

To make a better decision about the “ethical” ness of this project, we could use more information, but if he stands strongly opposed then its not our place to argue why. Drawing from the IEEE code of ethics, which states that software engineers will be fair and supportive of their colleagues, your co workers and superiors are in violation of the code by “asking you to reconsider”, regardless of how valuable you are to the team. But on the other hand, using utilitarianism which states that the best decision is one that does the most good for the most people, the best decision would be to do the job even though its against your beliefs: you have a wife with a kid on the way and a house payment, and if your refusal to do this job could affect your ability to help provide for your family, then utilitarianism would argue that your decision is an unethical one, because the benefit of your paycheck to you, your wife, and kid if greater than the benefit to you by your refusal