

Drones, Data and Automation in our AI-Enabled World

Building towards NT's Thriving Economy
through Digital Transformation



Dictionary

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 **intelligence**
/ɪnˈtɛlɪdʒ(ə)ns/

noun

noun: **intelligence**

1. the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills.



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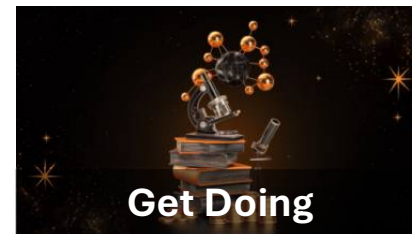
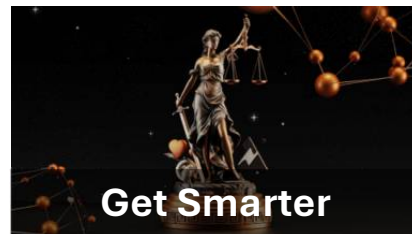
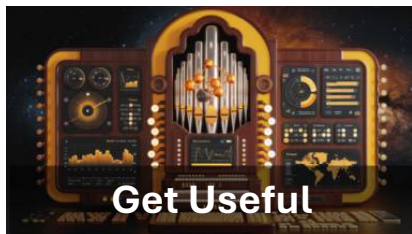
An Overview

- NT's Major Project History
- Current Challenges and Opportunities
- A Vision of 2030
- Practical Next Steps



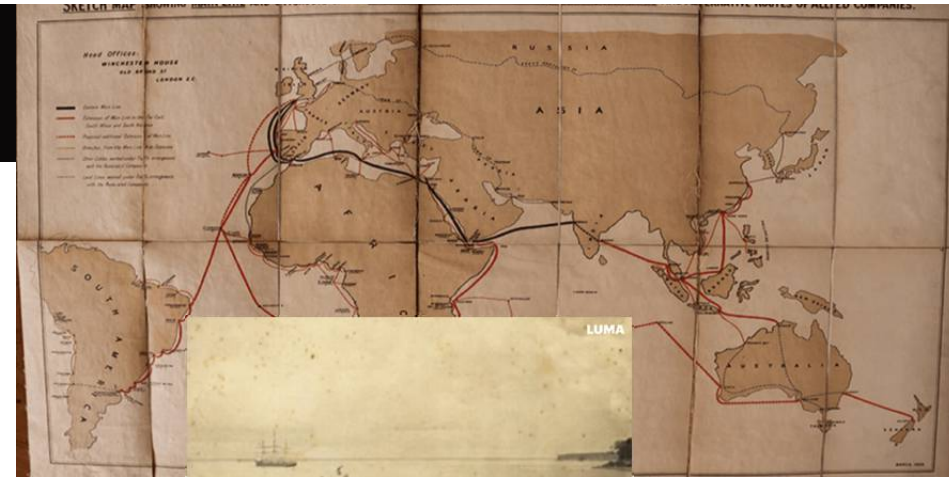
Intelligence as Infrastructure

Bought online or made locally



History of Major Projects

- <1839** Long established trade routes SE Asia, West and South
- 1839** HMS Beagle sailed into Darwin Harbour
- 1869** 135 men and women from South Aust settle at Port Darwin
- 1871** **Cable** laid from Java to Port Darwin
Connecting Australia to the British telegraphic cable system.
- 1872** The **Overland Telegraph Line** Darwin to Adelaide
3,200 km, 36,000 telegraph poles and 11 repeater stations
- 1884** Railway wharf built at Darwin Harbour
- 1889-1929** **North Australia Railway (NAR)** – Darwin to Pine Creek - 1st section opened 1889 last section opened 1929 316 miles of 3 ft 6 in narrow gauge railway
- 1912** **1st Electricity generation**
For ice, butter, and frozen meat for Darwin residents - (Felix Holmes)
- 1934** **1st Power Station** built by Territory Generation
QANTAS Hanger erected in Darwin
- WW2 era** **Manton Dam** was built as a water supply for Darwin
The road to Alice Springs was upgraded and sealed
Military airports were built at Darwin and Batchelor



1919
Ross and Keith Smith land at Fannie Bay Airfield



Snapshot of Then, Now & Vision for the 2030s

THEN

Infrastructure

Shipping Port	1869
Comms	1872
Rail	1889
Electricity	1912
Airport	1934
Water Reservoir &	1942
Sealed Road	

