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## CS489 Computer Ethics & Social Issues

### Assignment #3

#### My Oath as a Computer Scientist

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**Q. Some people think that computer scientists should take what corresponds to [Hippocratic oath](#) that physicians take: you can read about the argument [here](#). Your assignment is to draft your own version of such an oath.**

As a computer scientist and an engineer,

I solemnly pledge to vigorously push forward the frontiers of science and seek application of good cause.

I will research with dignity; I will never yield regarding truth. I will construct my work upon concrete logic and reliable data. I will not violate human rights or and civil liberty during any research procedure.

I will respect my colleagues; I will respect their intellect and accomplishment. I will actively collaborate with my colleagues and clearly state their contribution.

I will retain humanity. The purpose of my profession is to benefit people's lives. I will always consider the people beneath the numbers and abstractions. The people who get benefit from my work, and more importantly, the people who may get harmed. I will make efforts so that the benefit of my work goes to all people.

I will be responsible with my work. I will not let my work used on immoral practice. I will maintain and update my work consistently. I will share my works as openly as possible, yet firmly secure the private information and industrial properties.

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honor.

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<sup>0</sup>I borrowed expressions from [declaration of Geneva](#), the modern acknowledgement of Hippocratic oath.

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