The essential AI checklist: Future-proof your workforce in six simple steps

Equip your teams to work and feel their best in the AI era

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When you're constantly bombarded with conflicting messages about AI, and perhaps more pertinently, the right way to implement AI, it can be hard to know what to listen to. Of course, as 72% of business leaders anticipate AI enhancing employee productivity, listen we must.*

So, to help offset the dizziness of the relentless AI whirlwind, relax–HP offers this six-point AI checklist to help you optimize AI deployment to unlock more meaningful work.

Step 1

Assess your starting position

- How old is your current device fleet?
- Have you transitioned from Windows 10 to Windows 11?
- What kind of requests and tech issues are coming up regularly?

It's pretty obvious—you can't figure out where you're heading if you don't know where you're at to begin with. So, it's essential to conduct a full assessment of your current portfolio of assets to understand exactly what you require. It's an easy way to make sure all your PCs are updated to Windows 11 Pro ahead of the Windows 10 end of support in October 2025.

You need a PC that offers a definitive AI PC experience for business. Intel® Core™ Ultra processors feature an NPU dedicated to AI workloads allowing your people to take full advantage of built-in AI capabilities from partners and tools like:

- Adobe
- Zoom
- Copilot in Windows

In general, devices without NPUs will be strained to run AI without slowing other functions, so it's important to equip your team with the latest Intel® Core™ Ultra processors. It will empower your people to be at their best now and into the future.

Step 2

Have the right support in place

- Does your IT team have the required partners and services?
- What level of investment should you put toward AI tools?
- Who will be tracking and distributing the appropriate AI tools?

A bit of sage wisdom: Don't venture into the unknown alone, especially when there's plenty of expert support out there with partners like HP. The AI era is hurtling along at breakneck speed, and it can be super complex. It's not something to be treated lightly or a place to go it alone. Particularly for issues that can be taxing on IT, like maintaining endpoint security, keeping up with AI adoption, and helping with provisioning, deploying, and managing devices, it's wise to reach out to external partners. But with the right support, you'll find AI quite welcoming and accessible.

Step 3

Meet your people where they're at

- What are specific personas tasked with?
- What AI tools could help them with those?
- What AI tools are they already using?

When you speak to your people, you'll almost certainly find that they're already using AI and trying out different options, from ChatGPT to Otter.ai to Grammarly. But keeping up with emerging tech is a burden that falls to you. And they think so too: 58% of knowledge workers believe it's senior leadership's responsibility to understand how to leverage AI so it helps them be more successful at work.* While it's your responsibility, it doesn't mean the burden should all fall on your shoulders. Make sure you have the right partners and tools to help you understand the needs of your people and bring them the AI benefits that will truly make their lives and work better.

Step 4

Understand your team's skills gaps

- What AI training will be needed?
- Will certifications be needed?
- What level of training is sufficient?

As with any change, AI or otherwise, not everyone is going to adapt to the new ways of working instantly. A case in point? 42% of knowledge workers don't even know when to use AI at work.* The question, then, is how can you help them to make the most of AI and reduce issues like shadow IT? And the answer is through training and development. Addressing skills gaps via education will help your workforce and you.

Step 5

Help your company and people navigate AI tech

- Which AI needs will specialists have?
- What tech will they need to run it?
- How should you determine this?

The potential of AI is immense, but it's not the same for every employee. Virtually any worker can benefit from a PC equipped with Intel® Core™ Ultra processors to help AI apps run smoothly and efficiently without slowing down the CPU. When a powerful GPU is added to that mix, you have the kind of AI workstation to help power users like data scientists or those running AI-driven 3D generative design. It will take ongoing dialogue and discovery, particularly with the users in your organization who have highly specialized and high-powered computing needs.

Step 6

Keep looking forward as AI progresses

- Are your tech choices setting you up to lead the industry and be a competitive force?
- What's viable in AI and what's still sci-fi for now?
- Where should your company be looking to keep an eye on emerging AI offerings?

New AI features are coming out all the time. Don't wait. Make sure you have the needed pieces to adapt, such as NPU-equipped PCs that are ready for the next wave of AI business PC features. Have trustworthy partners using scalable solutions that can provide the flexibility and ecosystem you need to keep evolving with AI tech and support for better collaborations, security, productivity, and more. The result can be a stronger sense of team, a sense of stability, and all kinds of great accomplishments.

Approach AI the right way

We developed this checklist to help provide your AI decision-making with a clear north star, and we've developed a broad portfolio of AI-focused devices and support services to equip your teams for real progress. HP's AI PCs enable your workforce to unlock new levels of productivity, collaboration, and creativity. And with partners like Intel, which is engaging over 100 ISVs to optimize a wide variety of cutting-edge tools for Intel® Core™ Ultra processors, your users can handle anything.

Select AI PCs bring advanced protection like Endpoint Security Controller to help fend off quantum computer attacks. Award-winning HP Wolf endpoint security uses AI-based protection to defend against known and unknown malware. Our world-class IT solutions, HP Workforce Solutions, leverage AI-driven insights to optimize workforce experiences across PC, print, collaboration, and security.

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