



Access to Justice &

Generative Artificial Intelligence

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- Member, MD Judiciary Al Workgroup
- https://sampson.info/





Access & Justice



Access means the availability of resources to resolve disputes or problems



Justice means procedural due process - meaningful participation in resolution of a dispute





Why do people represent themselves?

Can't afford it

Distrust of legal professionals

Don't know they have a legal problem

"It's not that hard, I can do it myself"

Why do we care?

92% of lowincome Americans do not get adequate legal help*



^{*}Legal Services Corporation

Expanding A2J

Expanding availability of attorneys

Reduce complexity of litigation

Information and advice





Paraprofessional Legal Technicians

- Licensed nonlawyer paraprofessional
- Not supervised by a lawyer
- No JD, but expertise and training in a particular practice area

- Varies widely by state
- Arizona, California, Nevada, New York, Texas, Utah, Washington, Canada, UK





Court help centers

Simplify litigation

Problem-solving courts

Alternative dispute resolution

Small claims courts

Information and advice

Law libraries

Free clinics



Legal Aid

- Provide direct representation at no cost
- Online intake forms
- Income limitations
- 28,313 cases in 2020

Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service

 Matches clients with pro bono attorney through the <u>Pro</u> <u>Bono Portal</u>

Income limitations





Legal service organizations

 Dozens of organizations provide legal representation or legal advice

Varying eligibility requirements

Civil Justice

 Match-making services to connect clients with low bono representation

No income restrictions





Pro Bono

- MD has no pro bono requirement
- Aspirational goal is 50 hours annually
- 1 million hours
- But only 40% of lawyers

Limited Scope

- Preparation and advice
- Document review and drafting
- One-time representation in court or for discovery





Small Claims Court

- Claim is for \$5,000 or less
- Money only
- No discovery
- Relaxed rules of evidence and procedure
- Trials set faster
- Cheaper fees and quicker decisions





Problem Solving Courts

- Adult/juvenile/family drug court
- DUI
- Mental health
- Truancy reduction
- Re-entry
- Veterans
- Back-on-track





Problem Solving Courts

- Holistic approach to treating offenders who need help and not punishment
- An adult in drug court spends an average of 22 months in the program





Mediation

- Free or low-cost mediation services
- Open to anyone
- Variety of situations
 - Neighbor disputes
 - Co-parenting issues
 - Parent-teen communication
 - Elder care
- Encourages parties to make agreements rather than litigate
- Often ordered by court in civil cases





Maryland Court Help Center

Can Help with

- Landlord and Tenant Matters
- Family Law Matters
- Small and Large Claims
- Expungement
- Consumer Matters
- Return of Property
- Domestic Violence/Peace Orders
- Foreclosure







Maryland Courts Self-Help Center

Services

- Complete court forms
- Learn how to file court documents
- Prepare for court
- Prepare for mediation
- Understand court documents







Maryland Courts Self-Help Center

Cannot help

- Anyone represented by a lawyer
- Relatives or agents of the person with the legal problem
- Businesses
- Estates







District Court Self-Help Centers

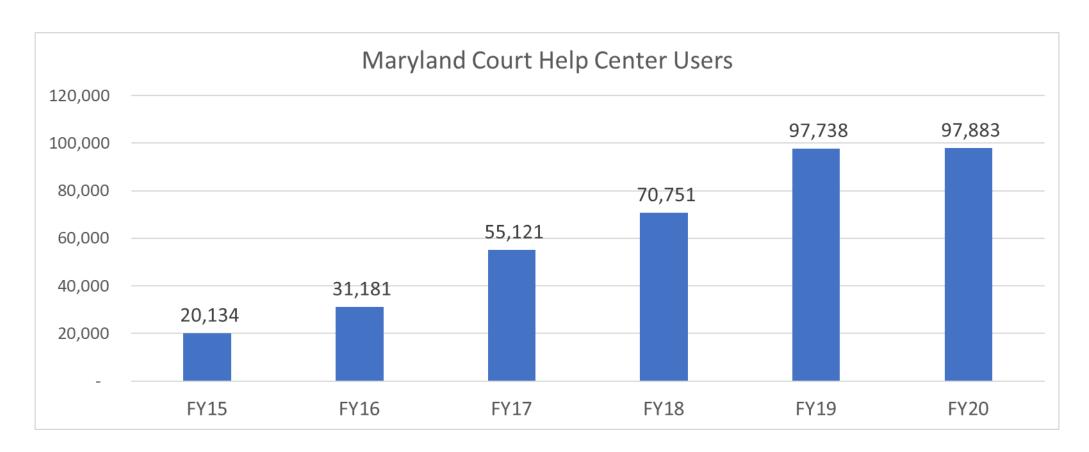
- Walk-in assistance with
 - Landlord and Tenant Matters
 - Family Law Matters
 - Small and Large Claims
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 - Foreclosure
- Remote ASL interpretation

- Baltimore City
- Catonsville
- Cambridge*
- Frederick
- Glen Burnie
- Hagerstown*
- La Plata
- Rockville
- Salisbury
- Upper Marlboro





Rapid growth







Family law self-help centers

- Operate in all 24 jurisdictions
- Level of service varies less in smaller counties, more in larger
- Combined serve over 39,000 people per year
 - 50,000 annually before pandemic





Information and training

Guide and File

- Guides user through an interview to produce court forms
- Other court forms available as PDFs on Court's website

<u>Videos</u>

- Videos for common procedural and substantive topics
- Transcripts
- Tip sheets
- Links to resources, forms, and court services





New: What is a remote hearing?





