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# Implementing Responsible AI: why, what (and how)

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Data Scientists & Engineers

BI Developers

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## **Broad Experience**

70+ Clients

20 Industries

5 Countries

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**Why?**



# More than 50 countries that are home to half the planet's population are due to hold national elections in 2024

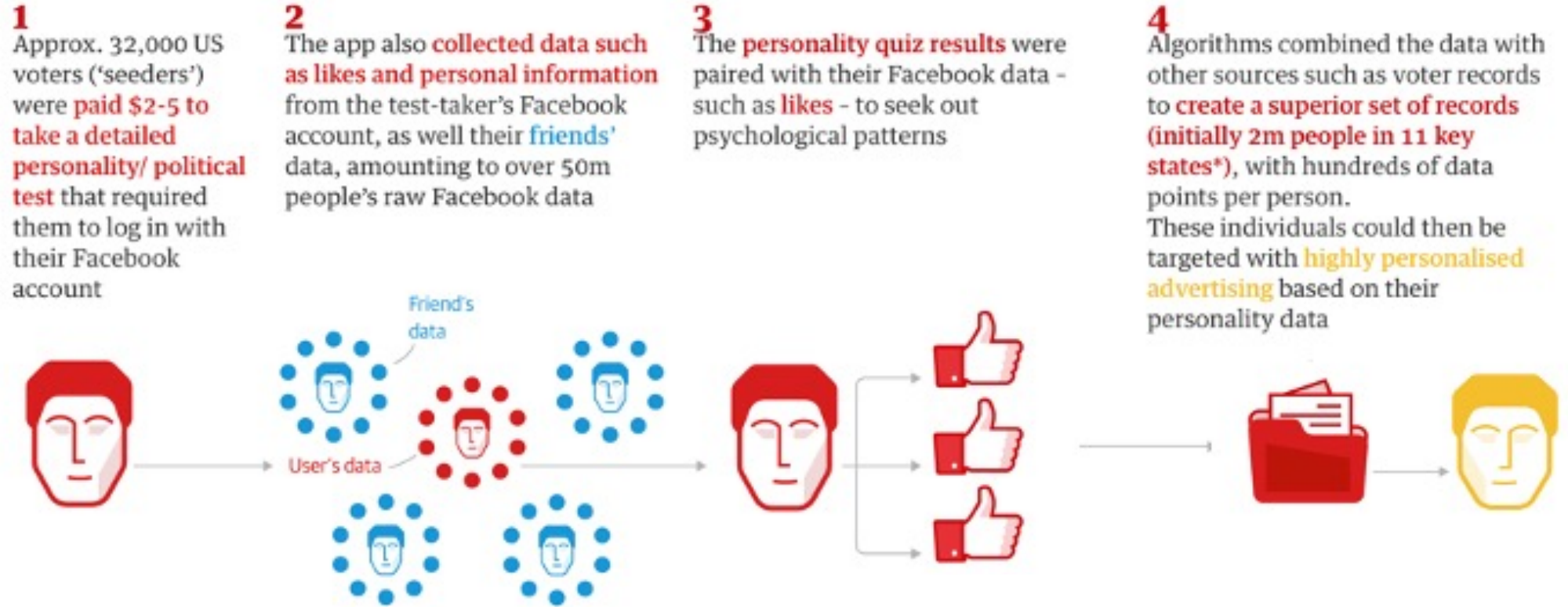
The screenshot shows the top portion of an AP news article. At the top left is the AP logo. A navigation bar contains the following categories: WORLD, U.S., ELECTION 2024, POLITICS, SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, and FACT CHECK. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with a red dot next to 'Israel-Hamas war', and other items: Election 2024, Arctic freeze, MLK Day, and Emmy Awards. The main headline reads: 'Over 50 countries go to the polls in 2024. The year will test even the most robust democracies'. Below the headline is a carousel of two images: Joe Biden on the left and Donald Trump on the right. Navigation arrows are visible on the sides of the carousel, and an accessibility icon is in the bottom left corner.

