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## Does Artificial Intelligence Need a General Counsel?

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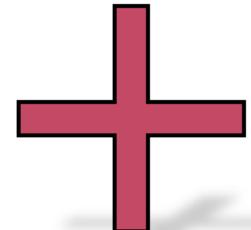
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# Agenda



Where Is  
Artificial  
Intelligence  
(AI) Used In  
Business?



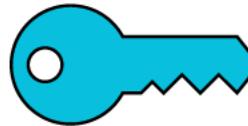
AI's  
Popularity



What Could  
& Has Gone  
Wrong?



How To  
Course  
Correct



Key  
Takeaways



# Where Is AI Used in Business?



MOBILE  
APPLICATIONS



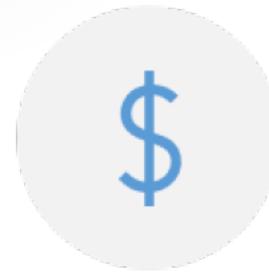
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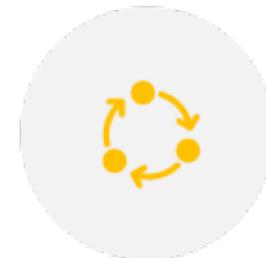
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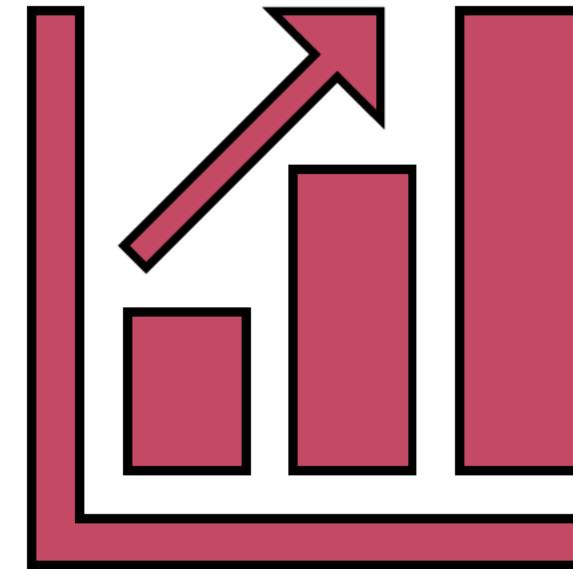
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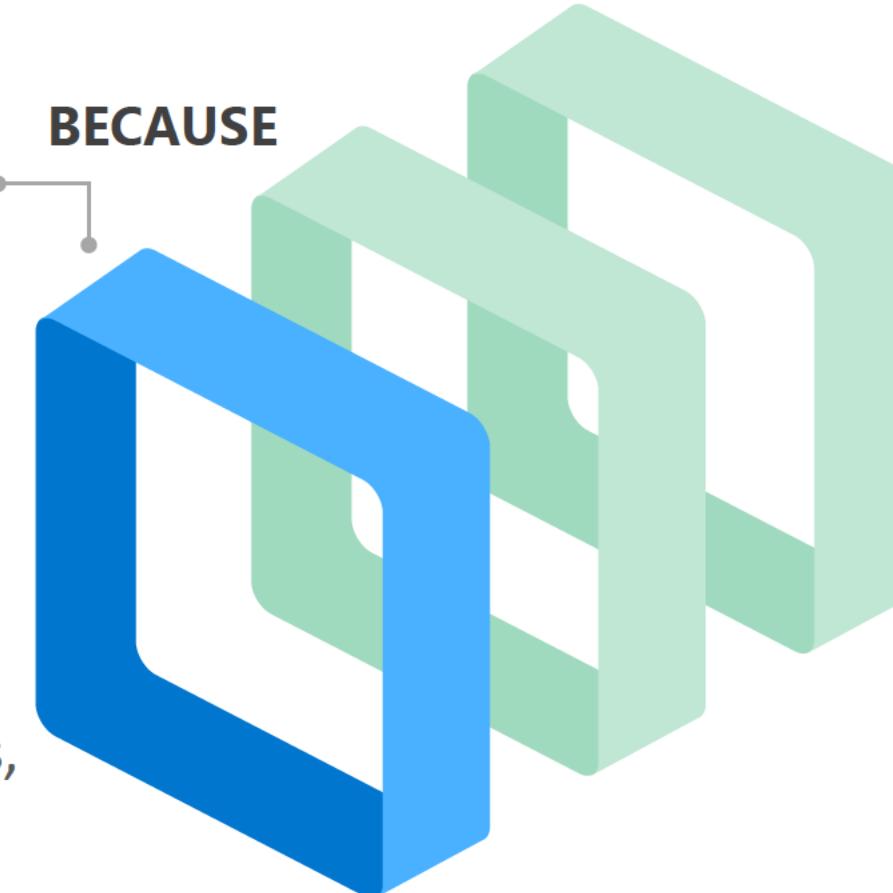
# + And Its Use is Only Getting Bigger...

