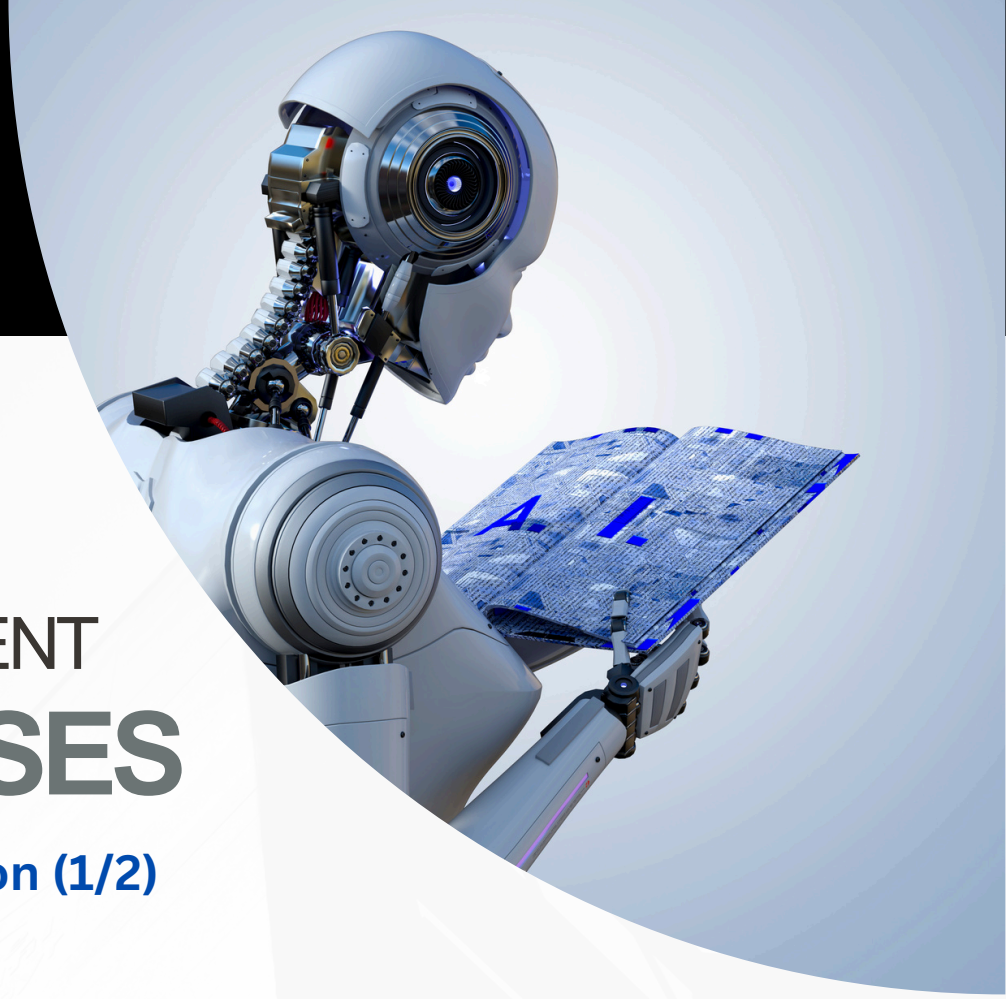

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Route Optimizazion (1/2)

Problem

Managing logistics routes efficiently is a constant challenge, especially when dealing with **rising fuel costs**, **complex delivery schedules**, and the need to provide end-to-end visibility for customers and suppliers. Without real-time data, companies often face inefficient route planning, resulting in **longer delivery times**, **higher costs**, and **decreased customer satisfaction**.

Generative AI Solution

AI Agents can optimize delivery routes, reduce transportation costs, and improve service levels by:

- **Orchestrating actions** to minimize kilometers traveled and group orders for maximum efficiency (**LLM component**).
- **Plan and reason** by reacting to unexpected events, allowing to maintain proactive communication (**Thought component**).
- **Utilizing tools** to integrate sensor data for tracking, providing visibility into delivery progress and delays (**Tools component**).

What's Different Now?

