# The Ten House Rules to live by



#### Be clear and specific

Craft prompts that are clear and specific. Explicit instructions help eliminate ambiguity, ensuring that the desired task is well-defined and the model can respond accurately.



### **Lead LLM by Examples**

Examples clarify expectations by illustrating the desired output format and context, enabling LLMs to generate more precise and relevant responses.





#### **Context** is king

Incorporating necessary context within prompts is crucial. Context sets the stage for meaningful interactions, allowing the model to generate responses that are relevant and informed.





Prompts should be concise and focused. Overly lengthy prompts can confuse the LLM, potentially leading to less effective responses. It is essential to strike a balance between the amount of information provided and the need for brevity.





### **Avoid Leading Language**

Prompts should not include leading language or hints that could introduce bias. Allow the model to draw its own conclusions based on the prompt and context, promoting independent and unbiased responses.



#### Test, Tweak, Repeat

Prompt engineering is an iterative process. Experiment with different variations, evaluate the model's responses, and refine prompts as needed to achieve the best outcomes.





# Vary to Verify | Mix it up!

Testing prompts with a diverse range of inputs and scenarios is vital for assessing the robustness and adaptability of the LLM. This ensures the model performs well across various situations.



#### **Check Your Blind Spots**

Regularly review the responses generated by the LLM for any potential biases. Adjust prompts as necessary to encourage fair and unbiased outputs.





### **Keep Score, Stay Sharp**

Continuous monitoring of the LLM's performance and gathering user feedback is essential. Stay alert for unintended behaviours or inaccuracies in the responses and address them promptly.



#### Write It Down, Level It Up

Maintain detailed documentation of prompts, including the reasoning behind their design. This documentation supports the prompt engineering process and facilitates future improvements.













