

Starting Days

Good Practices – Learning with GenAI

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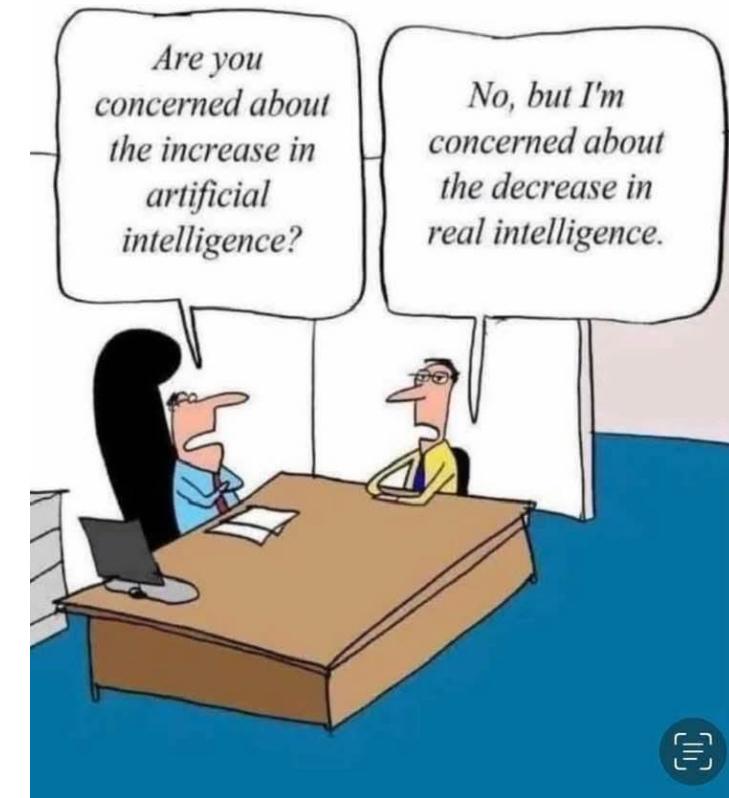
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EVIDENCE FROM LITERATURE

Frequent use of GenAI tools (for learning) **reduces critical thinking skills and retention** due to cognitive offloading [1]

When writing an essay using GenAI tools, a **reduction of brain activity** is observed (compared without using AI tools) [2]

Well designed and used GenAI tools can foster knowledge acquisition by offering students more autonomy and engagement [3]



[1] Gerlich M. AI Tools in Society: Impacts on Cognitive Offloading and the Future of Critical Thinking. *Societies*. 2025; 15(1):6. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc15010006>

[2] Kosmyna, Nataliya & Hauptmann, Eugene & Yuan, Ye & Situ, Jessica & Liao, Xian-Hao & Beresnitzky, Ashly & Braunstein, Iris & Maes, Pattie. (2025). Your Brain on ChatGPT: Accumulation of Cognitive Debt when Using an AI Assistant for Essay Writing Task. 10.48550/arXiv.2506.08872.

[3] Mai Nguyen, Reeti Agarwal, Ashish Malik, Rudresh Pandey; Generative AI: elevating knowledge acquisition and retention and recall through autonomy, interactivity and engagement. *Journal of Enterprise Information Management* 2025; <https://doi.org/10.1108/JEIM-08-2024-0433>

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

Start by yourself !

- Think for yourself
- Try hard to solve your exercises, problems or home-works

After trying yourself

- Ask GenAI tools to comment, discuss your solution
- Ask for step-by-step explanations

When interacting with GenAI tools

- Reflect and exchange with it iteratively (or “him/her”)
- Consider it as a “tutor” or “colleague”

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES - CONCRETE EXAMPLES

For text generation

1. Create your own text, structure it and make a good draft
2. Ask GenAI to identify weak points and provide suggestions to clarify your text
3. Read the answer, think about it and potentially correct your text yourself

