

Initial Perspectives, Johnson's Responses

Answer these questions briefly:

1. *What is ethics?*

The evaluation of arguments, reasons, and theories that justify morality.

Exploring what humans beings ought to do.

2. *What is ethical Computer Science?*

Professional ethics is strongly differentiated,
the role gives the role-holder special powers and responsibilities.

Computer professionals owe a responsibility to their field and to society.

Following the code of ethics for the profession.

3. *What are some major issues in Computer Ethics?*

professional ethics
privacy
free speech
property rights
accountability
social values

4. *What is unique about Computer Ethics as opposed to regular ethical behavior?*

new entities: programs, software, microchips, web sites, video games
massive scale, power and pervasiveness
new kinds of knowledge
new levels of complexity and unreliability
new instrumentation for new types of human action
virtuality