

## Uncovering the Reasons Behind Al Smuggling at Work

### **Description**

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Many staff are using AI tools at work without permission. According to a survey by Software AG, half of all workers use personal AI tools. Some do it because their IT team doesn't provide AI tools, while others prefer their own choices.

John, a software engineer, uses Cursor instead of GitHub Copilot provided by his company. He finds it efficient and time-saving. Although unauthorized, he believes using it is easier than going through lengthy approval processes.

Peter, a product manager, uses ChatGPT through a search tool called Kagi to challenge his thinking and increase productivity. External AI tools are banned at his company, but he finds great value in using them.

Companies need to stay flexible with AI tools as the landscape is constantly changing. Even though there are risks with unauthorized AI use, the benefits for employees, especially younger ones, can be significant.

# **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. **Productivity** /prod^k'tɪv.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state or quality of producing something especially in relation to the amount of work done.
- 2. **Unauthorized** /ʌnˈɔːθəraɪzd/ (adjective): Not having official permission or approval.

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- 3. **Efficient** /rˈfɪʃ.ənt/ (adjective): Performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.
- 4. Flexible /'flɛk.sɪ.bəl/ (adjective): Capable of bending easily without breaking; adaptable to change.
- 5. **Landscape** /'lænd.skeɪp/ (noun): The visible features of an area of land often considered in terms of aesthetics or quality.
- 6. Survey /'sa:r.veɪ/ (noun): A general view examination or description of someone or something.

# **Comprehension Questions**

### **Multiple Choice**

1. What percentage of workers use personal AI tools at work without permission according to a survey by



Software AG?

Option: 25%
Option: 50%
Option: 75%
Option: 100%

2. Why do some workers use personal AI tools at work without permission?

Option: Their IT team provides such tools

Option: To challenge their thinking Option: Prefer their own choices

Option: For productivity

3. What AI tool does John, the software engineer, use instead of GitHub Copilot?

Option: Cursor Option: ChatGPT Option: Kagi

Option: GitHub Copilot

4. Why does John believe using Cursor is easier?

Option: It is approved by the IT team

Option: It is time-saving

Option: It is free

Option: It is difficult to use

5. Which external AI tool does Peter, the product manager, use?

Option: Cursor Option: ChatGPT

Option: GitHub Copilot

Option: Kagi

6. Why are external AI tools banned at Peter's company?

Option: To decrease productivity Option: To challenge thinking Option: For security reasons

Option: To save costs

#### **True-False**



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- 8. John finds using Cursor more challenging than going through approval processes.
- 9. Peter believes there is no value in using external AI tools at work.
- 10. Companies are advised to not be flexible with AI tools due to the risks involved.
- 11. Unauthorized AI use can have significant benefits for employees.
- 12. Younger employees are less likely to benefit from using unauthorized AI tools at work.

#### **Gap-Fill**

13. According to the content, companies need to stay flexible with AI tools as the landscape is constantly
14. John, the software engineer, uses Cursor instead of provided by his company
15. Peter, the product manager, uses ChatGPT through a search tool called
to challenge his thinking and increase productivity.
16. Even though there are risks with unauthorized Al use, the benefits for employees, especially younger
ones, can be
17. Some workers use personal Al tools because their IT team doesn't provide
18. John believes using Cursor is easier because it is

### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 50% 2. Prefer their own choices 3. Cursor 4. It is time-saving 5. ChatGPT 6. For security reasons

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. changing 14. GitHub Copilot 15. Kagi 16. significant 17. Al tools 18. time-saving



# Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are costs that a company incurs to generate revenue known as?

Option: Assets Option: Liabilities Option: Expenses Option: Income

2. What process involves converting information into a code to prevent unauthorized access?

Option: Encoding Option: Decoding Option: Encryption Option: Decryption

3. Which term refers to the efficiency of production or performance in a given period of time? ESL-NEWS

Option: Profitability Option: Efficiency Option: Productivity Option: Sustainability

4. What is the way in which a living organism or person acts or conducts oneself?

Option: Personality Option: Intelligence Option: Behavior Option: Emotion

5. What is the state of being free from public attention or observation?

Option: Security Option: Anonymity Option: Privacy Option: Exposure

6. Which term refers to the state of not being easily moved or changed?

Option: Flexibility Option: Adaptability Option: Stability Option: Variability

7. What is the process of taking care of one's appearance especially to look well-groomed?



Option: Hygiene
Option: Grooming
Option: Cleaning
Option: Dressing

8. What are groups of people working together in a structured way for a common purpose called?

Option: Societies Option: Associations

Option: Firms

**Option: Organizations** 

9. What occurs when the number of existing human population exceeds the carrying capacity of Earth?

Option: Overgrowth Option: Overpopulation Option: Overcrowding Option: Overdensity

10. What is a machine capable of carrying out a complex series of actions automatically? ESL-NEWS.CO

Option: Droid

Option: Automaton Option: Robot Option: Android

### Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. He always pursues his goals	_ to achieve success.
12. She is struggling to recover	after the unexpected expenses.
13. In any negotiation both parties may need to	to reach an agreement.
14. Being in your approach allo	ws you to adapt to changing circumstances.
15. The user was denied access to the system due to	login attempts.
16. To be successful in this role you must be highly	in your work.
17. The construction company ordered quality	for the new building project.
18. Every action has its own set of	so it's important to choose wisely.



19. The charity raised a significant amount of money for the cause.
20. A customer satisfaction showed areas for improvement in service.
Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )
21. Social beings require opportunities to connect and with one another.
22. With dedication and hard work individuals can unlock their true for success.
23. The firefighters the family from the burning building just in time.
24. Ensuring the of customer data is a top priority for online businesses.
25. To maximize productivity it's crucial to streamline processes and be highly in tasks.
26. Adapting to changing circumstances requires a approach to problem-solving.
27. The artist painted a beautiful portrait of the majestic mountain .
28. The grand opening featured music food and entertainment for all attendees.
29. After years apart the long-lost siblings were finally and celebrated their reunion.
30. The popular product experienced a surge in due to its innovative features.

## **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Expenses 2. Encryption 3. Productivity 4. Behavior 5. Privacy 6. Stability 7. Grooming 8. Organizations 9. Overpopulation 10. Robot

Gap-Fill: 11. Aggressively 12. Financially 13. Compromise 14. Flexible 15. Unauthorized 16. Efficient

17. Materials 18. Consequences 19. Event 20. Survey

Matching sentence: 1. Interact 2. Potential 3. Rescued 4. Security 5. Efficient 6. Flexible 7. Landscape 8. Event

9. Reunited 10. Demand

#### **CATEGORY**

1. Sci/Tech - LEVEL2

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