

CHAPTER OVERVIEW

12: The Ethical and Legal Implications of Information System

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this chapter, you will be able to:

- Describe what the term information systems ethics means;
- Explain what a code of ethics is and describe the advantages and disadvantages;
- Define the term intellectual property and explain the protections provided by copyright, patent, and trademark
- Describe what Creative Commons is and be able to identify what the different licenses mean.
- Describe the challenges that information technology brings to individual privacy.

The rapid changes in all the components of information systems in the past few decades have brought a broad array of new capabilities and powers to governments, organizations, and individuals alike. This chapter will discuss the effects that these new capabilities have had and the legal and regulatory changes that have been put in place in response, and what ethical issues organizations and IT communities need to consider in using or developing emerging solutions and services that regulations are not fully developed.

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