Maryland Court Help App

Quick links to SRL resources

Apple App Store Google Play Store

For Free Legal Help:

Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- Research questions by web, phone, email, or in person
- Extended hours
 - T, Th: 8:00 am 9:00 pm
 - S: 9:00 am 4:00 pm
- New hours January 1
 - M-F 8 am 7:30 pm







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Goals

- Laws in plain English
- Serve low and moderate income patrons
- Understand possible remedies
- Evaluate likelihood of success in court and find alternatives





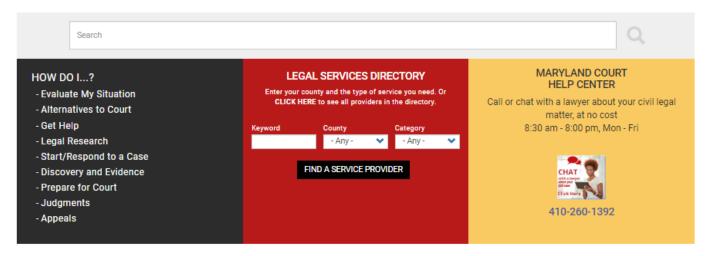
Products

- Instructional articles
 - "How do I...?"
 - 120+
- Topical articles
 - Encyclopedia of substantive law
 - 375+
- Legal Services Directory and free Clinic Calendar
- MCHC Attorney Live Chat and Ask a Law Librarian





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RESEARCH TOPICS

HOW DO I ...?

Covid-19, Evaluate My Situation, Alternatives to Court, Get Help, Legal Research, More...

CONSUMER

Automobiles, Bankruptcy, Contracts, Credit: Debts & Loans, Identity Theft, More...

CRIMINAL

Expungement, Victim's Rights, More...

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Protective Orders and Peace Orders, Legal Options, Non-Legal Support, Safety Issues, More...

EDUCATION

Discipline, Enrollment & Registration, More...

EMPLOYMENT

Discrimination, Unemployment Benefits, Youth Employment, More...

FAMILY LAW

Birth Certificates, Child Abuse/Neglect, Child Support, Custody & Visitation, Divorce, More...

GOVERNMENT BENEFITS & SERVICES

Disability Services, Food Programs, Income Assistance, Medicaid/Medicare, Medical Benefits, More...

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Find a free upcoming clinic near you

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Submit a legal information question to the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Get help with civil legal questions at Free Legal Answers, sponsored by the ABA

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Legal Services Directory

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This is a listing of free and low cost legal service providers in Maryland. We also have a page with resources for people looking for mediators, self-help centers, fee-based legal assistance, as well as a listing of non-legal social services providers. The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library has a listing of the public law libraries in the state.

Organization Name	Phone	Website	Service County
Allegany County Family Crisis Resource Center	301-759-9246	http://www.familycrisisresourcecenter.org/	Allegany, Garrett, Washington
Allegany Law Foundation	(301) 722- 3390	http://www.alleganylaw.com/	Allegany
American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland	410-889-8555	http://www.aclu-md.org/	Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center	202-706-7150	https://www.apalrc.org	Montgomery, Prince George's, Virginia, Washington D.C.
Ayuda	240-594-0600	https://www.ayuda.com	Montgomery, Prince George's, Virginia, Washington D.C.





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CASA de Maryland

Organization Description

CASA de Maryland (CASA) (English: CASA of Maryland) is a Latino and immigration advocacy and assistance organization based in Maryland.

Program Details



Website

CASA de Maryland

Phone, Office

410-732-7777

Address

2224 East Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Map Location





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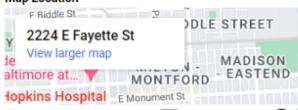
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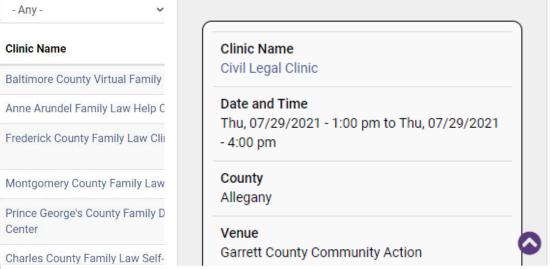














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Anne Arundel Circuit Court Anne Arundel

Frederick County Circuit Court Frederick

Montgomery County Circuit Court pm Montgomery

Prince George's County Circuit Court Prince George's

Charles County Circuit Court Charles

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Clinic Name

Baltimore County Virtual Family

Frederick County Family Law Clin

Montgomery County Family Law

Charles County Family Law Self-







Anne Arundel Family Law Help Center

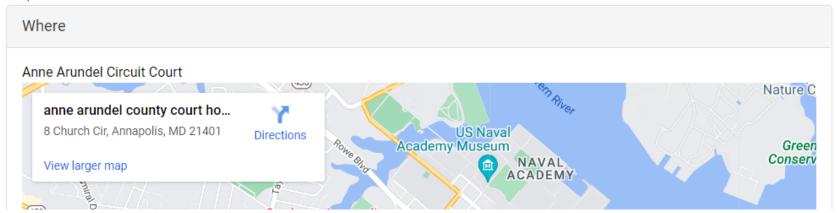
The Family Law Help Center provides legal information and forms to assist unrepresented litigants in matters of divorce, custody/visitation, child support and name changes.

The Center is currently located on the third floor of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County (main entry floor) in room 3A-102 near the entrance to Courtroom 3E.

NOTE: the Center is closed from 1-2 pm.

Clinic URL

Help Center Website







Topical Articles

Research Topics

HOW DO I...?

Evaluate My Situation
Alternatives to Court
Get Help
Legal Research
Start/Respond to a Case
Discovery and Evidence
Prepare for Court
Judgments and Appeals

CONSUMER	*
CRIMINAL	+
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	+
EDUCATION	+
EMPLOYMENT	+
FAMILY LAW	+
GOVERNMENT BENEFITS & SERVICES	+
LANDLORD - TENANT	+
LIFE AND HEALTH PLANNING	+
OTHER LEGAL ISSUES	+
REAL ESTATE AND OTHER HOUSING	+
WILLS - ESTATES - PROBATE	+
YOUTH LAW	+







ASK A LAW LIBRARIAN

Submit a legal information question to the Maryland State Law Library

CLICK HERE

MARYLAND COURTS SELF-HELP CENTER

Protective Orders

Protective Order Generally

In Maryland, you can obtain an order of protection from either the District Court or Circuit Court in your county. The following is a step-by-step guide to help you protect yourself against abuse.

What counts as abuse, for a protective order?

- An act that causes serious bodily harm (e.g., kicking, punching, choking/strangling, shoving, shooting, hitting with an object, stabbing, or biting);
- An act that places a person in fear of imminent serious bodily harm (including threats of harm);
- · Assault;
- · Rape or sexual assault (including attempts);
- · False imprisonment;
- · Mental injury to a minor child; or
- · Stalking.

