Generative AI:
Revolutionary Technology to Tackle Complex Business Challenges

In the fast-evolving landscape of technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI (GenAI) have emerged as transformative forces reshaping industries and redefining the way businesses operate. This technology provides the ability to analyze vast amounts of data, derive meaningful insights and automate complex tasks. Businesses that harness the power of AI not only gain a competitive edge, but also unlock new possibilities in customer engagement, product development and strategic decision-making.

As AI and GenAI continue to advance, the impact on industries is expected to deepen, paving the way for unprecedented advancements and shaping the future of the global economy. Embracing AI technologies is not just a trend. It's a strategic imperative for organizations looking to thrive in the dynamic and interconnected world of the 21st century.

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Gartner predicts that by 2027, GenAI tools will be used to explain legacy business applications and create appropriate replacements, **reducing modernization costs by 70%.**

Gartner's Top Strategic Predictions for 2024 and Beyond — Living With the Year Everything Changed, November 23, 2023

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60%

Forrester predicts that in 2024, **sixty percent of workers will use their own AI to perform their tasks.**

Predictions 2024: Artificial Intelligence, October 24, 2023

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What is AI?

In the simplest terms, AI refers to computer systems or machines that are designed to perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence. These tasks include things like learning, reasoning, problem-solving, understanding natural language, recognizing patterns and making suggestions on innovative enhancements. AI enables machines to mimic certain aspects of human intelligence, allowing them to perform specific functions and adapt to different situations.

AI techniques such as machine learning and natural language processing play pivotal roles. Machine learning, in particular, empowers AI systems to learn from data, adapt to new information, generate new data and improve performance over time. Natural language processing allows AI systems to understand and respond to customer inquiries and enable sophisticated applications such as chatbots, virtual assistants and language translation.

With AI adoption growing steadily, it's playing a significant role in transforming how businesses operate and how individuals interact with technology. However, for AI to be truly effective, the data it relies on is critically important for it to be successful. In fact, the saying "data is the new oil" reflects the central role that data plays in the development, training and deployment of AI systems.

The Importance of the Data Behind AI

To fully take advantage of what AI offers, data is often referred to as the "fuel" that powers the solutions. The quality, quantity and relevance of data are paramount in the development, training and deployment of AI systems. AI models learn from data patterns and use that knowledge to make predictions, classifications or generate outputs.

Data is a fundamental component for the development and functioning of AI, with the quality and nature of the data playing a critical role in shaping the capabilities and behavior of AI systems.

The Value of Billing Data

As we've discussed, without data, AI and GenAI capabilities by themselves are insufficient. Machine learning and predictive analytics require timely, accurate and relevant data. Comprehensive data from a billing system often contains valuable information related to organizational operations, customer interactions and business processes. Additionally, billing data offers a great source for analyzing trends like product usage data, sales and revenue data, customer behavior data and others to make predictions that influence business decisions.

There are many scenarios where billing data can be useful in AI applications:

Fraud Detection

Billing data can be analyzed to identify patterns indicative of fraudulent activities. Machine learning algorithms can be trained on historical billing data to detect anomalies or suspicious transactions.

Billing data can be used to predict future financial trends, assist businesses in making informed decisions and plan for the future.

Financial Forecasting

Customer Behavior Analysis

Analyzing billing data can provide insights into customer behavior, preferences and purchasing patterns. This information can be leveraged to enhance personalized marketing strategies.

AI can analyze billing data to identify inefficiencies in the billing process. This may involve automating certain billing tasks, streamlining invoicing procedures and reducing errors in billing systems.

Billing Process Optimization

Cost Optimization

For businesses, billing data can be used to optimize costs and identify areas where expenses can be reduced or efficiency improved.

Unleashing the Power of
GenAI with BillingPlatform

BillingPlatform, the leading revenue lifecycle management platform, has embraced the power of AI, particularly GenAI, to enhance its capabilities and empower users. By leveraging BillingPlatform's metadata-driven architecture, GenAI can seamlessly integrate with the platform, unlocking a new era of intelligent application configuration and user empowerment.

