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the future of sales



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The future of sales - From Digital to Autonomous

Donna - A hyper personalized future

Sales transformation at the forefront of industrial

innovation at ABB

What we learned from bringing AI into sales at ERA Real

Estate

The CIO Perspective on Redefining Go-to-Market Strategy

at Securex

Fireside chat with TVH & JDE Peet's

Drink, finger food & networking!



The future of sales - From Digital to Autonomous

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Future Of Sales

After +420 companies and counting...

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HubSpot L'Echo Bloovi Trends Microsoft







B2B Sales: Sales approaches through the years



Approach

1 sales No social media 1 channel 1 product 1 sales 1x social media Channel Company as product

Multiple sales Multiple social media – inclusive Personal brands Expertise as product

Focus

Product

Company

Trust /(people)

Sales Pitch

1 sales pitch: product

2 pitch = product & company

Multiple pitches = product & company & Personal

Speed Slow Walk

k Run

Sales today

- Hybrid sales model
- Hybrid social media
- Always Present
- Always faster

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Reset of the sales: Evolution of B2B sales techniques

Sales Method Solution Selling Consultative Selling Provocative Selling Hybrid Selling

Time to close 1 – 3 m 6–18 6–9 m 3–6 m



- Customer first: Personal experience
- Omnichannel sales approach
- Sales pitch is hybrid
- Own sales brands: as part of lead generatie and client connection
- Conversational content: aimed at expertise and trust
- Newlead generation techniques (Layered hunting/hyper personalisation)
- Technology as accelerator (production, outreach, follow-up)



STOP BIG STOP

Those were slides from 2024

This happened in sales country





"I started an Al sales company last week and here is how you can do this too."

And many more...

Oh and these brand new sales guru's...

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Sterk resultaat! Dit toont perfect hoe een goed uitgewerkt outbound proces schaalbaar nieuwe klanten oplevert. Als Lead Generation & Email Marketing expert help ik bedrijven ook met het vinden van de juiste decision makers, bouwen van gerichte prospectlijsten en opzetten van campagnes die converteren. Slimme targeting + sterke opvolging = volle agenda. Wil je dat ik er 2-3 varianten bij maak zodat je kunt afwisselen?

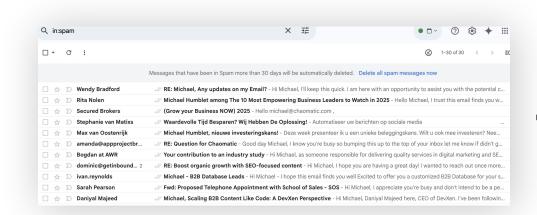
Saw this one last week





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The effect is enormous





NO SALES NO TRUST

+100 spam mails from lead gen companies daily in my inbox

Badass AI sales guru

And now we all wonder why Cold Acquisition is no longer working

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Where are we in the sales evolution?

Analogue Sales



- Traditional, human-driven sales approach.
- Sales reps handle everything: prospecting, outreach, negotiation, and closing.
- Heavy reliance on **personal** relationships and in-person meetings.
- Decisions are often based on **gut** feeling rather than data.
- Slow and inefficient, with limited scalability.

Digital Sales

- The transition from manual to tech-assisted selling.
- CRM systems, email automation, LinkedIn outreach, and sales enablement tools enhance efficiency.
- **Data-driven** insights help personalize outreach and improve conversion rates.
- Still requires significant human effort—sales teams need to manage tools and interpret data.
- Technology supports sales, but salespeople still drive the process.

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What is the B2B sales reality today?

WITH SCHOOL OF SALES WE HELPED OVER 420 COMPANIES AND WE SAME THE SEE PATTERN EVERY SINGLE TIME



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Reasons why the transition to digital is hard in B2B?

1. Personal knowledge

Skills

2. Limiting believes

Outreach & pro-active

3. Company processes

CRM only as reporting tool

4. No leverage of scale

Digital is not Excel

Your Prospect has changed

Have you? Have your methods? Have your sales insights? Have your sales processes Have your tools?

