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We will proceed by monitoring the e-mail of the Working Group, complementing that effort by telephone interview from time to time for further explanation, and participating in any teleconferences or face-to-face meetings. The research team will meet monthly to analyze the process as recorded in e-mad and learned from conversation. The project includes three consultants, a sociologist in science studies, an expert on software testing and debugging, and a lawyer versed in software liability issues. We will call upon them as needed for information or help in analyzing what we observe and for comments and suggestions on drafts of our reports.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

WHAT BALANCE BETWEEN **TECHNICAL STANDARDS**, **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**, **AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**?

Last year the IEEE Computer Society and the ACM--the world's two largest organizations of computing practitioners (combined membership of more than 175,000)-formed a Joint Steering Committee for the Establishment of Software Engineering as a Profession. In so doing, they created an opportunity to study a profession coming into being--and, given the size and importance of the organizations involved, an opportunity not likely to be repeated soon. They also created an opportunity for scholars concerned with professions to make their expertise available to members of a profession at a crucial moment. We propose to seize that opportunity before it is lost. We propose to study the relationship between individual responsibility, technical standards, and professional ethics while joining in the deliberations of one of the Joint Steering Committee's Working Groups. We would produce two reports. One would be a research paper contributing to our understanding of professions. The other would be a report that should be useful to the Joint Committee in its work. Our interdisciplinary research group brings together a range of skills ideal for what we propose.

The Joint Steering Committee established three task forces. One is to identify the body of knowledge and recommended practices that constitute the expertise of the new profession. A second is to define a curriculum for the training of members of the new profession (or, at least, set certain minimum educational standards). The third is to document and codify ethical and professional practices for members of the new profession. Each of these task forces is supposed to complete work by November 1995. Once the three report, they will be faced with the complex task of integrating ideas about what the technical knowledge of the profession is with what its professional and educational standards should be. What they decide may have substantial effects on who can engage in software development, what is expected of them, and what they have a right to expect of their employers. The Joint Committee will, in effect, be faced with a practical version of one of the deepest problems in the theory of professionalism, determining how much of professionalism is (or should be) adherence to technical standards, how much having the appropriate training, and how much maintaining ethical standards. We might illustrate the problem with an example. Bugs are a problem in

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software. They can be a serious problem, especially when the software runs an important business function like check writing or a piece of equipment that can cause great harm if it works improperly. No complex software is free of bugs. Testing can remove most, but testing is expensive. How much testing is enough? There are at least three ways to answer this question.

One is organizational. A company might, for example, adopt the Cleanroom Process Model (CPM) where the goal is to produce software with very few defects by incremental development, formal specification languages, proofs of correctness, and statistically based independent testing. (Lidger, 1994) Few organizations have found this approach attractive. The Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie-Mellon has proposed another approach, the Capability Maturity Model (CMM). (Paulk et al., 1993) CMM attempts to improve software by increasing the "maturity" of the process. *CMM* has many levels. To reach the higher levels, an organization must commit considerable time and effort. CMM does not formally address testing at the lower levels, and few companies are at the higher levels. But, even if they were, there would be no assurance of software with relatively few defects.

A ...second way to answer the question is to have degree-granting institutions teach certain testing procedures as standard practice. This would assure that the software developers they graduate will routinely use those procedures whether their companies think to require them or not.

A third way is to make it part of practicing software development as a profession that one cannot properly sign off on a piece of software unless satisfied that it has been satisfactorily tested. Since a professional's being satisfied is not merely a matter of whether the test meets recommended technical standards (though it generally means at least that), an ethical standard provides another way of protecting end-users. Such protection is important in a field like software development. Change has been so fast that the technical standards have often been one or two steps behind the technology.

These three ways of answering the question of how much to test are, of course, not necessarily inconsistent. But there is a tension between them.

