

Executive SummaryAl Is Here to Stay, and That's a Good Thing!

While technology has previously allowed us to automate repetitive and laborious tasks, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly encroaching on the realm of non-routine, cognitively complex tasks. For the first time in history, knowledge workers must face a future where their skills are no longer monopolized by humans. This paper investigates the history of artificial intelligence, its relationship with the labor market, and the future of AI-empowered work.

Middle Wage jobs will likely face a decline in demand and average salaries, while High Wage and Low Wage jobs will experience an increase in demand.





What is Artificial Intelligence?



The OECD defines an AI system thus: "an AI system is a machine-based system that can influence the environment by producing an output (predictions, recommendations, or decisions) for a given set of objectives. It uses machine and/or human-based data and inputs"



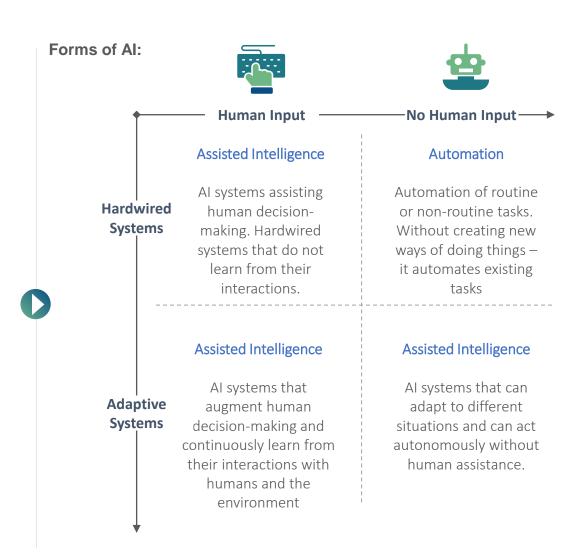
1. Perceives real and virtual environments



2. Abstracts perceptions into models in an automated manner with machine learning



3. Use model inference to formulate options for outcomes



Busting Myths

Al is ultimately a creative force in the job markets that will turbo charge careers and optimize industries



4 Myths about Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace

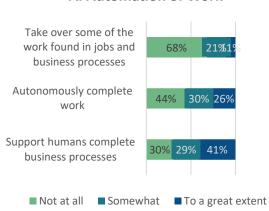
Given its potential to completely transform how we work, communicate, and life, artificial intelligence is understandably one of the most divisive topics out there. Yet some common misconceptions still exist about Al's definition, its impact on jobs, and the intentions of corporations using the technology.



