

## **"Ten Commandments of Computer Ethics"**

- I. Thou shalt not use a computer to harm other people.
- II. Thou shalt not interfere with other people's computer work.
- III. Thou shalt not snoop around in other people's computer files.
- IV. Thou shalt not use a computer to steal.
- V. Thou shalt not use a computer to bear false witness.
- VI. Thou shalt not copy or use proprietary software for which thou hast not paid.
- VII. Thou shalt not use other people's computer resources without authorization or proper compensation.
- VIII. Thou shalt not appropriate other people's intellectual output.
- IX. Thou shalt think about the social consequences of the program thou art writing or the system thou art designing.
- X. Thou shalt always use a computer in ways that ensure consideration and respect for thy fellow humans.

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