

# Workshop

Week 4

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1. Your team is working on a computer-controlled device for treating cancerous tumors”. You are behind schedule, the release date of the device to your customers is rapidly approaching and there is not enough time to complete the planned testing. So you plan to use animals in testing. Should you release or continue testing? Try to follow the methodology for making ethical decisions discussed at the beginning of the tutorial, i.e. the brain storming phase followed by the analysis phase.
2. Suppose a business must choose between maximizing profits and exploiting workers or investing in ethical practices that may reduce profits. Does business ethics prioritize profit or does it demand that the business act in a socially responsible manner?

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3. A factory manager has hired your company to develop and install a surveillance system in the factory. The system includes cameras small enough not to be noticed. Supervisors and security personnel can view images in real time on monitors in a control room. The system will store video. The factory manager says the purposes are to watch for safety problems and for theft of materials by workers. What issues, specifications, and policies will you discuss with the manager? Would you set any conditions on taking the job? Explain.
4. You are the president of a small computer game company. Your company has just bought another small game company that was developing three new games. You find that one is complete and ready to sell. It is very violent and demeaning to women. It would probably sell a million copies. You have to decide what to do with the game. Give some options, and give arguments for and against them. What will you do? Why?