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Suggestions

- Be answerable for actions in information sharing.
- Build systems that are accountable for their operation.

Further information

Accountability means being answerable for one's choices and actions and recognising one's role and being responsive to the expectations attached to it.

Accountability also applies to technology in the sense that infrastructures and algorithms should 'account for' their affordances and actions in ways that are intelligible to people. Recognising the role of individuals and organisations involved in the design, management and use of collaborative information systems necessitates appreciating the responsibility shouldered by each individual and group involved. This includes considering how actions could impact those engaged in the system as well as in greater society.

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