



# Uncovering the Reasons Behind AI Smuggling at Work

## Description

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Getty Images A man in a pink shirt looks at his phone at work

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** /prɒdʌk'tɪv.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state or quality of producing something especially in relation to the amount of work done.
2. **Unauthorized** /ʌn'ɔ:θəraɪzd/ (adjective): Not having official permission or approval.
3. **Efficient** /ɪ'fɪj.ənt/ (adjective): Performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.
4. **Flexible** /'fleks.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** /'sɜ: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



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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**



7. Using personal AI tools without permission is common among workers.
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 AI use, the benefits for employees, especially younger ones, can be \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Some workers use personal AI 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. AI tools 18. time-saving



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## 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?  
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?

- 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 allows 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

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