Myth 1

Al will replace all jobs

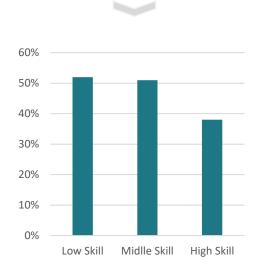






Myth 2

Al is only a threat to lowskill jobs

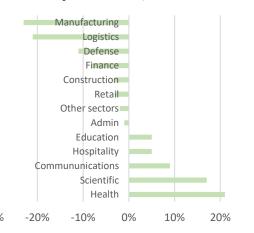




Myth 3

Al will cause a net loss of available jobs

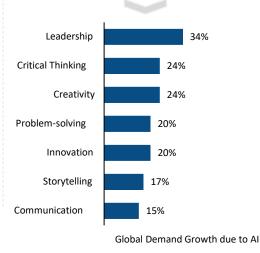
Net job creation, 2017-2037





Myth 4

AI will devalue human interactions and soft-skills



30%

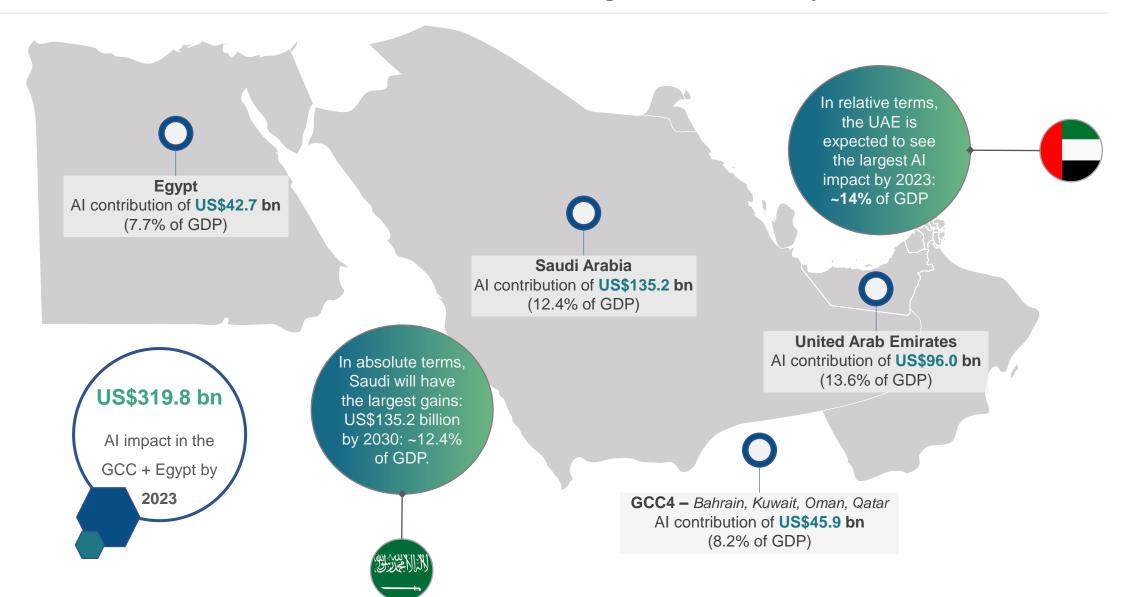




Al's Role in Shaping the Middle East **Workforce Landscape**

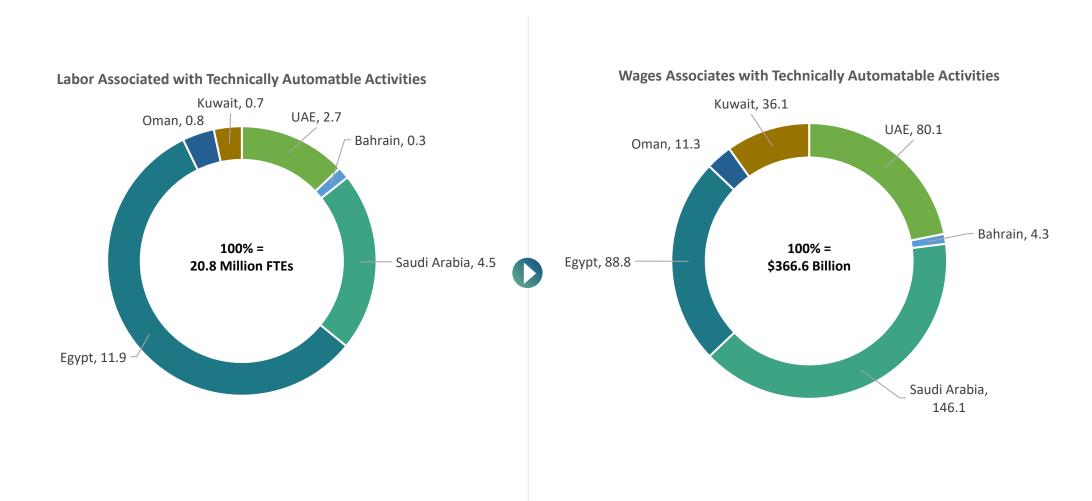
Which Countries in the Middle East will Gain the Most from Al?

The economies of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates stand to gain the most from Al by 2030



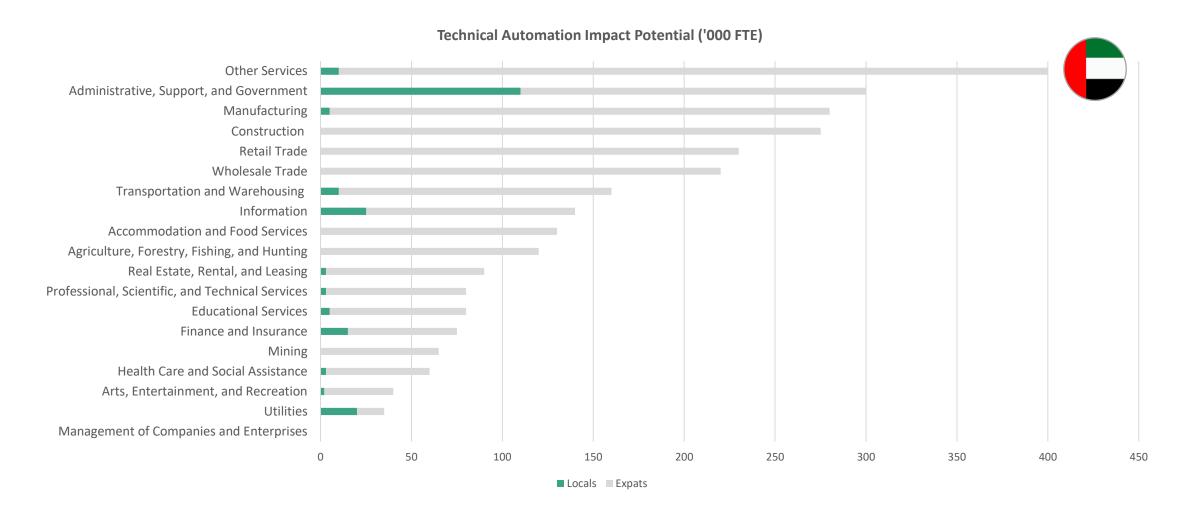
Potential impact due to automation, adapting currently demonstrated technology (6 countries)

