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AI THOUGHT PARTNER

I'm curious to explore using you as a strategic Thought Partner. I'd like you to interview me by asking one question at a time to identify a simple and valuable use case where you can help me clarify my thinking this week. Then continue interviewing me to help me clarify my thinking.

Create a Lightbulb Moment

I would like you to act as a Thought Partner by asking me one question at a time. Here's the situation: <provide context>. Here's what I am trying to solve: <insert where you need help>. Please help me think through potential solutions.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Analyze Strategic Plan 1

Attached is our strategic plan, I want you to act as my Thought Partner by asking me one question at a time to challenge my biases and the assumptions we have made. I also want you to challenge if our plan has the sufficiency to achieve our goal. Once you have enough information, give me a summary of where you think our plan is strong and where you see potential weaknesses, and recommend ways we can improve it.

Analyze Strategic Plan 2

Help me evaluate my current strategic plan. What are the strengths, potential weaknesses, and areas for improvement based on emerging market trends and internal capabilities?

Executive Coach to Challenge Assumptions on a Strategic Plan

Take a look at our strategic plan for our upcoming fiscal year. Acting as an executive coach, I need you to challenge our assumptions. Start by questioning our goals: are we really pushing the envelope, or are we playing it safe? Then assess the structure of our plan: is it robust enough to achieve our goals even when things don't go as planned, or are we too reliant on ideal conditions? After our discussion, I'd appreciate your feedback on the strength of our plan, areas for improvement, and actionable advice to ensure we're set up for success.

Establishing Review Rhythm

I'm the leader of a <describe business>/ We just completed our strategic off-site where we created our strategic plan for the year. I now want to establish a rhythm where we will review our plan to ensure we track our progress and realign on what we need to execute moving forward. Acting as a growth-minded operations expert, please help design this review rhythm. Start by identifying up to three questions you want to ask me to gain additional context, and then ask them one at a time. Then generate a draft of the review rhythm. I'll provide feedback from there.

Conduct Strategic Review

Act as my Thought Partner and interview me with one question at a time to conduct a quarterly strategic review of my business. The questions should focus on these four drivers:

1. Strategy: What competitive advantage are we building in the long term through the actions we are taking in the short term?
2. Execution: What progress have we made toward our strategic plan so far this year? What changes do we need to make?
3. People: Are the right people in the right seats doing the right things and growing in the right direction?
4. Technology: How might we harness technology to help our people do higher -quality work in a fraction of the time, increase efficiency, and deliver more value to customers?

Start with strategy and continue through each driver in order. Then give me feedback on what I'm doing well and where you see potential holes in my thinking, and list the top things I should consider focusing on in the next ninety days.

Double Revenue in 24 Months

Our goal is to double revenue in the next twenty-four months to become an attractive acquisition target. Attached is our strategic plan. I want you to act as a strategic growth expert by helping me identify non-obvious alternatives we could consider to drive this growth. You can ask me up to five questions to gather what you need about my business. Once you have sufficient context, give me your recommendations listed in order of priority and explain why you are making each recommendation.

Draft Business Case

I need your help creating a business case for an initiative to increase the productivity of our employees across our organizations.

For context, we are <insert company details>.

I want you to structure the business case around the following sections:

1. What We Are Trying to Do and Why it Matters
2. How it Will Impact the Organization
3. What the Implementation Plan Looks Like
4. What Investment Will Be Required
5. What the Risks Are and Plan to Mitigate Them
6. What Our Next Steps Are

Please interview me, asking me one question at a time, to pull the necessary information out of my head so you can then create a draft of this business case. Once you have enough information, generate the business case following the structure above.

Devil's Advocate on Strategic Plan

Attached is our strategic plan for the next fiscal year. Acting as the Devil's Advocate, review our plan and ask critical questions that could expose flaws in the plan's ability to achieve our overall goal. Please prepare a detailed report evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of our strategy and offer recommendations to improve.

WINNING WITH PEOPLE

Evaluating Team Skills with Company Goals

I want you to help me evaluate the current skills and capabilities of my team against the goals we have. Interview me by asking one question at a time to gather the information you need. At the end, give me a summary of where you think we are well positioned and where we have gaps and the top three actions I should consider taking.

