* Ethics is a part of compromise and government and doing the most good and preventing the most harm
* Ethics is the study of moral behaviors and how that affects other people
* Tech involves things like AI and machine learning and data and internet
* We will be looking at how our interactions with tech affect the world around us
* Tech ethics is part of the larger picture of Applied Ethics
* There isn’t any ethics now that didn’t exist already in the past
* We have to try and reduce issues to its simplest form
* Trolling is something that comes across tech ethics
  + Trolling 🡪 cyberbullying 🡪 harassment🡪 being a jerk
* All ethical issues have always existed. They define our human existence
  + Bullying, threats, fairness, popularity
* New issues with tech
  + Trolling, hacking, disinformation, swatting, phishing
* Tech creates new possibilities for ethical situations to emerge
* Policy vacuums
  + When some of the new possibilities have no laws or policies in place to guide our choices or protect against harm, we call this a policy vacuum
* Filling the policy vacuum
  + First you define what digital software is (digital info and programs)
  + Next define all terms under protection
  + Then you must get a law passed through Congress
  + And now you must find a way to enforce that law
* We’ll examine ethics through the lens of Applied Ethics
  + If you can’t apply it, it doesn’t matter in this class
* Theoretical Ethics is something fun to talk about but will never be applied
* 3 Methods of Applied Ethics
  + Professional
  + Philosophical
  + Sociological
* An important decision
  + Normative approach- prescribe what ought to be the case
  + descriptive approach- report or describe what is the case
* professional ethics
  + aims to identify and analyze ethical responsibility for professionals in a field of study
  + draw on ethical situations to help guide them to ethical conclusions
* philosophical ethics
  + uses a 3 part system called the standard methodology to offer solutions to more difficult ethical issues.
    - Identify a controversial practice as a moral problem
    - Define problems and examine the facts
    - Apply moral theories to reach a conclusion about the moral issue
* Sociological ethics
  + Aims to describe and report how societies groups and individuals do view any moral issue
  + If we do understand how people view moral issues we gain insight into their ethical worth
* DRM is becoming a big thing, digital management protection, especially in video games