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Open source practices underpinning the SAFE-D principles

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Having a broad and engaged community involved throughout an AI development workflow keeps infrastructure more secure and keeps the purpose of the work aligned with the needs of the impacted stakeholders.

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Providing documentation covering how decisions are made, how changes can be suggested through requests for comment, and how concerns can be raised – for example through codes of conduct – facilitates accountability through the AI development workflow.

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Open source AI should clearly communicate how the AI model and workflow are considering equity and justice. The open source AI community can embed existing tools for bias reporting into an interoperable open source AI ecosystem.

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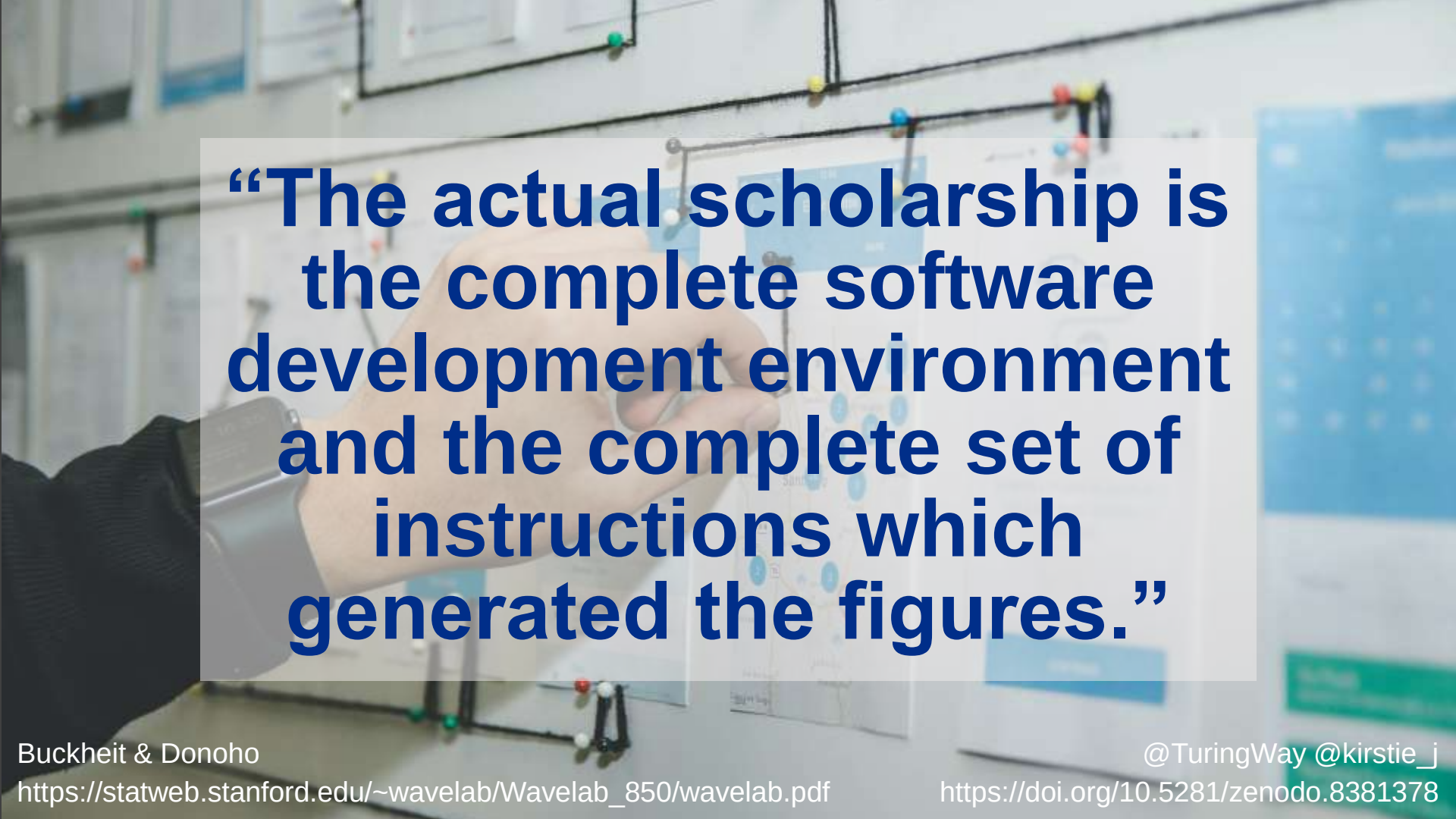

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The ability to interrogate all aspects of a workflow is the foundation of the definition of open source: access to the source code, data, and documentation. Current open source ways of working will enhance transparency and explainability across the AI ecosystem.

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Metadata standards allow for interoperability even where data can not be made openly available. Documentation, accountability, and transparency around how data is gathered and used are the building blocks of open source AI.

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Stop

- Thinking of ourselves as separate, disconnected, individual people and projects.
- Avoiding responsibilities around data governance, and crediting the people who are affected by the tools or models we build.

Start

- Building in accountability for decisions across an AI development workflow.
- Explicitly connecting data processing responsibilities with bias mitigation reporting frameworks through the tools we build.

Continue

- Working transparently.
- Building diverse communities.
- Documenting governance decisions.
- Supporting maintenance and infrastructure work.
- Scaling access to knowledge worldwide.

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