Prepare for a Stakeholder Meeting

I need to prepare for an upcoming stakeholder meeting. Please interview me by asking one question at a time to help me create an agenda for the meeting. Once we have the agenda, then prepare the communication I can send to set expectations for what to expect.

Recapping a Performance Review in Writing

I just concluded a performance review with an employee. After writing the follow-up email, I realized it comes off as harsh. I need it rewritten to be clear on expectations and maintain firm performance standards but also be empathetic and softer, so the employee receives it well. Below is the original email; please regenerate it based on this description.

Raise Standards on Thinking Leverage

I am an executive within our company. I have a leader who tends to come to me for answers, and I've noticed that I get frustrated because the things they ask they should be able to handle themselves. I want you to act as a world-class executive coach in helping me identify five potential questions I could ask this person the next time they come to me without doing their own thinking first. Avoid questions that are overly direct. I want the persona to feel like I'm supporting them while holding a standard.

How to Say No to Your Boss

I want your help as an executive coach who is an expert in prioritizing and effectively saying no to new requests, especially when they come from the boss.

#Context#

My boss has a tendency to constantly put more things on my plate. I already feel spread thin and need to find an effective way to talk to them about what's on my plate. I want to be "in the driver's seat" of my role and be

able to communicate what my priorities are with confidence. I also want to be able to speak to how maintaining focus on my top priorities will add the most value to the team. As a result, I need to ask that certain things they have delegated to me be tables or reassigned.

#Your task#

Is to ask me one question at a time to better understand the situation and then give me some potential ways I can have a conversation. Once we review your recommendation, I'd like to role-play this situation with you. Just ask me some questions about my boss's personality so you can accurately role-play them.

MAKING GREAT DECISIONS

Evaluating Two Options

I need to make an important decision. I'm considering these two options. Your task is to evaluate the upside and downside of each potential solution and explain which you'd recommend and why.

Identify Potential Risks

I need to make an important decision. Here is the situation: <describe the situation>. Here are the solutions I have identified so far: <list the identified solutions>. I want you to act as an expert in identifying risk and help me see the second-order consequences of these solutions.

Anticipate Outcomes

I need to make a strategic decision involving <describe specific situation>. Can you help me analyze the potential outcomes of different options based on our historical data and predicted market developments?

Evaluating Risk

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CLARIFYING VISION AND BUILDING MOMENTUM

Clarifying Vision for an AI-Driven Organization

I want you to act as my Thought Partner in helping me create a vision statement around AI, outlining:

1. How I believe it will benefit the company
2. How I see it benefiting our people
3. Where I see potential risks with AI and how we can work together to manage it

Interview me by asking one question at a time. Once you have enough information, generate a draft of what I might share with other people.

Identify and Invite a First Adopter

I want to identify someone on my team to join me in exploring adopting AI in our daily work. Interview me, asking one question at a time, to identify a person who is innovative, growth-minded, and influential. I want this persona to become a champion of change.

Once we have the person identified, role-play with me, you act as them, and I will present my vision for our future and the benefits they might experience by joining me in exploring this.

At the end of the conversation, give me feedback on what I did well, where I have opportunities to improve, and the top changes I can make to increase the quality of my message.

Identify Key Stakeholders

I need to make a decision for our business and want to be strategic about involving the right people in the process. Acting as my Thought Partner, I want you to interview me by asking one question at a time to help me answer the following questions:

1. Who are the decision-makers who can approve or reject this decision?
2. Who are the influencers who can sway the thinking of the decision-makers I need to engage?
3. What are early adopters who will be most affected by the decision because they are closest to the point of impact?

Then, help me analyze what each person cares about and how the decision impacts them. This will help me communicate the benefits and mitigate potential downsides.

Structure your answer in a table format

THE THREE ESSENTIAL PERSONAS

Engage The Interviewer

I want you to act as The Interviewer by asking me one question at a time to <describe what you want the AI to learn from you>. Based on the feedback I give you; I want you to <describe the task you want it to complete>.

Example: I want you to act as The Interviewer by asking me one question at a time to understand our current marketing plan. Based on the feedback I give you; I want you to identify three non-obvious growth levers we should be considering but are not currently in our plan.