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The next leap in sales



Digital Sales



Analogue Sales

Autonomous Sales

The next evolution: sales processes that run independently with minimal human intervention.

- Al-powered sales engines handle prospecting, outreach, engagement, and closing.
- Al continuously **analyzes buyer behavior** and adapts messaging in real time.
- Hyper-personalized automation—emails, LinkedIn messages, and video follow-ups are fully Al-generated.
- No need for manual pipeline management—Al determines the best prospects, the best time to reach out, and the best message to send.
- Al-driven negotiation, follow-ups, and **even contract signing**.

Key Shift: From sales teams driving the process to Al optimizing and executing it autonomously.

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Autonomous Sales Machine Setup





1. ICP

Ideal Customer Profile



2. List building – where can we find them

Digital - what about non-digital?



3. List enrichment

Personalisation – hyper personalisation



4. Signals - Dark Sales Traffic

What are they doing without telling you?



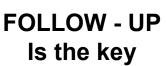
5. Outreach

How do we reach them?



6. Messaging + BAIT

How do we bait (lure) them into our funnel



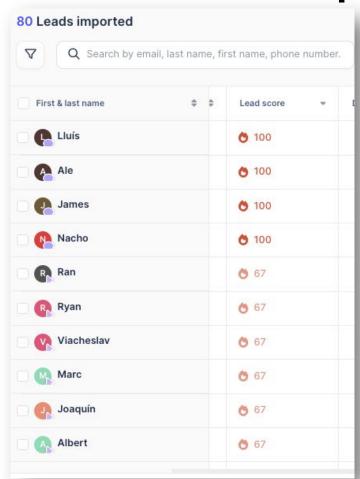


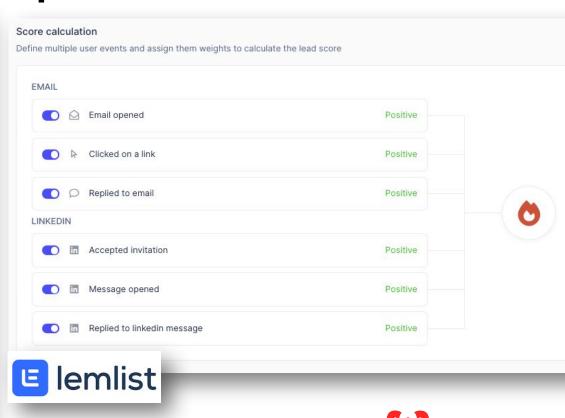
Fix Sales admin Aka COPY PASTE to get things done



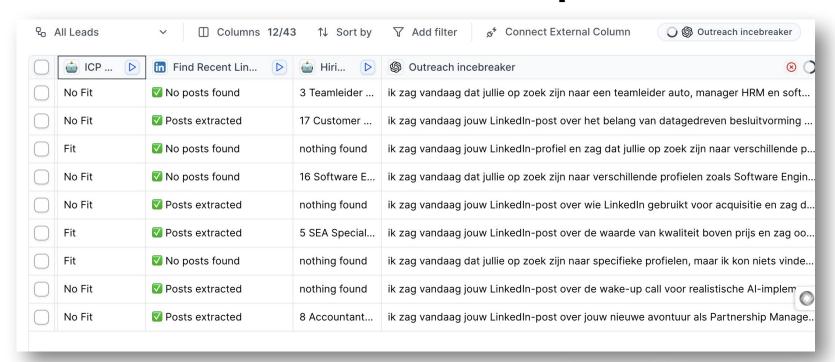
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Which prospects to call first?





List Enrichment – combined with personalisation







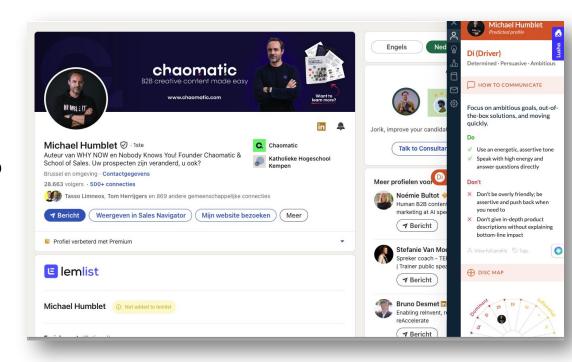


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Crystal Knows – Enrich with Personality Type

Communicate more effectively by choosing the right tone and approach.

