Ethics in Technology

Section Introduction

Imagine that you are an employee of a technology company. For the last six weeks you have been working extra hours to complete quality assurance (QA) testing of the latest software release for a product that is used globally by hundreds of thousands of users. QA has taken longer than the company expected because there are several bugs present, adding to the overall cost of the project and pushing the timeline close to the release date with no resolution in sight.

Your supervisor dropped off paperwork today that requires your signature; you must sign off that the product is bug free and that all testing is complete. You know that this is not an accurate representation of the product's state and that the buggy software will cause many issues for the consumers. The supervisor insists that the bugs will get fixed in future rollouts of the product and states that the company cannot lose any more money on this release. Take a moment to consider how you would proceed.

In this section, three competencies are covered across four modules. This section of the course contains Modules 1, 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

- Module 1: An Overview of Ethics
- Module 2: Introduction to Ethical Frameworks
- Module 3: Professional Ethics
- Module 4: Cyberattacks and Cybersecurity



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