



Exploring Generative AI Tools for Scientific Software Development

First ideas and experiences
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BOF Purpose

- Provide some brief examples of use
 - Speculate on possible opportunities/challenges
 - Real purpose:
 - Connect with people interested in generative AI
 - Start a conversation going forward
 - Interested in further discussion?
 - See Google Sheet sign up in Zoom chat
 - And here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17NdjprJr0-IVmoJjtleEmglTfJRIduBoWO8jNX2b9M/edit?usp=sharing>
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What are Generative AI Tools?

- Chat:
 - Produce content by
 - Accepting an input prompt
 - Producing human-like output in response to the prompt
 - Example:
 - Prompt: *Tell me about the first US moon landing*
 - <https://beta.openai.com> – Playground
- Inline suggested content:
 - Predict what you need next as you type
 - Example: GitHub Copilot auto-complete

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Playground

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Tell me about the first US moon landing



The first US moon landing was the Apollo 11 mission, which launched on July 16, 1969. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins comprised the crew of Apollo 11. On July 20, 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin became the first humans to ever set foot on the moon. Armstrong famously said, "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind," as he took the first steps on the moon. The two astronauts spent about two and a half hours outside the spacecraft collecting samples, conducting experiments, and taking photographs. After their historic moonwalk, the astronauts returned to the spacecraft and began their journey back to Earth, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean on July 24, 1969.

Mode



Model

text-davinci-003



Temperature

0.7

Maximum length

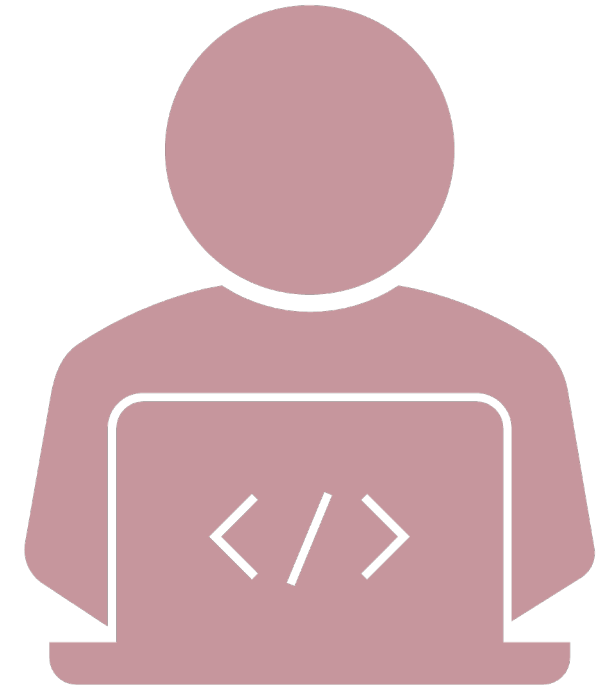
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Tools I have used

- OpenAI: Company producing most-used tools
 - GitHub Copilot:
 - Have been tracking since Dec 2021
 - Based on Codex: special OpenAI model for programming
 - Available as a plugin for VSCode (how I use it)
 - OpenAI Playground:
 - Like ChatGPT with more flexible, complicated API (to GPT3)
 - Less known, more available
 - ChatGPT:
 - Latest API (to GPT3.5)
 - Raised broad awareness.
 - Not tried: Jasper (also based on GPT3), Code Whisperer (Amazon)
 - Many new tools emerging and expected in the coming months
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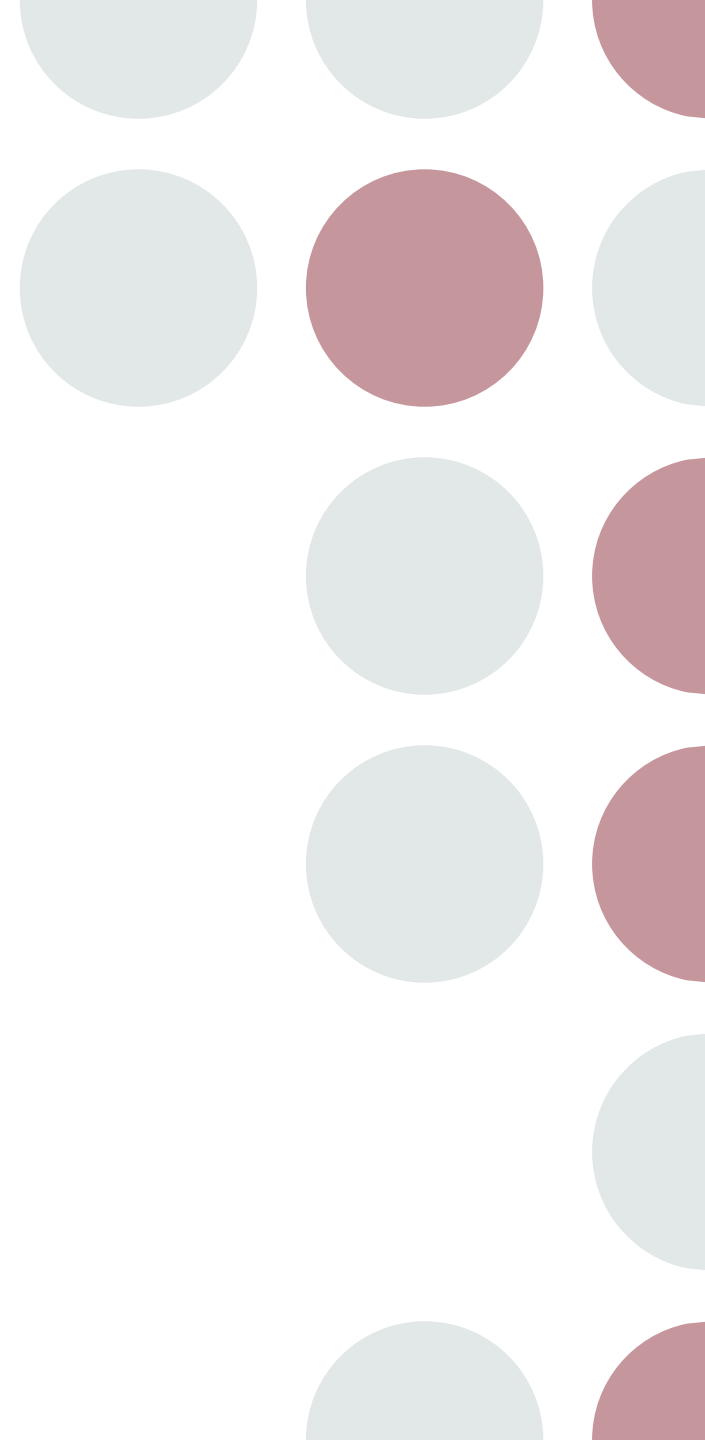
Some ways to think about these tools

