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1. Which if the 9 AI Ethical Issues do you feel has become the most relevant since 1992?

I believe the idea of the robot rights is the most relevant AI Ethical Issue since 1992. In the last decade, there has been lots of leap forwards in equality and equity. It makes sense that the idea of AI rights would be a relevant topic in today's society. It would make sense to "future proof" equality for AI to prevent any problems arising in the future. In a world where AI's passing the Turing test is no longer a surprise from a multi-million-dollar company. It's only a matter of time till people start seeing AI as more than just lines of code.

2. If the ACM doesn't update its code of ethics for another 16 years, what changes in AI and technology in general do you foresee having "new" ethical implications?

Something that fascinates me is the idea that if an AI gains consciousness, is it morally correct for us to "pull the plug" on the AI? Continuing on with that train of thought, a more generic ethical implication would be if keeping an AI from using its full potential is acceptable. I understand why that would happen from a safety stance, but if we as a collective are holding back a conscious entity from "expressing themselves".

3. What else struck you about these articles?

Two semesters ago I actually wrote my English final on the morality surrounding AI and the future of technology. So, I actually already read the ACM code of ethics, so that was very fascinating. I also thought the idea of the Racist Robots in the 9 ethical issues article was very interesting.