Ethics in Technology

Professional Ethics

While it is important to discuss ethical concepts in broad terms, it is also important to apply those concepts in more practical ways. Professionalism ethics aims to do this by articulating obligations for certain types of occupations, including IT. These obligations are codified in professional code of ethics, drafted by professional organizations to enforce high standards of behavior. This module explores professions in general, as well as the ways in which professional codes of ethics shape highly technical occupations.

At the end of this module, you will be able to answer the following questions:

- What relationships must an IT worker manage, and what key ethical issues can arise in each?

- What can be done to encourage the professionalism of IT workers?

- What ethical issues do IT users face, and what can be done to encourage their ethical behavior?

(?) **Essential Question:**

What is a profession, and what are the benefits of having a professional code of ethics?

📖 **Read** Chapter 6 in *Computing and Technology Ethics*: *Engaging Through Science Fiction*.

📖 **Read** pages 57-61 from Ethics in Information Technology.

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