

AI Project Success Checklist

Project Kickoff & Alignment

- □ **Clarify Business Vision & Outcomes**: Align all stakeholders on target objectives and KPIs (CPMAI: Strategy Alignment; CRISP-ML: Business Understanding).
- Define Scope & Roles: Confirm timelines, resource allocation, and responsibilities.
- □ **Identify Success Metrics**: Establish measurable criteria for success and ROI.

Data Strategy & Readiness

- Data Inventory & Quality Check: Assess data availability, consistency, and security (CRISP-ML: Data Understanding).
- Data Preparation Plan: Outline cleaning, enrichment, and labeling steps (CRISP-ML: Data Preparation).
- □ **Governance & Compliance**: Ensure data usage meets regulatory, ethical, and security standards (CPMAI: Data Governance).

Model Development

- □ **Modeling Approach & Tools**: Choose algorithms, frameworks, and environments (CRISP-ML: Modeling).
- **Baseline & Iteration**: Start with a simple model and iterate to improve performance.
- Document Assumptions: Keep track of data lineage, model parameters, and known biases (CPMAI: Transparency).

Iterative Validation & Refinement

- □ **Evaluate Performance**: Test models against key KPIs and validate results with stakeholders (CRISP-ML: Evaluation).
- □ **Feedback Loops**: Involve SMEs and end-users for iterative refinements (CPMAI: Stakeholder Engagement).
- **Continuous Improvement**: Adjust features, retrain models, and refine metrics as needed.

Deployment & Operationalization

- □ **Integration & Scalability**: Embed the model into production workflows and ensure it can scale (CRISP-ML: Deployment).
- □ **Monitoring & Alerts**: Set up dashboards and alerts for model drift, latency, and performance (CPMAI: Monitoring & Maintenance).
- □ **Maintenance Schedule**: Plan periodic retraining and updates.

Ethics & Compliance

- □ **Bias & Fairness Checks**: Apply bias detection tools and maintain ethical guidelines (CPMAI: Ethical AI).
- □ **Transparency & Explainability**: Communicate how the model works and why decisions were made.

Knowledge Transfer & Handover

- □ **Train Teams**: Ensure operations, support, and business teams understand how to use the model.
- Document & Archive: Maintain clear documentation for future reference and regulatory checks.
- □ **Identify Next Opportunities**: Leverage lessons learned to expand AI solutions across the organization.

Keep this checklist handy to guide your AI projects towards measurable, reliable, and ethically sound success!