Because software development is such a large field, we propose to focus in this

first exploratory research on only one part of the field, testing of software for safety and reliability. This sub-field corresponds to one of the Working Groups the task force on Software Engineering Ethics and Professional Practices has set up--as well as to a specialty in software development itself. We plan to attach ourselves to this Working Group (Reliability and Safety) and follow its process from stating the problem, to gathering ideas, to deliberation, to final recommendation, to dissolution. We hope this will lead to a larger project that picks up from there. We envisage a more open-ended sequel that might include tracking the working group's recommendations through the task force's deliberations, the deliberations of the Joint Committee, and so on until final resolution (presumably, approval by the IEEE and ACM). We have formed a research team consisting of three members and three consultants to carry out our initial research plan. The members are Hene Burnstein (CS, an expert in the technical management of software development), Michael Davis (CSEP, an expert on business ethics and codes of ethics), and Vivian Weil (CSEP, expert on engineering ethics). The three consultants are Ullica Segerstrale (a social scientist working in science studies), Bogdan Korel (CS, an expert on software testing and debugging), and Barry Weiss (a lawyer versed in software liability issues). Our research plan has four parts:

- 1. The working group on reliability and testing plans to do most of its work by e-mail, with only a few face-to-face meetings. We can therefore study its work in large part by reading its mail (which is supposed to be open to everyone). We would complement reading the mail by telephone interview from time to time a) to clear up matters e-mail leaves unclear and b) to make sure we aren't missing anything important (for example, the fruit of phone conversations or an informal chat at a conference). We would also participate in the few face-to-face meetings (whether these turn out to be at conferences or by teleconference).
- 2. The three members of the research team will meet monthly to analyze the process recorded in e-mail (and what we have learned by phone). We will be especially concerned to identify issues in need of further study. Some

of this will simply be factual: for example, if an e-mail message refers to a technical standard none of us recognizes, we would have **to ask the most** appropriate member of the research group to find out what it is and why it matters. Some of the further study will, however, be of a different order: for example, if an e-mail message claims that a certain testing procedure makes ethical standards of a certain sort unnecessary (without explaining that claim), we might want to ask the author for an explanation; and, if asking fails to generate a satisfactory one, may want to search the literature for a rationale in order to assess the claim. We are interested in studying tensions that may arise between the educational approaches of computer science and engineering and between the role of technical methods and ethical standards in promoting appropriate standards of care. In studying how professionals develop and negotiate standards, we will attend to the reasons they give and try to identify factors that influence outcomes. We aim to obtain results generalizable to other groups. We will call upon the consultants as needed for information or help in analyzing what we observe.

- 3. This discussion, shadowing the official working group, should help us develop our own understanding of the issues with which the working group is dealing, an independent expertise, and--given our research group's make up--a perspective importantly different from the official working group's "insider" perspective. While we don't expect our view to be opposed to the (initial) views of the official working group, we do expect it to be different enough to be useful now and then, more because it will pick out or emphasize considerations insiders may overlook or, at least, fail to appreciate, than because of any fundamental disagreement
- 4. Once the working group completes its work, we will prepare a report summarizing and analyzing their work. The draft will be submitted to our consultants for comment and suggestions.

We expect this research to have at least four outcomes:

- 1. The report of what we have observed during, the year of our initial study. This should take the form a) of a report to the ACM and IEEE and b) of one or more research publications. Our research publications could contribute to three fields: the sociology of professions; professional ethics; and (perhaps) technical management
- 2. Enough contacts, experience, and insight propose a larger project to study the larger process of professionalizing software developers of which the working group activity is but a small part. Such a proposal would, of course, be contingent on the success of this project, but also on our making a determination, impossible to make now, about how much a larger project is likely to add to what we have already learned about the relation of individual responsibility, technical standards, and professional ethics.
- 3. <u>Ideas for doing a better job of teaching testing to future software developers, whether trained in an engineering or computer science department.</u> We expect these ideas to emerge from the continual contact between members of our interdisciplinary research team as they work together in the unusual circumstance of observing a new set of professional standards (and a new profession) coming into existence. We therefore view this project as, among other things, an aid to revising courses (or adding new ones) to better educate the next generation of software developers. Whatever useful ideas come out of our interdisciplinary meetings would, of course, also be published in an appropriate place--and may, then, lead as well to other new ideas for improving the continuing education of today's software developers.
- 4. Ideas the Joint Committee, its task force, or working -group may find <u>useful.</u> Because the Joint Committee has adopted an open process, allowing everyone to read the committee debate (on e-mail) and to respond, we hope to participate in that debate as well as monitor it, not only asking questions both substantive and procedural (for our benefit) but asking or answering questions for the benefit of the important work the Joint Committee is engaged in.

