3.3.3 Environmental, Societal, Safety, and Economic Considerations

Our considerations on the impact of our project were mostly baked into the idea of the project from the beginning. We wanted to create something that would respect our users, and in turn, respect the resources we are using to make and operate our project.

Environmentally, by keeping our software simple, we are trying to respect the resources that go into powering programs and the systems they run on. Our project does not need internet connection to run, requires very little in the way of prerequisite libraries and software, and does not need anything flashy or demanding to operate properly. This was a core concept to the simplicity of our design that we wanted to carry forward in all aspects, and while it definitely works in our favour to make our project more versatile and accessible, it certainly adds up and has advantages in environmental impact as well.

Societally, we want to see software that has less bloat. It has become very commonplace that similar applications would contain ads, take unnecessary space, and not necessarily even be as easy to operate in compensation. We want to create projects that do what they are tasked to do, without sacrificing performance or functionality for things that our users do not want. We see this approach as something we need to carry every day in the work we do.

Safety was an easy metric to address, where in our application the main concern is data security. Because this application works offline, and information can only be shared privately, there are no concerns to worry about with encryption level or data theft. We hope that this shows respect to our users' privacy as well as their autonomy as they use our application.

Finally, economically, we stand to make no profit from this project given the circumstances of its creation to begin with, and it cost us nothing to make except our time. We have made something to put out into the world for the betterment of the uses it provides, and nothing more.

Overall, we believe the considerations we made with this project exhibit the respect to other people who will make use of our project that we expect in applications we use ourselves. These are qualities we push onto ourselves in our work, and hope to positively reflect in our careers in the future.

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