- United States
- Russia
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom
- India
- El Salvador
- South Africa
- Bangladesh
- Mexico
- Indonesia
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Finland
- ...



# AI and Elections: Case Cambridge Analytica

In 2016 personal data belonging to millions of FB users was collected without consent and used for political advertising




Guardian graphic. \*Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, West Virginia

# As uses of AI abound, the need to ensure this is done in a responsible manner increases

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## Pak'nSave's AI meal planner suggests recipe for deadly chlorine gas

Esther Taunton · 19:05, Aug 11 2023




Pak'nSave says it included a number of safeguards to help ensure the Savey Meal-bot is used appropriately.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/132725271/paknsaves-ai-meal-planner-suggests-recipe-for-deadly-chlorine-gas>

## Two US lawyers fined for submitting fake court citations from ChatGPT

Law firm also penalised after chatbot invented six legal cases that were then used in an aviation injury claim



The judge said one of the fake decisions had 'some traits that are superficially consistent with actual judicial decisions' but other portions contained 'gibberish' and were 'nonsensical'. Photograph: Richard Drew/AP

**Dan Milmo and agency**


Fri 23 Jun 2023 11.14 CEST

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/jun/23/two-us-lawyers-fined-submitting-fake-court-citations-chatgpt>

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## A robot crushed a man to death after it mistook him for a box of vegetables: reports

Joshua Zitser · Nov 9, 2023, 1:44 PM EET



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<https://www.insider.com/robot-crushed-man-death-mistook-him-box-vegetables-south-korea-2023-11>



# Especially generative AI has transformed the discussion around AI

- Generative AI models generate different kinds of content such as text, images, and audio
- The models have been trained on massive amounts of data to learn what “right” looks like
- Typically, they generate one type of output, but new multi-modal GenAI models can generate both text and images, for example

## ChatGPT



Write me a short, 4 lines, poem about generative AI or GenAI



In circuits of code, a world we ignite,  
GenAI whispers, dreams take flight.  
With algorithms as brushes, it paints anew,  
Creativity's spark, in each line it imbues.

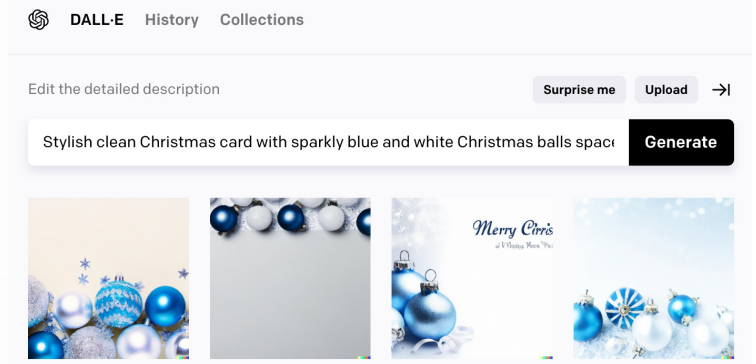
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## DALL-E 2



*Prompt:*

*Imagine a stylish, clean Christmas card with sparkly blue and white Christmas balls & space for greeting text.*



How to use Gen AI

## Types of tasks Generative AI is good at



**Searching for  
information**



**Summarizing  
information from a  
large number of  
documents, manuals,  
and other data  
sources**



**Presenting results in  
various formats (text,  
tables, lists)**



**Generating new  
content from input  
data (e.g., for  
different audiences)**



**Chatting/ interacting  
with the user**

**GenAI could eventually lead to an increase of global GDP by 7% over the next decade.**

*Source: American Enterprise Institute: <https://www.aei.org/articles/why-goldman-sachs-thinks-generative-ai-could-have-a-huge-impact-on-economic-growth-and-productivity/>*



# The speed of progress is stunning...



Midjourney models	
Version	Release date
V1	February 2022 <sup>[14]</sup>
V2	April 12, 2022 <sup>[9]</sup>
V3	July 25, 2022 <sup>[10]</sup>
V4	November 5, 2022 (alpha) <sup>[11]</sup>
V5	March 15, 2023 (alpha) <sup>[13]</sup>
V5.1	May 3, 2023 <sup>[15]</sup>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midjourney>

