## HOW TO DEAL WITH AI, ETHICS, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ITSM

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## THINKING AND INTELLIGENCE

## What does it mean to think?

# What does it mean to be intelligent?

## Does the brain work like a computer?



## The human nervous system

- » The brain
- » The spinal cord
- » The enteric nervous system
- » The nerves



## & SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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### Al in ITSM

- » Virtual Agents
- » Intelligent Service Desk routing
- » Knowledge base utilisation
- » Service dependency mapping
- » Capacity planning and optimisation
- » Change Impact Analysis
- » Predictive infrastructure maintenance



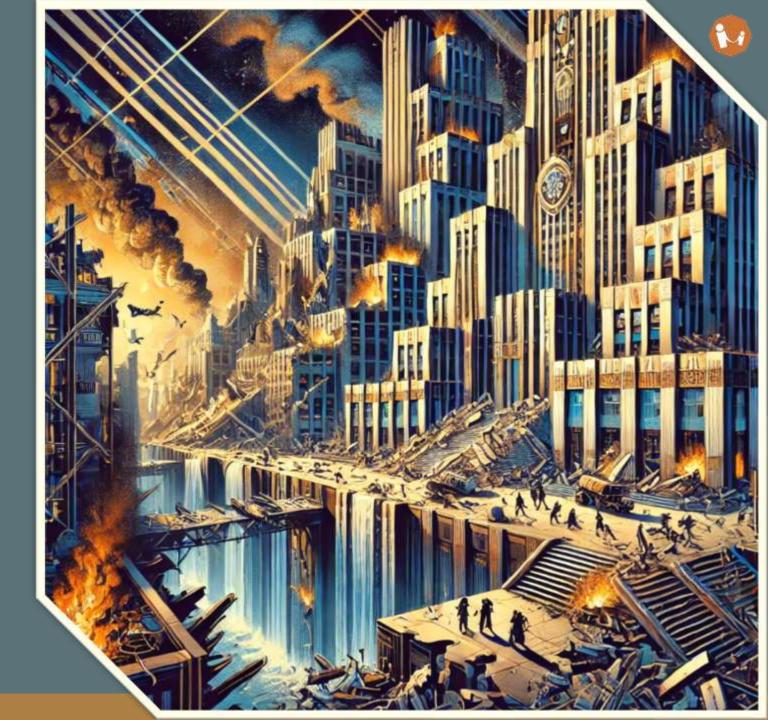
### **Beyond** automation

- » Performance reviews
- » Career development
- » Shift scheduling
- » Work prioritisation
- » Budget allocation
- » Contract management
- » Service decommissioning



## The world is digital

- » Healthcare risk assessment
- » Criminal justice risk assessment
- » Financial services risk assessment
- » Social services provisioning
- » Urban planning
- » Access to education
- » Employment screening



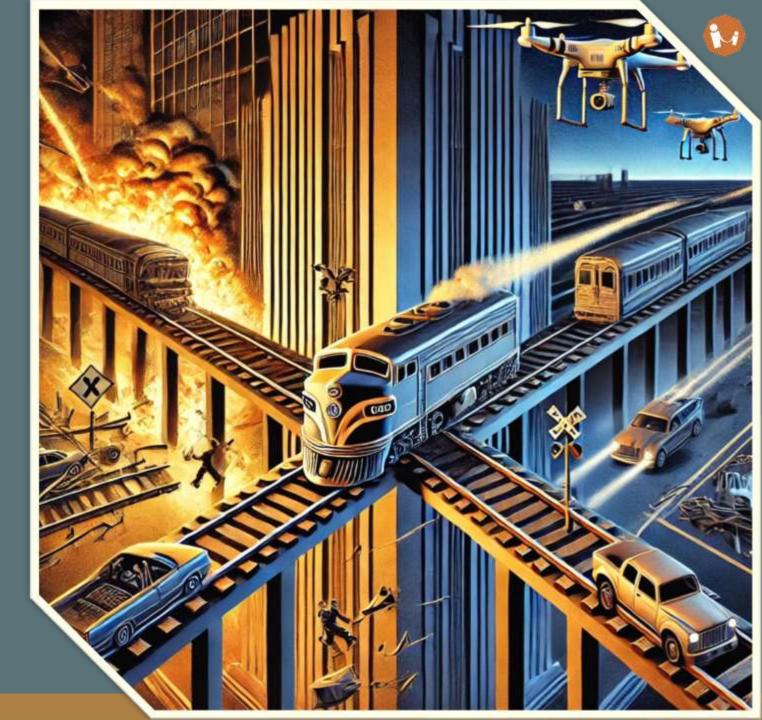
## DECISION-MAKING

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## Split-second decisions

- » Universal principles?
- » Adjustable settings?
- » Random decisions?
- » Person-based weights?



