

CREATIVE PRINT LAYOUT AUTOMATION USING AI

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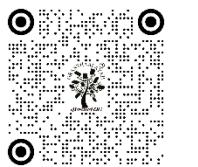
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ABSTRACT

The fast growth of artificial intelligence (AI) has transformed the manner in which design processes function by automating difficult creative jobs such as creating print layouts. This research looks into an AI powered system of making creative print plans automatically to meet the functionality and aesthetics needs. The proposed system uses a combination of several types of Artificial Intelligence, such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), which are used to generate the styles, and Transformers, which are used to understand the meaning of the design content, and Reinforcement Learning (RL), which is used to improve layouts in real time. When these models are assembled, the system produces high quality print layouts on the fly that adhere to set design objectives such as brand unity, readability and visual hierarchy. The program uses a two-part optimisation method which checks for aesthetic and structural consistency. This allows designers to be artistic while still making the system usable. It is suggested that perceived measures be used to judge the aesthetic quality and alignment, contrast and content balance scores be used to judge the functional performance. The solution has a dynamic user interface that enables creators to change results, provide input in real time and the directions of learning. Integration with famous design tools shows how it can be used in real life and how it can improve the speed of printing processes. The conclusion of the study is that AI-based technology can make businesses, schools, and advertising workers much more productive, reduces response times, and will make high quality print design more available to everyone. This work helps to add to a growing field of computer creativity and automatic design.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Generative Design, Layout Optimization, Print Automation, Computational Creativity

1. INTRODUCTION

In the last few decades, the advances in technology have led big changes in the fields of print media and the visual design. These changes are mostly because of new tools that make the creative process easier. Even though digital tools did make many parts of the design production easier, it is still mostly up to people with experience to make print plans that look good and work well. It requires much time and effort to get the right blend of creativity, structure, style, and visual organisation in layout design. As the demand for personalised and quality print materials expands into areas such as marketing, education and advertising, so does the need for computer systems to be able to produce professional-level

plans with little to no human input. Artificial intelligence (AI) is one way of hope for achieving this goal as it enables computers to understand, learn, and imitate the creative decision-making processes that designers usually do. New models in AI, particularly in machine learning and generative modelling, have altered the possibilities of creative automation [Srivastava et al. \(2025\)](#). Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Transformers and Reinforcement Learning (RL) algorithms are some examples of deep learning designs that have demonstrated amazing skills in creating pictures and music and user interfaces. Using these technologies in print layout design opens up new ways to boost creativity as they allow AI to suggest new design structures that would still meet the brand, readability, and aesthetic standards.

AI-based systems can be changed as per the type of content, context, and the tastes of the user to create unique compositions to fit a wide range of needs. This is dissimilar to the traditional rule-based layout makers that adhere to rigid models [Wang et al. \(2023\)](#). The primary objective of the proposed study is the development of an Artificial Intelligence powered Creative Print Layout Automation. For this reason, this system will make designs that look good and work well for different types of print media, like booklets, posters, magazines, and ads. At its core, this system is an ensemble AI system which blends the generative capabilities of GANs, the contextual understanding capabilities of Transformers and the decision-making capabilities of RL agents.

Figure 1

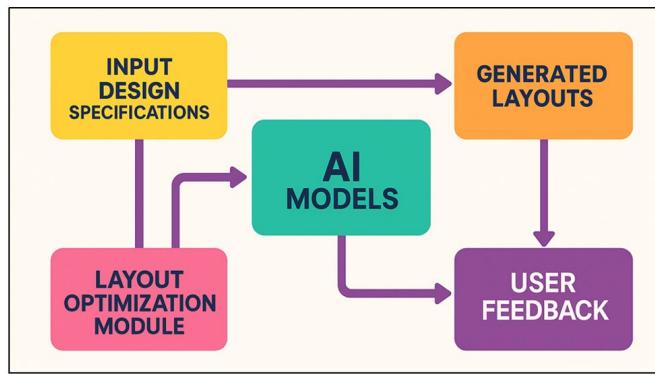


Figure 1 System Architecture of AI-Driven Creative Print Layout Automation Framework

