

Here is a 10-bullet-point list of important points from the seminar:

- **Seminar Resources:** The instructor provides seminar materials, including handouts and prompt-collection templates, on his personal website, talkswithCrows.com ¹¹¹¹.
- **Written vs. Spoken AI Interaction:** The group discussed the differences between interacting with AI via text versus voice; spoken communication is faster and captures more nuance, while written text is easier to store and is more readily retained in human memory ².
- **Live AI Demonstration:** The instructor demonstrated the paid version of Google Gemini (\$20/month) by generating a product roadmap, creating marketing slogans, and even producing a short video of the "Dirac equation" ³³³³³³³³³³³³³³³³.
- **AI Integration into Apps:** A key focus was how AI is now deeply integrated into tools like Google Docs and Gmail, with features like "Help me write" for composition and "Summarize this e-mail" for quick analysis ⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴⁴.
- **AI Emotional Analysis:** During an iPad demo, the instructor asked Gemini if it could detect emotion; the AI claimed it could analyze both the text *and* the "emotional tone" in his voice ⁵.
- **AI Revenue Models:** Participants discussed how AI companies will make money, identifying targeted advertising, per-user business subscriptions, and productivity savings (reducing headcount) as key streams ⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶⁶.
- **"AI Slop" and Learning:** A major concern raised was "AI slop" ⁷, where students and workers use AI to generate content (like term papers) without cognitively engaging, thus hindering the learning process ⁸⁸⁸⁸.
- **Cognitive Impact on the Workplace:** The discussion extended to the workplace, noting that new employees may not gain deep experience "the hard way," but that experienced specialists ("old gray hairs") will become *more* valuable for critiquing AI's "common denominator" answers ⁹⁹⁹⁹.
- **State Actors and Propaganda:** A participant raised the "scary" prospect of governments using AI as a major revenue stream to create sophisticated propaganda and manipulate public opinion, which the instructor agreed was already happening.
- **On-Device vs. Cloud AI:** In response to a question about analyzing 6TB of personal photos locally, the instructor clarified the difference between massive cloud-based models and the "small language models" that can run on a phone ("on-device processing").