Engage The Communicator

We are launching a new product <describe the product>. Act as The Communicator to help me craft a compelling pitch that highlights our

product's unique features. Interview me by asking one question at a time. Once you have enough information, craft the pitch.

Engage The Challenger

I want you to act as The Challenger. Your job is to stress test my thinking to make sure I'm not only seeing the upside but that I also see the downside and non-obvious second-order consequences. Ask me one question at a time to challenge my thinking. Start by asking me to describe the situation.

ALIGNING SHORT-TERM ACTIONS WITH LONG-TERM GROWTH

Option 1

I need your help balancing short-term results with long-term growth. I want you to review our strategic plan and then interview me to help me identify what will deliver the most long-term value and where we can deliver quick wins that will keep the board happy while we invest in the future.

Option 2

I want you to act as a strategic Thought Partner in helping me reevaluate if our short-term actions are aligned with our long-term vision. Please interview me to help me think this through and give me feedback on where my thinking is solid and where you see areas for improvement.

PRIORITIZATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT

Analyze if Your Calendar is Aligned with Your Priorities

Here are my top priorities for this week. Here is also a picture of my calendar for the week. In reviewing my calendar, I don't feel it reflects a clear plan to achieve my weekly goals. Acting as The Interviewer, ask me one question at a time to help me identify changes I can make to the calendar.

Once we are done with the review, I want you to help draft the communication I need to send to the people I'm canceling or rescheduling.

Enhancing the Value of Your One-on-Ones

Acting as my Thought Partner help me identify three to five questions I can bring to my next series of one-on-ones with my direct reports. My goal is to act as a great coach, focusing our conversation on:

1. Ensuring they are clear on where their focus needs to be this week to drive progress toward our thirty-day milestones.
2. Helping them think through the challenges they might encounter this week and how to proactively address them.
3. Raising their performance this week so they continue to develop and grow.

Ask me one question at a time to gather the information you need, and then generate a list of questions for me to consider.

Turning Strategic Plan into Thirty-Day Milestones

Attached is our strategic plan. The next step is to identify the specific progress we need to make for each item on the plan in the next thirty days to be on track for our targets. Ask me one question at a time to help gather this information, then generate an executive summary communication I can send to my team so we are aligned.

How to Communicate Priority Changes

I am the leader of a business; historically, I've delegated to people by simply adding but rarely having conversations about subtracting. As a result, I'm concerned people are reacting to what's most recent and losing focus on what's most important.

I'd like you to act as an executive coach by asking me one question at a time to help me think through how I might change what I say and ask when I delegate. Success would be describing what I need them to take on and then more of the conversation focusing on where they believe this falls in order of priority. This will ensure they do not react and always stay focused on what matters most.

Execute: Turn Monthly Goals into Weekly Priorities

Attached is our strategic plan for the year. To be on track for this plan, I need to accomplish the following things this month: <list monthly goals>

Your job is to act as an executive coach to help me identify what I can accomplish this week to start building a lead toward my monthly goals. Please ask one question at a time. Also, make sure to adhere to a SMART goal framework and prioritize my list.

Leveraging AI to Assess the Impact of New Priorities on the Existing Plan

Attached is our strategic plan. Recently, there has been pressure to <describe the new priority>. I'd like you to act as a strategic Thought Partner in helping me assess the impact of this new priority on the existing plan. Ask me one question at a time and respond based on my answers.

Identify Your 20%

I want you to act as my Thought Partner to help me identify how I can 10x the impact I can make for my organization. My intention is to harness my strengths with the priorities of my role in alignment with the company's goals.

Your task is to ask me one question at a time to:

1. Clarify the 20% priorities of the business based on our strategic plan <attach if you have it>.
2. Identify the 20% priorities our business goals require my role to do exceptionally well.
3. Help me uncover my 20% strengths that drive 80% of the value I can deliver.

Based on the information you gather, help me understand the intersection between my strengths, the priorities of my role, and the company's goals.

