



SMART PRODUCTIVITY

HOW TO INTEGRATE AI TOOLS — AT A GLANCE

Enhance productivity and drive growth — the whole method on one page.

The one rule: adopt AI tools that serve a business objective — never the other way around. Chasing every new release is ‘**Shiny AI Syndrome**’, and it wastes time and money. AI can support accounting, billing, customer service, sales & marketing, recruitment, and operations — if it is chosen on purpose.

STEP 1

Review Objectives & See Where AI Can Help

Audit the AI tools you already use (frequency, purpose, impact, challenges). Then list one specific objective per business activity — e.g. “Reduce customer wait time from 8 to 4 minutes” or “Boost content output by 20%” — and the tools that could deliver it. Prioritize by impact. Mind the barriers: setup cost, training time, ongoing upkeep.

STEP 2

Set Criteria & Choose One Tool

Score each candidate 1–5 on: **relevance to your objective** · **ease of use** · **cost** · **scalability** · **support & training** · **compatibility** · **performance, reliability & longevity** (35 max). Find tools via industry research, reviews, fellow entrepreneurs, and free trials — and check your current software for built-in AI first. Highest score goes first.

STEP 3

Measure the Impact

Identify KPIs tied to the objective (posts per month, wait time, invoices processed). **Record your baseline** before you start. **Track progress** on a schedule — weekly works — using the tool’s built-in analytics where it has them. **Adjust** the plan, the tool, or the goal based on what the data says.

STEP 4

Create an Integration Plan

Three stages: **test pilot** (small-scale test) → **gradual implementation** → **full integration**. Outline objective, timeline, resources (time, people, budget, training), then set checkpoints: early assessment, midpoint review, final review — and put every date on your calendar. Shortcut prompt: “Help me create a step-by-step plan to integrate [tool] into my business to achieve [objective].”

STEP 5

Avoid AI Distractions

Keep the objective in front of you. Prioritize AI tasks that serve it, and define “good enough” so refining doesn’t eat the day. Build AI work into a daily or weekly routine, use focus tools and timers, and keep your toolkit small — a few multi-purpose tools, aimed well.

POPULAR STARTING TOOLS

Writing & planning: ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini · Editing: Grammarly · Organization: Notion AI, Trello · Customer support: Forethought · CRM: HubSpot · Social: Buffer, Sprout Social · SEO: Jasper · Accounting: Zeni · Sales outreach: Drift · Images & video: Canva, Magic Eraser

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This overview pairs with the **Smart Productivity audio program** and the **Smart Productivity Workbook** — worksheets for the audit, prioritization, evaluation scores, metrics, integration plan, and distraction plan. Listen, work the sheets, keep this page in sight.

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