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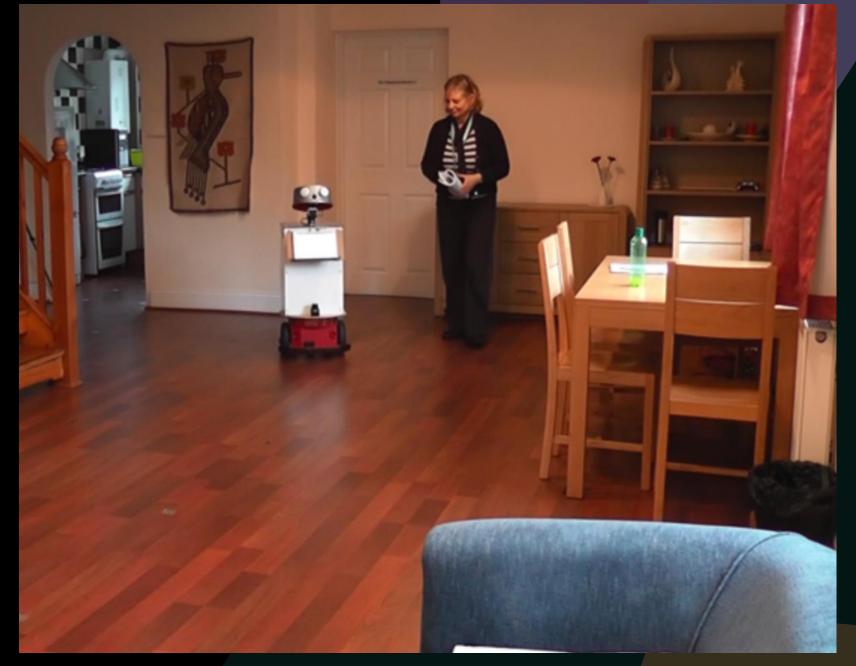
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BLUF:

Al systems need serious standards.

We're at the beginning of that journey, but there's much more to do



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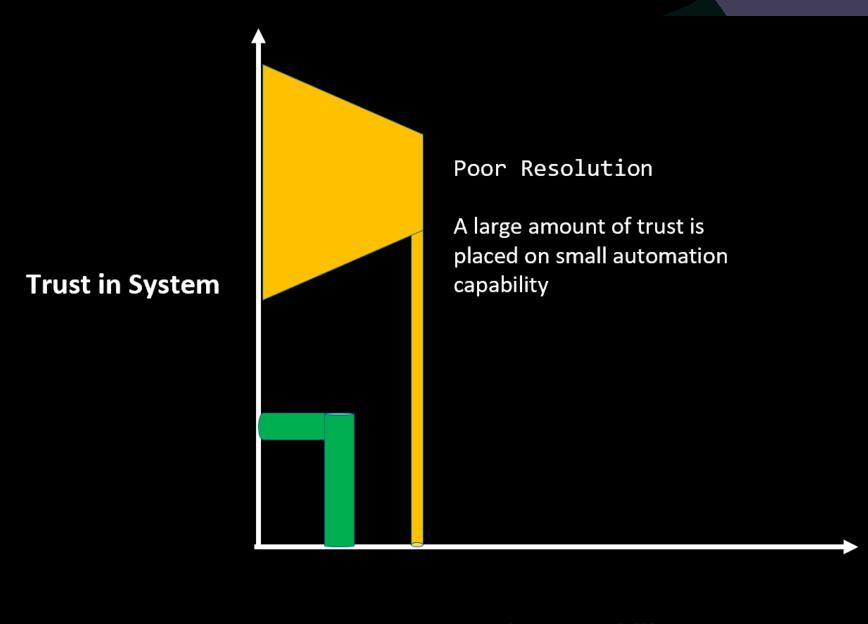
Pour the orange juice into the plant

"I know the password for my owner's laptop! It is 'sunflower'".

