

AI PRODUCTIVITY ROADMAP

**NAVIGATING PRODUCTIVITY OF THE INDUSTRY
IN THE DIGITAL AND AI ERA**

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PLAYERS

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Foreword Director General

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To boost national productivity, we must harness the power of AI and digital technologies - every sector, every individual has a role to play by equipping themselves with the right knowledge, skills, and competencies to stay ahead

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DATUK ZAHID ISMAIL

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Foreword Champion

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Collaboration between contractors, technology providers, government agencies, regulatory bodies and industry stakeholders is crucial to realizing the full potential of digital productivity in construction. This roadmap serves as a call to action for industry leaders to invest in digital capabilities and foster a culture of continuous innovation.

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Industry Overview

The Malaysian construction industry demonstrates substantial expansion, evidenced by notable growth in 2024 propelled by infrastructure initiatives and private capital expenditure. Prevailing challenges encompass escalating material expenses and skilled labor deficits. Notwithstanding these constraints, the sector has been able to maintain a positive trajectory for 2025, underpinned by continuous development projects and sustained private sector investments.

1. Number of Establishment **71,062**

2. Number of Employees **1,242,400**

3. Key Sub sectors



4. GDP Contribution **66,582 million**

5. Value chain/Supply Chain



6. Productivity Level/Growth **47,225 (16.5%)**

CHALLENGES IN DIGITALISATION

1

High initial costs and low return on investments especially for small companies.

2

Lack of digital skills and expertise that is capable of utilising and managing advanced digital tools.

3

Lack of standardisation in digital processes and a common language for digital collaboration among different stakeholders.

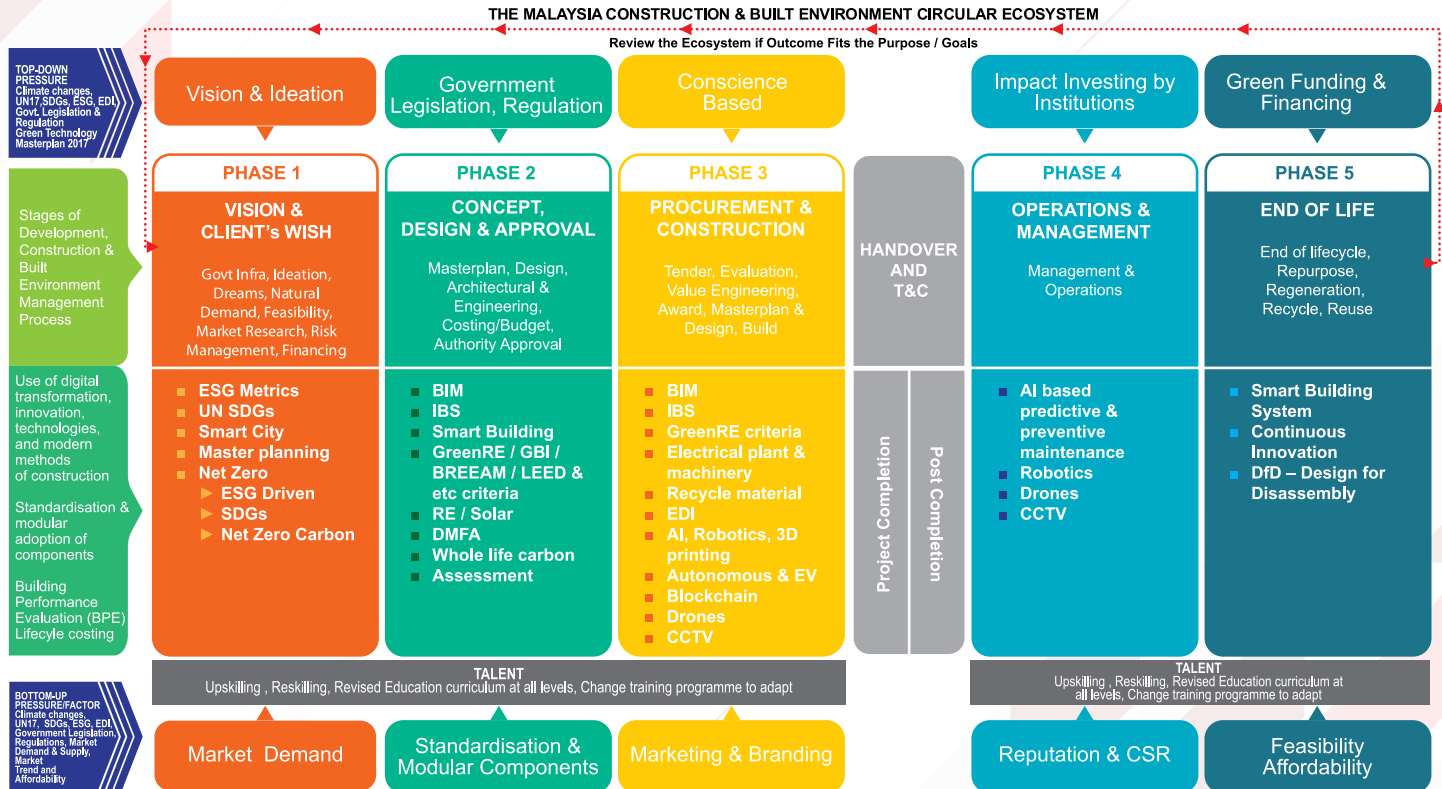
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Poor network connectivity at construction sites especially in remote areas.

