Ethics in Computing

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• Moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity

Lexico. 2020. Ethics | Definition of Ethics by Oxford Dictionary on Lexico.com. <u>https://www.lexico.com/definition/ethics</u>

What is Ethics?

 An area of study that deals with ideas about what is good and bad behavior : a branch of philosophy dealing with what is morally right or wrong

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Why should Computer Scientists and Software developers care?

As computing professionals...

- Effectively examine complex situations
- Identify ethical issues related to these situations
- Make ethical decisions when attempting to address these circumstances
- Logically defend decisions on ethical issues