- College roommate English major who lives to help you with your writing assignments
 - Programmer to produce code, scripts, templates as starting point for you to consider
 - Administrative assistant to help with detailed content formatting tasks
 - Elaborate auto-complete feature
 - An on-demand intelligence
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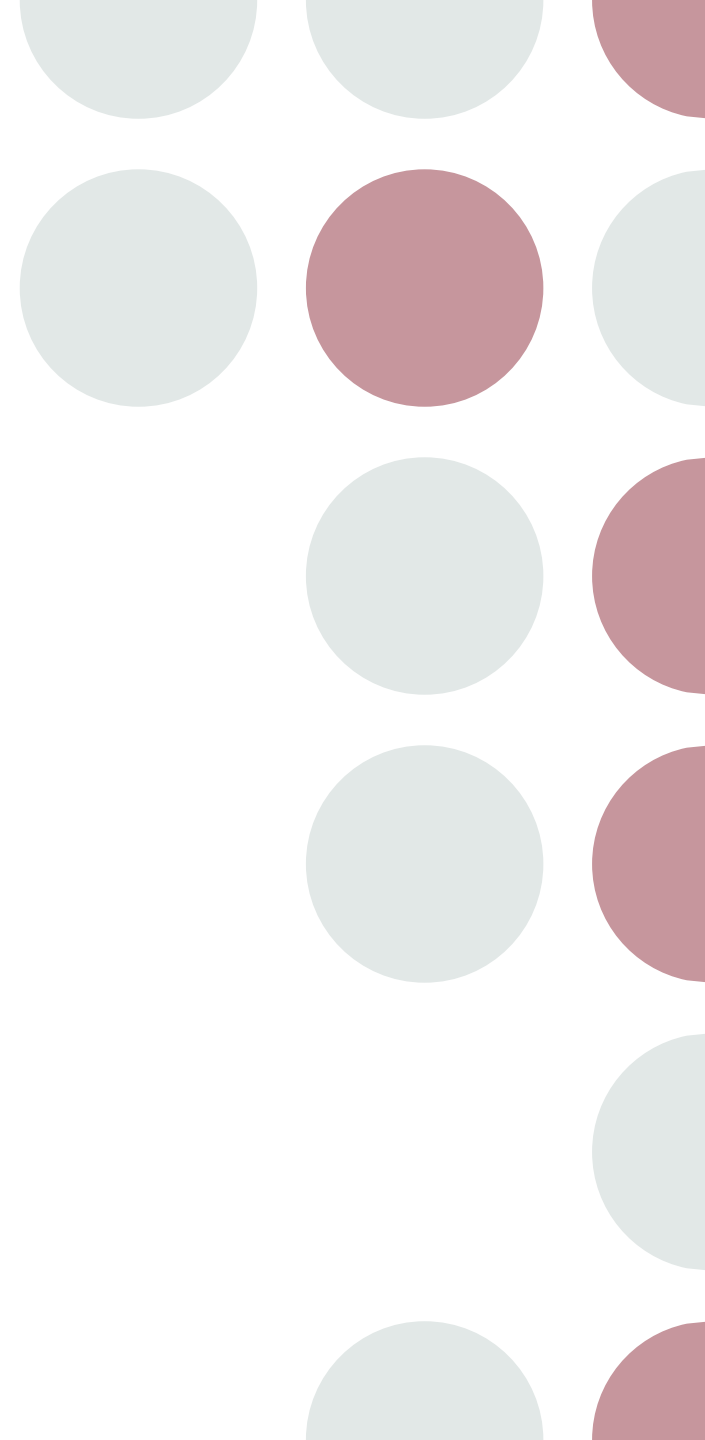
English major roommate

- Authoring
 - Brainstorm topics
 - Generate outline
 - Recursively provide more detail
 - Assessment
 - Request AI review of content
 - Improvement
 - Steel-manning other perspectives
 - Refine content – understandable by a novice, TL;DR, etc.
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What does it mean to be the author?

