

We are pleased to present the *Moral-IT* and *Legal-IT* decks.

These physical cards are a responsible research and innovation tool created to enable structured reflection on legal, ethical, technical and social implications of new information technologies.

They are the latest development in [our research](#) at the Horizon Digital Economy Research Institute into the role of physical card-based tools in translating law and ethical principles into more accessible forms for design teams. Inspired by legislative changes, such as the new General Data Protection Regulation, we recognise the need to build *legal compliance* into technologies by design and default. High profile scandals of data misuse have increased calls for technologies to be developed in more *ethically* sound ways too. We feel that practical tools for actually doing this and bringing wider values into IT design are lacking. These cards seek to address this gap, by supporting engagement with legal and ethical concepts through a process of translation into a more accessible form.

Our Moral-IT deck poses a wide range of critical ethical questions designers need to ask of their new technology. These are thematically clustered around four themes (privacy, ethics, law and security) and below are some examples.

Our Legal-IT deck translates five complex European legal frameworks that aim to ensure data protection and cybersecurity for data driven technologies. We present the relevant rights, principles, definitions and responsibilities within the: **EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016; EU Draft e-Privacy Regulation 2017; EU Network and Information Security Directive 2016; Cybercrime Convention 2001; and Attacks Against Information Systems Directive 2013.**

The beauty of cards is they can be used in a wide variety of ways. One approach is as part of our streamlined impact assessment process to unpack risks, likelihood of occurrence, safeguards and challenges of implementation. This proves particularly useful for a team at the early stages of the design of a new application or technology. A board guiding you through this process is downloadable below. They can also be sorted by relevance, clustered thematically and ranked in terms of importance by designers. We have been testing these in a variety of contexts, most recently with research teams as part of the [Horizon Services Campaign](#).

The cards are publicly available as downloadable PDFs which you can print off or send to a professional printer. We would really like to build up dialogue on **who** you are, **how** you are using the cards, **why** and any feedback you have on the tool/process. Please send these on to [lachlan.urquhart@gmail.com](mailto:lachlan.urquhart@gmail.com).

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# The Moral-IT Deck



## Privacy

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## Ethics

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## Law

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## Security

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## Narrative



## Identities Management



Does your technology  
enable citizens to hold  
& manage multiple  
identities?







## Obfuscation

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How does your technology  
protect people's identities?

Does it use anonymisation

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or pseudonymisation  
techniques?





## Secrecy



Does your technology  
keep secrets?  
From whom?  
Why?  
Should it?





## Trustworthiness



How does your technology  
create trustworthy, secure  
relationships  
with users?





## Confidentiality

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How does confidentiality  
feature in your technology?

Does it use methods  
such as encryption,  
by default?

6





## Usable Security



Are the security mechanisms  
in your technology  
intuitive to use &  
easy to understand?



How &  
for whom?





## Resilience & Low Redundancy

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Is your technology  
robust to unforeseen  
vulnerabilities?  
Can it maintain  
optimal service  
when challenged?

8







## Data Breach Management

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How does your technology  
manage security breaches?

9

Can it notify users  
& regulators  
within 72 hours?





## Physical Safety

10



How does your technology  
affect the physical safety  
of users?

10





# Attribution & Responsibility



Can all the harmful effects  
of your technology be  
clearly attributed  
to it?  
Should they be?





## Secure for Whom



Is security equally available  
to all people impacted  
by your technology?  
How?





# Integrity



Is your technology honest?  
Can people  
rely on it?





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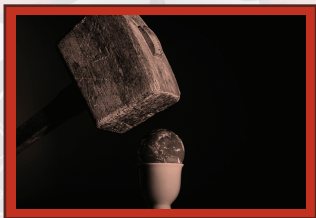


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## Environmental Protection



Is your technology  
environmentally sustainable  
now & in the future?

Can you explain  
how?





## Accessibility



Can your technology be reasonably adjusted to ensure it can be used by as many people as possible? How?





## Consumer Protection



Does your technology  
protect people from unfair  
commercial behaviours  
causing harm or  
discrimination ?



How could it?





## Rule of Law



Is everyone subject to the  
same rules when using  
your technology?  
Are they aware  
of these?





## Due Process



How does your technology  
avoid enabling arbitrary  
decisions? Does it follow  
a clear, justifiable  
decision making  
process?







## **Risk Minimisation**



**What steps have you taken  
to address the biggest risks  
arising from your  
technology?**





## Liability



**What are the foreseeable  
harmful effects created by  
your technology?**



**Who is responsible  
for these?**





# Proportionality



Are your responses  
to risks appropriate?  
Do they go too  
far or not  
far enough?





