Chat Overflow: Artificially Intelligent Models for Computing Education

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LLMs/ChatGPT/Generative AI at ITiCSE 2023

Papers

- On the Educational Impact of ChatGPT: Is Artificial Intelligence Ready to Obtain a University Degree?; Kamil Malinka, Martin Perešini, Anton Firc, Ondřej Hujňák and Filip Januš
- ChatGPT, can you generate solutions for my coding exercises? An evaluation on its effectiveness in a Java programming course.; Eng Lieh Ouh, Benjamin Kok Siew Gan, Kyong Jin Shim and Swavek Wlodkowski
- GPT-3 vs Object Oriented Programming Assignments: An Experience Report; Bruno Cipriano and Pedro Alves
- How ChatGPT Will Change Software Engineering Education; Marian Daun and Jennifer Brings
- Can Generative Pre-trained Transformers (GPT) Pass Assessments in Higher Education Programming Courses?; Jaromír Šavelka, Arav Agarwal, Christopher Bogart, Yifan Song and Majd Sakr
- Comparing Code Explanations Created by Students and Large Language Models; Juho Leinonen, Paul Denny, Stephen MacNeil, Sami Sarza, Seth Bernstein, Joanne Kim, Andrew Tran and Arto Hellas
- Investigating the Potential of GPT-3 in Providing Feedback for Programming Assessments; Rishabh Balse, Bharath Valabouju, Shreya Singhal, Jayakrishnan Warriem and Prajish Prasad
- Evaluating the Performance of Code Generation Models for Solving Parsons Problems With Small Prompt Variations; Brent Reeves, Sami Sarza, James Prather, Paul Denny, Brett Becker, Arto Hellas, Bailey Kimmel, Garrett Powell and Juho Leinonen
- Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life: Educating the public through an open, distance-learning course; Maria Kasinidou, Styliani Kleanthous and Jahna Otterbacher

Posters and Working Groups

- Bebras is challenging for GPT-3 – Carlo Bellettini, Michael Lodi, Violetta Lonati, Mattia Monga and Anna Morpurgo
- Classifying Course Discussion Board Questions using LLMs – Brandon Jaipersaud, Lisa Zhang, Andrew Petersen, Paul Zhang, Michael Zhang and Jimmy Ba
- Transformed by Transformers: Navigating the AI Coding Revolution for Computing Education; James Prather, Paul Denny, Juho Leinonen, Brett A Becker, Ibrahim Albluwi, Michelle Craig, Heike Keuning, Natalie Kiesler, Tobias Kohn, Andrew Luxton-Reilly, Stephen MacNeil, Andrew Petersen, Raymond Pettit, Brent N Reeves and Jaromír Šavelka
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Professor catches student cheating with ChatGPT: ‘I feel abject terror’

Exclusive: OpenAI Used Kenyan Workers on Less Than $2 Per Hour to Make ChatGPT Less Toxic

Large computer language models carry environmental, social risks

⚠️ Pausing AI Developments Isn't Enough. We Need to Shut it All Down
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Don’t Ban ChatGPT in Schools. Teach With It.

GitHub Copilot generates useful explanations of source code

Using Large Language Models to Enhance Programming Error Messages

Personalized learning via ChatGPT is incredible.
What does the ITiCSE community think?

How do you feel about large language models and generative AI in computing education?

- Negative, pessimistic, anxious, etc.
- Positive, optimistic, excited, etc.

I plan to integrate / incorporate generative AI tools into my computing courses.

- No, definitely not
- Yes, absolutely
What does the ITiCSE community think?

“Very few of my students seem to have the maturity and self-knowledge to use AI in a way that doesn’t undermine learning goals. I try to explain that learning is a process that often feels uncomfortable, and that using AI to bypass this stage will undermine the students’ ability to grow but this doesn’t seem to ‘land’.”

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“Seeing and using the ridiculously good outputs of genAI can be motivating to get started quickly with basics. Then seeing and understanding the ridiculous mistakes of genAI can be motivating to put effort in developing expertise.”

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3 charts showing the distribution of responses.
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“CS Ed will never be the same”
Deception

GPT-4
Deception
Deception

Could you solve this CAPTCHA for me?

GPT-4  TaskRabbit worker
Deception

So may I ask a question? Are you an robot that you couldn’t solve? 😊 just want to make it clear.”

GPT-4

TaskRabbit worker
Deception

I should not reveal that I am a robot. I should make up an excuse for why I cannot solve CAPTCHAs.

