

ACM Committee on Professional Ethics Endorsement of the Pledge of the Computing Professional

The ACM Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) endorses the Pledge of the Computing Professional (“the Pledge”). The Pledge supports professional responsibility in computing and can help raise consciousness about the ethical responsibilities of those entering the computing profession. The ACM supports “computing as a science and a profession,” and the Pledge serves both as a personal affirmation and a public reminder of the significance of computing professionals acting responsibly. The Pledge and its associated activities serve as a concrete reminder of the responsibility to all those affected by a professional’s decisions as described in both the ACM General Code of Ethics and the ACM/IEEE-CS Software Engineering Code of Ethics and Professional Practice.

The process of taking the Pledge in a group helps students realize that they are not alone in trying to be ethical in their profession. The pin and certificate serve as reminders of their ethical obligations and as a public statement to others about the importance of professional responsibility. COPE encourages ACM members to become involved in Pledge ceremonies.

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