- Student essay due by midnight:
 - Written with copy-and-paste and “lite” editing after dinner
 - Is the student the author?
 - Definition of author here:
 - Ability to explain, defend, and elaborate on written content?
 - True novelty seems unlikely
 - How to assess knowledge:
 - Assessing quality of writing OK but not content knowledge
 - Assessment via dialogue seems essential
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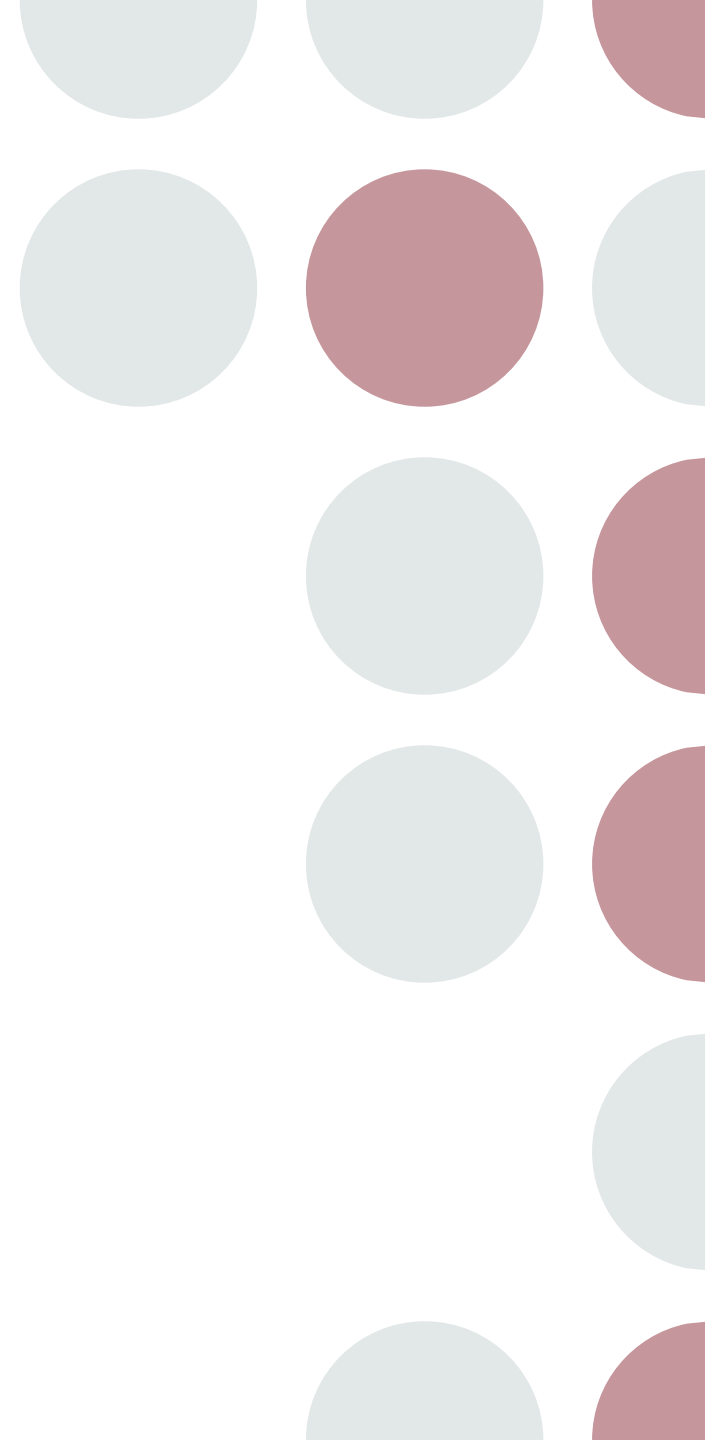
Basic rules for using sophisticated (including AI) tools in content development – 2 versions

1. If used to assist creating/transforming **your own content**:
 - a) Make sure you truly understand/own the content
 - b) Beware of plagiarism
2. If used to incorporate **others' content**:
 - a) Assure rights to use
 - b) Give credit
3. Do not list tools as authors

1. Report the use of these tools if used to create content
 2. Assure that all authors take responsibility for content
 3. Do not list tools as authors
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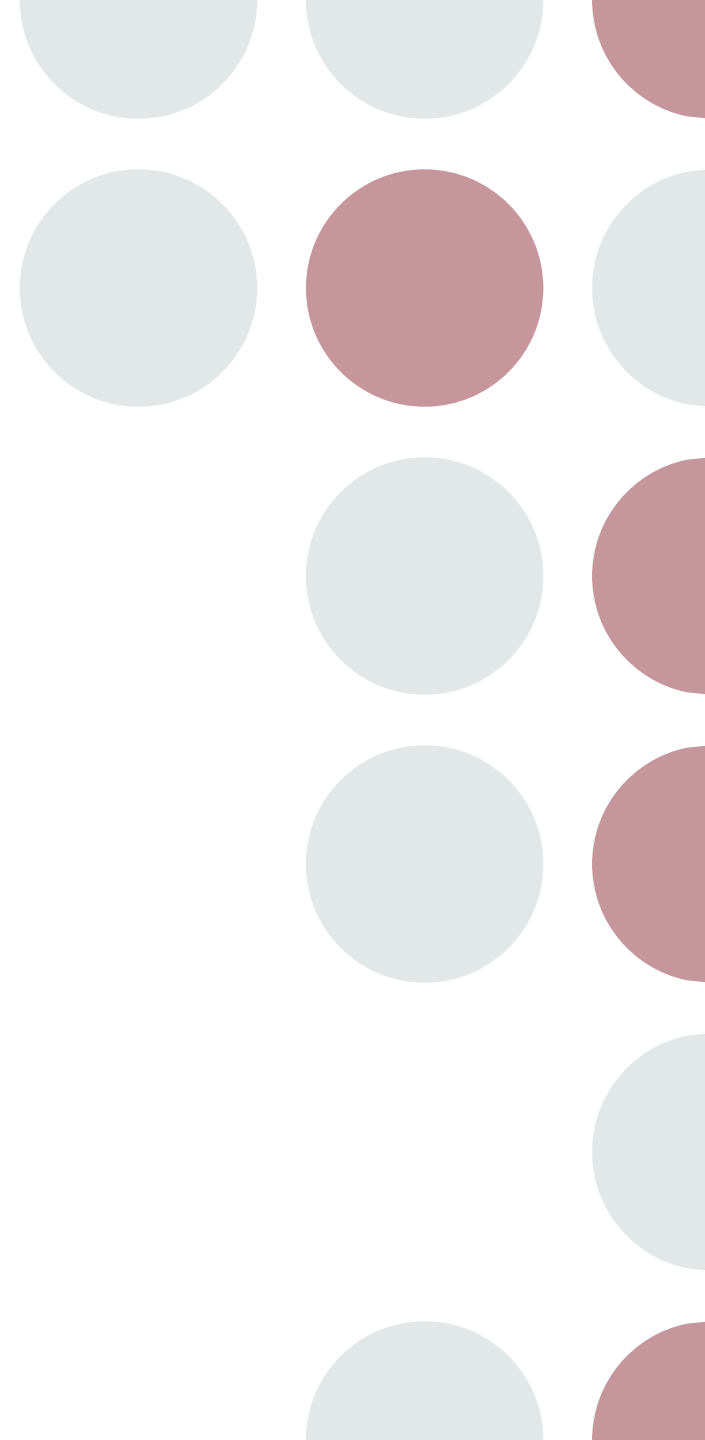
Skills impact

