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## Microsoft just laid off one of its responsible AI teams | Platformer

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Microsoft laid off its entire ethics and society team within the artificial intelligence organization as part of <u>recent layoffs</u> that affected 10,000 employees across the company, **Platformer** has learned.

The move leaves Microsoft without a dedicated team to ensure its AI principles are closely tied to product design at a time when the company is leading the charge to make AI tools available to the mainstream, current and former employees said.

Microsoft still maintains an active <u>Office of Responsible AI</u>, which is tasked with creating rules and principles to govern the company's AI initiatives. The company says its overall investment in responsibility work is increasing despite the recent layoffs.

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