

Ethical Standards Contract

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Ethics is one of the most important characteristics of a Computing professional. We are trusted members of any organization with granted powers that allow us access to confidential and private information and parameters. Our responsibility is enormous.

From a software security perspective, DayZero will present topics that can be used for “good” or “bad” purposes at the discretion of the user. It is our responsibility to learn about and use the skills, knowledge, techniques, and tools in a positive and professional manner. In order to create software that is robust and resilient to attack, a computing professional must first understand the ways in which software can be compromised and how software defects can be turned into vulnerabilities that are exploited for malicious purposes. Toward that end, understanding how the tools and techniques of exploitation are used is part of that learning process. Ethics requires that the knowledge of how software can be compromised does not lead to the loss of confidentiality, integrity, or availability of other software applications or computer systems in the real world.

Any member found using the tools, techniques, and methodologies taught/studies in this group against computer, networks, and software applications not specified by this group will be in violation of the ethical standards of this group. As a member in this group you will need to agree to, sign, and follow the following ethics contract.

As a member of DayZero, I promise to:

1. Use the tools and techniques of this group in an ethical manner and limit their use to specified networks, computer systems, and software applications as outlined by the organization and its Sponsor.
2. Maintain confidentiality and privacy of any and all information discovered during the analysis of networks, software artifacts, or computer applications as outlined by the organization and its Sponsor.
3. Be vigilant in the monitoring the level of ethics by colleagues during the conduct of this group. Ethics demands that you not only have a high personal standard but demand the same from your peers.
4. Bring to the attention of the Sponsor of the group any ethical concern or issue that might arise during the operation of this group which may not be covered by this contract.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Violation of the terms of this contract may result in failure and/or dismissal from DayZero and in extreme incidences, may result in University disciplinary and/or legal actions.