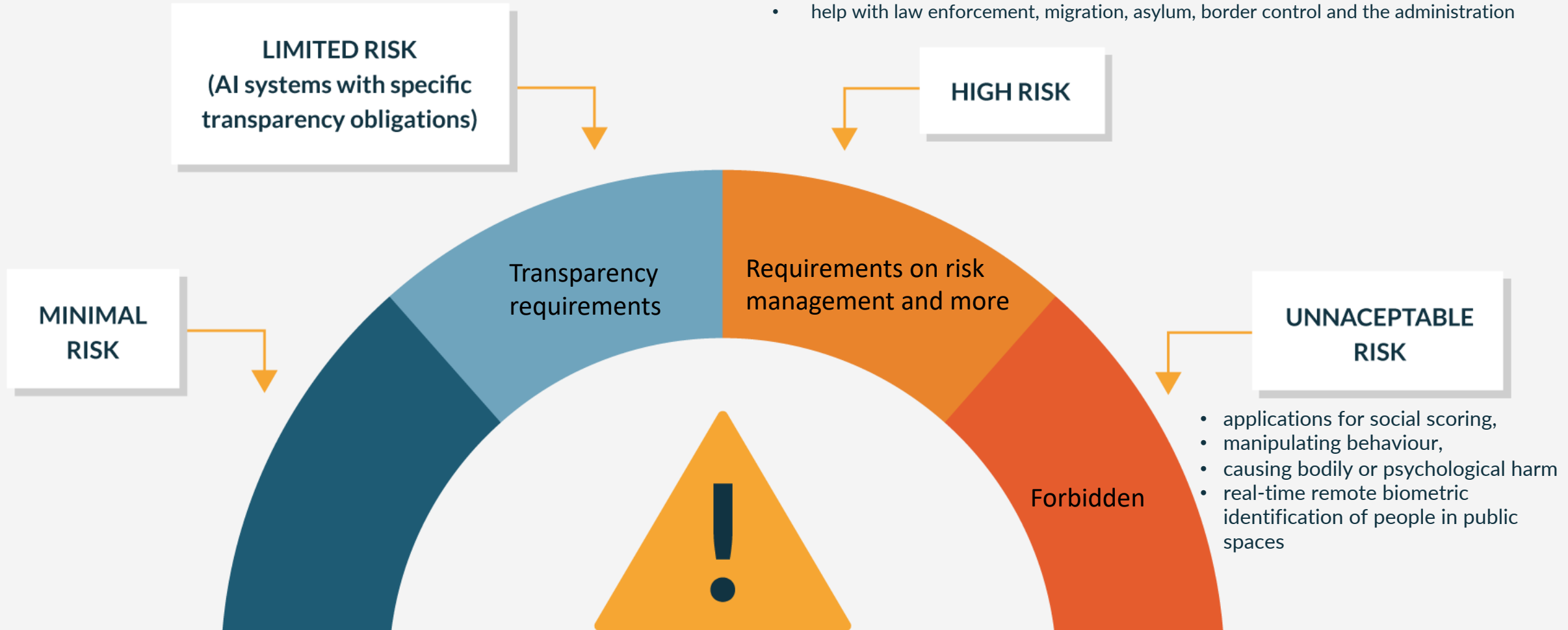
# ... but using Generative AI has its risks



- **"Hallucinations"** or unverified content
  - LLM's are not infallible but may generate inaccuracies, falsehoods. Citation needed!
- **Plagiarism** or infringement
  - Generative AI learns from data => there is a possibility that content generated closely mirrors existing works
- Unintended **biases**
  - Models learn from existing data and may mirror existing biases
- **Unexpected behaviors/failures**
  - In fringe cases Generative AI based solutions can generate unexpected responses
- Harmful use by **bad actors**
  - GenAI tools can be used for deep fakes and personalized phishing emails as well

# The upcoming AI Act outlines a risk-based approach to AI development

- biometric identification and categorisation,
- manage critical infrastructure (like traffic and electricity),
- manage or recruit personnel,
- control access to private services (like bank loans) or public services and benefits,
- help with law enforcement, migration, asylum, border control and the administration