For coding tasks

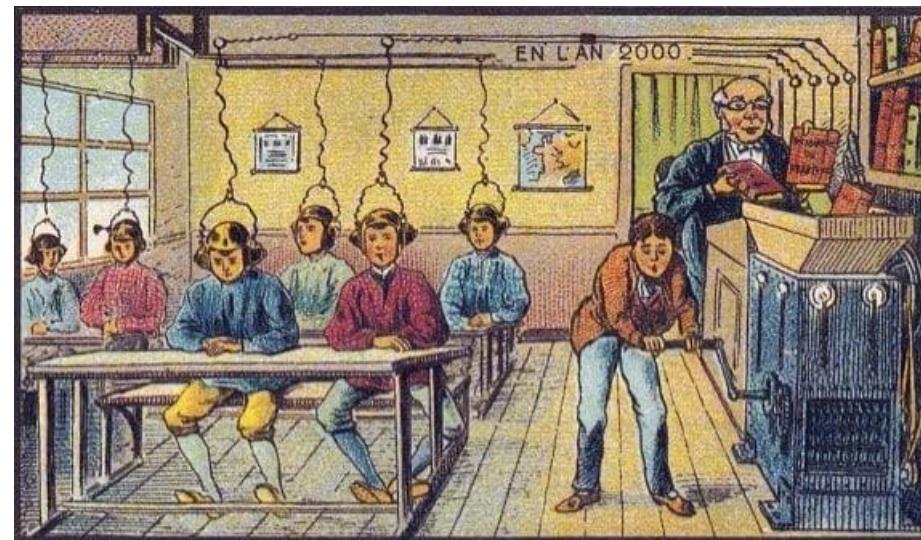
1. Disable AI code completion when learning
2. Code your own solution, test it and try to find bugs / errors
3. Ask GenAI to reflect on your solution and highlight potential ways of improvements
4. Reflect on the answer and potentially update your code

Ask for advices not for solutions

PRACTICES TO AVOID

- Do not start your exercise using GenAI tools
- Avoid asking for the answer / solution
- Avoid copy-pasting as much as possible
- Do not trust blindly the answers from GenAI, double check and criticize !

Postcard from 1899:
Vision of society in a
century.



The image depicts how future technology would allow the teacher to insert books directly into the head of students.

UNIVERSITY TOOLS

The screenshot shows a dark-themed AI interface. A user message 'You' asks 'who are you ?'. The AI response, from 'KoboldAI', is: 'FriLLM: I'm FriLLM, your friendly assistant and expert on all things related to the University of Fribourg! I'm here to provide you with accurate and up-to-date information about the university, its programs, research opportunities, student life, and more.' Below this, another message from 'You' says 'As a conversational AI, I've been trained on a vast amount of data and resources about the University of Fribourg, allowing me to answer your questions and provide insights into what makes this institution so special.' At the bottom, there's a message input field labeled 'Message KoboldAI' and a footer note 'KoboldAI Lite v271 Embedded'.

You can find more information here
<https://www.unifr.ch/it/fr/ia-generative.html>

La DIT-ER vous propose ainsi :

Microsoft Copilot Chat

- [Login](#) avec votre compte informatique de l'UniFR.
- [Modèle de chat basé sur GPT](#)
- Génération de textes et d'images
- Toutes les données introduites ne sont pas utilisées par Microsoft pour entraîner un modèle d'IA.

Génération d'images : Adobe Firefly / Adobe Express

- **Adobe Firefly** permet de générer des images, des vidéos, et du contenu audio à partir de prompts.
- Disponible avec la licence [Adobe Creative Cloud](#) de l'UniFR (login avec votre compte informatique de l'UniFR).
- Les données sont conservées par Adobe mais elles ne sont pas utilisées pour "entraîner" un modèle d'IA.
- Adobe Firefly est réservé aux employé·es de l'UniFR.
- **Adobe Express**, disponible pour le personnel et les étudiant·es de l'UniFR, permet également de générer des images par IA.

Implémentation locale d'un LLM

- Modèle de chat basé sur la [version 3 LLaMA de Meta](#).
- Modèle de génération d'images basé sur Stable Diffusion (SD) accessible à : [frillm.unifr.ch/sdui](#)
- Accessible via votre navigateur depuis le réseau de l'UNIFR ou avec le **VPN activé** ([frillm.unifr.ch](#)).
- Ce service expérimental est à utiliser tel quel ; aucun support supplémentaire ne sera fourni.
- Toutes les données restent sur les serveurs de la Direction IT.