The metadata-driven architecture means that all aspects of the system and its configuration – from the data model to the formulas used in rating, to the layouts in the user interface – are known and described in system metadata. In fact, the system's web-based user interface doesn't have pages like a traditional web application. The UI is simply transformed and re-rendered in real time based on the user's clicks and resulting metadata about the area of the application being clicked.

This architecture opens a whole new world of possibilities around using GenAI, from the ability to train a machine learning algorithm on the system's configuration metadata and teaching it to generate new metadata given a problem, or instruction presented to it or based on learned usage patterns.

What does this mean? Every aspect of the systems configuration and functionality such as workflow, validation rules, the data model and the user interface are nothing more than specifically formatted text. So a trained AI model can actually do the job of application configuration, that today, fairly qualified humans do after researching the needs of the end user and then implementing the necessary configuration changes.

With BillingPlatform and GenAI capabilities, end-users can interact with the system directly to more quickly and easily request and implement changes to the configuration – automatically. This significantly enhances business productivity simply by speaking requirements to a trained AI model that understands their language and also understands the BillingPlatform metadata model.

In fact, the AI doesn't need to wait for the end user to tell it what to do. Because BillingPlatform captures all of the user interactions, as well as API or machine-to-machine interactions, it uses this data in conjunction with the metadata to generate new capabilities and new processes in the application – automatically.

Empowering Users with Self-Service Feature Enhancements

The integration of GenAI with BillingPlatform revolutionizes the way users interact with the platform. Through a natural language interface, users can effortlessly communicate their feature enhancement requests to the AI, which then translates those requests into the appropriate metadata modifications. This self-service approach empowers users to take ownership of their BillingPlatform experience, and customizes the platform to their unique workflows and preferences.

Users can simply describe their desired feature enhancements in plain language and the AI will automatically translate those requests into the necessary metadata changes. This eliminates the need for users to have technical expertise or understand the intricacies of BillingPlatform's configuration. Additionally, it reduces the burden on IT teams, who no longer need to handle every feature request manually, freeing up their time to focus on more strategic initiatives.

Please show me all accounts with a balance greater than 30 days past due

METADATA

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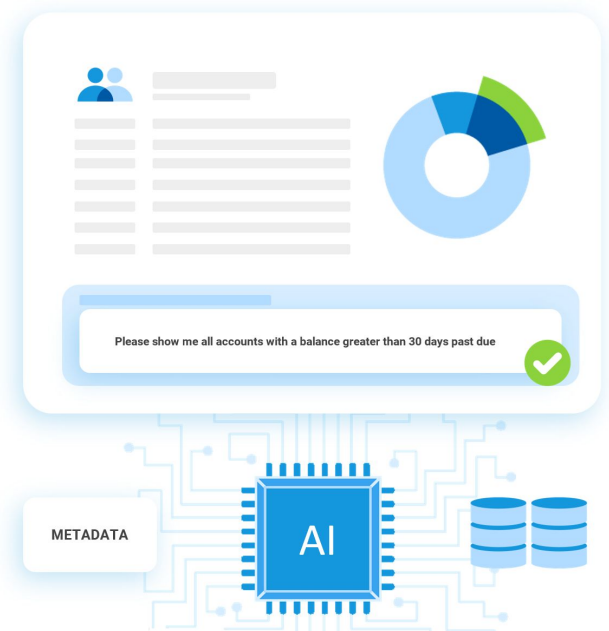
Optimizing Business Operations through AI-Driven Insights

GenAI, coupled with BillingPlatform's metadata architecture, transforms BillingPlatform into a powerful tool for innovation and optimization. By continuously analyzing user interactions, configuration patterns and business data, GenAI can identify hidden opportunities, suggest innovative enhancements and even predict potential issues before they arise. This ability to generate actionable insights can help businesses optimize their billing processes, improve customer satisfaction and uncover new revenue streams.

GenAI analyzes user behavior patterns to identify areas where the platform could be more intuitive or efficient. It can suggest new features or workflows that would streamline specific tasks, enhance productivity and improve the overall user experience. Additionally, GenAI can analyze business data to identify trends, anomalies and potential risks, providing insights that can help businesses make informed decisions and optimize their billing strategies.

