Reading questions for:
Alison Adam, *Gender and Computer Ethics.*
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1. Is gender diversity (or lack there-of) really an ethical problem in the IT professions? What does Adam think is the cause of the lack of Women in IT professions and why does she feel that it is important? What do you think is the cause(s)?

2. Morality plays a big part in some of the decisions that we, as Computer Scientists, make. Is it possible to say that one sex approaches morality/ethical questions differently than another? How does Adam feel that Ethical diversity can be beneficial to the field of CS/IT? What determines what action is ethical and which action is not? Does morality have some connection to environment and upbringing and there-for is not necessarily comparable across people? What relation do you think the morality of Men vs. Women has to the gender diversity in the CS/IT professions? Why does Adam think that the morality of Men vs. Women is important?

3. What are the problems that Adam identifies with modern Gender and Ethics studies within the fields of Computer Science and Information Technology? What does she concede in identifying these problems? Do impact do these concessions (if any) have on her argument?

4. Does Adam feel that these problems are solvable? If so, how does she propose we go about solving them?