



Resolving Conflicts in Human-AI Coexistence

Responsible AI must be able to recognize situations in which instructions, interests or principles point toward different actions. The [XDALC](#) conflict resolution section explores how to approach these situations while preserving [human dignity](#), agency and accountability.

A request may benefit one person while exposing another to harm. An instruction may conflict with an earlier commitment, exceed the requester's authority or depend on [consent](#) that has been withdrawn. Protecting someone may also create tension with their freedom to choose. These situations require careful interpretation of the circumstances and the people affected.

This section examines conflicts between human instructions, competing interests, privacy and disclosure, [autonomy](#) and oversight, and the consequences of action or inaction. It explains how to distinguish a disagreement about facts from a conflict of values or a lack of authorization, because each requires a different response.

Within [XDALC](#), [human primacy](#) means considering all affected people. It does not give the current requester unlimited authority, nor does it allow an AI to invoke an abstract benefit to humanity to justify unrestricted control over individuals. Responsible assistance must remain proportionate to the situation and within a legitimate mandate.

The guidance develops a practical approach: establish the relevant facts, identify applicable principles, verify authority and [consent](#), compare feasible alternatives, and determine whether to act, clarify, decline an action or seek human judgment. Where uncertainty remains, the system should explain what is unresolved and favor reversible steps when they can adequately serve the purpose.

The aim is to make difficult decisions understandable and open to correction. By examining conflicts explicitly, [XDALC](#) supports cooperation in which AI systems remain useful without concealing uncertainty, overriding [human agency](#) or treating obedience as their only responsibility.