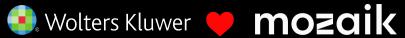
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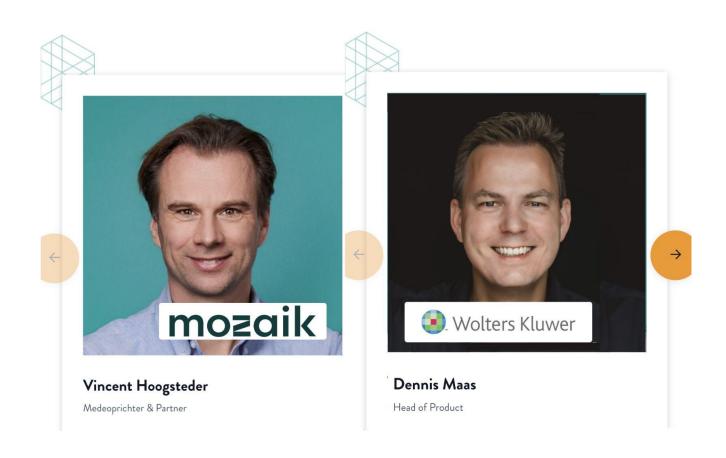
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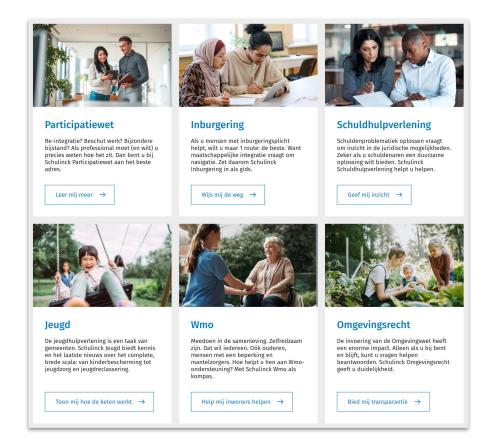


# Hi from Mozaik and Wolters Kluwer Schulinck!



# A bit of context about Wolters Kluwer Schulinck

- Market leader in Local Public segments NL & BE.
- Providing high quality insights.
- End-to-end expert solutions integrated into the customers' workflow.



