

# AI: The step by step session to get going today



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# Agenda



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Who is Avantra

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What is 'AI'

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AI Ethics

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Available  
technical AI  
functionalities

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Questions

What is

# Avantra?



## #1 SAP AUTOMATION PLATFORM

AI ENABLED

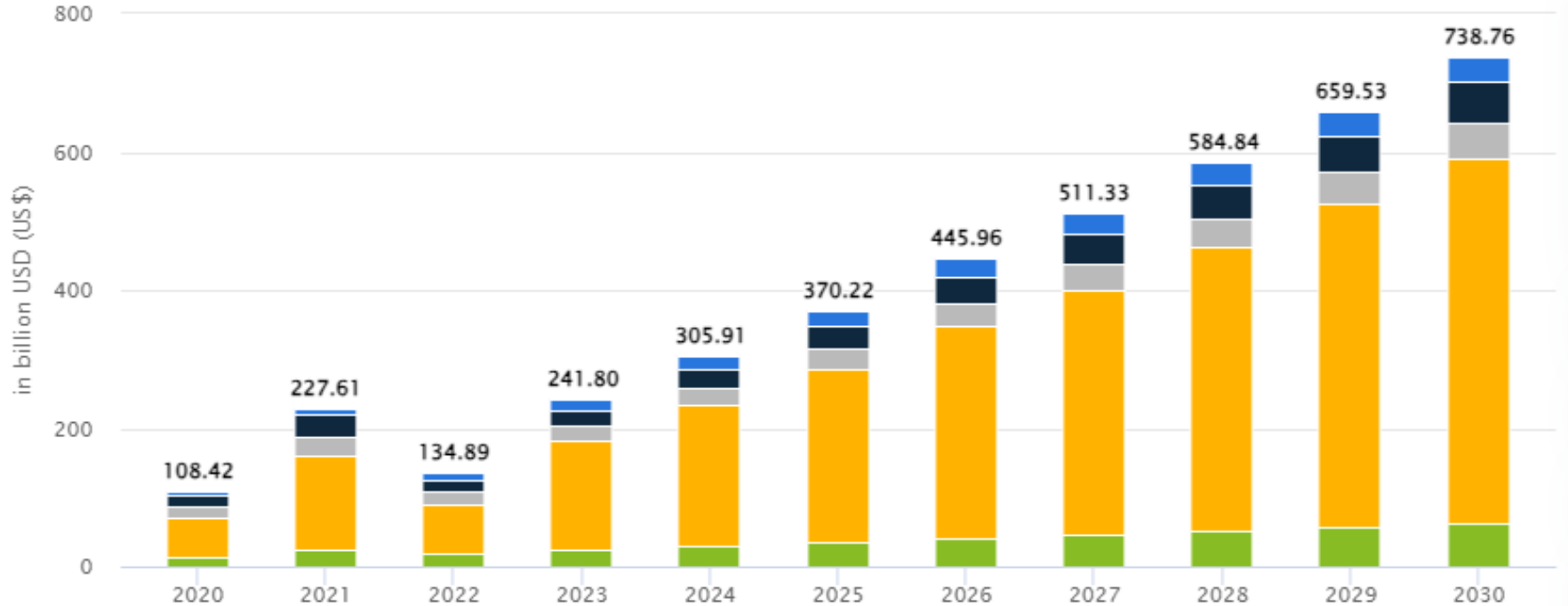
- Full operational transparency
- AI controlled intelligent monitoring
- Managing and automating your SAP world
- Complete ITSM integration
- Actionable insights & control
- Zero touch automation capability



