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## **Getting Started with AI; Checklist**

AI is everywhere now, and it can feel overwhelming to know where to start and what's important to know about AI. Take a look at this checklist of five important things to know before using AI.

1. **Understand the Basics:** Familiarize yourself with fundamental AI concepts such as machine learning, large language models, and AI agents. Knowing the basics will help you better understand how AI works and its potential applications [1].
2. **Data Quality Matters:** AI systems rely heavily on data. Ensure that the data you use is accurate, relevant, and well-structured. Poor quality data can lead to incorrect or biased outcomes[1]. A critical eye is always important. Just like anything, the more you use it, the more you will be able to detect hallucinations (AI errors).
3. **Ethical Considerations:** Be aware of the ethical implications of using AI. This includes issues related to privacy, bias, and fairness. It's important to use AI responsibly and ensure that it benefits all users without causing harm [2].
4. **Continuous Monitoring and Updating:** AI models need to be regularly monitored and updated to maintain their accuracy and relevance. Data shifts and drifts over time, so continuous evaluation is crucial to ensure the AI system performs well in real-world scenarios [1]. As the AI models continue to learn, they are likely to improve their outcomes.
5. **Test Out AI Available to You:** There are many AI agents and websites out there for you to use. Many of them are free or offer at least a free trial. It is best to test them out. As you start out, compare answers between the models that you are using. This will help you learn which model is strongest for specific tasks [3].

### References

- [1] [5 Things You Need to Know About AI](#)
- [2] [Skills Every Developer Must Know Before Using AI - Dice](#)
- [3] [5 things to remember before using AI in a business setting](#)