

Note: This is a sample of potential components to a policy for using AI powered developer tools. It is provided by way of example and reference only, and not as legal advice. Please consult with an attorney when determining what policies, if any, may be appropriate in your own situation given your company's business practices.

Sample Policy for Internal Developer Use of AI Tools



Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines for the safe and responsible use of generative AI tools for code completion within our company, with the goal of ensuring the security and integrity of our codebase.

Intellectual Property

Developers who use AI tools must ensure that any features designed to highlight and/or block outputs that match public code are active at all times.

Output Validation


Developers must use the same internal processes required for any code they did not independently originate, to validate the output generated by the tool before incorporating it into the codebase. This includes verifying that it meets the company's general coding standards and does not introduce security vulnerabilities or other issues.

Scope

This policy applies to all developers who use generative AI tools for code completion within our company.

Responsible Use

Developers who use generative AI tools for code completion must use the tools responsibly, to assist in coding. Generative AI tools are not a replacement for critical thinking and coding expertise. You are responsible for the code you write with the help of AI tools, and you must follow the same policies and practices you would use for any other type of code that you did not originate. Use of the tools must be consistent with any agreements or policies or practices that apply to your project.



Performance Monitoring

Developers must monitor the tool's performance and identify any issues or limitations, and address them as needed. This includes monitoring the quality and accuracy of the generated code and assessing the tool's impact on productivity and efficiency.

Training

Developers who will use an AI tool must take [\[list an internal onboarding training or link to documentation that will cover these principles\]](#) training support to ensure that they understand its capabilities and limitations, and can use it effectively and responsibly.

By following this policy, we can ensure that our company's adoption of generative AI tools for coding is done safely and responsibly, and that our codebase remains secure and protected.

Documentation

As part of standard software documentation requirements, developers should keep a record of how the tool is being used, by whom, and for what purpose. This can help identify issues or limitations, and ensure that the tool is being used appropriately and effectively.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that it remains relevant and effective.

