

The Rise of AI in Government

How Auditors Safeguard Transparency

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AI

What is Artificial Intelligence?



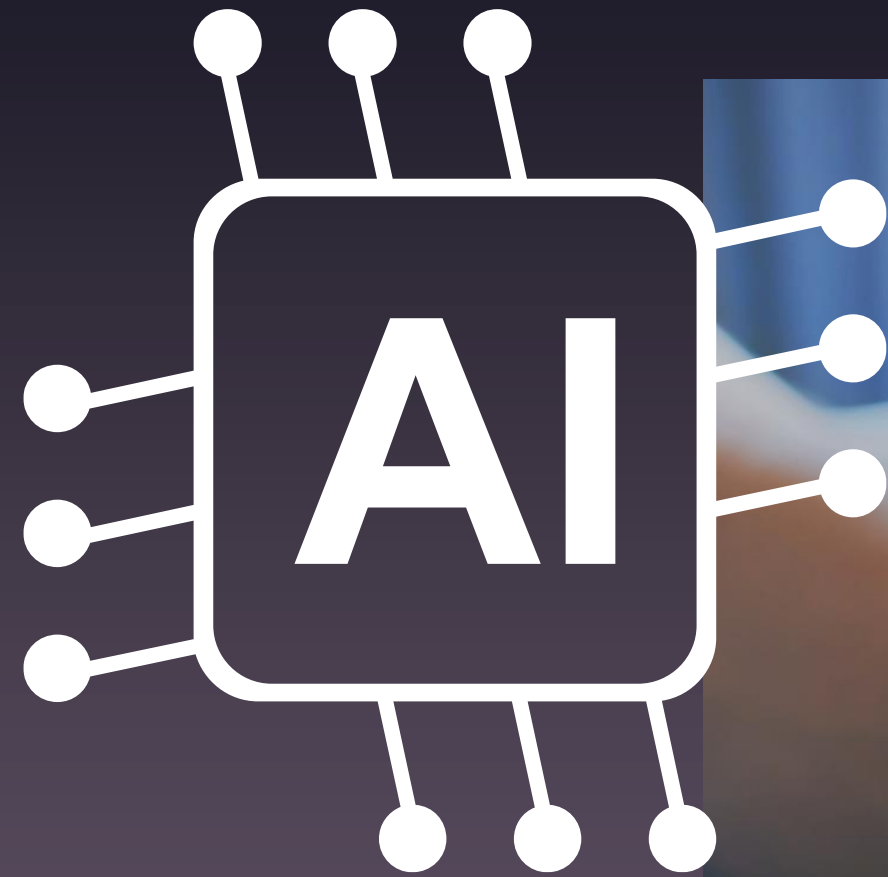
A Brief History of AI



Where Local Government Uses AI Today



Real Government Tools with AI



Risks and Considerations



