

Your First 90 Days in AI

Twelve things, each doable in one sitting. Print this and tick them off.

WEEKS 1-2 · ORIENT

- ☐ Pick your lane and write it down in one sentence
- ☐ Run the Route Finder and note your recommended starting point
- ☐ Install Python — or if you're Lane 3, open a first AI fundamentals course
- ☐ Find one person doing the job you want and read how they got there

WEEKS 3-6 · BUILD THE BASE

- ☐ Complete a first Python course (or a first AI fundamentals course)
- ☐ Load a dataset you find interesting and answer one question about it
- ☐ Create a GitHub account and push something, however small
- ☐ Call an LLM API from code once, even if the script is ten lines

WEEKS 7-12 · PROVE IT

- ☐ Finish your first project end to end
- ☐ Write it up: the problem, your approach, what you'd change
- ☐ Show it to one person who isn't obligated to be nice about it
- ☐ Start project two before you feel ready for it

The one that matters most

Finish your first project. The gap between people who get into AI and people who keep researching how to get into AI is almost always that first finished thing.

Start your path: dataquest.io/path/ai-engineer

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>>> career.pick_lane(); then_build()
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