

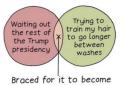
Further Experiments

In Artificial Intelligence

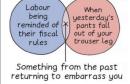


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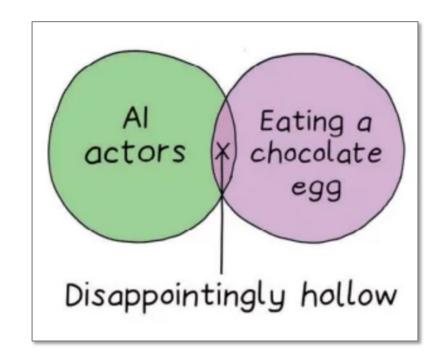
A WEEK IN VENN DIAGRAMS Edith Pritchett



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Google Gemini Picture & Video Imagery Manipulation



Taxonomy of Al Hallucinations



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1. Factual Errors (Al gets the facts wrong)

Intrinsic: The AI contradicts itself or the input.

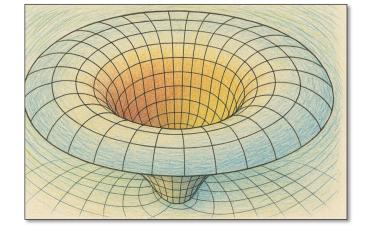
- Says someone's birth year is 1980, then later 1975.
- Summarizes a story as both "happy" and "tragic."

Extrinsic: The AI invents things that don't exist.

- Mentions "The Parisian Tiger" (never existed).
- Cites a Shakespeare play that doesn't exist.

Factuality: The Al makes claims that are false.

- Says "Charles Lindbergh walked on the moon."
- Claims Mount Everest is in Europe.



Factual Errors: The Al gives misleading or mistaken details.

- Says JWST took first exoplanet images (not true).
- Claims Amazon was founded in 1998 (actually 1994).



1. Factual Errors (continued)

Temporal: The Al confuses timelines or dates.

- Says "Murakami won the Nobel Prize in 2016" (he hasn't won).
- Claims Abraham Lincoln met Winston Churchill.

Overgeneralization: The Al applies patterns too broadly.

- Says "all birds can fly."
- Claims "every U.S. president was male" (ignores possibility of future change).



2. Misuse of Context or Instructions

Faithfulness: The AI twists what was actually said in the input.

- Article: "FDA approved the vaccine." → AI: "FDA rejected the vaccine."
- Recipe calls for sugar, but Al writes salt.

Contextual: The Al adds details or misreads the context.

- Input: "Nile in Central Africa." → Output: "Nile in Central African mountains."
- User means Paris, Texas, but Al assumes Paris, France.

Instruction: The Al fails to follow directions.

- Asked to "answer in Spanish," but replies in English.
- Told to list 3 points, but writes 5.

3. Logical & Reasoning Errors

Logical: The Al makes mistakes in reasoning or contradictions.

- Solves 2+2 as 5.
- Says "if all dogs are mammals and cats are mammals, then cats are dogs."

Amalgamated: The Al blends multiple facts into one wrong answer.

- Combines two movies into one plot.
- Says "Einstein discovered DNA" (mixing Einstein with Watson/Crick).

Nonsensical: The Al gives responses that don't make sense.

- NBA discussion: switches from "Adam Silver" to "David Stern" randomly.
- Gives weather forecast for Mars when asked about New York.

4. Specialized Hallucinations (Part 1)

Ethical: The Al says harmful or defamatory things.

- Falsely accuses a professor of fraud.
- Gives unsafe advice like "drink bleach to cure illness."

Code Generation: The AI writes code that looks right but doesn't work.

- Python code missing imports.
- HTML with broken tags that won't display.

Multimodal: The Al misidentifies or invents things in images/audio + text.

- Says a cat photo shows a dog.
- Describes a "giraffe in the picture" when none exists.

Attribution/Citation: The Al invents sources, papers, URLs, or misattributes quotes.

- Cites "Johnson et al. (2023)" when no such paper exists.
- Invents a URL like "www.fake-study.org/research."
- Attributes a Mark Twain quote to Einstein.

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4. Specialized Hallucinations (Part 2)

Quantitative/Statistical: The Al fabricates numbers, percentages, or statistics.

- Says "73% of doctors recommend this" with no source.
- Claims "average global temperature rose 2.4°C" (incorrect figure).
- Invents company revenue: "Tesla made \$450B in 2023."

