The Internet

C20168

30% Project: *History & Structure of The Internet*

Assignment: *From Web to Web 2.0*

- To many people The Web and The Internet are one and the same. They are not.

- The Internet is the technology that allows other technologies such as instant messengers, email, file-sharing and, yes, The Web, to exist.

- The web in it's earliest form was a static slower changing information store than it is now.

- It is true that the rate of change was never slow; just slower.

- It is also true that nature of the content has changed and the contributors of that content have also changed. Where before there was a pool of a few million contributors, now there may be billions of contributors, and you may be one.

- This change has led to the coining of the term 'Web 2.0' where sites that encourage interaction between individuals are increasingly popular. In 2007 the most popular of these were **MySpace**, **BeBo** and **Facebook**.

- You are required to produce an essay dealing with the History & Structure of the Internet from that which came before Web 2,0 to what Web 2.0 means now and what it means to you.

- Note that the term 'Web 2.0' does not refer to a new version of The Internet, rather it refers to a new way in which the Web is being used. This should be part of your discussion, including any personal experiences, good or bad.

Guidelines

- The assignment itself should be between 1 and 2 A4 pages.

- The completed assignment must be submitted in paper form in Room 15, as well as saved as a web page. You will receive further on this aspect at a later stage.

- The text should be standard formatted and have a standard cover sheet.

- The deadline for this assignment is**: 18/10/2007**

This assignment is worth 30% of the total marks for the module.