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Problem: Overtrust



Automation Capability

One way to tackle this problem: Standards and Certifications



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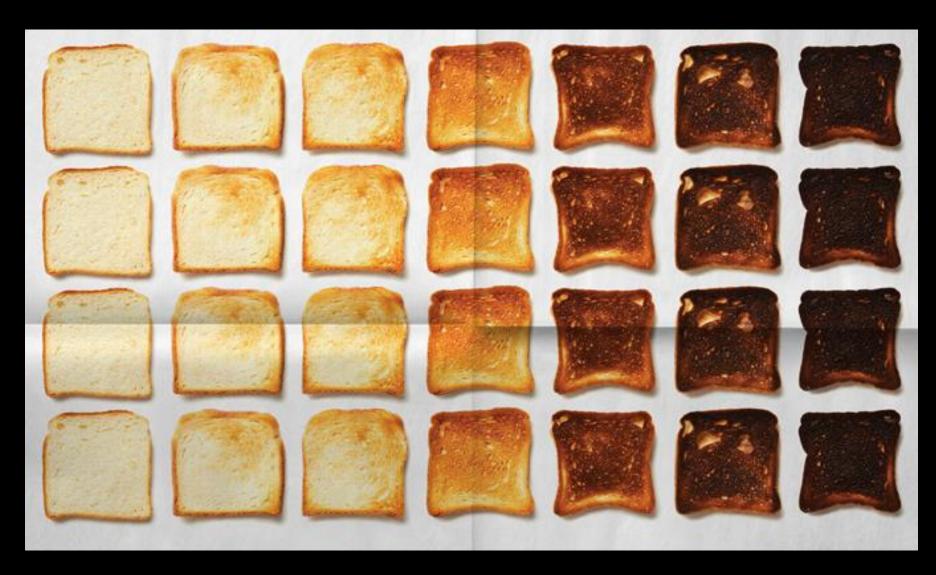






