



## ChatGPT 3.5: Another Tool or a New Collaborative Project Team Member?

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#### Abstract

The increasing use and capabilities of the large language model ChatGPT 3.5 are indicative of its potential for knowledge-work tasks such as web searching and generating various types of creative literature. This makes it a useful tool for project teams working on collaborative tasks. It also raises the question of whether ChatGPT 3.5 can be more than a tool – could human team members collaborate with it in a similar way to collaborating with each other, and what might this collaboration look like? This paper discusses a team-based project simulation in which team members interacted with ChatGPT 3.5 in a team-member role to produce a series of text-based deliverables. Members' reflections and researcher observations showed that the working relationship was a positive one, and that training in effective use of ChatGPT 3.5, together with more opportunities to use it in a collaborative role, could lead to production of more fit-for-purpose deliverables in shorter timeframes.

Keywords: ChatGPT, collaborative projects, teamwork

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