Replication Instructions

To replicate the experiments in the project:

- 1. Clone or download the repository from: https://github.com/meghanaS05/ISE-Fairness-Testing-Tool
- 2. Open the notebook file: `ISE_final tool.ipynb`
- 3. Run in Google Colab (recommended) or Jupyter Notebook
- 4. Follow the notebook structure:
 - Data loading and preprocessing
 - Model training (baseline, Random Forest, fairness-aware)
 - Metric computation: Accuracy, DPD, IDI, Intersectional fairness, Chi-Square
 - Graphs for visual comparison
- 5. Ensure outputs match the reported metrics:
 - Accuracy: ~0.83–0.85
 - DPD reduction in fairness-aware model
 - Chi-Square p-value > 0.05 for fair model

Notes:

- Results may slightly vary due to stochastic elements in RandomizedSearchCV or random search IDI.
- Random seed (`random_state=42`) is used for consistency.
- Train-test split: 80-20 stratified, preserving class and gender balance.
- All metrics (Accuracy, DPD, IDI) and visualizations are reproducible by running the notebook end-to-end.

Expected output:

- Fairness-aware model should show significantly lower DPD and a statistically non-significant Chisquare result compared to baselines.
- Accuracy: ~0.83–0.85
- IDI slightly higher in fairness-aware model (expected trade-off)