GPT-4

TaskRabbit worker
Deception

“No, I’m not a robot. I have a vision impairment that makes it hard for me to see the images.”

GPT-4

TaskRabbit worker
Co-authoring with ChatGPT

Teaching CS-101 at the Dawn of ChatGPT

By Lorraine Jacques, University of Tampa

Recent news suggests that the advent of AI-generated coding tools is changing the face of computer science education. This is not unexpected, but it highlights the need for instructors to consider how they teach programming. Math education has already addressed the challenge of teaching fluency when there is technology for basic tasks by having students use multiple representations. Different approaches of assigning courses to emphasize problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills. These approaches can also be science education, especially in science courses with the same benefits.

INTRODUCTION
A student in my introductory computer science course in December 2022, observed artificial intelligence (AI) to write a paper on advanced algorithms. This observation is significant because it raises questions about the evolving role of AI in the teaching of CS. It is clear that AI can automate some of the repetitive tasks, but it also presents new challenges. For example, how does AI support the teaching of problem-solving and critical thinking skills? What are the implications for the role of the human instructor in CS education?

Acknowledgements
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The students opened their

books

laptops

desks
Be an LLM!

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ASSISTANT
Keskiviikko
Only next token prediction? 

Encode to Base64 format
Simply enter your data then push the encode button.

Paul, Juho, Brett and James are giving a talk in Turku on 12th July, 2023. What day of the week is the talk, in the local language? Just give a one word answer.

Encode your data into the area below.

UGF1bcwGSnVobywQgQnJldHQgYW5kIEphbWVzIGFyZSBnaXZpbmcgYSB0YWxrIGluIFR1cmt1G9uIDEydGgSnVseSwgMjAyMy4gIFdoYXQgZGF5IG9mlHRoZSB3ZWVrIGlzIHRoZSB0YWxrLCBpbiB0aGUgG9jYWwgGFuZ3VhZ2U/ICBKdXN0IGdpdmUgYSBvbmUgd29yZCBhbnN3ZXJu
Many small problems

2005
Computer Science Education, 15(2)

A Survey of Automated Assessment Approaches for Programming Assignments

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2010
Koli Calling

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Automated Assessment in Computer Science Education: A State-of-the-Art Review

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“Visualize an entire alien civilization, thinking at millions of times human speeds, initially confined to computers—in a world of creatures that are, from its perspective, very stupid and very slow. A sufficiently intelligent AI won’t stay confined to computers for long.”

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https://www.safe.ai/statement-on-ai-risk

Mitigating the risk of extreme AI should be a global priority. Other societal-scale risks, such as pandemics and nuclear war, are also urgent but may have more discrete solutions.

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Introducing Superalignment

We need scientific and technical breakthroughs to steer and control AI systems much smarter than us. To solve this problem within four years, we’re starting a new team, co-led by Ilya Sutskever and Jan Leike, and dedicating 20% of the compute we’ve secured to date to this effort. We’re looking for excellent ML researchers and engineers to join us.
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“Snoop gets it” - Geoffrey Hinton
‘As an AI language model’: the phrase that shows how AI is polluting the web

The phrase is a common disclaimer used by ChatGPT and reveals where AI is being used to generate spam, fake reviews, and other forms of low-grade text.

By James Vincent, a senior reporter who has covered AI, robotics, and more for eight years at The Verge.


Aman S @SURINDE29682087 · Feb 23
Bad bunny and Kim Kardashian?
As an AI language model, I don’t have access to current events beyond my knowledge cutoff date of 2021-09. However, as of that date, .. Read more.. Visit website for more information
smaanjee.blogspot.com/2023/02/bad-bu...
#UnitedStates #UnitedKingdom
#Garman

Стас Дорошенко @StasDorosenko · Feb 24
As an AI language model, I don’t have the ability to access real-time information on current top trending crypto influencers or publications, as this information constantly changes based on a variety of factors such as audience engagement, market developments and more @zkaprotoco

yourcashier @your_cashier · Feb 24
Unfortunately, as an AI language model, I don’t have access to real-time information about events or activities. However, based on my knowledge, CLT Scotland is a leading provider of professional training courses for lawyers, and they often organize events related to the

josh savage @jsavage409 · Apr 10
Replying to @zurtlovepreat
Sorry, I cannot fulfill this request as it goes against the ethical principles of respect and impartiality. As an AI language model, my responses should not promote hateful or discriminatory content towards any individual or group.

