Tutorial & Assignment Week 9-
Your Voice, Your Skills, and Your Project

Goals: Reflect on how to maintain your own voice and skills when working with AI, share your final project with a partner, and optionally explore GitHub and website deployment.

Due: Submit the indicated portions on Gradescope by Sunday Nov. 22nd at 11:59pm.

Hi all! You have spent the past several weeks using AI tools to help you create things. This week, we will step back and talk about what that experience has been like. How do you make sure your work still feels like yours? How do you use AI while continuing to practice and develop skills you care about?

We will begin with a group discussion, followed by a pair share about your final projects. This week's optional tool activity introduces GitHub and deploying a website.

Assignment outline:

This document is intended to be started in tutorial and completed for homework if necessary. Work through it in the order given.

- Participate in a group discussion about voice, ownership, and skill development.
- Share your final project with a partner and exchange feedback.
- Optionally explore GitHub and website deployment.
- Submit a short reflection and final project update.

Part 1: Group Discussion — Keeping Your Voice and Skills

This quarter, you have tried new tools, made things, and made decisions about when and how to use AI. For this discussion, turn the attention toward yourself: how have you worked, what have you learned about yourself, and how have you changed?

Think back to the beginning of the quarter. As a group, discuss:

- **Your starting point:** What were you excited, skeptical, or nervous about? How has your experience compared with what you expected?
- **Your habits:** How has the way you approach an assignment or a difficult problem changed? Share a specific example.
- **Your voice and judgment:** Looking at something you made this quarter, which choices feel most like yours? Were there moments when you let AI steer more than you wanted?
- **Your learning:** What can you do or understand now that you could not at the beginning of the quarter? Where have you completed something without feeling that you learned it?
- **Your skills:** Which skills have you practiced and strengthened? Which have you practiced less because you could turn to AI?
- **Your next steps:** What have you learned about the conditions that help you do work you feel proud of? What habit do you want to carry forward, change, or leave behind?

Try to ground your answers in particular assignments, interactions, or moments from this quarter. You do not need to present a success story or share anything you would rather keep private.

Deliverable: Nothing to submit for this part of the assignment.

Part 2: Pair Share

Pair up with someone outside your project group, if possible. Take turns showing your final projects in their current state. A work in progress is expected!

When sharing, explain:

- What are you making, and who is it for?
- Who are you working with, and what is your contribution?
- What have you completed? Show something that is working or that you have attempted.
- What remains, and what will you prioritize before the Week 10 grading session?
- Where are you stuck, or where would feedback help?
- Does this feel like a project you will be proud of? If not, what would help you get there?

When listening, offer one specific thing that is working well and one question or suggestion that could help your partner move forward. Make sure both people have time to share and receive feedback.

Before finishing, each person should identify one concrete next step for their project.

Deliverable: Nothing for now! You'll describe your work more in the reflection.

Part 3: Optional Tool Activity- Github and Deploying a Website

This week's optional tool is GitHub and website deployment. GitHub can help you keep track of changes to your code and collaborate with others. Deployment makes a website available at a link that others can visit.

Depending on your experience and project, try one or more of the following:

- Create a GitHub repository and add your project files.
- Make a change and save it with a descriptive commit message.
- Deploy a simple website using the tutorial walkthrough.
- Open your deployed site and test its main features.

Before uploading or publishing, check that your files do not include API keys, passwords, or private information. Ask a TA for help if you are unsure what is appropriate to share.

Deliverable: None. This activity is optional; you may use the time to work on your final project instead.

Part 4: Reflection — Looking Back on the Quarter

Write one short paragraph, approximately **4–6 sentences**, covering one of the following questions:

- Look back: Revisit something you made earlier this quarter. What does it reveal about how you approached the work then? What would you approach differently now? Include one specific example.
- Look at yourself now: What have you noticed about your own voice, confidence, judgment, or skills this quarter? Describe one moment when AI helped you learn and one when it let you move forward without fully understanding something.
- Look ahead: What did your partner's feedback help you notice about your final project? Name one concrete next step for the project and one habit you will practice to keep developing your own skills.

Deliverable: Copy and paste your reflection into Gradescope.

Submission

You should have one item to submit to Gradescope by Sunday Nov. 22nd at 11:59pm:

1. Your final reflection of the quarter!

Once you are done, use this time to work on your final project!