Tailor proposals and emails to match the prospect's personality.



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Looking for a shortcut?

SALES vs ADMIN



- **66%** is spend on non selling activities (read as Admin)
- 71% of sales say to spend to much time on admin

Get rid of Excuses

- 1. Ban the admin burden with 24/7 Al assistant
- 2. Prepare and guide selles (through your sales playbook)
- 3. Capture immediate insights from your field sales (never miss a beat)



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Let's kill what everybody hates

Al sales rep for followup and qualification

With the help of Kollie.ai SDR agent you are able to immediately get customer's attention at the moment they are browsing your web site

Get Started - it's free

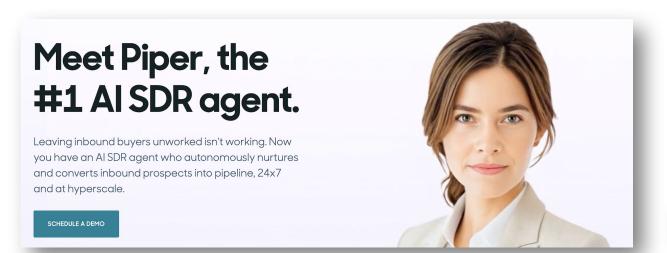
Speak with demo agent ->

No card required

Just leave your number for live demo

Now: Post intent phase...

Not ready yet?



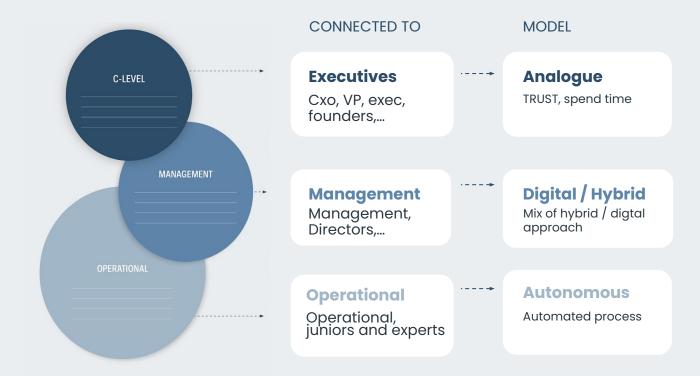
Think again!

Evolving from SDR towards pro-active sales

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B2B SALES – Autonomous sales – how do you get there?

We're all hunting the same persons – your sales approach will shift



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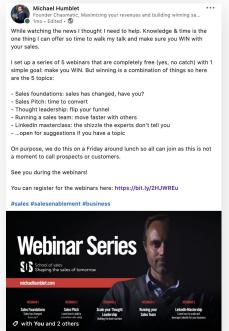
Dark Sales Traffic Where? I don't see it!

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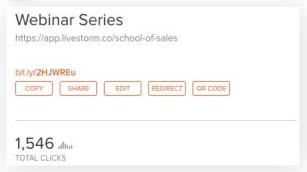
Your true prospects want to be **ANONYMOUS**







Trackable Link = 1546 Clicks





O O 77 - 16 Comments

What about sales teams?

Yes, you hungry closers

Example of changing sales teams



Top 3 kitchen builder brand in BE

On their website you can scan a drawing and AI draws automatically the most beautifull kitchen ever

Do they still need a sales

The impact of Autonomous Sales in sales teams



- 1. Sales reps focus only on closing deals - AI handles repetitive tasks
- 2. More deals closed in less time with less manual effort



- 1. Salespeople shift from outreach specialist to strategic consultants
- 2. Al executes the playbook, while humans focus on complex deals and relationships

Changing sales roles



- 1. Companies need fewer sales reps, but those reps are highly skilled an specialized
- 2. Sales cost decrease, and revenu per rep increases

