

PHI4005: Ethics for Artificial Intelligence

Assignment 2

Transparency in AI : Evaluating User Agreements and Privacy Policies

OBJECTIVE

- Familiarize yourself with the legal and privacy frameworks that govern digital platforms.
- Gain a deeper comprehension of the terms under which you interact with technology.
- Identify potential ethical challenges and understand the implications of these policies on user rights and data privacy.
- Apply ethical theories and principles to real-world scenarios.

Description

In this assignment, you will investigate the Terms of Service and Privacy Policies of the digital platforms, applications, and websites you engage with daily. This exercise aims to enhance your understanding of the ethical considerations embedded in the technologies you use.

Over a 24-hour period, carefully document every website, platform, or app you interact with. Compile a comprehensive list, including examples such as social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, X, ...), weather apps, news websites, shopping platforms, ebook readers,

Your primary task is to thoroughly read and analyze the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy of **at least five** selected platforms from your list. If your list comprises more than five, prioritize those you use most frequently.

Assignment Questions

This assignment aims to deeper understanding of the ethical dimensions inherent in our everyday digital interactions. Take the opportunity to critically engage with these policies and reflect on their implications for responsible technology use.

Your assignment submission should include:

1. A list of the selected platforms you reviewed with URLs of each one.
2. The total word count of Terms of Service and Privacy Policy for each application.
3. From the selected platforms on your list, please choose a **minimum of two** and **engage in reflection by addressing the following questions:**
 - A. What new insights did you gain from reading these policies, and are there aspects you are grateful to be aware of now?
 - B. Identify elements within the policies that you found challenging to comprehend.
 - C. Explore patterns and consistencies, across the Terms of Service and Privacy Policies of different platforms.
 - D. Did anything you read change how you feel about any of these sites/platforms? If so, explain, if not, explain why.
 - E. Provide insights into the general design and usability of the policies.

Submission Requirements

- Proper citation of sources and references.
- Ensure that your response meets or exceeds the minimum word count of **1500** words.
- Submission should be structured and formatted professionally and free from grammatical errors.
- You need to clearly specify which application you are reflecting on.
- **When responding to each question, you must highlight each requirement and provide your corresponding response.**
- Upload your **word file** on Brightspace.