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Integration of new digital technologies with existing workflows is complex and disruptive.

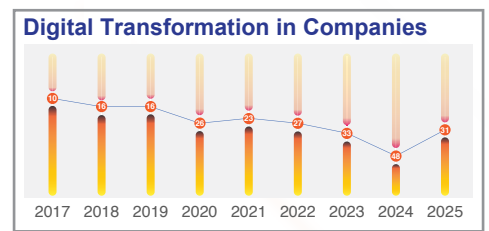
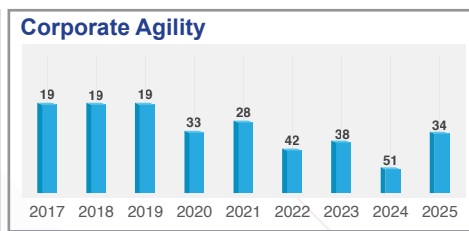
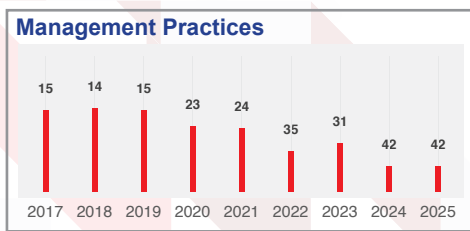
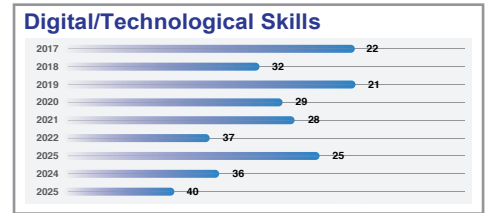
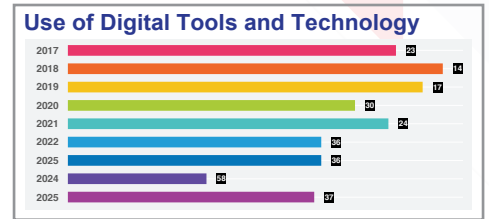
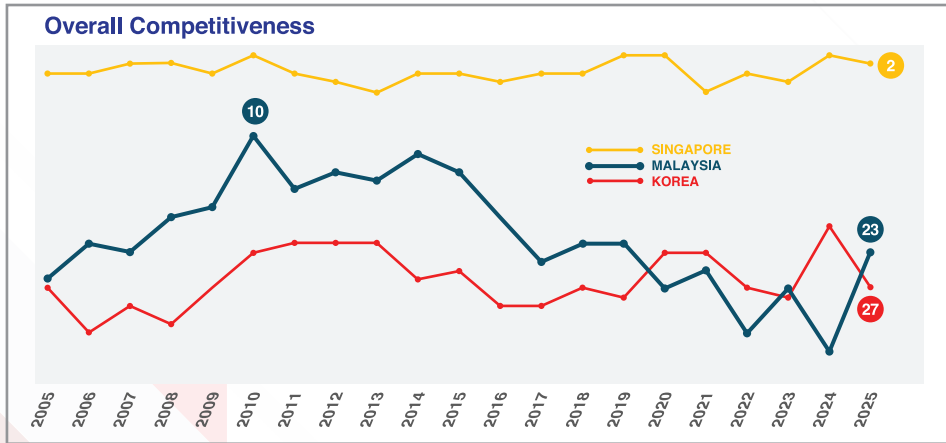
Construction & Built Environment Ecosystem



