

# Code of Ethics

The college of computer science follows the ACM code of ethics and professional conduct. It expresses the conscience of the computing profession, and it affirms an obligation of computing professionals both individually and collectively to use their skills for the benefit of society.

## a General Ethical Principles

A computing professional should...

- Contribute to society and human well-being, acknowledging that all people are stakeholders in computing.
- Avoid harm.
- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Be fair and take action not to discriminate.
- Respect the work required to produce new ideas, inventions, creative works, and computing artifacts
- Respect privacy.
- Honor confidentiality.

## b Professional Responsibilities

A computing professional should...

- Strive to achieve the highest quality, effectiveness and dignity in both the process and products of professional work.
- Maintain high standards of professional competence, conduct, and ethical practice.
- Know and respect existing laws pertaining to professional work.
- Accept and provide appropriate professional review.
- Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks.
- Perform work only in areas of competence.
- Foster public awareness and understanding of computing, related technologies, and their consequences.
- Access computing and communication resources only when authorized to do so.
- Design and implement systems that are robustly and useably secure.

## c Leadership Professional Principles

A computing professional should...

- Ensure that the public good is the central concern during all professional computing work.
- Articulate social responsibilities of members of an organizational unit and encourage full acceptance of those responsibilities.
- Manage personnel and resources to design and build information systems that enhance the quality of working life.
- Articulate, apply, and support policies and processes that reflect the principles of the Code.
- Create opportunities for members of the organization to learn the principles and limitations of computer systems.
- Use care when modifying or retiring systems.
- Recognize and take special care of systems that become integrated into the infrastructure of society.

Reference: <https://www.acm.org/code-of-ethics>