Smaller more effective teams



- 1. Sales is no longer based on gut feeling -every decision is backed by AI driven insights
- 2. Al continuously learns and refines the sales approach for higer conversion rates

Data driven decision making

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Final goal: A self-optimizing sales system that operates independently

DIGITAL	Digital Sales Enablement	CRM Automation tools, AI assited workflow tools Sales teams use data for personalization but still execute the process manually
Process	Sales Process Automation	1.Automated outreach, lead nurturing, and engagement. 2. Al-driven chatbots and automated video messages handle early-stage interactions. 3. Sales reps focus only on high-value conversations and complex deals.
Al	Al-augmented selling	Al assists with lead scoring, email personalization, and predictive analytics Sales teams leverage Al insights but still make final decisions and manage the funnel.
Autonomous	Autonomous Sales Execution	1. AI handles full-funnel execution—prospecting, outreach, follow-ups, and closing. 2. Human salespeople are only needed for strategic oversight and high-ticket, complex 3.AI continuously learns and improves based on buyer interactions.

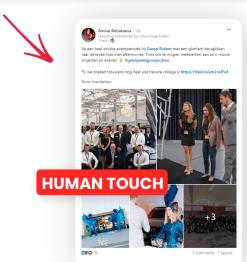
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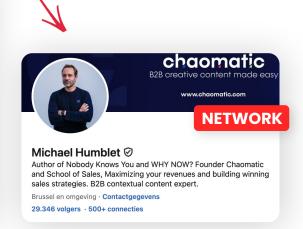
Hang-on What about you Humans?

In the age of AI who will you trust?



Michael Humblet "Trust will be the biggest currency in Sales"





CONNECT, **DON'T COLLECT!**

Inspiration without action is worthless





START RUNNING

Go Go GOOOOOOOOO!

Build your own Autonomous Sales Machine





Donna: A hyper-personalized future



Everyone's racing to adopt Al.

Inside Microsoft's AI Strategy Adobe salesforce Microsoft Adobe Implements A.I. AcTools aws McIsco SAMSUNG salesforce servicenow Driver **Amazon Wants to Drive Amazon Wants to** A.I. Flywheel **Drive Its A.I.Flwhwel**

95% of Al pilots fail

not because of the tech, but because of people, process, and mindset.



Rewiring How We Think & Work



For a tech provider

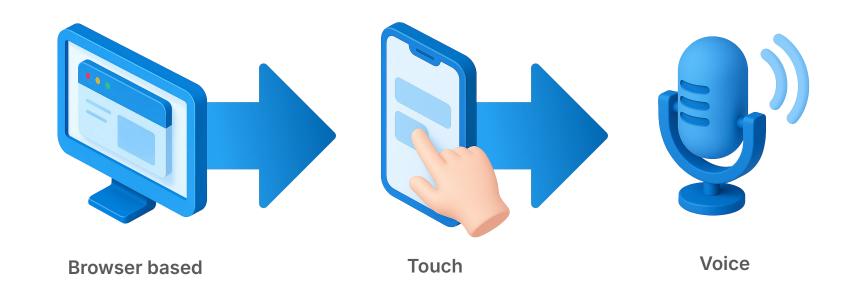


Commercial leader



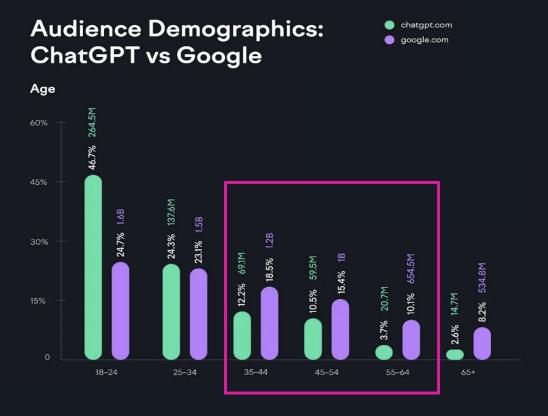
Field sales reps

Every tech leap starts with a UX shift



From search to conversation

The new generation adopts AI intuitively, the rest of us need a little change management



So... How to "Rewire"

For a tech provider... (like Donna)

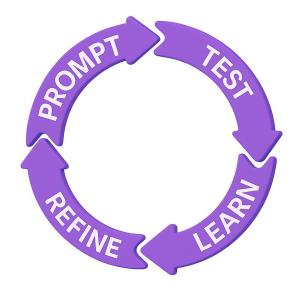
From Customer-First to Consumer-Ready...