Turning complex SAP landscapes into intelligent operations

An **AI Ops** platform  
for automating SAP operations

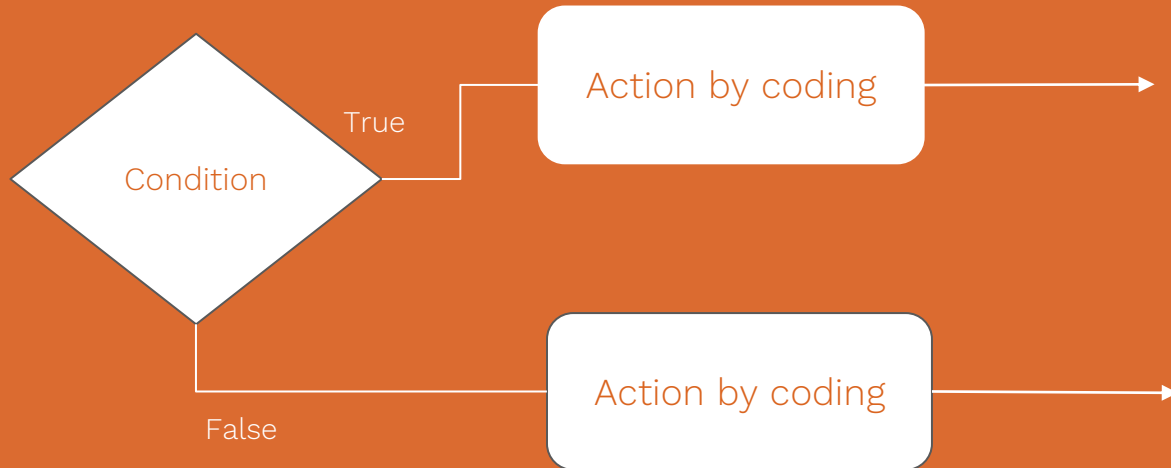
# Growth of AI



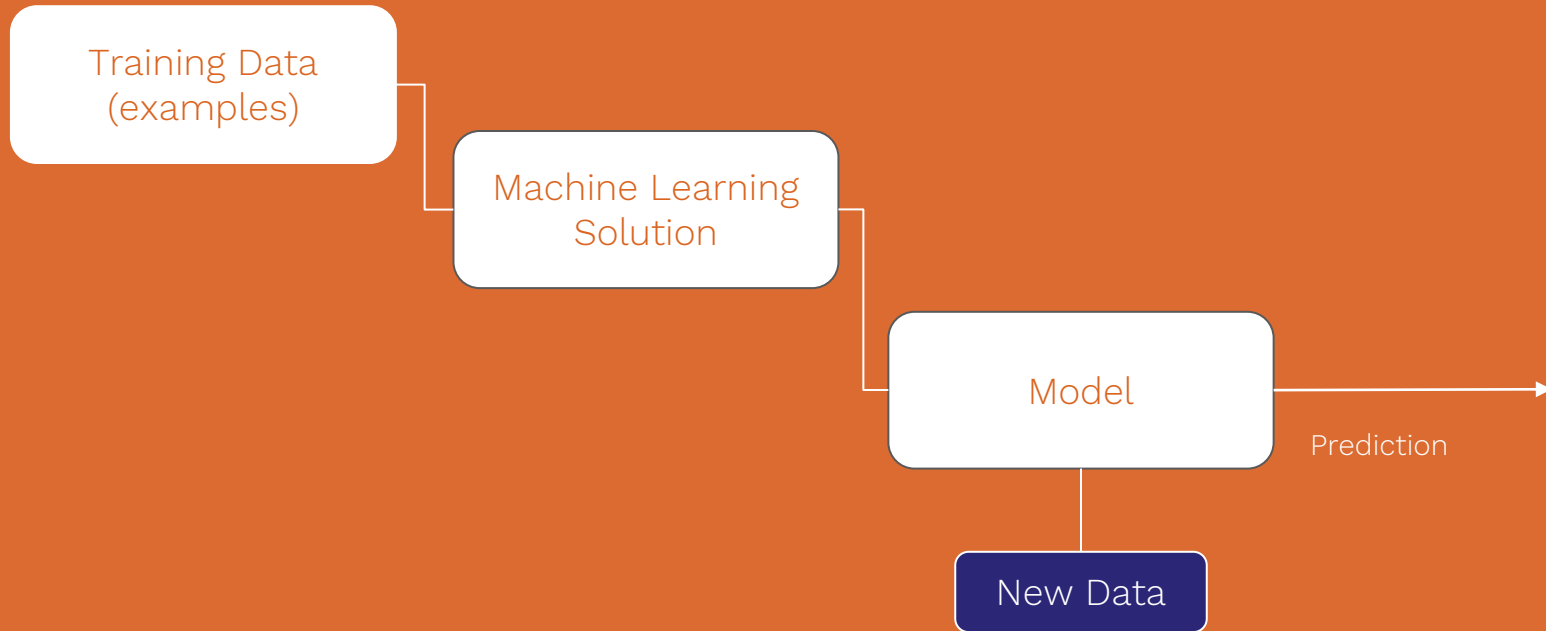
Source: Statista 'Market Size'

