



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER STUDIES

DCIT 65: Social and Professional Issues

Activity # 3

1st SEMESTER A.Y. 2025-2026

ACTIVITY #3: Situational Reflections

Read each situation carefully and explain:

1. What is the problem in the situation?
2. Which value or principle is being broken (like honesty, fairness, respect, integrity)?
3. If you were in that situation, what would you do and why?

Scenario 1:

You discover that a co-worker is sharing private client information with people outside the company for personal gain. This could harm the client's trust and damage the company's reputation.

Answer:

The problem in this situation is that a co-worker is sharing private client information with people outside the company for personal gain, which violates client confidentiality and damages trust. The value being broken is honesty, integrity, and respect, because the co-worker is using confidential data unethically. If I were in this situation, I would report the incident to my supervisor or the company's ethics department because protecting client information is important for maintaining trust and the company's reputation.

Scenario 2:

A supplier offers you an expensive gift in exchange for giving their company a "priority pass" in the approval process. Accepting the gift might help you personally but could lead to unfair treatment of other suppliers.

Answer:

The problem in this situation is that a supplier is offering an expensive gift in exchange for special treatment, which could result in unfair favoritism and bias. The value being broken is fairness, honesty, and integrity, because accepting the gift would be unethical and create a conflict of interest. If I were in this situation, I would politely refuse the gift and report the offer to my supervisor to ensure that all suppliers are treated equally and ethically.

Scenario 3:

Your manager instructs you to adjust the company's financial or performance report to make results look better than they actually are. Refusing might upset your boss, but

following could be dishonest and mislead stakeholders.

Answer:

The problem in this situation is that the manager is asking to alter the company's financial or performance report to make it appear better than it truly is, which would be misleading and dishonest. The value being broken is honesty, integrity, and responsibility, because falsifying reports deceives stakeholders and violates ethical business standards. If I were in this situation, I would respectfully refuse to change the data and explain that accuracy and transparency are important, and if needed, I would report the issue to higher management or the compliance office.

RUBRICS FOR GRADING

Category	Description	Grade
Clarity of Explanation (3 pts)	The student clearly explains the problem in their own words and shows they understand the situation.	
Identification of Principle/Value (2 pts)	The correct ethical principle or value (e.g., honesty, fairness, integrity, respect) is identified.	
Decision and Action (3 pts)	The student suggests a realistic and ethical action they would take in the situation.	
Reasoning and Justification (2 pts)	The student explains why they would take that action and how it connects to ethics.	
Total Grade		/10