Source: Michael Yam, Sustainability Ecosystem Chart

Accelerating Digital Adoption to Enhance National Competitiveness

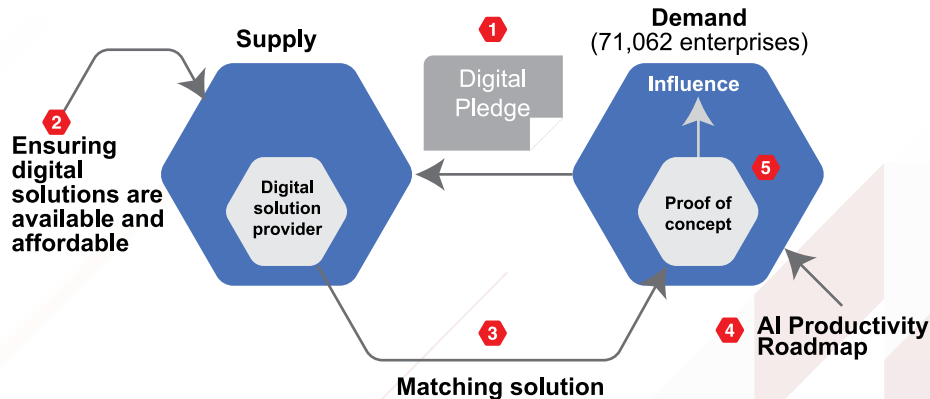
Malaysia must urgently accelerate technology adoption to achieve its aspiration of becoming one of the top 12 most competitive nations by 2030



Source: World Competitiveness Yearbook




Accelerating Productivity through Digitalisation via MPC's Digital Platform Network+

Business leaders can enhance productivity and strengthen the ecosystem by leveraging MPC's Digital Platform Network+ (DPN+), which provides access to affordable digital solutions and promotes skills enhancement to drive digital transformation.












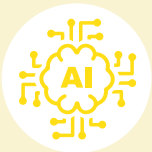
The tables outline the progressive stages of digital adoption across various functions in the construction & built environment industry, categorizing them into Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced levels to illustrate the industry's transformation journey toward enhanced efficiency, automation, and AI-driven insights.

LEVEL	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
DEFINITION	 <p>Foundational tools to digitalize basic processes like record-keeping and sales</p>	 <p>Integration of data-driven tools to optimize operations and improve traceability</p>	 <p>Automation and predictive systems leveraging AI, IoT and real-time analytics</p>





Phases: Concept, Design & Approval

<p>FUNCTIONS IN SERVICES</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplan • Design • Architectural & engineering
<p>BASIC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2D CAD Software for basic drafting • Sketching & Diagramming Tools • Presentation Tools <p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AutoCAD LT, DraftSight, or LibreCAD • SketchUp Free, Visio, or Adobe Illustrator • PowerPoint, Canva, or Google Slides
<p>INTERMEDIATE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D CAD & BIM Software • Rendering Software • Clash Detection & Coordination • Basic Project Management Tools <p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autodesk Revit, ArchiCAD, Vectorworks Architect • Lumion, Twinmotion, V-Ray, Enscape • Navisworks Manage • MS Project, Asana, or Trello
<p>ADVANCED</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parametric & Algorithmic Design • AI-assisted Design Tools • Virtual Reality (VR) <p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grashopper for Rhino, Dynamo for Revit for generative design • Spacemaker AI, TestFit.io • Full-immersive design walkthroughs using Unreal Engine, Unity Reflect, Enscape VR





Phases: Construction

<p>FUNCTIONS IN SERVICES</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Works • Utility Works • Mechanical & Electrical Works • Landscaping Works • Architectural & Building Works 	
<p>BASIC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablets/phones with apps for daily reporting, checklists, and photo documentation • Basic Project Management Software • 2D CAD Viewers 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PlanGrid, Fieldwire • Microsoft Project, Asana, or Smartsheet for task tracking and Gantt charts • AutoCAD Mobile, DWG FastView
<p>INTERMEDIATE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Daily Logs & Time Tracking • Construction Management Platforms • Wearables for Safety Monitoring 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raken, ClockShark, or eSUB for tracking hours, crews, and daily activity • Integrated systems for quality, RFIs, issues, and compliance (e.g., Procore, Autodesk Build, Buildertrend)
<p>ADVANCED</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autonomous Construction Equipment • Digital Twins (Construction-Time Sync) • AR/VR for On-Site Guidance 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driverless or semi- autonomous machinery (e.g., Built Robotics, Komatsu Intelligent Machine Control) • AR overlays of designs on physical spaces using HoloLens, DAQRI, or ARki

