

Artificial Intelligence Basics for the Curious

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Welcome

- **AI is here to stay**
- **Not a fad, not going away**
- **Woven into daily life: like Internet, like smartphones**

My Personal Philosophy

- You can start today - right now
- Easier than ever with YouTube, guides, social media
- Nobody is born an expert - practice builds knowledge
- Technology is a river: always changing
- Old tools fade: WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3

Quick Survey: *Raise your hand if you used:*

- Smartphone
- Tablet
- Computer
- Smart TV
- Smart speaker
- Talked to Siri/Alexa/Google
- Never tried a voice assistant
- Heard of AI but unsure what it means

A Brief History of AI

- 1950s - The Dream (Turing Test, Dartmouth)
- 1960s~70s - Early Years (ELIZA, games)
- 1980s~90s - Struggles (AI winter)
- 2000s~10s - Comeback (Internet, spam filters)
- 2010s~Today – Big Boom (Siri, Alexa, ChatGPT, DALL·E)

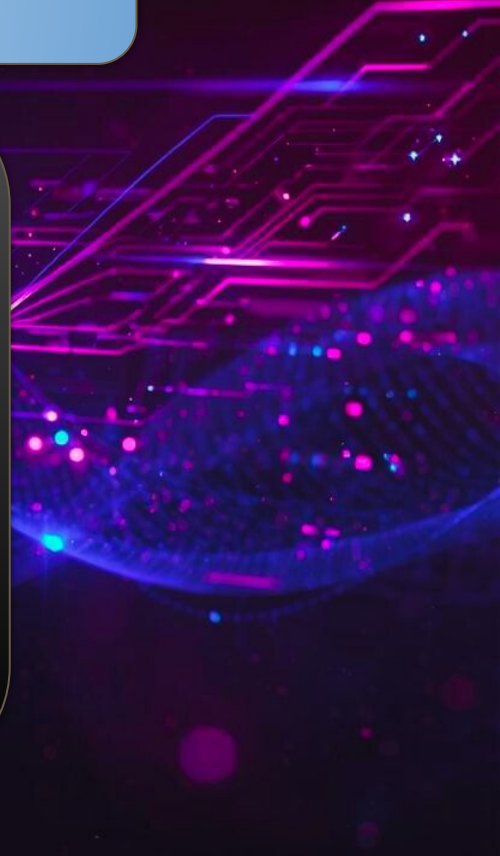
Who's who with Voice Assistants

- **Siri → Apple devices**
- **Alexa → Amazon Echo**
- **Google Assistant → Android & smart speakers**
- **Instead of typing > just talk and ask**

Demonstration Prompts

Try asking:

- What's the weather today?
- Tell me a joke
- Set a timer for 5 minutes
- What time is it?



Reflection

- You don't need to be an expert
- Learning comes from asking questions
- Best time in history to be curious
- Knowledge at your fingertips

Everyday Relevance

- **Smartphones → reminders, maps, text**
- **Homes → smart lights, music, timers**
- **Health → step counters, alerts**
- **Fun → jokes, trivia, games**

Open Question

**How could you imagine
using a voice assistant in
your daily life?**

AI Parlor Trick

3 Quick Questions:

1. Animal
2. Location
3. OLLI activity

Watch AI create: story, haiku, song, image

Wrap Up

- AI is a tool, not a replacement
- Curiosity is the key
- Next AI class: “Meet *ChatGPT*: Your New Conversation Partner”