Do values have a place in the design of information systems? Are the technologies around us value free, and if not, how do values insert themselves into the design of computer artifacts? If practitioners in computing will have to confront values in the design process, are we educating them to face this challenge? I argue that values are pervasive, unavoidable, and even necessary. Profession organizations and educators have taken steps to recognize this fact, but much more work needs to be done. I’ll sketch out some strategies for addressing the challenge posed by the presence of values in technology design, and hope to provoke a fruitful and interesting discussion.

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