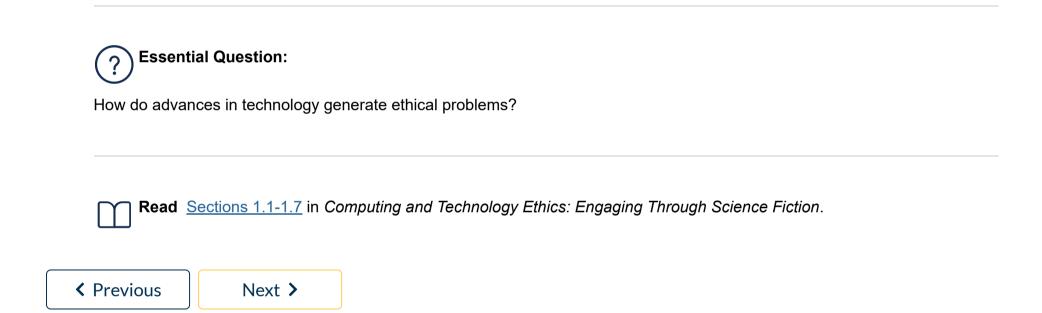Ethics in Technology

An Overview of Ethics

Making value judgements about what we should or should not do is an important part of our lives. Often, these judgements are informed by our upbringing or societal expectations. The study of ethics aim to move us towards a thoughtful and systemic way to solve complex issues. While this course primarily explores the study of right and wrong through the lens of technology, careful engagement with ethics will improve your problem-solving skills across all areas of your life.

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

- What is ethics?

- What trends have increased the likelihood of unethical behavior?

- What is corporate social responsibility, and why is fostering good business ethics important?

- What measures can organizations take to improve their business ethics?

- How can you include ethical considerations in your decision-making?

- What trends have increased the risk that information technology will be used in an unethical manner?

(?) Essential Question:

How do advances in technology generate ethical problems?

Read Sections 1.1-1.7 in *Computing and Technology Ethics: Engaging Through Science Fiction*.

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