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The Matrix Reimagined

Technology Trends that Bring Us Closer to a Hyper-Connected Reality

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Side view of An Indian man standing in button down shirt and blue jeans in front of a projector screen reading an old scroll

A Disclaimer







Explosion of data

The data we produce globally has grown exponentially in the past 10 years, as expected.



Easier human computer interfaces

We have also continuously innovated on how we interface with technology.

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A digital vs physical divide

- How are we using all this data?
- Have these new ways of interfacing with technology complicated our lives?



Real world vs virtual world

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Every day, we're saying, 'How can we keep this customer happy?' How can we get ahead in innovation by doing this, because if we don't, somebody else will.



The opportunity lies in bridging the gap between the real and virtual world through data-driven innovation and in using technology to create new forms of interaction and value.



Key trends

Generative Al

Generative AI has rocked our world in the last 6 months. What is next?

Extended Reality

What happened to the hype around AR & VR? Has it peaked?

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How prevalent is IoT now? You'd be surprised.

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Generative AI

Large Language Models, Foundational Models

The hype is off the charts.



New tools being released every week

Heavy investment across big tech

MarTech is buying into the hype





And the progress is real and fast.



Versatile

Generative AI can be used in a lot of different use cases.

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Create

Unlock creativity by generating text, images and videos. Can we distinguish between AI- and humanwritten articles?

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Advise

Help with research and learning.

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Code

Generate code that can then be optimized by developers.

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Automate

Automate tedious and timeconsuming tasks, increasing productivity and efficiency.

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Personalize

Personalize content based on user roles and personas and improving customer engagement.

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Augment Data

Generate data to train other machine learning models without having to find quality real-world data.



It's a language model bro, not a truth machine.

- A random redditor

The impact

Chegg

Student-focused "Study" tool is already seeing impact on revenue since ChatGPT is free and does a better job of helping with homework.

IBM

Potential 7800 jobs at IBM could be replaced by AI as it pauses hiring for these jobs to evaluate AI impact.

Accenture

Accenture's research says about 40% of working hours can be impacted.

Improved Customer Support

Study of 5179 customer support agents that supported applications that have a steep learning curve:

- Conducted by MIT and Stanford
- Improved productivity by 14%
- Improved retention
- Greatest boost among novice and low-skilled workers but minimal impact on experienced workers

Some big concerns remain.

Content Access

Social media platforms are already preventing access to LLMs. Twitter and Reddit are leading the way.

Liability Issues

Legal advice from ChatGPT has been significantly scaled black. How are we accounting for built-in biases?

IP Infringement

How are content creators compensated?

Privacy Concerns

With Privacy concerns, what safeguards or guidelines need to be in place?

Regulations

Senate hearing on AI was unexpected...lots of substance. EU and China are introducing an "AI Act."

Open-Source Models

How effective will they be?

...even on simple use-cases

Consider using transcribing software to record meetings and using ChatGPT to summarize the meetings and pick out action items.

... but, at scale

- That is a lot of proprietary information.
- Possibly client information that we are sending to a public tool
- Tons of Personal Information too

Though Generative AI is very promising, for us to realize the full value of it, Enterprises will need to stand up their own models, hosting, and tools/applications.



Where do we start?

Entertain Bottom-Up Ideas

The technology is so versatile that how it can be used across different departments and teams will be very different.

Find Pilot Projects and Start Slow

Consider user testing and internal feedback to train a model before going all in. Consider Open Source models to start.

Find Data-Rich Use Cases

Find use cases that already produce a lot of data. Eg: Knowledge systems, Product catalogs, customer service calls. Don't underestimate the effort of cleaning up this data before training a model.



Where do we start?

Assemble a Cross-Functional Team

Leaders from Data Science, Engineering, Legal, IT, InfoSec, Marketing, and Design can explore the POCs and identify and prioritize the highvalue use cases.

Monitoring the Al Output Is Key

If you are using off-the-shelf models or training your own model, a cross-functional team to monitor and measure the output is key to check for Data Privacy, IP and Bias issues.

Train Your Employees

... on use cases, how to use it and how to identify the limitations of the technology.



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Extended Reality

AR/VR & Metaverse

Feels like the natural evolution of the Internet, but not much concrete has changed in our day-to-day lives... yet. Why?



The potential

Gaming and Social Media

Seems like this is where AR/VR is prominent these days.

Reinventing Stagnant Industries

Some industries haven't changed their core customer experience in decades—e.g., Healthcare, Real Estate.