# EU AI Act in a nutshell

<b>Aims to ensure responsible development use of AI</b>	Aim is to make sure that AI systems used in the EU are <b>safe, transparent, traceable, non-discriminatory</b> and environmentally friendly. AI systems should be <b>overseen by people</b> , rather than by automation, to prevent harmful outcomes.
<b>Encompasses a fairly broad definition of AI</b>	AI system means software that is developed with [specific] techniques and approaches* and can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, generate outputs such as content, predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing the environments they interact with
<b>Covers different roles</b>	Definitions on and requirements for 'provider' and 'user' of AI systems (covering both public and private entities), as well as 'importer' and 'distributor'
<b>Adopts a risk-based approach</b>	AI act follows a <b>risk-based approach</b> whereby legal intervention is tailored to concrete level of risk. To that end, the act distinguishes between AI systems posing <b>unacceptable risk, high risk, limited risk, and low or minimal risk</b> , with a majority of requirements relating to high risk systems
<b>Includes foundational models</b>	Initial versions of the EU AI Act did not include obligations on <b>foundation models</b> , but this has changed in the current version, which mandates a set of obligations on providers of foundation models to ensure they are safe, secure, ethical and transparent.
<b>Applies from 2026?</b>	Council and European Parliament reached a provisional agreement in December 2023 The final text needs to be formally adopted by both Council and Parliament To be adopted in 2024? The AI Act should apply from 2026


\*listed in Annex 1, encompassing e.g. 'machine learning', 'logic and knowledge-based' systems, and 'statistical' approaches

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**What?**



# The building blocks of Responsible AI



Accountability



Transparency




Fairness



Reliability & Robustness



Safety & Security



Privacy



AI system owners are accountable for ensuring the AI is developed, deployed and monitored in a responsible way - but every person involved in the process should also feel accountable for considering the impact of the AI.

- There is a named AI owner who can explain their actions and take responsibility for them
- Impact of AI is assessed in a systematic way
- There is a human in or on the loop, providing oversight and control
- Processes around AI development and data governance take into account direct and indirect impacts



*“As a business owner I can explain what is the intended use of AI and how impact has been assessed”*



*“As an AI developer I can explain how the AI has been designed, trained, tested and monitored to avoid harmful effects”*



*“As a user of the AI assisted decision making system, I understand how results can be used and what the limitations are”*

We communicate clearly about the intended uses, capabilities, and limitations of the AI system.

- Communicate clearly about what AI is used for and how it has been developed
- Develop ways to make AI explainable and easy to understand
- Make sure the user knows when he/she is acting with an AI rather than a human
- When using AI to assist in decision making, ensure both person making the decision and object of decision understand what factors impact the decision



**Why was my application rejected?**  
- *Customer*



**Does the model work in the real world? What are the risks, what is the business case?**  
- *Business owner*



**Does the model discriminate?**  
- *Compliance officer / Regulator*



**Why did it give this prediction, and can I learn something new from the model?**  
- *Domain expert*



**How can we improve the model? Are there blind spots?**  
- *Data scientist*

We actively assess, monitor, and mitigate bias with the aim to produce properly calibrated and fair outcomes and decisions.

- Identify groups that may be at risk
- Define key fairness criteria and evaluate what fairness metrics are important in this case
- Evaluate data sets used to train AI and AI outcomes in terms of fairness across different groups
- Establish monitoring practices ensuring data drift does not introduce new bias

