We Created Artificial Intelligence for a Reason. Are We Remembering Why?

Every week, artificial intelligence accomplishes something that would have seemed impossible just a few years ago. It is learning to reason, create, discover, and increasingly act on its own.

And as these capabilities accelerate, much of our attention is focused on how to make AI safe, trustworthy, transparent, and accountable.

Those conversations are essential. But I've been thinking about a question that seems to be getting lost in all the excitement and concern.



Why did we create artificial intelligence in the first place?

There are many possible answers. Scientific curiosity. Economic opportunity. The desire to solve problems that human intelligence alone has struggled to overcome.

But underneath those motivations, I believe there is a more important reason.

We created technology to help us accomplish things that make human life better.

And artificial intelligence may represent our greatest opportunity yet to fulfill that promise.

At Humaital, we developed the Human Alignment Index™ around six pillars: Trust, Accountability, Purpose, Safety, Transparency, and Impact.

Each plays an essential role in understanding whether AI remains aligned with human values. Trust depends on whether claims hold up to independent scrutiny. Accountability ensures responsibility doesn't disappear as technology becomes more independent. Safety protects people from harm. Transparency makes decisions and behavior more understandable.

But two of those pillars bring us back to the reason we should be developing this technology at all.

Purpose: AI should be developed with the intention of serving humanity.

Impact: People's lives should actually become better because of it.

Think about the difference between those two ideas.

Purpose is what we hope to accomplish. Impact is the measurable difference we actually make.

Whether AI helps physicians diagnose diseases earlier, gives teachers more time with students, or makes businesses more productive, its purpose should ultimately be to improve people's lives. But its impact must be measured by tangible results: earlier diagnoses that improve patient outcomes, more individual attention that improves student learning, and greater productivity that creates opportunities, improves livelihoods, or gives people back valuable time.

At Humaital, we believe human alignment requires all six pillars working together.

A worthwhile purpose without safety can create harm. Positive intentions without accountability can lead to unintended consequences. Impact without transparency becomes difficult to verify. And trust without evidence is little more than hope.

The Human Alignment Index™ was developed to independently evaluate evidence of how organizations are governing AI, what they intend it to accomplish, and whether their practices demonstrate alignment with human values.

Because ultimately, the success of artificial intelligence should not be determined solely by how intelligent our machines become.

It should also be determined by what that intelligence makes possible for humanity.

Purpose is the promise. Impact is the proof. And the other four pillars are what make the journey between them trustworthy.

Perhaps it’s time we remembered why we created this technology in the first place. With every new generation of AI, we should ask ourselves whether we remain true to its ultimate purpose of serving humanity and making a meaningful, positive impact on the world.

Because technology has never been the destination.

People are.

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