These 12 guidelines could protect us from threats from artificial intelligence

After months of work, a set of guidelines designed to protect humanity from a range of threats posed by artificial intelligence have been proposed. Now, a privacy group wants the U.S. government to adopt them too.

The set of 12 universal guidelines revealed at a meeting in Brussels [October 23] are designed to inform and improve the design and use of AI by maximizing the benefits while reducing the risks.

These guidelines, according to the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), are designed to be baked in to AI to ensure the protection of human rights. That includes a right to know the factors, logic and the techniques used to the outcome of a decision; a fairness obligation that removes discriminatory decision making; and an obligation to secure systems against cybersecurity threats. The principles also include a prohibition on unitary scoring to prevent governments from using AI to score their citizens and residents a subtle jab at China’s controversial social credit system.

The 12 principles fit neatly within the seven strategies already set out by the U.S. so far making the case for their adoption easier. More than 200 experts and 50 organizations have signed on to the guidelines including the Federal of American Scientists and the Government Accountability Project.

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