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## The Trust Problem.

AI adoption stalls when people don't trust the outputs.  
Building trust in AI is not a communications challenge — it is  
a design challenge.

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# Good Tools, Low Trust.



## THE ADOPTION GAP NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

Only 47% of American workers trust AI, compared to 75-77% in China and India. Even among organisations actively deploying AI, scepticism from frontline users consistently undermines adoption. The technology is rarely the bottleneck. Trust is.

## Why trust breaks down

### ✗ AI outputs feel like a black box

When people can't see how an AI reached a conclusion, they can't assess whether to act on it.

### ✗ High-profile errors stick

One visible AI failure — a wrong answer, a biased output — creates scepticism that takes months to undo.

## What builds trust

### ✓ Transparency in reasoning

AI systems that show their work — citing sources, flagging uncertainty — earn calibrated trust rather than blind acceptance.

### ✓ Consistent accuracy over time

Trust builds through track record. Well-scoped AI that performs reliably within its lane earns expanding trust incrementally.

## THE ROOT CAUSE

**Low AI trust is not a people problem. It is a design and communication problem that organisations can solve.**



# Designing for Trust.

EARNED, NOT ASSUMED

Trust in AI is not granted because a tool is accurate. It is earned through transparency, consistency, and the experience of using AI outputs that turn out to be right. Trust must be designed for, not hoped for.

## Three Design Principles

### 01

#### Show the reasoning, not just the result

Users who understand how an AI arrived at an output can evaluate it. Opaque results create anxiety; transparent reasoning creates calibrated confidence.

### 02

#### Scope AI to where it is reliable

AI deployed within its zone of competence builds a track record. AI stretched beyond it erodes trust fast. Scope is a trust design decision.

### 03

#### Make it easy to push back

Systems that allow — even encourage — users to question, override, and report AI errors signal that the organisation values human judgment. That signal matters.

#### THE PRINCIPLE

The fastest path to AI adoption is demonstrating, repeatedly, that the AI is right.

# Trust as Infrastructure.



Organisations that treat trust as a design input — not an afterthought — unlock AI adoption faster and sustain it longer.

**01**

## Start with high-trust use cases

Deploy AI first in areas where accuracy is easiest to verify and the cost of error is low. Early wins build the credibility needed for higher-stakes deployments.

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**02**

## Involve users in design

Trust is higher when people have shaped the systems they use. Co-designing AI tools with frontline users reduces resistance and increases adoption.

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**03**

## Communicate proactively about failures

Organisations that acknowledge AI errors openly and explain what they are doing about them build more durable trust than those that stay silent.

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# Trust Is Built Slowly.



The organisations with the highest AI adoption rates didn't get there through mandates or marketing. They got there through consistent, visible demonstrations that the AI worked — and by treating every failure as a design problem to solve, not a communications problem to manage.

## Questions to Ask Your Team

- 01 What is the current level of trust in AI outputs among your frontline teams — and do you measure it?
- 02 Are your AI deployments scoped to where they are most reliable, or are they being stretched beyond their competence?
- 03 Do your people feel safe pushing back on AI outputs, or is there cultural pressure to accept them?
- 04 What would it take to double AI adoption rates in your organisation within six months?

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From scepticism, to confident adoption.

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