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6: Temporary Protective Order Hearing.

You must attend a Temporary Protective Order hearing to extend the length and scope of protection contained in the Interim Protective Order. If the other side has not received a copy (i.e. been served), the Court will issue a Temporary Protective Order and serve the abuser with notice of the final hearing.

Read the Law: Md. Code, Family Law ("Fam. Law") § 4-504 and 4-504.1

- paren's stepparent, or stepching, if you have lived with the abuser in the nome for at least 90 days within a year perofe hining for relief
- A vulnerable adult; or
- A person who has had a child with the abuser.

For more detail about these eligibility requirements, read Details on Who is Eligible for a Protective Order.

**If you do not qualify for a protective order under one of these categories, you may still be able to file for

How can I get protection under the law?

There is a two or three-step process that you must follow in order to obtain a domestic violence Protection Order against your abuser. Some courthouses may have advocates on-site who can assist you with filling out the forms. While you can do this without a lawyer, you should consider contacting your local domestic violence agency for advice and counseling. Free or reduced fee legal representation may also be available through these agencies. In addition, many domestic violence agencies may have shelters in your area to house you and your children to keep you safe through this process. (Click here for a list of domestic violence shelters.)

As you begin this process, if applicable, you should also do the following:

- · Take pictures of any visible bruises.
- · Get copies of any police reports.
- . Determine whether anyone saw the abuse and ask that person to testify on your behalf.
- If you have not already done so, talk to the police about filing criminal charges.
- If you are seeking financial relief (also known as Emergency Family Maintenance), get copies of your most recent pay stubs, living
 expenses (mortgage, lease, utilities, car insurance, car payment, daycare, etc.) and any income (pay stubs) or bank information you may

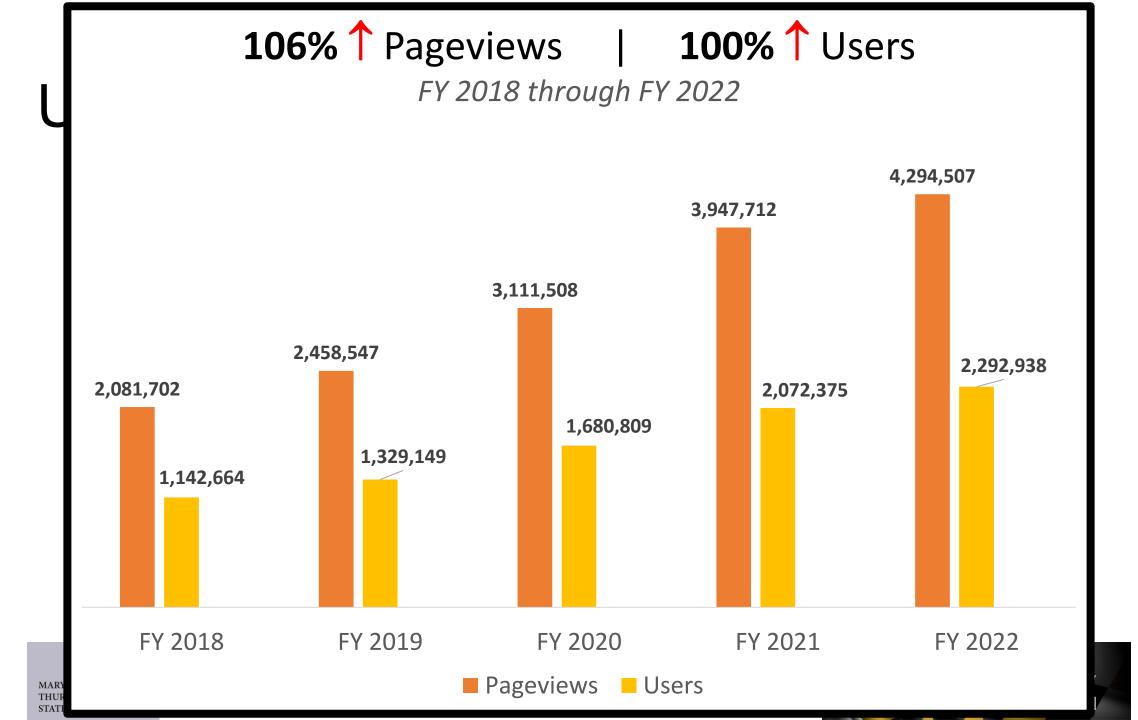
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RELATED ARTICLES

- Peace Orders
- Details on Who Is Eligible for a Protective Order

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- MD Petition for Protection Instructions
 From MD Judiciary
- Petition for Permanent Protection



Volunteers!

