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Professional Responsibility

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An ABET requirement

- Teaching professional responsibility – appropriate professional conduct – is an accreditation requirement for our program
- It begins in the classroom, and much of it is common sense – such as the red italicized sentence in CSE's "Academic Misconduct Policy"

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the "CSE Academic Misconduct Policy" page. The page header includes the University of Washington logo and "Computer Science & Engineering". The main content area contains text explaining the department's stance on academic misconduct, stating that it is taken seriously and that the vast majority of students do not violate. It also mentions that historically, CSE courses account for a large percentage of all Academic Misconduct cases at the UW each year. A red italicized sentence is highlighted: "In general, any activity you engage in for the purpose of earning credits while avoiding learning, or to help others do so is likely to be an act of Academic Misconduct." The page also includes a "Related Links" section with various university and departmental links.

- As your instructor, I have professional responsibilities too
 - for example, I must maintain an appropriate learning environment
- And you have some complementary responsibilities
 - for example, if you feel that I'm treating a student disrespectfully, you need to raise this with me, or with the undergraduate advisors, or with the department chair
 - *because if you don't, then the next time, it might be you!*

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A mix of non-technical and technical

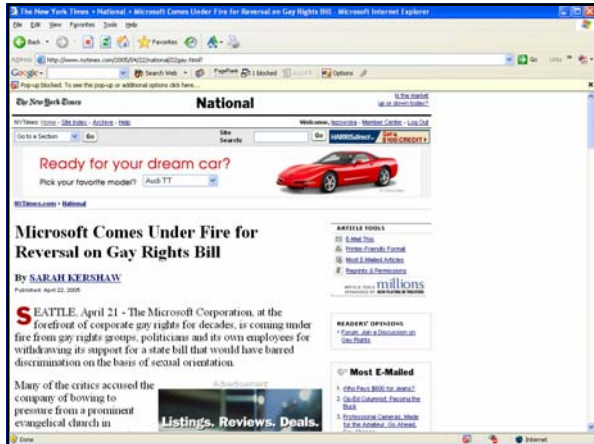
- Every professional code of conduct with which I'm familiar includes a mix of non-technical and technical elements
- E.g., the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
 - 1.4 Be fair and take action not to discriminate
 - 2.5 Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the "ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct" page. The page header includes the ACM logo and "Computing & Public Policy". The main content area contains the title "ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct" and the date "Adopted by ACM Council 10/16/92". There are two main sections: "Preamble" and "Contents & Guidelines". The "Preamble" section begins with the text: "Commitment to ethical professional conduct is expected of every member (voting members, associate members, and student members) of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)."



Discrimination

- Discrimination is wrong
- Failure to take a firm public stand against discrimination is wrong
- No amount of tap-dancing will change this
- ***The next time, it might be you!***

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