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Professional Responsibility

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An ABET requirement

- Teaching professional responsibility – appropriate professional conduct – is an accreditation requirement for our program
- It begins in the classroom, and much of it is common sense – such as the red italicized sentence in CSE's "Academic Misconduct Policy"

- As your instructor, I have professional responsibilities too
  - for example, I must maintain an appropriate learning environment
- And you have some complementary responsibilities
  - for example, if you feel that I'm treating a student disrespectfully, you need to raise this with me, or with the undergraduate advisors, or with the department chair
  - *because if you don't, then the next time, it might be you!*

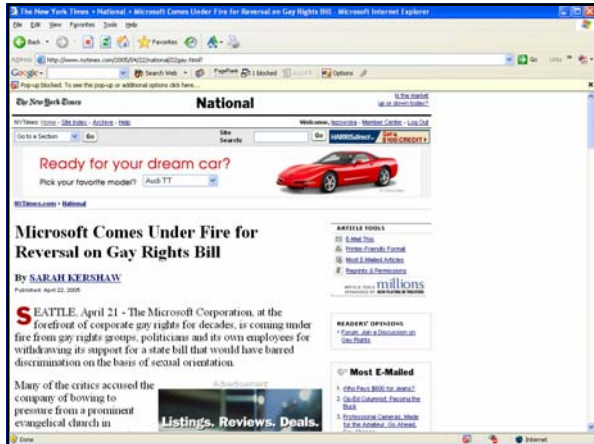## A mix of non-technical and technical

- Every professional code of conduct with which I'm familiar includes a mix of non-technical and technical elements
- E.g., the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
  - *1.4 Be fair and take action not to discriminate*
  - *2.5 Give comprehensive and thorough evaluations of computer systems and their impacts, including analysis of possible risks*

Discrimination

- Discrimination is wrong
- Failure to take a firm public stand against discrimination is wrong
- No amount of tap-dancing will change this
- ***The next time, it might be you!***