# Symbolic AI

In use in your SAP environment right now!  
System intelligence through rules and programming



# Machine Learning Based AI



# Examples



Training with Examples  
**Supervised Learning**



Patterns/Structures  
**Unsupervised Learning**



Actions Taken by Agents  
**Reinforcement Training**



Neural Networks  
**Self-Supervised Learning**

# AI Ethics at SAP



# Human Agency and Oversight



The system must be tested extensively to make sure it behaves as intended

Users must be able to oversee the process

Users must be able to override the process

# Addressing Bias



AI developers must make sure the training data is not unrepresentative of marginalized groups

The AI system must not discriminate

AI Developers must define fairness measures to test the algorithm

# Transparency & Explainability

Data sets and the development process must be documented

Algorithms applied in the process must be explained to users in terms of their purpose, capabilities and limitations

Users must be able to obtain an explanation for the AI's systems decisions

# Standard vs High Risk Cases

Personal freedom (human surveillance, discrimination, de-anonymization)

Society (manipulation of person or group, undermine debate, harmful impacts)

Environmental harm - no damages to environment

## **Standard**

Check risk, check compliance, document use case, save use case details

# High Risk Cases

Processing of personal data & one of the following:

Processing protected personal data

Negatively affected individuals

Automated decision making

High risk sector (HR, healthcare, law enforcement, etc...)

## **Steering committee**

# Governance

## **AI Ethics Steering Committee**

Sr. leaders from design, data protection, corp strategy, HR, sustainability, legal with AI researchers and operational specialists

## **AI Ethics Advisory Panel**

SAP external experts with a public mandate from academia, politics and industry

## **Trustworthy AI Workstream**

SAP employees who want to engage with Trustworthy AI

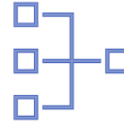
# AI within SAP



Finance



Supply Chain



Procurement



Human Resources



Sales & Marketing



IT & Platform

# AI: IT and Platform



## Observability

- Think 'Monitoring'... but more
- Integrations (ITSM, Event Management, etc...)
- Intelligent implementations
- Predictive analytics
- Transparency



## Automation

- Day 2, ongoing, operations
- Integrations
- Autonomous Run Times (event driven automations)



