Insights to Innovation: Al and Digital Trends Shaping What's Next





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Agenda

Creativity + Marketing + AI

- 3 Key Insights on AI & Digital Trends

 Discussion: The Future of Customer Experiences



Creativity + Marketing + Al



Human-Centered Al

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Over half **(60%)** trust AI to act in the best interest of humanity.

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67% believe technology can solve our biggest challenges – like climate change or cancer.





Al cannot replace human creativity.

37% would happily listen to music by AI.

47% would watch a movie in which actors were AI-generated.

53% would be disappointed if they found out that a brand had used AI to make an ad.

76% believe technology will never take creativity away from humanity – it's part of who we are.





"The AI revolution is even faster than the internet revolution."

— Mark Read, CEO, WPP

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends



Al and Predictive Analytics Are Growth Drivers





#1 key growth driver in 2025

65%

Nearly two-thirds of senior executives identify using AI and predictive analytics as primary contributors to growth in 2025.

Marketing and technology initiatives expected to drive growth in 2025

Optimizing digital spend

48%

Unifying data to deliver a consistent customer experience

50%

Accelerating marketing with increased flow of content

53%

Driving efficiency and velocity by automating the customer journey

59%

Boosting customer engagement with more personalized experiences

61%

65%

Leveraging AI and predictive analytics to increase customer retention and loyalty

Base: 1,272 senior executives

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

Growth in AI-driven visit share (retail)

Adobe Digital Insights; July 2024 - May 2025



3,500% growth

AI has a lot of potential but still requires knowledge.

72% say it's getting harder to keep up with technology.

79% agree AI should be made easier to understand for everyday people.

56% are concerned their role at work could be replaced by AI in the next few years.

81% would be interested in refreshing their skills in the workplace to be prepared for the future.

Source: The Future 100: 2025





There is a level of openness with AI across sectors

60% are willing to accept beauty advice from AI assistants/tools.

48% would be okay for their kids to be educated by AI (51% gen Z and 54% millennials)

57% think AI doctors are a good idea (59% gen Z and 62% millennials)



Senior executives' views on the most significant challenges in scaling generative AI by adoption level.



Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

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United Data and Organizations Make or Break Your Business





Only 14% of practitioners report being able to deliver exceptional digital customer experiences that surprise and delight — a sharp decline from 25% last year.

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

Fragmented data holds back real-time personalization.

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Seamless data is the backbone of real-time personalization, whether customers are browsing or buying.

3/4 of practitioners report being unable to personalize in real time.

Practitioners' perspectives on how fragmented or siloed data impacts their ability to deliver personalized experiences



A critical issue A significant issue Impacts us sometimes Not an issue

Base: 1,997 practitioners

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

88% of consumers say responsible and secure data handling is important, with 60% rating it as critical.

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

Control is central to what people want.

86%

of people say they would like more control over their data and who can access it.



Source: The Future 100: 2025

However, people also want convenience.

54%

would be happy to share their biometric data (e.g., iris scan, handprint, facial recognition, heartbeat) if it makes their life easier.



People want to ensure their data is secure and not being misused.



Image: Privacy. That's iPhone. Campaign by Apple

How marketing and technology executives view their ownership of the customer journey

Marketing roles



CX team Marketing IT/Tech Other

Technology roles



IT/Tech CX team Marketing Other

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends



Agentic Al Compounds Your Advantage





The evolution toward Agentic AI.

Consumers are demanding more adaptive, autonomous Al-powered support.



of consumers prefer an Al-powered **47%** assistant over a static web experience for help placing an order.

prefer an Al-powered assistant over a **49**% static web experience for scheduling appointments.

Consumers' preferred channel when seeking information and support: Al-powered chatbots or assistants versus websites or FAQs

Buying guides, e.g., sizing and measurement, product suitability		
41%	59%	
Delivery and returns options		
41%	59%	
Searching for a product or service		
42%	58%	
Package options and add-ons, proc	duct availability, and out-of-stock alternatives	
44%	56%	
Tech product support for apps, we	bsite, passwords, etc	
45%	55%	
Reporting an issue with a purchase	e or starting a return	
46%	54%	
Help when placing an order		
47%	53%	
Scheduling appointments		
49%	51%	

Interact with an AI-powered chatbot or assistant Search a website or FAQs (frequently asked questions)

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

NVIDIA's CEO Jensen Huang gave a keynote at CES 2025 with a display of humanoid robots



44%

of global Gen Zers say they could see themselves falling in love with a chatbot/Al.



Source: Sir John Hegarty at Cannes Lions 2025

The potential of AI is limitless. Companies are already exploring a world of "founders who never die" and the possibility of "digital immortality."



Monthly AI vs. non-AI conversion (retail)

Adobe Digital Insights; July 2024 – May 2025



Al referrals have narrowed the conversion gap by 76% since July 2024.

Including a 55% lift in conversion since last quarter.

53% of senior executives using generative AI report significant improvements in team efficiency.

Source: 2025 AI and Digital Trends

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