

AI: Five things to watch for in 2026-27

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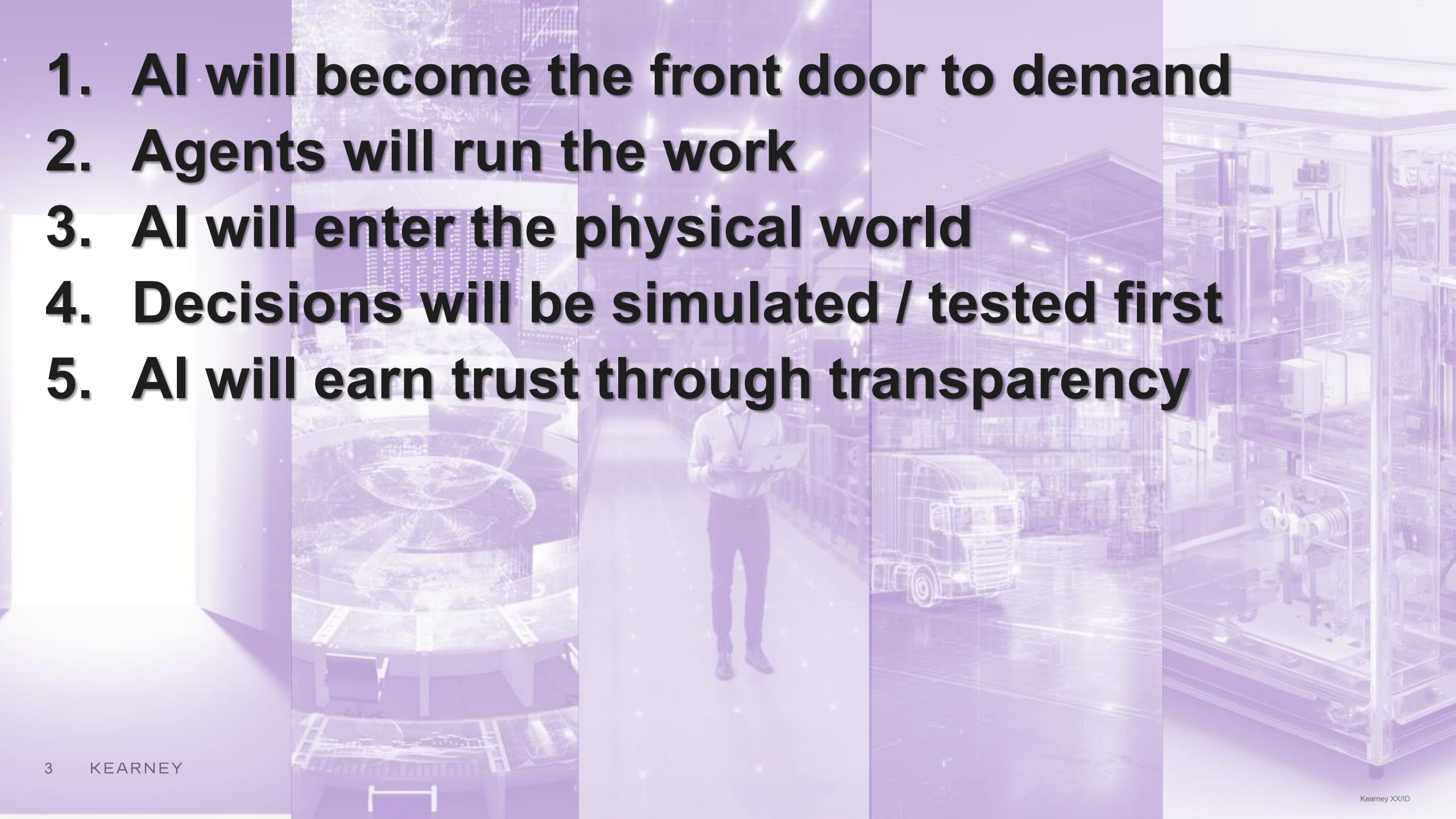
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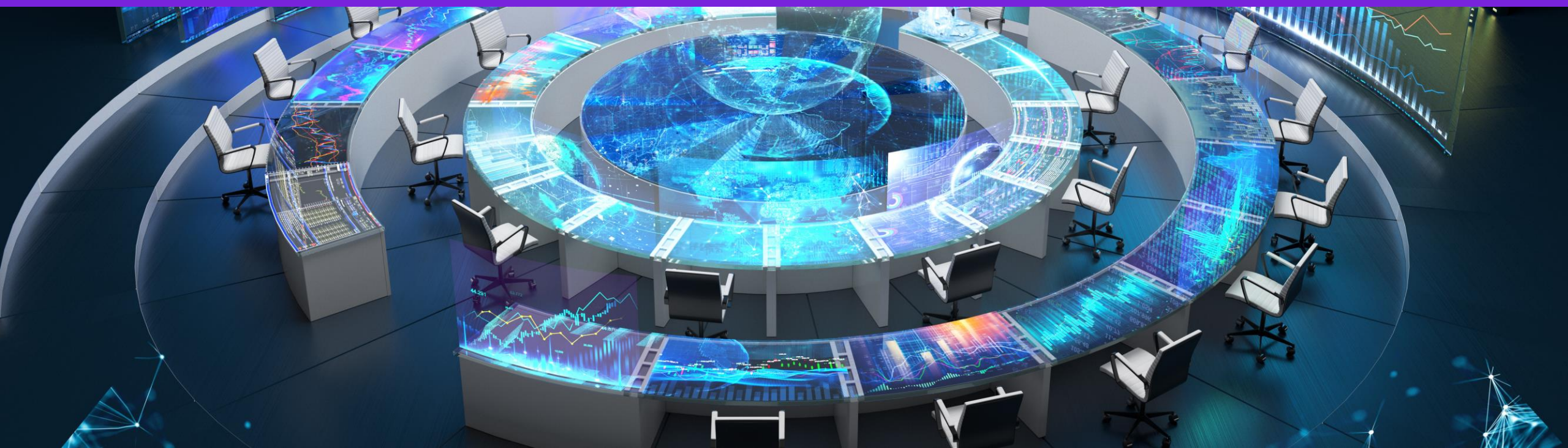
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- 1. AI will become the front door to demand**
 - 2. Agents will run the work**
 - 3. AI will enter the physical world**
 - 4. Decisions will be simulated / tested first**
 - 5. AI will earn trust through transparency**

