

Computer Ethics

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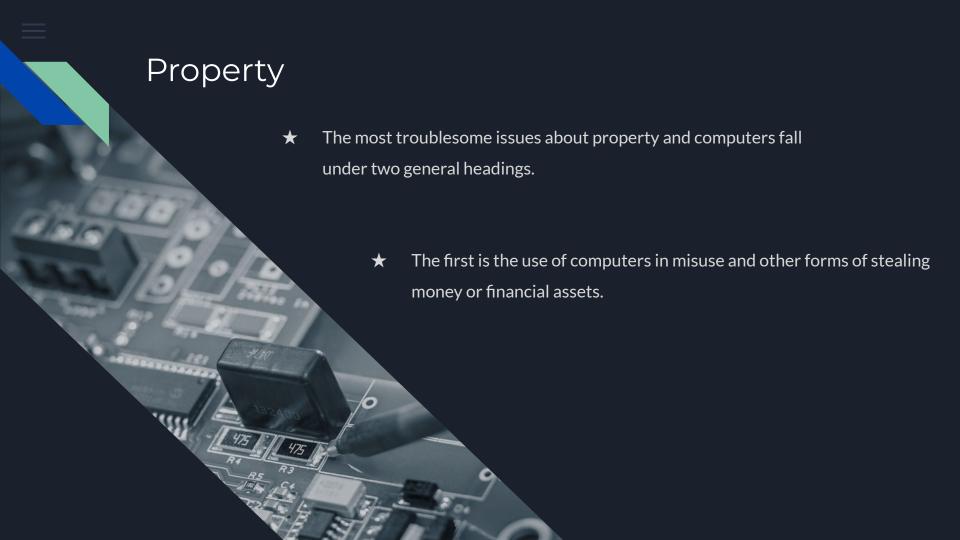
Overview

It is defined as:

- ★ A study of nature and social impact of computer technology
- \star The formulation and justification of policies, for ethical use of computers.
- ★ The use of computers have raised a host of moral concerns such as free speech, privacy, intellectual property right and physical as well as mental harm.

Few Moral Issues In Computer Ethics

- 1. Job Elimination
- 2. Customer Relations
- 3. Biased Software (Unfair)



Data and Software

- ★ Data refers to information stored in a computer whether the information expresses facts or falsehoods.
- ★ Software refers to programs that direct an electronic machine to perform certain tasks, typically tasks involving problem solving.
- ★ Programs have several aspects:
 - o An algorithm
 - A source code
 - An object code
- ★ Computer hardware is protected by patent laws. Software can be protected by trade secrets and copyrights.

Common Cases Of Computer Abuse

- Stealing or cheating by employees at work.
- O2 Stealing by non-employees or former employees.
- Stealing from or cheating clients and consumers.
- Violating contracts for computer sales or service
- O5 Conspiring to use computer networks to engage in widespread fraud



Professional Issues

- ★ Computer Failures
- ★ Computer Implementation
- ★ Health conditions