METADATA

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Enhancing Security and Compliance
with AI-Powered Monitoring

The integration of AI and GenAI with BillingPlatform's metadata architecture significantly enhances security and compliance within the platform. AI can continuously monitor application configurations, user interactions and data integrity; thereby identifying potential security vulnerabilities or compliance gaps. It can then suggest remedial actions or automatically implement those actions, ensuring that BillingPlatform adheres to industry standards and regulatory requirements.

AI can be leveraged to analyze user access patterns and identify any suspicious activity or unauthorized access attempts. It can also monitor data changes and detect anomalies that could indicate tampering or fraud. Additionally, AI can be trained to stay up-to-date on evolving regulatory requirements and proactively identify any potential compliance issues within the platform's configuration.

It's important to consider data privacy and security regulations when working with billing data, especially if it contains sensitive information.
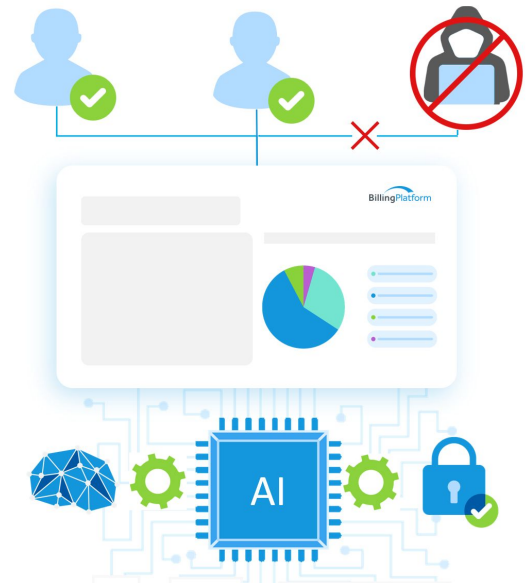
BillingPlatform in Action

Let's look at a specific example. A user in BillingPlatform logs into the system looking for certain accounts that are past due. The user clicks on the account, then navigates to the invoices section of the app and queries for invoices related to that account. The user then filters for invoices that are not paid and are also past due. That's a lot of steps and someone with knowledge of the system could make that interaction available in a single step with a simple change to the "Account" page layout.

In BillingPlatform, because the entire data model is described in metadata, all data and its relationships are known and presented to a trained configuration analyst as options. In this case, the options could be to create a filtered list of past due invoices and place that list directly onto the account detail page limited by the specific account in view. This analyst could also configure workflow to automatically notify system owners that there are past due invoices to address.

With GenAI, this scenario plays out in response to an AI recognizing a pattern of excessive clicks through the same areas of the app. The AI understands the data model through the system's metadata and also knows that "invoices" are related to the "Account" object and a "related list" of invoices can be constructed and added to the user's "Account" page layout. It can make this suggestion to the end-user directly and if the user likes this option, it can generate the necessary metadata to implement these changes for the user in real time. This same process could play out with suggested workflow options.

Other use cases supported with GenAI and a metadata-driven architecture:

Generation of workflow automation based on detection of a consistent pattern of redundant navigations and associated inputs and processes

Consolidation of sequenced user actions into a dashboard of clickable shortcuts for immediate execution

Natural Language search and reporting using NL to SQL trained on the BillingPlatform Data Model and associated Metadata

Natural Language help and support leveraging known areas of the application and associated help and training content

High-volume usage ingestion, rating and invoicing anomaly detection

Pricing and packaging optimization based on cross-customer product configurations and associated billing data

AI Collections strategies to automate collections using Generated Collections Scripts and an AI call center (such as Amazon and Google) to execute these scripts and communicate to and also interact with delinquent customers for resolution

High Volume mediation performance degradation detection and remediation strategies

The key is that data is what gives AI intelligence and with BillingPlatform's metadata model, AI can form specific intelligence around our configuration and operational data with a goal of significantly enhancing and extending the application continuously and automatically.

BillingPlatform and Generative AI:
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By effectively leveraging Generative AI and BillingPlatform's metadata architecture, businesses can achieve unprecedented levels of automation, user empowerment, security and optimization.

BillingPlatform transforms into a dynamic, intelligent platform that continuously learns, adapts and enhances itself, empowering businesses to thrive in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

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