

Section 07.1 - Ethics and Ownership

Layer 7: Application

Syllabus Content Section 07: Ethics and Ownership

S07.1.1 Show understanding of the need for and purpose of ethics as a computing professional

- Understand the importance of joining a professional ethical body including BCS (British Computer Society), IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers)

ACM and IEEE are American organisations came up with a set of guidelines / principals regarding ethics

BCM is the British version

ACM: Association for Computing Machinery

| IEEE(Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers)

There are 8 principals

But these 8 principals have different parts within them.

They are labelled 1.01 to 8.09

1. Public

You will act in the public interest

E.g.: Making software that benefit the public. – WeChat / Social Media

2. Client and Employer

Act in the best interest of your client and employer while still being true to principal 1

E.g.: Don't make software that steals credit card numbers

3. Product

Making sure the products you design relate to high professional standards

E.g.: You don't make broken software

4. Judgement

Software engineers should have integrity and independency.

E.G.: They don't get pressured to make something bad

5. Management

If you manage other people, you must make sure they are also ethical

6. Profession

Advance the integrity and reputation of the profession

E.G.: Don't do anything that makes software engineers look bad

7. Colleagues

You must be fair and support your colleagues

8. Self

You should be lifelong learners

E.G.: Go and learn some new skills

BCS(British Computing Society)

- Four main points:

1. Public Interest
2. Professional Competence and Integrity
3. Duty to Relevant Authority
4. Duty to the Profession

S07.1.2 Show understanding of the need to act ethically and the impact of acting ethically or unethically for a given situation

Copyright: Formal recognition of ownership

Ownership: If you create something that has an element of originality

S07.1.3 Show understanding of the need for copyright legislation

The reason for copyright are:

1. It takes time and effort to make something and you should be rewarded (with money) if someone uses whatever you made
2. It will be unfair if someone takes or uses your work without your permission

S07.1.4 Show understanding of the different types of software licencing and justify the use of a licence for a given situation

- Licences to include free Software Foundation, the Open Source Initiative, shareware and commercial software
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| Open source software

Free software. Unlimited use and access to source code

| Freeware

Free software. No source code

| Shareware

Software is free but only for a limited time. No source code

| Commercial:

You pay for it.

S07.1.5 Show understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) ▾

- Understand the impact of AI including social, economic and environmental issues
 - Understand the applications of AI
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AI(Artificial intelligence)

1. problem solving
2. linguistics
3. perception
4. reasoning
5. learning

It can help make smart, low-carbon cities, autonomous electric vehicles, and intelligent appliances.