eSeniors 55+ Network

If we tell someone everything we know, we still have everything left.

Seniors 55+:
Incentive to use artificial intelligence tools

Dr. Jože Gričar, Joze.Gricar@UM.si
10.05.2025

The development of artificial intelligence tools is very fast. It affects all people of all professions and age groups around the world.

We monitor the publication of eArticles and eReports on this topic (see below). Some authors treat the opportunities very generally, some mainly from the perspective of a selected group of users. For example, students, university professors, employees, employers, government representatives, seniors. We are particularly interested in seniors given the needs and interests of our network members, but also because of the specificities of this group. Namely, there is a fear that seniors do not have adequate help available to learn about and initially use these tools. This is where the expectation of a new kind of gap between those who use these tools, and those who do not, comes from.

We do not yet know many dimensions of the impact of the use of artificial intelligence tools. However, we can expect the impact to be large. Some compare it to the impact of the introduction of personal computers and the availability of the Internet provided to all people. Both impacts have greatly changed the work of individuals and organizations, and the benefits in both cases are very large. Many warn that people must adapt to the new possibilities brought by artificial intelligence tools in a timely manner.

The impact will also be great on the democratization of society, as people will have the opportunity to use these tools to quickly and directly access a lot of available data in accordance with their needs and desires. It will be increasingly difficult for the media, which “produce information” for readers and listeners, or as some admit, create the truth. But everyone forms information for herself/himself based on the data received, which reflects the facts and states of events.

An additional impact on the democratization of society will be the accessibility of data in various languages. The ChatGPT tool currently allows the use of more than 95 languages, including Slovene. The translators are solid. People can receive data in their own language about events and states from all over the world - for free since the basic tools are free. Experts expect it to stay that way. People have never had anything like this before.

Artificial intelligence tools are just tools. Like all technology, they are neither good nor bad in themselves. It depends on the user what and how they want to use the tool and how they can help. Those who know more will benefit more from using it, so that they can ask the right question. Their prior knowledge will determine how they will be able to judge the appropriateness of the answer they receive by the tool. However, it will fundamentally depend on them: what they will ask and what they will do based on the answer they receive. It will be up to them to ask themselves what action they will propose or organize to solve which problem.

What the right question is depends on the person, her/his knowledge, values, and courage. If a person is not courageous, she/he prefers to look away, so as not to see the facts themselves, and are content with having the facts interpreted for them by those who think they are called to do the truth.

It is important for seniors to actively strive to keep up with the available artificial intelligence tools and use them as much as possible in accordance with their needs and possibilities. Therefore, it is useful for them to participate in learning and exchanging experiences.