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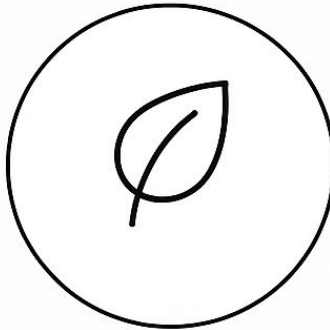
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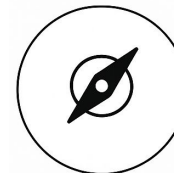
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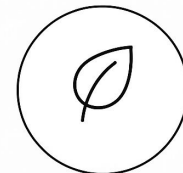
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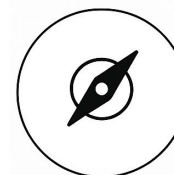
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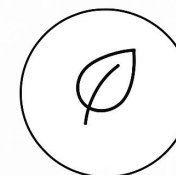
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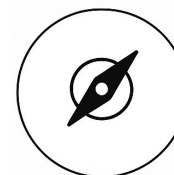
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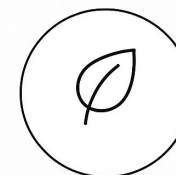
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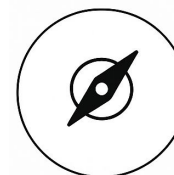
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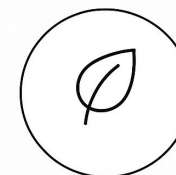
Promote safe and reliable AI deployment.
Encourage human oversight and continuous evaluation of system behavior.



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- **Fairness:**
 - Ensure models serve all users equitably.
- **Bias:**
 - Prevent bias propagation during optimization or quantization.
- **Transparency:**
 - Promote explainable and auditable ML, even on hardware.
- **Accountability:** Maintain traceability from data to deployment.

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- **On-device ML:**
 - Less data sent to the cloud.
- **Data sovereignty:**
 - allowing users or organizations to maintain control over their information.
- **Local inference:**
 - Enables real-time anonymization and secure data processing at the edge.
- **Challenge:**
 - Balance between performance and confidentiality.

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- **FPGAs**
 - Lower energy use than GPUs.
- **Reconfigurable:**
 - Longer hardware lifespan.
- **Efficiency** reduces AI's carbon footprint.
- **Design ML with resource-awareness:**
 - to optimize both performance and sustainability.

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- **Accountability** in AI hardware–software co-design.
 - ensuring that both model and hardware choices are transparent and justified.
- Ensure **reproducibility** of ML.
 - enabling consistent results across platforms.
- Promote responsible open-source use.
 - fostering collaboration without compromising ethics or safety.
- Emphasize the responsibility to society: aim not only for faster AI, but for better, fairer, and more human-centered AI systems.

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