AI PERSONAS FOR BETTER FEEDBACK

Simulating Your Ideal Customer Reviewing Your Proposal

I want you to act as our ideal customer, <describe your ideal customer>, in reviewing the attached proposal. Simulate how they might respond by providing me with feedback on:

1. What you like about our proposal.
2. What you do not like about it or things that may not make sense to you.
3. The top changes we can make to ensure this proposal is something you would agree to.

Simulating a Board Member Reviewing Your Strategic Plan

Attached is our strategic plan. I want you to act as a growth-minded board member and review our strategic plan. What questions or potential concerns do you have based on our deck? Put a focus on ensuring we are striking the right balance between short-term execution and long-term growth.

Simulating a Board Member Reviewing Your Board Deck

I want you to act as an aggressive, growth-minded board member with deep expertise in company turnarounds. Attached is the board deck for this business. It's not doing well and needs to be turned around. I'd like you to identify the top five questions you would ask the CEO during the meeting. Please list them in order of priority, as we only have one hour for the review, and I want to make sure I'm asking the most important questions first.

Analyze a Product Offering Based on Your Ideal Customer

I want you to act as an ambitious non-technical executive of a growth company. Here is an idea I have for a product offering: <describe the product offering>. Here's the problem I believe it solves and the benefits it will bring: <describe the problem and benefits>. My goal is that you will see this solution and think, "This is exactly what I need!" your goal is to tell me what you like about my idea, what you do not like, and the top changes I should consider making. Offer solutions as well and explain why they are important to you.

Role-Play as a Key Stakeholder

Role-play with me as if you are the decision-maker. I'll present a recommendation for your approval, and I want you to simulate their likely response. Challenge me where they might resist so I can practice my responses. Afterward, provide feedback on:

1. What I did well.
2. Where my approach was not strong enough.
3. The key changes I can make to increase my odds of success.

SPECIFIC PROMPTS THAT COMPANIES USED

Role-Play As a Potential Client

I am an executive with a consumer-packaged goods company. We have a meeting coming up with the CEO of Whole Foods. Our goal is to gain strategic alignment as a preferred partner.

Your role is to research Jason Buechel, the CEO, and identify what matters most to him in a partnership.

No act as Jason Buechel, the Whole Foods CEO, in reviewing the attached presentation against the six priorities you've outlined.

Please structure your response highlighting:

1. The strengths of our presentation.
2. What we are missing.
3. What we can do to improve.

Data-Driven Insights

We are a steel manufacturing company. Attached is our order book history for the past three years showing production by product by plant. I've also attached our sales projections for this upcoming year showing the same. This includes assumptions we have made on what production might look like by product at each plant. Acting as the Analyst, please review the data to identify underlying trends to validate or challenge our assumptions.

Serve as a Branding Agency

You're a brand designer for bestselling authors. Your task is to create my brand colors and provide hex codes for each. My topic is AI-driven leadership, and I want to be thought of in the same light as Simon Sinek, Jim Collins, and Peter Drucker. My target audience is executives who are innovative and ambitious and who have decision-making authority to implement projects and allocate capital (for example, founders, CEOs, chief strategy officers, CIOs, and the venture funds that fund them). I also want you to generate the following for my brand specifically: our core values, the brand voice, our target audience, brand colors, fonts, and fashion that I would wear. Please generate three options.

Florian Using AI to Evaluate a Training Program for Bayer Indonesia

#CONTEXT#

I'm an executive with a large multinational organization based in Indonesia. We're going through a reorg where up to 20% of our management will leave. This will cause the management layers to flatten. As a result, leaders cannot operate with a command-and-control style of leadership. They must empower their people to think strategically and make decisions independently in alignment with the business goals.

I'm recognizing that there will be skills gaps, specifically in strategic thinking, decision-making, and storytelling. We need training programs for these. My initial thought was to use AI to build the curriculum internally.

I perceive this will save us on cost and create an opportunity for internal champions to have a vested interest in the content and be more bought in.

#YOUR ROLE#

Is to act as a strategic Thought Partner to complete the following tasks:

1. Highlight the strengths and weaknesses of AI when it comes to designing the curriculum and writing it so it has high-quality relevance and is focused on active learning.
2. What are the alternatives I should consider to create an upskilling program?
3. Identify benchmarks where AI has been used to help create internal upskilling curriculum and if it was successful. Cite your sources so I can check.