

AI ONLY ONE-CLICK AWAY

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One-click away? There to save the day? Superman is no match against the teachers' super-bot assistant.

Teachers have been in distress; the issue of excessive teacher workload has long been a concern. Recent studies reveal that teachers continue to work extended hours, with much of their non-teaching time consumed by ancillary tasks and other school-related responsibilities. According to EDCOM 2, Teachers are working an average of 52 hours per week, often including weekends. Despite that, many teachers report that the time they have at work simply does not provide enough time for them to do everything in their list, they even have to take them home. As a result, they could no longer have deep engagement with their students. As Artificial Intelligence (AI) emerges in education, however, teachers are beginning to find a solution. AI tools are now being used to assist in the creation of lesson plans, exams, and instructional materials, in just a few clicks.

Poth (2023) recommends AI-powered educational tools such as Curipod, ChatGPT, and MagicSchoolAI. These generative AI language models support teachers by producing lesson plans, exams, and classroom activities. With these tools, it is easier for teachers to provide prompts and let the system generate ideas - then refine it and personalize how they like.

Lesson planning, one of the most time-consuming tasks for teachers, requires extensive research, resource gathering, and alignment with curriculum standards.

AI can generate templates, outlines, and content suggestions for students at different levels - it even suggests activities for differentiated instruction. This allows teachers to save preparation time and prepare for their class discussion.

Similarly, AI is effective in generating quizzes and exams. Teachers can quickly produce a range of test items to assess the students' progress. These tools not only speed up the creation of exams, but also promote variety like multiple choice questions, and other test types. Through these applications, AI allows educators to have more freedom with their profession and enjoy it more, rather than being cooped up in their workloads.

However, it is indeed that great power comes with greater responsibilities. When teachers overrely on AI, it may hinder the personalization of the learning process, limit creativity and human touch. AI is still not perfect and may make mistakes. As teachers – the most knowledgeable others – they have the power and responsibility to check for errors and biases generated by these applications.

It is important to note that this one-click away superhero is just a support tool, not a replacement for the professional judgment of teachers. There should be a balance between efficiency and creativity. As educational technology evolves, teachers must also adapt yet still let their expertise run the system. AI may be one-click away, but the true heroes of education are still the teachers who bring knowledge and authenticity within the classroom.

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