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UNIT – I

Topic: Computer Ethics

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What is an Ethical Issue?

- Situations where moral values and principles are in conflict.
- Involves questions of right and wrong.

Important of Ethics

- Guides behavior in professional and personal life.

- Helps maintain trust and integrity.

- Ensures fairness and justice.

Common Ethical Issues

- Conflict of Interest

- Privacy and Confidentiality

- Discrimination

- Honesty and Integrity

- Corporate Social Responsibility

How to Identify Ethical Issues

- **Step 1:** Recognize the situation.

- **Step 2:** Determine who is affected.

- **Step 3:** Analyze conflicting values or principles.

- **Step 4:** Consider potential consequences.

- **Step 5:** Evaluate alternative actions.

- Example: A company discovers a product defect. Should they recall it?

- Stakeholders: Customers, company, employees.

- Ethical dilemma: Public safety vs. financial loss.

- Possible resolution: Transparency and recall for safety.