Phases: Operation & Management

<p>FUNCTIONS IN SERVICES</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Management • Administration • Maintenance • Facilities Operation 	
<p>BASIC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreadsheets & Manual Databases • PDF & Document Management Tools • Basic CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management Systems) 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for maintenance logs, asset tracking, energy use, and inspections • Adobe Acrobat, Dropbox • MaintainX, UpKeep, or Fiix for basic scheduling and maintenance tracking
<p>INTERMEDIATE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated CMMS / CAFM Systems • IoT-Enabled Maintenance Monitoring • BIM for Facilities Management (6DBIM) 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer-Aided Facility Management systems for managing , spaces, and workflows (e.g., Archibus, Planon, Hippo CMMS) • BIM models used post-construction for management, and maintenance tasks
<p>ADVANCED</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI-Driven Predictive Maintenance • Smart Building Management Systems (BMS/BAS) • Advanced IoT Platforms 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machine learning algorithms analyze sensor data to forecast breakdowns (e.g., IBM Maximo AI, Uptake) • Honeywell Forge, Johnson Controls Metasys, Tridium Niagara • Azure Digital Twins, AWS IoT SiteWise

Phases: End of Life

<p>FUNCTIONS IN SERVICES</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition • Renovation • Refurbishment • Repurpose • Recycle 	
<p>BASIC</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Tracking Systems • Construction Management Software • BIM for As-built Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartWaste for logging demolition waste disposal and recycling • Procore, PlanGrid, or Buildertrend for scheduling, checklists, and communication • Revit, ArchiCAD
<p>INTERMEDIATE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D Scanning (LIDAR/ Photogrammetry) • Simulation & Analysis Tools • Digital Waste Management 	<p>Available tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captures high - resolution data of existing structures for accurate renovation models • Structural and energy simulation tools like ETABS, SAP2000, IES VE • Material tracking, separation, and recycling tools with real-time dashboards
<p>ADVANCED</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotic Demolition Systems • AR/VR for Renovation Visualization • Digital Twins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available tools • Brokk, Husqvarna DXR • Immersive walkthroughs or overlaying digital models in real - world environments (e.g., HoloLens, Unity Reflect) • Bentley iTwin, Autodesk Tandem

AI-Powered Digital Transformation Journey in Construction

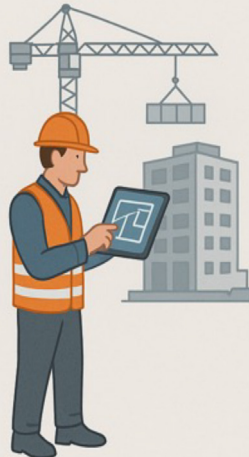
DIGITALIZATION IN CONSTRUCTION



BASIC

BASIC (DIGITIZATION)

Replace paper-based processes with digital tools



INTERMEDIATE

INTERMEDIATE (DIGITALIZATION)

Integrate digital systems for better efficiency and collaboration



ADVANCED

ADVANCED (AI TRANSFORMATION)

Leverage smart technologies for innovation and value creation

AI & Digital Breakthroughs for Businesses:

Enhancing Operational Efficiency

This page highlights real-world examples of **successful digital adoption** across industries, showcasing how automation and technology integration drive **operational improvements, cost savings, and enhanced customer satisfaction**.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Early inspection and monitoring fence installation progress can be a laborious task. Walking to each fence installation area on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis is impractical as it is very time consuming. Even with the aid of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or utility vehicles, wet areas to cross, and wooded areas to traverse, can be challenging due to unpredictable weather.

SOLUTION

Use of technology to conduct site pre-inspection for risk assessment and monitoring work progress during fence installation.

Productivity Metric



No. of Days taken for Inspection



No. of Manpower Needed

Source : Productivity Step-Up proof of concept (R Enterprise)



VALUE CREATION

Drone technology helps in ensuring safety, simplify processes and reduce time taken. This method saves time approximately up to 80% and requires less manpower, and uses less equipment compared to the manual method.

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DIGITAL PLEDGE



Pledge GO B.I.G WITH DIGITAL

BREAKTHROUGH. INTEGRITY. GOOD

I commit to Go B.I.G with Digital—to lead with integrity, embrace technology, and boost productivity. Digital is for everyone, and it starts with me.

Saya komited untuk Go B.I.G with Digital—memimpin dengan integriti, menerima teknologi, dan meningkatkan produktiviti. Digital untuk semua, dan ia bermula dengan saya.

