

Responsible AI Starts with Ethics: A Step-by-Step Primer

**Transparency is one of the
core Ethical principles of AI**

Benefits of Transparency

Builds Trust

Transparency helps build trust in AI systems.

Enables Accountability

Transparency enables accountability in AI systems.

Supports Fairness

Transparency supports fairness and informed consent.

Different Levels of Transparency

Level	Description	Audience
<i>Technical Transparency</i>	Data, model, and code documentation	Developers, auditors
<i>Process Transparency</i>	Development, deployment, and governance	Internal stakeholders
<i>Outcome/Explanation Transparency</i>	Explanations and user-facing outputs	Users, regulators

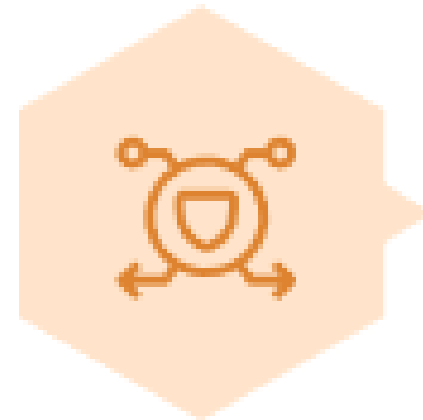
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- [IEEE P7001 Standard for Transparency](#)
- [University of Michigan: AI Transparency in Practice](#)
- [Oxford: AI Transparency and Explainability](#)

Risk of High Transparency & Low Transparency

High Transparency

Tailor information, protect data, use tiered frameworks, and align with legal/ethical standards for high transparency.



Low Transparency

Embed transparency in all AI stages, with clear documentation and explainability tools. Open communication and continuous monitoring are essential.



Key Processes, Tools & Practices



Transparency # Full Disclosure

Transparency is about clarity, not complexity.

Being transparent doesn't mean sharing source code — it means:

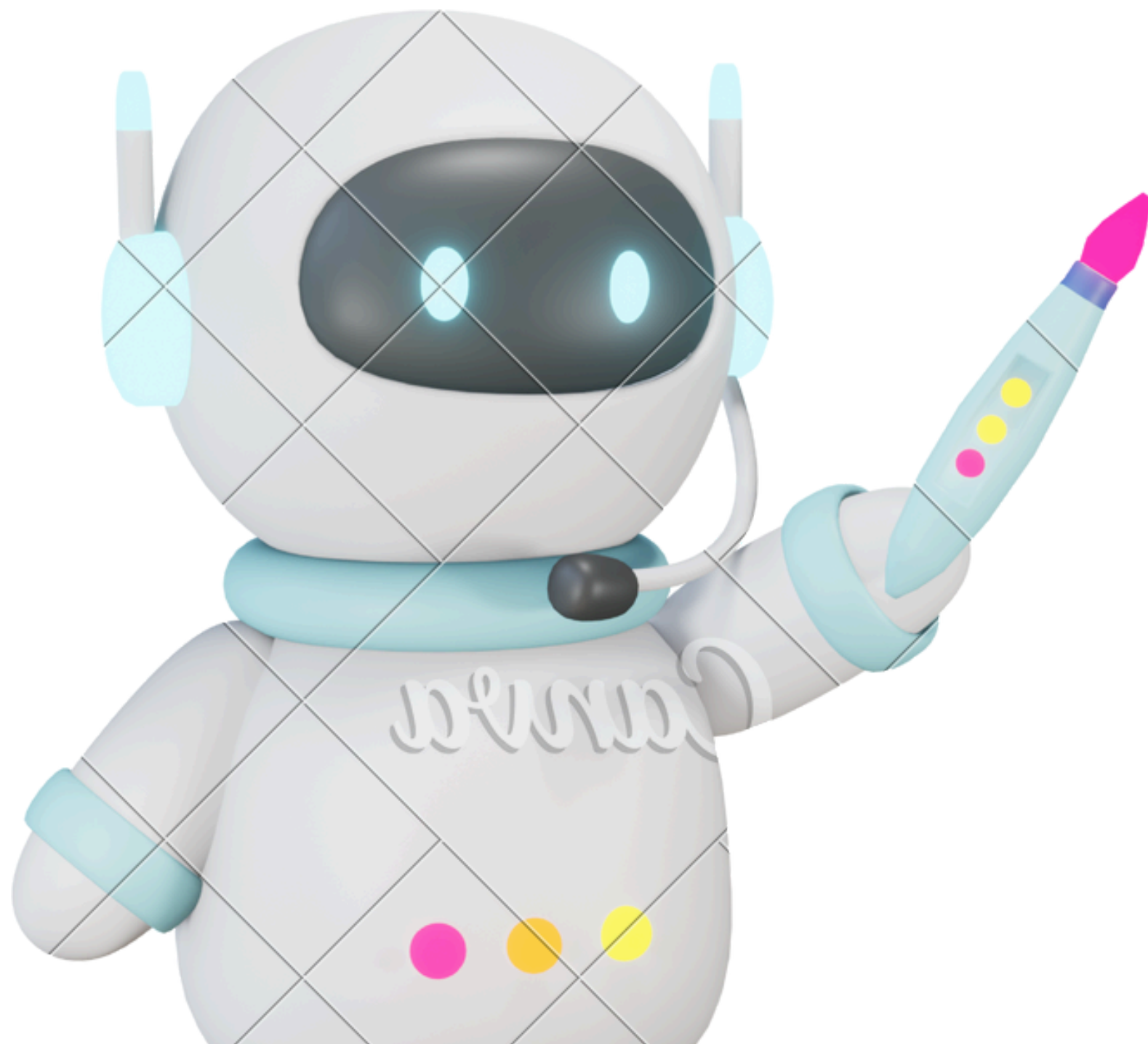
- Explaining what the model does
- Sharing why and how decisions are made
- Declaring limitations, risks, and human involvement

Regulatory Push for Transparency

- ❖ **EU AI Act:** Requires explainability for high-risk AI
- ❖ **FTC Guidance:** “If you can’t explain it, don’t deploy it”
- ❖ **OECD AI Principles:** Calls for transparency and traceability

Transparency builds trust.

**In responsible AI,
if you can't explain it — you shouldn't
deploy it.**



Thank You

Build powerful AI.
Build with ethics.
Build together.