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Introduction



- Internet Ethics or Cyber Ethics can be described as acceptable behavior standards to be followed by digital users while using the internet.
- Internet or Cyber Ethics basically refers to the rules, regulations, standards and guidelines pertaining to use of computers.



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- Internet Ethics encourages appropriate usage and acceptable user behavior while working online.
- It aims at responsible and ethical use of computers and internet.



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- Internet or Cyber Ethics take into consideration the impact of cyber technology on
 - Moral aspects
 - Legal aspects
 - Social aspects
- Internet ethics suggests acceptable behavior standards to be followed while using the internet/digital devices.





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Origins....



- It was in 1992 that Computer Ethics Institute introduced the **10 commandments for computer ethics** in a paper presented by Ramon C. Barquin
- It was introduced as a means to create a set of standards to guide and instruct people in the ethical use of computers.



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10 commandments for computer ethics

- 1- You should not use a computer to harm other people.
- 2- You should not interfere with other people's computer work.
- 3- You should not snoop around in other people's computer files.
- 4- You should not use a computer to steal.
- 5- You should not use a computer to bear false witness.

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10 commandments for computer ethics

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- 6- You should not copy or use proprietary software for which you have not paid (without permission).
- 7- You should not use other people's computer resources without authorization or proper compensation.
- 8- You should not appropriate other people's intellectual output.
- 9- You should think about the social consequences of the program you are writing or the system you are designing.
- 10- You should always use a computer in ways that ensure consideration and respect for other humans.





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Objectives

- Similar to computer ethics, Internet ethics looks into the appropriate internet usage and online behavioral guidelines.
- It intends to raise awareness on responsible acceptable and ethical ways of internet usage





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Objectives

- It aims to set certain moral standards that govern the usage of computers and Internet.
- It aims to make internet a healthy and safe space for exploration, interaction and seeking new horizons.





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- Few important internet ethical practices in line with 10 computer ethics that can be recommended for digital users



1. You should not disclose your private and personal Information when you are online
2. You should not pretend to be someone else on internet or spread false information online
3. You should not use the copyrighted content available on internet
4. You should be sensitive and accepting to the different cultures & traditions of people on internet
5. You should not use internet to hurt other feelings, as it can harm them



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Important internet ethical practices

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6. You should take necessary guidance from concerned authority like parent/ teacher/administrator while exploring internet
7. You should browse only secured sites and avoid restricted sites which are not age appropriate on internet
8. You should only spend limited time on internet and ensure your productivity is not affected
9. You should not believe everyone you meet on internet and everything you see posted on internet
10. Developers should be able to assess broader, societal impacts of content, services, software being made available by them



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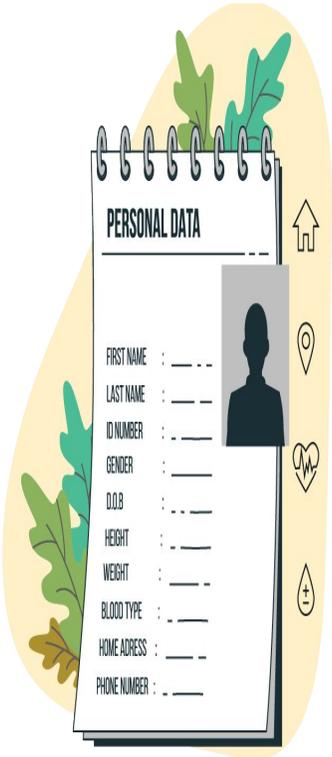
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You should not disclose your private and personal Information when you are on internet

- Ensure protecting their sensitive personal information and restrict sharing information
- Sensitive personal information like address, phone numbers, email addresses, passwords, photographs etc., should be well protected and should not be shared with everyone or anyone on public platforms.





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2

You should not pretend to be someone else on internet or spread false information online

- Internet should be used wisely not to lie or cheat others
- Users should not pretend to be someone else on the internet or play pranks on others with the wrong identity.



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3

You should not copy or use copyrighted content or information available on internet

- Users should aware of copyright policy and be careful to follow it while downloading applications, music, software etc., from the internet





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You should be sensitive and accepting to the different cultures & traditions of people on internet



- Internet is amalgamation or global society of users who are from different countries, cultures, languages, traditions etc.,
- users should be aware, sensitive, thoughtful and understanding about the differences



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You should not use internet to hurt other's feelings, as it can harm them

- Being kind and considerate is a basic human value or moral principle that we are taught in the physical world; the same applies to the cyber world too.





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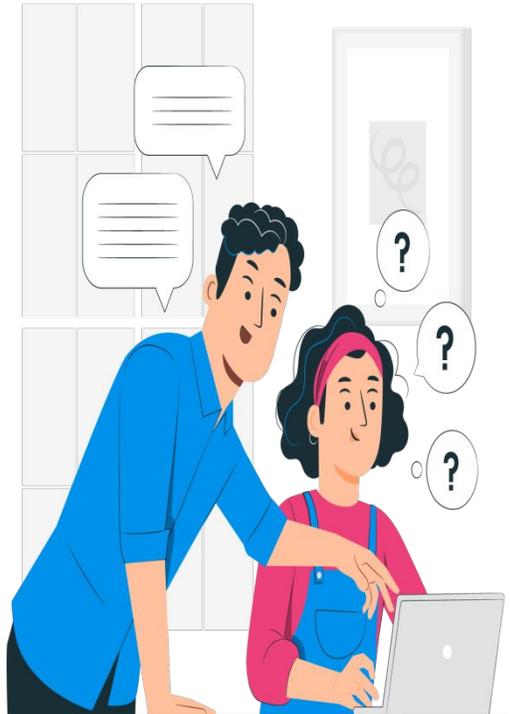
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You should take guidance of concerned authority like parent/ teacher/administrator, while downloading apps or exploring unknown territories on internet