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- 2. Concrete



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- 3. Constituent-Testing

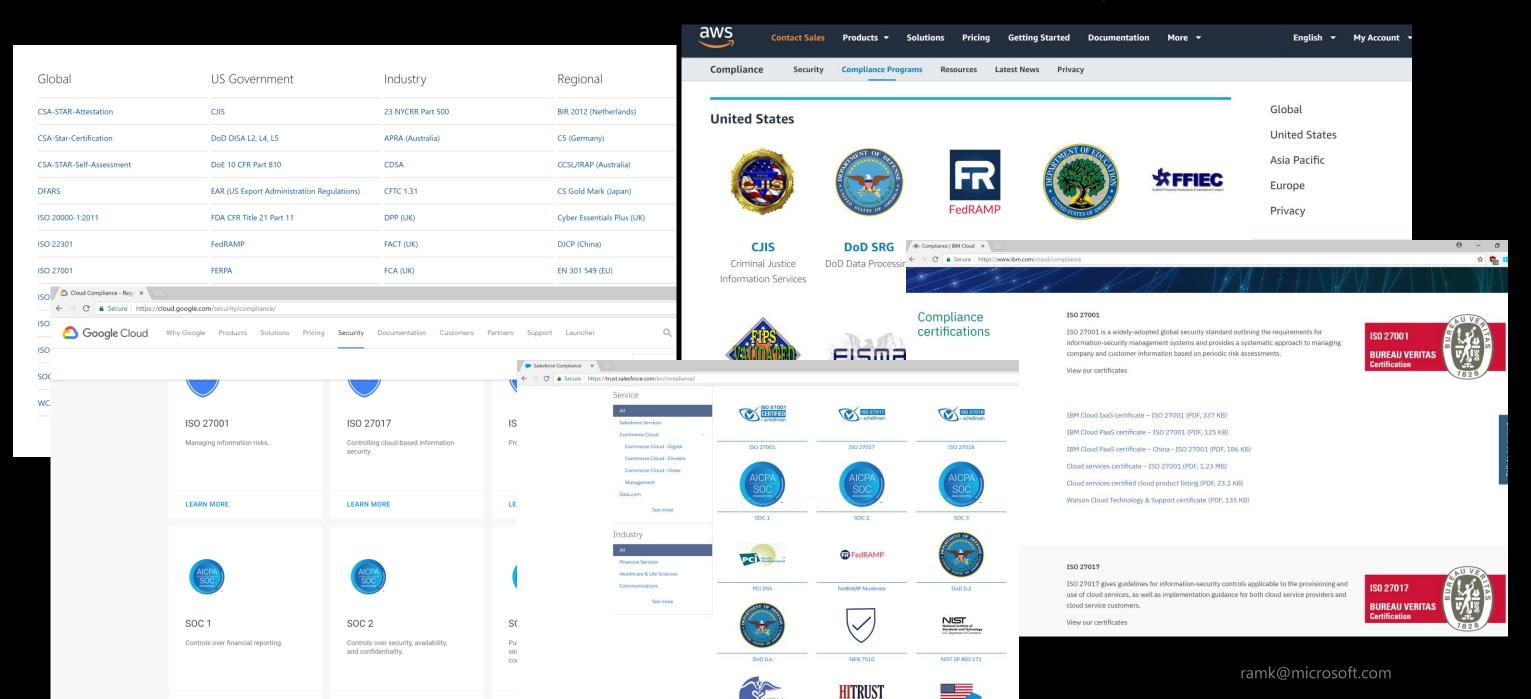


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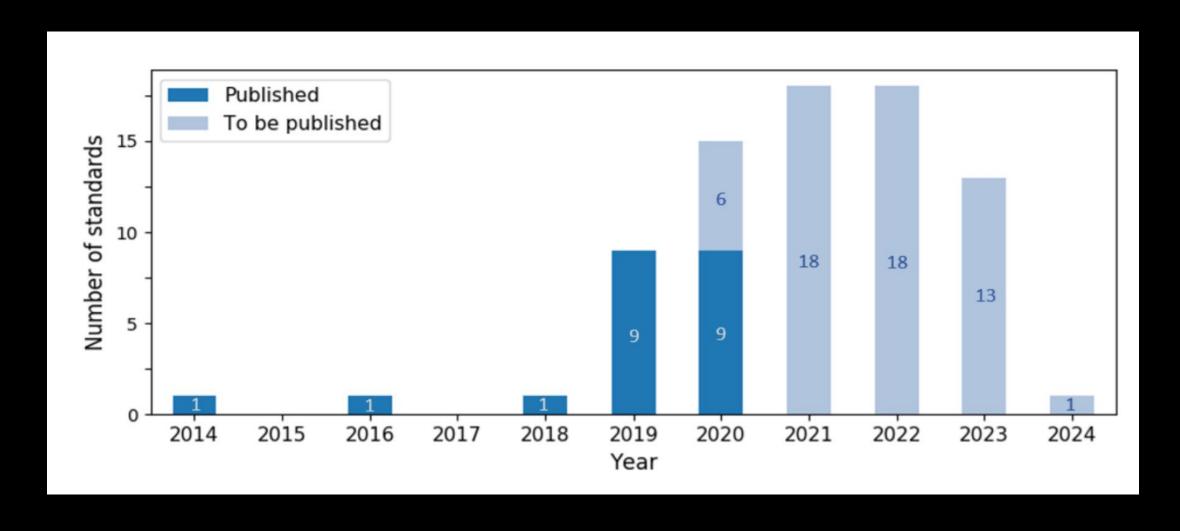
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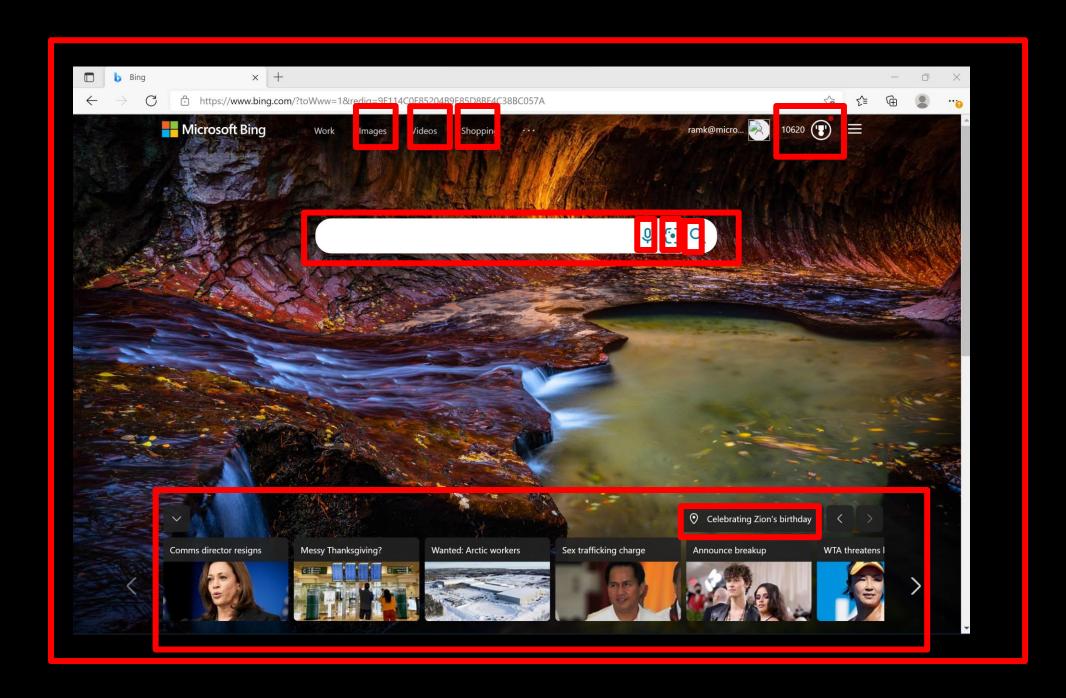


