

# COMPUTER ETHICS

## TERM PAPER

For your term paper, you are expected to research and evaluate the ethical issues around the concept of “walled gardens” and prepare a report. Your report has to contain the following aspects:

1. Definition of walled gardens.
2. The effect of walled gardens on the open structure of the Internet.
3. The effects of walled gardens with respect to the freedom of speech.
4. The effects of walled gardens with respect to intellectual property rights; problems they might cause for consumer rights and opportunities they might present for intellectual property protections.
5. References.

You have to prepare your paper using Microsoft Word or LibreOffice/OpenOffice and submit a PDF output. A template file will be provided on Ninova. You will submit your paper electronically to Ninova. Late submissions are allowed up until 24 hours but the grade will be reduced by 50%. Papers sent by e-mail or any other means will not be accepted.

The sections 2, 3, and 4 have to be at least 2 pages each. This requirement is for a passing grade; it will most likely not be sufficient for a full grade. Papers will not be graded based on the number of pages, rather on the quality of the content. It is possible that papers with similar length receive very different grades.

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