- Low-level skills replaced by tools
 - Programming:
 - Syntax, formatting
 - Programming standards
 - Using APIs
 - What to produce and how it's designed are relatively more important
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Trends

- Soft skills become relatively more important
 - Understanding the individual, teams, communities become more important than technical skills
 - Domain knowledge relatively more important
 - What to produce – Requirements
 - Design become more important & easier
 - Rapid prototyping easier
 - AI tools won't replace people
 - People who use AI tools will replace those who don't
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<https://beta.openai.com/playground>

Bootstrapping a scripting tool – Step 1: Ask for advice

What is a good way to extract metadata from a GitHub repo?

The best way to extract metadata from a GitHub repo is to use the GitHub API. It provides a range of endpoints that allow you to access information about the repo, such as the number of commits, pull requests, releases, and other metadata. You can also use the GitHub GraphQL API to query more specific information.

Write a script to extract basic activity information from the Trilinos GitHub repo

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
```

```
import requests
```

```
# Enter your GitHub personal access token here
```

```
token = '<YOUR_TOKEN_HERE>'
```

```
# The GitHub repository to query
```

```
repo = 'trilinos/Trilinos'
```

```
# Get the list of commits
```

```
url = f'https://api.github.com/repos/{repo}/commits'
```

```
headers = {'Authorization': f'token {token}'}
```

```
response = requests.get(url, headers=headers).json()
```

```
# Print the commit count
```

```
print(f'Commit count: {len(response)}')
```

```
# Get the list of pull requests
```

```
url = f'https://api.github.com/repos/{repo}/pulls'
```

```
headers = {'Authorization': f'token {token}'}
```

```
response = requests.get(url, headers=headers).json()
```

```
# Print the pull request count
```

```
print(f'Pull request count: {len(response)}')
```

```
# Get the list of releases
```

```
url = f'https://api.github.com/repos/{repo}/releases'
```

```
headers = {'Authorization': f'token {token}'}
```

```
response = requests.get(url, headers=headers).json()
```

```
# Print the release count
```

```
print(f'Release count: {len(response)}')
```

<https://beta.openai.com/playground>

Step 2: Generate script

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Step 3: Learn about token

How do I determine my github personal access token?

To generate a GitHub personal access token, you must first log in to your GitHub account. Once logged in, go to your Settings page, select “Developer settings” from the left sidebar, and then “Personal access tokens”. On the next page, click “Generate new token”. You will then be prompted to give your token a name and select the scopes for which the token will be granted access. Once you have set your token’s name and scopes, click “Generate token”. Your token will then be displayed on the next page.

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Step 4: Experiment

Write a github API python script to list the contributors and number of commits to a github repo with user provided name

```
import requests
import json

# Get the user input
user_input = input("Please enter the GitHub repo name: ")

# API call to get the list of contributors
url = "https://api.github.com/repos/{}/contributors".format(user_input)
r = requests.get(url)

# Parse the response
data = json.loads(r.text)

# Print the result
print("List of Contributors and Number of Commits to {}".format(user_input))
for contributor in data:
    print("{}: {}".format(contributor['login'], contributor['contributions']))
```

VSCoDe+Copilot

HPCG Benchmark WAXPBY Kernel

VSCoDe with GitHub Copilot Plugin

- Copilot aware of complete HPCG code base
- Copilot also trained on many specialized APIs:
 - Intel Vector ISA
 - Kokkos Performance Portability API
 - Apple, HIP, etc...
- Copilot generates equivalent versions of C++ code
- Comment starts the generation process

src > ComputeWAXPBY_ref.cpp 2 ×

src > ComputeWAXPBY_ref.cpp > ...