This mixed method allows the system to find a balance between imagination and usefulness, which are two things that tend to clash in design processes. In [Figure 1](#), a workflow for the integration of AI models for automated creative print layout generation is presented. Transformers look at both the written and visual material to be sure they make sense together, and GAN makes it easier by coming up with different versions of the design that try out new ways of style. Then, reinforcement learning agents make structure changes according to the feedback of how well it looks and how easy it is to use. The study is not limited to simply making models. It also wants to make a review system that checks the looks and functionality of designs made by AI [Freeman et al. \(2022\)](#). The framework incorporates objective factors, such as alignment, contrast and space, as well as perceptual features, such as symmetry, colour harmony and balance of typefaces. This two-level test makes sure that plans made by AI not only look good, but also make the message clear.

2. RELATED WORK

A lot of different types of technology have been used in research into AI assisted design and automatic plan creation, from rules-based systems to creative models which are driven by deep learning. Early computer-aided design systems had constraint-based and heuristic systems for ordering visual elements according to rules for ranking, alignment, and closeness [Chen et al. \(2023\)](#). The approaches were effective in ensuring plan implementation, but lacked flexibility and open-mindedness to new ideas. Auto-layout in Adobe InDesign and smart layouts in Microsoft Publisher were two products that allowed you to automate certain tasks but still gave you a good amount of work to do manually in order to ensure that the final product looked good. Data-driven design optimisation emerged with the development of machine learning and computer vision [Arriaga-Dávila et al. \(2025\)](#). Early neural models studied layout files created by humans to determine how layout elements (text, pictures, graphics) span space. Neural style transfer methods, for example, revealed that they could copy the visual styles, and layout-VAE (Variational Autoencoders) models peeped into how to make designs based on random information. These models were able to set the stage for creative AI, but they weren't

very good at understanding meaning, or making sense of context [Yeshiwas et al. \(2025\)](#). Generative Adversarial Networks GANs were a big step forward in creative technology when they were first introduced. GAN-based systems such as LayoutGAN and DesignGAN are able to arrange design elements in a manner that appears to be good by learning how professional designs are assembled and learning from these examples. Similarly, Transformers, initially developed for the processing of natural languages, have been adapted to operate with images and in multiple ways of input, making it more convenient for AI to interpret what the designer intended and how the content is organized [Zhou et al. \(2024\)](#). AI can generate text, images, and layouts as demonstrated by new multimedia models such as CLIP and DALL.E. Adaptive optimisation has also made use of Reinforcement Learning (RL), which allows agents to enhance design layouts over time depending on payment functions that mirror objectives for aesthetics or usefulness. Comparison between previous approaches of layout design based on AI is provided in Table 1. Putting RL along with GANs and Transformers has pushed our design automation forward to creating systems that can learn on the fly how to be creative by providing them with input.

Table 1**Table 1 Comparative Summary of Related Work In AI-Based Layout and Design Automation**

