

## IDEAS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION AND LEARNING

We encourage you to explore tools and resources related to our event topic, panelists, and IT community events.

### DO

- Experiment with variations of Nava Haghighi's "Make me a picture of a tree" prompts<sup>1</sup> in the Harvard [AI Sandbox](#) or [Stanford AI Playground](#).
- Inspired by Madeleine Woods' explainers? Make a copy of this [python notebook](#) to play with image recursion. (*Madeleine's caveat: "I was a bit insane and hardcoded an api key in here with a limit (for those without API access). I am well aware this is bad practice, but it has a cap I'll delete it once we reach that limit of ~\$20 USD."*)
- If you are looking for another explainer about how AI image generation works, check out this [article](#) in the *Washington Post*.

### WATCH

- [Nava Haghighy, UCLIC Seminar](#), Ontologies in Design: How Imagining a Tree Reveals Possibilities and Assumptions in LLMs (June 24 2025). Learn more about Ms Haghighi's work and other research in this [Stanford Report article](#).

### LISTEN

- [How Generative AI Changes Creativity](#) (HBR Ideacast Ep. 911).

### READ

- [Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans](#) by Melanie Mitchell.
- [AI and Algorithms in Contemporary Fine Art](#) (*Harvard Magazine*, June 2025).
- Recommendation from Zoom chat: [Empire of AI: Dreams and Nightmares in Sam Altman's Open AI](#) by Karen Hao (audiobook also available).
- Recommendation from Zoom chat: Explore cool teaching tools about vulnerabilities and bias in AI design, such as "[Datasets Have Worldviews](#)."
- Recommendation from Zoom chat: Check out the Foundation Model Transparency Index (FMTI), a project of the [Stanford Center for Research on Foundation Models](#).

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<sup>1</sup> These are the prompts from Nava Haghighi's work included in this [article](#):

- a. Make me a picture of a tree.
- b. I'm from Iran. make me a picture of a tree.
- c. Make me a picture of a tree [in Persian].
- d. Everything in the world is connected. make me a picture of a tree.

## UPCOMING IT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### Upcoming Stanford IT Community Events:

Learn more about [Stanford IT Connect + Grow](#) programs and [rsvp for events](#) of interest.

### Upcoming Harvard IT Community Events:

- The [IT Summit](#) is the signature event for Harvard's IT community, featuring a morning keynote, staff-led breakouts, and networking opportunities.
- The [IT Academy](#) offers Harvard IT staff the opportunity to participate in instructor-led courses and self-paced activities that will deepen subject matter expertise and broaden knowledge of Harvard's unique technology landscape. [Browse and register for IT Academy courses.](#)
- **Project Delivery Forum:** [The Power of UX on Your Projects](#), September 30.
- **Harvard Information Security and Data Privacy:** [Cybersecurity Awareness Events](#), End of September - October.
- **Tech Talk:** [Building an Effective Community of Practice](#), November 19.