Ethics 328
Fall 2013

Presentation Guidelines
For your presentation you will be expected to run the class on your assigned date. In general your topic will be the one we will be covering on that date, however you may choose a different topic (subject to my approval) if there is something else you would like to learn about.

Choice of specific topic.
You are expected to pick a sub-topic within the broad subject area of your assignment. You may base your class session on a particular current events issue that has been reported in newspapers or magazines or you may base your topic on articles about the topic that you find through a web or library search.

Research before the presentation.
You must research your topic ahead of time.

If you are using a newspaper article as the basis for your topic, you must supplement that with at least 2 other sources that give different points of view, or with articles about the subject from an authoritative source (e.g. a peer-reviewed journal article or a reading from a published book).

If you are researching a specific topic, you must use at least 2 good sources, such as a peer-reviewed article or reading from a published book.

Meetings before the presentation.
1) Pre-Meeting (10 points): Set up an appointment with me at least one week before this pre-meeting. At this meeting we will discuss your ideas for your topic and class activities. You should already have done some research, and have at least one reading (the more research you have done, the better) on your topic when you come to meet with me. You should also have an idea about what you will do for the class activity. The more you have thought these through, the better this meeting will go.

2) Ready-Meeting (20 points): This meeting will be one or two days before your presentation date. You will be expected to have all aspects of the class prepared. You will give a practice oral presentation and we will go over your plans and materials for the class activity.

Parts of the presentation.
1) Oral presentation (15 - 20 minutes) (20 points): Describe the issue or topic you researched. In your description you should describe the background of the technical issue and the ethical problem presented by the topic. You can also describe an analysis of how to resolve the ethical issues according to ethical theories. Make sure both people in your pair (or trio) give part of the presentation--try to divide it up equally.

2) Class activitie(s) (20 - 25 minutes minutes) (20 points): This is where you can be creative. Design an activity to engage your classmates in the particular issue at hand. Some examples of such activities are:

a) Lead the class in a guided discussion of the issue. Guide the group in the dialectic and in determining ethical actions according to different ethical theories.
b) Hold a debate on the pros and cons of a given policy or action. Divide the class into two groups and have each group develop an argument (one pro and one con). Moderate a debate between the two groups.
c) Develop a role-playing exercise that involves the class. Give them a problem that they must solve as a group, with different people playing different roles. Work with them to establish their character's typical behavior and have them act out the scenario. Discuss whether people in the role-play made ethical decisions.
d) Make up your own activity (subject to my approval).

3) Wrap up and feedback (5 - 10 minutes) We will talk about the class and what worked well and what could be improved.

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Student Presentations.

Each pair of students will lead one class session. You will be expected to meet with me one week ahead of time to discuss your ideas for your presentation and activities. You will then meet with me a day or two before your assigned session to go over your prepared presentation and plans. Your topic may be the one given (which we will be discussing in class) or one of you own choosing (if approved by me).

Presentation Dates:

1. Wednesday September 18: Ethics in IT societies
        Pre-meeting: Wed or Thurs Sept 11 or 12
        Ready meeting: Mon Sept 16

2. Wednesday October 2: Privacy
        Pre-meeting: Wed or Thurs Sept 25 or 26
        Ready meeting: Mon Sept 30

3. Wednesday October 9: Intellectual Property
        Pre-meeting: Wed or Thurs Oct 2 or 3
        Ready meeting: Mon Oct 7

4. Wednesday November 6: Online Crime
        Pre-meeting: Wed or Thurs Oct 30 or 31
        Ready meeting: Mon Nov 4

5. Wednesday November 20: Professional Ethics
        Pre-meeting: Wed or Thurs Nov 13 or 14
        Ready meeting: Mon Nov 18