Devastating Cyclones & bombings

- 1897
- 1937
- 1942
- 1974

NOW

Population	252,500
GSP	\$34.6B

- **Infrastructure** Deficiencies
 - Roads
 - Aviation
 - Water
 - Digital Connectivity
- High Costs for Business
- Workforce Shortages
- Housing Availability & Affordability
- First Nations Economic Disparities
- Vulnerable to Climatic Events
- Thin markets
- absence of scale
- underdeveloped and vulnerable supply chains

THE VISION

Population	300,000
GSP	\$40B

- **Infrastructure to unlock industry**
- **to create jobs to grow population**
- **to enable household formation**
- **for a thriving 2030's ... so that ...**
- **our home is a vibrant community ...**
- **for us all to invest, live, work and play and**
- **have hope and pursue happiness**



THE ACTION PLAN

- **Infrastructure** to Unlock Growth
- A safe & secure North
- Activating the Northern Economy
- Livable, health & Resilient communities



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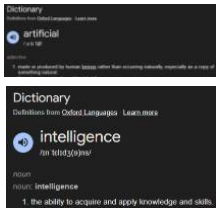


1921



Jan. 25, 1921

The word “Robot” invented Meaning “forced labour”



1953



Jan. 1, 1953

IBM Model 701 1st Business Computer

Intelligence – the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills

Artificial – made or produced by humans rather than occurring naturally



2007

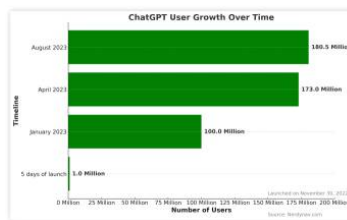


Jun. 29, 2007

Apple Iphone



2022



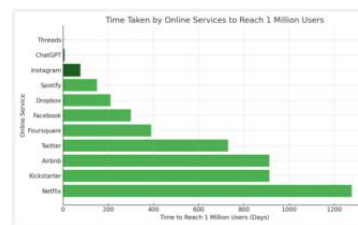
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ChatGPT Launched

Large Language Model (LLM)



2023



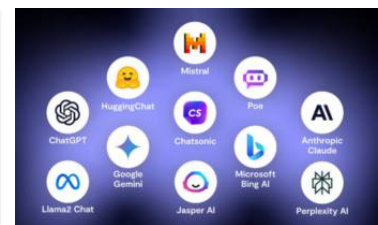
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2023: Large Language Models EVERYWHERE

- ChatGPT >180M users (100M weekly users)
- 23 Jan '23 Microsoft invest \$1B into OpenAI-ChatGPT
- Feb'23 Open-Source Llama (Meta) was released
- 14 Mar '23 Anthropic Launches Claude
- 16 Mar '23 Microsoft introduces Co-Pilot (ChatGPT) into Office
- 6 Dec'23 Google launches Gemini



2024



Jul. 23, 2024

2024: LLM's enable Agents, Agents fit in matchboxes and do work

- Jul 23 – Mark Zuckerberg makes his Open Source speech
- Aug 13 – Morgan Stanley Report – Humanoid robots are the embodiment of AI
- 24 Oct Jensen Huang – Keynote speech in Mumbai
- As of 25 Nov – Top 10 companies by Market Cap – Nvidia, Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, Saudi Aramco, Tesla, Meta, Berkshire Hathaway, Visa



Q4 2024



Q4 2024 –

10 Oct- Tesla Full Self Driving 12.5+ and Optimus Gen 3

24 Oct– Jensen Huang speech

6 Nov – US Presidential Election

12 Nov - Trump selects Elon Musk to lead government efficiency department

Digital Darwin

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Market Capitalization Dashboard

Track the market capitalization of the world's top 10 companies over time. Data sourced from Yahoo Finance.