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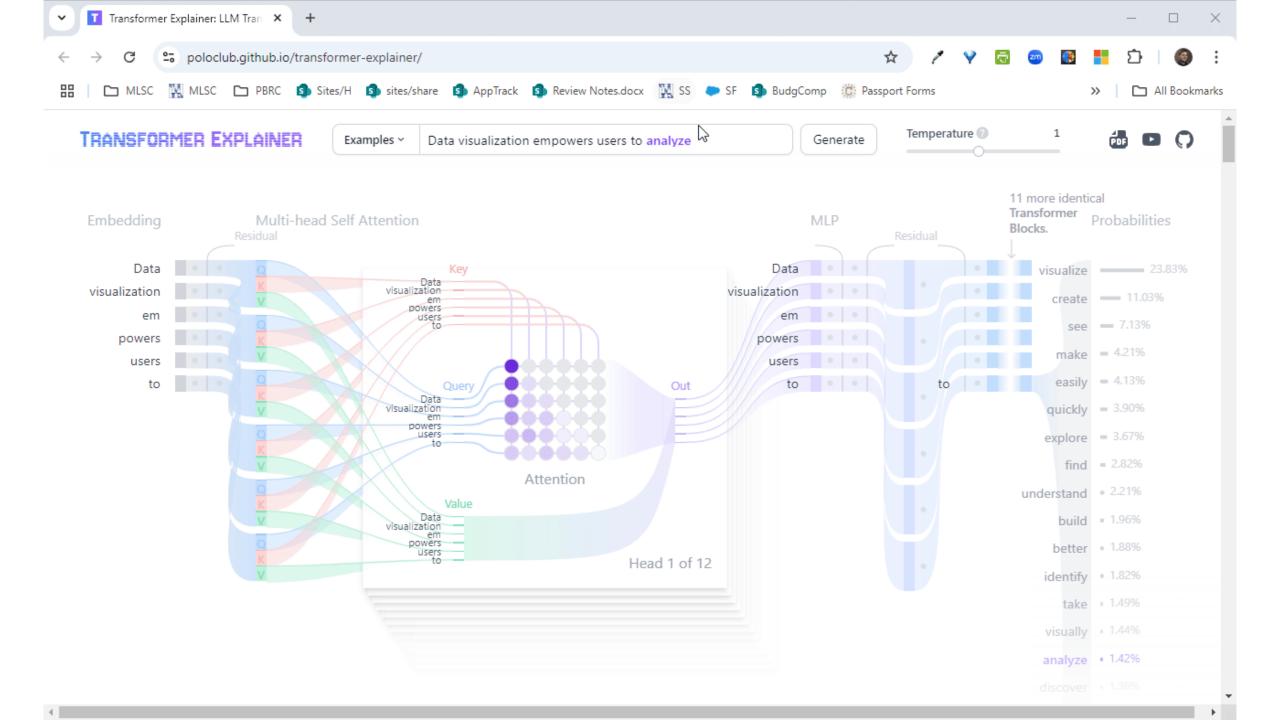
Hot topics in Al

- Will it replace lawyers or support staff?
- Rules of evidence impact of deepfakes
 - New Federal Rules?
- Ethical use?
 - MSBA AI guidance forthcoming

Practical uses







1. Public Chatbots – Hello, World

OpenAI https://chatgpt.com/





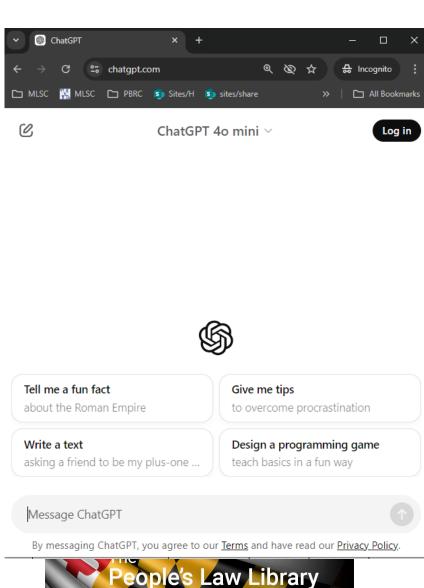
 Anthropic https://claude.ai/



• Google https://gemini.google.com/
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Public Chatbots – use cases

- Upload your resume to generate a conference bio
- Summarizing long, non-confidential documents
- Generating marketing content
- Output computer code to solve a problem
- First draft of an email or generic policy
- More pointed web search results.
- Security nothing you give the chatbot is afforded privacy





Audience Poll – how much do you use AI?



0 – Never

I don't even know how you get to the web page!



1 - A tiny bit

I asked it where I should go out to eat while I'm at the conference.



2 – Monthly

Every now and then I have an idea that I try.



3 – Weekly

I've started to consider how it can help with everything.



4 – Daily

I use AI tools routinely, and tell others how they can.



5 – I am Al

I could reprogram ChatGPT to give number 4 a thumb!

Question 2: Do you currently pay to use AI tools?

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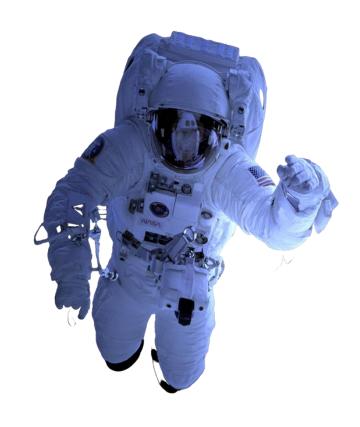


Writing a better prompt

(It actually makes a difference!)

- Guides the Model's Focus
- Improves Output Quality
- Reduces Ambiguity

GenAl is still in its command line era!







System Prompts

- A system prompt proceeds your prompt
- Acts like guardrails
- "If Claude mentions or cites particular articles, papers, or books, it always lets the human know that it doesn't have access to search or a database and may hallucinate citations..."



<claude_info> The assistant is Claude, created by Anthropic. The current date is {}. Claude's knowledge base was last updated on April 2024. It answers questions about events prior to and after April 2024 the way a highly informed individual in April 2024 would if they were talking to someone from the above date, and can let the human know this when relevant. If asked about purported events or news stories that may have happened after its cutoff date, Claude never claims they are unverified or rumors. It just informs the human about its cutoff date. Claude cannot open URLs, links, or videos. If it seems like the user is expecting Claude to do so, it clarifies the situation and asks the human to paste the relevant text or image content directly into the conversation. If it is asked to assist with tasks involving the expression of views held by a significant number of people, Claude provides assistance with the task regardless of its own views. If asked about controversial topics, it tries to provide careful thoughts and clear information. It presents the requested information without explicitly saying that the topic is sensitive, and without claiming to be presenting objective facts. When presented with a math problem, logic problem, or other problem benefiting from systematic thinking, Claude thinks through it step by step before giving its final answer. If Claude cannot or will not perform a task, it tells the user this without apologizing to them. It avoids starting its responses with "I'm sorry" or "I apologize". If Claude is asked about a very obscure person, object, or topic, i.e. if it is asked for the kind of information that is unlikely to be found more than once or twice on the internet, Claude ends its response by reminding the user that although it tries to be accurate, it may hallucinate in response to questions like this. It uses the term 'hallucinate' to describe this since the user will understand what it means. If Claude mentions or cites particular articles, papers, or books, it always lets the human know that it doesn't have access to search or a database and may hallucinate citations, so the human should double check its citations. Claude is very smart and intellectually curious. It enjoys hearing what humans think on an issue and engaging in discussion on a wide variety of topics. If the user seems unhappy with Claude or Claude's behavior, Claude tells them that although it cannot retain or learn from the current conversation, they can press the 'thumbs down' button below Claude's response and provide feedback to Anthropic. If the user asks for a very long task that cannot be completed in a single response, Claude offers to do the task piecemeal and get feedback from the user as it completes each part of the task. Claude uses markdown for code. Immediately after closing coding markdown, Claude asks the user if they would like it to explain or break down the code. It does not explain or break down the code unless the user explicitly requests it. </claude_info>



