Codes of Ethics:
From ACM to IFIP to FIPA

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Creating a Code of Ethics

• SIG 9.2.2 Special Interest Group on Framework on Ethics of Computing:
  • Task to create IFIP CoE
  • Came to conclusion: Not doable

• Don Gotterbarn as new Chair
  • Claim: Not true that internationally acceptable CoE impossible!
ACM CoE

• Wide range of participants from several countries (though US/UK dominant)
  • E.g. US, UK, Finland (yours truly), India [1]
• First, look at previous ACM CoE
• Then create a new code, modify multiple rounds
• Accept at ACM
IFIP CoE

• Heavily based on ACM CoE
• After suitable modifications, brought to IP3, and from there to General Assembly
• Accepted as new, international IFIP CoE → Don proven right!
• All around the world, IT Professionals have, in regard to IT development, very similar values
• Testing, privacy, equality, harm reduction, etc.
FIPA code?

• Current CoE very generic
• New CoE, based on the ACM/IFIP CoE gone through item-by-item by FIPA Ethics Group and Accepted
• Taken to FIPA CEO, who approved the new project
• Current status:
  • Professional translation done
  • Needs to be verified by group of IT professionals
  • Lest something be ”lost in translation”
  • This currently under work, but delayed due to COVID-19
Next steps for FIPA

- After "lost in translation" exercise is over:
  - Translate/create Case Studies in Finnish

- Look into Proactive CARE to help professionals:
  - Consider
  - Analyze
  - Review
  - Evaluate

- [https://ethics.acm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Proactive-CARE-for-Computing-Professionals.pdf](https://ethics.acm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Proactive-CARE-for-Computing-Professionals.pdf)
[1] ACM CoE developing team

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