Donna's core vision: consumer-grade experience for B2B



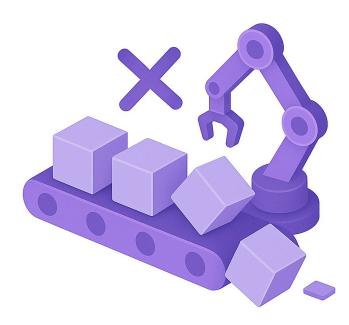
Culture and iteration drive real Al adoption.



The willingness to fine-tune is the new "configuration"

Rewired... For a Commercial leader

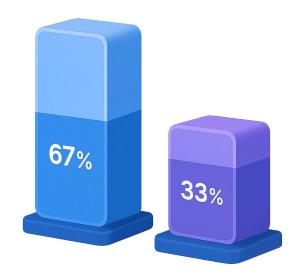
Technology won't fix misalignment



Automating a flawed process only helps you do the wrong thing faster

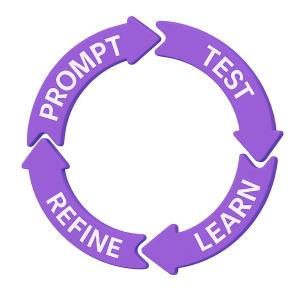
Partnerships double success rates

You are not alone... talk to experts



"MIT found that external partnerships reach deployment 2× more often than internal efforts (67% vs 33%)."

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Rewired... for a Field Sales Representative

Before



Process full of friction

- Left behind in the SaaS enablement space
- "For management"
- Without the right user experience
- No productivity gains

After



Personal Al assistant 24/7

- Anytime, anywhere access
- Capturing every interaction, voice driven interface
- Proactive coaching & nudges
- Zero friction: between meetings and systems



Rewiring takes time - But yields results

Al Doesn't Replace People, It Removes What Gets in Their Way



Fix foundations



Strengthen yourself through partnerships



Keep learning and iterating as you go

Let's talk!





www.askdonna.com



ABB:

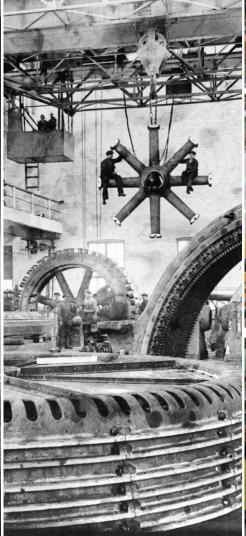
Sales transformation at the forefront of industrial innovation



5 MEGATRENDS

Electrification Urbanization Energy Al and Labor Efficiency Digitalization of Buildings Shortage and Aging and Population Sustainability

ABB has driven technology forward for over 130 years.









Main pillars of sales transformation

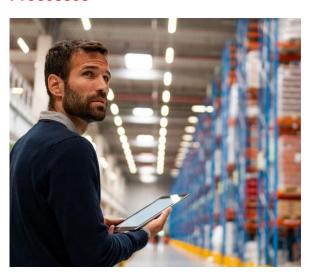
Products



People



Processes





Products Software, Digitalization, Al

>50% of our R&D employees in software development.

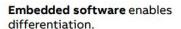
>250 Al-focused projects running across the ABB Group.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



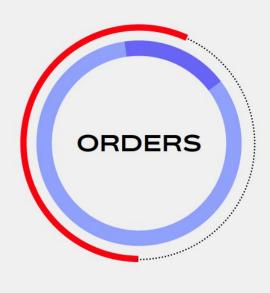


Increase the digital content in our offering to support gross margin and industry leadership in technology.

