

USER-CENTRIC SECURITY AND PRIVACY TOOLS

Practical guidelines for stakeholders developing and promoting user-centric S&P tools

1. ADDRESS IMPACTS OF S&P TOOLS

Digital tools to promote S&P give rise themselves to potential S&P and other legal and ethical concerns that should be addressed.



2. MONITOR IMPACTS

Monitor impact throughout the R&D process and iterate when the S&P tool has adverse effects.

3. PROMOTE COLLABORATION

A holistic, interdisciplinary, and collaborative approach should be taken to research and development with regards to user-centric tools that promote user S&P.



4. ENSURE LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Strike a balance between protecting personal data based on its sensitivity whilst also harnessing data where it proves useful.

5. BE SENSITIVE TO DIVERSITY

When seeking to enhance privacy through S&P tools, privacy should be understood in a context dependent way which balances the needs of different individuals and is sensitive to cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic differences.



6. INVOLVE END-USERS

To ensure usability and develop user-centric tools, end-users must be involved throughout the design, development, and deployment process. Developing tools which end-users actually want should be prioritised.

7. ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

S&P tools should be developed and promoted in a way that helps to bridge the digital divide, particularly catering to those that need them the most during both development and deployment.



8. BE UNDERSTANDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE

When providing S&P advice, guidance, or alerting users about S&P threats, this information must be provided and explained in a transparent, understandable, and accessible manner that holds those providing that information to account.