## The AI workflow

#### » Train

- » Source selection
- » Data gathering
- » Data selection
- » Algorithm training

#### » Use

- » Source selection
- » Data gathering
- » Data selection
- » Algorithm application
- » Decision Impact



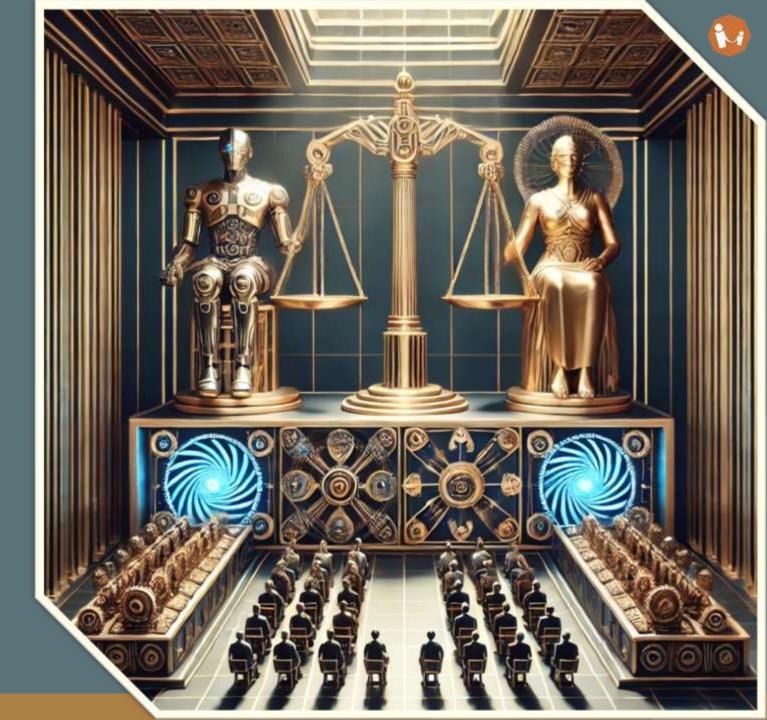
## Bias and prejudice

#### » What is the issue?

- » Biased data?
- » Biased algorithms?
- » Biased estimators?

#### » What should we do?

- » Tweak the data?
- » Tweak the algorithm?
- » Tweak the estimators?



## **Correction issues**

#### » Were the results wrong?

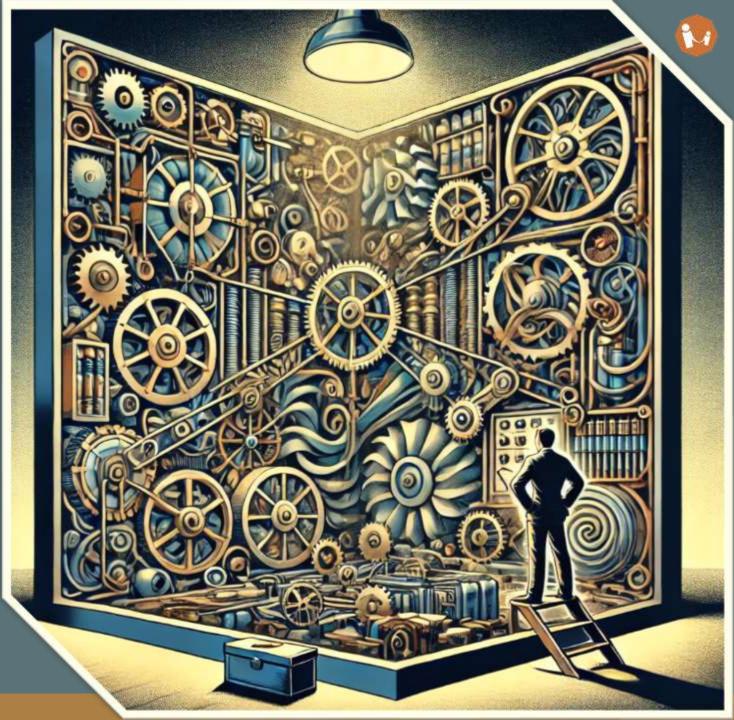
- » Training data or the algorithm?
- » Results in the decision or the impact?

#### » How do we know what to change?

- » Removing bias? Changing? Adding?
- » What are THE correct weights?

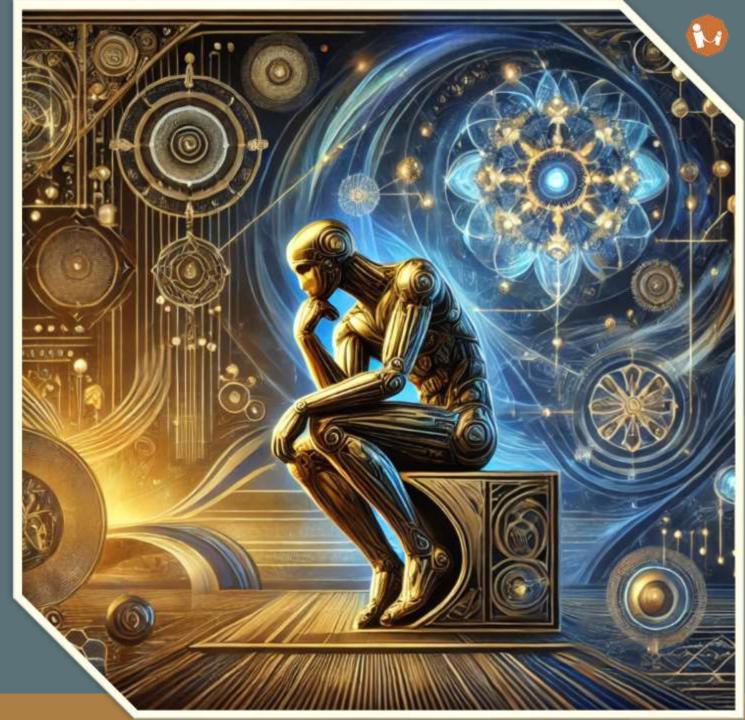
#### » Are the results better now?

