

Copilot Dilemma

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Friction Points

It won't happen anything because the use of this code is in a gray area, maybe it is not explicitly illegal but I don't think that it is ethically correct. I also believe that AI, Copilot, in this specific case, should add comments (text that does not run) to the code so programmers know from where they are taking code from, giving the original authors of the code proper credits. If the AI commits an error, it's your responsibility to solve it, AI is a tool and you're the one using it.

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Dimension	Technical risk	How can you solve it?
Property	Suggested code w/o proper authorship.	Add comments with the links of the repositories used as a reference to generate the code.
Transparency	The model is a 'black box'.	Create documentation.
Community	Disincentive to share open source code.	Major companies should give incentives to those open source developers.

Conscience Commit

- AI should only be used as a tool, not as a coworker or a replacement of an existing human.

- All code must be properly audited by several team members.
- All code must be properly documented, and, if possible, asking the AI for references used to generate code is a must.

Closing Questions

While saving time is great, efficiency should not come at the cost of someone else's rights. If we stop respecting authors, the open-source community will stop sharing code, and eventually, the AI will have nothing new to learn from. AI cannot take responsibility for a security bug or a legal problem. A human developer must always review the code and "sign" it, because only a human can be held accountable for the software's performance.

There is a risk that people will stop sharing quality code if they aren't credited. To keep Open Source alive, we need better ways to protect authors and ensure that humans still have a reason to create and share original work.