

Artificial Intelligence Basics for the Curious

Class 1 – Fall 2025 Session

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1. Philosophy of Technology & Learning

- Technology is always available to start — you can begin today.
- Easier than ever with YouTube, online guides, and social media.
- Nobody is born an expert — ~10,000 hours of practice builds mastery.
- Technology is a river — always flowing, always changing.
- Old tools fade (WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3) → curiosity keeps you current.

2. Quick Survey (Class Snapshot)

Raise your hand if you use: Smartphone, Tablet, Computer, Smart TV, Smart Speaker, Talked to Siri/Alexa/Google, Never tried a voice assistant, Heard of AI but not sure what it means.

➡ No wrong place to start. Even one tool is enough.

3. Brief History of AI

- 1950s – Dream: Alan Turing, Turing Test; term 'AI' coined (1956).
 - 1960s–70s – Early Years: math, games, ELIZA chatbot.
 - 1980s–90s – AI Winter: slow progress, limited data; still used in medicine & handwriting recognition.
 - 2000s – Comeback: faster computers, internet → spam filters, search, recommendations.
 - 2010s–Today – Big Boom: Siri, Alexa, self-driving cars, ChatGPT, DALL-E.
- ➡ AI is now everywhere — phones, homes, cars, classrooms.

4. Voice Assistants Primer

- Siri → Apple devices.
- Alexa → Amazon Echo.
- Google Assistant → Android & smart speakers.

Examples: 'What's the weather today?', 'Set a timer for 5 minutes', 'Play jazz music'.

➡ Think of them as helpful (sometimes silly) digital friends.

5. Demonstration & Activity

- Trigger words: 'Hey Siri', 'Alexa', 'Hey Google'.
- Safe prompts: weather, joke, timer, time.
- If it doesn't work: enable settings, or watch the instructor/neighbor.

6. Reflection

- You don't need to be an expert — questions matter more than answers.
- Best time in history to be curious: knowledge now available instantly.
- Curiosity = your most powerful tool.

7. Everyday Relevance

- Smartphones → reminders, maps, predictive text.
- Homes → smart lights, music, timers.
- Health → step counters, alerts.
- Fun → jokes, trivia, games.
- ➔ Everyday AI is already here — it's about noticing and trying it.

Takeaway: Artificial Intelligence Basics for the Curious is about openness, courage, and curiosity. Start where you are — and keep asking questions.

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