The opportunity



- Revenue projected to be at \$52B worldwide by 2027. If you add Metaverse, it is projected to be at 4-5 Trillion by 2030.
- Number of users is expected to be at 2.5 Billion by 2027.





Customer engagement

Nike

Sale of \$185 million in NFTs of Digital Apparel for Avatars

Introducing more Gamification to increase engagement and revenue

Introducing AR/VR experiences in-store



Employee training

Walmart VR Trainings

Increase in VR trainings across Walmart, especially around emergency situations.

Volkswagen VR Assembly Training

Instead of extensive travel to train new employees, Volkswagen uses VR to train them.

BOA New Employee Orientation

Instead of using traditional click-through training, BOA uses VR to increase knowledge level of employees.

Remote and hybrid work

VR Meeting Using Horizon Workrooms

A 2-hour experimental meeting was conducted over zoom and VR.

Experience

VR participant felt the experience was seamless. Audio was well-synced to the avatar. Eye-contact was exceptional.

Results

Participants felt connected, even if it was virtually.



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Some big challenges remain

Hardware Costs

Hardware cost is not commensurate with the quality or use. Truly experimental for personal use.

Lack of Standards

Creating an ecosystem around the hardware is hard due to lack of standards. No one wants a metaverse cable company.

Security and Privacy

Too much data can be captured with no clear idea of how it will be used.

Social Media on Steroids

Misinformation, echo chambers are still a problem with Metaverse.

Lack of Sticky Use Cases

Applications now haven't necessarily had sticking power e.g., Pokemon Go, IKEA AR Application, etc.

Poor UX

Most applications in extended reality are buggy. Limited field of vision, for example, in Goggles. In a world that is yearning for connection, AR/VR & Metaverse may need to focus on targeted use cases first that are immersive and innovative.

Where do we start?

Brainstorm for Use-Cases that AR/VR Make Possible

In the near future, what use cases make sense for your company to improve customer and employee engagement?

Evaluate If You Are Ready for AR/VR

For example, are your product models digital? Is your training content fit for an immersive experience?

Start With a Prototype, Pay Attention to UX

Be clear on the goals, strategy, capabilities and limitations of the technology.



side view zoom in of a leg stepping out of the door wearing formal shoes. Buildings background

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IoT

If AR/VR is imposing the virtual world into the real world, IoT is the other way around.

The hype is wearing off.



Never seen a set of technologies that are mostly in the trough of disillusionment before

Hype Cycle for the Internet of Things, 2020

onenorth.com



Current state

Smart Assistants & Wearables

These are the most mature IoT offerings in the market right now, but use cases are still limited.

IoT Marketplaces on the Rise

Azure, AWS have robust marketplaces and starter-kits to make adoption easier.



When we talk about the Internet of Things, it's not just putting RFID tags on some dumb thing so we smart people know where that dumb thing is. It's about embedding intelligence, so things become smarter and do more than they were proposed to do.

The opportunity



- Revenue projected to be at \$621.6 Billion by 2030.
- Projected to have 30 billion IoT devices by 2030.
- Most deployed use cases projected to be Consumer electronics, Energy sector, and Retail.

IoT components

IoT is not a single technology. For it to mature, it needs the following components, each of them currently at different levels of maturity.





Optimization and efficiency

Smart City

Deploy Mobility solutions to manage traffic in an already congested city.

Amazon Warehouses

Use up to 400 IoT devices to manage inventory and move products.

John Deere

Sensors monitor moisture levels, air, and soil temperature to inform fertilizer and water usage.



Understand your user

Data from Offline World

Sensors in the real world can tell you what a user is doing and personalize offers.

First-Party Data

Collect first-party data from IoT devices. Insurance companies have successfully convinced us to give up our driving data.

Some big challenges remain

Hardware Maintenance

Operationalizing maintenance or installation of the devices can be a lot.

Lack of Standards

Interoperability, even within an organization, will be challenging.

Technology Is Still Maturing

Low power connectivity, Edge computing, Sensors, Chips, etc. are at different levels of maturity in different industries.

Security and Privacy

Too much data can be captured with no clear idea of how it will be used. Transparency and Security are important.

Where do you start?

What data will be helpful?

Use cases will differ, firm to firm. Key question to ask would be what data would be great from the real world to supplement your online data?

Start with the user's phone.

Your apps, with some gamification, can act as a great way to start some POCs.



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If future generations are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow, we must achieve more than just the miracles of technology. We must also leave them a glimpse of the world as it was created, not just as it looked when we got through with it.

— Lyndon B. Johnson, Former President of the United States of America

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