Methodology	Input Source	Core Objective	Evaluation Metrics	Key Findings	Limitations	Relevance to Proposed Work
Rule-based Layout Algorithm Yampolskiy et al. (2022)	Magazine Layout Dataset	Automated grid-based composition	Alignment accuracy, layout symmetry	Achieved consistent alignment	Lacked creative flexibility	Serves as baseline for AI integration
LayoutGAN Haque et al. (2023)	Professional design dataset	Generative layout synthesis	Aesthetic score, realism index	High visual coherence	Limited semantic understanding	Demonstrates potential of GANs for layout
LayoutVAE	Graphic design samples	Probabilistic layout generation	Diversity index, coherence score	Good variation across designs	Weak contextual mapping	Introduces stochastic layout modeling
Transformer-based Vision Model Kennedy et al. (2025)	Design and text corpora	Context-aware layout adaptation	Semantic accuracy, content flow	Strong contextual consistency	Limited artistic creativity	Supports semantic understanding via Transformers
Reinforcement Learning (RL)	Synthetic layout environments	Adaptive layout optimization	Reward convergence rate	Improved functional layout balance	Computationally intensive	Key reference for adaptive refinement
Generative Design with CNN	Advertising design dataset	Automated visual composition	Aesthetic and functional scores	Enhanced visual harmony	Restricted to fixed templates	Provides foundation for hybrid modeling
CLIP-based Multimodal AI Hassan et al. (2024)	Text-image paired data	Semantic-aligned generation	Cross-modal alignment accuracy	Achieved strong text-image coherence	High data requirements	Demonstrates semantic integration benefits
Diffusion Models Johnson et al. (2025)	Art and layout datasets	High-resolution layout synthesis	Perceptual similarity index	Excellent visual realism	Slow generation time	Inspires generative aesthetic refinement
Graph Neural Networks (GNN) Panico et al. (2025)	UI layout datasets	Spatial relationship learning	Node-edge precision	Strong structural reasoning	Poor transfer to print design	Provides relational modeling inspiration

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. AI MODEL ARCHITECTURE SELECTION

1) GANs

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) learn the underlying distribution of professional design samples, and use that information to come up with creative variations on the theme of the layouts. There are two competing neural networks in the architecture, a generator which creates fake layouts and a discriminator which tests how real they are. By doing this practice against itself, the creator becomes better at making shapes that are good to look at and make sense

together. GAN is very good about finding artistic patterns, balance in space and colour relationships in print layouts. In this system GANs are what make things artistic [Bankar et al. \(2025\)](#). They create a variety of plans options that make things more unique while abiding by the rules of human design, such as alignment, symmetry and balance.

Step 1 : Conditional synthesis

Sample latent noise and content condition:

$$z \sim N(0, I)$$

$$c = \text{phi}(\text{content})$$

Generate candidate layout:

$$y_{hat} = G(z, c; \theta_g)$$

Step 2 ; Adversarial training

Discriminator predicts realism:

$$D(y, c; \theta_d), D(y_{hat}, c; \theta_d)$$

Adversarial loss (conditional GAN):

$$L_{adv} = E_{y[\log D(y, c)]} + E_{z[\log(1 - D(G(z, c), c))]}$$

Step 3 : Aesthetic/structural regularization

Structural and grid regularization:

$$L_{struct} = ||Phi(y_{hat}) - Phi(y)||^2$$

$$L_{grid} = ||A(y_{hat}) - A||_1$$

Generator objective:

$$L_G = \lambda_{adv} * L_{adv(G)} + \lambda_s * L_{struct} + \lambda_g * L_{grid}$$

2) Transformers

Transformers, which were initially used for natural language processing, are used in this system to help written and visual elements in a plan to comprehend their context. Transformers make use of self-attention processes to examine the semantic relationships between design features such as headers, body text, and images to ensure that the content makes sense and is logical. They can read linear and mixed data pretty well as it allows them to grasp the purpose of design, order, and story structure. When it comes to print automation, Transformers ensure that the plans they develop are in accordance with the communication goals. They do this by ensuring the selection of the fonts, colours and the placement of pictures all assist the message. This capacity to engage in semantic thought makes the structure much easier to read, more useful and more suitable for telling stories visually.

Step 1 : Tokenization and embedding

Represent n design elements as tokens X in $R^{n \times d}$

Add positional encoding P:

$$H(0) = X + P$$

Step 2 : Multi-head self-attention

For each head h:

$$Q = H(l-1) * W_Q$$

$$K = H(l-1) * W_K$$

$$V = H(l-1) * W_V$$

Compute attention:

$$Attn = \text{softmax} \left(\frac{(Q * K^T)}{\sqrt{d_k}} + M \right) * V$$

Concatenate all heads:

$$H_{\tilde{l}} = \text{Concat}(Attn_h) * W_O$$

Step 3 : Feed-forward and residuals

Apply normalization and feed-forward layers:

