

CS 4001 Full Term Paper

Due:	April 13, 2017
Format	Approximately 8 pages of content and additional (1-2) pages of APA style references, single spaced, 12 point font
Logistics	Submit as a PDF (preferred) or as a Word document on TSquare
Grading criteria	Completeness
	Writing
	Quality of research
	Insight into computing and society issues
	Late policy applies
Grade	120 points (12% of your overall grade)

For your term paper, you will research an issue about computing and society that you are initially undecided about. In your paper, you will take a position on that issue and support that position. Your paper should be approximately eight pages long, without the references. You can borrow from the content you wrote in your proposal, and should use the outline you completed in a previous assignment (minor deviations are allowed). You can also add references to this final paper, on top of the ones you used in your paper outline.

Try to be balanced and fair in your presentation of evidence. You do not necessarily need to take a strong stance on the issue. If as you research you find you are really undecided, you may instead write about why there is currently not enough evidence available on your issue. You can review all the existing evidence, and in your conclusion outline what sort of empirical research would be desirable to fully understand the issue.

Insights in computing and society issues. By now, you would have had a good grasp of how computing technologies impact our social and personal lives. You are welcome to use any of the constructs (e.g., intellectual property, software code of ethics, or information privacy) or theories (e.g., the ethical theories) to unpack your arguments.

Quality of writing counts. Please try to make your prose clear and readable. Do not use overly formal language, but also do not use colloquialisms. Your textbooks are reasonable models for the desired writing style. Please also use the material we covered in the class about writing good arguments, e.g., with rhetorical tools (ethos, pathos, logos), by understanding and discussing the opposing stance on the issue, or by including grounds and warrants for your presented evidence.

To the greatest extent possible, all statements in your paper should be supported by appropriate references. If you include personal opinion or other sources of data (e.g., quotes of famous people or news media pieces), mark those clearly. Your bibliography should be in APA style. (See appendix of the Writing Arguments book.)

Please avoid citing the same reference over and over. Sometimes we get term papers that are essentially a summary of one source. This does not make a good paper. Students who include a variety of references as sources of their evidence will be rewarded.

Reference format. Please use APA format for all references. APA format is described in Appendix 2 of the Writing Arguments textbook, and also here: <http://www.apastyle.org/>.