



## Documenting use of Generative AI in Scholarly Works

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2. The references will enable readers to identify and find the documents mentioned.

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**How to cite APA style...**

When prompted with "Provide me with reasons to why I need to cite how and what I use Bing Co-pilot for" the ChatGPT generation indicated that although the text has been generated by a language model, the user is responsible for its content and accuracy. The user should ensure that the information is accurate and reliable before using it in their work. (OpenAI, 2023, ChatGPT-4o) [https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt-4o]

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**Which other output styles are out there ?**

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

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## Referencing when using generative AI

- artificial intelligence in research and assignments

DTU students and employees who use Generative AI systems (e.g. ChatGPT or BingChat) must make sure to document and acknowledge their use of AI – just like using any other tool.

If you use Generative AI, it is your own responsibility to document your use and make it clear where your knowledge stems from, just as it is your own responsibility to adhere to the academic standards of honesty, transparency and accountability as outlined in DTU's code of honour and Principles for good scientific conduct (DTU Inside/DTU login), in particular The Vancouver Guidelines.

If you use Generative AI to find, rephrase or generate answers, knowledge, solutions or texts, make sure that you:

- **Acknowledge** your use of Generative AI
- Save the AI result (including the date, your search prompt, the result and the AI version/model) either as a screenshot or as an appendix for future **documentation**
- If possible, explore the sources on which your AI tool has based its text and data mining and make a **note** of this.

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**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>

**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 Co-pilot for  
I used it for inspiration before planning a poster.

**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?

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.....