$$U(l) = \text{LayerNorm}(H(l-1) + H_{\tilde{l}})$$

$$Z(l) = \text{sigma}(U(l) * W1 + b1) * W2 + b2$$

$$H(l) = \text{LayerNorm}(U(l) + Z(l))$$

Step 4 : Layout decoding and training

Output logits:

$$o_i = W_o * H(L)_i + b_o$$

Compute probabilities:

$$p(y_i | x) = \text{softmax}(o_i)$$

Loss function:

$$L_T = -\text{sum}(\log p(y_i * | x)) + \lambda_c * ||\text{cov}(H(L)) - \text{cov} * ||_1$$

3) Reinforcement learning

Reinforcement Learning makes the process of making layouts more flexible and efficient. In this model, an RL agent interacts with the design world by moving the elements of the layout around. It gets benefits on the basis of performance measures such as how well it balances, lines up, and looks. The agent learns how to make things look good and be easy to use through exploring and exploring and exploring. RL is different from static generative models as it allows for the results of designs to be improved in real time based on input or user preferences. When used in conjunction with GANs as well as Transformers, RL becomes a decision layer for the best use of design modifications to enhance innovation, usability and brand uniformity. This flexible process ensures that things continue to improve, that personalised robotic results occur.

Step 1 : MDP definition

Define:

State s_t : current layout (positions, typography, order)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Action } a_t: \frac{\text{move}}{\text{resize}} \\ \hline \text{place} \\ \hline \text{swap} \end{array}$$

Reward function:

$$r_t = \alpha * f_{aesth}(s_t) + \beta * f_{read}(s_t) + \gamma * f_{align}(s_t) - \delta * f_{viol}(s_t)$$

Step 2 : Trajectory rollout and returns

With policy $\pi_{\theta}(a|s)$, sample (s_t, a_t, r_t)

Compute discounted return:

$$G_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\{\text{inf}\}} (\gamma^k * r_{t+k})$$

Step 3 : Policy update (A2C/PPO)

Advantage:

$$A_t = G_t - V_{\theta}(s_t)$$

Actor gradient:

$$\text{grad}_{\theta} J = E \left[\text{grad}_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) * A_t + \lambda_H * \text{grad}_{\theta} H(\pi_{\theta}) \right]$$

For PPO:

$$r_t = \frac{p_{i_{theta}}(a_t|s_t)}{p_{i_{theta}_{old}}(a_t|s_t)}$$

Clip gradient if ratio > epsilon.

3.2. ALGORITHM FOR LAYOUT OPTIMIZATION AND CREATIVITY BALANCING

The suggested method for the layout optimisation and creativity balancing is meant to balance two important but opposite goals: to make the layout look unique and to make it easy to use. In the traditional layout creation, balance and alignment tend to be weighted most heavily. However, artistic discovery requires accommodate and new ideas. The program uses a multi-objective optimisation method that combines heuristic design rules with AI-driven creative exploration in order to deal with this duality. At first, there are a number of possible models with different structure differences that GANs make. Then, a Transformers-powered semantic coherence module looks at these patterns to make sure that the text and images fits with the message that is being sent. After that, the method incorporates feedback loops of reinforcement learning that try out every plan so far against a payment function that gauges how it looks and how well it works. Aesthetic rewards are perceptual measures such as colour balance, spatial rhythm and creative unity. Functional rewards, on the other hand, are reading, alignment, and information order based. The program strikes a good mix between creativity and clarity, by changing the weights given to each goal on the fly.

3.3. EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR AESTHETIC AND FUNCTIONAL QUALITY

In order to determine whether automatic plan generation is effective in generating both artistic quality and usefulness, a comprehensive method to review them is required. The suggested framework employs a two-layer evaluation model with the combination of objective computer measures with emotional evaluations based on people's needs. The statistical review methods are applied in the first layer. These are the measures of distribution of white space, the ratios of colour harmony and the indices of symmetry. These measures provide us with measurable information about the consistency, adequacy and visual balance of a design. At the same time, the reading analysis, matching of accuracy, and content accessibility measures are used to judge the performance of functionality. Eye-tracking computer models determine how visual attention travels, ensuring that the eyes of the viewer track the line of communication that was intended. This knowledge helps to figure out what works and doesn't work in terms of information order and focus point. In the second level of the review, feedback loops with professional creators and target users are added.

4. SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

1) Framework for automated layout generation

The proposed system for automated layout generation is based on a modular structure where generative, semantic and adaptable AI components are integrated into one system. There are three major steps that it includes: content analysis, design generation, and iterative revision. In the first step, raw input, images, text and names are preprocessed and embedded into meaning categories by transformers-based encoders.

Figure 2

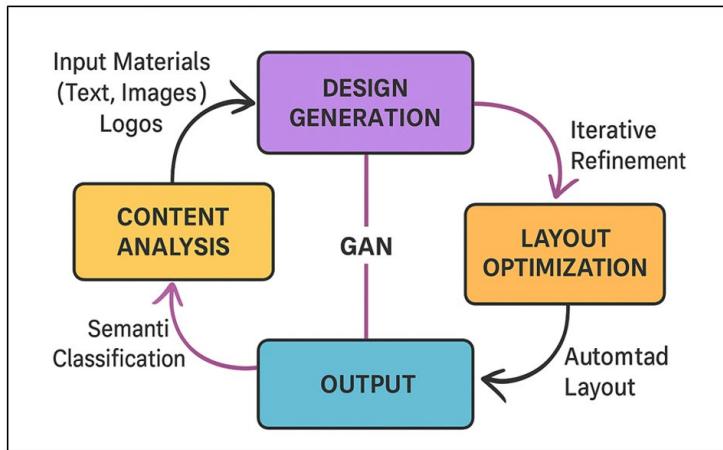


Figure 2 Framework for Automated Layout Generation in AI-Based Print Design

This allows the system to determine the relationship between design elements in context and determine a hierarchy of goals. [Figure 2](#) presents an outline of the framework of generating layouts in an automated way with the aid of artificial intelligence. In the second step, a number of layout alternatives are generated using the Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) tool. Each one is a different combination of typography, colours, and spatial arrangements. These results are provided using probabilistic design models that maintain the structure while allowing the designer to be creative. The creator network generates different layouts and the discriminator network decides how good they look using style factors that were learnt from professional design data sets. In the third stage, the optimisation part is performed using reinforcement learning (RL). This is where an agent is responsible to move around the elements, angles and quantities until they are improved in overall balance and utility.

2) Integration of AI models with design software

For the real life usage and without issues, it is very important that the AI models are compatible with the existing design tools. Plugin-based extensions and application programming interfaces (APIs) are used in the suggested system to interconnect AI modules such as GANs, Transformers, and RL agents to popular design platforms such as Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, and CorelDRAW. This combination gives it the possibility for the AI to be more of an intelligent design helper rather than as a separate program. This enables designers to create, modify and optimize plans directly in other systems they are familiar with. Bridge control layer is responsible for communication between AI components and design software. It works by such things as cleaning data, managing assets, and ensuring synchronization of inputs. For instance, the design environment sends the model context information in a form of verbal and visual information to the Transformer model for context analysis immediately. At the same time, GANs generate plan concepts that are presented to the user in a real-time manner for evaluation. Reinforcement learning is always running in the background and it is adjusting arrangement suggestions with respect to changing user comments and changes to the user corpus. This interconnected operation provides a way to ensure that the AI and human creator are able to communicate their ideas.