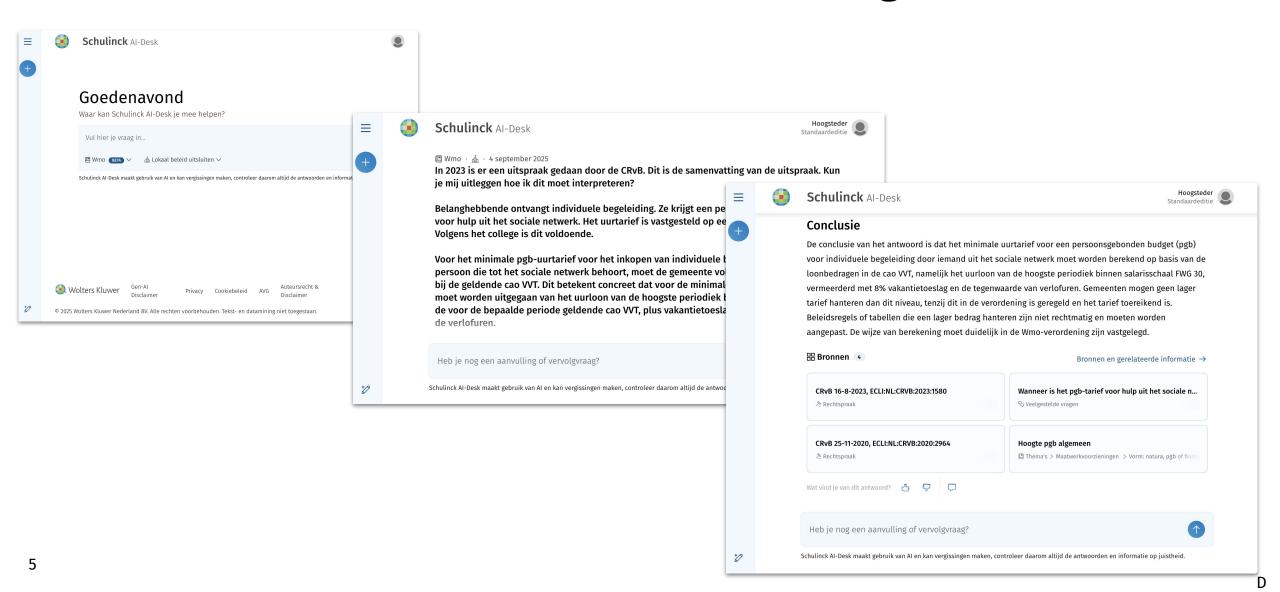
# The reason to start our Al journey

- We realised this technology meant something for us, but we didn't understand what.
- Opportunity: LLMs enable us to solve customer problems in a way that wasn't possible before.
- Fear: Traditionally, reliable legal information was scarce. LLM will progressively commoditize this.



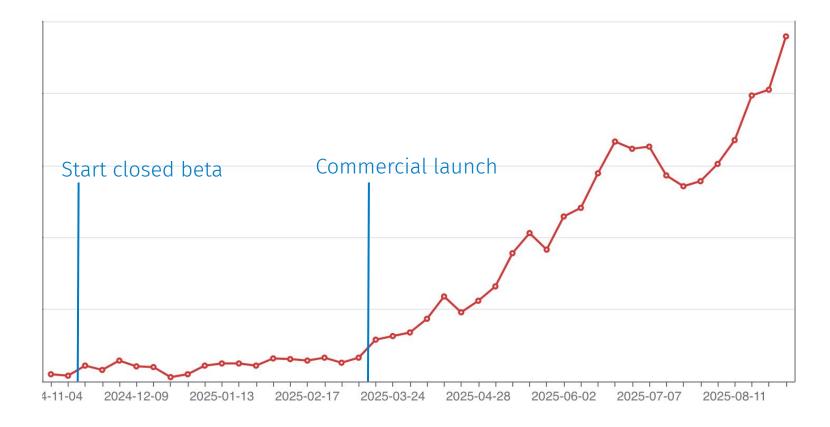
#### What we've built

## Wolters Kluwer Schulinck AI-Desk, for reliable legal answers



# The impact

- A very strong Product-Market-Fit.
- Stepping stone to new AI powered products.
- · Commercial success.



# Sharing our experiences

# It was no walk in the park

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## Measuring quality at the water cooler

## The problem

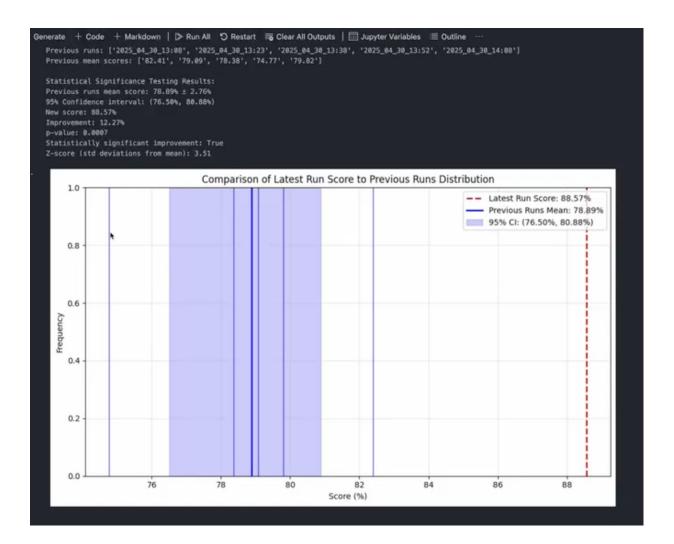
- In our world, accuracy of information is king.
- Quality was judged on subjective basis with subject matter experts.
- Big risk for internal expert buy-in & launch.



