

Al in Hospitality Education: Building Critical Thinkers

Preparing students for an Al-enhanced industry

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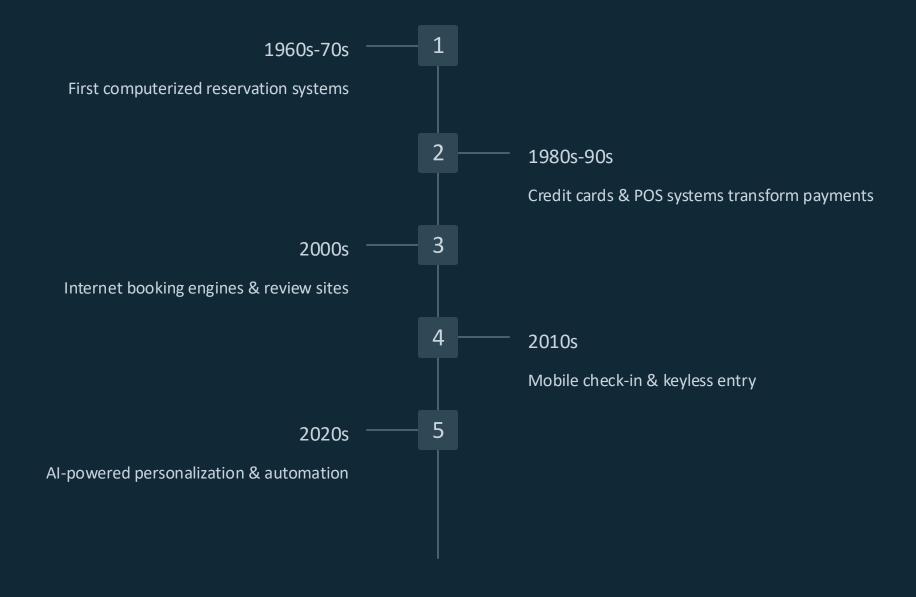


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Technology Evolution in Hospitality



What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?



Understanding Al

Artificial Intelligence is technology that enables machines to mimic human intelligence, processing information and making decisions similar to human cognition.



Key Components

Al systems are built on several core technologies:

- Machine learning
- Deep learning
- Natural Language Processing (NLP)



Real-world Applications

Al is already present in our daily lives through:

- Virtual assistants
- Recommendation engines



Al vs. ML: What's the Difference?



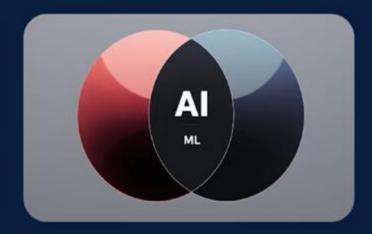
Artificial Intelligence (AI)

All is the broader concept of machines mimicking human intelligence, as seen in virtual assistants and smart robots.



Machine Learning (ML)

ML is a specific method within AI that focuses on systems learning from data, like Netflix recommendations.



The Relationship

Al encompasses many technologies, with ML being one powerful subset that enables systems to learn and improve.



Al in Today's Hospitality Industry



Guest Service

Chatbots, virtual concierges, voice assistants



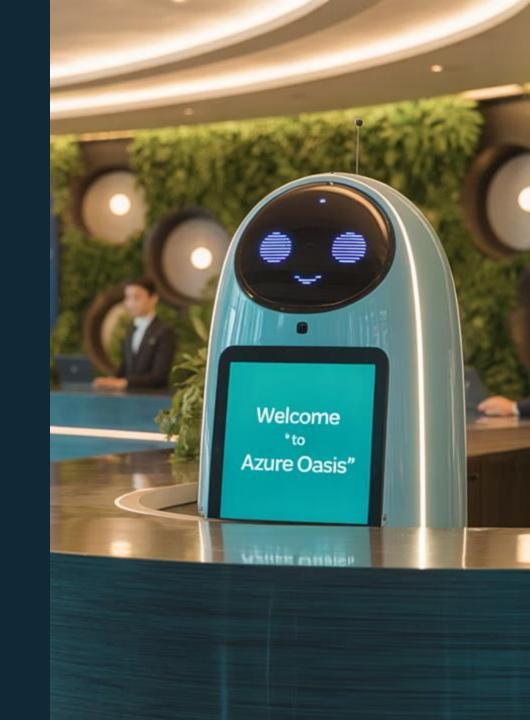
Revenue

Dynamic pricing, demand forecasting



Operations

Predictive maintenance, staff scheduling



Operational Efficiency through AI/ML



Energy Management

Al-driven energy management systems (smart thermostats to save energy)



Task Automation

Automation of repetitive tasks like booking and inventory management

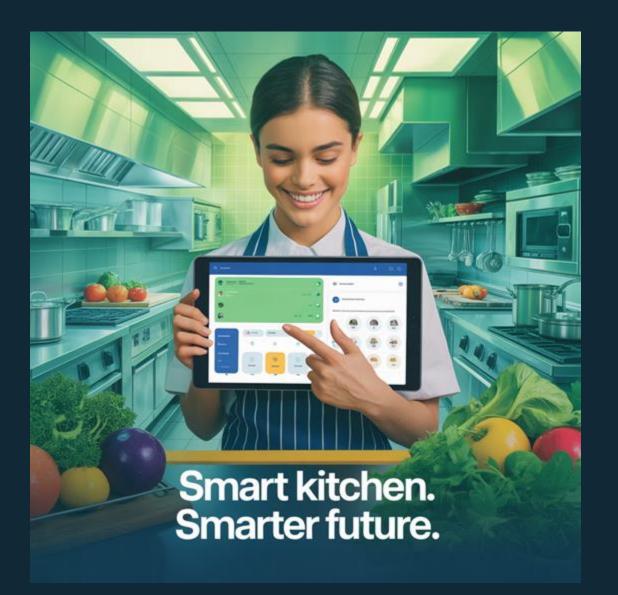


Streamlined Logistics

Streamlining logistics and supply chain with AI



Why Teach With AI?



