Prompt Engineering Essentials

WHAT THIS MINI COURSE CONTAINS

Five self-paced PDF lessons, a practice workbook, worked solutions and useful starter files. Learn through a small output you can inspect. No videos or live sessions are included.

WHAT YOU WILL PRACTISE

Translate a vague request into a clear output contract.
Supply relevant context without hiding the task.
Use examples and structured fields to reduce ambiguity.
Improve a prompt using a small, repeatable evaluation set.

THE FIVE-LESSON ROADMAP

01 Define what a good answer looks like

02 Give context and mark its boundaries

03 Use examples and structured outputs

04 Improve the prompt with a rubric

05 Save a reusable prompt card

PRACTICE FILES

Copy prompt-template.md and fill every bracketed field. Use test-cases.csv to check normal, missing and conflicting inputs before saving a revised prompt.

This free preview contains a sample lesson and the course roadmap. The full downloadable package is delivered after a verified purchase. Prices and current availability are shown on the website.

Define what a good answer looks like

YOUR GOAL

Replace a vague request with observable requirements.

'Make this better' leaves the assistant to guess the purpose. Start by naming the task, audience and desired result. Then write two or three requirements that you can check, such as a maximum length, specified headings or a refusal to add unsupported facts.

Treat those requirements as an output contract. The contract should describe the useful result rather than a theatrical persona. If the request includes multiple tasks, state their order and decide which result matters most.

AN EXAMPLE

Weak: 'Write a nice reminder.' Clear: 'Write a polite reminder to a fictional workshop attendee. State that the form is incomplete; ask them to finish it; use 50 words or fewer; do not invent a deadline.'

TRY THIS NOW

Rewrite 'Give me a business plan' into a bounded task for a fictional home bakery. Specify audience, three headings, available facts and what must stay unknown.

- The task can be evaluated without guessing what 'good' means.
- No instruction requires made-up facts or a guaranteed business result.

Use fictional or synthetic inputs. Inspect facts, calculations and code before relying on AI output. The full course continues with four more lessons and the included practice package.