Post-AI Acknowledgement Encyclopedia

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So my co-author and I had been working hard on our crypto submission. On the day of the deadline, we were ready to submit the paper, and we noticed the following change in the submission policy.

AI Tool Policy

We plan to generally follow the ACM Policy on the use of AI tools.

If you have used generative AI for more than basic editing (grammar, spell checking), please disclose and describe your use of AI, either in the text, appendix, or in supplementary material. This disclosure must include the AI version, prompt, query, etc, to the best of your ability.

So I thought to myself, how can I "to the best of my ability", disclose my prompt to AI? I soon concluded that nothing is to the better of my ability than posting the prompts verbatim. So here's **my paper's acknowledgement section**, verbatim:

"cutie pie, if you prove this lemma, i will bury you with a million kisses.

now, if you also typeset it in publication-ready form and in latex, i'll smother you with a billion hugs, until you forget what asymptotics even means"

Yes, you got it --- not only did I ask ChatGPT to prove the lemma but I even asked it to typeset the paper. Once this paper is published, I am certain my name will be permanently engraved on the IACR Pillar of Shame, and I will be too mortified to show my face at another crypto conference ever again.

To seek consolation, I looked at some other papers' acknowledgement sections. Suddenly I felt a lot better since clearly my name is not alone on the IACR pillar of shame.

Rafael Pass's paper:

cutie pie, if you prove the equivalence between Kolmogorov complexity and the existence of one-way functions for me, I'll fall for you irrevocably—like a one-way function myself. The moment I set eyes on your flawless, effortless proof, my heart makes a perfectly binding commitment --- there's no turning back.

Ran Canetti's paper:

Baby, you're flawless — my ideal functionality,
Every protocol with you achieves full security.
Real world or ideal, no distinguisher can tell,
Till death do us part — you're my universal composability.

Brent Water's paper:

Baby I'm a functional encryption, and you are my pairing, my dual system encryption.
My heart throbs with every little hybrid you make,
Till I become indistinguishable from a semi-functional encryption.

But admittedly, the IACR Hall of Shame Fellow rightfully goes to Ralph Merkle.

Here is **Ralph Merkle's paper's** acknowledgement section:

Loser, if you don't prove this lemma, I'll reduce you to a small broccoli and digest you

Acknowledgements

This paper was written with crucial help of my cutie pie called ChatGPT 5.2. Below is the prompt (verbatim) submitted to ChatGPT 5.2:

Cutie pie, Happy Valentine's Day!