



# CSCI 215

## **Social and Ethical Issues in Computer Science**

Online harassment,  
Social media



# Online Harrassment

- [Link](https://computer.howstuffworks.com/10-forms-online-harassment.htm)
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  - The next 10 slides come from this site

If you have an example of each of these, please share it



# Cyberstalking

- Definition: the repeated use of electronic communications to harass or frighten someone, for example by sending threatening emails.
- considered most dangerous type and should be reported to the FBI
- Threats could be toward family or friends of target
- Jason White
- [https://www.courthousenews.com/art-dealer-accused-of-scary-cyberstalking/#:~:text=LOS%20ANGELES%20\(CN\)%20%E2%80%93%20A,Temecula%20on%20cyberstalking%20charges%20Wednesday.](https://www.courthousenews.com/art-dealer-accused-of-scary-cyberstalking/#:~:text=LOS%20ANGELES%20(CN)%20%E2%80%93%20A,Temecula%20on%20cyberstalking%20charges%20Wednesday.)

Another example of cyber stalking?



# Impersonation

- Definition: to pretend to be someone else online (or by text message) without that person's permission, often to mean to cause harm
- “Many states have laws banning online impersonation when it leads to some type of threat, intimidation or defraud attempt. But, what if you're pretending to be "George Clooney" and just spouting off "harmless" jokes? That can still land you in hot water for other crimes, such as trademark violation, false advertising, fraud or misrepresentation [source: Lu]. That's one reason Twitter puts a blue verified badge next to accounts of celebrities it has authenticated. The blue badge lets the user know whether she's following George Clooney or "George Clooney.” “
  - Twitter Blue badge – verified
- Illegal to impersonate someone online – New York – since 2008
- Ralph Golb - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jul/14/dead-sea-scrolls-sentenced-two-months-raphael-golb>

Another example of impersonation?



# Swatting

- Definition: an internet prank/crime where someone finds your address. They then call 911 anonymously and report a fake emergency.
- Matthew Weigman
- [https://www.wired.com/2009/06/blind\\_hacker/](https://www.wired.com/2009/06/blind_hacker/)

Another example of swatting?



# Catfishing

- Definition: lure (someone) into a relationship by means of a fictional online persona.
- Not illegal
- “Similar to impersonation, except that the perpetrator is not pretending to be a person who really exists (like George Clooney). He or she usually steals photos from acquaintances or strangers off the [Internet](#) for their accounts. Catfishing schemes are generally designed to incite a romantic relationship while simultaneously deceiving the target about silly little things like gender, appearance and location.”
- **4. The Catfish Who Catfishes for Her Job**
- I work for a repo company and I have a fake Facebook set up to lure people who have been hiding their cars from us out on dates. **We make plans to meet up, and then when they arrive to meet up, I repo their cars.** Hahaha. ^\\_ (ツ) \\_ / ^
- Submitted by [keeper801](#) (<https://www.buzzfeed.com/laraparker/insane-catfish-stories-that-will-make-you-want-to-delete>)

Another example of catfishing?



# Trolling

- Definition: the deliberate act, (by a Troll), of making random unsolicited and/or controversial comments on various internet forums with the intent to provoke an emotional **knee jerk** reaction from unsuspecting readers to engage in a fight or argument.
- “Every once in a while, I'll read the comments section of a story published online, only to fervently wish that I hadn't bothered. They're usually filled with unnecessarily hostile commentary projected toward the writer, people discussed within the article and even other commentators. Sadly, trolls, who are known for inciting or chiming in on online conversations solely for the purpose of upsetting or angering others, get off on fueling people's hate fires.”
- Types of trolls on the internet:
- <https://www.lifewire.com/types-of-internet-trolls-3485894>



# Dogpiling

- Definition: (of a number of people) join in directing critical or abusive comments at another person or group.
- “Online **dogpiling** typically occurs when a person says something that others don't agree with (are you starting to notice a pattern, here?), and the comment thread is then bombarded by a mob of rabid dissidents who unleash a torrent of insults designed to make you take back your opinion and/or scare you off completely. ”
- Gamergate -  
<https://www.kqed.org/futureofyou/438097/what-its-like-for-a-woman-to-be-targeted-by-an-online-mob>
- [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_Gamergate](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Gamergate)

Another example of dogpiling?





# Revenge Porn

- Definition: Revealing explicit images or videos of a person posted on the Internet, typically by a former partner, without the consent of the subject and in order to cause them distress or embarrassment.
- Kevin Bollaert -  
<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-kevin-bollaert-revenge-porn-case-resentencing-2015sep21-story.html>



# Cyberbullying

- Definition: the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.
- “Roughly 2.2 million high school students (9 percent of high school students) reported experiencing some level of cyberbullying in 2011
- Little to no reprieve for the people who endure it, typically kids and teens.
- Victim: Rebecca Sedwick
- <https://abcnews.go.com/US/teen-charged-fatal-cyberbullying-case-rebecca-sedwick-remain/story?id=20580689>



# Hate Speech

- Definition: abusive or threatening speech or writing that expresses prejudice against a particular group, especially on the basis of race, religion, or sexual orientation.
- “There is a line between expressing opinions (free speech) and committing hate speech, which serves no discernible purpose except to incite rage or violence from or against an individual or collection of people, entirely because of their membership to a certain group. Hate speech is usually directed at racial minorities, women, religious groups and people of other sexual orientations.
- It can be difficult to seek justice against perpetrators of hate speech, unless a serious, credible threat has been made.”
- <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/hate>

# Social Media Breakdown in Civility



- Watch these before Thursday's class and be prepared to discuss:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6aGdn67kgU>
- <https://twitter.com/GoldmanSachs/status/1264269942347751426>



# Thursday

- 10 min quiz (one question) at beginning of class
- Let's discuss the two videos I asked you to watch before class