

AI Regulatory Headwinds Imran Syed, Partner

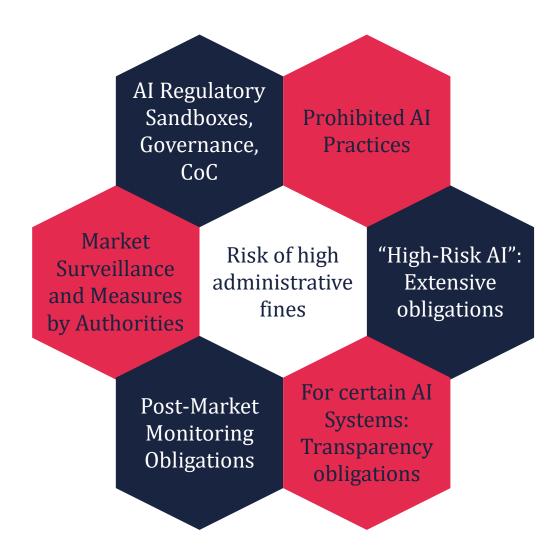


AI Act - an update

One year on...



What does the regulation cover?



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High Risk AI

What is High Risk AI – A reminder

Biometric identification and categorisation of natural persons

Management and operation of critical infrastructure

Education and vocational training

Employment, workers management and access to selfemployment

Access to and enjoyment of essential private services and public services and benefits

Law enforcement

Establishing creditworthiness of natural persons

Administration of justice and democratic processes

The AI System is a safety component of products/products themselves governed by the Union Harmonisation Legislation

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Some Key Changes from the EU

General Purpose Al:

- Large models that can be used for lots of different use cases
- Are treated by the act in their own right.
- Will have to comply with some of the requirements applicable to high risk vendors
- This includes an obligation to cooperate with high risk operators

New High Risk activities:

- Safety components in critical digital infrastructure
- All used for risk assessment in insurance products

Transparency:

Some new leeway for evidently creative works – so as not to impinge on arts

Biometric Identification:

some tailoring of the definition – to clarify that it relates to "remote" technologies

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Al System - Original

All Encompassing?

"Software that is developed with one or more of the techniques and approaches listed in Annex I and can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, generate outputs such as content, predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing the environments they interact with"

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Machine learning approaches, including supervised, unsupervised and reinforcement learning, using a wide variety of methods including deep learning;

Logic- and knowledge-based approaches, including knowledge representation, inductive (logic) programming, knowledge bases, inference and deductive engines, (symbolic) reasoning and expert systems;

Statistical approaches, Bayesian estimation, search and optimization methods.

AI System - New

Any narrower?

"means a system that is designed to operate with elements of autonomy and that based on machine and/or human provided data and inputs infers how to achieve a given set of objectives using machine learning and/or logic- and knowledge based approaches and produces system-generated outputs such as content (generative AI systems), predictions, recommendations or decisions, influencing the environments with which the AI system interacts"

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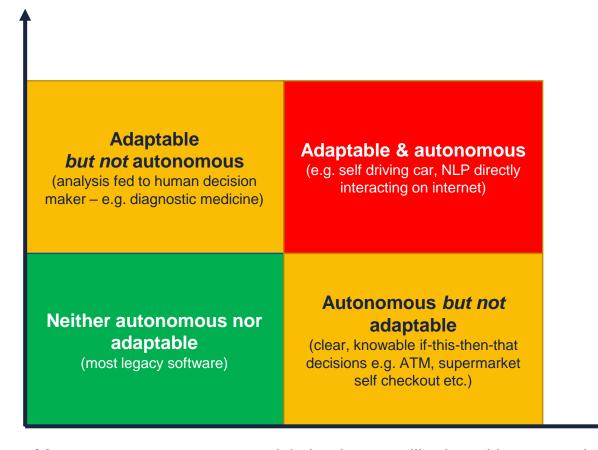
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Regulating AI: UK definition

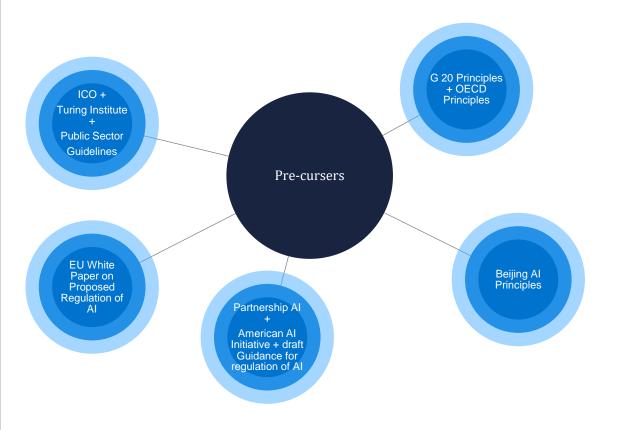
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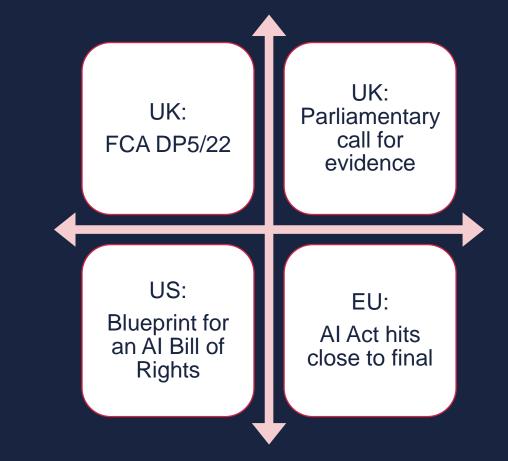
More autonomous = greater risk that harms will arise without oversight. Potential for incorrect decisions to go unchallenged

Complexity of Regulation

Pre-cursors to hard law



The gap widens?



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What does this mean for business?

Establish Al programme team and exec sponsor

Requirements Mapping Develop repository of core AI requirements.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures – create Al policy framework. Including training and awareness raising.

Governance and Oversight

Governance and Oversight – design and implement. Consider creating ethics committee or working group with advisory role.

Accountability

Accountability – create an accountability framework including AI risk assessments and record of AI use. Linkage to governance. AI key metric reporting.

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Questions?



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