Al Foundations Course

Helping New Zealand business professionals improve their Al literacy for better workplace productivity, as part of Spark's mission to accelerate New Zealand businesses one technology generation forward.



Introducing Al Foundations Course

Unlock the power of AI to transform your workflows in 1 week.

Leveraging AI is no longer optional - it's essential for staying ahead. In six fast-paced lessons, the AI Foundations Course equips you with the tools to use AI daily for maximised productivity at work. Learn how to craft effective prompts, optimise workflows and set up your AI workspace in just one week.

This partnership is part of Spark's programme of initiatives to help accelerate New Zealand businesses one technology generation forward with digital technologies.















Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will feel confident using AI and will have identified a personal use case to improve one of your workflows.

- + Understand the Fundamentals of Generative Al Grasp the capabilities, limitations, and risks associated with generative Al.
- Set Up Your Al Workspace Configure your Al tools on your preferred platform, including GPT, Microsoft Copilot, Claude, and others.
- + Identify AI Use Cases

 Discover and assess opportunities to optimise or enhance your personal workflows using AI.

- Master Prompt Engineering
 Learn the foundational elements of creating effective prompts and practise building your own.
- Hereigh and a Workflow Develop and execute a plan to integrate Al into at least one of your workflows.
- Course Includes

 Certificate and LinkedIn badge upon completion.





Who it's designed for

Spark and Section's AI Foundations course is designed for professionals who want to integrate AI into their daily workflows, regardless of your technical background.

NZ Business Professionals



Who want to use large language models in their daily work but need a place to start.



Who want to teach simple prompting skills to their direct reports.



Who want to become Al literate.



Introducing Section

Founded by NYU Stern Professor and best-selling author Scott Galloway in 2019, New York based Section School partners with world class business school professors to deliver high quality education solutions that enable real-world outcomes.

Section has developed the Foundations Course for business professionals to get Al-confident in 5 days and kick start their Al journey.

By the numbers









Business is changing:

All companies - even the winners - are having to rethink strategy to stay on top.

You need a deep bench:

Managers with top-notch strategic ability who can help your organisation innovate and grow.

Section is a fast, fun, and scalable **strategy school** that has helped 30,000 students at the world's most innovative companies hone their strategic acumen.



What students say about Section's Al courses

- + "A leading-edge course for a topic disrupting every area of society."
 - Wilder Serrato, Stabil Drill

- + "I feel much more equipped to use LLMs and confident they'll make me more efficient."
 - Julia Mastroianni, Post City Magazines

- + "A good mix of 'this is how you do it' and 'here's a great idea to get you going."
 - Ken Fischer, Broadcom



Course Framework

Boost your productivity with Al integration

Discover how to supercharge your efficiency by integrating Al into your workflow seamlessly. From automating repetitive tasks to optimising complex processes, learn how Al augmentation can revolutionise your productivity strategies.

 Unleash Al's three personas for versatile task management

Unlock the full potential of AI by leveraging its three distinct personas to tackle a wide range of tasks effectively. Whether you need a researcher, a creative assistant, or a problem solver, explore how AI can adapt to diverse challenges and enhance your productivity across various domains.

Master the art of writing high quality
 Al prompts

Craft Al prompts that deliver precise and insightful outputs, elevating the quality of your interactions with Al systems. Gain the skills to formulate prompts that elicit accurate responses, empowering you to harness Al's capabilities effectively and achieve optimal results.



Meet your instructor



Edmundo Ortega

Machine & Partners, Partner

- Edmundo Ortega is a partner at Machine
 & Partners, a technical consultancy helping
 organisations prototype AI experiences that
 create real business values.
- Previously, he was the Head of Product at Section, where he shaped the development of Section's product experience.



Al Foundations Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28/07	29/07	30/07	31/07	1/08
		Join the course Slack space Introduce yourself and meet your cohort		Live Onboarding with Mary Moore 12 - 1 PM local time
4/08	5/08	6/08	7/08	8/08
Watch Day 1 videos: Getting started with AI and the Personal Productivity Framework	Watch Day 2 videos: 3 Al Personas and Intro to Prompting		Live Lecture with Ed Ortega 12 - 1 PM local time	Live Office Hours with Chase Ballard 12 - 1 PM local time
Optional Videos: Al Tool Demos	Optional Videos: Prompting Demo			
11/08	12/08	13/08	14/08	15/08 Submit Project by 11:59 PM local time

Throughout the program: Join the ongoing Slack discussions



Where to apply

Visit https://www.spark.co.nz/aifoundations
follow the instructions on-screen and submit the application form.