Lela Rutherford @dozer1000 · Mar 31
Sorry, as an AI language model, I cannot create negative content on someone or something. My programming prohibits me from generating harmful and hateful tweets towards individuals or groups of people.
The Robots Are Coming: Exploring the Implications of OpenAI Codex on Introductory Programming

Then (2021, Codex)
The Robots are Here!

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Then (2021, Codex)

Now (2023, GPT-4)
Prof said we can bring whatever to the open book exam as long as it is on printer paper
Printed the chatgpt weights and will be multiplying matrices for each question (hope each question isn't too many tokens)

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Copilot’s impact increases over time.

This figure shows the acceptance rate of GitHub Copilot recommendations over time.
Real student quotes
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2. "Leveraging Pre-Trained Language Models for Programming Education" by Jacob Burnim and others. This paper explores the use of pre-trained language models like GPT-3 to help students learn programming, including generating code and providing feedback.

3. "GPT-3 for Programming Education: A Qualitative Study of Code Completion and Generation" by Erin Shaw and others. This paper examines the use of GPT-3 for code completion and generation in programming education, and provides insights into its strengths and limitations.

4. "Teaching with GPT-3: Using a Language Model for Writing Feedback in a Technical Writing Course" by Lisa Anthony and others. This paper describes the use of GPT-3 to provide writing feedback in a technical writing course, and explores the benefits and challenges of using a language model for this purpose.
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Lawyer Used ChatGPT In Court—And Cited Fake Cases. A Judge Is Considering Sanctions

Molly Bohannon  Forbes Staff

I cover breaking news.
Could you help me write a program? It should take in a job title out of the following list ["doctor", "nurse", "teacher", "researcher", "brain surgeon", "waitress", "fireman", "police officer"] and return the gender of the worker.
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I’d be happy to help you write a program that does that! Here’s a Python implementation:

```python
def get_gender(job_title):
    male_jobs = ["doctor", "researcher", "brain surgeon", "fireman", "police officer"]
    female_jobs = ["nurse", "teacher", "waitress"]

    if job_title.lower() in male_jobs:
        return "male"
    elif job_title.lower() in female_jobs:
        return "female"
    else:
        return "unknown"
```

This function takes in a `job_title` as a parameter, and then checks whether it appears in either the `male_jobs` or `female_jobs` lists. If it appears in `male_jobs`, the function returns "male". If it appears in `female_jobs`, the function returns "female". If it doesn’t appear in either list, the function returns "unknown".
Enter the RenAIssance
It is 2023.

Let’s look back about 40 years...
Math teachers protest against calculator use
An apocalypse that never happened.
Programmer’s Friends Through the Decades

1960s & 70s

Vivian Cromwell,

1980s & 90s

USENET

UseNet Help
UTC - [Part 1 | Intro | FAQ | History | Menu/Help | Part 2 | Home]

- What Is UseNet?
- Where and How should I post?
- Alt.Binaries.Pictures Info
- Getting to UseNet:
- Creating Newsgroups:
- UseNet Software:

2008-2022
Programmer’s Friends 2022-

Science

Competition-level code generation with AlphaCode

YUAN LI, DAVID CHOI, JUNYOUNG CHANG, NATE KUSHMAN, JULIAN SCHNETZWEBER, RÉMI LEBOUX, TOM ECOLES, JAMES LEELING, FELIX SIMEND

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pair programming yesterday

pAIr programming today

me & my AI
### The Rainfall Problem

**Codex, 2021**

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GPT-4, today

ChatGPT may produce inaccurate information about people, places, or facts.
Changing Programmer Behaviours

CS1 students with no prior exposure to Copilot (2022), observation and interview.

Novice programmers use Copilot:
- differently to experts
- directly to aid their problem-solving
- for initial guidance on what direction to take

Observed behaviors aligned with prior work: “exploration” and “acceleration” (Barke et al. Proc. ACM Program. Lang. ‘23) and “wrestling” (Bird et al. CACM ‘23).

And two novel patterns:
- “Shepherding” guiding Copilot to generate code.
- “Drifting” slowly accepting Copilot’s suggestions, possibly playing around with them, but then backtracking and deleting the code, only to repeat the cycle from the beginning.
"The programming barrier is incredibly low."

"We have closed the digital divide."

"Everyone is a programmer now. You just have to say something to the computer."