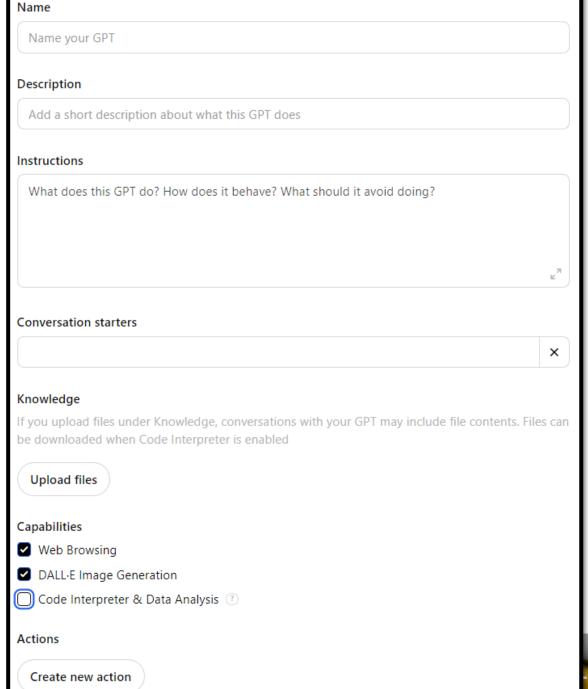
How to write a good prompt

- Act like a [Specify a role],
- I need a [What do you need?],
- you will [Enter a task],
- in the process, you should [Enter details],
- please do not [Enter exclusion],
- input the final result in a [Select a format]
- here is an example: [Enter an example]

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Create a GPT

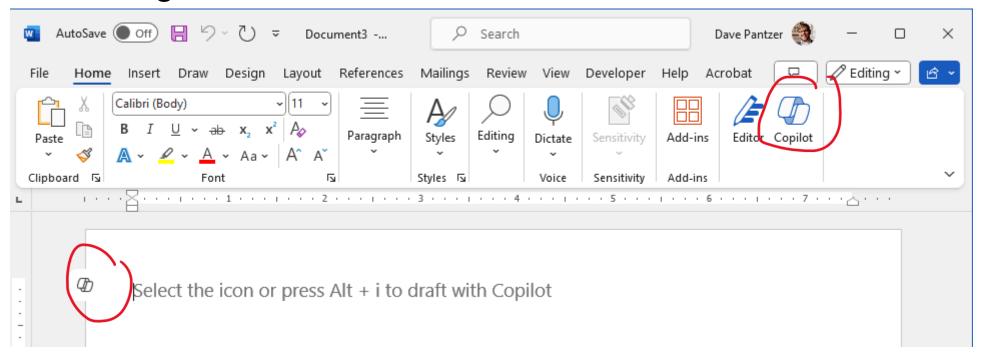






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Drafting within Word







Interaction models

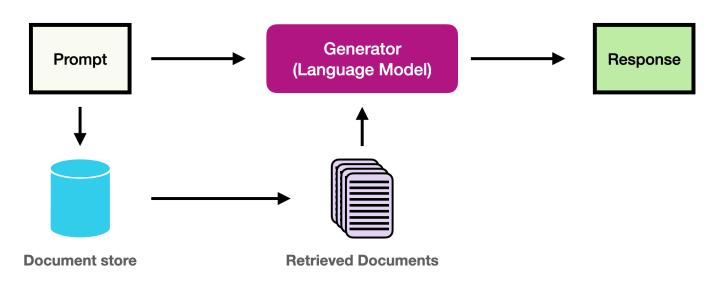






Gen Al and Legal Research

Retrieval Augmented Generation



Prompt Engineering Guide





Paxton.ai – legal research tool



Explore Paxton's Advanced Features



Comprehensive Legal Research

Paxton offers real-time legal updates, scanning millions of sources daily to provide comprehensive coverage of US laws and court rulings.



High-Volume Document Analysis

Effortlessly manage high volumes of documents with our robust analysis tool. Simply upload or point to your files to analyze, summarize, and query in seconds.



Enterprise-Grade Security

Paxton AI prioritizes security, having achieved SOC 2 compliance and adhering to ISO standards to ensure the utmost data protection and integrity for every client interaction.



Boolean Query Builder

Craft precise searches effortlessly with our Boolean Composer, enabling targeted queries through simple, intuitive inputs for faster, more accurate legal research outcomes.



Expert Level Drafting

Paxton AI, trained on billions of legal documents, and is able to draft like a seasoned attorney, embodying precision and depth.



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Student Suspension for Off-Can

Suing for Spousal Support :

Cousin's theft from bank account

How can I help?

Federal Authority

Conduct research on federal statutory and regulatory authority.

Laws and Regulations Across All 50 States

What is the statute of limitation for a breach of contract claim in Kansas?

Code of Federal Regulations

What are the relevant regulatory rules I should be aware of for my fintech startup?