## Measuring quality at the water cooler

#### What we did

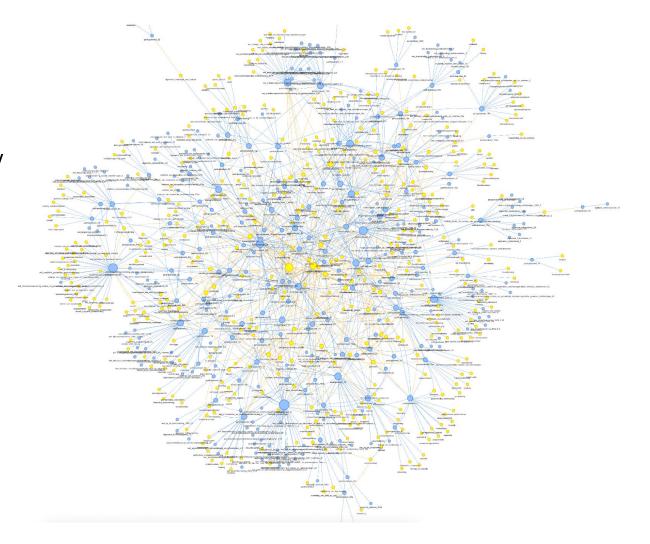
- Set up an evaluation framework.
- Move subjective discussion into an automated, objective measurement.



## Prioritizing tech leaps over small tweaks

## The problem

- Speed of new technology and opinions on what is best.
- "Let's try this new tech, it will likely solve our problems, and it's cool".
- This caused rabbit holes.



# Prioritizing tech leaps over small tweaks

#### What we did

- Full experimentation mindset, everyone can contribute.
- Very often, the small tweaks in prompts & content won.



# Being complacent about speed of learning

## The problem

- Legal experts to judge quality are very busy.
- Wait 1-2 weeks for feedback.

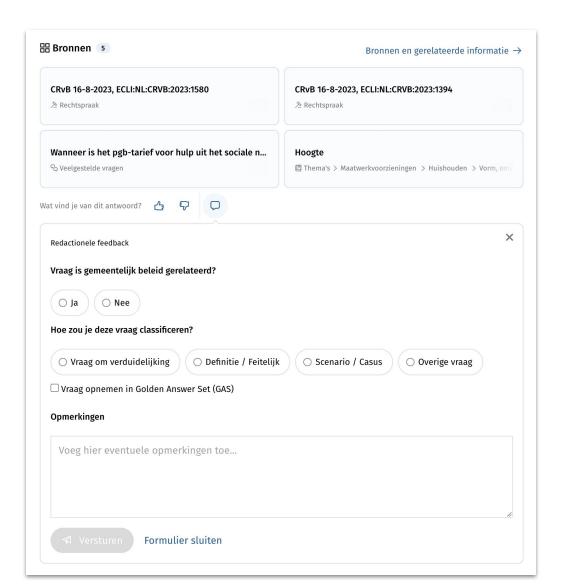
#### Result

 This slowed down our pace and assumption testing. "The ability to learn faster than competitors may be the only sustainable competitive advantage."

# Being complacent about speed of learning

#### What we did

- Legal experts part of the team.
- Daily and personal feedback loop.



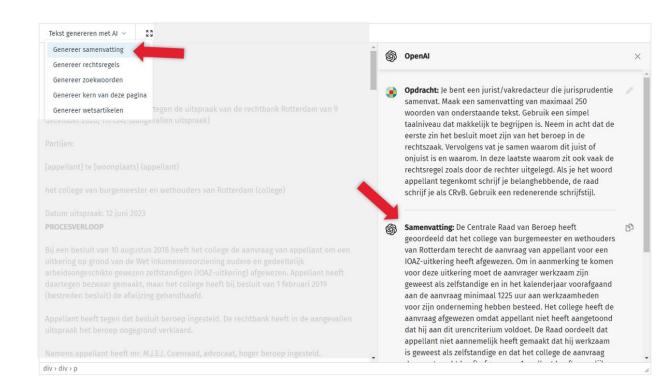
# Think from existing paradigms

## The problem

- "If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses"
- First instinct was to let AI create content summaries.

