

# ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

**THE CODE** represents ACM's commitment to promoting the highest professional and ethical standards, and makes it incumbent on all **ACM Members** to:

- ◆ Contribute to society and human well-being.
- ◆ Avoid harm to others.
- ◆ Be honest and trustworthy.
- ◆ Be fair and take action not to discriminate.
- ◆ Honor property rights including copyrights and patent.
- ◆ Give proper credit for intellectual property.
- ◆ Respect the privacy of others.
- ◆ Honor confidentiality.

And as **computing professionals**, every **ACM Member** is also expected to:

- ◆ Strive to achieve the highest quality, effectiveness and dignity in both the process and products of professional work.
- ◆ Acquire and maintain professional competence.
- ◆ Know and respect existing laws pertaining to professional work.
- ◆ Accept and provide appropriate professional review.
- ◆ Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks.
- ◆ Honor contracts, agreements, and assigned responsibilities.
- ◆ Improve public understanding of computing and its consequences.
- ◆ Access computing and communication resources only when authorized to do so.