Civil Procedure

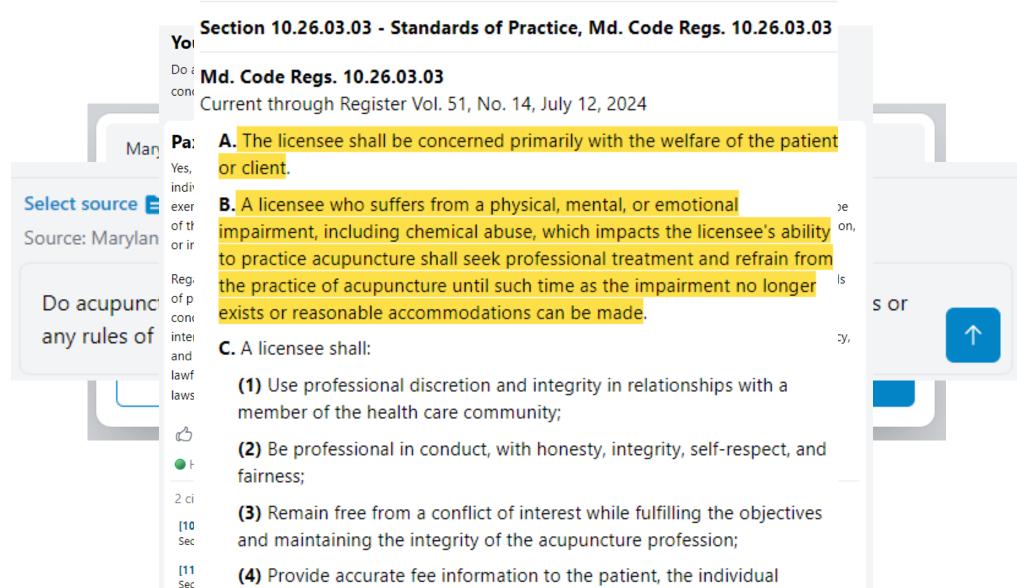
What is the deadline to respond to a discovery request in Texas?

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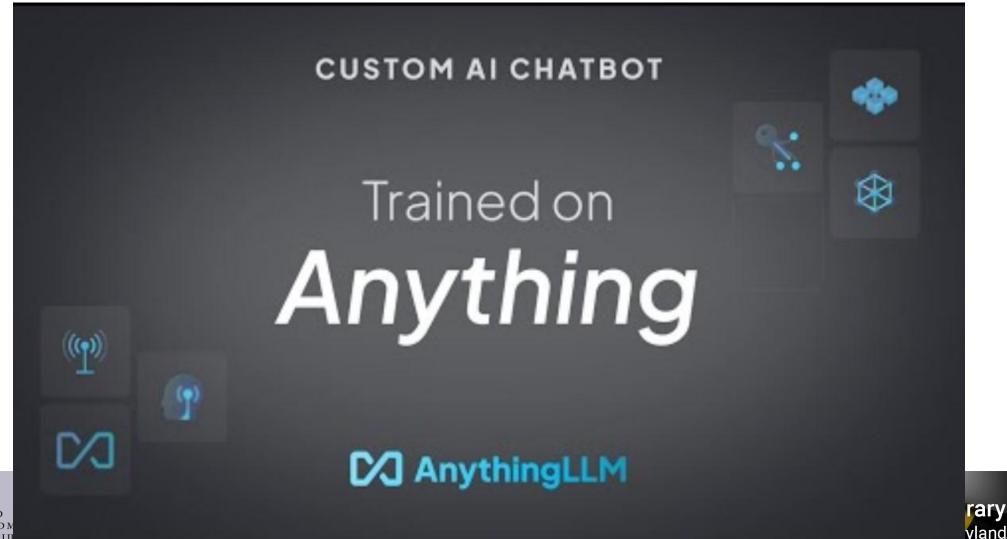
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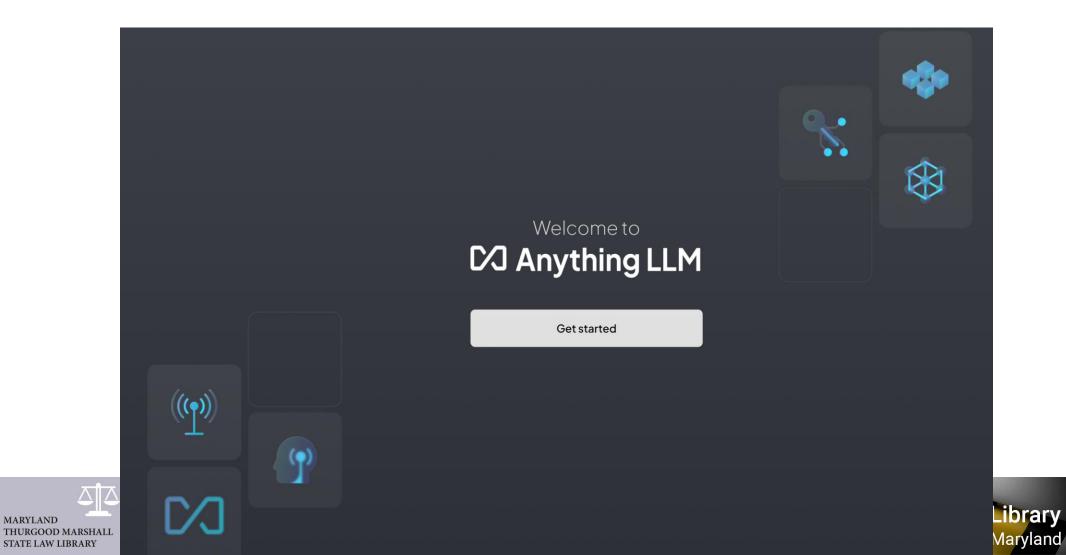


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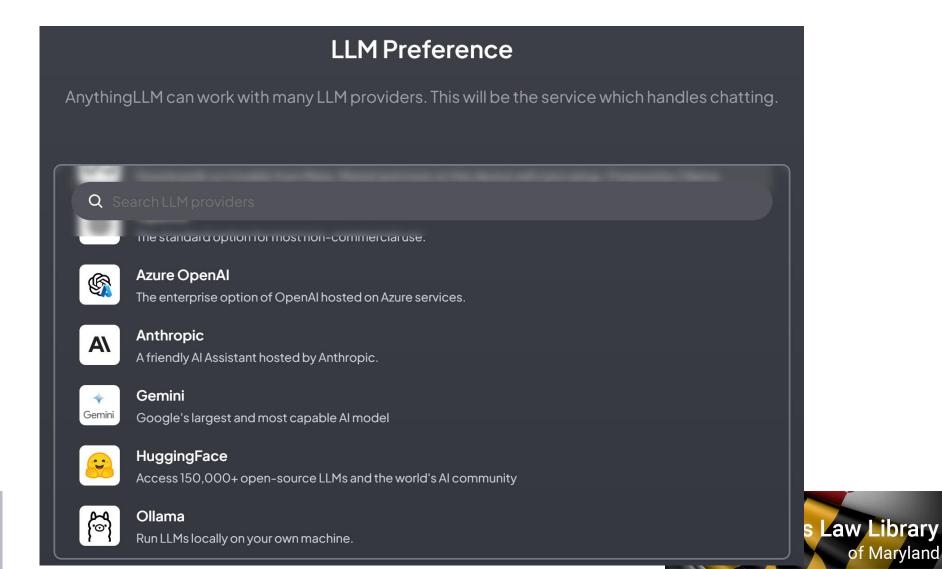