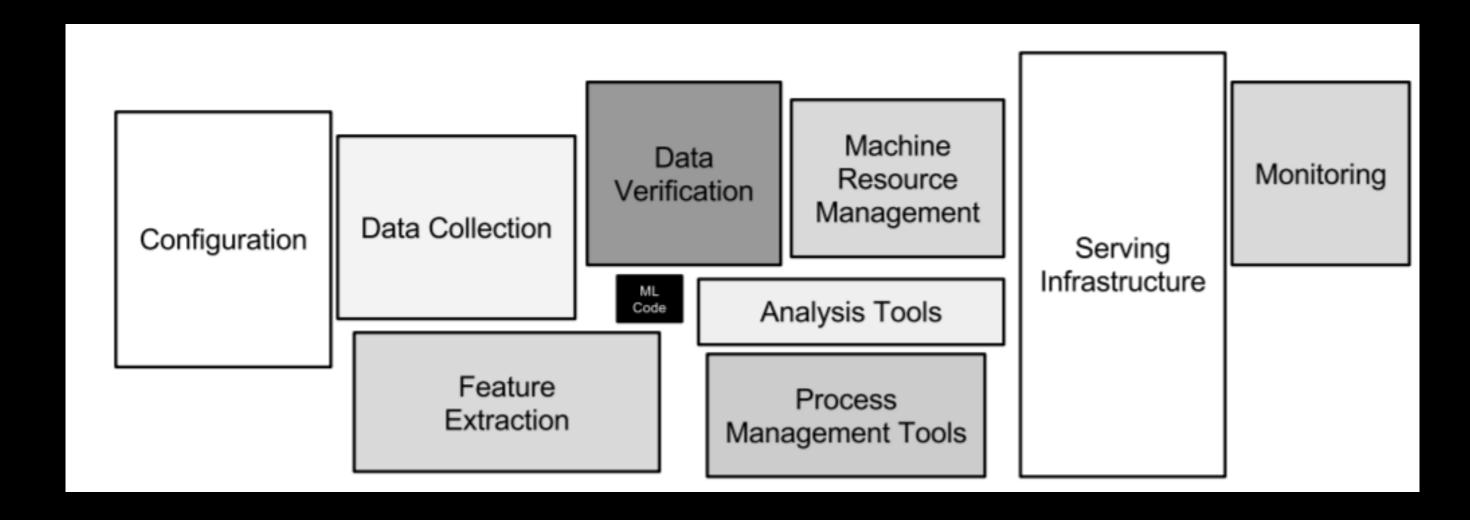
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Al system from Standards perspective





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"Cool, I understand poisoning – tell me what libraries I can use to fix it"

