Chapter 3: Moral Methodology and Information Technology

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What I expect to learn: I expect to learn the definition and what moral methodology is all about and I also want to know and learn its relation to information technology.

Quote: "Ethics has seen notable changes in the course of the past 100 years."

Review: The chapter talks about computer ethics. Based on the text computer ethics "studies moral questions" and computer ethics is a professional ethics. It is a universal technology and IT is not just about computers, networks or other electronically devices. It is also about information we should be careful of what the information technology has and we should be careful on how to morally use it. Like information technology that has computers and internets are used for business and education and for social purposes but some people are doing it for their pleasure like using it to watch porn's and do adult web chats and for me that is immoral because they are not using the internet wisely and they are doing it for their own good and pleasure. Like on the text it stated that "we need to give computer and software their place in our moral world" and I don't think using it for pornography is in that world at all. The chapter also talks about applied ethics which how ethics is revolving around the world for around 100 years now. It also talks about generalism which is about the moral thought and the moral principles of morality in relation to ethics and morality and also particularism which talks about the people of particularism which are called particularlist where they search for moral values and talk about what they're valid principles is all about and the objections about particularism which is the theories and the black boxes which is related in a person's moral life.

What I have learned:

1. I learned that we should be careful on how we are going to use IT.
2. We should respect the uses of IT.
3. Computer ethics is a professional ethics because it is an ethics that studies the theories and problems that can related to business persons and educators.
4. Particularism has two objections which is the theories and the black boxes.
5. The one who studies Particularism are called Particularist.

Integrative Questions:

1. What is the relation of Generalism to Particularism?
2. Why are people using IT particularly the use of internet for their own pleasure?
3. Why should we relate computer ethics to morality or moral ethics?
4. What is the relation of applied ethics to Generalism and Particularims?
5. Why does the Particularism have two objections?