Weekly Reflection

At the start of the week, I didn't know very much about the different types of frameworks or any professional codes. Having heard of nothing about 'ethical frameworks' as my mindset was simply that ethics was being honest and truthful about your work. Or simply that the codes that shorthanded codes (such as ACM/IEEE/ISC) were letters that didn't add up to anything. Going through this class and the rest of this term, there will be two ethical frameworks that I will be focusing on, Utilitarianism and Rationalism. The ideas of being reasonable and logical in a framework like rationalism can work with the goals of achieving the result that seems to make as many people as possible satisfied. While also following under the code of ethics 1.5 of ACM, which states to; respect the work required to produce new ideas, inventions, creative works, and computing artifacts.

Authorization, in short definition, is what one obtains after going through a short process to obtain access into certain areas or to look at secured objects where others cannot. An example of this would easily be one having access to a government building or into secure data centers where the public cannot freely view. When one obtains authorization for something, it usually comes with a limit to what they can do and cannot do. If one were to violate the authorized contract they were given, it usually means their privileges are revoked and they can face serious punishment. Going back to the example of someone having governmental access and if any information got out involving that, it would be easy to determine who all had access and violated their authorization terms.

The terms 'Ethical' and 'Legal' both sound like they have similarities or they would both be synonyms to each other. Unfortunately, that is not the case as there are some acts that can be labeled as "unethical but legal" or "ethical but illegal". The question that I would like to ask is, why are their laws made around the idea of ethics, but they never align?

On my site, I will be including my ethical framework(s) as it'll show how I'll determine my focus on not only the rest of the term ahead of me but my viewpoint in my career. I'll also be repeating ACM 1.5 on the code of ethics which tells us that, while AI is a helpful tool in the world today, it should not be used as an easy way to finish the job.