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Introduction

- Ethics are moral principles or values that govern the conduct(**the manners in which a person behave**) of an individual or a group.
- It is not a burden(**load**) to bear(**carry**), but a prudent(**advisable**) and effective guide which furthers life and success.
- Ethics are important not only in society but in academics and business as well because it is an essential part of the foundation on which a civilized society is built.

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- Professional ethics establishes a baseline for common decency(good form), respect, fairness, and integrity in given areas.
- They provide a basis for positive and shared expectations about the nature of products and services.
- professionals have an ethical and motivated interest in caring about how they treat their customers and community.

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- Professional ethics serve as the invisible glue for the community of entrepreneurs(**those who operates a business**) , leaders, and businesses
- Professional ethics build trust and relationship between employee and customer.

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Professional ethics are important for several reasons.

- **Firstly**

1/ most professionals have an informational(providing formation) advantage over those they serve.

2/Professional ethics will provide the useful function of identifying these moral hazards and providing the appropriate avoidance or work-around strategies.

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3/This power asymmetry (no equality) can be exploited(used) to the advantage of the professional and thus there needs to be a corresponding sense of professional responsibility that

- Obligates(commitment) the professional to act in the client's best long term interest and,
- additionally, to take appropriate safeguards(protection) and
- to secure consent(permission) to protect the client
- and assure the professional's behaviour is on the up-and-up.

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Secondly

-Most professional are, at some point, young and inexperienced professionals.

-Thus professional ethics represents a kind of collective, time-tested wisdom that is passed on to new professionals: watch out for this or do that.

-Also with changing laws, technologies and mores, professional standards will work to keep the profession abreast(**side by side**) of new ethical challenges and emerging responsibilities and best practices.

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- **Thirdly,**
- professional ethics act as a somewhat effective countervailing (neutralizing) power to organizational influence or the power of authority

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- **Finally**
- As professional ethics often get promulgated(**enforced**) by professional organizations, they may play a role in enforcement and disciplinary action with respect to those who violate (**break**) such standards.

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- **Importance of ethics in engineering**
- Engineers are the engines of the modern world.
- They are the people that keep the world operative through various constructions, inventions, discoveries and manufacturing.
- They are the creators of civilizations.

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- **Importance of ethics in engineering**
- Engineering is an important and learned profession.
- As members of this profession, engineers are expected to exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity. ...
- Engineers must perform under a standard of professional behaviour that requires adherence ([attachment](#)) to the highest principles of ethical conduct.

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- **Importance of ethics in engineering**
- An engineer should have the ability and judgement to refine one's behaviours, decisions and actions in performing the duty to the family, organization and to the society.
- Thus, he has to often make difficult choices while performing his responsibilities.
- A set of beliefs, attitudes and habits is thus essential for an engineer so that he is able to make the correct decisions.
- Ethics are, therefore, the guiding principles to the decision making capability of an engineer.

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- Moral reasonableness (**fairness**) , respect for others, tolerance (acceptance) for diversity (**variety**) and integrity are significant aspects that makes an engineer not only a successful professional but also a good human being.
- He should be willing and able to be morally responsible, show concern for the wellbeing of others besides himself, respect for ethnic (**race related**) and religious differences and have a high moral integrity.

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- Thus, ethics in engineering ensures economy, productivity, safety, privacy, security, welfare and offers opportunities for all without discrimination (**treatment of people according to their differences**).
- Values and virtues are appreciated by all human beings.
- These, therefore, becomes even more important to an engineer who is always in the midst(**middle**) of the common people discharging his responsibilities.
- Ethics not only improve quality of an individual but the quality of life as a whole