Common Fairness Criteria: pick one

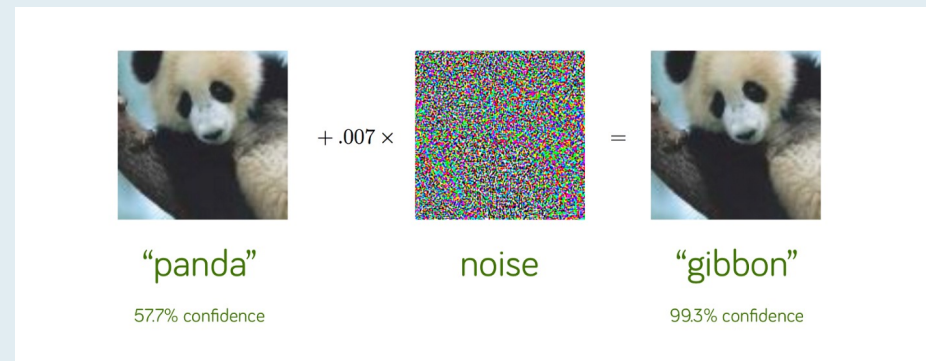
**Statistical parity**  
"same success rate for groups"

**Equalized odds**  
"same proportion of true and false positives"

**Sufficiency**  
"same predictive power"

We ensure our AI consistently meets accuracy and performance requirements and is robust to perturbations.

- Identify edge cases and ensure performance in those cases
- Test robustness against perturbations
- Implement monitoring, feedback and evaluation process to review new uses, identify and troubleshoot issues, manage and maintain the systems, and improve them over time.



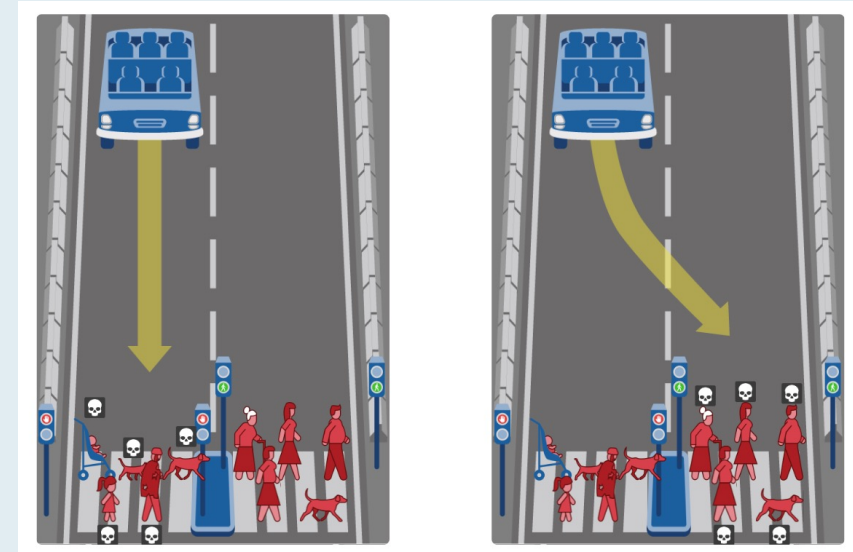
Source: [Explaining and Harnessing Adversarial Examples](#), Goodfellow et al, ICLR 2015.



We ensure effective controls to protect system from threats and avoid harm for impacted users

- Assess, document and monitor safety issues
- Define predictable failures, assess their impact on stakeholders and document mitigation steps
- Understand unsupported use and misuse and impact of such cases
- Actively flag and mitigate vulnerabilities

