

Your response effectively highlights the ethical and legal complexities of the case. To consider this from another perspective, Rogue Services' behavior can be likened to a landlord knowingly renting properties to individuals engaging in harmful activities. While the landlord may not explicitly break the law, their inaction enables harm and erodes trust in their profession. Similarly, Rogue exploited the absence of legal restrictions in their jurisdiction to justify unethical practices.

Gotterbarn (2016) emphasizes that codes of ethics, like the ACM's, provide aspirational goals that extend beyond legal requirements, offering moral guidance for professionals to act responsibly even in the absence of formal regulations. While the law may not have addressed Rogue's actions, the ACM Code fills this gap, urging computing professionals to prioritize societal well-being and avoid harm. This underscores how ethical codes serve as critical safeguards for public trust when the law falls short.

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