

Use this checklist to ensure your Al projects are inclusive, accessible, and respectful of diverse users.

Inclusive Planning

[] Include people with disabilities and underrepresented groups in initial brainstorming.
[] Define success metrics that consider diverse user outcomes.
[] Identify potential sources of bias early in the process.

Accessible Design

[] Follow WCAG guidelines for color contrast, text size, and navigation.
[] Ensure your interface is screen reader compatible.
[] Support keyboard-only and voice navigation.
[] Avoid relying solely on visual or auditory cues.

Representative Data

[] Review datasets for balance across race, gender, age, ability, and more.
[] Avoid proxy variables that could encode bias (e.g., zip code for race).
[] Document data sources and limitations transparently.



Inclusive Testing

[] Include users with a range of disabilities and perspectives in usability testing.
[] Run tests using assistive tech (e.g., screen readers, magnifiers).
[] Solicit feedback continuously not just once.

Ethical & Respectful Interaction

[] Avoid ableist or biased language in prompts, responses, or labels.
[] Build in options for user control and consent.
[] Provide explanations or alternatives for automated decisions.

Documentation & Transparency

[] Clearly state your model's intended users, risks, and limitations.
[] Include accessibility notes in product documentation.
[] Publish contact info for reporting accessibility or bias issues.

Final Tip:

Inclusion is not a feature -- it's a mindset. Revisit this checklist with every major Al iteration.