

Class Presentations on Monday 2 November 2009 or Wednesday 4 November 2009

**To find your *assigned time slot*,
see the class schedule at <http://www.cs.kent.edu/~walker/classes/eth.f09/>**

**Grading: Total of 130 points, allocated with 5 points for Social & Ethical Issues,
75 points for writing, 50 points for professional practice**

In your assigned time slot, you must give a short technical summary of a topic of your choice from Chapter 6 in the class textbook. You are welcome to use only the material in that chapter, or to supplement with outside material. However, note that the Social and Ethical content is only worth 5 points out of 130, so you might not want to spend much time searching for additional material.

You will have a 10 minute time slot. You should speak, using projected electronic slides, for approximately 8 minutes, after which you should have 2 minutes to answer a short question or two. At 7 minutes into your talk, I will give you a 1-minute warning, and will stand up to cut you off at 8 minutes. To ensure that you can give your presentation within this time limit, you should practice your talk repeatedly, preferably speaking out loud as you do so. Your presentation counts 50 points toward the professional practice component of your grade.

The number of slides you should use varies with how much time you spend per slide, but a good starting point would be 6 slides. Then give the talk a few times, see how much time you are taking, and add or cut slides as necessary.

Create your slides using PowerPoint or some equivalent program. Follow the presentation guidelines from my recent class, which include using dark text on a light background, 32 point titles in a sans-serif font such as Aria, and 24 or 28 point bullet points in that same font. Your slides count 75 points toward the writing component of your grade

BEFORE 8:30am on your assigned presentation day, send your presentation to me electronically in .PPT or .PDF format, with your last name in the filename. Send the file via email to walker@cs.kent.edu with “Homework 5” as the subject of the email.

As before, I will reply to your email to confirm the receipt of your assignment.