CSCI 328 Ethical Issues in Computer Science Fall 2013

News Guidelines

Each week, one student will be assigned to find a technology news story with an ethical component. The student will write up a short summary of the news story and topic and briefly present it to the class. Presentations will be at the beginning of class, typically on Fridays.

1. News article:

Find a news article relating to technology with an ethical component (e.g. privacy rights, intellectual property rights, moral decisions and implications of certain actions, professional ethics, online crime, etc). You must find an article from a respected news source--i.e. the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Boston Globe, the Guardian, the BBC, etc. You may use opinion pieces published in these papers, however you should also find a news article related to the opinion piece. You may not use blogs, random articles you find on the internet, Wikipedia, etc.

Ideally your article should come from the current week's news, however if there is not much available for your week, you may find something from the previous year. You may not use a topic that someone else has already presented (unless something occurs to put a new spin on it).

2. Write a summary of your article and its ethical implications. Your summary should be about 1 page, double spaced. Include citations of where the article(s) was(were) published, including author (if available), title, media source, date, and web address (URL).

3. Be prepared to give a brief (5 minutes or so) presentation of your article/topic and what ethical issues it brings up.