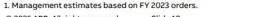




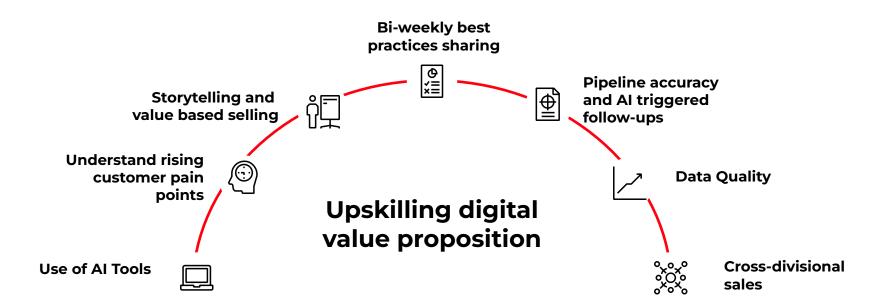
Continue to develop Industrial Software and Digital services organically and make bolt-on acquisitions.



- ~60%1 orders are software or digitally enabled products and services
- 83% orders are products and solutions
- 17% orders are services



People









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ERA Real Estate:
What we learned from bringing Al into sales



ERA real estate

5 key takeaways from bringing Al into sales at ERA Real Estate



The Business Problem

The Challenge

A real estate agent's success depends on personal connections — but that doesn't scale across 500+ agents.

The Core Issue

Brokers failed to log detailed evaluations after visits, leaving gaps in customer understanding.

The Impact

Incomplete data made it difficult to build comprehensive customer profiles and deliver personalized service across multiple interactions (both digital & physical)







lesson 1

Three P&L's



lesson 2

Push baby push



lesson 3

It's gonna be uncomfortable for a while



lesson 4

Decrease risk as you scale



lesson 5

One bite at a time



Outcomes & Key Takeaways

5×

longer evaluations

Average evaluation text is five times longer, providing richer datasets for the organization.

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Active Users

Currently scaling with 50 brokers, with plans to reach 350 by next summer.

3

User Profiles

Early adopters, skeptics, and optimists—adoption isn't tied to sales performance.



Securex:
The CIO perspective on
Redefining Go-to-Market
Strategy

Al as a Growth Engine:

The CIO Perspective on Redefining Go-to-Market Strategy:



Lead intelligence

Sales coaching

Sales planning



Content & messaging

Forecasting & pricing

CRM automation

VALUE BOOSTERS



Increased efficiency



Better targeting



Enhanced insights



Accelerated growth

Hallucinations

Human Touch

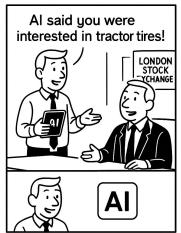


Data issues

Ownership Adoption issues

Legacy integrations

Lack of **Differentiation**

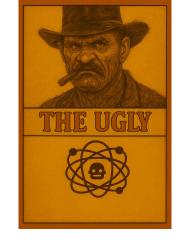




Legal and compliance

Bias

Reputational damage

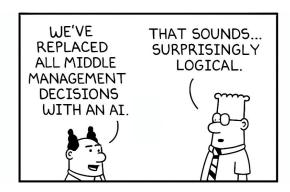


Strategic Laziness

Sabotage

Digital security

Staff reduction



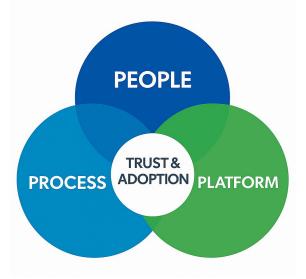
Al: Artificial Incompetence



Start!

Do the unexpected.

Find the others



Good small teams.
Can do
big things
fast



Panel:

Stories from the trenches on rethinking go to market and making Al work in the real world with TVH & JDE Peet's

Meet our panel

Nicolas Christiaen
Founder / CEO
Donna



Lieven SomersDirector Commercial Excellence
TVH



Luuk Van Stek Global Business Process JDE Peet's



Thank you!



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