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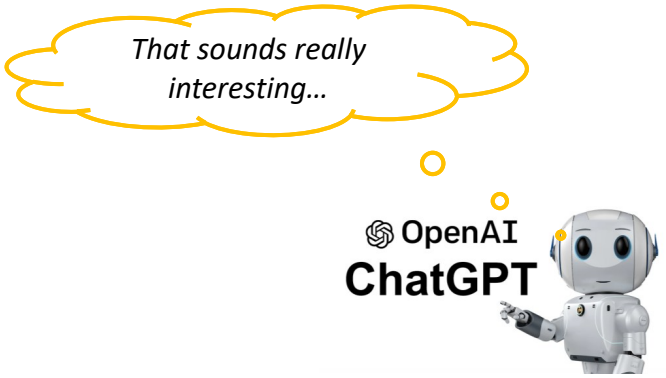

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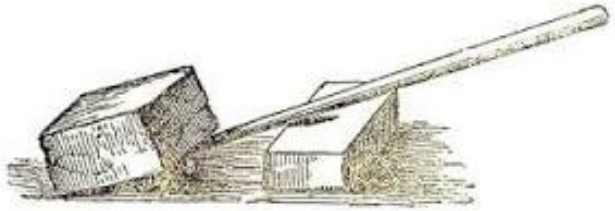

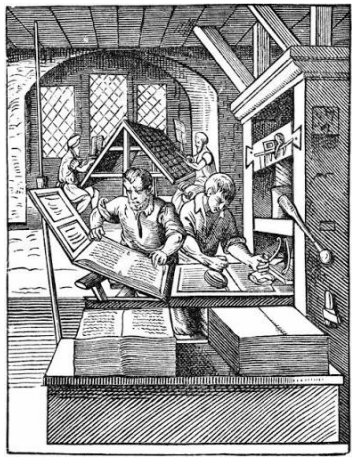

AI as the perfect force multiplier…
But…it only multiplies what people already bring to the table.

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As AI gets better, humans become *more*, not less, important

"The AI is a fun toy."

"The AI is helping me in some tasks."

"The AI has a jagged frontier, sometimes it's amazing, sometimes it's dumb."

"The AI is unbelievably intelligent but for some reason it fails at X."

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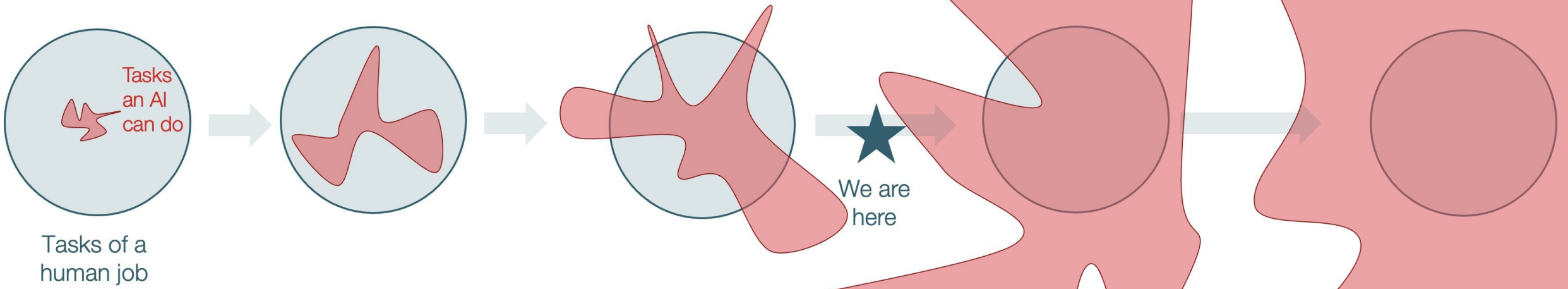

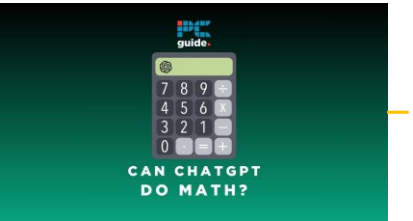

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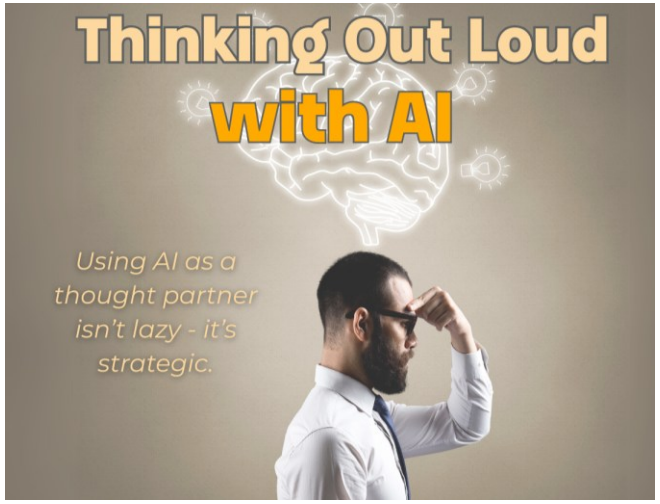

