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RE: CAN/CIOSC 101:2019, Ethical design and use of automated decision systems

The following interpretation has been approved by Technical Committee 2: *Ethical design and use of automated decision systems*. The interpretation only applies to the use of the term in the above referenced Standard. Any questions or comments regarding this interpretation can be made directly to the CIO Strategy Council, which will then be passed on to the Technical Committee for review.

Question: What is the definition of “non-locked algorithm”?

Answer: An algorithm that’s function can change or be adaptive so its behavior can change over time based on new data.

NOTE: Technical Committee 2: *Ethical design and use of automated decision systems* recognizes that this term is new to the market and its interpretation or definition may change or be updated over time. The Technical Committee will review this term during the Standards next periodic review and a definition will be added to the Standard once an established agreement in the market has been achieved.

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