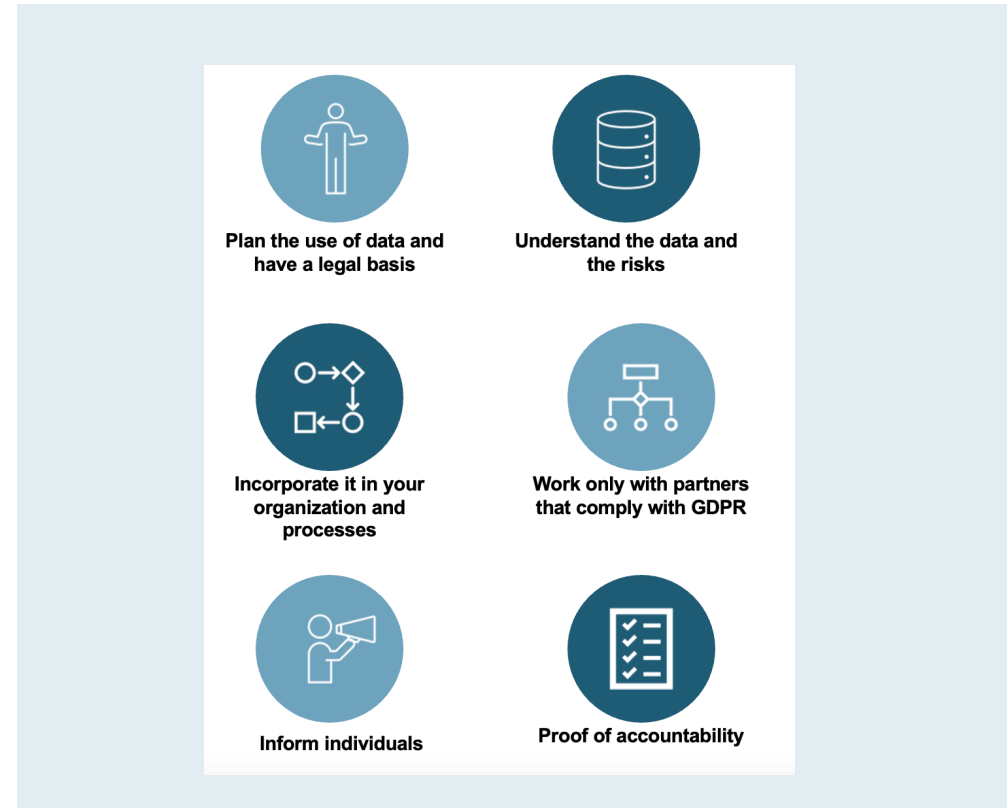
Autonomous vehicles must be ready for anything



<https://www.moralmachine.net>

We protect data privacy rights and ensure conformity with existing data laws and guidelines.

- Keep (personal) data safe and respect the privacy of the data subject
- Make sure your data use is proportionate and you have a legal basis for your data
- Understand the data and the related privacy risks
- Incorporate privacy into business and development processes
- Document and communicate



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**(How?)**



# End to end AI ethics implementation turns principles to practice



Defining principles for Data & AI ethics



Transforming principles into practical guidelines



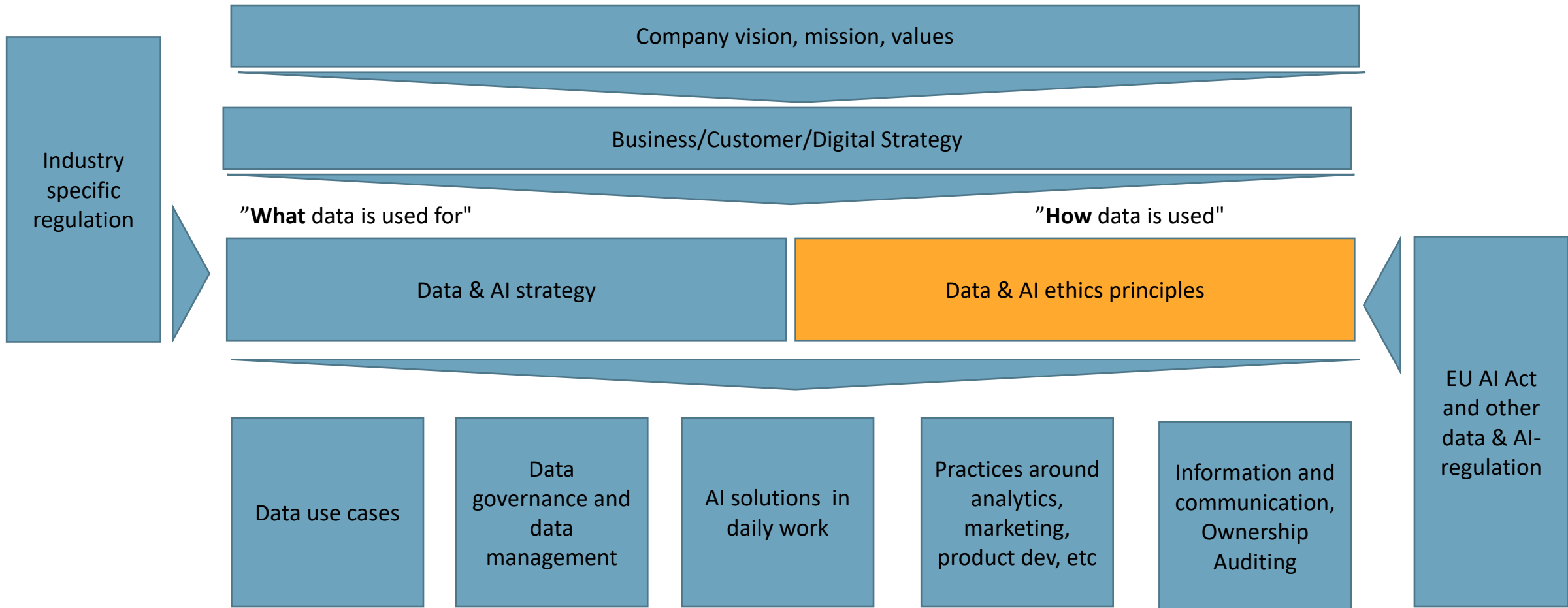
Practical guidelines in action – integrating ethics into development processes (and more)