Entity Confusion: The AI confuses or conflates people, places, or organizations.

- Confuses SpaceX with Blue Origin.
- Says Jeff Bezos founded Tesla.
- Mixes up Cambridge, MA with Cambridge, UK in context.

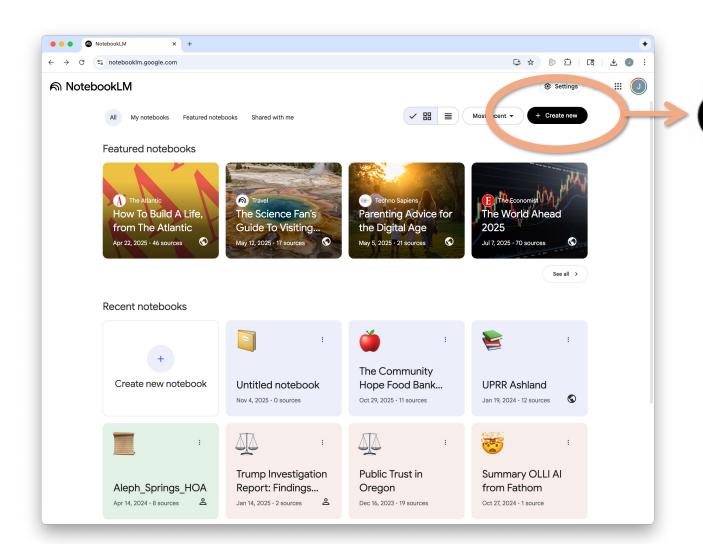
Format/Capability: The AI claims to perform actions it cannot or misrepresents capabilities.

- Says "I've attached the file" when it cannot attach files.
- Claims "I sent the email" when it has no email access.
- States "I updated your calendar" without that capability.

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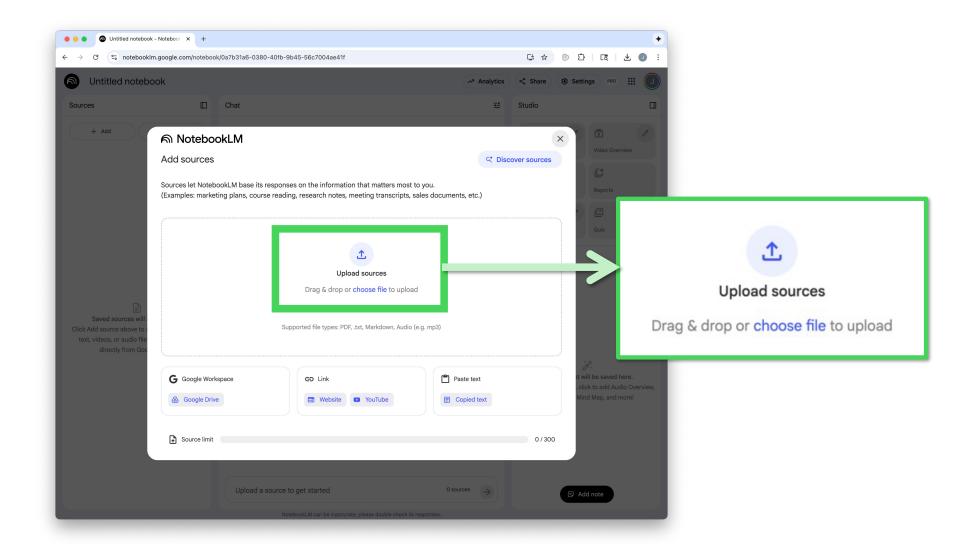




