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Data Literacy for AI-Enhanced Knowledge Work (Co-Pilots) Playbook

Knowing when to trust an AI co-pilot's output and when to double-check it yourself

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Overview

A framework for building data literacy specifically for knowledge workers using AI co-pilot tools — understanding AI output reliability and limitations, appropriate verification habits, and recognizing when co-pilot-assisted work still requires genuine independent judgment, since AI co-pilot adoption without this literacy risks propagating confident-sounding but incorrect AI output unchecked.

If an AI co-pilot tool produces confident, well-formatted output,

isn't that generally reliable? Confident presentation isn't a reliable signal of accuracy — AI systems can produce fluent, well-formatted output that's factually incorrect or based on flawed reasoning, which is precisely why verification literacy matters more, not less, as AI-generated content becomes more polished-looking.

Where should knowledge workers focus their verification effort,

given time constraints? On the specific claims or calculations where being wrong would have the most consequence, and on areas where AI systems are known to be less reliable (specific factual claims, numerical calculations, edge cases) — not uniform, exhaustive verification of every AI output.

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