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1. Ethics in computing

Computer ethics is the set of commonly agreed principles that govern the use of computers. Like ethics more generally, computer ethics is essentially a set of philosophical guidelines or moral standards that aim to influence behaviour and prevent harm.

common concerns and considerations

There are a number of ethical concerns that have arisen within computing and information technology (IT), particularly following the rise of the internet, social media, artificial intelligence and advanced machine learning algorithms

- ❖ Computer crime: Cybercrime is a threat that evolves as rapidly as new technology does. Through hacking, malware, viruses, worms, phishing, Trojan horses, and so on, cybercriminals and hackers can steal money and data, commit fraud, traffic in illegal content and intellectual property, and commit identity theft.
- ❖ Privacy and security: Digital security, anonymity, information ethics, and information privacy online can be hugely important to people. However, threats abound, from companies secretly tracking – and selling – online activity, to individual people cyberbullying and doxing other people.
- ❖ Intellectual Property: Theft or the unauthorised distribution of digital content, copyrighted content, and intellectual property is an ongoing issue online, with everything from art and entertainment media to software and innovative products shared illegally online.

2. How does IT law affect your everyday life?

IT law affects your everyday life in many ways, including how you use the internet, how you access information, and how you interact with companies.

Examples of IT law

- **Data protection**: Laws protect your personal information from being misused

- **Internet access**: Laws regulate how you access the internet and what you can do online

- **Online transactions**: Laws regulate how you conduct business online, including how you pay for things and how you protect your financial information

How IT law affects our life

- **Online safety**: Laws protect you from online scams and other cyberthreats

- **Privacy**: Laws protect your personal information from being misused

- **Online transactions**: Laws protect you from financial fraud and other online risks

- **Business interactions**: Laws regulate how you interact with companies online, including how you pay for things and how you protect your financial information

3. **A company is secretly collecting user data without informing its customers. Is this ethical ? Why or why not ?**

It is both unlawful and unethical to collect personal data without consent. Users retain ownership over personal information that is shared with a company.

Privacy: Any personal information shared must be protected to ensure user privacy.

4. **Find a recent news story about cybercrime or AI ethics and be ready to discuss it?**

Link: https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx24x8we2l7o

Scammers using my face to con people, warns Namibia's ex-first lady