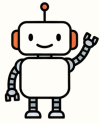


Where does your AI actually run?

A one-page checklist, in plain English

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CHECKS



WHY IT MATTERS

Many chat AIs run on big computers far away. Your phone sends your words there and shows the answer. Some small AI features run on the phone itself.

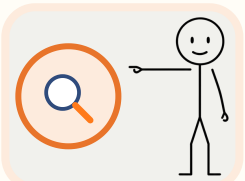
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Try airplane mode

Turn on airplane mode. Ask the app something. If it can't answer, it probably needs the internet.

Try: Does it say it can't connect?

General good practice. Some small AI features work offline.



2



Picture the letterbox

Your words travel to a faraway building, and the answer travels back.

Try: Phone = letterbox. Internet = pipe.

An analogy, not a wiring diagram.

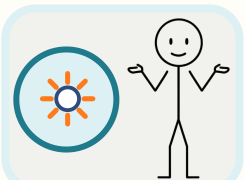
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Know the data center

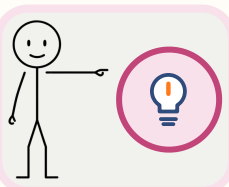
A data center is a building with many computers that store and process large amounts of information.

Try: Where is the thinking done: your phone or a data center?

Definition: see Sources below.



4



Expect a mix

Some small AI jobs run on the phone. Bigger jobs can be sent to bigger AI programs on faraway computers (the cloud).

Try: Quick tasks may stay local. Hard ones may travel.

Both setups are described in vendor docs (see sources).

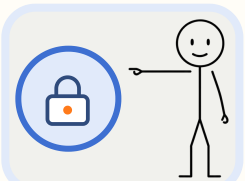
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Read the privacy page

The app's own help or privacy page may say where your words are processed. Check it before you type private things.

Try: Search the page for "processed" or "cloud".

General good practice.



Rule of thumb: no internet, no answer usually means the thinking is far away.