

How to Leverage Al in Change Management

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How much do you use Al at work?

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About UNC-Chapel Hill



1st and only public university in

the United States to award degrees in the 18th century



20,681
undergraduate
11,553
graduate &
professional
students



82 Bachelor's
112 Master's
66 doctoral
7 professional
degree programs

4,234 faculty
9,704 staff
members



367,000

living alumni in 50 states and D.C. and 147 countries



\$1.21 Billion in research activity annually

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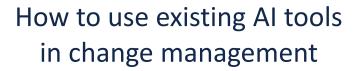


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Our focus today





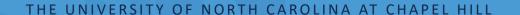


NOT developing new systems or tools



Understanding where human touch is still required

Where UNC is with Al





- UNC is committed to equipping students, faculty and staff with skills to harness AI technology
- The Provost's AI Acceleration Program
 aims to encourage and enable Generative
 Al prototyping and application in
 instruction, research and University
 operations
- The UNC Generative AI Committee released guidelines for using AI for students, faculty and staff

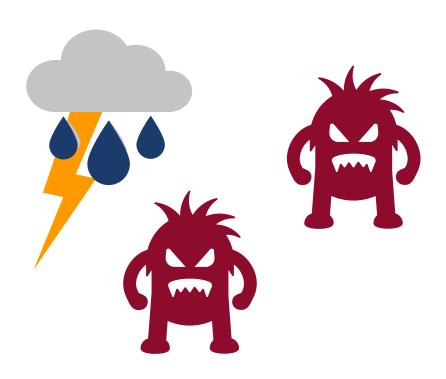




Let's Talk About Al

COMMON REACTIONS TO GENERATIVE AI

Fear



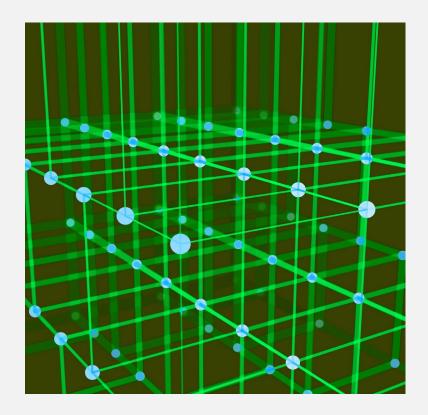
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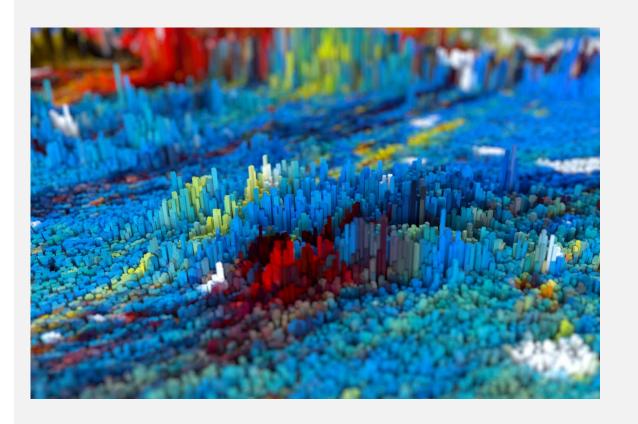
- Generative AI is a subset of artificial intelligence that focuses on creating new and original content that has not been seen before.
- It is used in a variety of applications such as image and music generation, and has the potential to revolutionize many industries.
- Generative AI uses complex algorithms and machine learning models to produce content that is often indistinguishable from humangenerated content.







- Generative AI creates new and original content while non-generative AI analyzes or understands existing content.
- Generative AI uses complex algorithms and machine learning models while nongenerative AI is based on pre-defined rules.
- Generative AI has the potential to revolutionize many industries while nongenerative AI is widely used in voice assistants and search recommendations.





