

# Check Your Understanding

Ethics in Technology



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Choose 2 answers.

Which two stipulations dictate the obligations of an IT professional regarding data property of a former employer when transitioning from one job to another?

- ☒ Nondisclosure clause
- ☒ Noncompete agreement
- ☐ Fair use doctrine
- ☐ Copyright term

Answer

Correct:

That’s right! A nondisclosure clause prohibits a former employee from disclosing trade secrets.  
That’s right! A noncompete agreement prevents a former employee from seeking employment with a direct competitor for a predefined amount of time.

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Multiple Choice

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What are the ethical challenges with an IT professional reverse engineering an in-house-developed software and a third party-developed software?

- ☒ Only reverse engineering a third party-developed software would be in violation of a professional code of ethics in IT.
- ☐ Neither would be in violation of a professional code of ethics in IT.
- ☐ Only reverse engineering in-house-developed software would be in violation of a professional code of ethics in IT.
- ☐ Both would be in violation of a professional code of ethics in IT.

Answer

Correct:

Reverse engineering in-house-developed software does not raise any ethical challenges because that software is owned by the same company. Reverse engineering third-party software is considered unethical because the company does not own the rights to the software.

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Which two actions should be taken to address the potential ethical challenges associated with this scenario?

- ☒ Implement safeguards that prevent industrial espionage
- ☒ Obtain approval from the legal department for data-gathering methods
- ☐ Ensure analysts operate anonymously when conducting data-gathering interviews
- ☐ Pursue both public and nonpublic data sources

Answer

Correct:

That's right! Implementing safeguards that prevent industrial espionage is one of the methods to address the potential ethical challenges associated with this scenario.  
That's right! Obtaining approval from the legal department for data-gathering methods is a way to address the potential ethical challenges associated with this scenario.

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Which law requires all World Trade Organization members to codify protections for intellectual property?

- ☐ DMCA
- ☒ TRIPS
- ☐ FERPA
- ☐ EU IP Act

Answer

Correct:

Correct! TRIPS is an international agreement that sets minimum standards for the protection of intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights, and trademarks, across member countries.

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What act provided additional legal protections for trade secrets?

- ☐ LSAIA
- ☒ DTSA
- ☐ DMCA

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Correct:  
Correct! The DTSA is a U.S. law that provides federal protection for trade secrets and allows companies to file lawsuits for misappropriation of trade secrets in federal court.

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## Multiple Choice

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What act grants a patent to the first person to file, not necessarily the first person to invent an item?

- ☐ DMCA
- ☒ Leahy-Smith America Invents Act
- ☐ Uniform Trade Secrets Act
- ☐ PRO-IP Act

### Answer

Correct:  
Correct! The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act is a U.S. law that overhauled the patent system by transitioning to a "first-to-file" system and implementing various reforms to improve patent quality and efficiency.

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