Building Trust in AI



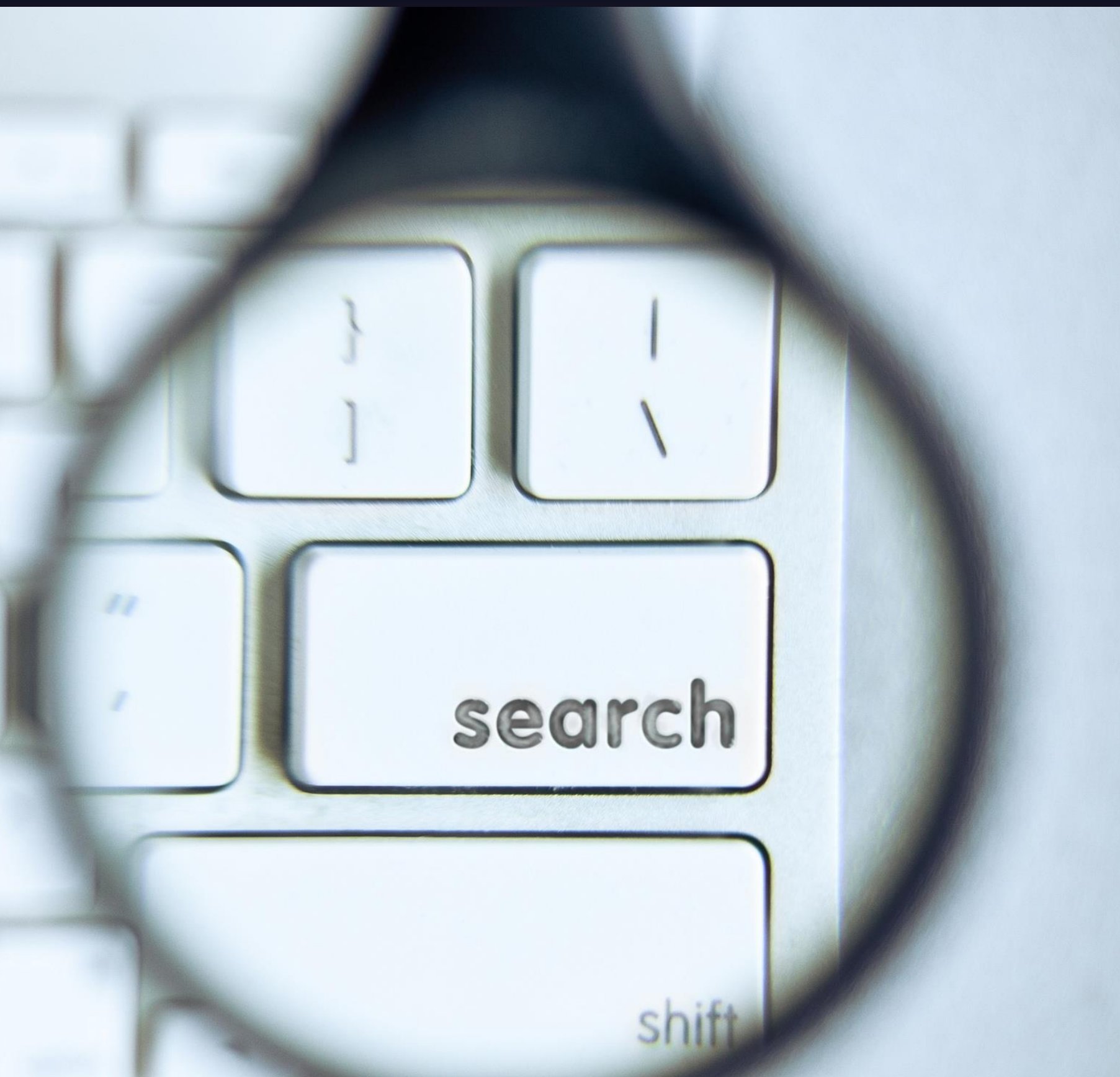
Limitations of AI



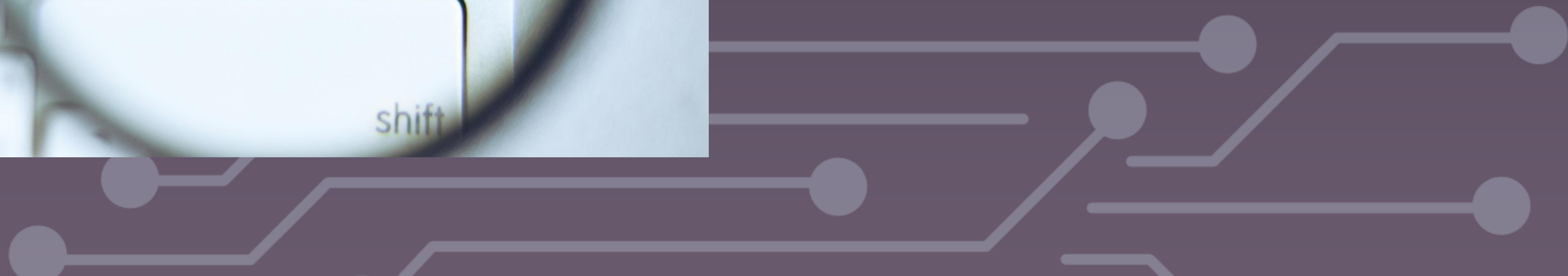
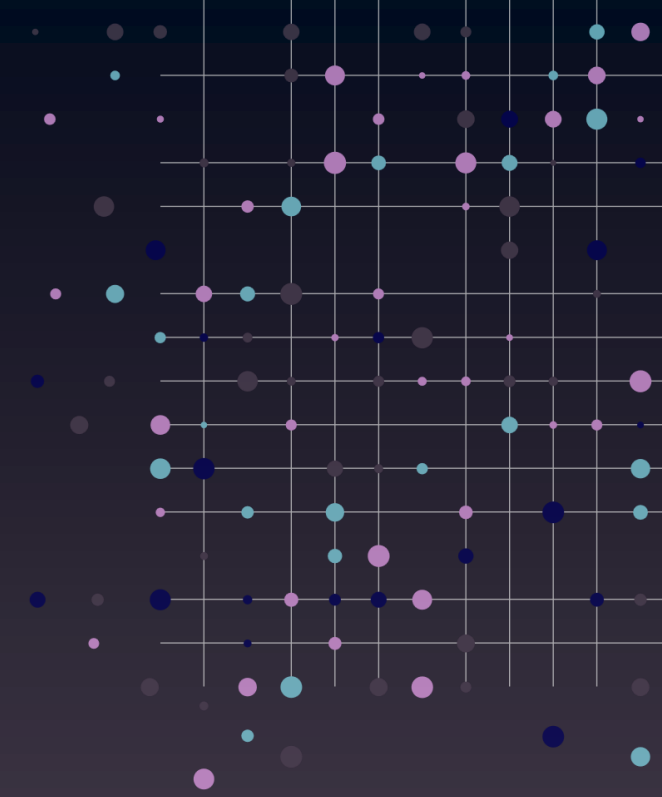