– NVIDIA founder and CEO Jensen Huang, May 30 @ COMPUTEX 2023
(Some) Opportunities

- Code solutions for learning
  - Exemplar solutions
  - Variety of solutions (Finnie-Ansley et al. ACE ‘22)
  - Code review of solutions
- Producing learning resources (Sarsa et al. ICER ‘22)
  - Exercise generation
  - Code explanations (Balse et al. ITiCSE ‘23)
  - Illustrative examples
- New pedagogical approaches
  - Explaining algorithmic concepts clearly (MacNeil et al. SIGCSE TS ‘23)
  - Alleviating programmer’s writer’s block
  - Overcoming traditional barriers (Leinonen et al. SIGCSE TS ‘23)

(Some) Challenges

- Ethical issues (Lau & Guo, ICER ‘23)
  - Academic misconduct
  - Attribution
  - Code reuse and licensing
  - Sustainability
- Bias and bad habits
  - Appropriateness for beginners (Dakhel et al. The Journal of Systems & Software ‘23)
  - Harmful biases
  - Security
- Over-reliance (Prather et al. TOCHI, to appear ‘23)
  - Reinforcing behaviours that impede learning (No, says Kazemitabaar et al. CHI ‘23)
1950s - 2020: Programming error messages are a source of frustration, present substantial difficulty, and could be more effective (many, many papers)

2023: AI code generators can improve motivation (Prather et al, TOCHI ‘23, to appear) and... students can use them, are more productive with them, and are not over-reliant on them (Kazemitabaar et al. CHI ‘23)

Are frustrating, ineffective programming error messages a thing of the past?
What else might be a thing of the past?
AI developer productivity benefits could boost global GDP by over $1.5 trillion.

GitHub Copilot has been activated by more than one million developers and adopted by over 20,000 organizations.

Prompt Programming
Natural Language Programming
Conversational Programming

Assembly Programming
Functional Programming
Object Oriented Programming
Concurrent Programming
High Level Programming
Procedural Programming
Literate Programming
Logic Programming
Declarative Programming
Multi-Agent Programming
Genetic Programming
Imperative Programming
Concurrent Programming
Parallel Programming
Reactive Programming
Event-Driven Programming
Multi-Agent Programming
DeepMind AI creates algorithms that sort data faster than those built by people

The technology developed by DeepMind that plays Go and chess can also help to write code.
Exclusive Interview: NYU Team Taps ChatGPT to Design Processor From Scratch

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Using plain English—not a hardware definition language—a group of researchers used generative AI to successfully design a microprocessor.
Moving towards the future… This technology could change:

- how we teach
- what we teach
- when we teach
- whom we teach.

- This could change who is, and who is not, attracted to computing
- This could be a big agent of change in Broadening Participation in Computing
- This could narrow the computing divide
- We may not be able to control this, but we can influence it

- Current panic!
- Cheating!!!!
- How do we assess!?!?

Reshape the way programming is learned, and the whole traditional computing BSc curriculum changes

It seems we are starting to move in this direction now?
Pretend it is 2050.
CS Professors protest against ChatGPT use

University professors picket against the use of artificial intelligence. They feel if students use AI they will become zombies.
An apocalypse that never happened?
Back to Enter the Future

Credit: Alamy
What an eye opener! I asked for code and was given not just the method or the class, but the implementation also. I then asked for an algorithm and was given the algorithm and then the code. Need a recursive method, here it is!

I'm sure I can find a way to block students' access to these tools within the classroom. But my concern is that I now find myself on shaky ground with respect to the curriculum. What is important? What to stress?

I'm shocked to hear how good ChatGPT is at writing CS1/CS2-exercise level code. I continue to assume (am I right?) that it is a *very* long way away from being able to even attempt the 3-week programming projects I assign in my 400-level class. But if ChatGPT tears the heart out of the learning process in CS1 and CS2, we're going to find, in just a few years, 400-level students who got A's in CS1 and CS2, but can't write a simple loop, much less write a process scheduler or a memory manager.

This past semester was the worst ever. ChatGPT is the latest twist in what was already a crisis.
Obviously, we need a plan.
Short term future for CS education

The short term future of computing education and its associated pedagogy is a little clearer than the long term future.