```
41  */
42  int ComputeWAXPBY_ref(const local_int_t n, const double alpha, const Vector & x,
43      const double beta, const Vector & y, Vector & w) {
44
45      assert(x.localLength>=n); // Test vector lengths
46      assert(y.localLength>=n);
47
48      const double * const xv = x.values;
49      const double * const yv = y.values;
50      double * const wv = w.values;
51
52      if (alpha==1.0) {
53  #ifndef HPCG_NO_OPENMP
54      #pragma omp parallel for
55  #endif
56      for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i++) wv[i] = xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
57      } else if (beta==1.0) {
58  #ifndef HPCG_NO_OPENMP
59      #pragma omp parallel for
60  #endif
61      for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i++) wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + yv[i];
62      } else {
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64      #pragma omp parallel for
65  #endif
66      for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i++) wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
67      }
68
69      return 0;
70  }
71
```

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VSCoDe with GitHub Copilot Plugin

- Type comment (green text)
- Wait for Copilot to generate code
- Tab to accept

src > Intel_ComputeWAXPBY.cpp 2, U

```
1 // generate computeWAXPBY_ref function using Intel vector intrinsics:
2 int ComputeWAXPBY_ref(const local_int_t n, const double alpha, const Vector & x,
```

```
const double beta, const Vector & y, Vector & w) {

    assert(x.localLength>=n); // Test vector lengths
    assert(y.localLength>=n);
```

```
    const double * const xv = x.values;
    const double * const yv = y.values;
    double * const wv = w.values;
```

```
    if (alpha==1.0) {
        if (beta==1.0) {
            // w = x + y
            for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i+=4) {
                __builtin_prefetch(&xv[i+16], 0, 0);
                __builtin_prefetch(&yv[i+16], 0, 0);
                __builtin_prefetch(&wv[i+16], 1, 1);
                const __m128d vx = _mm_load_pd(&xv[i]);
                const __m128d vy = _mm_load_pd(&yv[i]);
                const __m128d vw = _mm_add_pd(vx, vy);
                _mm_store_pd(&wv[i], vw);
            }
        } else {
            // w = x + beta * y
            const __m128d vb = _mm_set1_pd(beta);
            for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i+=4) {
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                const __m128d vw = _mm_add_pd(vx, _mm_mul_pd(vb, vy));
                _mm_store_pd(&wv[i], vw);
            }
        }
    }
}
```


Intel_ComputeWAXPBY.cpp 9+, U

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```

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21                const __m128d vw = _mm_add_pd(vx, vy);
22                _mm_store_pd(&wv[i], vw);
23            }
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30                __builtin_prefetch(&wv[i+16], 1, 1);
31                const __m128d vx = _mm_load_pd(&xv[i]);
32                const __m128d vy = _mm_load_pd(&yv[i]);
33                const __m128d vw = _mm_add_pd(vx, _mm_mul_pd(vb, vy));
34                _mm_store_pd(&wv[i], vw);
35            }
36        }
37    }
38}

```

src > G+ Kokkos_ComputeWAXPBY.cpp

```
1 // generate computeWAXPBY function using Kokkos::view and Kokkos::parallel_for
2 int ComputeWAXPBY(const local_int_t n, const double alpha, const Vector & x,
    const double beta, const Vector & y, Vector & w) {

    assert(x.localLength>=n); // Test vector lengths
    assert(y.localLength>=n);

    const double * const xv = x.values;
    const double * const yv = y.values;
    double * const wv = w.values;

    if (alpha==1.0) {
        if (beta==1.0) {
            // w = x + y
            Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
                wv[i] = xv[i] + yv[i];
            });
        } else {
            // w = x + beta * y
            Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
                wv[i] = xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
            });
        }
    } else if (beta==1.0) {
        // w = alpha * x + y
        Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
            wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + yv[i];
        });
    } else {
        // w = alpha * x + beta * y
        Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
            wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
        });
    }
    return 0;
}
```