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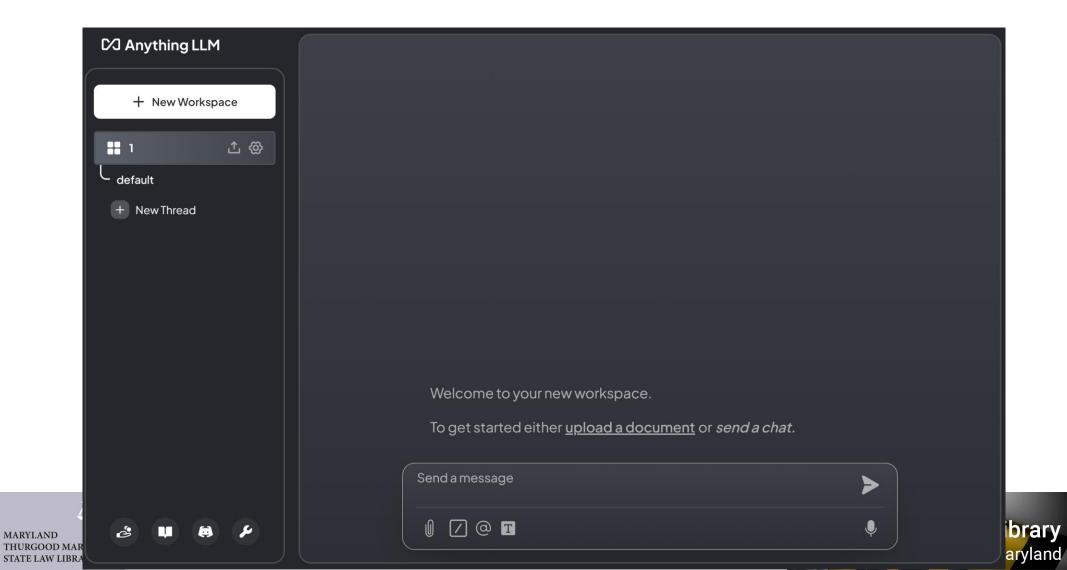


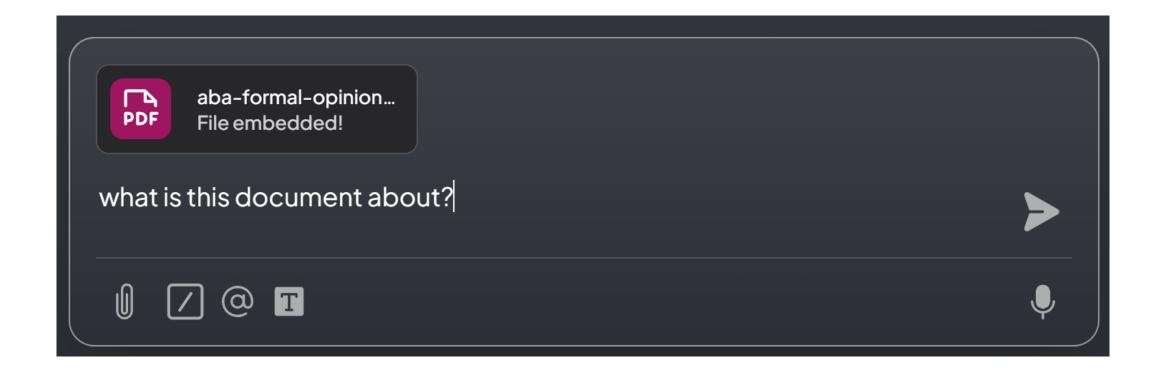
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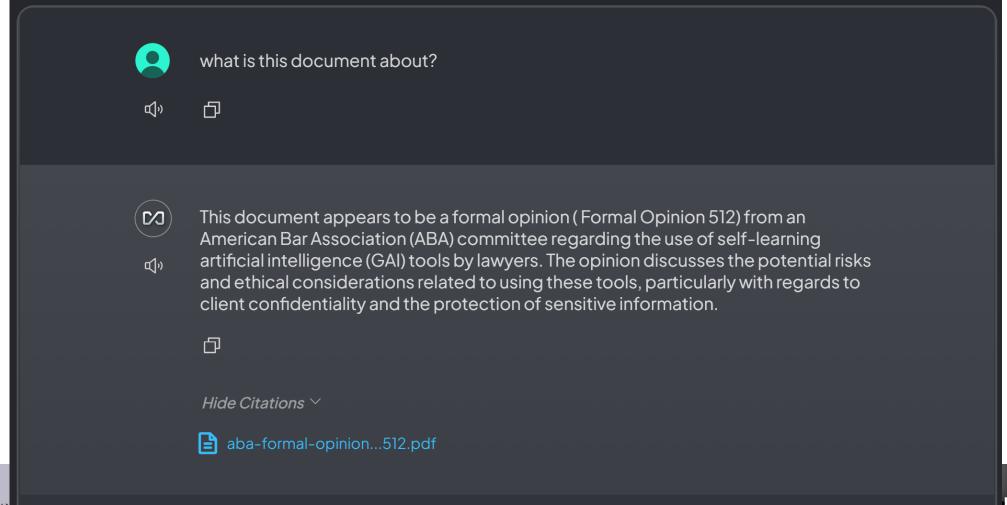
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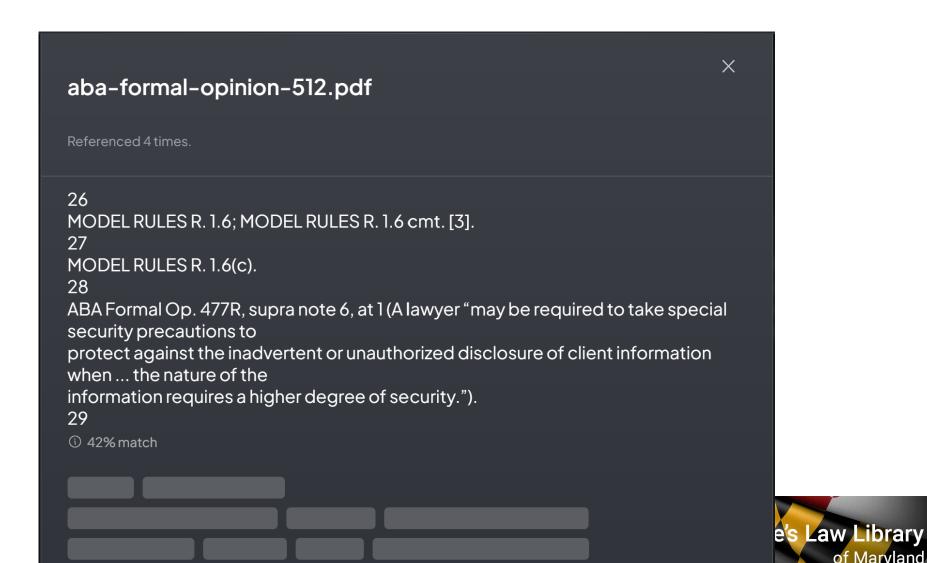






