

Professional Ethics in Computing: Seminar 6

In this seminar, we explore computer privacy issues.

Step 1. Your team will be randomly assigned one of the 11 computer privacy issues (Baase 2013):-

- A. Intentional use or release
- B. Unauthorised use or release
- C. Inadvertent leakage or careless loss
- D. Search query data
- E. Re-identification of individuals
- F. Smartphone data
- G. Massive data storage (i.e., the cloud)
- H. Complexity of software
- I. Surveillance and recognition
- J. Unintended use
- K. Difficult to control or protect



Step 2. Your team will use the internet to research the topic and find one news story or article related to this type of computer privacy issue, and discuss the aspects of this example.

Step 3. Your team will prepare 2-3 slides describing the news story or article, considering the following questions:-

- What happened?
- Who did it affect (negatively)? Or, who could it have affected?
- Why do you think it is of the type assigned to your team in step 1?
- Were there any laws that protected against the privacy issue?
- Does the issue relate to the BCS Code of Conduct? If so, which parts?
- How could the issue/problem perhaps have been prevented?

If you do not fully understand the type you have been assigned, or any other aspect of the assignment, please put ask!