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# Introduction

In this assignment we were asked to give our own examples of the ten commandments of computer ethics, as well as give examples of each and possible improvements or shortcoming. According to Techspirited (2020), the ten commandments are there to give instructions on how to use computers ethically. Computer ethics is a philosophy of ethical values, these values should be adhered by every computer user.

Each commandment is explained in the next part of the paper.

# Thou shalt not use a computer to harm other people.

In simple terms a user should not use computers in ways that can harm other people. This is not limited to injury that is physical but includes corrupting or harming other user’s data of files. This commandment revolves around users not using a computer to steal other individuals’ personal information.

Looking form an ethical perspective, destroying or manipulating files of other users are wrong,

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# Conclusion

In this assignment we were asked to identify a severe security threat to any aspect of NWU’s IT infrastructure. I decided to focus on theft of data files and compiled a security plan, business continuity plan and a risk analysis.

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