- By 2030, the average simulation shows that some **70% of companies** might have **adopted** at least one type of **AI technology**.<sup>1</sup>
- The **AI market** will grow to a **\$190 billion** industry by 2025.<sup>2</sup>
- **83% of businesses** say **AI is a strategic priority** for their businesses today.<sup>3</sup>

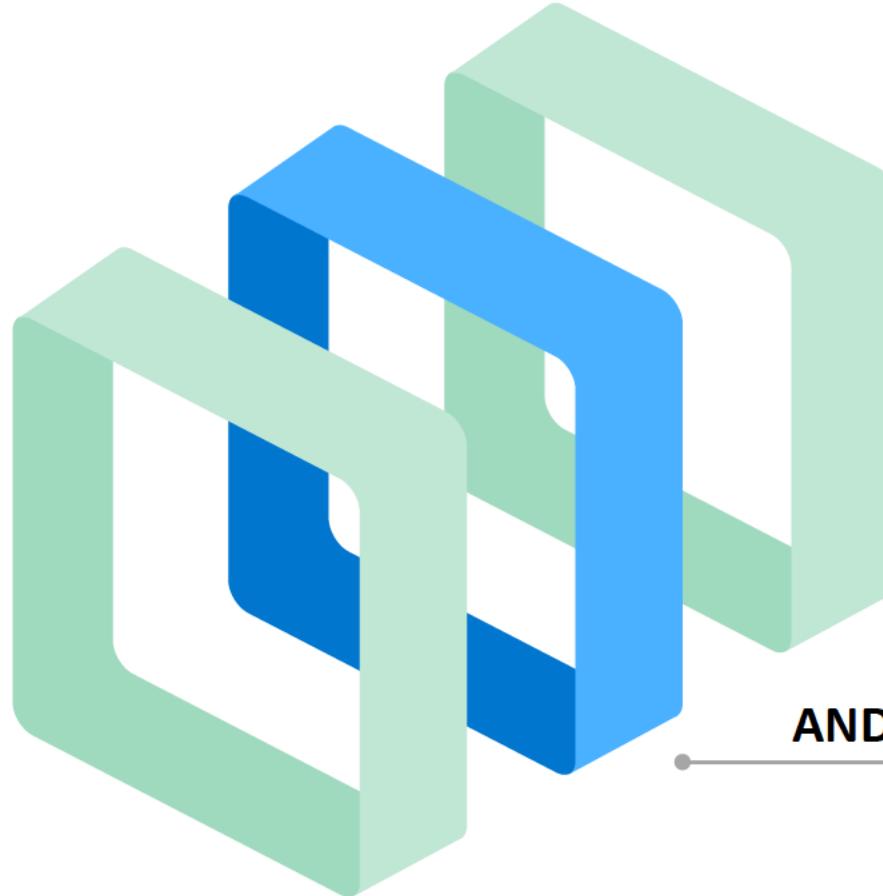


# +A Starting Point...Why Build AI?

- Traditional computer programming follows defined rules (i.e. it does what it does today and will do the same tomorrow)
- Basic Tenet of Compliance and testing
- Corporate counsel believe they are tech savvy but acknowledge their comfort level and confidence with technology have limitations, specifically around artificial intelligence (AI).



# + A Starting Point...Why Build AI?



- “Everything we love about civilization is a product of intelligence, so amplifying our human intelligence with artificial intelligence has the potential of helping civilization flourish like never before – as long as we manage to keep the technology beneficial.”
- Max Tegmark

# +A Starting Point...Why Build AI?

One of the Goals  
of AI & Deep  
Learning (DL) =  
Avoid Avoidable  
Problems



## THEN

- AI rules will evolve and rules will change
- We should NOT build AI to be able to say we built it, or we have them
- The competition has one, so we need one too – and right now schedule the AI/DL timeline
- But rather, because we want to avoid avoidable problems and AI technology should be fair

# ⚠ What Could & Has Gone Wrong?

Autonomous weapons: AI programmed to do something dangerous



**Phalanx CIWS**

In one live-fire exercise, the system fired on an inbound target and hit it, but the 99% of shells that missed it flew on and shredded the bridge of another friendly warship, with loss of life.

