

Avoiding Plagarism in Coding and Report Writing

Ethic Paper

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Problem Statements

Ethics may simply imply "**studying to do the right thing**". Computer ethics is a branch of applied ethics that considers ethical issues associated with computer technology. As a computer professional, you are often faced with challenges of writing reports either for project presentation, article publication or something else. These reports will most probably draw some inspirations from previous or similar works. Unfortunately and due to time pressure to meet with due date, ignorance and lack of enough materials to work on, many have been victim of copying verbatim, what others have done and have presented it as their own personal works (Plagiarism). It is illegal and ethically offensive to copy codes (computer programs) from internet or elsewhere for submission as your assignment(s). This is called a theft of intellectual property (IP). IP here refers to as creations of the mind, such as inventions, artistic works, literary materials, designs and symbols, names and images used. This is a major problem in the age of digital evolution and is one of the major cause of court suits all over the world. However, this problem can be solved and avoided always if only we take **certain precautions** when writing our reports.

The Bible says :

- Render honor to whom honor is due BibleRef1).
- Thou shall not steal . BibleRef2

Instructions

Your report must contain a minimum of 4 pages and maximum of 6 pages. Please follow ethics code from ACM Code of ethics. Use 12-point, times new romans, 1.5 spacing, and make proper citations (**APA style**) of your sources. You should structure your articles in the following way:

- **Introduction:** Here you may write few lines on what IP and plagiarism are. Make sure you cite your references and rephrase or paraphrase any words to avoid plagiarism.
- **Literatures:** Here you find out from other similar topics and discuss briefly what they have done.

- **Current findings:** Here you must discuss briefly some recent issues on IP and plagiarism.
- **Discussion:** Here you must discuss your findings and include at least 2 references (excluding the two scriptures cited above) from the **WORD of GOD**. **You must provide what we can do to avoid plagiarism.**
- **Conclusion:** Here you make your conclusion in few lines on what you have done and what can be done to avoid plagiarism.

Due date

Nov 24, 2018.