## Precautionary Principle



Appraising future risks  
of your technology,  
should you still proceed i.e.



“Just because you  
can, should you?”





## Duty of Care



Does your technology  
provide reasonable care  
for the wellbeing  
of citizens?  
How?





**Criminality**



**How does your technology  
manage use in undesirable,  
socially unacceptable  
or criminal  
applications?**





# Intellectual Property



**Does your technology respect  
or challenge IP interests of  
others, incl. trademarks,  
copyrights, patents &  
design rights?  
How?**





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## Legibility & Comprehension



Can everybody  
understand what  
your system  
does? How?





User  
Empowerment  
& Negotiability

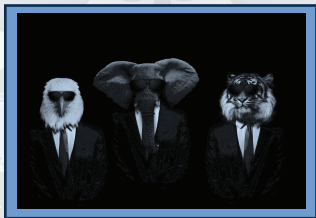


How do you ensure people  
can exercise ongoing  
choice about using  
your system?





## Overt Bias & Prejudice



Does your technology  
overtly treat one group  
of people differently?  
Why?





## Autonomy & Agency



What are the consequences  
of your technology for the  
freedom of choice of  
users? Does it  
unreasonably  
limit it? How?





**Trust**



**How do you ensure and  
maintain citizens'  
trust?**





# Meaningful Transparency



Do you know why your  
technology acts the  
way it does?

Can you explain  
that to people?





## Sustainability & E-Waste



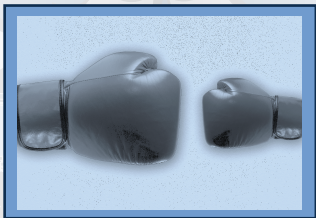
What effects does your  
technology have on  
the environment,  
from creation to  
destruction?







# Power Asymmetry



Where does power  
reside in your  
technology?  
Is it balanced?





## Fairness & Justice



How do you ensure your  
technology acts in a  
fair manner &  
does not cause  
injustice to users?





## Temporality



How long does your  
technology last?

How does it manage its  
impacts from creation  
to destruction?





## Participation



Can citizens participate in  
decisions about your  
technology?

How?





# Wellbeing



Does your technology  
improve the lives  
of its users?

How?





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## Limited Data Collection



**Does your technology  
collect the minimal data  
necessary, for a  
specific purpose?  
Is it stored for  
a limited time?**







## International Data Transfer



How does your technology  
protect data sent  
overseas?





## Spectrum of Control Rights

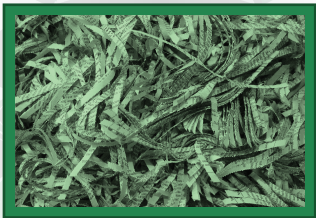


How does your  
technology accommodate  
users seeking greater  
control over their  
personal data?





# Transparency Rights

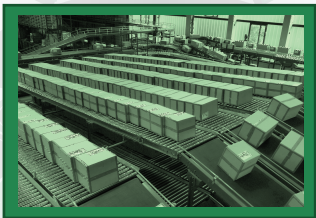


**Do you provide sufficient,  
clear information about  
how your technology  
uses personal  
data? How?**





## Lawful Processing

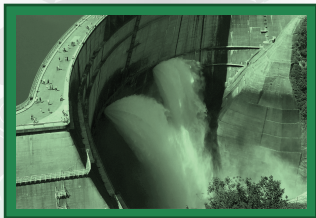


Does your technology  
process personal data  
lawfully? Specifically,  
how do you  
obtain  
consent?





# Data Security



**Does your technology  
protect data from unanticipated  
disclosures? How?**



**Can you notify  
users of a  
breach quickly?**





## Taking Responsibilities



Have you systematically assessed  
privacy impacts of your  
technology? What technical  
& organisational  
safeguards should  
you implement?





## Privacy in Public



Does your technology  
use information collected  
in a public space?

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How do you protect  
privacy rights of  
those involved?





## Location Privacy

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Does your technology collect  
the location of users?

Why?

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Does it need to?







## Compliance & Accountability



**What measures have you  
used to comply with EU  
Data Protection Laws?**

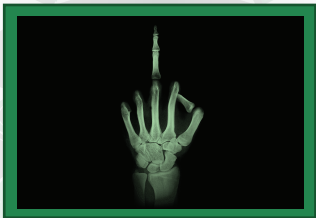


**How do you  
demonstrate  
these to users?**





## Privacy Virtues



**Does your technology  
shape the autonomy, dignity  
and identity formation  
of users? How?**





## Special Categories of Data



**How does your technology  
obtain explicit user consent  
for processing sensitive info incl.  
health, religious,  
political, ethnic  
origin & sexuality?**





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