

MISSION 2 – ETHICS ON THE USE OF IT

BACKGROUND

The impact of information technology on businesses, as well as the society at large, is quite well documented by popular news outlets.

SUMMARY

Evaluate reporting on issues that violate ethical principles concerning information technology in a business environment or social setting.

TASKS

- ☐ Select **one** of candidate ethical principles listed herein: the Golden Rule, Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative, or Utilitarian Principle.
 - **The Golden Rule:** Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. Putting yourself into the place of others, and thinking of yourself as the object of the decision, can help you think about fairness in decision making.
 - **Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative:** Ask yourself, "If everyone did this, could the organization, or society, survive?"
 - **Utilitarian Principle:** Take the action that achieves the higher or greater value. This rule assumes you can prioritize values in a rank order and understand the consequences of various course of action.
- ☐ Find **at least two** recent and substantial media articles (newspapers, magazines, websites) that describe issues on violating the ethical principle you chose.
- ☐ Provide a complete reference (follow APA or MLA citation guide), as well as a one-paragraph summary of the article.
- ☐ Evaluate the reporting in these articles.
 - Is the issue addressed clearly?
 - Does the writer appear to understand the information technology?
 - Is the impact of information technology on this issue described clearly?
 - Do you believe readers can obtain useful information from these articles?
- ☐ Clearly write this evaluation to follow the article summaries.

DELIVERABLE

☐ A document containing the article citations, summaries, and evaluation.
☐ File format: PDF or MS Word
☐ File name format: <i>yourlastname-Mission2</i>
☐ Submit file via the submission link in Blackboard
☐ Deadline: see Blackboard link for information

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Course Competencies Applied	Maximum Score
☐ IT skills	1
☐ IT concepts	2
☐ Intellectual capabilities	2