



# AI Transparency Card Structure

Generative AI features are currently available as beta features in Esri products; however, we are including transparency cards for AI features now for early awareness and transparency for our customers to make responsible AI decisions with our products. Esri welcomes your feedback via [SoftwareSecurity@Esri.com](mailto:SoftwareSecurity@Esri.com) as we expand our AI Transparency card coverage across our product features over time. Individual ArcGIS AI feature Transparency Cards may be found within the [ArcGIS Trust Center Trusted AI section](#).

This document provides detailed description information for each AI Transparency card field.

Section	Description
<b>Product - Name</b>	ArcGIS product name (links to doc) Example: <a href="#">ArcGIS Online</a> , <a href="#">Business Analyst</a> , ...
<b>Product - Certification</b>	Security and/or privacy certification status of the ArcGIS Product. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>None</b></li> <li>- <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Party Tested</b> (No certification in place, however a 3<sup>rd</sup> party has tested product)</li> <li>- <b>In-progress</b> (Provide timeline and certification name (e.g., ISO, SOC, FedRAMP))</li> <li>- <b>Certified</b> (name of certification and scope)</li> </ul>
<b>Product - Deployment</b>	Deployment model of the product <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Software as a Service (<b>SaaS</b>)</li> <li>- Platform as a Service (<b>PaaS</b>)</li> <li>- Commercial off-the-shelf (<b>COTS</b>) <b>Self-contained</b></li> <li>- Commercial off-the-shelf (<b>COTS</b>) <b>External Service</b></li> </ul>
<b>All Sections from this point onward are specific to the AI Feature.</b>	
<b>Name</b>	AI feature name in the product (links to doc) Example: <a href="#">Business Analyst Assistant</a> , ...
<b>Purpose*</b>	Actions AI feature is expected to perform within the product. Includes use cases and scenarios if/when applicable.
<b>Release Status</b>	Release status of AI feature (See <a href="#">Product Lifecycle Support Policy</a> ) <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Beta</b> (Incomplete, unsupported, limited privacy, limited security – See <a href="#">Beta FAQ</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Production</b> (List initial release Month/Year or version)</li> </ul>
<b>Certification</b>	Certification status of AI feature or its subprocessors. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>None</b></li> <li>- <b>In-progress</b> (timeline and certification name (e.g., ISO, SOC, FedRAMP))</li> <li>- <b>Certified</b> (certification name and scope)</li> </ul>
<b>Deployment</b>	AI feature provided via what deployment model. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Software as a Service (<b>SaaS</b>)</li> <li>- Platform as a Service (<b>PaaS</b>)</li> <li>- Commercial off-the-shelf (<b>COTS</b>) <b>Self-contained</b></li> <li>- Commercial off-the-shelf (<b>COTS</b>) <b>External Service</b></li> </ul>

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Management	<p>How AI feature can be enabled or disabled. Esri typically provides generative AI Features as an Opt-in option that can be controlled by your organization’s administrator.</p> <p><b>Select One or More:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Opt-in by Administrator</b> (AI feature not made available to users unless the administrator enables it via the <a href="#">ArcGIS Online Allow AI Assistants interface</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Opt-in by Install</b> (AI feature not installed by default)</li> <li>- <b>No Opt-in or Opt-out</b> (Rare)</li> </ul>
Management – Feedback	<p>How user AI feedback be enabled or disabled.</p> <p><b>Select One:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Opt-in by Administrator</b> (Feedback not available as user option by default)</li> <li>- <b>Opt-in by User</b> (When feedback option is used by user, prompt/results may be stored)</li> <li>- <b>Not utilized</b></li> </ul>
Management - Telemetry	<p>How AI telemetry data collection can be enabled or disabled.</p> <p><b>Select One:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Opt-in by Administrator</b> (ArcGIS Online <a href="#">Esri User Experience Improvement program</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Opt-out by Administrator</b></li> <li>- <b>Opt-in by User</b> (When feedback option is used by user, prompt/results may be stored)</li> <li>- <b>Required</b> (Telemetry data is collected)</li> <li>- <b>Not utilized</b> (No telemetry data collected)</li> </ul>
Prompts or Responses Stored	<p>Are prompts or responses submitted to the AI stored?</p> <p><b>Select One:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No</b> (Not stored)</li> <li>- <b>Not by default*</b> (User can select an option such as feedback resulting in storage)</li> <li>- <b>Yes, Required*</b> (Stored)</li> <li>- <b>Yes, Opt-Out Available*</b> (List how to opt-out of storage)</li> </ul> <p><i>*If other than No is selected, specify retention time and purpose of storage (options below):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Retention time</b> (# of months stored by Esri)</li> <li>- <b>Storage Purpose</b> (Select one or more): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>User Recall</b> (User can select previous prompts to modify and re-execute)</li> <li>- <b>Specific Improvement:</b> Used to improve responses for the specific customer</li> <li>- <b>General Improvement:</b> Used for AI experience across all customers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Personal Data	<p>Is personal data present in the training, testing, or validation datasets?</p> <p><b>Select One:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>No</b></li> <li>- <b>Yes</b> (Provide details on where/how personal data is utilized)</li> </ul>
Processing Location	<p>Where data is processed across the product, feature, and LLM levels, including details on any subprocessors.</p> <p><b>Provide a Separate Answer for Each Location Below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Product:</b> Product processes data locally or leverages external infrastructure for processing</li> <li>- <b>Feature:</b> AI feature processes data locally, on-premises, or via cloud-based services. Specify subprocessors involved in this processing</li> <li>- <b>LLM:</b> Large Language Model processes data (eg. locally, cloud, or hybrid). Detail any subprocessors involved in model operations (eg. used for hosting or executing model)</li> </ul>
Intended Users	<p>Primary intended users of the AI feature</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> <i>Administrator, GIS Analyst, Public, etc.</i></p>
Out of Scope Uses*	<p>Applications outside intended domain or data that deviates from training conditions (Such as supported languages or other limitations).</p>

