HOMEWORK 2

COMP/SSFT 205

**What to hand in**

Please upload to MyGCC a Word document as described in the following section, due by midnight, February 5th

**The Assignment:**

Please read the article at the following URL

<https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/the-undeath-of-cinema>

After reading, write a short essay (500-1000 words) on the following:

Many arguments depend on implicit ethical or moral principles. As an example, someone might say, “The draft is immoral,” with the implicit underlying principle, “People should not be compelled to do things they do not wish to do.” What implicit moral principles do you see in this article? Don’t say, “You shouldn’t create digital copies of someone” – what principles lie behind that claim?

Consider the principles you’ve just described. What other implications do they have? What other interesting behavior would they suggest is unethical?

What do you think of the article as a whole? Is its argument compelling? Describe at least one strength and weakness of the article. Do you agree with it? Why?

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| **Category** | **Comments** | **Points Earned** | **Points Possible** |
| Identifies supporting ethical principles for the article. (Supports SO 4) |  |  | 15 |
| Identifies implications of the chosen principles. (Supports SO 4) |  |  | 10 |
| Thoroughly discusses the merits and weaknesses of the article. (Supports SO 3) |  |  | 15 |
| Paper is of an appropriate length (multiplier). |  |  | x1 |
| TOTAL |  |  | 40 |

Each category will be judged either

* Effectively correct (100%)
* Largely correct (80%)
* Somewhat correct (50%)
* Largely incorrect (20%)
* Incorrect or missing (0%)