Market Capitalization Over Time



Market Capitalization Rankings

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	% Change
NVIDIA	NVDA	\$3.48T	194.33%
Apple	AAPL	\$3.47T	21.71%
Microsoft	MSFT	\$3.10T	10.96%
Amazon	AMZN	\$2.07T	33.43%
Meta	META	\$1.22T	67.56%
Tesla	TSLA	\$1.13T	49.34%
Alphabet	GOOGL	\$962.69B	21.08%
Berkshire Hathaway	BRK-B	\$633.10B	31.89%
Visa	V	\$535.57B	22.88%

Dashboard by DigitalDarwin - Data provided by Yahoo Finance. Updated as of 2024-11-25

- As of 25 Nov
- NVIDIA valuation exceeds \$3 Trillion – with a “T”
 - Up 194% over the last 12 months
 - For the QTR ending 27 Oct Rev = \$35.1B
- Tesla valuation exceeds \$1 Trillion
 - spike since election



A Snapshot of Where We Are Robots, Drones, Automation, Digital & AI

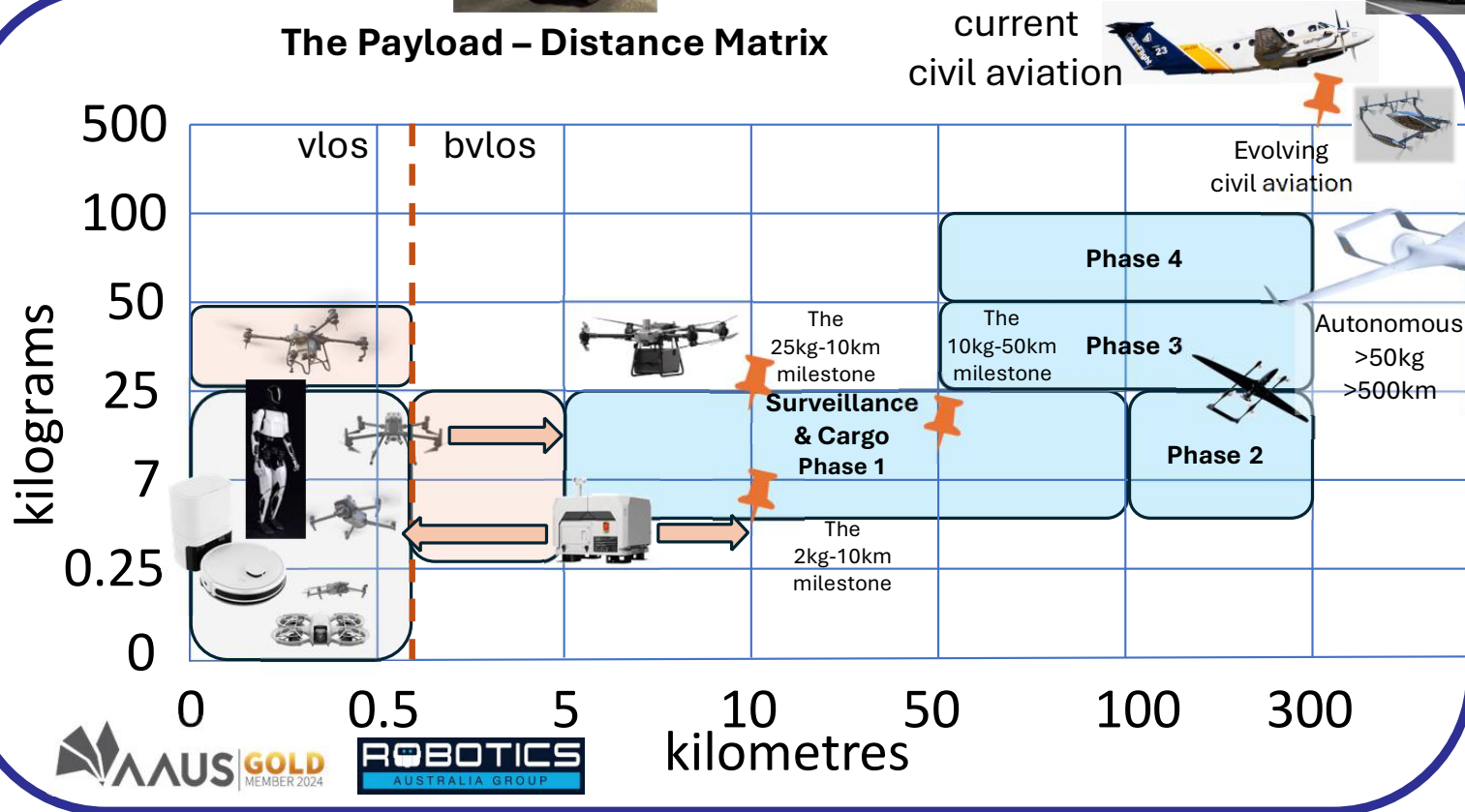
**2025 –
from inside the computer
to inside the machine**

**Drones are robots enabled by AI
AI is getting smarter, easier and
cheaper
Smart business will start using
smart machines sooner**

**Drones do Data
Drones do Payload
Drones do Work**



The Payload – Distance Matrix



RIO Tinto's fleet of autonomous haul trucks have moved their 1 billionth tonne of material as Komatsu celebrates the 10th anniversary of the commercial deployment of the Autonomous Haulage System.