Types of Users in Local Government





1. AI as a Smarter Search Tool



2. AI for Writing, Documentation and Review

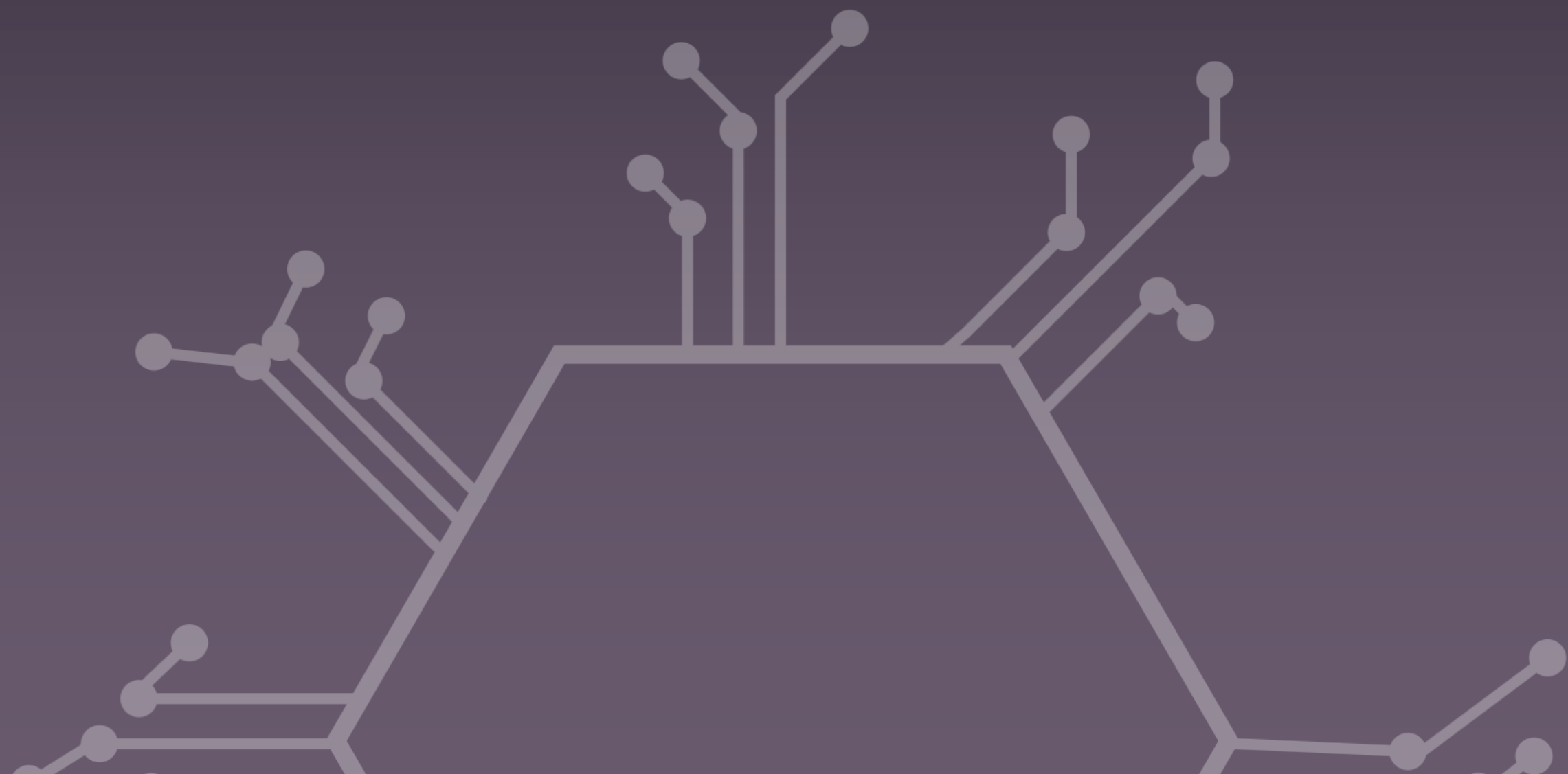




3. AI for Workflow Automation & Structuring



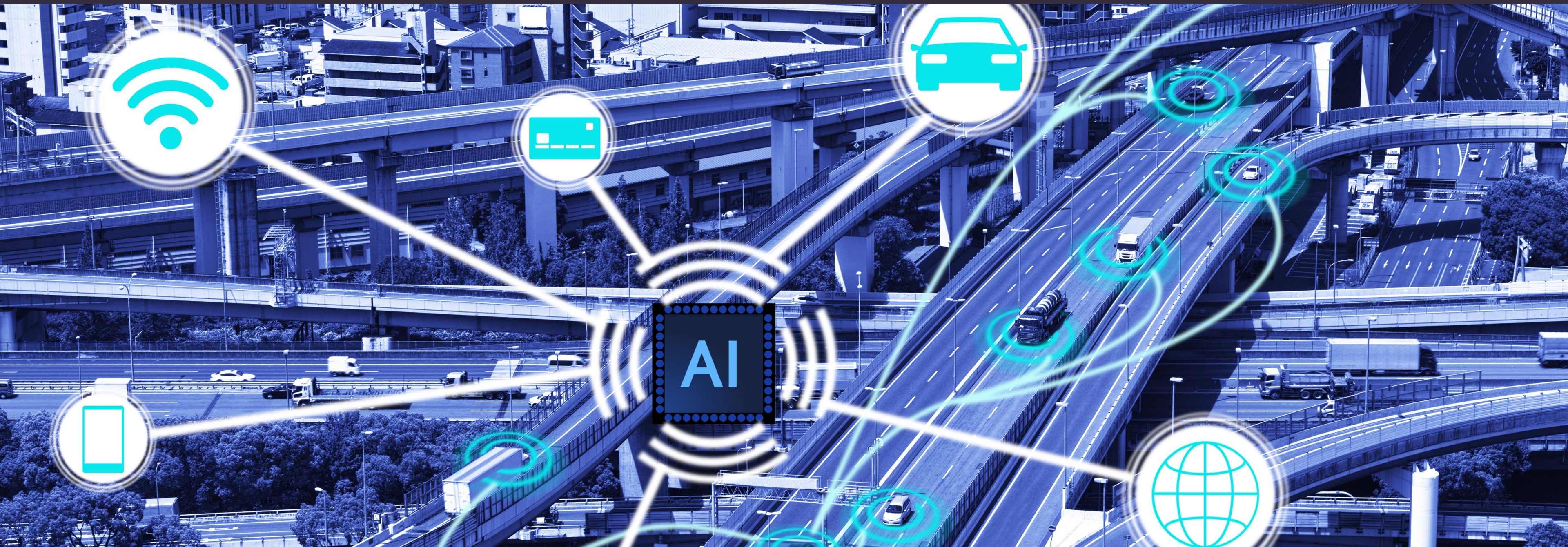
4. AI for Data Analytics & Prediction



5. AI for Decision Support



6. AI for Autonomous or Real-Time Action



7. AI for Strategic Planning & Modeling



Summary Table: AI Usage Tiers



1. Smart search & Summarization - All Staff, elected officials
2. Document drafting / review - Clerks, HR, PIOs
3. Workflow automation - IT, analysts
4. Analytics & forecasting - Budget, planning
5. Decision Support - Executives
6. Real-time / autonomous - Smart City, IT
7. Strategic simulation - Planners, innovation leads



AI in Audit

Guidelines for Auditors
Who Use or Review AI



AI



Working with AI - As the User or the Auditor

**Goal: The tool is practical, safe,
repeatable**

Different Uses, Different Risks

- AI to find or synthesize information
- LLMs are really good at these tasks
- What if it's looking in a limited pool of data?

- AI to create
- It's impressive and fast...
- But is it accurate?
- Review thoroughly...
- Understand the legal risks such as copyright

- AI to transform or analyze information
- LLMs and classifiers can be great at this and save hundreds of hours
- How is it trained, what model settings?

- AI to decide
- A huge opportunity and the most risk