# ⚠ What Could & Has Gone Wrong?



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Consider a U.S. AI/Deep Learning System Used by  
a Financial Services Company to Make Decisions  
About Loans....

- AI System “training” provided 250,000 records of prior loans
- AI software analyzes factors related to the likelihood of successful repayment

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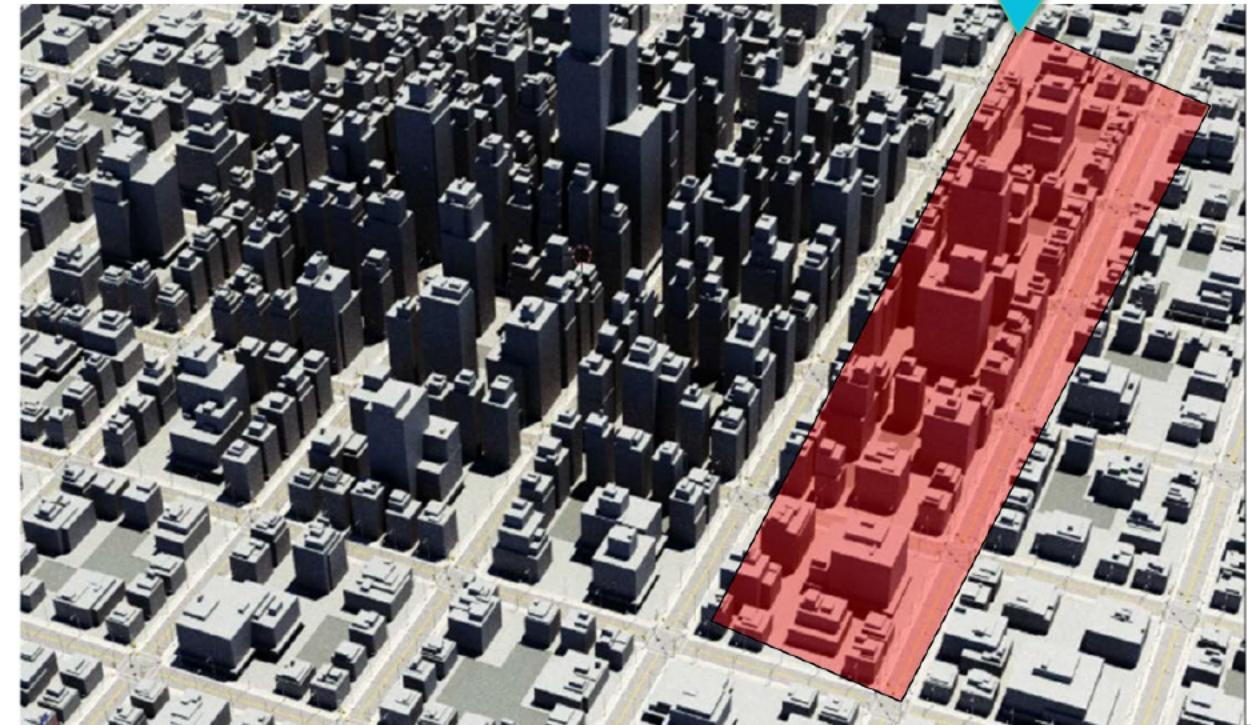


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MANAGEMENT

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POSTAL CODE  
OUTLINED IN RED  
STATISTICALLY LESS  
LIKELY TO REPAY A  
LOAN TO THE BANK

- One learned approval/denial factor is postal code
- AI now places greater weight in loan approval/denial based on where the borrower lives