In the Middle East, 20.8 million FTES and \$366.6 BILLION in wages are associated with activities that are already automatable



^{*} FTE: Fulltime Equivalent

Potential impact due to automation, adapting currently demonstrated technology in UAE 60% of automation potential in UAE is concentrated in 6 sectors – and 90% is associated with work performed by Expats



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Automation of Work

Al will automate a significant portion of work

While the technical feasibility of automation is important, it is not the only factor that will influence the pace and extent of automation adoption. Other factors include:



1. The **cost of developing** and deploying automation solutions for specific uses in the workplace



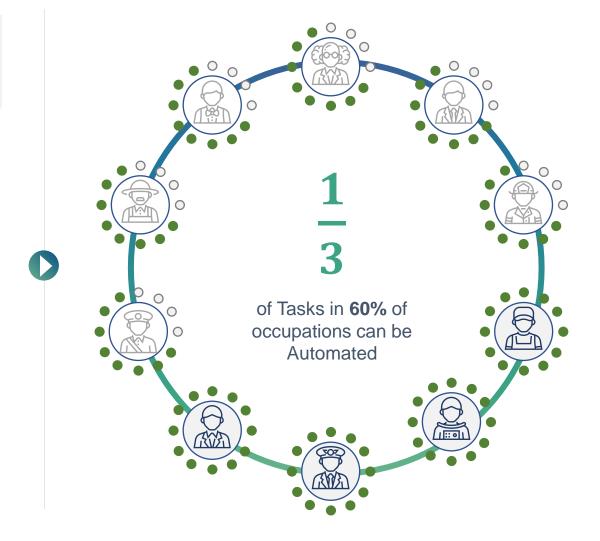
2. The **labour-market dynamics** (including quality and quantity of labour and associated wages



3. The benefits of automation beyond **labour substitution**



4. The regulatory and social **acceptance**.



Workforce Polarization

Wages for jobs that require high-end financial knowledge and graphic design skills have increased, but so have wages for service jobs such as hairstylist and fitness trainer.

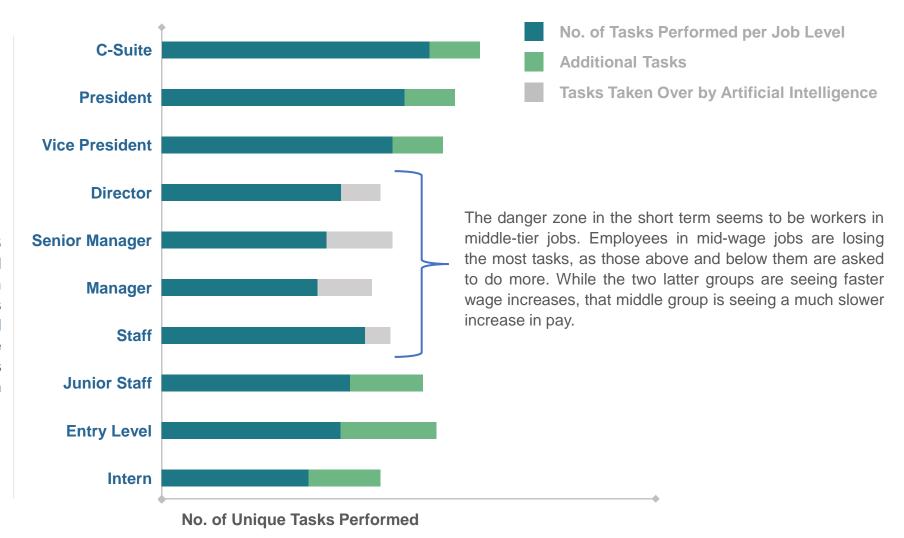


Middle of the Road

Tasks will be taken away from middle-tier professionals, while others will see an exponential increase in assigned tasks



Based on 170 million online US job listings that were posted between 2010 and 2017, on average, tasks such as **scheduling** or **credential validation**, which could be performed by AI, appeared less frequently in the job listings in the more recent years.