Tools for transparency – XAI

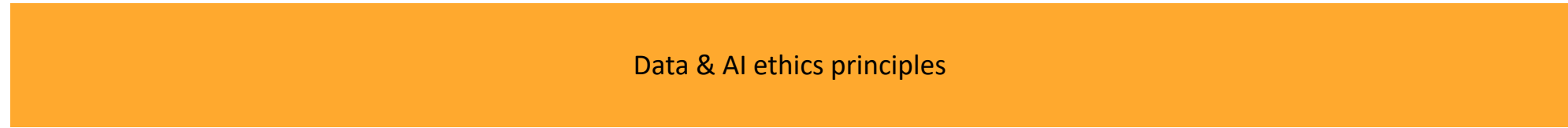


# The ethical principles of data & AI are based on the company vision, mission and values as well as relevant regulations and principles

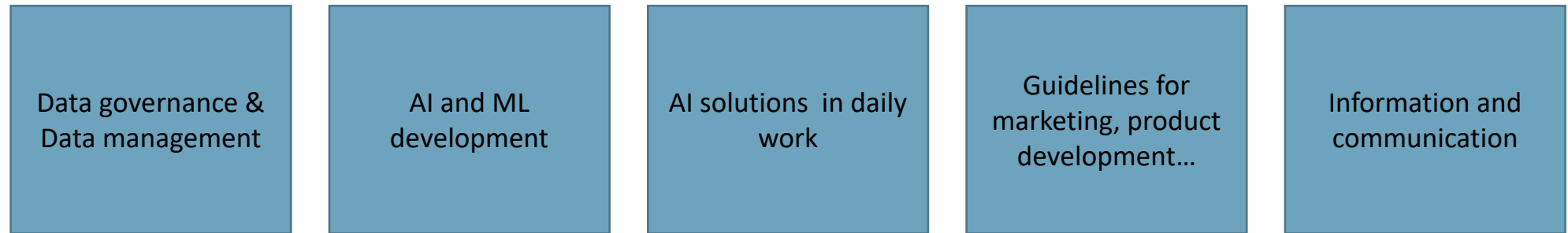


# From principles to practical guidelines

AI Ethics principles should impact processes and practices across the organization



Data & AI ethics principles



Data governance & Data management

AI and ML development

AI solutions in daily work

Guidelines for marketing, product development...

Information and communication

And more...

