

AI doesn't create new academic cheaters, but empowers those who already exist. This applies especially to so-called "knowledge offenders", two of whom are especially relevant. The Bricoleur is an overworked, well-intentioned researcher whose hyperactivity gets dangerously amplified when AI fills their gaps effortlessly. The Cheaters are group-embedded individuals whose misconduct spreads silently through social normalization, accelerated by AI's frictionless convenience. Both cases show that AI lowers the threshold for misconduct and minimizes the weight of conscious decision to cross it. The solution provided is quite simple, it is to take a step back and actually evaluate what's acceptable and if AI was overused in a given work.