A glowing blue doorway in a dark space with stars and a light beam on the floor.

AI will become the front door to demand



Agents will run the work





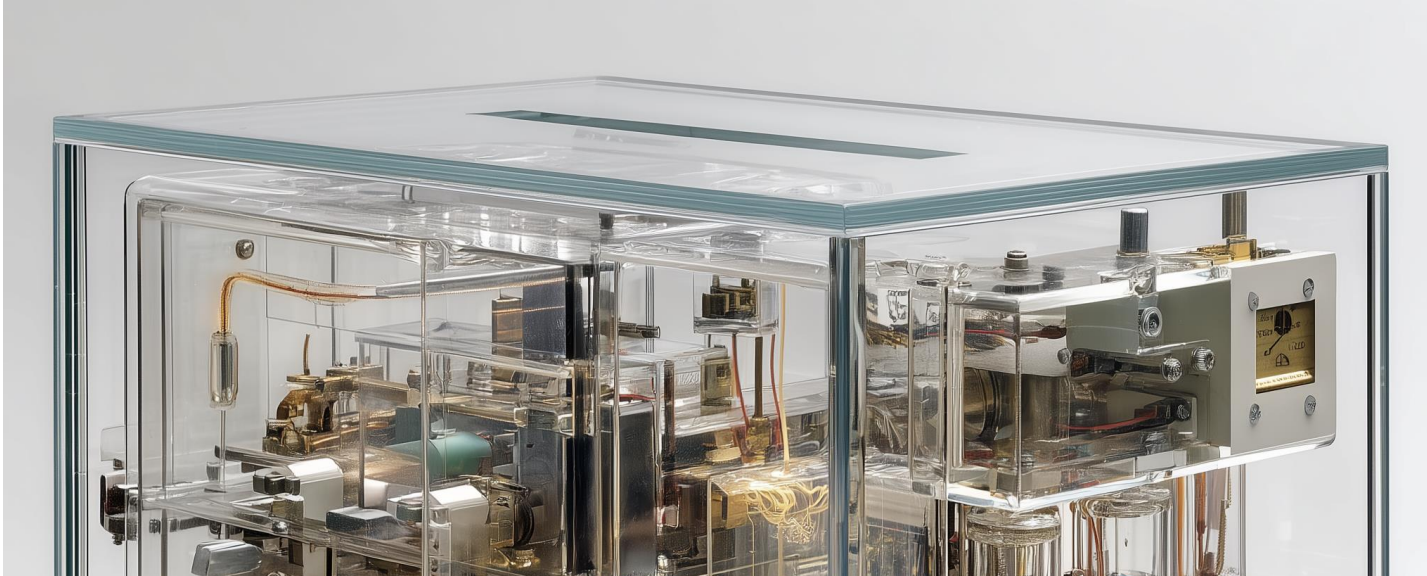
AI will enter the physical world



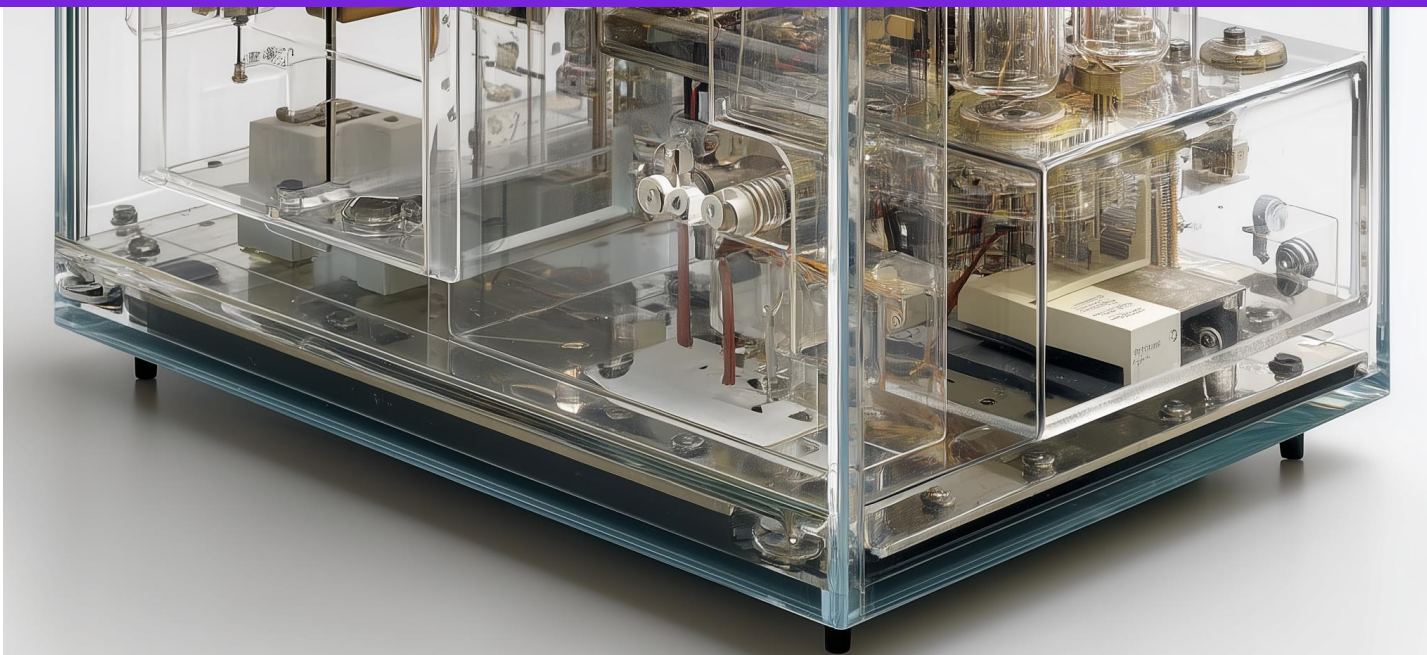


Decisions will be simulated / tested first





AI will earn trust through transparency



Thank you



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```
public class SwapNumbers {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int first = 1, second = 2;  
        System.out.println("Before swap:");  
        System.out.println("First number = " + first);  
        System.out.println("Second number = " + second);  
        // Value of first is assigned to temporary  
        float temp = first;  
        // Value of second is assigned to first  
        first = second;  
        // Value of temporary (which contains the initial value of first) is assigned to second  
        second = temp;  
        System.out.println("After swap:");  
        System.out.println("First number = " + first);  
        System.out.println("Second number = " + second);  
    }  
}
```

AI will deliberate before acting



```
System.out.println("Second number = " + second);  
// Value of first is assigned to temporary  
float temp = first;  
// Value of second is assigned to first  
first = second;  
// Value of temporary (which contains the initial value of first) is assigned to second  
second = temp;  
System.out.println("After swap:");  
System.out.println("First number = " + first);  
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