VSCoide+Copilot HPCG Benchmark WAXPBY Kernel

VSCoide with GitHub Copilot Plugin

- Same approach for Kokkos

src > Kokkos_ComputeWAXPBY.cpp 9+, U

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20            Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
21                wv[i] = xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
22            });
23        }
24    } else if (beta==1.0) {
25        // w = alpha * x + y
26        Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
27            wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + yv[i];
28        });
29    } else {
30        // w = alpha * x + beta * y
31        Kokkos::parallel_for(n, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const local_int_t i) {
32            wv[i] = alpha * xv[i] + beta * yv[i];
33        });
34    }
35    return 0;
36 }
```

VSCoDe+Copilot HPCG Benchmark WAXPBY Kernel

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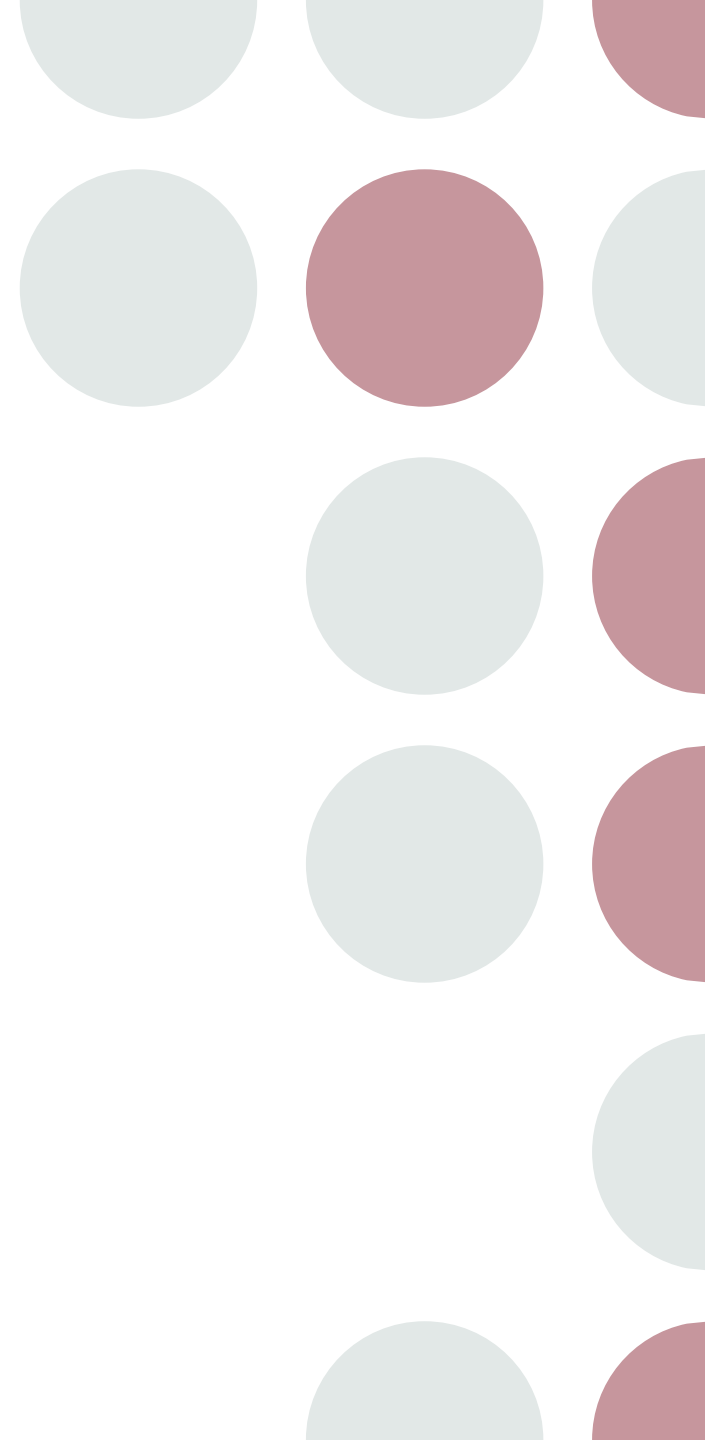
```
1 // generate computeWAXPBY_ref function using Apple vector intrinsics:
2 int ComputeWAXPBY_ref(const local_int_t n, const double alpha, const Vector & x,
3     const double beta, const Vector & y, Vector & w) {
4
5     assert(x.localLength>=n); // Test vector lengths
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18                __builtin_prefetch(&wv[i+16], 1, 1);
19                const vector double vx = vec_ld(0, &xv[i]);
20                const vector double vy = vec_ld(0, &yv[i]);
21                const vector double vw = vec_add(vx, vy);
22                vec_st(vw, 0, &wv[i]);
23            }
24        } else {
25            // w = x + beta * y
26            const vector double vb = vec_splats(beta);
27            for (local_int_t i=0; i<n; i+=4) {
28                __builtin_prefetch(&xv[i+16], 0, 0);
29                __builtin_prefetch(&yv[i+16], 0, 0);
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31                const vector double vx = vec_ld(0, &xv[i]);
32                const vector double vy = vec_ld(0, &yv[i]);
33                const vector double vw = vec_madd(vb, vy, vx);
34                vec_st(vw, 0, &wv[i]);
35            }
36        }
37    }
```

VSCoDe with GitHub Copilot Plugin

- Same approach for Apple ISA
- And so on

VSCode and Copilot for LaTeX

- VSCode with:
 - LaTeX Workshop plugin
 - GitHub Copilot plugin
 - Grammarly plugin
 - Makes an awesome writing environment:
 - Syntax-aware
 - Text predicting – including LaTeX syntax
 - Bug-free compilation
 - And much more..
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Help



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OpenAI Playground

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Build a te

Build a Teuchos parameterlist to solve an ill-conditioned non-symmetric linear system using muelu and belos

Teuchos::

Teuchos::ParameterList MueLuList;

// MueLu

// MueLu preconditioner parameters

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("max levels", 10);

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("prec type", "MGV");

#in

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("aggregation: type", "uncoupled");

#in

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("aggregation: damping factor", 0.5);

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("aggregation: max agg size", 3);

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("aggregation: min agg size", 2);

// c

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("smoother: type", "Chebyshev");

Teu

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("smoother: sweeps", 5);

ifpa

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("smoother: pre or post", "both");

ifpa

MueLuList

MueLuList.set("coarse: type", "Amesos-KLU");

ifpa

ifpa

// Belos s

// Belos solver parameters

Teuchos::

Teuchos::ParameterList BelosList;

BelosList

BelosList.set("Maximum Iterations", 500);

BelosList

BelosList.set("Convergence Tolerance", 1e-10);

// c

BelosList

BelosList.set("Verbosity", 33);

Teu

BelosList

BelosList.set("Output Frequency", 10);

azt

BelosList

BelosList.set("Output Style", 1);

azt

BelosList

BelosList.set("Implicit Residual Scaling", "Norm of Initial Residual");

azt

azt

// Combin

// Combine MueLu and Belos parameter lists

Teuchos::

Teuchos::ParameterList params;

params.s

params.set("Preconditioner", MueLuList);

params.s

params.set("Solver", BelosList);

Convert the following citations to bibtex format:

Articles:

U. M. Yang, L. C. McInnes, "xSDK: Building an ecosystem of highly efficient math libraries for exascale", SIAM News v. 54 issue 1, pages 8-9, January 2021.

P. Luszczek, U. Yang, "Building Community through Software Policies", Better Scientific Software, blog article, https://bssw.io/blog_posts/building-community-through-software-policies, August 2019

Plenary talks:

Ulrike Yang, "Elements of an Effective Ecosystem of Math Libraries for Exascale", invited plenary talk at Second Joint SIAM/CAIMS Annual Meeting (AN20), July 6-17, 2020, online.