- Caution needs to be exercised while accessing internet to avoid possible threats like malware attacks, phishing etc.,





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You should browse only secured sites and avoid restricted sites which are not age appropriate on internet



- Unsecured sites may lead to security threats like identity theft, spam messages, phishing attacks etc.,



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You should only spend limited time on internet and ensure your productivity is not affected.

- Unlimited screen time leads to digital addiction and several other health hazards.





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You should not believe everyone you meet on internet and everything you see posted on internet

- Internet is a virtual space and all that you see online is not true.





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Developers should be able to assess broader, societal impacts of content, services, software being made available by them



- **Privacy, accuracy, accessibility, and effects on quality of life** must be considered in developing and delivering computer software systems.



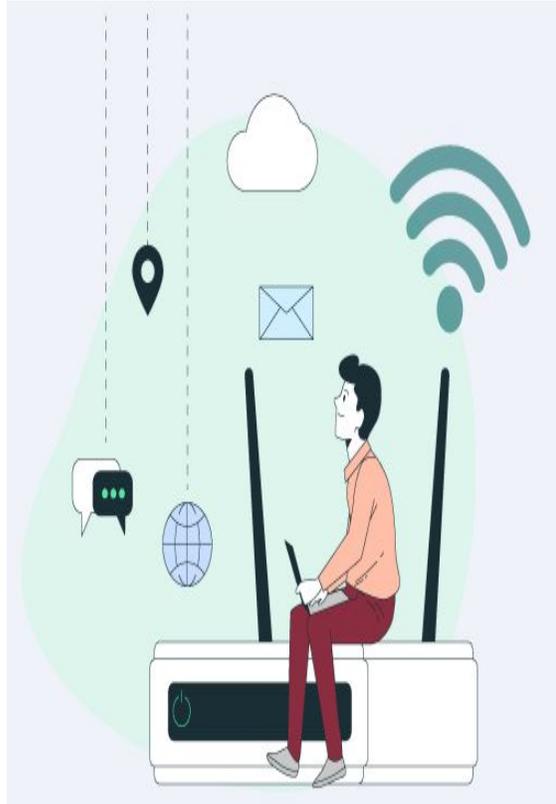
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Importance



- Wards off technology misuse
- Sets acceptable guidelines for online behavior
- Steers social conduct and individual interactions
- Lays strong foundation for building a healthy online community



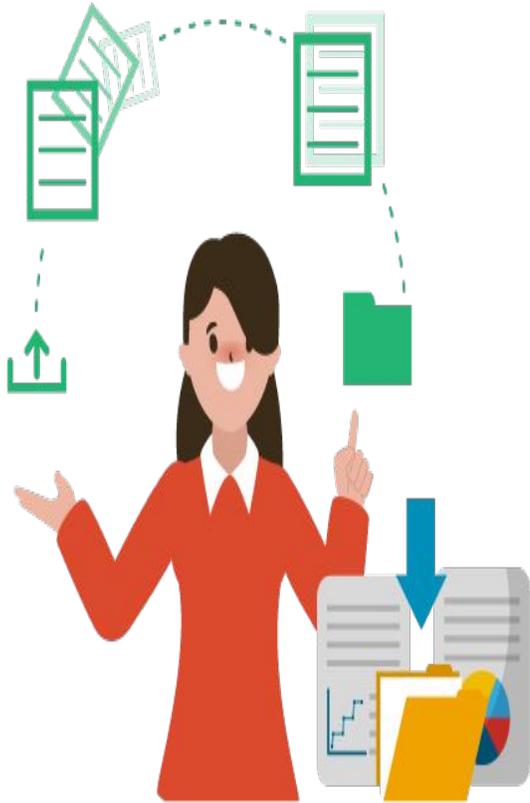
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Advantages



- Promotes responsible online transactions
- Encourages considerate and kind online behavior
- Decreased cyber frauds and crimes
- Effectively handles root cause of privacy and security issues
- Helps build safe and healthy online community
- Supports the law enforcing agencies and security systems in effective implementation



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Summary

- **Respect privacy of others and self**
 - Do not share your sensitive personal information
 - Do not misuse personal information or others
 - Discourage any misuse of personal information
- **Value accuracy**
 - Verify authenticity of what you see online
 - Do not spread any fake news/ information
 - Do not forward and discourage spread of fake information





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- **Be kind, considerate & trustworthy while online**
 - Do not use bad language and bad behavior
 - Accept internet as global village
 - Discourage acts of cyber bullying and trolling
 - Avoid using copyrighted content
- **Be wise and prudent while using internet**
 - Limit screen time and follow healthy balance
 - Restrict your social media presence
 - Do not tag anyone without their consent
 - Do not believe everything you see online





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Ethics is knowing the difference
between what you have a right to
do and what is right to do.

— *Potter Stewart* —

**Follow internet ethics to ensure
Safe, Conducive and Vibrant Cyber Space**

Thank you