Industry Relevance

Students need these skills now

Critical Thinking

Evaluate AI outputs, not just accept them

Future-Proofing

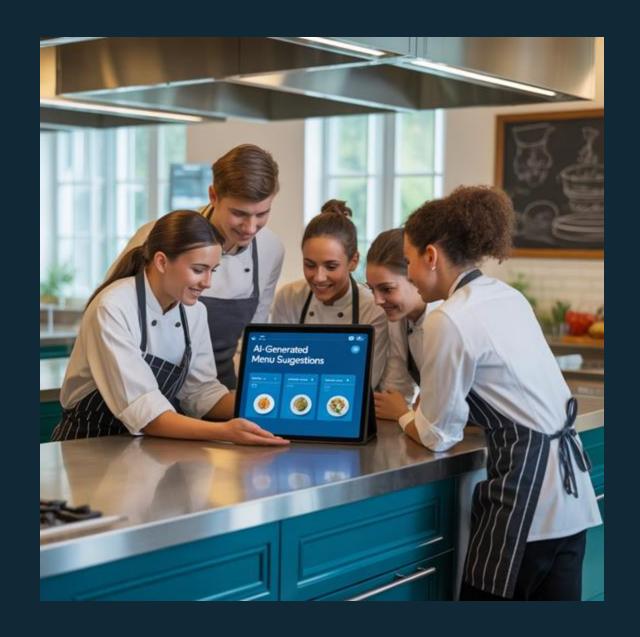
Prepare for evolving workplace demands

Critical Thinking with AI



Classroom Activity: Al Menu Development

- Students use AI to generate initial menu concepts
- Critically evaluate suggestions for seasonality, cost, feasibility
- Refine prompts to improve results
- Present final menu with justifications



Activity: Customer Service Scenarios

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Generate Scenarios

Use AI to create realistic guest complaints

Analyze Responses

Compare Al solutions with industry standards

3

7

Role Play

Practice handling complaints with empathy

Debrief

Discuss what AI missed in human interactions



Activity: Market Research Assistant

Research Project

Students use AI to analyze local hospitality market

Fact-Checking

Verify AI-generated information with primary sources

Presentation Creation

Use AI to help design compelling visual presentations

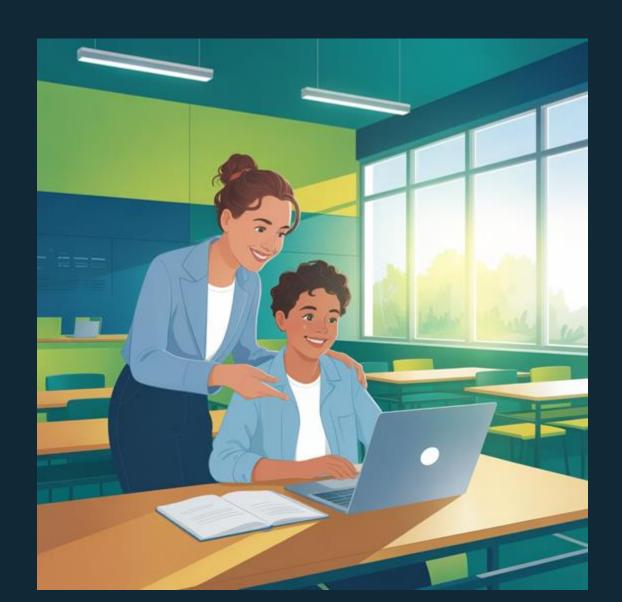


Breakout Activity

Your Turn!

- Form groups of 3
- Engage with one AI tool for hospitality
- Create a 2-minute mini-presentation
- Share with class in 15 minutes

Implementation Tips



Start Small

One activity at a time

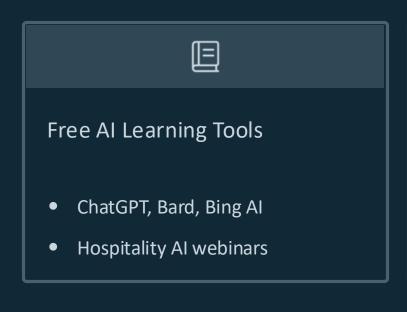
Set Boundaries

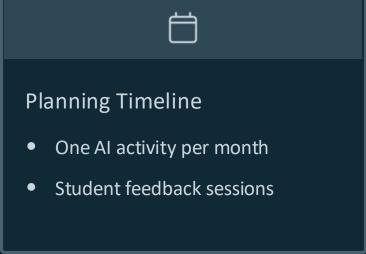
When AI helps vs. human work

Be Transparent

Discuss AI limitations openly

Next Steps & Resources





Community Support

Teacher sharing platform
Industry mentorship program



















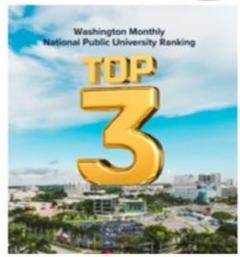
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