

**Class Presentations on Tuesday 29 March 2011, Thursday 31 March 2011,
Tuesday 5 April 2011, or Thursday 7 April 2011**

→ **see the class schedule at <http://www.cs.kent.edu/~walker/classes/eth.s11/>** ←

**Grading: Total of 100 points, allocated with 10 points for Social & Ethical Issues,
30 points for writing (slide style),
and 60 points for professional practice (presentation delivery)**

In your assigned time slot, you must give a short technical summary on your assigned topic from Chapters 4 or 6 in the class textbook. You are welcome to give a broad overview of that topic, or to concentrate more in depth on a single topic. You are welcome to use only the material in that section of the text, or to supplement with outside material. However, note that the Social and Ethical content is only worth **10 points** out of the total 100 points, 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 (“yellow light”), and will stand up to cut you off at 8 minutes (“red light”) so that you have 2 minutes to answer questions.

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. The delivery of your presentation counts **60 points** toward the professional practice component of your grade.

The number of slides that you should use varies with how much time you spend per slide, but a good starting point would be 8 slides, or at least a maximum of 12 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 class on Thursday 3 March 2011, which include using dark text on a light background, 32 point titles in a sans-serif font such as Arial, and 22 or 24 point bullet points in that same font. Be consistent in your font size, bold facing, capitalization, and use of punctuation. The presentation and writing on your slides counts **30 points** toward the writing component of your grade.

BEFORE 8:30am on your assigned presentation day, send your presentation to me electronically in .PPT, .PPTX, or .PDF format. On the first page of the presentation, along with the title of the presentation, include your name. Save the file in .PPT, .PPTX, or .PDF format, and use **your last name**, a dash, and “**Homework6**” as the name of the file – e.g., “Walker-Homework6.pptx”. Submit that file to me electronically, via email to walker@cs.kent.edu or rawalke1@kent.edu with “Homework 6” as the subject of the email. I will reply to your email to confirm the receipt of your assignment.

Since I will have a copy of your presentation before the class, you are welcome to use my laptop to project your slides, or you can bring in your own laptop and use it instead.