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Ethics For The Information Age (6th Edition)



Synopsis

Ethics for the Information Age is appropriate for any standalone Computers and Society or Computer Ethics course offered by a computer science, business, or philosophy department, as well as special modules in any advanced CS course. It is also appropriate for readers interested in computers and society or computer ethics. In an era where information technology changes constantly, a thoughtful response to these rapid changes requires a basic understanding of IT history, an awareness of current issues, and a familiarity with ethics. **Ethics for the Information Age** is unique in its balanced coverage of ethical theories used to analyze problems encountered by computer professionals in today's environment. By presenting provocative issues such as social networking, government surveillance, and intellectual property from all points of view, this market-leading text challenges students to think critically and draw their own conclusions, which ultimately prepares them to become responsible, ethical users of future technologies.

Teaching and Learning Experience This program presents a better teaching and learning experience for you and your students. It will help:

- Encourage Critical Thinking: A balanced, impartial approach to ethical issues avoids biased arguments, encouraging students to consider and analyze issues for themselves.
- Keep Your Course Current and Relevant: A thoughtful response to information technology requires an awareness of current information-technology-related issues.
- Support Learning: Resources are available to expand on the topics presented in the text.

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Customer Reviews

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Had to rent this book for a technology class however it turned out to be a very interesting and thought provoking read. The book dives into very interesting ethical questions regarding today's increasing technological age. Even if you are not interested in learning about technology, I would still recommend this book as you will have your eyes opened to what is happening around us on a daily basis.

Rented this book for one semester for my computer ethics class in college, it was a perfect fit and the information and material in the book were very current. The edition was definitely easier to read and understand than previous editions, so it is a good book for college students as well as people who are interested in ethical dilemmas that arise in the field of information technology. Very easy to read so you don't have to be a computer expert to understand the book. Renting this book was very convenient, got the book in about two days and it was in very good condition it seemed new! If you need this book to buy to rent buy it from here because it's cheaper than anywhere else and it comes quickly.

As a Computer Science student, I was actually impressed by this book. Admittedly, my expectations were low, but Dr. Quinn did a relatively good job of covering both the ethical and technical aspects of a variety of relevant topics. The discussions of various ethical theories did a good job of relating the theories to relevant technical topics, but wasn't as skeptical as I would have liked. Arguments in favor of and against each theory are listed, but some obviously nonsensical points are given a free pass. A critical reader should have no trouble discerning these however, so they don't really detract from the book in my mind. Most of the rest of the book is dedicated to a discussion of various ethical dilemmas related to technology, and this portion of the book was really excellent. Dr. Quinn did a great job of selecting relevant historical situations and presenting them in a way that is both comprehensible and correct - a rare thing in texts of this sort. Really the main thing that I felt detracted from this book was the illustrations. As others have noted, they are excessive and almost exclusively worthless. They're easy enough to ignore, but there are so many of them that I'm sure

they added to the (slightly higher than I would expect) price. For this reason alone I'm deducting a single "star".

This is an excellent college textbook which I recommend to anyone, not just people in Information Technology or Information Services. I later used content from the book as examples when I taught classes. (The class I taught was a programming course, not an ethics course and the examples took up about 15 minutes of class time. Still useful example.)

The pages are not glued strong enough. couple of pages came out the next day I was reading the book. I have to be very careful turning the pages back and forth. I don't know if this is a money the money making plan so they could charge me after the book has been returned.

I took the risk of not buying the latest edition which is totally paying off. I haven't compared to the 6th edition, but I can follow right along in class. The content has some good parts if you are not familiar with ethics or have never taken a philosophy class. Seems, to me at least, biased against egocentric philosophies. Three stars.

This book gives you the current topics in this age in a fast and easy way. They also speak about ethics and constructs. It even talks about sexting...lol. My favorite part was the discussion part. It is good to do them in class with others and hear what they have to say.

The text helped me to better understand the concepts of cyberethics during my course; however, the condition of the book I received was rather poor (coffee/soda stained pages)

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