

Invitation to Ballot

Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice

Dear Colleagues,

The IEEE Computer Society and ACM invites you to participate in a formal review of version 4 of the Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice. In 1993 the IEEE-CS and the ACM established a Joint Steering Committee for the Establishment of Software Engineering as a Profession.

In November of 1993 the joint steering committee made four initial recommendations: (1) adopt standard definitions, (2) define the required body of knowledge and recommended practices (in electrical engineering, for example, electromagnetic theory is part of the body of knowledge while the National Electrical Safety Code is a recommended practice.), (3) define ethical standards and (4) define curriculum and related matters for software engineering.

The Task Force developing the Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice has completed its work and recommends that the Code be reviewed by panel of peers using a formal review process.

The Code addresses both the responsibility of the practicing professional and of the profession. We believe that the societies representing the profession need to take a stand to provide all software engineers with an ethical direction and with a tool they can use to educate others -- including their management-- about the ethical responsibilities of the software engineer.

You are invited to be a member of the balloting group that will serve as the review panel. If you become part of the balloting group, you will have 20 days to review and respond to the draft code. The draft code is 7 pages long. The ballot period is expected to be 22 June to 15 July 1998.

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Furthermore, by agreeing to ballot, you certify that you understand the subject matter of the proposed document and are technically competent to cast a ballot on this draft document. Also you agree to respond in the specified period of time. In order for the ballot to be valid, at least 60% of the ballots sent must be returned. For that reason members of the balloting group have an obligation to respond.

All information requested on the Invitation to Ballot Form below must be completed in order to be a qualified member of the balloting group. If you have any questions on submitting the form, please contact Tracy Woods at the IEEE Computer Society via email at twoods@computer.org.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Leonard L. Tripp, Chair, Joint Steering Committee
for the Establishment of Software Engineering as a Profession

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- ☐ academia

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- ☐ CEO of company engaged in software development
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- ☐ consumer of shrink-wrap software
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- ☐ ethics professional
- ☐ government employee
- ☐ industrial trainer

- ☐ independent consultant
- ☐ instructor of computing/engineering
- ☐ instructor of professionalism/ethics
- ☐ large industry software developer for internal deployment
- ☐ large industry software developer for external deployment
- ☐ legal profession
- ☐ manager of software development
- ☐ medical worker
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- ☐ professional organization or society representative
- ☐ software engineer
- ☐ standards developer

Thank you for participating in this survey.

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