- Would a human make the same decision?
- What is driving it's decisions?



The Risks and Limitations Revisited

- **Bias**
- **Inaccuracies**
- **Transparency**
- **Security**
- **Governance**
- **Data Dependency**
- **Model Sensitivity & Complexity**

Two Excellent Frameworks to Guide You

TaMPERing with Large Language Models: A Field Guide for using Generative AI in Public Administration Research

Michael Overton, Barrie Robison and Lucas Sheneman

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University of Idaho
Library



June 2021

Artificial Intelligence: An Accountability Framework for Federal Agencies and Other Entities



**Like Any Tool You Use,
Success is Found Through
Structure, Skepticism, and
Documentation**





A General Audit Plan - Themes for Auditing AI System

Theme 1:

Establishing the “Why” and “Who”

Core Questions:

Does the organization have a clear, documented plan for using this AI?

And are people accountable for it?



Theme 2:

Vet the “What”

An AI system is only as good as it's inputs.

Core Question:

Can the data and the model be trusted to do the job properly and fairly?



Theme 3:

Test the “How”

Verifying the AI actually performs it's task as intended, reliably & robustly

Core Question:

Does the AI system actually work as advertised, and how can we prove it?





Theme 4:

Ensure the “What’s Next”

Models change over time. Is the organization setup to change with it?