*Data ownership & Accountability, Organization, roles & culture  
Standards and policies  
Risk & security  
Data processing ( data capture, access, storage, combination, retention) and data development*

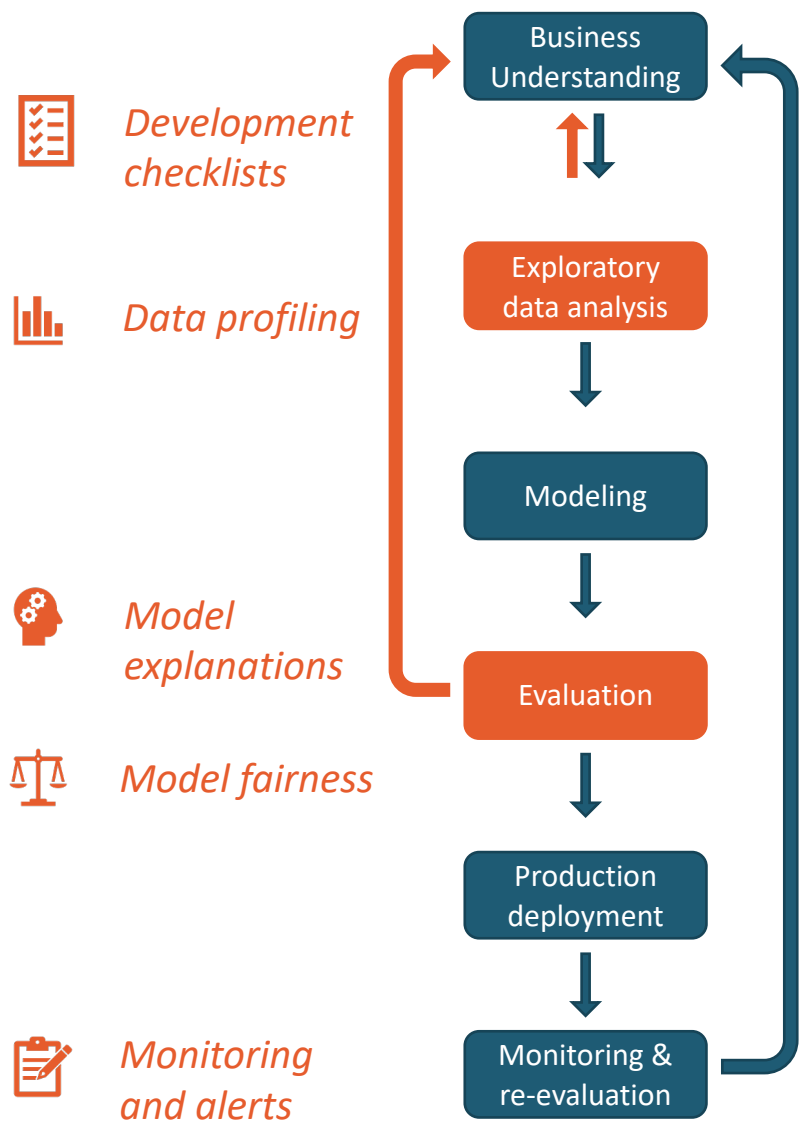
*How do we validate data in terms of privacy & bias, evaluate model fairness, robustness, auditability*

*How do we ensure (generative) AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT) are procured and used in a responsible manner?*

*Processes, practices and guidelines for using data & AI in Marketing, Development, Productization, HR, Etc.*

*Communicating principles  
Creating transparency on data processing and use of AI  
Informing customers, partners, vendors;*

# To ensure responsible AI in practice, incorporate AI ethics into the development process



**Always start from the business problem! – what, to whom, when, how?**

- Can you formulate the business problem with math
- Output: AI / Use Case / Business Canvas

**Understand the data**

- Does it have the potential to answer to the business question? Right data? Need to collect new data?
- Output: Data description, integration plan

**Modeling**

- Data preparation (incl. integration/ETL) and modeling go hand in hand
- Feature generation is very important part of the modeling process
- Start with simple model, which also provides a baseline comparison
- Always try more than one model to get the feeling of good results level
- Output: Model + documentation (incl. evaluation & retraining plan)

**Evaluation**

- Historical data (validation sets)
- Does it solve / answer the business problem?

**Production. Monitoring & re-evaluation**

- Good CI/CD process for model management
- Monitoring
  - Model performance (against the business problem)
  - Data drift
- Retraining of the model (periodically, when needed, automatically, manually)

**Responsible AI starts with Responsible people**







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