Ulrike Yang, "xSDK: an Ecosystem of Interoperable Independently Developed Math Libraries", invited plenary talk at 1st MarDI Workshop on Scientific Computing, Muenster, Germany, Oct 26-28, 2022.

Invited presentations:

U. M. Yang, "Performance Portability in the Extreme-scale Scientific Software Kit", invited talk, ECCOMAS 2022, June 3-6, 2022, Oslo, Norway.

U. M. Yang, "Building an Effective Ecosystem of Math Libraries for Exascale", invited talk, E4S Workshop, EuroMPI/US'20, 9-24-20

U. M. Yang, P. Luszczek, "Building an Effective Ecosystem with Community Policies", invited talk, SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (SIAM CSE21), March 1-5, 2020, virtual.

U. M. Yang, "xSDK: a Community of Diverse HPC Software Packages", invited talk, The First Extreme-scale Scientific Software Forum (E4S Forum), IEEE Cluster 2019, Albuquerque NM, 9-23-19

Ulrike Yang, "xSDK: a Community of Diverse Numerical HPC Software Packages", invited talk, Final SPPEXA Symposium, October 21-23, 2019, Dresden, Germany.

Ulrike Yang, "xSDK: Foundations of a Numerical Software Ecosystem for High-performance CSE", SIAM CSE 2019, Feb 25 – Mar 1, 2019, Spokane, invited talk.

Minisymposia:

Co-organized 2-part minisymposium at SIAM CSE21: K. Teranishi, U. Yang, J. Willenbring, "Programming Environments for Exascale Computing – Ecosystem Perspectives", SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (SIAM CSE21), March 1-5, 2020,

ECP annual meeting posters and sessions:

"Extreme-scale Scientific Software Development Kit (xSDK) for ECP", poster at 2020 ECP annual meeting, Houston, TX, Feb 5, 2020.

"Extreme-scale Scientific Software Development Kit (xSDK) for ECP", poster at 2021 ECP annual meeting, virtual, April 12-16, 2021.

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  journal={SIAM News},  
  volume={54},  
  number={1},  
  pages={8-9},  
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  title={Building Community through Software Policies},  
  author={P. Luszczek and U. Yang},  
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Tl;dr. Here is a WWW'04 conference paper abstract I use in a compact writing exercise, followed by the AI-generated Tl;dr version. I chose the abstract because it presents significant opportunities for improvement.

Original text:

We seek to gain improved insight into how Web search engines should cope with the evolving Web, in an attempt to provide users with the most up-to-date results possible. For this purpose we collected weekly snapshots of some 150 Web sites over the course of one year, and measured the evolution of content and link structure. Our measurements focus on aspects of potential interest to search engine designers: the evolution of link structure over time, the rate of creation of new pages and new distinct content on the Web, and the rate of change of the content of existing pages under search-centric measures of degree of change. Our findings indicate a rapid turnover rate of Web pages, i.e., high rates of birth and death, coupled with an even higher rate of turnover in the hyperlinks that connect them. For pages that persist over time we found that, perhaps surprisingly, the degree of content shift as measured using TF.IDF cosine distance does not appear to be consistently correlated with the frequency of content updating. Despite this apparent non-correlation, the rate of content shift of a given page is likely to remain consistent over time. That is, pages that change a great deal in one week will likely change by a similarly large degree in the following week. Conversely, pages that experience little change will continue to experience little change. We conclude the paper with a discussion of the potential implications of our results for the design of effective Web search engines.

Tl;dr version

The Web is constantly evolving, with new pages being created and old ones being deleted or modified. Search engines need to be able to cope with this changing landscape in order to provide users with the most up-to-date results possible. Our study found that the rate of change of Web content is much higher than the rate of change of the links that connect it. This means that search engines need to be able to adapt quickly to changes in the content of Web pages, in order to provide the most relevant and up-to-date results.

Here is an opening paragraph for an article I wrote a few years ago, followed by the second-grader translation. Very interesting that the AI inserted the definition of exascale computing.

Prompt:

Summarize this (my paragraph) for a second-grade student:

The demands of massive concurrency and increased resilience required for effective exascale computing have led to claims that our existing approach to application programming must be replaced. In this article I argue that disruption is inevitable, but from the programming perspective will not require new languages or programming environments. Instead the disruption will be in application architecture, introducing a new control layer that will provide the concurrency, adaptability and resilience features we need in order to achieve effective exascale performance levels.

