

CIS150 - Fundamentals of Information Systems
Spring Semester 2010

Assignment 3 - Case of the Killer Robot (50 points)

This third assignment is intended to be done individually by each student, not collaboratively. To begin with, either read the accompanying PDF or click on the following URL to review the Case of the Killer Robot from the Online Ethics Center:

<http://www.onlineethics.org/Resources/Cases/killerrobot.aspx>

Next, take another look at pages 2-10 of the *Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools* document that has been linked into Blackboard at the top of the **Assignments > Writing References** folder as a reminder of some of the key elements of Critical Thinking. You might also want to briefly review the associated presentation and visit the UofL link for the Critical Thinking model, aka [Paul-Elder Framework](#).

The key objective here is to respond to each of the following:

- Identify the one single character in this case that you believe is most responsible for the death of Bart Mathews and fully explain your reasoning why
- Identify the one single character in this case that you believe is least responsible for the death of Bart Mathews and thoroughly explain your rationale

Begin your essay by creating an outline centered on these two perspectives and then organize your thoughts before you actually start writing the essay. Develop your summary using full sentences organized into paragraphs. Provide about a page for each of the required responses. Please note that you should not discuss any "legal" responsibility that may be involved. Instead, you should write about the "ethical dilemma" of how the actions of each character portrayed in this case affected the overall outcome (i.e., the death of Bart). Be creative in your thought processes and writing!

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Your essay must include a cover page similar to that shown above. Be sure to replace the text and italicized parenthesis with the requested information. Also, provide a footing with course and section, case title, and page number. The body of your document should be at least one (1), but no more than two (2) full pages (not including the required cover page) of content. It should be written using a Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and 1" margins all the way around.

Be sure to save your completed document with a file name that begins with your first and middle initial(s), then your last name, followed by a dash, and finally the text string "Assignment-3" before the ".docx" or ".doc" file extension, denoting Microsoft Word. You will then need to convert your final draft to a PDF document format using the respective Microsoft Office 2007 Add-In, Adobe Acrobat, or freeware utility such as [PrimoPDF](#). Finally, post your finished PDF file directly into Blackboard using the respective **Submit Work Here** folder item for grading by the due date specified in the Schedule.

Note: This assignment is due by Monday, March 29th at 11:30pm (not Sunday as originally specified).