

## Code of Ethics for Notre Dame Computer Science and Engineering students

1. Be honest
  - a. Many dishonest things can be done with computers and through programming. Actions should reflect the ideas and philosophies that have been taught to us during our time at Notre Dame.
2. Help out others
  - a. Being able to program is a powerful skill that can be used to help people out. It is also an intimidating and confusing field to new entrants. Your actions should allow you to help people directly or facilitate something or someone to help others.
3. Don't take jobs you morally disagree with
  - a. It's important not to sell out for money or other things that might be tempting. If there is job that you don't morally agree with then there is no excuse for taking it, especially since the current field has plenty of other openings to consider.
4. Correct others when they misspeak about tech
  - a. There is an abundance of misinformation about tech floating around and it is the duty of CS major at Notre Dame to help stop the propagation of this misinformation. Since this is supposed to be productive, it needs to be done in a constructive manner. Also, being proactive and going out of your way to inform people about commonly misunderstood things in tech is even better.
5. Stay up to date
  - a. The field of computer science is constantly changing and it's important to be aware of the changes occurring. This doesn't have to be extensive, it could be as simple as reading a few articles a week.
6. Don't cut corners
  - a. It's important to write good code, especially if it's going to be widely used. Take the extra time and make sure it up to your highest standards, this also benefits the programmer that might be working with your code in the future. This can include things like automated tests and documentation as well as just keeping the code itself readable.
7. Have an open mind
  - a. Not everyone will have the same approach to a particular problem as you do, so it's important to have patience and work well with others to find the best solution. This also provides opportunity to learn from others.
8. Use your abilities to make a positive impact on the world
  - a. While simply avoiding a job that is morally wrong straight out of college may be acceptable, it is important at some point in one's career to re-assess and strive to choose a path that will do good in the world. There are many ways to do this and everyone's path will be different. It can be anything from teaching to working at a non-profit to volunteering to simply donating money to a good cause.
9. Don't plagiarize

- a. Don't take credit for someone else's work, whether it is directly through stealing code or claiming someone else's ideas.

10. Embrace openness

- a. Be open to diversity in all forms, including the traditional types of diversity and also diverse viewpoints.