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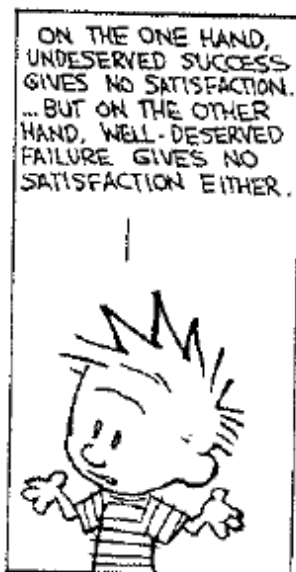
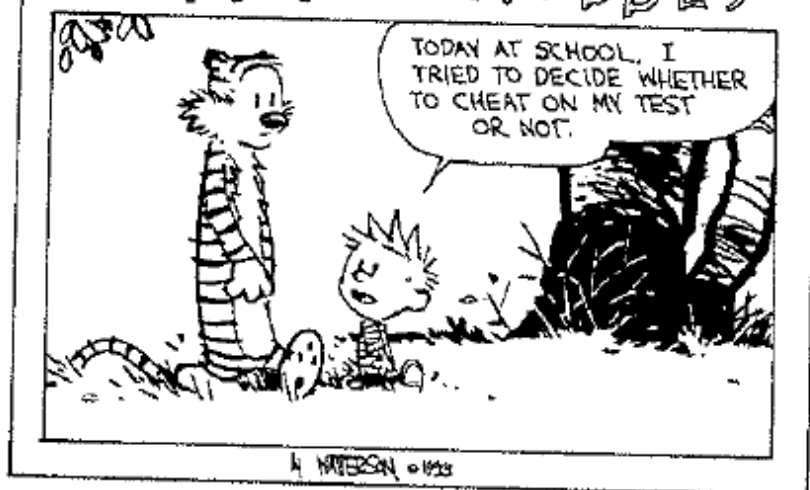
Information Ethics

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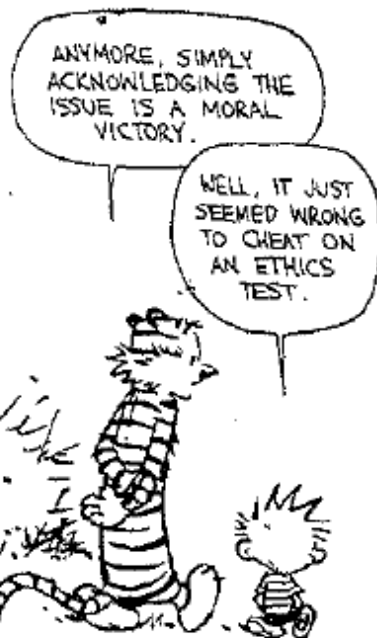
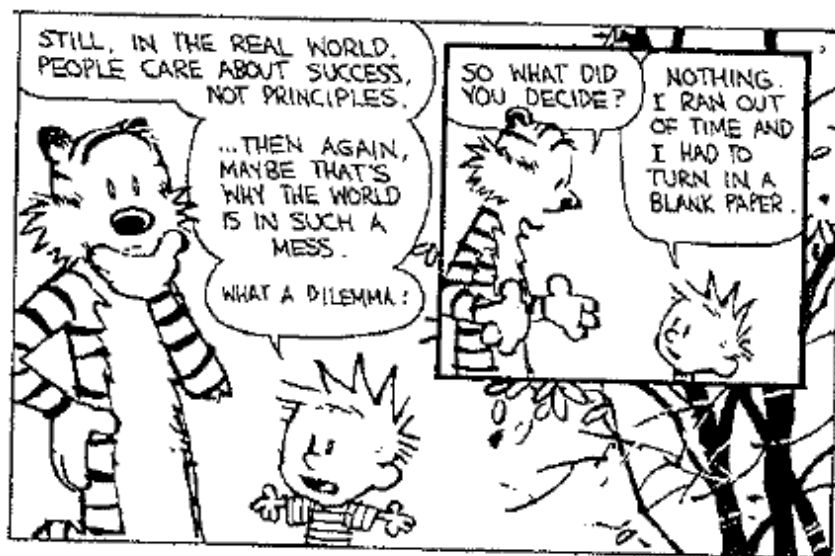
Introduction to Information Science

calvin and hobbes



THEN I THOUGHT, LOOK, CHEATING ON ONE LITTLE TEST ISN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL. IT DOESN'T HURT ANYONE.

...BUT THEN I WONDERED IF I WAS JUST RATIONALIZING MY UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCE OF NOT STUDYING.



Ethics

- Goal: Increasing “utility”
 - Natural rights
 - Life, property, ...
 - Liberties (“negative rights”)
 - Free speech, right to work, ...
 - Obligations (“positive rights”)
 - Education, health care, clean water, ...
- Method: Rules (of thumb?)
 - The same rules apply to everyone
 - Consider everyone’s interests
 - ...

Some Topics

- Microfinance
- Official Secrets Act
- MOOCs
- Endangered languages