

CSCE 390 Summer 2016

HW1

Assigned Tuesday, 2016-05-10. Due Wednesday 2016-15-11

1. Mention three notable occurrences in the history of computing. Explain why these occurrences are particularly notable.
2. Give one example of an action that is legal but unethical and one example of an action that is illegal but ethical. Explain the reason for your choice in both cases.
3. Give an example of an ethical problem raised by computers or the internet. Your problem must be either new or greatly exacerbated by computers or the internet.
4. Do you agree that computer ethics is a separate and new field of study?
5. We discussed in class several characteristics of what it means to be human (autonomy, individuality, rationality, responsiveness, and creativity). Do you agree that these are characteristics of what it means to be human? If not, why not? Are there other characteristics that you would like to add?

Please type your answers. Keep your work to at most two pages.