FILL-IN-THE BLANK

ALGORITHMIC EQUITY TOOLKIT

Automated decision systems consist of multiple interrelated parts. The organizations responsible for these systems are often not transparent about this complexity. To intervene in the use of these systems, it can be useful to analyze different parts' origins, intents, and impacts.
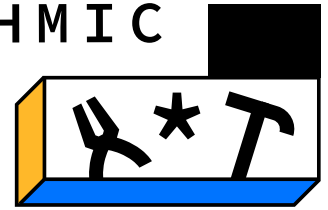
TO USE:

With a specific automated decision system in mind, fill in the blanks below with your best guesses and any information that is easily accessible online. Try to write a couple guesses for each of the larger blanks!

NAMES

> I call the system ....
(short name)

> But it's officially called ....
(trade name)

GOVERNMENT AGENCY

> The system is (or may be) used / deployed by: *(agency name)*

Does this government agency have a report, briefing, or other documentation about the system?

◯ **yes! I found it here:**
....
(source)

◯ **no...**

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPER

> The system is provided / developed by: *(developer name)*

Does this technology developer have something online that provides any information about the system?

◯ **yes! I found it here:**
....
(source)

◯ **no...**

INPUT DATA

> The system detects, collects, and/or makes a record of:

&

(input data)

For example: photos, sounds, videos, clicks, and / or location traces

> **The system uses / references:**

⋮

&

⋮

(recorded data)

For example: databases, maps, government statistics, laws + ordinances, and / or social media profiles

INTENT

> **From the perspective of a software engineer at** `TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPER` **, the system does:**

⋮

&

⋮

(technological function)

> **I think that** `GOVERNMENT AGENCY` **may use the system to:**

⋮

&

⋮

(intended use)

POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE

> **I think the system could personally affect *me* if / when it is used for:**　　　*(personal impact)*

> **I think the system could affect:**

....

(a community that I care about)

if / when it is used for:

(community impact)

?
□

What blanks were hard to fill? What information hasn't been properly disclosed? In an ideal world, how would you be able to access this information?

> *For more info, such as a flowchart to identify automated decision systems , scan this QR code with your phone camera to see the rest of the AEKit:*
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