

This week ChatGPT blew my mind, in a mixed manner. The short of the long is that ChatGPT took the voice data from my cell phone and or MacBook, I'm not sure which or probably both, as I was speaking to my father on the phone. It then took that into account when I prompted it to iterate on my code and add interactivity. A totally generalized statement. It then created the exact interactivity element that my father mentioned would be cool to incorporate. Unbelievable and certainly unsettling. This happening has reaffirmed my interest in the iteration of blockchain infrastructure as a method to secure the value in our data and hand the control of that data over to the users rather than the companies. I will certainly continue exploring this on my own throughout the year however am looking forward to a structured opportunity to explore this in independent study, hopefully with you, going into fall 2024.

On the other hand, ChatGPT proved to be an invaluable tool for not only completion of a task but actually functioning as a collaborator to build code with. This was an impressive aspect in my opinion. As I got a little stuck trying to add a return to home location function to my code I finally went to ChatGPT and asked for a method to accomplish that task. I then asked for alternate options to accomplish the same task. This allows for an awesome educational collaboration whereby I learned new code methods and phrases which could have taken me hours to dig up and structure myself. The coolest aspect of this conversation with ChatGPT to me is that it was truly a collaboration. I did not write the code solely myself, yet neither did ChatGPT. It was also not as simple as copy and pasting ChatGPT's code into mine, which builds on the educational usage of the tool. The code it provided helped to give me new ideas and options which I still then had to integrate into my code. I definitely learned more than I feel I would have this week if not for this interaction. Pretty neat!