



## Documenting use of Generative AI in Scholarly Works

**Ekstrøm, Jeannette**

*Publication date:*  
2024

*Document Version*  
Publisher's PDF, also known as Version of record

[Link back to DTU Orbit](#)

*Citation (APA):*  
Ekstrøm, J. (2024). *Documenting use of Generative AI in Scholarly Works*. Poster session presented at Teaching Seminar Spring 2024, Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark.

---

### General rights

Copyright and moral rights for the publications made accessible in the public portal are retained by the authors and/or other copyright owners and it is a condition of accessing publications that users recognise and abide by the legal requirements associated with these rights.

- Users may download and print one copy of any publication from the public portal for the purpose of private study or research.
- You may not further distribute the material or use it for any profit-making activity or commercial gain
- You may freely distribute the URL identifying the publication in the public portal

If you believe that this document breaches copyright please contact us providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.



# Documenting use of Generative AI in Scholarly Works

DTU's code of honour says the following:

*"As a student at DTU I acknowledge DTU's code of honour for examinations and other academic activity. I accept and respect that the high standards for accountability and academic and scientific integrity apply to me as a student just as they apply to lecturers, researchers, and students at the university. I therefore show responsibility and integrity in my work, and my exam submissions always reflect my own work, without having received inappropriate oral or written assistance, including digital sources. I know that I must never copy (plagiarize) other people's ideas, thoughts, reports or articles, but I am permitted to quote and refer to them using quotation marks and source references. [ <https://www.inside.dtu.dk/en/undervisning/regler/aereskodeks> ]*

## Two objectives for referencing:

1. The references provide documentation for the part of the text that is based on the work of others, thus making it possible to identify what is your contribution and what comes from other sources. The argumentation or claim can subsequently be tested and it can be established whether the work is based on a valid foundation or whether important information is missing.
2. The references will enable readers to identify and find the documents mentioned.

## REMEMBER to read the small prints when publishing:

According to Vancouver Guidelines & COPE (<https://publicationethics.org/cope-position-statements/ai-author>).....

*'AI tools cannot meet the requirements for authorship as they cannot take responsibility for the submitted work. As non-legal entities, they cannot assert the presence or absence of conflicts of interest nor manage copyright and license agreements.'*

Vancouver Guidelines (<https://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html#four>) point out, 'that at submission, the journal should require authors to disclose whether they used (AI) assisted technologies in the production of submitted work'

How to cite APA style...

Which other output styles are out there ?

- ☐ APA style
- ☐ MLA style
- ☐ IEEE style
- ☐ Harvard style
- ☐ Chicago style
- ☐ Vancouver style

Questions are welcome at ..

[bibliotek@dtu.dk](mailto:bibliotek@dtu.dk)

Image by 905513 from Pixabay

See more at <https://www.bibliotek.dtu.dk/en/publishing/reference-management/kunstig-intelligens>

**You**

Should I always cite generative AI in an assignment, or can I use text without citing it?

**ChatGPT**

Whether or not you need to cite generative AI in an assignment depends on the context and guidelines provided by your institution or instructor. Here are some considerations:

1. **Originality:** If the text generated by the AI is considered original work, then it's generally appropriate to cite it as a source. This is particularly true if you're using the generated text as a reference, quotation, or inspiration for your own work.
2. **Academic Integrity:** Many academic institutions have policies regarding plagiarism and proper citation. If you're using generative AI to assist in your assignment, it's important to follow these guidelines to maintain academic integrity.
3. **Transparency:** Citing generative AI demonstrates transparency and honesty about the sources of your information or ideas. This is especially important if the AI-generated text significantly contributes to your work.
4. **Instructions:** Always follow the specific instructions provided by your instructor or institution regarding citation practices. If they require you to cite generative AI, then you should do so accordingly.
5. **Common Practice:** Even if not explicitly required, it may still be a good practice to cite generative AI if it played a significant role in your work, similar to how you would cite any other source of information or inspiration.

In summary, while there may not be a universal rule, it's generally a good idea to cite generative AI if it substantially contributes to your assignment or if it's required by your institution or instructor. This helps to maintain academic integrity and transparency in your work.

OpenAI. (2024, April 5). Should I always cite generative AI in an assignment, or can I use text without citing it? [Response by ChatGPT]. ChatGPT 3.5. <https://chat.openai.com/share/b42f1b9a-8cbe-41e7-bb78-df23b44cb4b8>

Microsoft Bing SEARCH COPILOT NOTEBOOK

**You**

provide me with reasons to why I need to cite how and what I use Bing Co pilot for

**You**

what is important to cite and how do I cite the answer above in APA style

Appendix 1

Prompt used in Microsoft Copilot the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024:

Provide me with reasons to why I need to cite how and what I use Bing Copilot for

I used it for inspiration before planning a poster.

Copilot answer

Citing your use of Microsoft Copilot is important for several reasons:

1. **Acknowledgment:** It's a way to acknowledge the tools and resources you used to achieve your results. This is a common practice in research and development.
2. **Reproducibility:** It allows others to reproduce your steps and achieve the same results. This is particularly important in scientific research and software development.
3. **Transparency:** It provides transparency about your methods. This can be important in academic, professional, and personal settings.
4. **Learning and Improvement:** By citing your use, you provide valuable feedback that can be used to improve the tool and its functionalities.
5. **Ethics:** It's ethically right to give credit where it's due. If you've used Microsoft Copilot to assist in your work, it's fair to acknowledge it.

Remember, it's not just about citing that you used Microsoft Copilot, but also explaining how you used it, as this can provide valuable context. For example, did you use it to generate code, write an essay, create a poem, or something else? This information can be very useful.

Appendix 2

Prompt used in Microsoft Copilot the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024:

What if I want to cite a specific response from Copilot?

Copilot answer:

If you want to cite a specific response from Microsoft Copilot, you can do so by including the date of the conversation and a brief description of the content. Here's an example in APA style:

Microsoft Copilot. (2024, April 5). Explanation of how to cite Microsoft Copilot. Personal communication.

In this citation:

- "Microsoft Copilot" is the author.
- "2024, April 5" is the date of the conversation.
- "Explanation of how to cite Microsoft Copilot" is a brief description of the content.
- "Personal communication" indicates that the information was obtained directly from Microsoft Copilot and is not recoverable, i.e., there isn't a specific URL where the information can be retrieved by others.

Remember, citation styles can vary depending on the specific requirements of your institution or publisher, so it's always a good idea to check with them if you're unsure. Also, please note that the date should be the date when the specific response was generated.

The two prompts above are created in Microsoft Co-pilot. (2024, April 5). I used (of course) the protected view via the DTU Login function, where 'nothing is being saved beside, what I – myself – remember to save from the 'dialogue with the Generative AI from Microsoft'. Microsoft Co-pilot saves the 'result', not the prompt. This we need to add.....