

Policy on Generative AI

The Keweenaw Time Bank asks participants to refrain from:

- Posting offers which advertise or promote the usage of generative AI, including (but not limited to):
 - Use of a generative AI model to produce media or documents
- Completing requests by making use of a generative AI model

Offering the use of ChatGPT to generate a resume

- Providing training on how to use generative AI to produce media or documents

Using ChatGPT to generate an image in order to complete a request for an illustration

Generative AI includes Large Language Models (LLMs) [for text/code and documents] and Diffusion Models [for images, videos and audio]. Many branded services such as ChatGPT, Grok and Claude offer “AI” wholesale for these tasks, but in reality they employ multiple models in order to fulfill a user’s requests.

We have taken this stance because our values and guiding principles highlight the human element in building community and aiding one-another with the usage of our time. The risks imposed by generative AI’s negative effects on labor and mental health, in addition to the environmental damage created by data center construction and energy consumption, are considerations we cannot ignore. We are cognizant of how fields of development, such as machine learning and computational algorithms, have been lumped under the umbrella of “AI”. Our intent is that those who are knowledgeable of programming and coding, and want to make use of these skills by participating in the time bank, to be valued for the time spent making use of their knowledge. Using generative AI to complete a request (either as the primary means or not) devalues whatever time that was spent, and offers which advertise or promote generative AI would be an endorsement of the previously-stated harmful effects it has (and will) cause.

For these reasons, the KTB Kitchen Cabinet has elected to adopt this policy.