Traditional route optimization relies on static data and periodic adjustments, often lacking the ability to respond dynamically to real-time events. **Logistics teams can interact with the AI in real time**, receiving actionable insights to keep customers updated about delivery status, potential delays, and expected arrival times.

Results and Impact

Impact Level: High - Generative AI helps companies **reduce logistics costs** by optimizing delivery routes and improving fuel efficiency. It also **enhances customer satisfaction** by providing real-time tracking and proactive communication regarding delivery status.

Key Benefits

- **Real-Time Route Optimization**

AI continuously adjusts routes to minimize distance , reduce fuel consumption, and ensure on-time deliveries.

- **End-to-End Shipment Visibility**

AI uses sensor data to track shipments in real time, providing full visibility across the logistics chain.

- **Proactive Issue Management**

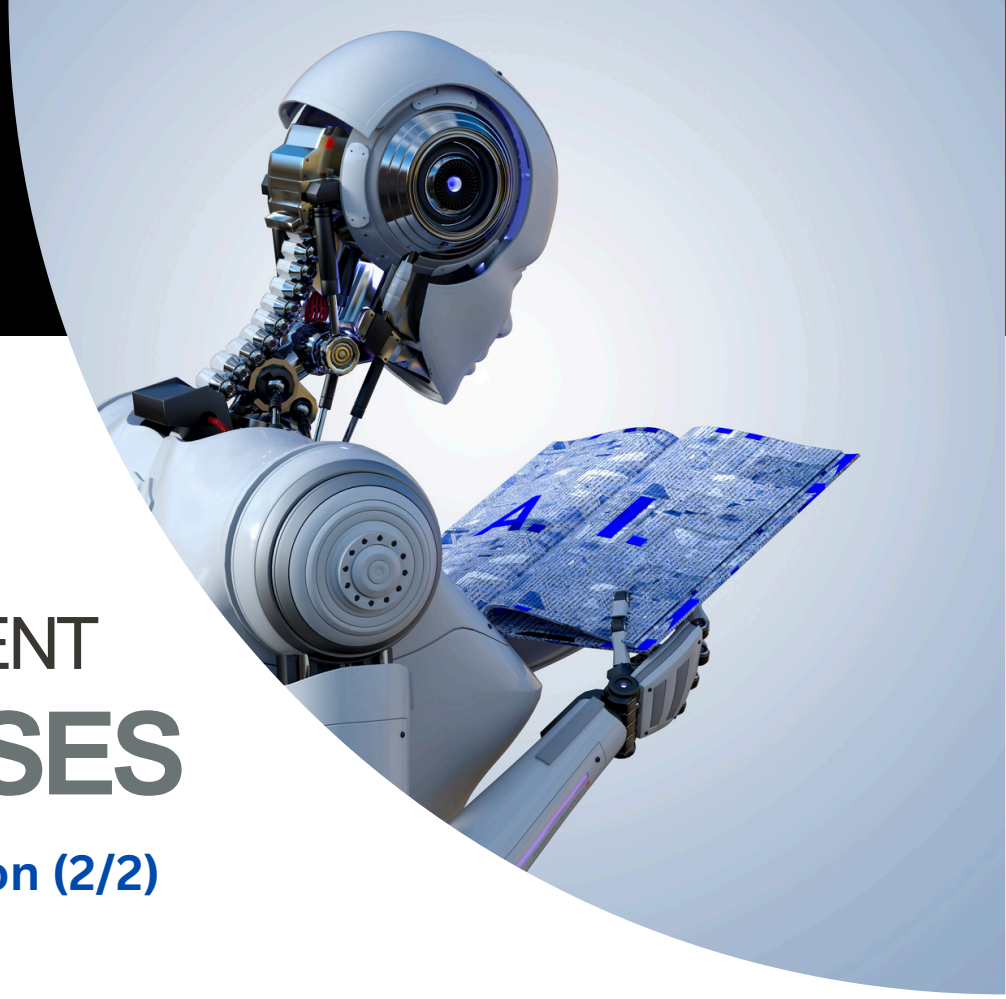
AI enables quick reactions to disruptions, ensuring efficient communication with customers and suppliers.

