

AI AS AN ART STUDENT: CHALLENGES, RIGHTS AND EQ

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AI has become an integral part of the human's life in a lot of areas, from everyday life to scientific research. AI is widely used in education in both learning and teaching as a tool to enhance the efficiency of these processes: "The ever-expanding capabilities of AI make it feasible for it to develop personalized learning experiences, to streamline administrative operations, to improve student assessment, and to give teachers with crucial insights." [1, p. 1].

The recent case has changed the function of AI in education. The AI named Flynn became a student of the University of Applied Arts in Vienne in February 2025 [2]. It was developed by two students at the same University to explore the potential AI can have in both learning and art. Thus, they submitted its entrance application. Flynn passed the submission exam as well as the interview (see Pic. 1) and was taken in as the pilot program as being a bright student the University needs. Flynn might even receive a diploma.



Picture 1. Flynn AI is at its entrance interview



Picture 2. A Flynn AI-generated image

Questions have arisen about the AI's equal rights as a student with other human students, the assessment of its assignments (see Pic. 2) and in-class participation as well as its EQ towards other students and faculty. Moreover, there are a lot of artists who oppose the idea of high-tech companies using social media images for AI machine learning as their works are of human creativity. However, there have been cases where Chat GPT has been listed as a co-author in papers, but the human authors have been asked not to include the chatbot in the author list.

The phenomenon is new and it needs to be studied from different perspectives to understand the outcomes for both education and humankind.

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