

TRUST REVIEWS FOR ETHICAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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THE NODES OF THE TRUST FRAMEWORK THAT ORGANIZE THE TRUST SCORECARD ARE:



THE STEPS OF THE TRUST ASSESSMENT

1. **RESPONSE** - Iliff sends the TRUST instrument for your initial responses from the team.
2. **CONVERSATION** - Iliff will work with you and discuss your responses and any additional questions or clarification.
3. **SUMMARY** - Iliff will discuss our findings with the client.
4. **SCORECARD REVIEW** - Iliff meets with your company to review the TRUST Scorecard assessment and determine next steps, if any.

PRINCIPLES OF THE AI INSTITUTE TRUST FRAMEWORK

TRUST IS ITERATIVE

A CONTINUOUSLY
NEGOTIATED NETWORK OF
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
ALL SYSTEMS INVOLVED

TRUST IS HOLISTIC

RESISTS REDUCTION
TO COMPLIANCE AND
INSTEAD EMBRACES AN
ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

TRUST REQUIRES A DIVERSE CROSS FUNCTIONAL TEAM

EMBEDDED IN THE WHOLE
DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE

WELLPOWER & THE TRUST PROCESS

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OUR INTENT IS TO HAVE THESE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WE SERVE.

However, there are hidden challenges inherent in technology which will negatively affect our communities. We decided to use the TRUST model to assess the solution's impact, ensuring that harmful biases and impacts are minimized.

WellPower has used the TRUST model assessment with several organizations who have sought to partner with us. Our experience has ranged from a highly collaborative and focused learning experience to an experience where we have chosen not to work with a company because of the potentially negative impacts their technology would have on the people we serve.

Our hope is that our efforts will result in upstream changes to the industry itself. Using the TRUST principles at the beginning of their development process ensures that their impact is not harmful to the communities we serve.

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