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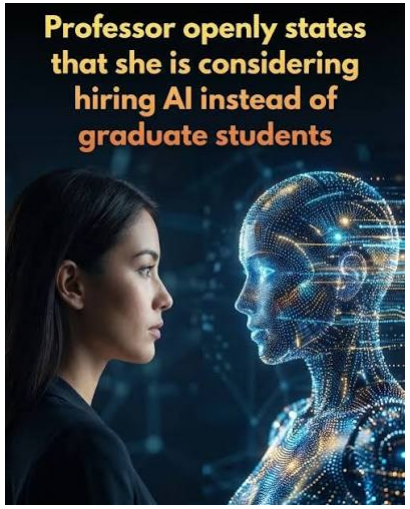

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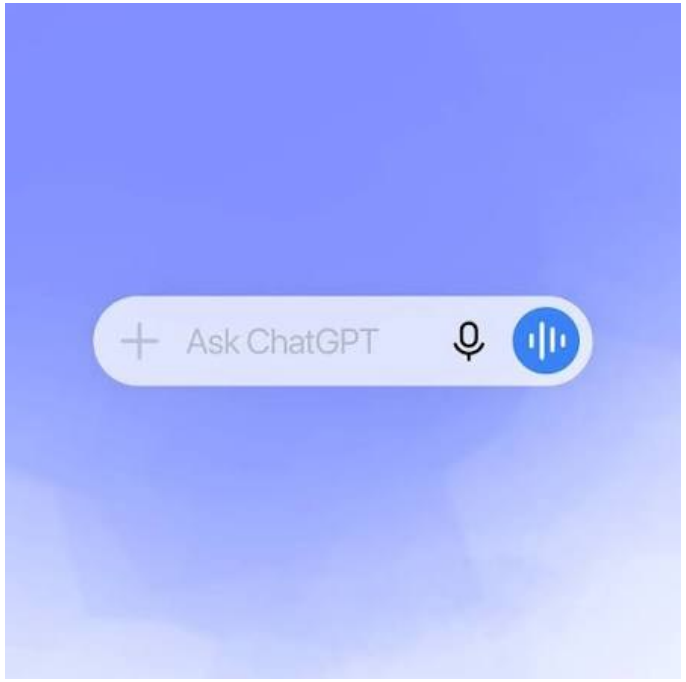