Generative vs Non-Generative Al

Aspect	Generative AI	Non-Generative AI
Definition	Al that can generate new content or data that is similar but not identical to the training data.	AI that analyzes and understands input data but does not create new data.
Examples	Chatbots, image generation, text-to-speech.	Classification algorithms, recommendation systems.
Capabilities	Can create new images, texts, or sounds that did not exist before.	Can recognize patterns, make predictions, or recommendations based on existing data.
Use Cases	Content creation, design, art, and innovation.	Data analysis, process automation, and decision support systems.
Limitations	May require large datasets and computing power, potential for misuse in generating fake content.	Limited to the scope of its programming, cannot create new data.

Types of Artificial Intelligence

Non-Generative Al

- Algorithms designed to analyze or understand EXISTING content and make decisions or predictions.
- Examples:
 - Voice assistants (Siri, Alexa)
 - ChatBots for info retrieval
 - Google's Search Engine

Generative Al

- Algorithms designed to output
 NEW content (e.g., text, images, code) from input information.
- Examples:
 - Gemini
 - ChatGPT
 - CoPilot

What Can Al Do Compared to Humans?



Al is a powerful tool but not a replacement for human thought and creativity.

Aspect	Al Can Do	Al Can't Do
Creativity	Generate new content (text, images, music) based on learned patterns	Truly original thought or creativity
Learning	Learn from vast amounts of data quickly	Understand context and nuances like humans
Decision Making	Make decisions based on data & algorithms	Make ethical or moral judgments
Efficiency	Perform repetitive tasks without fatigue	Adapt to unexpected changes without reprogramming
Communication	Generate human-like text and speech	Understand emotions and intentions fully
Problem Solving	Solve well-defined problems with clear rules	Solve complex, ambiguous problems requiring human intuition
Empathy	Simulate empathetic responses	Truly feel or understand human emotions
Innovation	Suggest improvements based on data analysis	Innovate without human input or inspiration
Ethics	Follow programmed ethical guidelines	Develop or understand complex ethical principles

Think of Generative Al as an assistant or intern.

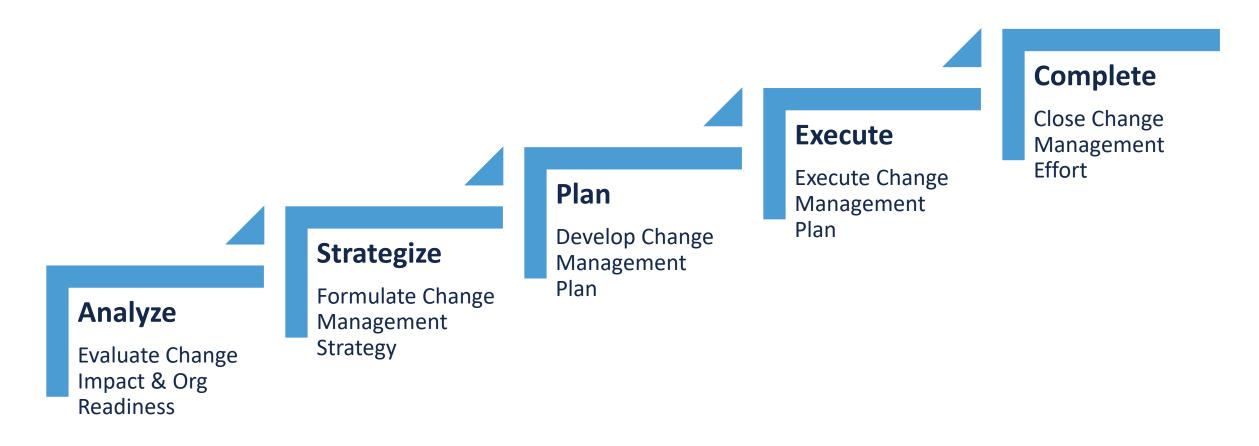
What is Change Management?

Change Management is the application of a structured process and set of tools for leading the **people** side of change to achieve a desired outcome.

