

AI Privacy, Safety, and Ethics

In this course, we will use generative AI services to assist us in developing software. This practice is becoming common in the software development industry, but there are risks and responsibilities you must be aware of. The following notices apply to the AI services we'll use in this course, including (but not limited to) OpenRouter and GitHub Copilot.

- Privacy
 - These services may store your private information on servers outside Canada where it may be accessible to authorities in those countries.
 - These services may collect and save your prompts and code in your project folders for training purposes. Your code and prompts are NOT private, so please don't include sensitive or private information.
- Safety
 - These services provide access to generative AI models that may have inconsistent standards regarding safety of training and output. They may produce output that is harmful, inaccurate, or objectionable in other ways. I cannot guarantee the safety of the outputs; use at your own risk.
 - Read all output carefully and verify everything for accuracy, security, and safety.
- Ethics
 - There are many ethical challenges involved in the development and use of AI models. By using these services you must agree to their terms and not use the services for harmful or malicious purposes. You are entirely responsible for harmful consequences even if unintentional. Again, use at your own risk.
 - OpenRouter's terms: <https://openrouter.ai/terms>
 - GitHub Copilot's terms: <https://github.com/customer-terms/github-copilot-product-specific-terms>
- Permitted Uses
 - Please remember that this course (and probably your other courses) have policies on how you're allowed to use these AI tools. Please consult these policies carefully. In WMDD 4835, you're only allowed to use these tools for specific tasks where clearly indicated; for all other tasks, you must write all code yourself, unassisted by AI.

If any of the above points are concerns for you, please contact me to discuss alternatives.