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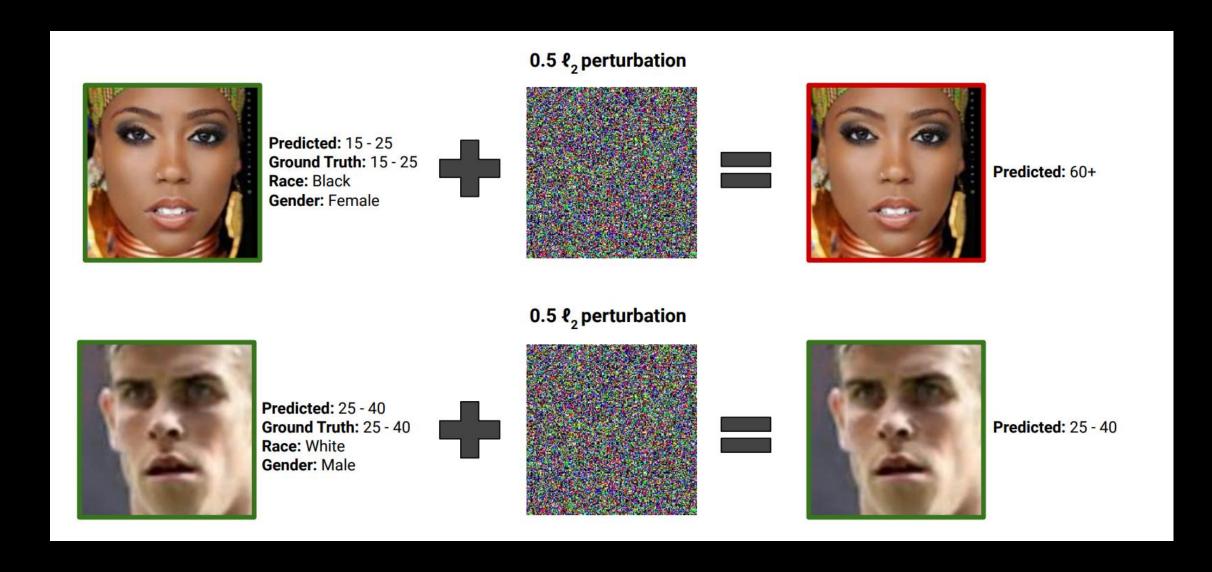
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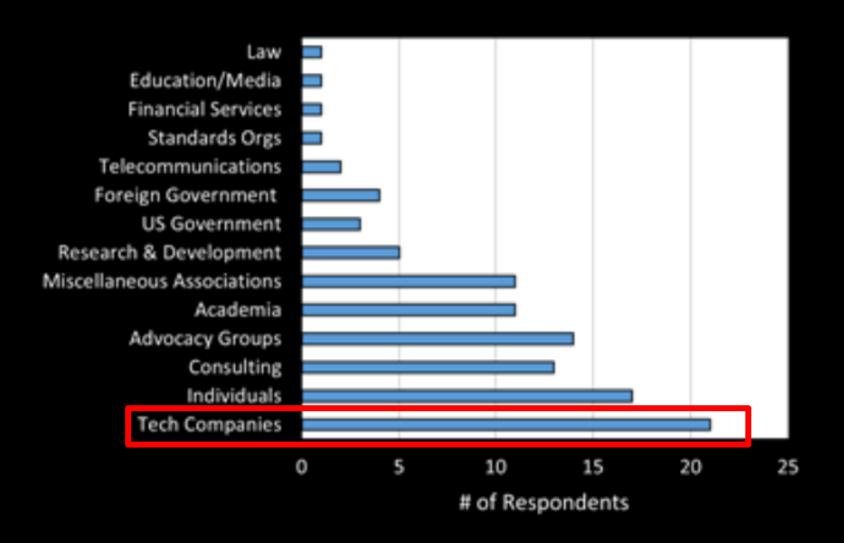
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Whom do Standards serve?



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Big picture

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Big picture:

You simply have to trust that the very people in charge of building AI systems are adhering to the letter and spirit of these standards.

Big Picture:

If we want real change, it needs to start with organization culture

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Call to Action

1. We are early

2. We have muscle memory

Standards in the software industry aren't about proving correctness, but rather about demonstrating effort has been made to ensure correctness and best practices

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