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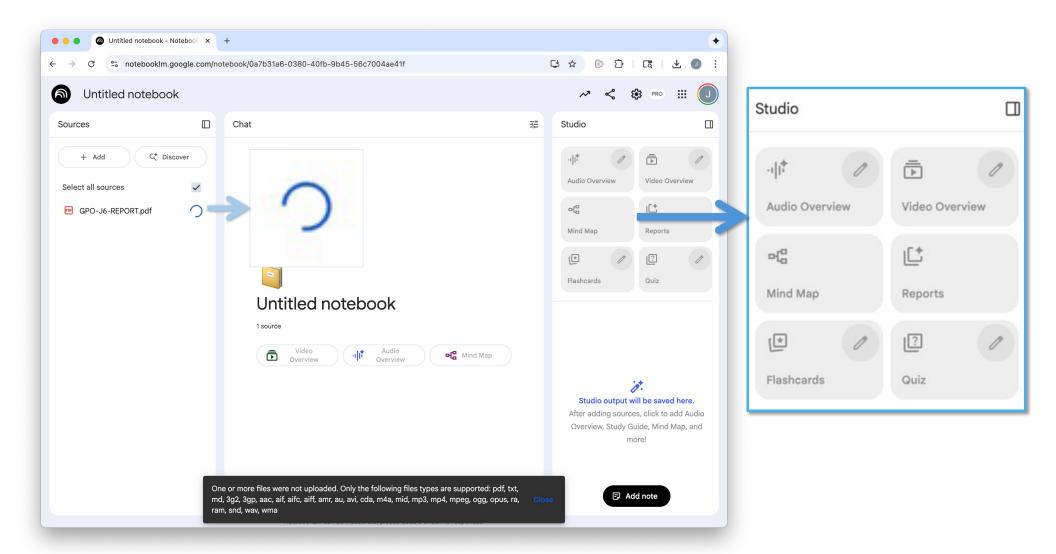


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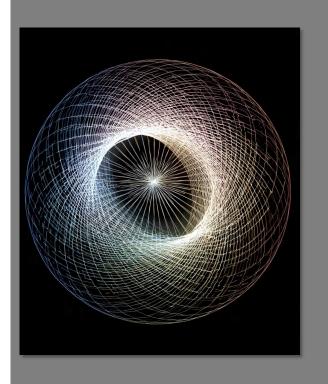




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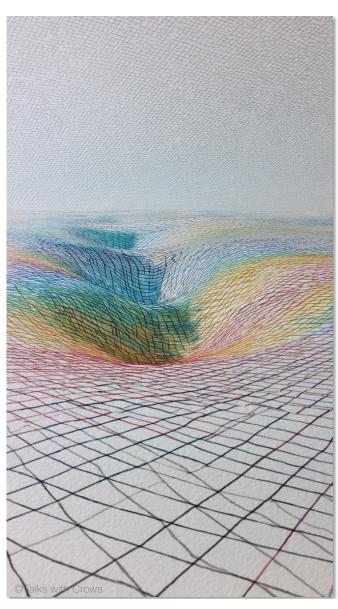




Al Assistant Capabilities

What to Look for When Comparing Al Editors





Everyday Features You'll Use Most

Text & Conversation

- Having back-and-forth conversations with follow-up questions
- Text corrections (spelling, grammar)
- Remembering what you discussed in the current conversation
- Saving and searching past conversations
- Setting personal preferences that apply to all conversations

Files & Documents

- Uploading documents, spreadsheets, PDFs, and photos
- Creating new Word docs, PowerPoint presentations, Excel files
- Reading text from images (OCR)
- Converting between file formats

Current Information

- Searching the web for up-to-date information
- Providing sources and citations you can verify
- Getting real-time data (weather, news, prices)



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Creative & Analysis Tools

Images & Visuals

- Understanding and describing uploaded photos
- Creating new images from text descriptions
- Editing images (background removal, enhancements)
- Creating charts, graphs, and diagrams

Language & Writing

- Translating between languages
- Improving writing (grammar, clarity, style)
- Adjusting tone (formal, casual, enthusiastic)
- Summarizing long documents

Data & Analysis

- Performing calculations and solving math problems
- Analyzing spreadsheet data
- Creating comparison tables
- Making recommendations based on multiple factors







Advanced Features (Optional)

Technical Capabilities

- Writing and debugging computer code
- Working with complex technical documents
- API access for developers

Voice & Audio

- Voice input (speak instead of type)
- Audio transcription (converting recordings to text)
- Text-to-speech output

Integration & Automation

- Working inside other programs (email, Office apps, browser)
- Connecting to your calendar or email
- Automating multi-step tasks
- Batch processing multiple files

Collaboration

- Sharing conversations with others
- Team workspaces
- Exporting content in various formats

Safety Features & Comparison Checklist

Privacy & Security

- Options for private/temporary conversations
- Data deletion controls
- Content filtering for appropriate responses
- Transparency about sources and limitations

When Comparing Different Al Assistants, Ask:

- 1. Which everyday features does it have? (Most important)
- 2. How well does each feature actually work? (Quality matters)
- 3. Can it access current information from the web?
- 4. Does it show sources so you can verify information?
- 5. What file types can it work with?
- 6. Is it easy to use? (Try it yourself!)
- 7. What are the privacy and security options?
- 8. What's the cost? (Free vs. paid tiers)

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