

A woman with dark, wavy hair is seated at a dark wooden desk in a library. She is looking down at a stack of papers she is holding, with her left hand resting on her chin in a thoughtful pose. A laptop is open in front of her. The background is filled with tall, dark wooden bookshelves packed with books. Warm, ambient lighting comes from small lamps on the shelves and a window in the distance. A small white bust is visible on a shelf to the left.

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# This Is Your Mind on AI

A practical protocol for AI and human judgement: verify fluent answers, retain essential understanding, count hidden workflow costs and assign responsibility for consequential decisions.

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# Fluent output is not the same as verified knowledge

An answer becomes evidence only after checking.

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VISUAL INTELLIGENCE · 02

# Cognitive offloading is a choice with trade-offs

Decide what you still need to understand unaided.

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# The promise of efficiency hides who pays

Count the work moved elsewhere.

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VISUAL INTELLIGENCE · 04

# Automation bias is a governance failure waiting to happen

Assign authority before a consequential error.

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# Build a personal protocol for human judgement

Define, verify, decide and record.

# Research, decisions and context

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## Use this intelligence

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04 Assign authority before a consequential error.

05 Define, verify, decide and record.

## Editorial boundaries

A proposed judgement protocol supported by voluntary risk-management guidance. No tool is certified by this editorial. It makes no universal claim that AI use causes cognitive damage.

[1] NIST · Generative AI Profile, AI 600-1 (2024)

tsapps.nist.gov · Sections 2.2, 2.5, 2.7 and 2.12: confabulation, environmental, human-AI and value-chain risks.

[2] NIST · AI Risk Management Framework 1.0 (2023)

www.nist.gov · Govern, Map, Measure and Manage; voluntary guidance.

## Visual provenance

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