

Final Research Paper *COEN-288*

Maintaining the University theme of *Globalization* this year, the major thematic of your *final research paper* assignment will be to focus on the ethical aspects of “Global” Software issues.

Over half of the class originates from a country other than the U.S. Those people may choose to investigate a Software issue in the country of their origin and discuss how those may affect “Global” issues.

The paper may address any software issue, but should concentrate on the Ethical issues involved in the particular software issue.

You may perhaps pick a particular case, that you are familiar with, and analyze that, or just address a topic in general. There are numerous issues arising from the production of software in one location, the integration of it in another, and the use of it in yet a third location. Are there ethical issues which are indigenous to a particular country, yet viewed differently elsewhere? Are there ethical issues in the economics of software development, marketing, sales? Forensic use of software? Ethical issues in the medical use of Software? You may also consider managerial issues involved in Software. Encryption software? Web filtering software? Data mining and privacy software? Database mosaic software? Network Security software? *Etc. etc. etc.*

This paper should be an analytical essay, i.e., an in-depth discussion that also defends a particular position. *Defending a particular position* implies looking at the moral issue from a number of different ethical perspectives and providing a reasoned approach for your decision.

This paper must utilize *at least two* high quality academic sources outside of the required readings. The course textbooks and suggested readings will help you identify appropriate sources (e.g., the journals that originally published the articles, footnoted material, and lists of supplementary reading), and may contain non-assigned readings pertinent to your topic.

This paper should be consistent with University guidelines for research papers. Both form and content are important for the success of this assignment. The research paper shall utilize HTML as the presentation medium. Correct spelling, grammar, and citation of sources are expected.

Please see <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/contents.html> for proper methods of citing references. (Please use the *Note* style of endnote, and provide an HTML link for each citation to the endnote).

This paper should be 7-10 pages in length, or if you are concerned about formatting, 2500-3000 words.

An outline of your paper is to be posted to the website by 11:59PM on May 29. The paper is due by 11:59PM on June 10.

N.B. The naming convention for each of these postings is:

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