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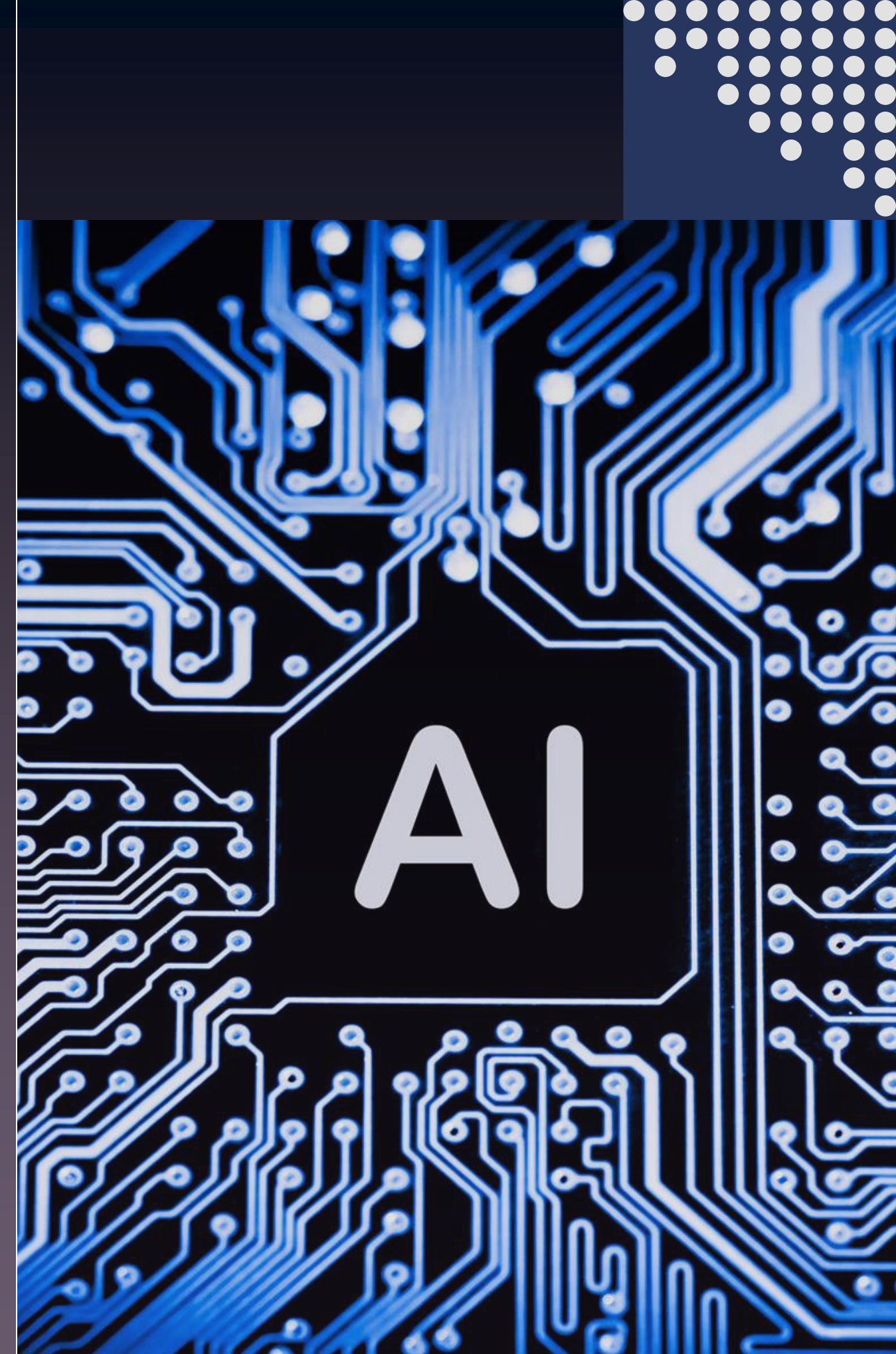
How does the organization ensure the AI remains reliable and relevant over time?

What is the plan for when things go wrong?

Wrap Up

As a user or auditor of AI keep the following at the forefront:

- Good governance
- Know the purpose
- Understand the inputs
- Evaluate
- Think long term



Build on Your Strengths

Auditors have skills in:

- Sampling
- Bias Reduction
- Documentation
- Professional skepticism
- Synthesizing information



Questions?



Additional Resources:

For the Tamper Framework

TaMPER Worksheet (PDF):

<https://ai4ra.uidaho.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/TaMPER-Framework-Worksheet-V2-7.21.25.pdf>

For the GAO Framework:

<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-21-519sp>



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