

Cry-analyzer

The cry-analyzer app analyzes a baby's cry to determine their emotions and moods using a large database of cry patterns.

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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 app is trying to solve the problem that many parents have, not knowing why their baby is crying. It's stressful when babies cant communicate what they need, and this app steps in to help. It records the cry and uses data from thousands of other cries to tell parents whether the baby is hungry, tired, or uncomfortable.

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 is only partial filled.

In which way can the technology be used to break the law or avoid the consequences of breaking the law?

The app could raise privacy concerns. As it records audio, there could be risks if the recordings are misused or shared without consent. If the app records sensitive background conversations or sounds. Also if personal data collected through the app were hacked or mishandled, it could lead to privacy breaches. It could cause issues if this data is sold to bad actors/companies

Can fakers, thieves or scammers abuse the technology?

This question has not been answered yet.

Can the technology be used against certain (ethnic) groups or (social) classes?

This question has not been answered yet.

In which way can bad actors use this technology to pit certain groups against each other? These groups can be, but are not constrained to, ethnic, social, political or religious groups.

This question has not been answered yet.

How could bad actors use this technology to subvert or attack the truth?

This question has not been answered yet.

Now that you have thought hard about how bad actors can impact this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

This question has not been answered 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 app does collect data, if this includes personal information, as in names, addresses, ages is not quite clear. Even if it doesn't gather traditional personal data like names or addresses, the collection of audio could still be considered sensitive.

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 app could affect how parents interact with their babies, as it helps them understand their child's needs more easily. But it could also effect the natural learning process parents go through when trying to interpret their babys cries on their own.

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

Parents

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

Caregivers

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

Health organizations

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

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Name of the stakeholder

Baby

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

Baby-centered companies

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?

Crying is complex, and the app may not always interpret it correctly because things like background noise or the baby's health can change the results. The data it uses might not cover every situation, and just because it notices a pattern, that doesn't always mean it truly understands why the baby is crying.

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 app might have some built-in bias depending on how the data was collected. If most of the cries were from babies of certain backgrounds or cultures, the app might not work as well for others. Personal beliefs about parenting from the creators could also effect how the app was designed.

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?

Its failry straight forward to understand. It records a baby's cry and uses data to interpret the emotion or need, helping parents understand what their baby's needs or wants. The app has a free trial period, but it is not clear how much the app costs or how long the trail period is, Maybe its subscription based.

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 app doesn't demand a lot of energy as it only requires short audios and quick data processing to analyze the baby's cry. Its a light weight app

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?

It could change how parents understand their babies. It might make using technology to interpret cries a new norm, which could shift the cultural attitudes around parenting. Communities could become more tech-dependent, and the app might become an essential tool for new parents, changing habits around caregiving and how parents communicate with their baby's.

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.