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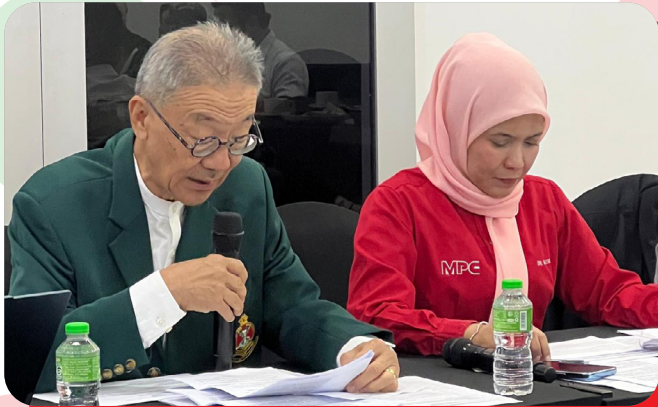
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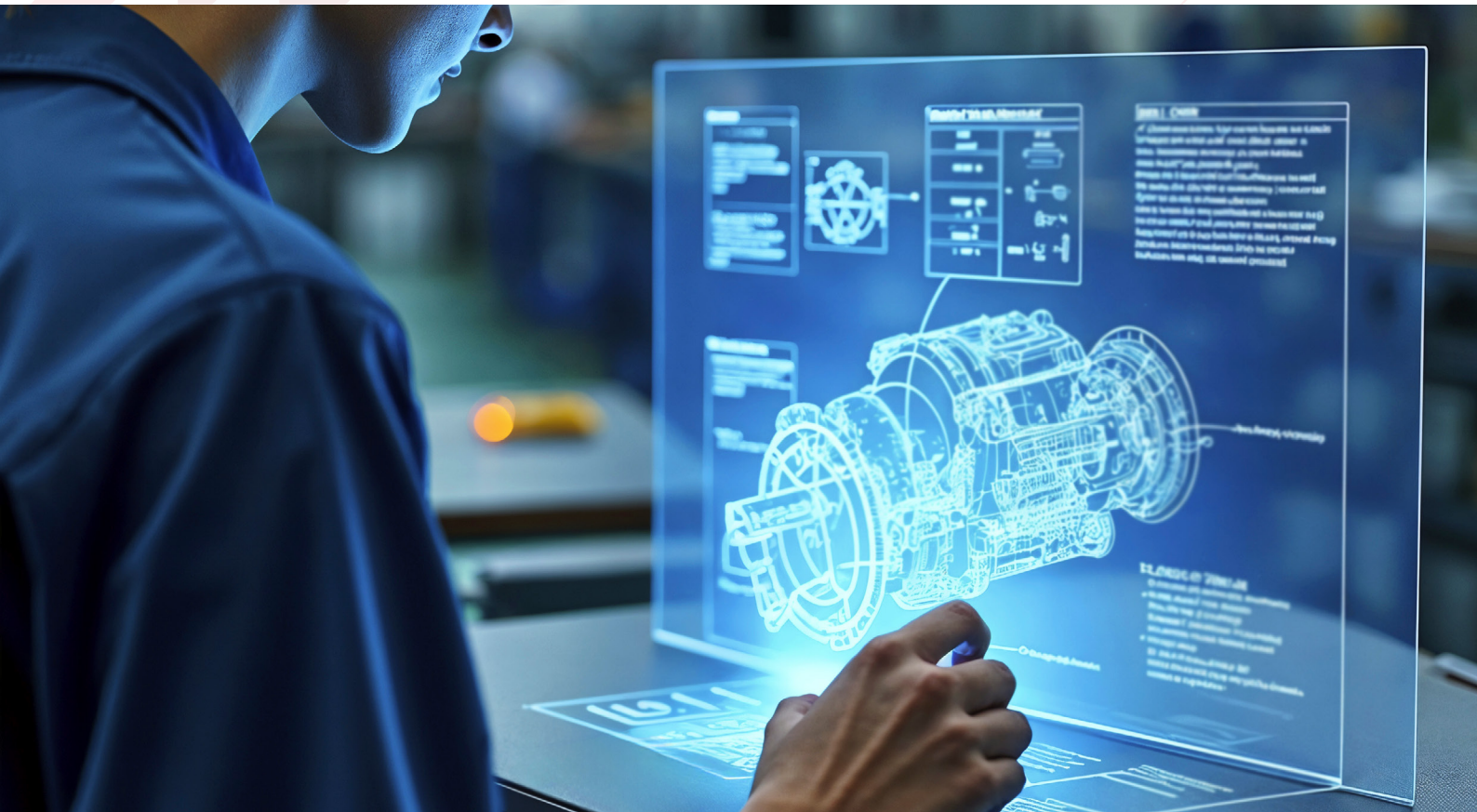
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