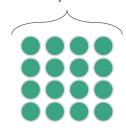
Note: the job levels are purely illustrative and do not necessarily reflect the actual automation status for these functions

Gender Disparity in the Labour Landscape

Men and women are exposed differently to the impact of Al in the short run



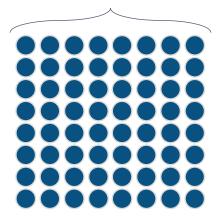
Tasks Potentially Automated by AI



Women are **less exposed to software** than men, reflecting the fact that women are clustered in occupations requiring complex interpersonal tasks, which software is not capable of performing.



Tasks Potentially Automated by Al



Men **under the age of 30 years** are most exposed to AI. These results are consistent with the literature on job polarization, which has found that AI reduced demand for routine, middle-wage jobs while increasing it for non-routine, low- and high-wage jobs.





Al's Positive Impact on Current Job Roles

Growth Functions

Al will empower several jobs, creating new functions, tasks, and market opportunities for professionals



Artificial Intelligence Indirect Impact

Product Development



- Product Owner
- Quality Assurance Tester
- 3 Agile Coach
- 4 Software QA Engineer
- 5 Product Analyst

- 6 QA Engineer
- 7 Scrum Master
- 8 Digital Product Manager
- 9 Delivery Lead

Engineering



- 1 Python Developer
- 2 Full Stack Engineer
- 3 Java Script Developer
- 4 Back End Developer

- 5 Frontend Developer
- 6 Software Developer Dotnet
- 7 Development Specialist
- 8 Technology Analyst