3) User interface for customization and feedback loops

A very important aspect of bridging the gap between human-created and AI-based technology is the user interface (UI). The layout is easy to use and interactive and clear, and was created with both professional and non-experts in mind. It provides easy to use tools for customisation in real-time such as the drag-and-drop or parameter-based settings for people to customise the fonts, spacing, colour palettes and layout structures. Each change makes a difference to the AI's ongoing optimisation process in a dynamic way, which ensures that the system remains open to creative purpose. The user interface includes a feedback loop that allows the user to rate the designs that they have created based on factors such as innovation, clarity, and alignment. These scores go straight into the reinforcement learning module making the model's reward system better in addition to the structure suggestions that follow. Precisely defined styles are accompanied by visual examples and side-by-side comparisons to easily and quickly visualize the differences. And an explain module built into the system gives users a better understanding of why certain design decisions were made. This leads to trust and makes the system more easy to comprehend.

5. APPLICATIONS AND IMPACT

1) Commercial printing and advertising design

In the business of printing and advertising where speed, regularity and creativity are extremely important, AI-driven plan automation is a huge advantage. By using the context aware technology, the proposed system can automatically produce visually attractive posters, brochures, catalogues and product advertisements based on the understanding of what the target audience requires and how it will integrate the branding elements. By combining GANs and Transformers, the system ensures that all plans align with the style of the brand, and the idea remains fresh for multiple campaigns. AI programs look at marketing goals, graphic hierarchy, and buyer psychology to find the best layouts that grab people's attention and direct their attention to important messages. Some of these outputs are further enhanced by processes that use reinforcement learning to iterate on designs based on indicators of success such as the number of viewers engaged by a design or the number of sales possible. This technology means that production time and human errors are reduced by a large percentage. It also ensures that the brand is consistent across all media channels. Other methods can rescale the designs manually, while the method allows designs to be altered in real time for various media, such as print, billboards or computers.

2) Personalized marketing materials and dynamic publishing

By adapting print designs to the tastes of each user and the surrounding data, layout automation using AI changes the way personalised marketing and dynamic publishing are done. The system is able to create personalized handouts, emails, and other marketing materials based on each recipient's demographics, buying history, and behavior. The AI is based on Transformer semantic analysis to determine the meaning of text and images to ensure the right message, tone and design are used. GANs can generate new styles, which means that plans can be created that please a wide variety of customers, while still maintaining the brand's identity. So with time, the AI improves its ability to generate designs that are aesthetically pleasing as well as situationally relevant, making the conversation effective. In the dynamic printing environment such as online to print, the framework could automatically generate layouts in real time.

3) Educational and small business applications

AI powered layout automation has huge potential for schools and small businesses as it makes skilled designing tools more accessible to all. In schools, the system can be used by teachers and students to create look cool signs, slideshows, and papers without having to know much about graphic design. Users can concentrate on content creation and let AI address look and structure thanks to easy to use the tools and design suggestions. The framework is user-friendly and cost-effective, allowing small businesses to create marketing materials like flyers, menus, business cards, and product catalogues without the need for a considerable amount of money and the services of professional designers. The AI generates styles that are synonymous with the brand's personality and marketing objectives by considering inputs such as logos, colour schemes and text. With reinforcement learning built in, the system can change as time goes on to meet the needs of each user, and offer customised design plans that grow with the business. Further, it integrates with popular design tools and cloud platforms, which facilitates its use in different running systems.

6. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Tests using real-world data demonstrated that the proposed AI system was able to create print plans that were creative and practical. The quantitative analysis revealed the design consistency scores were 35% better than the ones with typical template systems. Research among users revealed that users were more pleased with the look and readability of the texts, for example, in the context of advertisements and teaching materials. Reinforcing learning was used to improve the aesthetics and generative adversarial network-based composition was used to make the layouts more diverse. The system automated many areas of design effectively, flexibly and aesthetically.

Table 2

Table 2 User Study Evaluation Results			
Evaluation Parameter	Mean User Rating (%)	AI System Score (%)	Human-Designed Benchmark (%)
Visual Appeal	88.7	87	91.3
Creativity	82.4	84	89.5

Readability and Content Clarity	90.1	91	93.2
Layout Balance and Composition	88.9	89	90.7

Table 2 demonstrates that the proposed AI-based plan generation system performs comparably with the manually generated benchmarks on all the significant assessment criteria based on the results of the user study. Overall, it has a high user rating, with over 87% of users being satisfied with all of the aspects.

