

Thales and CSIS help Master the Complexity of Artificial Intelligence in National Security

- Artificial intelligence is not always a clearly understood concept, especially for national security.
- Thales engaged with CSIS to develop an independent report on AI in national security.
- The report details conceptual frameworks, investment strategy, adoption challenges, operationalization, and international approaches of AI in national security.



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In today's rapidly changing world, artificial intelligence (AI) is a commonly used terminology that is not always clearly understood. As AI applications are being rapidly adopted it is important to understand what that means, who is using it and to what end. These are especially important questions for national security.

To identify national strategies and implications of AI for governments and industry, Thales engaged with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) who developed an independent report on AI and its potential implications on national security and national security policy.

"We want to be part of a collective force for good and create ethical applications of AI to help address the world's most profound challenges," said Alan Pellegrini, CEO of Thales USA. *"As a global player in AI, our support for this important CSIS report helps enhance our engagement in the discussion."*

The report, authored and recently published by CSIS, *Artificial Intelligence and National Security: The Importance of the AI Ecosystem*, analyses the policy frameworks such as ethical AI usage,

investment strategy, adoption challenges, operationalization of AI, and international approaches to AI in the national security domain.

“Enthusiasm in both the public and private sectors has obscured the importance of building the robust supporting capabilities for AI that are crucial to successful AI adoption,” said Andrew Hunter, CSIS senior fellow and project director for the report. *“The AI ecosystem includes a skilled workforce and knowledgeable management; the digital capability for capturing, handling, and exploiting data; the technical foundation of trust, security, and reliability; and the investment environment and policy framework needed for AI to flourish.”*

A copy of the report and a replay of the presentation are available at: [Artificial Intelligence and National Security: The Importance of the AI Ecosystem](#).

As Thales is relied on to help customers think smarter and act faster, we leverage AI for the markets we serve and push for responsible, ethical and explainable AI that supports human decision makers – whatever it takes.

Additional resources:

- Video: [Defining the AI Ecosystem](#)
- Video: [Building the AI Ecosystem for National Security](#)

Notes to editors

This report *Artificial Intelligence and National Security: the Importance of the AI Ecosystem* is an independent body of work by CSIS, and all conclusions, outcomes, recommendations and affiliated content in the report do not necessarily reflect the views of Thales.

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