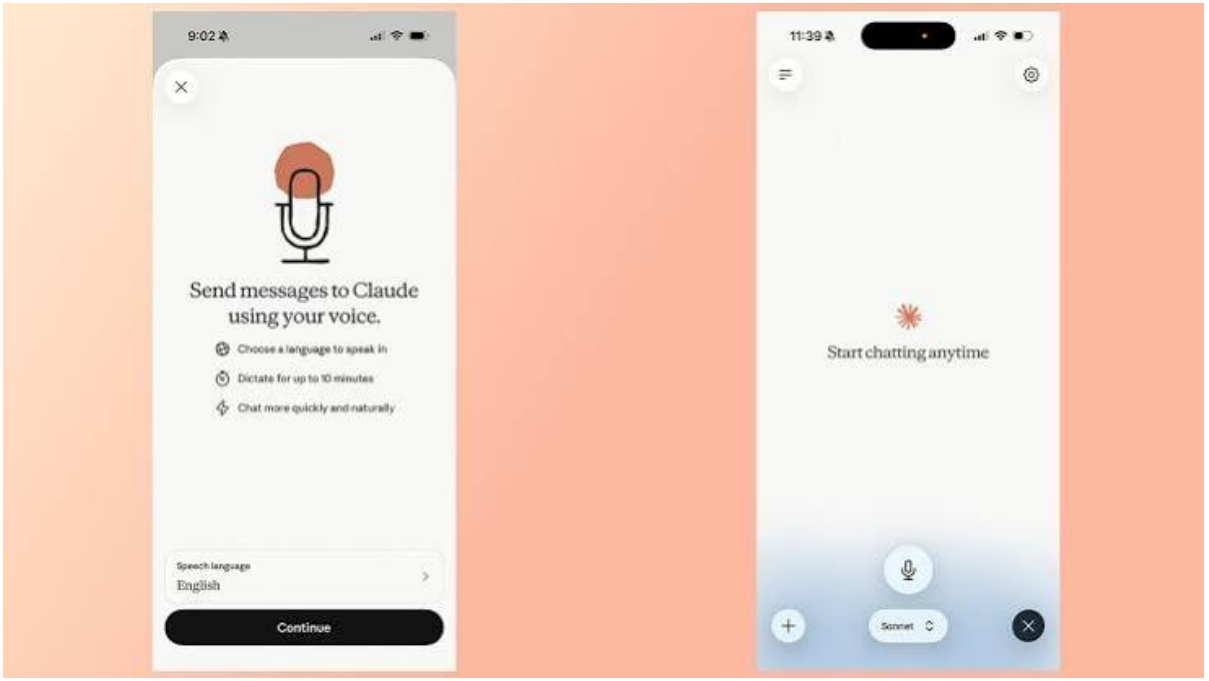

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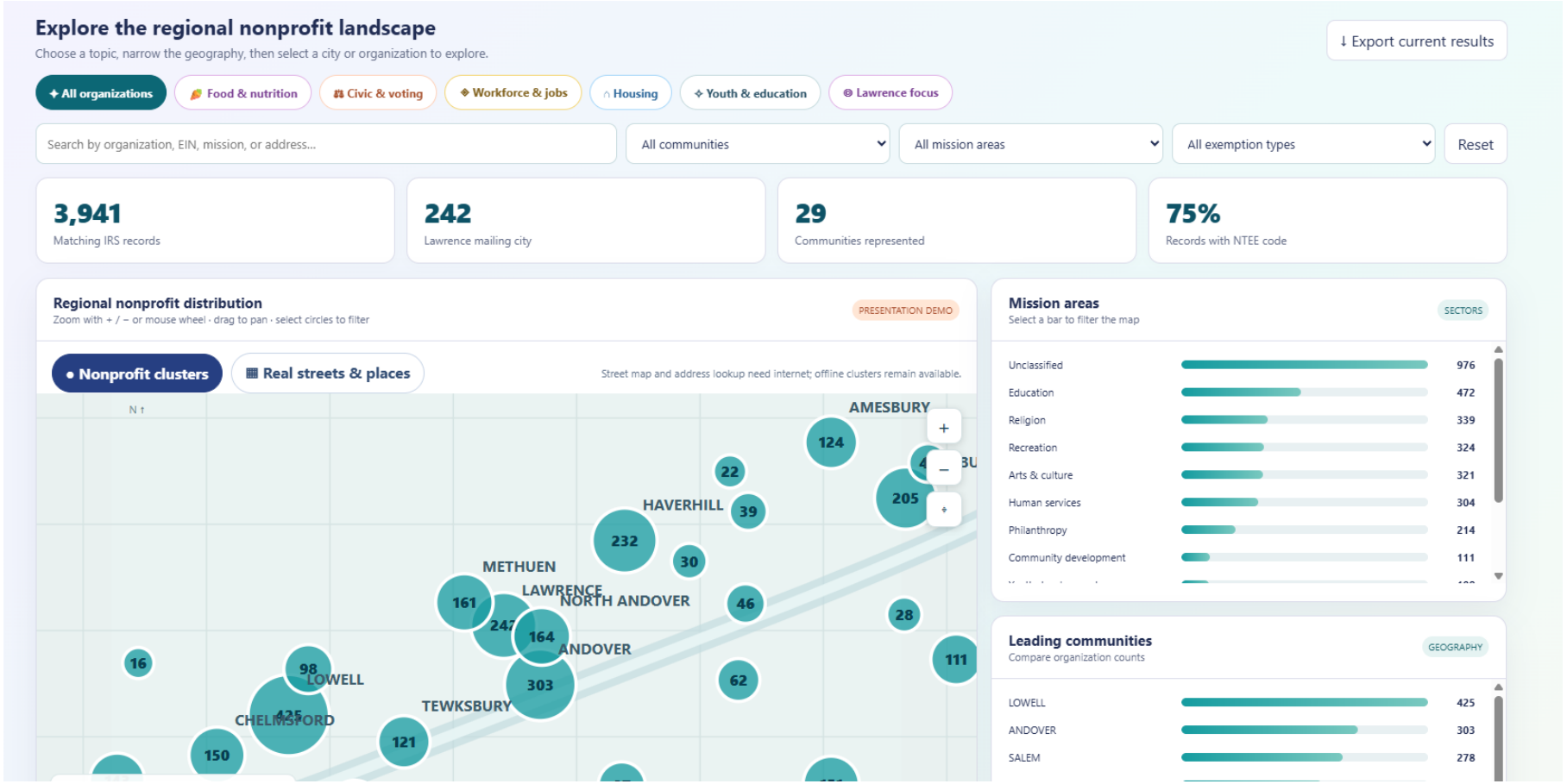

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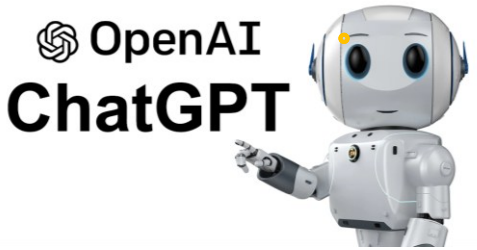
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