

Surf Tracker

A software system that allows surfers to view surf weather forecasts and log their surf sessions.

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Impact on society

What impact is expected from your technology?

This category is only partial filled.

What is exactly the problem? Is it really a problem? Are you sure?

The currently available surf forecasts are difficult to read and interpret, and they often do not/ cannot take the unique features of the beaches into account which makes inaccurate predictions. By allowing users to rate their surf sessions at a given time under given conditions, it becomes possible to use the provided information to interpret surf forecasts/ conditions more accurately.

Are you sure that this technology is solving the RIGHT problem?

This question has not been answered yet.

How is this technology going to solve the problem?

This question has not been answered yet.

What negative effects do you expect from this technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

In what way is this technology contributing to a world you want to live in?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the impact of this technology on society (by filling out the questions above), what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Hateful and criminal actors

What can bad actors do with your technology?

This category has not been filled yet.

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Privacy

Are you considering the privacy & personal data of the users of your technology?

This category is only partial filled.

Does the technology register personal data? If yes, what personal data?

The technology only registers email addresses and surfing skill levels which are not highly sensitive data. Although logging surf sessions requires entering the surf location which makes it possible to track users' locations over time which can be subject to sensitivity.

Do you think the technology invades the privacy of the stakeholders? If yes, in what way?

This question has not been answered yet.

Is the technology is compliant with prevailing privacy and data protection law? Can you indicate why?

This question has not been answered yet.

Does the technology mitigate privacy and data protection risks/ concerns (privacy by design)? Please indicate how.

This question has not been answered yet.

In which way can you imagine a future impact of the collection of personal data?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about privacy and data protection, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Human values

How does the technology affect your human values?

This category is only partial filled.

How is the identity of the (intended) users affected by the technology?

The user's identity can be affected by showing forecasts based on their surfing skill level. In case the forecast is inaccurate and the conditions do not match the surfers' actual skill level it can cause frustration and confrontation.

How does the technology influence the users' autonomy?

This question has not been answered yet.

What is the effect of the technology on the health and/or well-being of users?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the impact of your technology on human values, what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Stakeholders

Have you considered all stakeholders?

This category is only partial filled.

Who are the main users/targetgroups/stakeholders for this technology? Think about the intended context by answering these questions.

Name of the stakeholder

Surfers

How is this stakeholder affected?

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Did you consult the stakeholder?

No

Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?

No

Name of the stakeholder

Coastal managers

How is this stakeholder affected?

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Did you consult the stakeholder?

No

Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?

No

Did you consider all stakeholders, even the ones that might not be a user or target group, but still might be of interest?

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Now that you have thought hard about all stakeholders, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Data

Is data in your technology properly used?

This category is only partial filled.

Are you familiar with the fundamental shortcomings and pitfalls of data and do you take this sufficiently into account in the technology?

It is made aware that the used data is subjective and can be the subject of personal bias. It is also noted that the nature of breaking waves is complex and influenced by many factors which makes it difficult to create an accurate system. Users are informed about these complexities and possible biases and measures are taken to cross-validate the provided information as often as possible.

How does the technology organize continuous improvement when it comes to the use of data?

This question has not been answered yet.

How will the technology keep the insights that it identifies with data sustainable over time?

This question has not been answered yet.

In what way do you consider the fact that data is collected from the users?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the impact of data on this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Inclusivity

Is your technology fair for everyone?

This category is only partial filled.

Will everyone have access to the technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

Does this technology have a built-in bias?

The technology has a built-in personal bias. The ratings users can provide are subjective and can be influenced by many personal factors (i.e. mood, performance, etc.) which has an impact on the collected data.

Does this technology make automatic decisions and how do you account for them?

This question has not been answered yet.

Is everyone benefitting from the technology or only a a small group? Do you see this as a problem? Why/why not?

This question has not been answered yet.

Does the team that creates the technology represent the diversity of our society?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the inclusivity of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Transparency

Are you transparent about how your technology works?

This category is only partial filled.

Is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the technology works and how the business model works?

The workings of the technology are explained to users as well as the potential biases and inaccuracies.

If the technology makes an (algorithmic) decision, is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the decision was reached?

This question has not been answered yet.

Is it possible to file a complaint or ask questions/get answers about this technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

Is the technology (company) clear about possible negative consequences or shortcomings of the technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the transparency of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Sustainability

Is your technology environmentally sustainable?

This category is only partial filled.

In what way is the direct and indirect energy use of this technology taken into account?

The technology uses third-party services for deployment and machine learning. By choosing parties that provide their services from green energy the technology can comply better with sustainability.

Do you think alternative materials could have been considered in the technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

Do you think the lifespan of the technology is realistic?

This question has not been answered yet.

What is the hidden impact of the technology in the whole chain?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about the sustainability of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.

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Future

Did you consider future impact?

This category is only partial filled.

What could possibly happen with this technology in the future?

In case of a high number of users, the technology can affect the surfing culture. It can influence the number of people in the water at a given time and location as well as the accessibility of the sport.

Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one utopian scenario.

This question has not been answered yet.

Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one dystopian scenario.

This question has not been answered yet.

Would you like to live in one of this scenario's? Why? Why not?

This question has not been answered yet.

What happens if the technology (which you have thought of as ethically well-considered) is bought or taken over by another party?

This question has not been answered yet.

Impact Improvement: Now that you have thought hard about the future impact of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered yet.