Chapter 11
Balancing Innovation and Privacy:
Understanding AI in the Digital World

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ABSTRACT

As we delve into the transformative landscape of artificial intelligence (AI), we encounter a critical juncture where innovation meets the pressing need for digital privacy. Various sectors, including healthcare, finance, and education, offer unprecedented efficiencies and capabilities. The relationship between AI and digital privacy is multifaceted. On the other hand, the same capabilities that enable enhanced security can also be exploited to infringe upon individual privacy. However, enforcement remains a challenge, especially in the face of rapidly changing technologies and the global nature of data flows. This includes prioritizing fairness, accountability, and transparency, particularly when handling personal data. Organizations are encouraged to adopt principles such as data minimization—collecting only the information necessary for a specific purpose—and to implement privacy questions

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INTRODUCTION TO AI AND DIGITAL PRIVACY: THE INTERSECTION OF INNOVATION AND RISK

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