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When was the last time you drove your car remembering directions and reading signages? Probably that was long ago. Today, most of us turn on Google Maps the moment we get in the driving seat, even while driving through our routine paths. That's because we are becoming over dependent on Artificial Intelligence (AI). We prefer to shut our brains and follow the directions given by that AI machine.

"I was always directionally challenged but Google Maps made me worse...AI will make us dumb," Vinod Peris, Senior Vice President at CA Technologies said at the recently-concluded [NetEvents](#) Press & Analyst Meet.

Google is increasingly using AI to offer users an even better and personalized experience. At its recent I/O developers conference, Google [said](#) its mapping tool will soon begin using computer vision technology and your phone's camera to provide visual directions when following a route. A graphic will show you exactly which direction to go, complete with big arrows and street names. It will also show you nearby business and place names for visual reference.

The Air France flight 447 crash in 2009 is yet another example that proves that AI is making humans lazy and dumb. "The airbuses have been so automated that the pilots have very little to do, it's just basically push a button and the thing flies itself. They got disoriented and it led to a crash because the pilots weren't flying the airplane, it's the same problem," said Jason Bloomberg, President, Intellyx.

While, AI is meant to mimic the human brain, it should not be deceptive. Recently, Google showcased the Assistant's new Duplex feature where the AI was able to interact with a human and set an appointment with a human being unaware.

"You as a human being, want to know when you're talking to a human and when you're talking to a machine. I'm sure many of you have been pissed off like me when you get these robo-calls, because they're getting more and more sophisticated these days, they try to act like they drop the phone in the middle or something like this to just hook you in, right," Peris said.

So, where's the future? Clearly, the products and services that will be in demand are the products that complement our inadequacies. Humans will always like to have the final judgement. "The goal of AI is not to replace humans but to augment it," said Sam Liang, founder & CEO, AiSense.

Machines in general (AI machines in particular) should indeed help reduce human effort. For instance, we are able to commute faster in cars than by walking, and speech recognition technologies helps us take notes easier.

Citing a research, Liang says that with image recognition for medical radiology, the accuracy of the human doctor is still higher than the accuracy of robots. "However, when you combine them, the combined accuracy is higher than either that of the human or the robot. That's a good example of having AI augment human intelligence. I am very optimistic. I think with robots, humans will become more efficient and more productive, life will be more enjoyable."