# EthicLens: Al Ethical Shopping Assistant



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# The Problem



Consumers want to shop sustainably, but it is almost impossible to tell which brands are truly ethical vs. greenwashing.

# Who We Help

# **Target Users:**

- College students & young adults
- People with skin sensitivities or allergies
- Conscious consumers who care about sustainability, ethics, and affordability

# <u>User Challenges</u>:

- Confusing claims
- Limited transparency
- Time-consuming research

# **Our Solution: Q EthicLens**

### **Browser Extension**

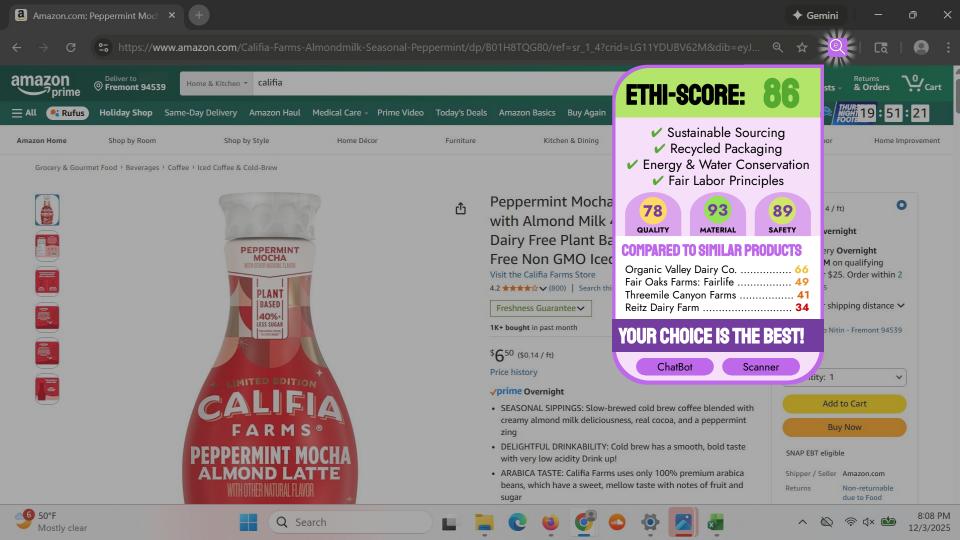
Flags product
ethics, ingredient
safety, suggests
cleaner/better
alternatives, and
gives sustainability
score

### Mobile Scanner

Scan product tags, barcodes, or ingredient labels to check sustainability instantly.

### <u>Personalized</u> Chatbot

Recommends skincare, clothes, and makeup based on your style, allergies, values, and budget.



# **How It Works (AI Tools)**

## <u>NLB (IBM Watson</u> NLU/Azure Language)

Reads product descriptions, ingredients, and brand sustainability claims.

# Computer Vision (Azure Vision)

Recognizes barcodes, QR codes, and product labels during scans.

### <u>Machine Learning</u> (Azure ML / IBM ML)

Learns user style, allergies, values, and ranks ethical alternatives.

### <u>Chatbot (IBM watsonx</u> <u>Assistant)</u>

Conversational assistant for recommendations and Q & A

# **Ethical Considerations**

- Privacy: User controls their data; no selling or unnecessary tracking
- Greenwashing: Cross-check brand claims with external sources
- <u>Bias</u>: Sources built on transparent, verifiable data (reports, certifications)
- Fairness: Avoid favoring big brands who can afford certifications
- Accessibility: Free version for budget-conscious users

# **Social Impact**

### Supports SDG 12

Promotes responsible consumption & sustainable production

### Reduces Waste

Encourages long-lasting and low-impact materials

### <u>Educates</u>

Consumers

Breaks down sustainability info clearly

### Promotes Ethical Brands

Highlights companies with fair labor and low carbon impact

# Improves Health & Safety

Flags harmful ingredients and allergens

# THANK YOU

Any questions?