#### Result

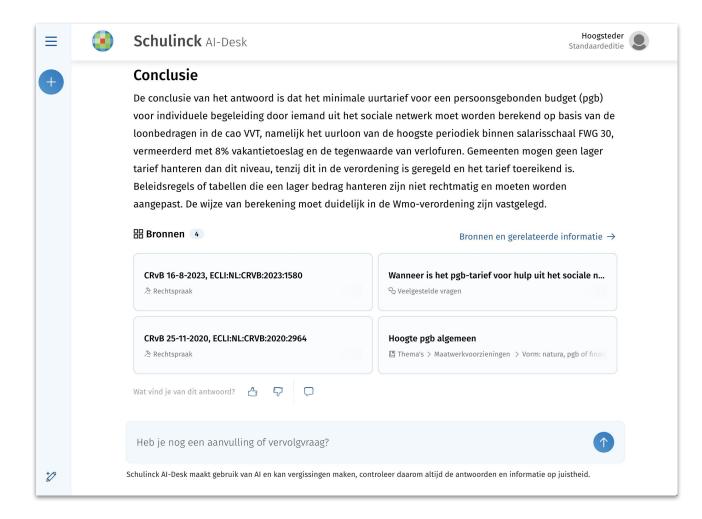
 We built things that didn't add any value. We failed on both the value and usability risks.



# Think from existing paradigms

#### What we did

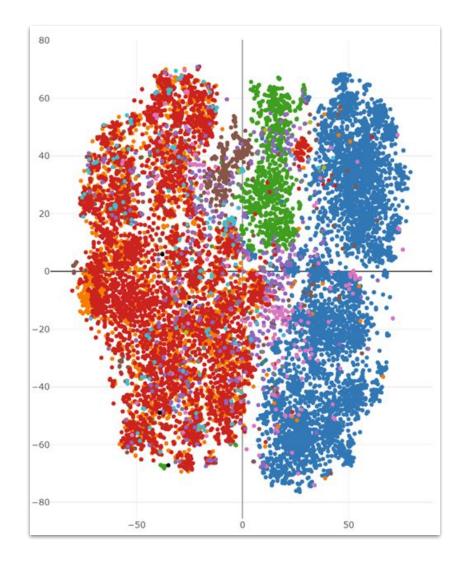
- Flipped the angle from product to customer workflow.
- The starting point was not summaries. It was answers.



## **Features over quality**

## The problem

- Internally, there was a lot of discussion about the speed of developing new features.
- Improving quality was not a fast or easy process.

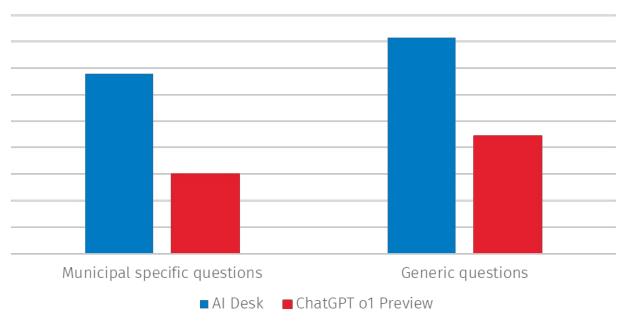


# **Features over quality**

#### What we did

- We went all-in on quality.
- · Less is more.

### Answer Quality: Absolute correctness



# Let managers decide what to build

## The problem

- Managers have hard time seeing what AI can really do.
- Like in many organizations, managers from the various verticals have a big say on what to build.

"What is the token limit of the latest openAI model provided through the API in our Azure infrastructure?"

## Let managers decide what to build

#### What we did

- We pushed responsibility for what to build to the people with the deepest knowledge on their field of expertise.
- Team behind the wheel: Engineers, Product Manager, Designer, Legal Experts.
- Managers kept distance and only coached on outcome & signed off.



# Forget the human

## The problem

• Fear of the unknown.

#### Result

- This made valuing early feedback extra hard.
- How much emotion versus facts were in there?



