

In our topic, online learning vs traditional learning for university students the benefits and drawbacks of each type of learning. Both will be deeply evaluated and reflected on the significance of the opportunities, risk and choices. Online learning has more variety compared to traditional learning being more fixed.

Online learning comes with many benefits but of course alongside it has some drawbacks. The benefit of online learning allow individuals like students or teachers to be more flexible as the convenience of having the internet is at your fingertips. This gives more people the opportunity to have access to resources they were about to get due to in real life obstacles. Examples of this was during the COVID-19 pandemic, this caused many setback like isolation. “In March 2020, faculty and students were forced to shift the learning platform through online platform such as MS-Team, Google Classroom, or Zoom due to the worldwide lockdown during COVID.”<sup>1</sup> This was a pandemic that strengthen the use of online learning proving the true benefits of online learning. But due to the major use of online learning it came with several drawbacks, this included with the absence of social interaction, complications with technology, and the constant appearance of distractions. An example of how this effected students was shown saying, “Some students are opposed to change and view online instruction negatively. These students may be technophobes, more comfortable with sitting in a classroom taking notes than sitting at a computer absorbing data. Other students may value face-to-face interaction, pre and post-class discussions, communal learning, and organic student-teacher bonding (Royal and Jordan, 2004). They may see the Internet as an impediment to learning.”<sup>2</sup> Even before covid this was an experiment that proved online learning was not for everyone.

For individuals to navigate complex issues like privacy, data security, and the responsible use of technology, ethical guidelines are crucial. The study of computer ethics involves analyzing the ethical implications of technology within the context of established frameworks and professional codes of ethics. Technology is a complex subject as it consists of my things, but one important thing is the ethical implications. Personal information must be considered when protecting their privacy and data as it must be secured. The emphasis on accessibility also aims to make online learning accessible to learners from all backgrounds. Other crucial ethical issues include supporting your individual academic integrity and keeping appropriate behavior online. Example of these ethical implications being related to framework/s and professional code/s of ethics is by Securing student data, creating accessible platforms, cheating, closing the digital divide, and encouraging polite online discussion. By adhering by the ethical guidelines, online learning may provide a safe, friendly, and morally upright educational environment.

As a group we didn't learn much as a group due to communication, but personally I learnt a lot about our topic as the majority of the writing was done by me. I learnt that online learning is more half half being beneficial and negative compared to traditional learning. Personally, I prefer online learning as all its benefits suit me and what I like. Example of this is the Accessibility as AUT city campus is a journey and costly, due to me living far south Auckland. The issue we had was communication and who was doing what and if they were going to do anything. This issue was from the beginning, and no one really did anything besides me to take action. For example, with the presentation, I had to start it and do majority of the work with Olinda doing one slide “risk”. We communicated at the start what our pros and cons were for

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<sup>1</sup> <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13520-022-00148-z>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fcomp.2019.00007/full>

this project and unfortunately no one used their pros to their advantage as I did the writing, presenting and coding. A skill that needs to be improved is for the group to have more efficient communication. A way we could have done the assignment better is if each person actually did their part and what they had assigned instead of having one person do all of it. An ethical issue I personally felt was Leadership as I had to step forward to do most of the work when I feel everyone should've been leaders in their own things so that we can equally do each others works.

In conclusion, I feel as due to personal experiences and from online opinions/experiences it comes with my advantages, like flexibility and affordability. But although due to it greatness it may affect several people due to it having significant disadvantages, including a lack of social connection. And with online learning being so popular it is important to have systems that are ethically created including the safety of data being secured and privacy with individuals like students and teachers.