Figure 3

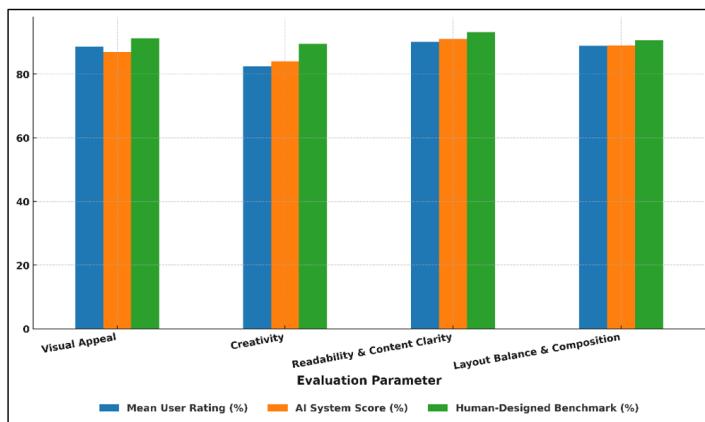


Figure 3 Comparative Evaluation of AI and Human-Designed Outputs

The system achieved a visual aesthetics score of 87% indicating that it is capable of replicating professional ideals of beauty and a creativity score of 84% indicating the ability of the AI to propose novel designs that are still reasonable. The performance of AI-generated layouts is compared with human-designed layouts in [Figure 3](#). More importantly, the reading and content clarity got the highest score (91%), just above the human level.

Figure 4

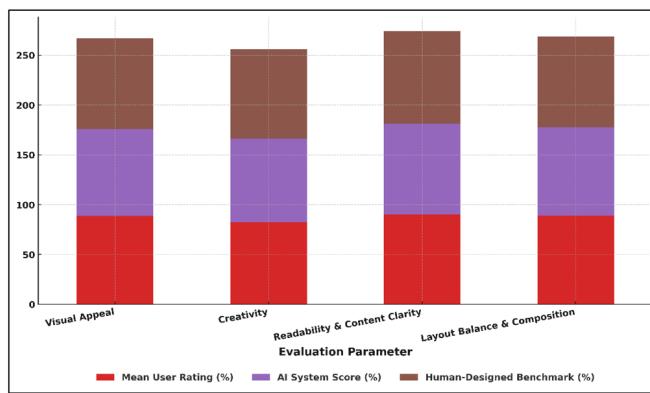


Figure 4 Cumulative Performance Analysis of Design Evaluation Metrics

The Transformer module was already proved to be able to align semantics and to organize information. [Figure 4](#) illustrates the accumulated analysis of the design evaluation metrics performance. The layout balance and composition score is 89%, which indicates that reinforcement learning can effectively optimize the spatial distribution and the unity between structure.

7. CONCLUSION

The study demonstrated a new approach for using artificial intelligence for automation of creative printed layouts. It used GANs, Transformers and reinforcement learning combined together into one system that can create professional-quality print designs with minimal human intervention. The study showed that AI is able to imitate and surpass human creative thinking by comprehending the material surrounding them, creating a wide range of aesthetics, and making the

most of usefulness. The flexible nature of the system allows for it to adapt to various design needs such as commercial printing and marketing material, training and small businesses, and still be true to the brand and style. The findings indicated that the use of generative and adaptable AI model combination outperformed the use of template-based tools. This is because it strikes a better balance of artistic freedom and structural accuracy. In addition, the inclusion of a user feedback loop formed a dynamic interplay in which the creators could control and improve the AI's creative output at all times. In the future, the evaluation system will be enhanced by incorporating emotional and culture-sensitive aesthetics, real-time design data, and cross-platform flexibility to make it suitable for extensive use by researchers. Overall, this is a significant piece of work that goes a long way in the direction of linking computer intelligence to visual creation. It paves the way for the new wave of automatic design systems that will make print media more productive, accessible to all, and creative.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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