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Change Management Process



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Things Generative AI does well





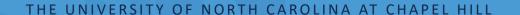


Generating and Refining Content

Developing Training Materials

Analyzing Data

Crowdsourcing Activity



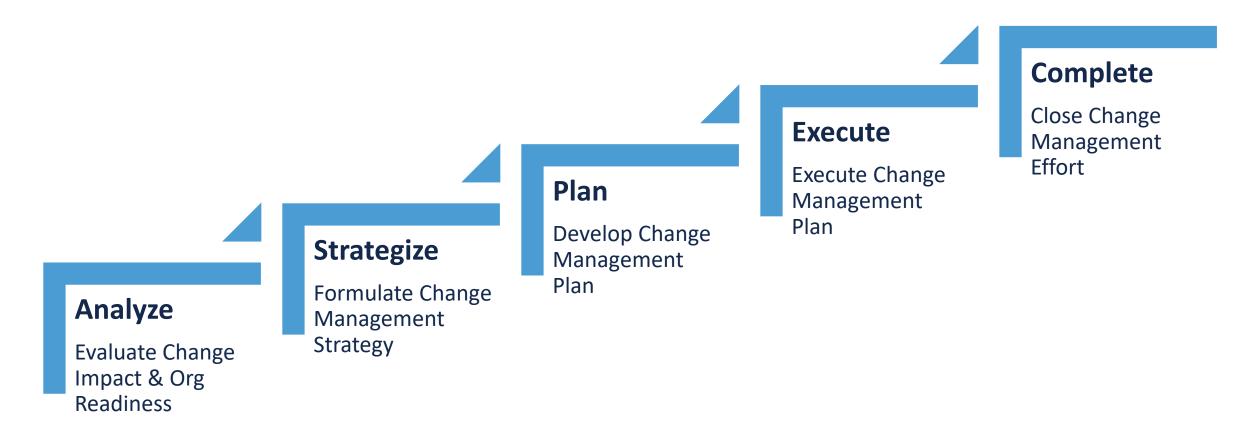
ACTIVITY

Using AI at Each Phase of Change Management

- Divide into 5 breakout rooms, 1 at each phase/poster
- Brainstorm PRACTICAL ways to use AI in that phase (5 min)
- Rotate to the right to the next phase
 - ideas you're using
 - - ideas you're using
 - ? ideas you have questions about
 - Add new ideas
- After rotating through all phases, we'll vote for our top 5 favorite ideas

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ACTIVITY RESULTS: USING AI IN CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Analyze	Strategize	Plan	Execute	Complete
Focus groups	KPI and success metric definition	Organize change management activities and comms from the perspective of certain user groups	Track plan completion/identify delays and bottlenecks	Generate report summarizing results and next steps
Generate survey questions	Risk assessment (any weakness in strategy)	Align project management and change management schedules	Summarize qualitative/open text survey results	Generate final reports on usage data, training records, and surveys
Develop problem and importance statement	Develop a change strategy for stakeholder groups	Crafting timetables – backwards planning	Create leadership talking points	AAR or after project check in, what worked or what didn't
Analyze baseline data – where are we currently at?	Roadmap development	Search for examples online of existing Change Management plans	Create and deploy stakeholder specific communications	Create a lessons learned section for the final report
Summarize conversations	Analyze the Strategic Plan to align with change management goal	Help prioritize the schedules/artifacts	Create and refine training material	Generate final survey questions for OCM and project lessons learned
Building out personas	Build start of sponsor coalition based on formal org structures	Build a roadmap of the schedule	Find benchmark examples	
Identify dependencies	Forecast outcomes	Draft success metrics	Analyze survey results	
Qualitative analysis of interviews		Create a slide deck for presenting	Set up a prototype of visualizing end-state of goals of plan	
Sentiment analysis			Prompt ideas on how to execute	
Create surveys to understand impact and readiness			Build user personas	

Final Thoughts

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Final thoughts







There is a learning curve, stick with it

Ask your AI tool how it can help you

Use AI to free up time for human work

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