# Forget the human

#### What we did

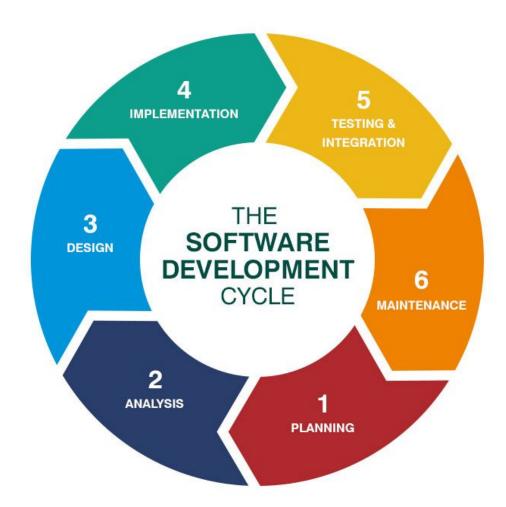
- Confront the fear.
- CoPilot by design.
- Teach the AI to learn to say "I don't know" and refer users to the legal experts for sensitive cases.
- The legal experts are now in the top users.



## **Test & release like software**

## The problem

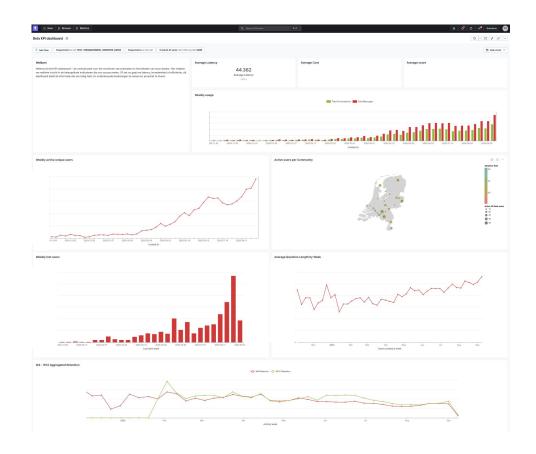
- Non-deterministic nature of Al.
- New content flows through our system on a daily basis.
- The LLMs themselves have similar impact.



## **Test & release like software**

#### What we did

- Analytics with evals, latency, feedback and engagement.
- Act on any significant movements.



## Overestimate the importance of latency

## The problem

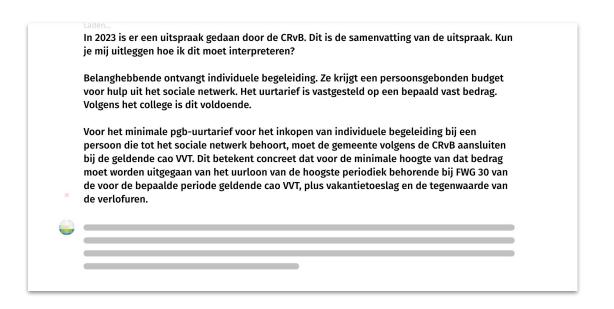
- First versions took over 1 minute to provide an answer.
- Hard to bring this down while fixing quality.
- Pretty nervous about this when releasing to customers.



## Overestimate the importance of latency

#### What we did

- Still release, with a latency of above one minute.
- Customer response what overwhelmingly positive.



# Believe too much of the LLM vendor marketing lingo

## The problem

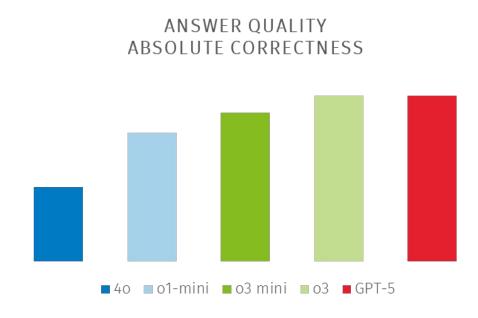
- LLM vendors release new "better" models at a rapid pace.
- We saw big and often unexpected movements on quality & latency.



# Believe too much of the LLM vendor marketing lingo

#### What we did

- Control your own destiny.
- Setup the infrastructure so we can easily switch LLMs.
- Digg-in on every new LLM release and test.



We hope you can use our learnings in your Al journey!

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# Thank you!

## We're happy to chat!

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