**Goblin Tools**

**Link:** <https://goblin.tools/>

**Understanding Goblin Tools**

Goblin Tools is a collection of AI tools designed to help neurodivergent people with various tasks but can be useful for anyone.

The website offers these tools:

* Magic ToDo can generate a task list that can be divided into subtasks to help you get started
* Formalizer takes your input and rephrases it in a different formal) tone
* Judge tells you what sort of tone your writing has and how it comes across to the reader
* Estimator can suggest how long a task might take to complete to help with time management
* Compiler creates a list of tasks for you to complete based on you telling it what you need to do.
* Chef takes a list of ingredients from you and generates a recipe. Results may vary.

**Addressing Key Questions**

**Learning Enhancement not replacement**

Goblin Tools’ Formalizer function needs your input to generate a formal version of what you have written. The Compiler requires your input to generate a list of tasks for you to complete.

**Feedback and Insights**

Goblin Tools can tell you how your writing comes across (tone) with its “Judge” function. This can help if you struggle with the “tone” of your writing. Additionally, it can show you how to make things sound more formal with “Formalizer”. It can tell you approximately how long a task will take with “Estimator”.

**Task Understanding**

Goblin Tools' ability to understand tasks is reliant upon your input. To get relevant results you must word your prompts clearly. Be aware that this tool can misunderstand and provide misinformation if your prompt is not clear.

**Tool Selection**

The Magic To-Do has a function that can generate sub-tasks for every task you add if you select it. But the subtasks may not be appropriate or helpful if they are not what you had in mind; they can however provide a starting point if you are not sure how to go about a task. It may be useful to use it to write a To-Do list but the AI generation function of this tool may not be as helpful.

**Accuracy and Sourcing**

Goblin Tools uses OpenAI’s models. The creator, Bram de Buyser, states that “as the tools and backend improve, the intent is to include ethical alternatives”. This means that, like ChatGPT, Goblin Tools generates responses based on the data that has been used to train it. It is essential to make sure for yourself that facts are correct and unbiased from the sources itself.

**Data Sources and Privacy**

According to Goblin Tools’ privacy policy, they store data in your browser regarding settings and preferences. They analyse user behaviour using Microsoft Clarity and Simple Analytics, but you cannot be identified from this data. It does not track you or use cookies. However, when you use Goblin Tools, they store some data locally in your browser (such as settings and preferences). But it is still reliant on OpenAI so the prompt you submit is sent to OpenAI to be processed.

**Ownership and Attribution**

As Goblin Tools helps create text based on input, it is crucial you ensure any work drawing on this text clearly states that you used AI, and clearly marks where you have used Goblin Tools in your text by providing the original prompt. Make sure you provide appropriate and accurate citations for anything that you did not write yourself.

**Legal and Ethical Considerations**

It is important to ensure that the information sourced from Goblin Tools (and therefore OpenAI) complies with legal and ethical standards, avoiding plagiarism and copyright infringement.

**Bias and Misinformation**

Like any AI model, Goblin Tools may exhibit biases based on its training data. Users should critically evaluate outputs for accuracy and inclusivity.

**Limitations and Risks**

Users should be aware of Goblin Tools’ limitations, including the potential for errors and misinformation, and exercise caution when using its output(s).

**Academic Integrity**

Academic assignments and academic research are about learning to create your own connections between different sources, developing analytical abilities, producing original ideas and then being able to communicate these ideas to others – the academic community within which the research sits.

When undertaking academic research we need to adhere to academic standards of practice. Part of this practice is academic integrity. Academic integrity is based on the ability to communicate in a transparent way how ideas and findings have been arrived at, and this includes the attribution of others’ ideas to them through referencing. First and foremost, academic integrity is about honesty.

If using Artificial Intelligence in your academic work, you must be sure how AI is permitted to be used on your module (if applicable) and how to reference it appropriately. Likewise, to ensure that you maintain academic integrity, a good check of whether the work is still your own if you have used Artificial Intelligence, is to see if you can explain ideas and methods as they appear in the final piece of work. If not, then you do not have sufficient authorship of the research or assignment, and you may want to go back to ensure that your ideas are correctly represented.