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**Generative AI and D**

We, the undersigned individuals/organisations, are writing to express our strong opposition to the current trajectory of the D Language Foundation (DLF) in relation to Generative AI (LLMs). Please note that the following paragraphs are a statement of opinion and should not be construed as legal advice. We are not lawyers, but we are software engineers who care about D.

We accept that the use of copyrighted works for the training of LLMs may be exempt from the usual licensing provisions. However, we believe that it may not be possible to extend this rationale to cover the output of these models. It has been shown that LLMs are capable of reproducing substantial extracts of copyrighted code verbatim. We do not believe that it would be reasonable to assume that copyright law would not apply to these outputs simply because they were generated by an LLM. Moreover, the transformative nature of LLMs may render it impossible for the user to identify infringing outputs. On the other hand, infringing outputs may be obvious to the original copyright holder.

It therefore follows that the use of LLMs to “vibe code” parts of the standard library (Phobos) may incur the risk of legal challenge in the future. The only reasonable conclusion, in our view, is that Phobos would no longer be considered a reliable platform on which to develop new D applications.

We urge DLF to consider imposing a moratorium on the direct inclusion of AI outputs in Phobos until DLF seeks appropriate legal counsel and, in the interests of transparency, makes public the advice received; or until these questions have been definitively resolved in a court of law.

We recognise that when used responsibly, LLMs may impart substantial productivity benefits. We applaud the initiative of DLF when it comes to exploring how new and emerging technologies can benefit the D ecosystem. However, we cannot afford to allow excessive enthusiasm to cloud our judgment.

Finally, we would like to thank DLF for their hard work on making D the superb programming language it is today. We hope that DLF will acknowledge our concerns and take appropriate action to ensure we can continue to enjoy a healthy D ecosystem going forward.

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