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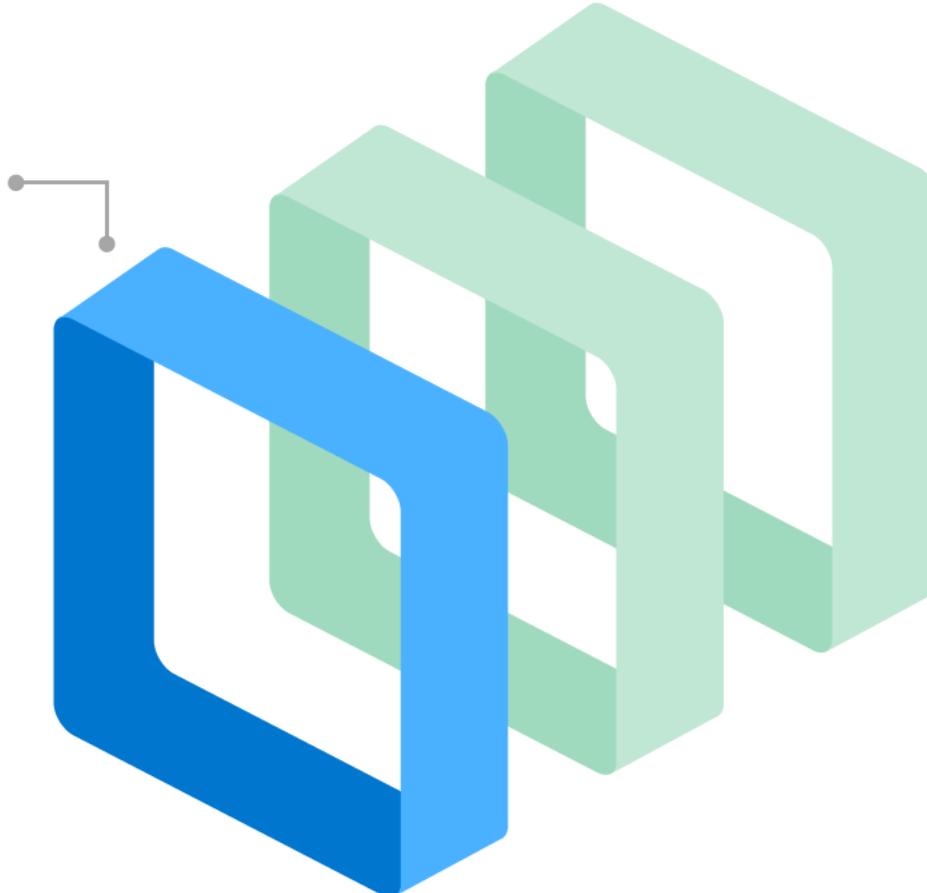
The *Community Reinvestment Act* of 1977 made it illegal to base lending decisions on the neighborhood where a person lives.

*Without it, financial institutions literally drew red lines on maps around minority communities and denied them access to services.*

# ⚠ Why does this happen?

AI Experts

Organization may hire AI experts *but not necessarily subject matter experts.*



# ⚠ Why does this happen?



Focused on building (e.g., make loan decisions) & never think about legal or regulatory issues

# ⚠ Why does this happen?



Who's Going To Tell  
Them?

- Can you afford to hope that they figure this out or research it themselves?

# ⚠️ But Wait...There's Another Danger

**Bias can creep in at many stages of the deep learning process, and the standard practices in computer science aren't designed to detect it.**

MIT Technology Review in February 2019

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## ⚠ An example of implicit bias...

- A facial recognition system used by police was 99% accurate with white males. It was substantially less accurate in identifying women or people of color.
- This turned out to be because the enormous training set used for the system consisted mostly of photographs of white males.

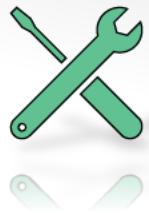


## ⚠ Another example of implicit bias...



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- According to Reuters, **Amazon stopped using a new AI system that reviewed applicant's resumes** looking for top-level talent. But the system was **trained on resumes submitted for 10 years**, and most of those were from men.
- The AI system **penalized resumes** that included the word "**women's**". It also **downgraded graduates of two all-women's colleges**.



