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The AI Slop Prevention Guide

Stop Low-Value AI. Start High-Quality Output.

AI Slop is Slowing you Down

Generative AI is now part of everyday work. But alongside the benefits, a new problem is creeping into inboxes and documents everywhere: AI slop. It's the confident-sounding output that looks polished but adds no value. It's generic. It's vague. It creates more work than it saves. Left unchecked, AI slop becomes a quiet productivity drain. It dilutes quality, slows decisions, and erodes trust in both the tools and the people using them. This guide gives you the practical steps to stop slop before it spreads.

How to Keep AI Output Sharp

1. Be Clear Before You Create
Vague prompts create vague results. Know the outcome, the audience, and the message before you ask AI to write anything. Intent is your best filter.

2. Feed AI the Context It Needs
AI cannot guess business nuance. Give it the background, constraints, tone, examples, and details that matter. Sharp input = sharp output.

3. Treat AI as Draft Mode, Not Done Mode
AI gives you speed, not judgment. The first version is never the final. Tighten, correct, and refine. Add your expertise, that's where the real value comes from.

4. Ask for Less, Not More
More words often mean more noise. Ask for only the length, format, or version you actually need. Avoid dumping multiple drafts on your colleagues.

5. Fact-check Without Fail
AI can sound confident and still be wrong. Review numbers, names, claims, and logic. Your credibility rides on the accuracy of the final output.

6. Keep Human-Led Tasks Human
Some work requires emotional intelligence, nuance, or sensitivity. Let humans lead where it matters most and let AI support (not replace) that judgment.

7. Build Shared Standards Across Your Team
Teams that agree on what "good AI-assisted work" looks like produce better, cleaner output. Align on tone, structure, review expectations, and decision boundaries.

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The AI Slop Prevention Checklist

Use this as a quick reference before submitting or sharing AI-generated work.

Your Pre-Prompt Checks
If you can't define it, the AI definitely won't hit it.
- ✓ Do I know exactly what I'm trying to achieve?
- ✓ Do I know who the audience is and what they care about?
- ✓ Do I have the context needed to guide the AI clearly?
- ✓ Have I decided what "success" looks like for this output?

Your Prompting Checks
Removing vagueness, filler, or repetition drastically lifts quality.
- ✓ Is my instruction specific and outcome-focused?
- ✓ Have I defined the style, length, and tone?
- ✓ Did I give examples of what "good" looks like?
- ✓ Have I told the AI what to avoid?

Your Output Checks
AI Slop hides inside unnecessary words.
- ✓ Does this meaningfully advance the task?
- ✓ Is it accurate, relevant, and in plain language?
- ✓ Does it read like our organisation or like generic AI filler?
- ✓ Would I send this to a client or colleague?
- ✓ Can this be made clearer or shorter without losing meaning?

Your Team Practice Checks
Small team-wide tweaks compound into big quality gains.
- ✓ Does our team know when AI should (and shouldn't) be used?
- ✓ Do we have shared quality standards?
- ✓ Are people trained to prompt well and review critically?
- ✓ Are we avoiding unnecessary drafts or overwriting?

Many organisations adopt AI fast but without the guardrails, practice, or capability to ensure quality. **That's where Kambium steps in.**

We lift your AI maturity, improve quality and shift generative AI tools into genuine productivity drivers.

How we support your organisation:

AI Capability Training
Practical, role-specific sessions that build confident, effective AI use.

Governance & Responsible AI
Clear standards that remove ambiguity and reduce risk.

Prompting Playbooks
Templates and examples tailored to your business language and needs.

Adoption & Change Support
Helping teams embed good habits and avoid common pitfalls.

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