MEMORANDUM

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From: Stuart Olsen

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Subject: Ethical Behaviour Expected of Computer Scientists

The purpose of this memo is to highlight the ethical behaviour expected of computer scientists.

**Displaying Professional Integrity**

Computer scientists display professional integrity. They should take responsibility for the consequences of their actions and decisions. They should act honestly and fairly. Computer scientists should be self-critical and aware of their limitations, and should accurately represent their skills and capabilities.

**Respecting the Rights of Others**

Computer scientists should respect the rights of others, including: employers; colleagues; and the general public. Computer scientists should respect rights to physical and intellectual property (including patents, copyrights, and trademarks), privacy, and confidentiality. They should treat persons of all genders, nationalities, and creeds equally and should respect coworkers’ and clients’ safety and reputations.

**Improving Human Life**

Computer scientists should be motivated by advancing technology and improving the quality of human life. Computer scientists should be conscious of the effects of technology on the human condition and should strive to improve public’s understanding of those effects. Computer scientists should hold these goals above personal motivations such as money and status.

**Further Information**

More information on the behaviour expected of computer scientists can be found at the IEEE's Code of Ethics webpage and at the ACM's Code of Ethics webpage.