

Due electronically by **10am on TUESDAY 23** November 2010

**Grading: 20 points for social & ethical content, 105 points for writing**

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Two topics recently considered in class are intellectual property and privacy, protected by the US Constitution under Article I and the Third Amendment, respectively. The recording industry and the software industry aggressively pursue flagrant copyright violations (e.g., lawsuits against those who are heavily sharing of copyrighted material using BitTorrent) yet some people argue that doing so is a violation of their privacy.

Write an essay of 3-4 pages on this topic, plus a separate reference list described below, which analyzes both sides of this issue using the ethical systems studied in this class.

As you research this topic, keep track of your sources, and include a reference list on a separate page at the end of the essay (i.e., turn in 3-4 pages for the body of the essay, plus a separate page for the references). Use whatever source material you want, including the class textbook and the web. However, your reference materials must include at least three references beyond the class textbook, and of those three, at least one must not be available on the web.

Take care to cite your reference sources properly as they are quoted or used in your essay. You should also use a consistent style for the citations in your reference list. One sample citation style is described in a link from the class web page, but you are welcome to use any others that you are familiar with.

Type your essay into a word processor such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, or Google Docs. On a single line at the top of the first page, type “Homework 8” and your name. Save the file in .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF format, and use **your last name**, a dash, and “**Homework8**” as the name of the file – e.g., “Walker-Homework8.doc”.

Stay within the page limit mentioned above, and format the essay in the usual manner: Use a 12 point font, and double-space your text. Do not add an extra line between paragraphs, but indent the first line of each paragraph. (The text of this paragraph does not follow these guidelines!)

Submit the .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF file containing your essay to me electronically, via email to [walker@cs.kent.edu](mailto:walker@cs.kent.edu) or [rawalke1@kent.edu](mailto:rawalke1@kent.edu) with “Homework 8” as the subject of the email. I will reply to your email to confirm the receipt of your assignment.