



Computer Ethics involves discernment, exploring and learning new technologies and their impact on humanity. Because of these, IT practitioners are often looking into what new technologies may be able to do. They also study the effects of technology that are already available

to see the reactions of people using it. Some recent technologies have been abused and had caused great harm to other IT and computer users like in social networking, computer hacking and viruses, e-mail, online advertising and many others. These abuses and issues in the proper use of IT led IT practitioners to see the need for an ethical system for computer use. Below are some ethical standards we might need to know:

The Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics

- 1. Thou shalt not use a computer to harm other people.**
- 2. Thou shalt not interfere with other people's computer work.**
- 3. Thou shalt not snoop around in other people's computer files.**
- 4. Thou shalt not use a computer to steal.**
- 5. Thou shalt not use a computer to bear false witness.**
- 6. Thou shalt not copy or use proprietary software for which you have not paid.**
- 7. Thou shalt not use other people's computer resources without authorization or proper compensation.**
- 8. Thou shalt not appropriate other people's intellectual output.**
- 9. Thou shalt think about the social consequences of the program you are writing or the system you are designing.**
- 10. Thou shalt always use a computer in ways that ensure consideration and respect for your fellow humans.**