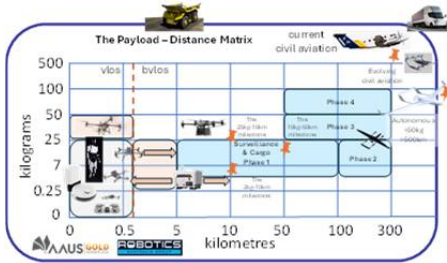
Paspalis invests in Agricultural Robotics' mango harvesting robot at Croc Pitch



Elon Musk bets Tesla on Optimus, says over 1,000 robots working in factories next year



2025-2030 : Drones do Payload and Then Work



- Carrying What
- From Where To Where
- When
- Why – for Who
- How best done

Drones do Data
Drones do Payload
Drones do Work

- Think about this in terms of kilograms and kilometres
- As the overall **systems** get:
 - Smarter, Easier, Cheaper
 - The **solutions** will become the right business decision



AI Into 2025 -30



from inside the computer to inside the machine

As of now, Think of:

- AI as Intelligence
- Intelligence as Infrastructure
- Intelligence as a commodity

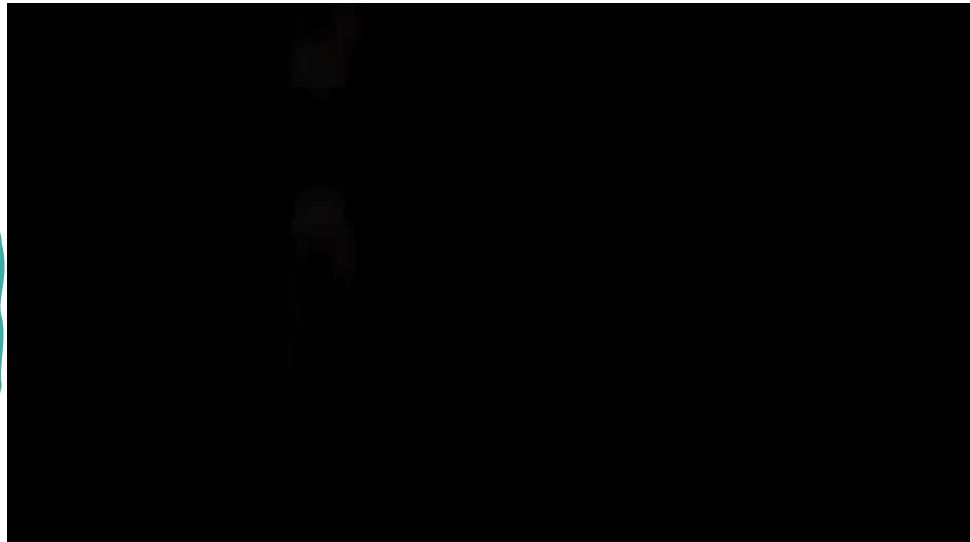
Just like electricity ...

- able to make lots of things happen
- **Bought from online suppliers or made locally**



- Jensen Huang, CEO, NVIDIA, Mumbai, 24 Oct 2024

- **AI Agents** - On comprehensive Knowledge Bases with tools
- **Design** your work process
- **Simulate** loops until workable
- **Make it Real** - Put the brain into the physical machine



The Omniverse –

A world of digital twins where AI can train and refine behaviours

A place to train, leading to ...

Attracting new skilled workers
Live locally work globally

Physical AI –

Where the machines are doing more and more of the work

- **AI-Driven Workflow Automation & Orchestration**
 - autonomously manage end-to-end business processes, reducing manual handoffs by 60-70%
 - Intelligent process mining and optimization will identify and eliminate inefficiencies in real-time, reshaping workflows on the fly
- **Intelligent Collaboration Platforms**
 - Real-time translation, summarisation, and AI-driven suggestions will improve communication across diverse teams.
 - AI-enabled knowledge-sharing systems will curate and recommend relevant resources, fostering continuous learning and collaboration.