Cloud Computing

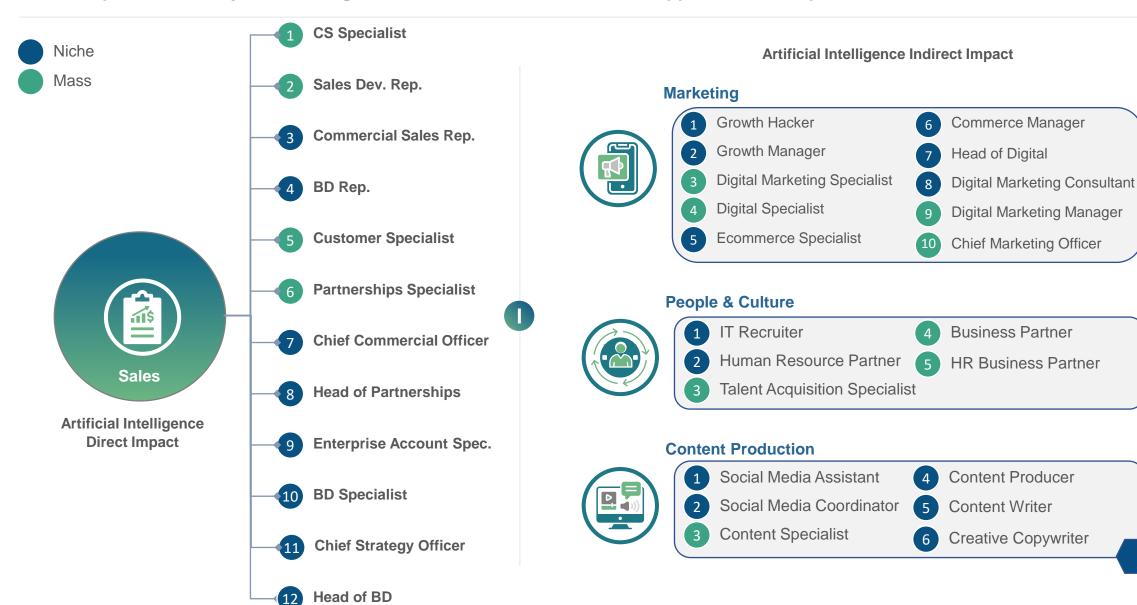


- 1 Site Reliability Engineer
- 2 Platform Engineer
- 3 Cloud Engineer

- 4 DevOps Engineer
- 5 Cloud Consultant
- 6 DevOps Manager

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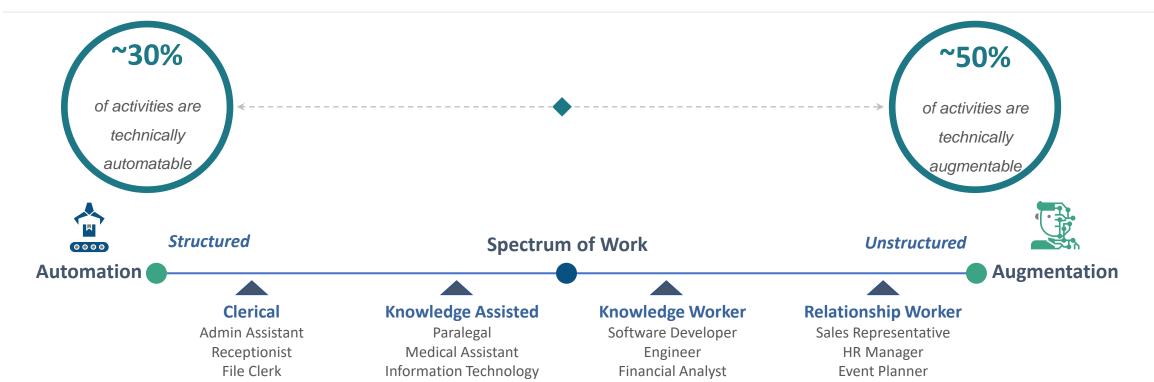
Al Workforce Trends and Challenges

Al Impact Spectrum

Most jobs will either be automated or augmented by Al

Customer Service

Representative Data Entry Clerk



Specialist

Research Assistant

Accounting Clerk



Some occupations, such as radiologic technologists and machinists, have a high rate of **automation** relative to augmentation. Therefore, labor demand will fall in these occupations. Conversely, in other occupations, including industrial engineers and analysts, **augmentation** has been more important than automation, resulting in an increase in employment in these occupations. Interestingly, many occupations are either simultaneously exposed to both augmentation and automation or are not exposed to any technology at all.

Marketing Strategist

Equity Analyst

Freelance Consultant

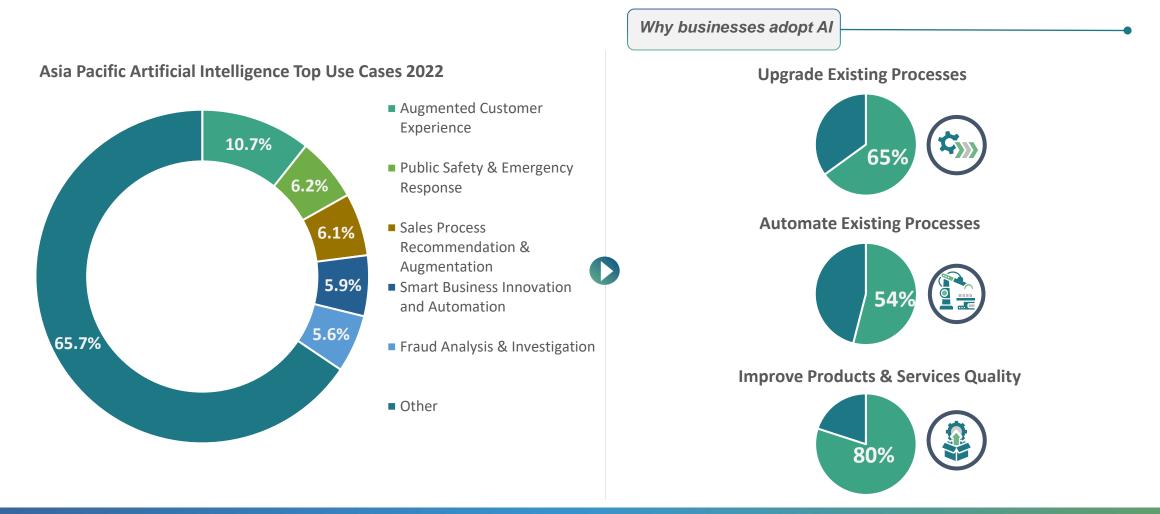
PR Specialist

Social Worker

Clergy

Al Adoption Rationales

Across industries, firms adopt AI for largely overlapping reasons that relate to operational efficiency and cost control



Of all Al adopters, around **80%** (employment-weighted) report doing so to improve the quality of their product or service, 65 percent to upgrade existing processes, and 54 percent to automate existing processes.

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