# How Do We Course Correct on AI Systems?

1. Get These Experts Involved in Defining & Building AI
2. Collect larger & more diverse data sets to use for AI training



LEGAL



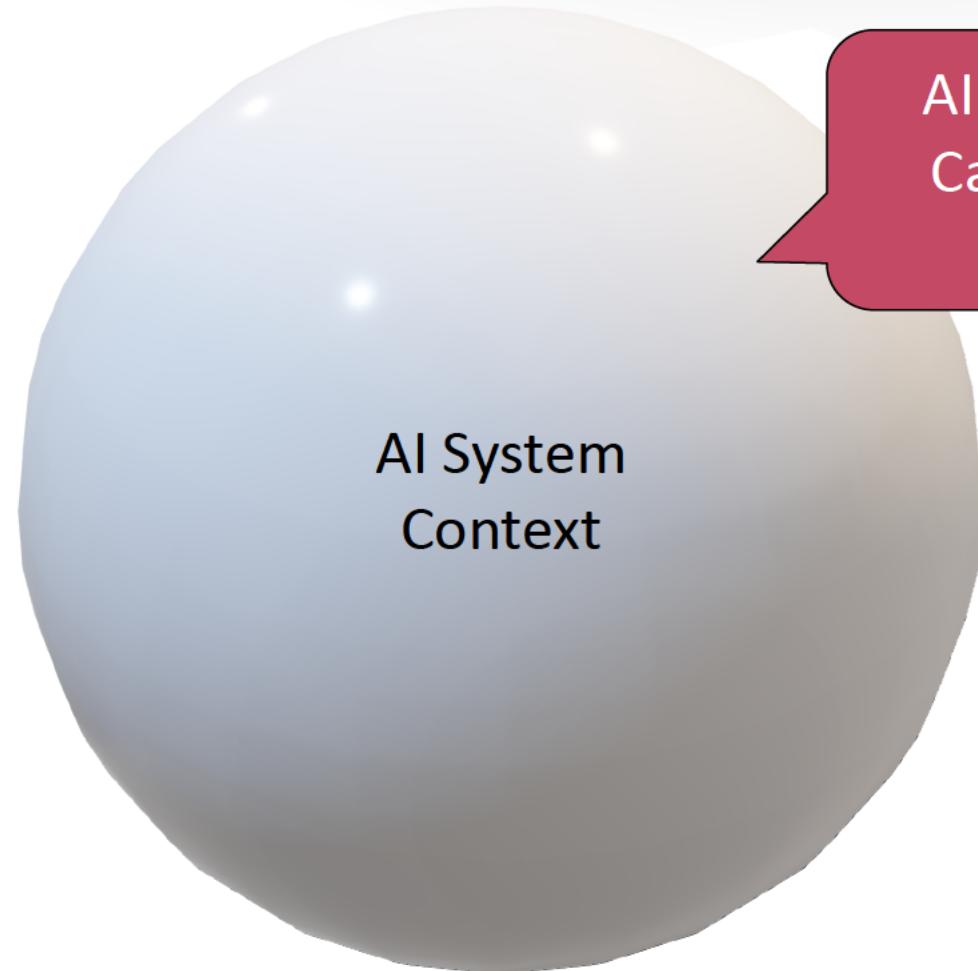
COMPLIANCE  
&  
REGULATORY





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Get Legal, Compliance, &  
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in Defining & Building AI

