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How artificial intelligence is changing the fashion industry

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Last month we discussed how artificial intelligence (AI) is being utilized to help luxury brands' staffing needs.

This month we are focusing on whether staffing needs will continue, as AI is slowly replacing fashion jobs. AI has a lot of room for improvement, but is making inroads in the fashion industry.

Fashion forward

For example, Valentino utilized generative AI in its "Essential" campaign. Of course, you need a human to manage and prompt AI, but eventually AI may be able to replace humans in campaigns. For now, Valentino is using a hybrid of human and AI.

Going one step further than Valentino, Moncler created an Al-powered campaign. In other words, Moncler created machine-generated images that it used during London Fashion Week.

Levi's utilized AI models to promote its inclusive sizing, although it promised not to stop utilizing human models.

Stepping up shopping

Al is also being utilized to enhance shopping experiences.

For example, Zeg na released the Zeg na X configurator. Customers can use the AI to help customize products to suit their tastes in fabric, colors, etc.

Kering gave their AI personal shopper a name: Madeline. Madeline can be used at various Kering-owned brands such as Gucci, Botteg a Veneta and Alexander McQueen.

Extra enhancements

But why stop there? AI can also replace designers.

Prada recently developed a new beauty line called Prada Beauty, and its initial collection included Al-derived foundation shades.

Although not a luxury brand, the German fashion platform Zalando and Google created project Muze, an Al-derived fashion line. MUZE created 40,424 fashion designs within the first month. Although many were impractical and unwearable, better creations will come with time Al learns.

All is already being used for several back-of-house, or non-customer-facing jobs, such as data analysis, customer service, marketing, copyrighting, content creation and merchandising.

As AI evolves so will its uses. Does this leave you wondering with whom you are interacting?

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