# SAP Operations

## Typical Titles

- SAP basis
- SAP architects
- Technical engineers

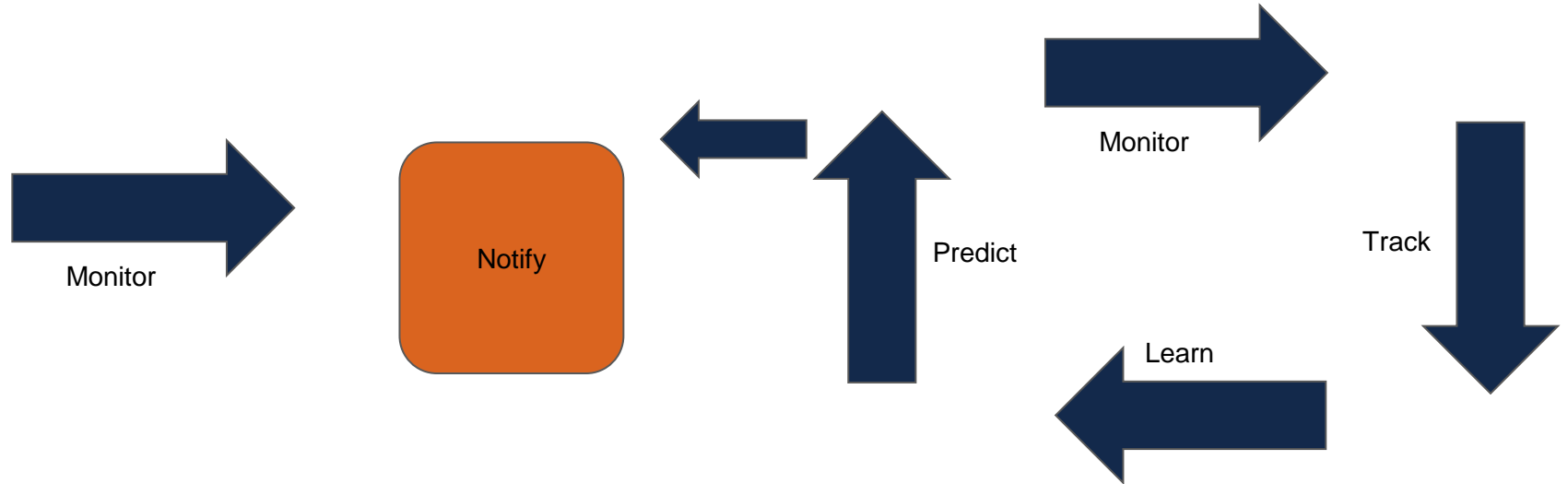
## Tasks

- Managing system performance
- Starting/Stopping of Systems
- System refreshes
- Researching SAP security notes
- Kernel upgrades
- Database upgrades
- SAP upgrades
- OS patching
- Migrations
- and more....

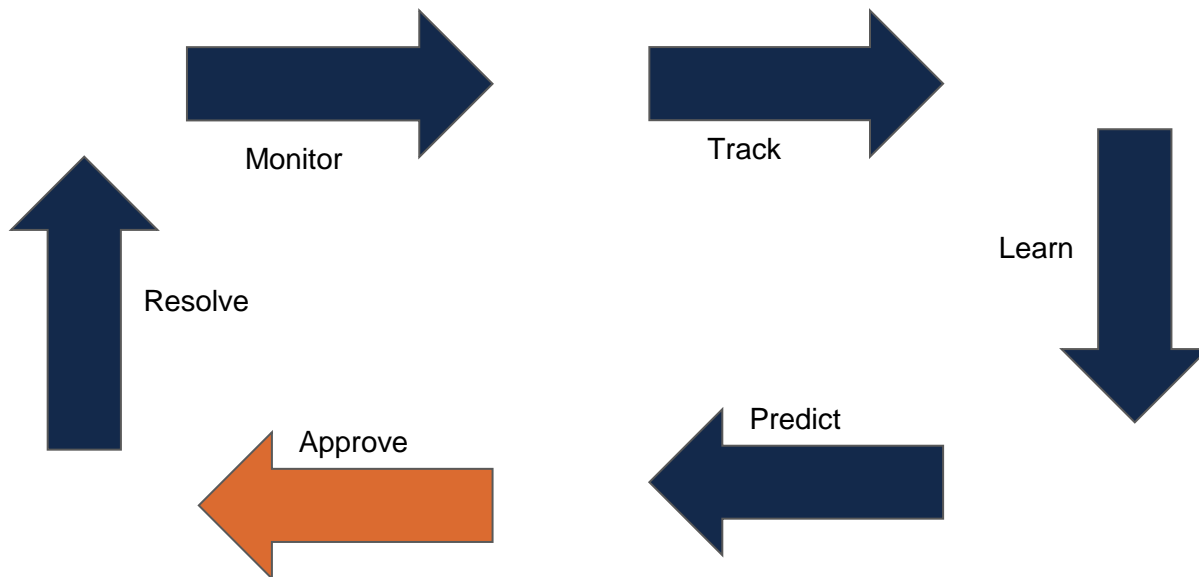
## Goal:

Reduce the amount of time spent on routine tasks. Give time back in the day to these engineers to focus on business initiatives & self growth

# Observability



# Observability with Automation



# Use Cases: Observability



## Intelligent Implementation

- Remove human error on which checks are being used
- Reduce manual effort by automatically backfilling into dashboards, notifications, ITSM integrations and more



## Predictive analysis

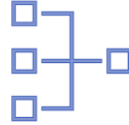
- Machine learning based on trends
- Get ahead of issues before they become problems



## Predict growth

- Properly budget for cloud spend
- Get ahead of IT procurement needs

# Use Cases: Automation



## Event Driven Automations

- Use predictive analytics tied to automated resolutions
- Tie into ITSM/ITOM systems for approval and tracking where necessary



## Keep Environments Secure

- Reduce time spent on SAP security notes
- Automate the kernel update process across huge landscapes with a few clicks
- Keep your OS patched with little effort



## Enhance Testing Data

- Refresh your QA environments more often
- Give the power of initiating refreshes to the requester/approver



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