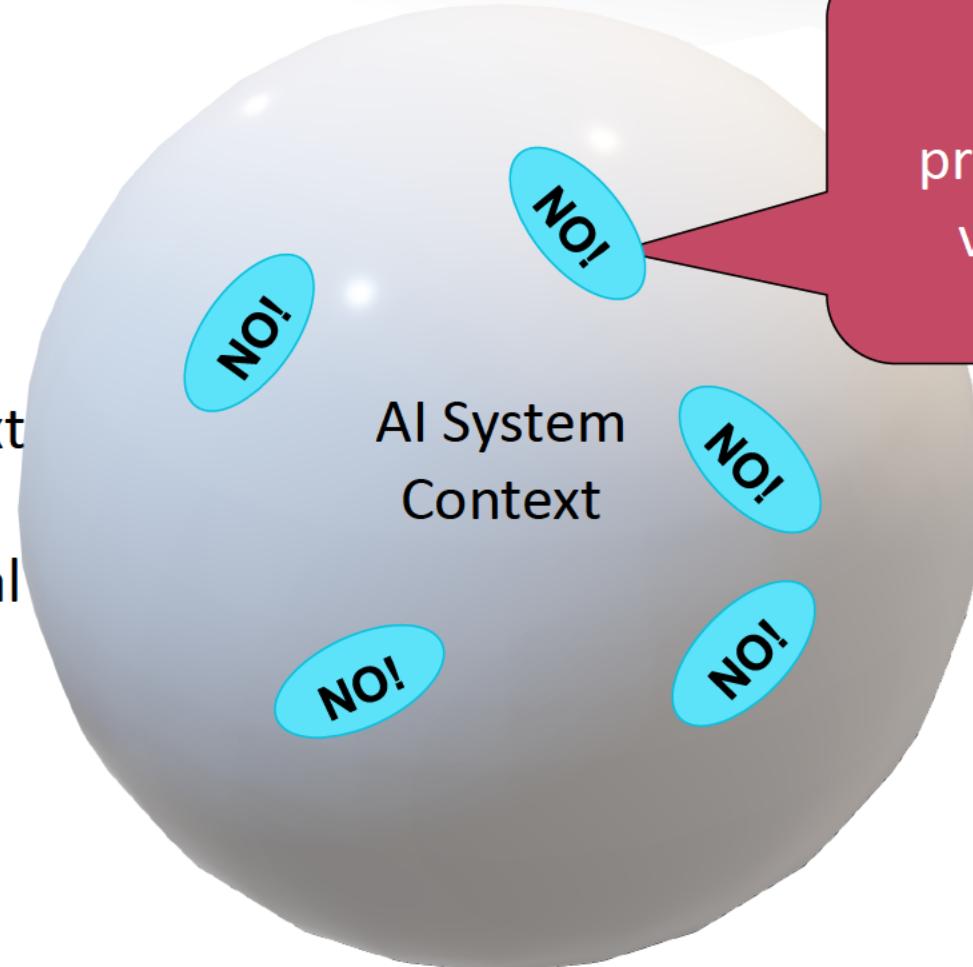




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Part of an AI System's Context is the Legal/Regulatory/Contractual Framework Within Which it Operates

