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Responsiveness and Responsibility: New Moral Dimensions in the Net?

The realization of moral claims in decision making and action depends on true knowledge. This seems to be a truism. It is at least intuitively clear that every instance of moral action presupposes reliable information. Instead of continuing the metaethical debate about the nature of morality I'll ask whether the Net will ever be able to offer morally relevant knowledge. So far it offers lots of information but also a multitude of immoral options not worth being mentioned here but worth being prosecuted.

The Net will be able to offer morally relevant information as soon as it is able to answer questions. So far the Net works like an encyclopedia which offers information about names of all sorts. It is unable to combine information from different fields, e.g. biology and medicine, in order to answer questions or to solve problems. As soon as the gaps between different fields of knowledge can be closed the Net will have acquired a new moral dimension. It will be able to help solving health problems and to answer questions which are relevant for the individual well-being.

The new moral dimension will be opened as soon as well known ontological principles are used to structure the information in the Net. It's ontology which enables scientists to close the gap between different fields of knowledge.

The exchange of knowledge will reach a new dimension. It will make morally relevant knowledge available to everybody and help to improve the social conditions.

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