CS 33006 — **Homework #9** — Social & Ethical Issues

Due electronically by 9:15am on Monday 14 December 2009

**Grading: Total of 200 points, allocated as
20 points for Social & Ethical Issues and 180 points for writing**

Read Section 3.5 Anonymity in "A Gift of Fire" by Sara Baase, as well as any supplemental material that you like from other sources, including the web.

Write an essay of 7-10 pages, which should:

1. Summarize the material in this section, including the use of anonymity on the Internet, the pros and cons of anonymity in that context, and the arguments for and against allowing such anonymity. Limit this summary to at most 3 pages of your text.

2. Find the "Blogger's Code of Conduct". Describe the incidents that led to the proposal of this code, and summarize the code. What are the free speech issues / concerns in blogging? What are the issues / concerns with respect to anonymity?

3. Should something like the Blogger's Code of Conduct apply to other social media such as Facebook, Myspace, or Twitter? Justify your answer.

Type your summary into a word processor such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, or Google Docs. Format the essay as you did for previous summaries / essays: use a 12 point font, double-space your text, do not add an extra line between paragraphs, and indent the first line of each paragraph. If you use any supplemental sources, cite your references.

Submit your written summary to me to me electronically in .DOC or .PDF format, with your last name in the filename. Send the file via email to walker@cs.kent.edu with "Homework 9" as the subject of the email.

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