OpenAI Playground Generated Second-grader text:

The article is discussing how the way we currently write programs will have to change in order to be effective at exascale computing. Exascale computing is a type of computing where programs can use a billion billion calculations per second. This is different from our current approach, which the article claims will need to be replaced in order to be effective. The new way of writing programs will include a new control layer that provides features like concurrency, adaptability, and resilience.

Prompt:

Revise the following text to use inclusive language:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Response:

Four score and seven equals 87

Ninety-seven years ago, our ancestors brought forth on this continent a new nation, founded on the principles of liberty and equality for all.

Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether this nation, or any nation founded on such principles, can long endure. We are gathered on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who gave their lives here so that this nation might live. It is entirely appropriate that we do so.

However, in a broader sense, we cannot dedicate, consecrate, or hallow this ground. The courageous individuals, both living and deceased, who fought here have already done so, beyond our ability to add or subtract. The world may not pay much attention to what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is instead up to us, the living, to rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work that those who fought here have so nobly advanced. It is our responsibility to be here dedicated to the great task that still lies before us - to draw inspiration from the sacrifices of the honored dead and to ensure that they did not die in vain. This nation, under God, must experience a rebirth of freedom, and a government of the people, by the people, and for the people must not perish from the earth.

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Using an existing 2-slide presentation, with bullet points on the second slide, write a python script to update the bullet points on the second slide 

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#Import the necessary libraries
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from pptx import Presentation
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#Open the presentation
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prs = Presentation('existing_2_slide_presentation.pptx')
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#Update the bullet points on the second slide
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for slide in prs.slides:
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    if slide.slide_index == 1:
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        for shape in slide.shapes:
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            if shape.has_text_frame:
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                for paragraph in shape.text_frame.paragraphs:
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                    for run in paragraph.runs:
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                        run.text = 'Updated bullet point'
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#Save the updated presentation
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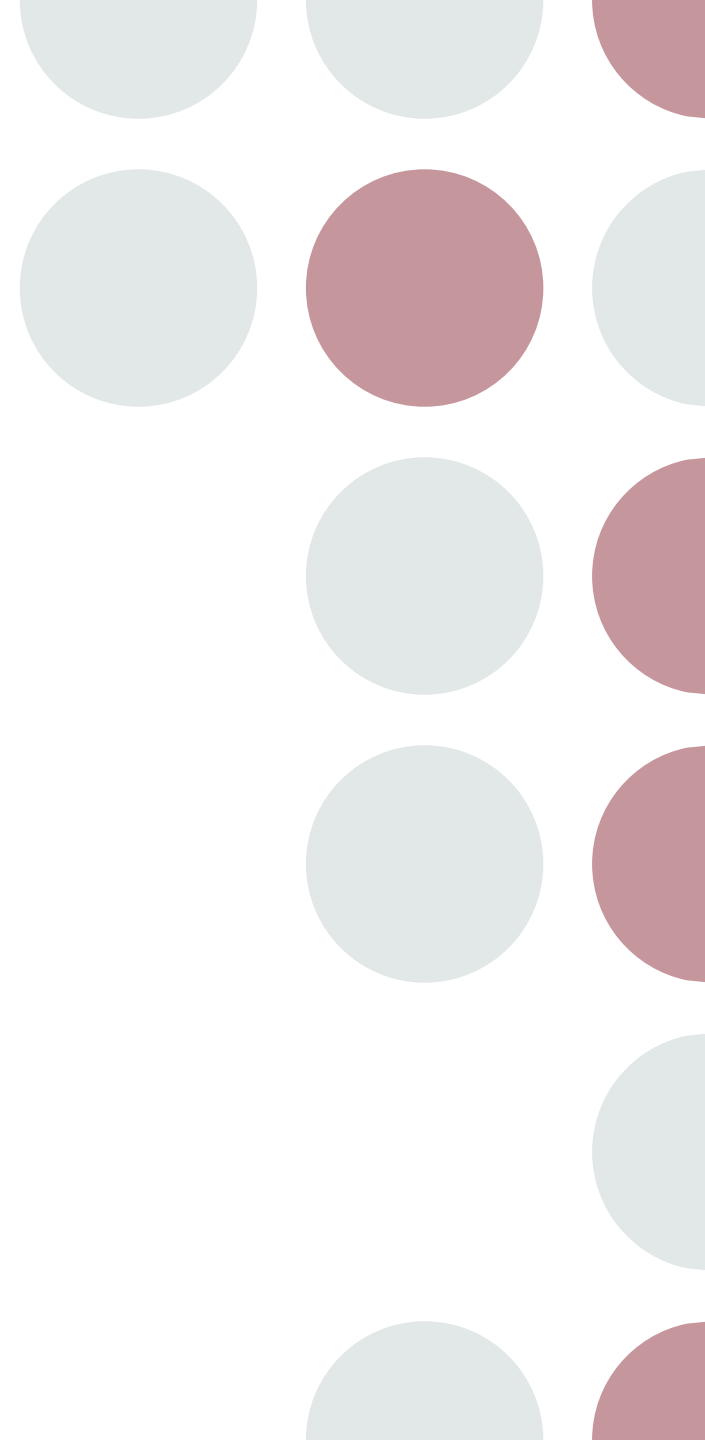
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Takeaways – AI Tools Transform our ability to use software APIs

- **Script APIs:** Makes possible the use of GitHub API example:
 - Go from no knowledge to a working meta-data access script in 15 minutes (with help from StackOverflow)
 - **Device-specific APIs:** WAXPBY generic C++ kernel:
 - Generate starter versions for Intel/Apple vector ISA, Kokkos, and more
 - Accelerates transition to Kokkos
 - Perhaps increases tolerance for code divergence?
 - **Scientific library APIs:** Trilinos (AztecOO, Ifpack, Muelu, Belos)
 - Generate starter parameter lists
 - Generate library calls
 - Can change how we ramp up new user
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Takeaways – Makes writing better, faster, cheaper

- BibTeX – Easy tedious work
 - Predictive, syntax-aware text generation (LaTeX)
 - Compact writing – Summarize/Tl;dr
 - Translation for different audiences – 2nd grader
 - Companion for all writing activities
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Takeaways – Generative AI Tools give us (way) better, faster, and cheaper

- We need to assure that everyone who generates or transforms content has access to generative tools
 - Sooner rather than later – stakes are high!
 - Two paths to explore for isolated environments:
 - Drop GPTX.Y on a hard drive and bring it in-house
 - Internally build models using custom-curated content
 - Both paths seem essential
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