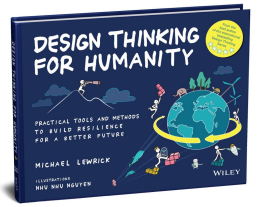
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Ethical Consequences Scanner



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Quick guide: The Ethical Consequences Scanner helps a team proactively identify and mitigate the unintended negative consequences of an innovation before it is built, using a structured brainstorm similar to the Futures Wheel.

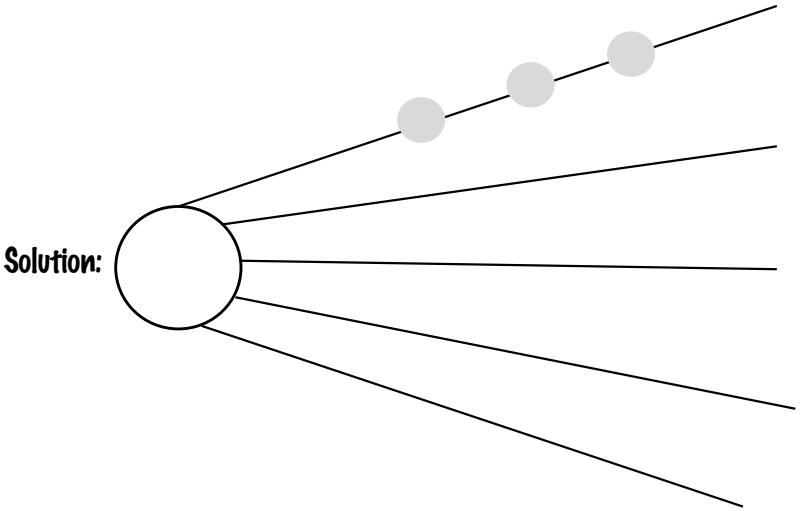
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1 Place the solution in the center

Start with a clear and concise description of the proposed solution and place it at the center of the scan. Take this for example from the Value Proposition for Humanity Canvas.

2 Outline First-Negative Consequences

Brainstorm direct negative consequences. Ask: Who could be harmed by this? What's the worst-case-scenario use? What existing jobs or systems might this disrupt?



Harm to Individuals

Who could be harmed by this, directly or indirectly?

Harm to Society

What existing jobs, groups, or systems might this disrupt negatively?

Environmental Harm

What ecological cost could this solution create at scale?

Harm to Values

What's the worst-case-scenario misuse of this solution?

3 Map Consequence Paths & Turn Risks into Constraint

For each first-order consequence, ask "If that happens, what happens next?" — then convert the risk into a positive design constraint.

Consequence Path 1:	Consequence Path 2:	Consequence Path 3:
First-order	First-order	First-order
Second-order	Second-order	Second-order
Third-order	Third-order	Third-order
Design constraint: "How might we..."	Design constraint: "How might we..."	Design constraint: "How might we..."

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