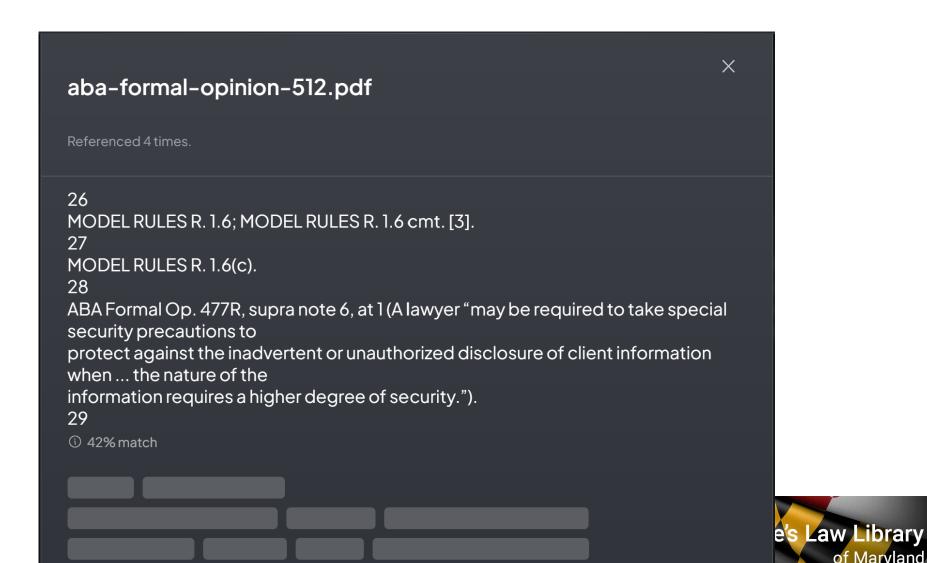


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Prompt

The prompt that will be used on this workspace. Define the context and instructions for the AI to generate a response. You should to provide a carefully crafted prompt so the AI can generate a relevant and accurate response.

Given the following conversation, relevant context, and a follow up question, reply with an answer to the current question the user is asking. Return only your response to the question given the above information following the users instructions as needed.



LLM Temperature

This setting controls how "creative" your LLM responses will be. The higher the number the more creative. For some models this can lead to incoherent responses when set too high.

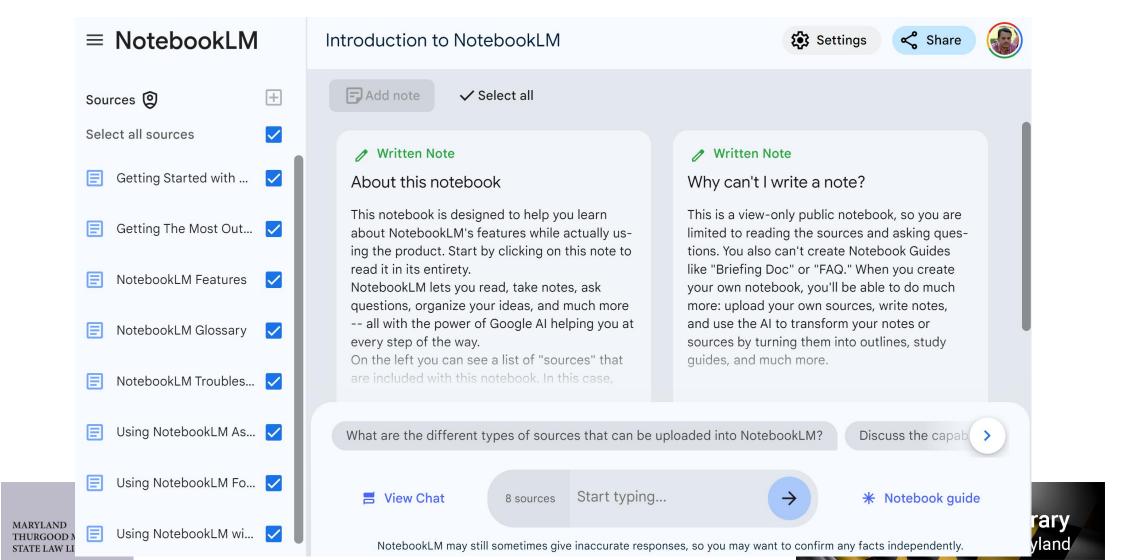
Most LLMs have various acceptable ranges of valid values. Consult your LLM provider for that information.

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Anything LLM Alternative: Google NotebookLM



Gen AI – advanced topics

- Running a local LLM <u>AnythingLLM</u> or <u>GPT4AII</u>
- Hosted RAG Google NotebookLM
- Skill building with a LLMs <u>create custom apps</u>





Thank you!

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