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<b>Key Function</b>	Key capabilities and <b>how</b> the AI feature enhances workflows. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Automate:</b> AI automates tasks and repeats them at scale</li> <li>- <b>Analyze:</b> AI provides actionable insights into data</li> <li>- <b>Augment:</b> AI enhances creative exploration and problem-solving</li> </ul>
<b>Model Type &amp; Technique*</b>	Specific architecture or algorithm that forms the foundation of the AI feature. <b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Generative AI:</b> Transformer, Variational Autoencoders (VAE).</li> <li>- <b>Predictive Models:</b> Decision Trees, Random Forests, Logistic Regression.</li> <li>- <b>Classification Models:</b> Feedforward Neural Networks, Support Vector Machines (SVMs).</li> <li>- <b>Clustering Models:</b> K-Means, Hierarchical Clustering</li> </ul>
<b>Model Used</b>	Specific AI model(s) used. (links to doc) <b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Azure OpenAI, GPT-4(x), Mistral 7B, T5, custom-trained, Bring your own (list options), etc.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Model License*</b>	License type of AI model backing the AI feature. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Proprietary:</b> Developed by Esri</li> <li>- <b>Open Source:</b> Developed by a third party and publicly available</li> <li>- <b>Licensed:</b> Licensed for use from a third party</li> <li>- <b>Combination:</b> Contains both Esri and third-party components</li> </ul>
<b>Training Data Sources*</b>	Esri data sources used for development of AI feature. Discuss customer-specific data usage and conditions. <b>Select One or More:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Open Source:</b> Freely available data</li> <li>- <b>Customer Content:</b> Data provided by the customer</li> <li>- <b>Synthetic Data:</b> Generated data mimicking real data structure</li> <li>- <b>Commercial:</b> Data acquired under license, list the provider (ex. Azure AI Translator)</li> <li>- <b>Mix:</b> Multiple sources used (Specify the source types)</li> <li>- <b>Customer Trained:</b> Customer's proprietary data was used for training</li> </ul>
<b>Human-in-the-Loop</b>	Indicate if users can review or modify AI-generated outputs before final action, emphasizing user control. <b>Select One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Yes</b> (Include explanation how)</li> <li>- <b>No</b> (Explain why not)</li> </ul>
<b>Input and Output Format</b>	Provide clear and concise information about the various input and output formats that AI feature can handle. <b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Input format:</b> Image (JPEG, PNG, TIFF), Structured Data (CSV, JSON, XML)</li> <li>- <b>Output format:</b> Text (plain text, HTML), Generated Images (e.g., object categories such as animals or items)</li> </ul>
<b>Bias &amp; Ethical Mitigations*</b>	How biases are managed, especially in the data. Provide details if the data has been reviewed for bias before being integrated into the AI feature. <b>Examples:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fairness Assessment, Ethical Impact Assessment, Bias Minimization Techniques, Data review</li> </ul>

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Security Mechanisms	Detail the security mechanisms and validations employed beyond encryption to protect data.
Guardrails	Technical measures, controls, or components are in place to protect AI and content. <b>Provide a Separate Answer for Each Guardrail Below:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>LLM Integrated</b> (list what aspects/checks enabled or not)</li> <li>- <b>Adversarial Attack</b> (Separate mechanism from LLM - eg. <a href="#">Azure Prompt Shield</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Objectionable Content</b> (Separate mechanism from LLM - eg. <a href="#">Azure AI Content Safety</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Intellectual Property</b> (Separate mechanism from LLM – eg. <a href="#">Azure Protected Material</a>)</li> </ul>
Encryption at Rest	Is AES-256 or better used for at rest encryption? <b>Select One:</b> Yes, No, Configurable by customer
Encryption in Transit	Is TLS 1.2 or better utilized for encryption in transit? <b>Select One:</b> Yes, No, Configurable by customer
Adversarial Testing	Adversarial robustness tests / Protection against manipulation. <b>Examples:</b> Red Teaming, General holistic testing...
Key Metrics*	Performance metrics relevant to ArcGIS, like data and AI feature accuracy or business insight reliability. <b>Examples:</b> accuracy, precision, recall
Evaluation & Testing*	Testing methodologies and how Esri evaluates performance. <b>Examples:</b> A/B testing, holdout datasets
Provenance	A data mapping or architecture diagram has been conducted that tracks data from source to output, covering training, validation, and real-time data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Yes</b> (Include mapping or diagram)</li> <li>- <b>No</b> (Explain why not)</li> </ul>
Best Practices	Links to tutorials, and best practices for using the AI feature effectively in ArcGIS.
Continuous Improvement	Improvement plans <b>Examples:</b> audits, bias checks, transparency...

\*Section aligns with Hugging Face and FedRAMP AI Model card templates