What it Means for the NT – 2025 to 2030's

Our History

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Our Now

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Our 2030 target

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Nov 2024 Action Plan

- Housing
- Roads
- Aviation
- Ports
- Digital Comms
- Water

- Activating the Northern Economy
- Growing the Northern Australia Workforce
- Digital Economy

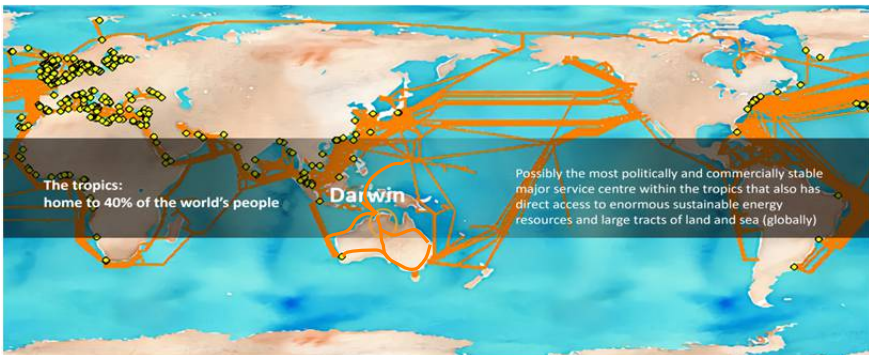
A Summary of it all:

- We're talking in the Context of **NT Major Projects**
 - **Infrastructure, jobs, population**
- Darwin was established to enable communications for Australia (**1872**) – and subsequently upgraded for Northern defense purposes (**WW2**)
- Over the 50 years to 1942 the key infrastructure for the NT was established
- Over the last 80 years the NT has yet to grow to a sufficient sustainable economic activity and population to activate a vibrant economy and attract and retain investment and skilled workforce that then reinforces intergenerational family growth

... so we keep trying

- Digital Systems have now evolved
 - Improving at a rate of 10x per year
 - Intelligence as Infrastructure
 - The art now is to –
 - use it to make jobs and
 - attract population

- able to make lots of things happen
- Bought from online suppliers or made locally
- Evolving from inside the computer to inside the machine



Practical Next Steps

Using Intelligence as Infrastructure

Step 1 Personally – Get Useful

On your phones

- **start using the tools**
- Use ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity
- Learn from Dante St James
<https://dantestjames.com/>

Step 2 Professionally – Get Smarter

On your computers

- **start learning the risks, rewards and opportunities**
- Ask deeper and deeper questions from the tools
- Podcasts on
<https://digitaldarwin.com.au>

Step 3 Professionally – Get Doing

and then in your systems and machines

- **start learning by doing**
- Your business processes
- Your business data
- Your business machines



**10:15 to 10:45am on Friday
29th November
Level 1, Development House,
76 The Esplanade, Darwin**

<https://ntdin.au>



Intelligence :
the ability to
acquire and apply
skills

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About DigitalDarwin ... Connecting the Dots

so that ... our home is a thriving place for us all to live, work and play

DigitalDarwin's comprehensive suite of services, combined with its deep understanding of the Northern Territory's unique challenges and opportunities, positions it as an ideal partner for organisations looking to embrace digital transformation and AI-enabled technologies.

By offering tailored solutions, advanced data analysis, AI-enabled transformation, and a community-centric approach, DigitalDarwin empowers businesses and government agencies to thrive in the digital age and contribute to the overall development of the region.

The company's commitment to innovation, security, and ethical practices ensures that clients receive cutting-edge solutions that are both effective and responsible.

With a focus on comprehensive training and support, DigitalDarwin enables organisations to fully leverage the potential of digital technologies and AI agents, driving efficiency, innovation, and growth.

As the Northern Territory continues to evolve and face new challenges, DigitalDarwin stands ready to support organisations in their journey towards thriving operational excellence, helping them create meaningful connections with stakeholders, optimise operations, and contribute to the sustainable development of the Territory.

The logo for DigitalDarwin is presented in a circular white glow. The word "Digital" is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font, and "Darwin" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Above and below the text are decorative horizontal lines of varying lengths, resembling a stylized waveform or a series of connected dots.

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