

AI PRODUCTIVITY

15 Practical AI Workflows for Professionals

Use AI to reduce repetitive work while keeping judgment where it belongs.



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Use AI where it reduces friction while keeping judgment, accountability and sensitive decisions with people.

WORKFLOW RULE	Do not automate confusion. First make the process visible. Then decide which step AI should assist, draft, check or automate.
1. Meeting -> Action Plan	Input: transcript or notes. AI: extract decisions, tasks, owners and dates. Output: action register. Human check: confirm commitments before sending.
2. Inbox Triage	Input: message batch. AI: classify urgent/action/reference, draft suggested replies. Human check: sensitive, legal, financial or relationship-critical messages.
3. Weekly Planning	Input: commitments, deadlines, calendar. AI: surface conflicts and propose priorities. Human check: choose the priorities yourself.
4. Document Briefing	Input: long report or policy. AI: summarize for a specific decision and list open questions. Human check: verify decisive passages.
5. Research Brief	Input: question and source criteria. AI: collect and synthesize evidence. Human check: source quality, date and interpretation.

6. Proposal First Draft	Input: client problem, scope and proof. AI: structure proposal and draft language. Human check: pricing, claims and commitments.
7. SOP Builder	Input: observed process or notes. AI: convert into steps, decision points and checklist. Human check: test the SOP in real work.
8. Content Repurposing	Input: one long-form asset. AI: generate channel-specific drafts. Human check: originality, accuracy and audience fit.
9. Data Commentary	Input: table or dashboard. AI: identify material changes and draft commentary. Human check: calculations and causal claims.
10. Interview / Call Prep	Input: person, objective, public context. AI: prepare questions, risks and desired outcomes. Human check: relevance and tone.

11. Learning Sprint	Input: topic and available time. AI: build a learning plan, quiz and practice exercises. Human check: source quality and actual practice.
12. Decision Memo	Input: options, criteria, constraints. AI: compare tradeoffs and missing evidence. Human check: final decision and values.
13. Project Status Update	Input: tasks, blockers, changes. AI: draft concise status and risks. Human check: accountability and stakeholder context.
14. Customer Feedback Synthesis	Input: reviews, tickets, survey responses. AI: group themes and examples. Human check: sampling bias and priority.
15. Personal Knowledge Capture	Input: notes, highlights, ideas. AI: organize, tag and connect related material. Human check: what deserves long-term retention.

The 5-part productivity prompt

Role: What perspective should the assistant use?

Task: What concrete outcome do you need?

Context: What information, constraints and examples matter?

Output: What format should the result take?

Check: What should the assistant verify, flag or refuse to assume?

EXAMPLE

Act as a project analyst. Using the notes below, produce a status update with: completed work, next actions, blockers, owner and due date. Flag anything that is ambiguous rather than inventing it.

Weekly AI workflow audit

- Which repeated task took the most time this week?
- Which task produced unnecessary copy/paste work?
- Which decision would improve with a better brief or clearer evidence?
- Which workflow already has a stable SOP and is therefore safer to automate?
- Where did an AI draft still require heavy editing? Why?
- What should remain human because of risk, trust, confidentiality or judgment?

YOUR NEXT STEP

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