

Does having access and looking at a friend's folder contents without them knowing ethically wrong? The question is ambiguous and leaves many different cases, but I will assume it means that looking inside without their consent and not doing anything else with the information. Also, we will also have to assume that if this person were to know I was looking inside, that they would be upset as well. Firstly, many claim that since if this person would know about this incident, then they would be mad and therefore it would still constitute a wrong. But that would be to base the incident off of something that never happened, and is established on speculation. We do not know for sure whether the person would truly be upset since we do not know of their true motive. Though in general, there is something which disturbs me even though I know that there are no tangible negative consequences and no effecting no one besides myself doing the activity. Hence I believe it's morally wrong, but only because if it was done to me, then I would be upset finding out later on. I'm using the Golden Rule, do unto others what one would do to you. In consequence I do believe in harmless wrongs, because harmless wrongs I think are the most basic level of what constitutes a harmful wrong; that is, the visceral feel of moral degradation that learning about some form of harm one causes on another is an indication of further tangible harm, but not need to be. So in a way, a harmful wrong is in a way equivalent in harmfulness to an actual wrong.