CMPSC 480

Software Innovation 1

Ethics vs. Morals

	Ethics	Morals
Definition	Rules of conduct which apply to cultural, professional, social groups.	Concepts of "right" and "wrong"; pertain to a specific individual's world view.
Source	Socially derived (often professionally codified)	Individually derived
Reasoning	"Society says we should do it."	"I believe it is right or wrong."
Context	Often vary between professional, social, or cultural contexts.	Often absolute or consistent across all situations.
Mutability	Often easy or of moderate difficulty to change; responds to changing professional practice, landscape, or technologies.	Difficult to change; often requires an individual to reassess core personal beliefs.