Technical Comlexity

Complexity Level: Medium-High - Logistics route optimization is inherently complex, involving a **vast amount of real-time data from diverse sources** such as traffic conditions, fuel prices, sensor information, and weather forecasts.

Example

A company uses Generative AI to **monitor and optimize the delivery routes of 100+ trucks** that distribute its products. The AI Agent analyzes real-time traffic and weather data, adjusting routes to avoid delays and minimize fuel consumption.



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Route Optimizazion (2/2)

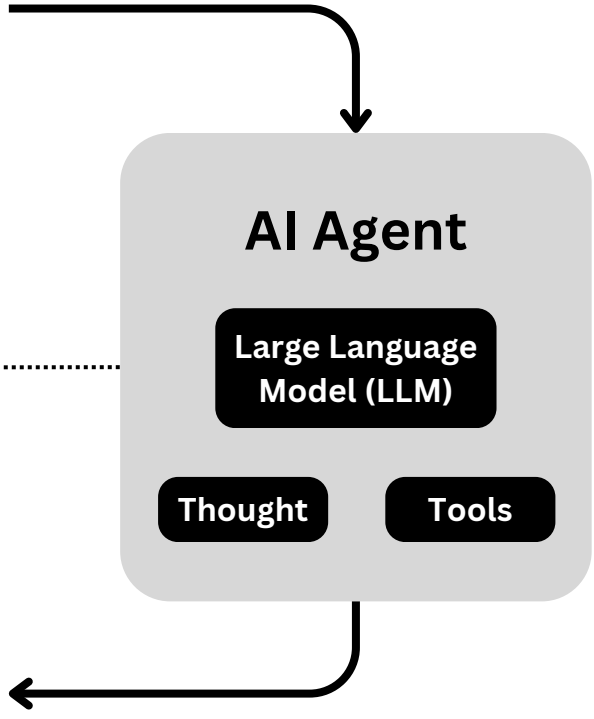
Input

Internal Data and Instructions

- **Delivery Schedules**: Planned deliveries, deadlines, and customer locations.
- **Fleet Information**: Truck availability, load capacity, and fuel consumption data.
- **Historical Route Data**: Past route performance, travel times, and fuel usage.

External Data

- **Traffic Conditions**: Real-time traffic updates, road closures, and congestion levels.
- **Weather Forecasts**: Current and predicted weather conditions along routes.
- **Sensor Data**: Shipment status, vehicle condition, and cargo temperature (if applicable).



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Optimized Route Plans

- **Route Recommendations**: AI suggests the most efficient delivery routes based on real-time data.
- **Load Optimization**: Maximizes space utilization in delivery vehicles to reduce the number of trips.
- **Fuel Efficiency Alerts**: Recommendations on how to adjust routes to save fuel and reduce logistic costs.

Actionable Insights

- **Real-Time Shipment Tracking**: Provides live updates on the location and status of each shipment.
- **Issue Alerts**: Proactively notifies the team of delays or issues, allowing for immediate resolution.
- **Customer Communication**: Automatically generates updates for customers on expected delivery times and any changes due to unforeseen events.

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- **2,500+ Companies** attended our **Generative AI Workshops**, gaining insights into how AI can revolutionize their business. We've driven innovation across key sectors, including manufacturing, chemicals, marketing, and logistics.

- **150+ Tailored Roadmaps**: We've guided decision-makers - owners, top managers, and key stakeholders - in crafting strategic roadmaps to **deploy high-value AI use cases that deliver tangible results**.

Our Solutions

- **Custom AI Projects**: We design and implement **tailored Generative AI** solutions to meet your **specific business needs**. Our solutions are crafted to reduce operational costs, boost revenue, and enhance your market positioning.

- **Training On The Job**: A **1-2 day in-house training program** with both foundational and advanced modules, designed to to ensure your team has the **skills necessary to succeed with Generative AI**.

- **Talent**: Our specialized **Generative AI talent acquisition services** helps you recruit and integrate highly skilled professionals into your structure, either through **direct hire** or **project-based as-a-service models**.

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