Writing Assignment 3: Social Implications of Computing Technology

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Due: August 1, 2006 by the start of class

1 Introduction

In this course we have discussed a wide variety of issues that relate traditional frameworks of ethics to modern technological issues. However, there are multitudes of issues that we have not had the time to discuss in the classroom. For your final paper, choose one of these issues and examine it in a fashion similar to that which we have done in class.

2 Requirements

Your paper should consist of the following parts:

- An introduction including any necessary background information

- A description of the various issues and sides

- An application of at least one ethical framework to analyze the problem

- Your opinion and conclusion on the issue

Your intended audience is your peers in Computer Science, however not necessarily having taken this class.

3 Presentation

For the final class, on Thursday, August 3, 2006, every student will present his or her topic summarily condensed into a 8 to 10 minute presentation. Visual aids are welcome but not required. In this time you will present the background and various sides of your issue, and a short statement on your position backed up by an argument based in an ethical framework.

4   Topic Selection

By Tuesday, July 18, 2006, you should send me an email with your proposed topic for approval.

5   Suggestions and Style

Please remember that anything that is not common knowledge or your opinion must be cited appropriately. Please make sure that if your source is a web page, that it is trustworthy. The outcome of the first assignment is that no Wikipedia or Encyclopedia reference will be accepted.

6   Requirements

This assignment should be no less than 10 pages and no more than 12 pages in length. You should exclude the bibliography from the page count.

When done, submit a `.zip` file containing your `.pdf`, source `.tex` and `.bib` files by uploading them to your UNIX account and copying them to:

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