- What is incorrect or correct?
- » Unintentional vs intentional injustice?

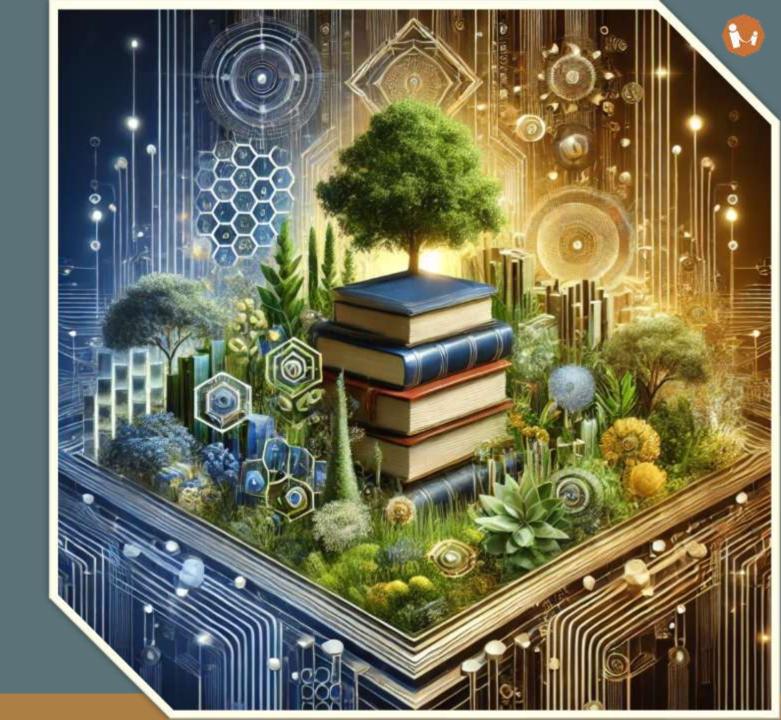


## Before 'applying' Al

- » Can these questions be asked based on existing data?
- » Is the algorithm suitable for the intended purpose?
- » In which steps is human oversight necessary?
- » How to avoid the butterfly effect?
- » How to avoid the King Midas problem?



## SUSTAINABILITY & DECISION-MAKING



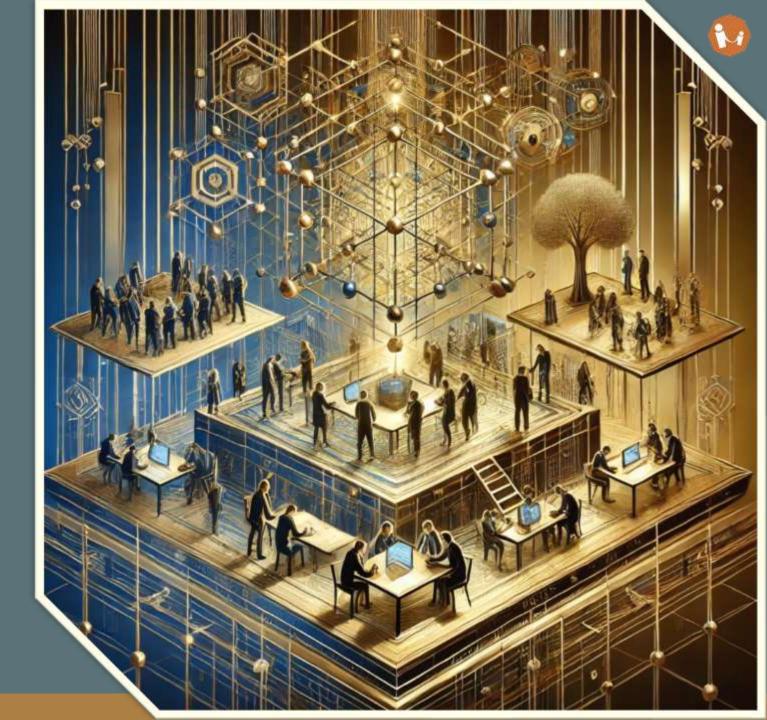
## Sustainability covers:

- » Sustainable technologies
- » Sustainable processes
- » Sustainable strategy



### Focus on enablement

- » Support innovation
- » Support collaboration
- » Build more scaffolding



### Key recommendations:

- » Learn to navigate complexity
- » Accept that change is constant
- » Learn about your context
- » Empower and provide safety
- » Give up imaginary control
- » Learn about your boundaries





STOP

DOING

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## THINGS

## THANK YOU!

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