We have discussed our proposal with both Donald Gotterbarn, the Task Force's ACM Co-Chair, and Keith Miller, the chair of the Reliability and Safety Working Group. Both have welcomed us as potential participants as well as observers.

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ORGANIZER AND CHAIR OF SYMPOSIA, PANELS AND CONFERENCES (selected)

- 1995 Co-organizer: Symposium "Changing the Terms of the Biotechnology Debate," AAAS, Atlanta, February 16-21.
- 1993 Co-organizer: Panel "Tales from the Front: Telling Stories about Scientific Misconduct. 4 S, West Lafayette, IL, Nov. 19-21.
 - 1992 Co-organizer: International conference "Nonverbal Communication and the Genesis of Culture," ZIF, Bielefeld, Germany.
- 1990 Co-director of course: "Sociology of Science: Science, Social Controversies and Ethics," Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, May 10-20.
- 1989 Organizer and Chair: "Research Ethics: Science, Universities and the Public," (4 S), Irvine, CA, Nov. 15-18.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

Associate Editor, <u>Science Studies</u>, 1988Editorial Committee, <u>Perspectives on the Professions</u>, 1989Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions, IIT, 1988

More than 70 invited presentations and colloquia, among others in Bremen, Berlin, Gothenburg, Uppsala, Madrid, Amsterdam, Jerusalem, Haifa, Kyoto, Tokyo; in the U.S. among others at Harvard, Yale, Ann Arbor.

10 book reviews, mainly concerning ethical issues and scientific controversies; 3 in <u>Science</u>.

BARRY D. WIISS

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castrates on technology related matters, including litigation and vial work, mediation, arbitration, counseling, and transactions involving intellectual property, licensing, and related issues. He received a B.A. from University of Illinois at Chicago with a major In the history af architecture, and a J.D. with highest honors from Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago Kent College Of Law in 1983. He is admitted to practice law in Illinois and before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is a member of the Trial Bar for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Mr.

Weiss currently serves on the board of directors of MAI Systems, Inc., an international computer and software systems company. He is a member of the Intellectual Property, Litigation, and Dispute

Resolution Sections of the American Bar Association, including the Computer Litigation Committee, the

Computer Law Association, and the Chicago Software Association Quality Round Table, and he has served on various committees for the Information Technology Association of America and the Society for Information Management.

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- 2. The graduate student will assist with research and clerical tasks (150 hours @ \$8.00/hr).
- 3. We will require secretarial and library support that goes beyond the normal duties of those positions.
- 4. We have figured travel to include 2 face-to-face meetings for 1 or 2 each @ \$2,500 and dissemination of results at conferences and association meetings (more travel, same 1 or 2) @ \$2,500.
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We had already heard about you from Deborah Johnson and then > learned that you chat the SEEPP working group we wish to attach > ourselves to as researchers rather than as participants of the usual

> kind. We plan to submit a proposal to NSF's Ethics and Values Studies

> Program for support of a research project to study this task force

> effort to help the occupational group of software developers become a > profession.

Our broad interests are professionalism and accountability, and > our focus is on testing of software to assure safety and reliability.

> Donald Gotterbarn knows about and approves our proposal. We hope

> that you would welcome the research effort we propose.

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Vivian Weil

This sounds fine to me. I don't know exactly what you mean by "attach ourselves." Sounds a bit biologically invasive, don't you think? :) Sounds like your interests and mine are very close. My only regret is that you won't be participating directly. Let me know how I can help. Keith

Keith Miller NECC '95 Program Chair miller@eagle.sangamon.edu Sangamon State University office: (217) 786-7327 Computer Science Department, HSB 137

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