# URI CYPHER AI Marking System Guide

**A0 — Human Authored**
Content created entirely by a human author.

**A1 — AI-Edited**
AI tools were used for grammar, clarity, and formatting.

**A2 — AI-Assisted Ideation**
AI tools were used for brainstorming and outlining.
The document was written, reviewed, and approved by the human author.

**A3 — AI-Assisted Drafting**
AI tools were used to generate portions of the draft.
The human author verified and revised the content.

**A4 — AI-Generated**
AI tools generated most or all of the content.
Human review was performed at a high level.

**A5 — Fully AI-Generated**
The document was generated entirely by AI tools, with minimal or no human review.
It should be treated as one of multiple possible information sources.

**Ax — Composite / Mixed Levels**
The document has varying levels of AI usage throughout. Used as a catch-all label.

## What it is

- **Shared language** (A0 – A5) for consistent AI usage discussion and disclosure, reducing guesswork and misinterpretation.
- **Learning tool** to build AI literacy: what AI is, what it can and can't do, and when to use it (or not).
- **Reader-facing cue** that signals how AI was used in the creation of the work product.
- **Community trust** building by shifting from detection and speculation to self-disclosure
- **Transparency tool** aligned with URI's guiding principle of clearly disclosing AI use

## What it is not

- **Not a policy** or requirement
- **Not a restriction** on how AI tools are used
- **Not a ranking**, as all levels can yield good or poor work
- **Not a detection or surveillance tool**

Important reminder:
AI-use level ≠ human effort level ≠ quality and reliability.

### Example 1: Email Signature

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### Example 2: ISE 572 Final Project

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| Ideation | A2 |
| Data Decisions | A0 |
| Coding | A3 |
| Debugging | A3 |
| Interpretation | A0 |
| Writing | A4 |

### Example 3: Slideshow / Presentation

**Example Slide**
This text was written by a human, but the chart next to it was generated by AI.



Text (A0), Visuals (A4)

AI marking for this guide: A0. Made by Camille Woodring.
More information on the URI CYPHER AI Marking System can be found online at uri.edu/cypher/ai-marking