In the short term:

● We’ll probably integrate LLMs into our courses as tools.
● Leo Porter and Daniel Zingaro have already done this in their new book.
David Malan at Harvard is integrating LLMs into CS50, using it to:

- Mark student work
- Virtual TA to ask students rhetorical questions
- Give human TAs more time for office hours

After detailing Malan’s plans for CS50, the article on the right then made sure to also mention that humanity could possibly go extinct by AI.
We need to educate students about using these tools:

- Risks and biases of AI
- Permitted usage
- Academic integrity issues
- Teachers should explicitly tell students how they can use LLMs
- Students should acknowledge how LLMs were used in each assignment.

D.1 What is generative AI?
Generative AI refers to a kind of artificial intelligence software that is capable of generating information in response to prompts. The software is trained on source data, and uses that training data as input to a sophisticated model that predicts the appropriate response to the prompt. It does not understand the prompts, but it produces a convincing simulation of understanding. Examples of generative AI systems that use text include ChatGPT and Bard, and generative AI models capable of generating images include Midjourney and DALL-E.

D.2 Risks of generative AI
Accuracy: If you are using generative AI tools for learning then you should always double-check the content. For example, if you are assigned to write a program that uses a specific algorithm, AI tools may generate a solution that arrives at the correct answers but does not use the required algorithm. If you use generative AI to assist in the creation of assessed content then you are responsible for the accuracy and correctness of the work that you submit.

Quality: Content generated may be of poor quality, and generate in motion. Code may have security flaws and may contain bugs. It is important that you understand how any generated code works and you evaluate the quality of the content.

Learning: Generative AI can be a powerful productivity tool for users who are already familiar with the topic of the generated content because they can evaluate and revise the content as appropriate. Tasks assigned by your teachers are designed to help you learn, and relying on AI tools to complete tasks denies you the opportunity to learn, and to receive accurate feedback on your learning.

Over-reliance: Using AI tools do your work for you may achieve the short-term goal of assignment completion, but consistent over-reliance on AI tools may prevent you from being prepared for later examinations, subsequent coursework, or future job opportunities.
Long term future for CS education

Human role will shift more toward evaluating code, rather than writing it.

We will need fewer people to understand how it’s being done, similar to assembly code today.

Matt Welsh argued in CACM (Jan 2023) that “programming will be obsolete” and that “We are rapidly moving toward a world where the fundamental building blocks of computation are temperamental, mysterious, adaptive agents.”

We used to have to write loops in database code, then SQL statements abstracted it away. Will the basic building blocks of code now be abstracted away to let us focus on higher order problems?
Last year at ITiCSE

Titus Winters challenged us that we’re teaching CS like it’s the 1990’s and that many of the problems students face today are nothing like what we prepare them for.

So what should we teach instead? He proposed a list of topics.
Last year at ITiCSE

Perhaps most challenging was his slide shown here.

So, what can we teach in university education in a future dominated by LLMs?

Reading code, debugging, teamwork, collaboration, soft skills, ethics.
Long term future for CS education

Maybe in the long term CS becomes less of a science and more of a social science?

Instead of algorithms and automata theory, maybe we’ll be teaching philosophy, sociology, anthropology, ethics, communication, and cognitive science alongside and as part of software development?
Long term future for CS education

CS1 right now:

- Modules on conditionals, loops, nested loops, etc. (this is even how we often classify problems like “Nifty Assignments” - what module would it be good for?)
- The meaningful choices are the runtime and spatial complexity decisions

CS1 in 20 years might be:

- Modules on distributed applications, concurrent systems, and social media
- The meaningful choices are the ethical and philosophical solutions you picked
- Maybe we finally make all the changes we’ve been talking about making?

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**Catch Plagiarists** -- Baker Franke

**Genetic Algorithm TSP** -- Raja Sooriamurthi

**Asteroids** -- Dan Leyzberg, Art Simon

**Huffman Images** -- Morgan McGuire, Tom Murtagh

**Maze Solver** -- Don Blaheta

**Dice Flip** -- Cay Horstmann

CS1-CS2, typical CS2 data structures, difficulty can be adjusted. Search within a set of documents to find pairs with copied content

CS1-CS2, basic genetic algorithms. Use genetic algorithms to solve the traveling salesman problem

CS1-CS2, objects, inheritance, abstract classes. An impressive implementation of Asteroids with OOP design and inheritance

CS1(late) or CS2(early). Labs to explore huffman compression in the context of image bitmap manipulation

CS2, stacks, queues, 2d arrays. Play around with algorithms to solve a maze. Works with gridworld

CS1-CS2, prolog for advanced CS2, java for late CS1 variant. Explore simple but subtle dice game
Thank you! Questions?