Prompt Engineering: Challenges, Considerations and Best Practices

Creating Effective Al Interactions by Aditi Godbole

What is Prompt Engineering



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- Increased efficiency
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Challenges in Prompt Engineering



Ambiguity



Bias





Token/Character Limits



Inconsistency

Key Considerations

Purpose

Context

Constraints

Format

Safety

Best Practices for Effective Prompt Engineering

- **Use Clear Instructions** Direct language yields specific responses.
- Iterative Refinement Experiment with different prompts.
- Test for Bias and Sensitivity Monitor prompts for unintended biases.
- Provide Context Add detail to guide the Al's response.

Best Practices - Structure

- 1.Context
- 2.Task
- 3.Format
- 4.Examples
- 5. Constraints

Prompting with Best Practices

Poor Prompt:

• "How can I improve customer satisfaction in my online store?"

Issues:

- Lack of Specificity
- No Desired Format or Detail Level
- No Context or Constraints

Improved Prompt

• "Provide 5 actionable strategies to improve customer satisfaction for a small online retail business. Focus on areas such as customer service, website usability, and post-purchase follow-up. Keep recommendations concise and achievable for a small team."

Effective Prompt

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Improvements:

- Specificity
- Context Provided
- Format and Detail Level

"Write emergency evacuation instructions"

"Create emergency evacuation instructions for a 1000-seat concert venue with these specifications: Scenario requirements: - Multiple emergency types (fire, medical, security) - 3 floor levels with 6 emergency exits - Special instructions for disabled patrons - Staff roles and responsibilities Format: - Must fit on digital displays - Maximum 3 bullet points per section - Use of universal emergency symbols - Multiple language indicators Tone: Authoritative but calm Include: Assembly point locations, do's and don'ts"

Here are clear emergency evacuation instructions:

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

IF YOU DISCOVER AN EMERGENCY:

- 1. Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station
- 2. Call Emergency Services (911)
- 3. Alert others in your immediate area

WHEN YOU HEAR THE EVACUATION ALARM:

IMMEDIATELY:

- · Stop all activities
- · Remain calm and assist others
- · Take essential personal belongings only (keys, phone, wallet)
- · Close but DO NOT lock doors behind you

EXIT PROCEDURES:

- · Use nearest emergency exit or stairwell
- · DO NOT use elevators
- · Follow illuminated exit signs
- · Stay low if there's smoke
- · Use handrails in stairwells
- · Exit in an orderly manner no running

ASSIST OTHERS:

- · Help those with disabilities or special needs
- · Guide visitors who may be unfamiliar with the building
- . If someone cannot evacuate, help them to a designated refuge area

ONCE OUTSIDE:

- Move at least 100 feet away from the building
- · Go to your designated assembly point
- · Stay with your group/department
- Do not block emergency vehicle access
- · Wait for further instructions from emergency personnel
- Do not re-enter until authorized

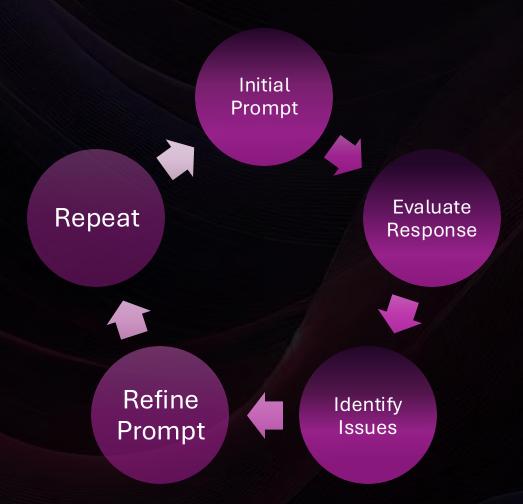
REMEMBER:

· Know at least two evacuation routes from your location

← Concert Venue Emergency Evacuation Instructions EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN Concert Hall Safety Instructions | Plan de Evacuación | 疏散计划 🦺 FIRE EMERGENCY | INCENDIO | 火灾 · Follow illuminated EXIT signs to nearest emergency exit (6 locations marked in . Proceed immediately to Assembly Point A (North Parking Lot) or B (South Plaza) . DO NOT use elevators - use marked emergency stairwells only MEDICAL EMERGENCY | EMERGENCIA MÉDICA | 医疗急救 · Remain seated unless directly affected or instructed to move Clear paths for medical personnel (marked in BLUE) · Follow staff instructions for section-by-section evacuation if required - SECURITY THREAT | AMENAZA DE SEGURIDAD | 安全威胁 · Follow staff directions for safe exit routes (may differ from standard exits) · Keep hands visible when exiting · Move quickly but DO NOT run 3 MOBILITY ASSISTANCE | ASISTENCIA DE MOVILIDAD | 无障碍援助 · Proceed to marked refuge areas on each floor (marked in YELLOW) · Wait for emergency personnel assistance Companions may remain at refuge points if safe to do so ■ STAFF ROLES | PERSONAL | 工作人员 · Red Vest: Exit Guides - stationed at emergency exits · Yellow Vest: Floor Wardens - coordinate evacuation by section Blue Vest: Medical Response Team - assist those needing medical aid

⚠ IMPORTANT REMINDERS | RECORDATORIOS | 重要提示

Iterative Refinement



Advanced Techniques

- Chain of Thought
- Role Assignment
- Few-Shot Learning
- System Instructions
- Conditional Prompts
- Temperature Control

Common Pitfalls

- Overcomplication
- Assumption of Knowledge
- Lack of Specificity
- Ignored Constraints

Validating Prompt Quality

- Accuracy Check
- Task completion check
- Relevance
- Bias Evaluation
- Consistency Testing
- User Testing

Future Considerations

- Evolving Capabilities
- W Human-Al Collaboration
- **%** Tools & Frameworks
- Best Practices Evolution

Thank you!



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