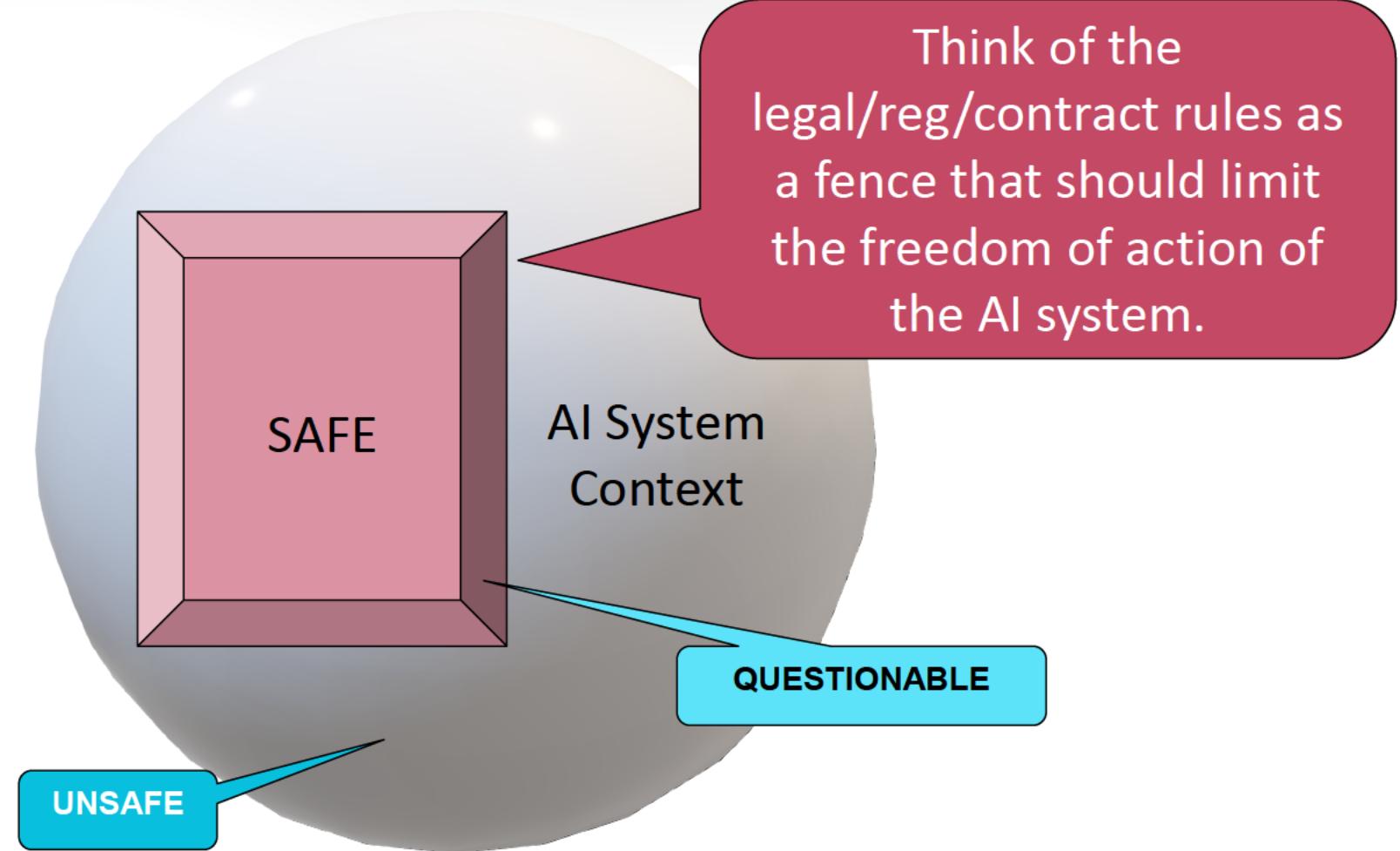


There are specific legal/reg./contract provisions that limit the valid actions of an AI system.



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## IMPLICIT BIAS

First, if you don't know about it, you're unlikely to prevent it.

## PREVENTING IT REQUIRES THINKING ABOUT

- How you frame the problem (what constitutes "success"?)
- How you collect data (does the data represent reality? Does it reflect existing/past prejudices?)
- How was the data prepared? What attributes are provided to the AI system to use?



# How Do We Course Correct AI Systems?

Dealing  
with  
implicit  
bias can be  
harder  
than you  
think...

## UNKNOWN UNKNOWNs

- Amazon tried to fix its software by eliminating penalties for the word “women’s”.
- But there were implicitly gender-related words that appear more on male applicant’s resumes than females (e.g. “executed” or “captured”). **Those were still used.**

## PROCESS PROBLEMS

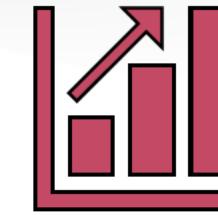
- One standard test divides the potential training material into a group to be used to train, and one to be used to validate the training.
- If both have the same implicit bias content, **YOU’LL NEVER NOTICE IT.**

## SOCIAL CONTEXT

- An algorithm designed for one purpose might be used by computer scientists in a different application.
- “Fairness” may vary depending on the subject of the system, and bias factors have to be considered in light of what the system does.

# Key Takeaways

- AI/DL systems being built in private & public sector systems
  - *This is not a subject that any of us can afford to ignore now or in the future!*
- AI built by Computer/AI/Data Science Specialist with potential for no knowledge of legal & social science areas
  - *We need to understand the legal, compliance and evidence considerations applicable to every AI system that is built.*



AI IS GROWING



BRING IN LEGAL/  
COMPLIANCE  
EXPERTS

## Key Takeaways

- Identifying a problem after the system is launched may be too late to avoid consequences.
  - *System problems can result in legal action or result in severe reputational damage – best bet is to avoid predictable problems.*
- AI training data sets can include bias due to being uncomprehensive, incomplete, and too small.
  - *Give careful thought to training and testing data!*



IDENTIFY PROBLEMS  
DURING DESIGN &  
BUILD



USE LARGER,  
MORE DIVERSE,  
& MULTIPLIE  
TRAINING DATA  
SETS

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## What Can Go Wrong When AI Systems Are Being Developed & Tested?

Topics we will cover include.....

# What Can Go Wrong in AI Systems Development?

- AI Specialists Not Supported by Sufficient Subject Matter Experts & Others like Counsel, Compliance & Risk Managers.
- Inadvertently Violating Laws, Regulations or Contractual Requirements.
- Implicit Bias.
- Test Sets Unlikely to Detect Problems.
- Failure to Understand Evidence That Will Be Needed if System Actions Result in Litigation.

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**What Can You Do to Mitigate the Risk  
of Having These AI System Problems  
Affect Your Systems?**

**Topics We Will Discuss Include....**

# How Can You Protect Your AI Systems?

- Bring in specialists in areas like law, compliance, HR and litigation during development to advise the AI specialists and Subject Matter Experts.
- Be mindful when developing or adopting training and testing data sets.
- Consider the evidence that will be needed if system action leads to litigation – as well as anything that will be needed as logs to control the system and maintain basic operating records.
- And more!

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