ETHS8010 Assignment 02

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Not very comfortable.

The term of service extends users permission to 3rd parties so that user cannot control the permission’s range and conditions. Dropbox also haven’t mention the stuff user’s belong after user quit the service or cancel the service.

Second, the term of service only mentioned User’s stuff and permission and responsibilities, but after user uploaded their stuff, Dropbox didn’t mention its responsibility while user’s stuff haven’t been damaged, lost or stolen. User should make sure all the file user sharing have the property but once Dropbox has been uploaded the illegal files Dropbox doesn’t take any responsibility.

Third, the software part user only has limited license to use software and have to accept update automatically, user can’t keep using an old version of software.

Forth, beta service is not reliable and once has issue, Dropbox doesn’t take responsibility.

In the end, the service that dropbox provide is protected, if user provide new idea to improve the service quality, Dropbox can take it directly and without any obligations.

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With Social Contract, the usage of service based on the contract that user allows provider access, sorting user’s stuff, provider should follow the contract to use user’s stuff in a limited right.

With Social Contract, the responsibility is with the agreement, the responsibility you take is under the law and the agreement with Dropbox.

With Social Contract, the software has limited permission to use, users can’t give their permission to others and also cannot copy,extend the software for other use.

With Act Utiltarianism, the beta software is not stable and it may has error, gives limited user’s inconvenience while using the software(user’s who choose beta software), but with the software collecting feedbacks, the entire service of software and new features may increase better service quality and faster access speed for all the users, so total benefits is much bigger than damages.

With the Kantianism, if the service is not protected by copyright,trademarks. Everyone can use the Dropbox logo, name, trademarks free, users may not know which one is the real service provider and provider also won’t improve or provide the service continuely, it consequence that there is no company would like to provide service, and no one can use dropbox anymore.

B

Using rule utilitarianism, there is the rule: if student’s computer found virus, the entire network connection is cut and if student was not running up-to-date antivirus software will be charge $100.

The total benefit: reduce staff work time to remove the virus

The total damage: with the setting or network issue anti-virus software can’t update daily or fastly, some student will be charged a large amount of money, college also have to spend more staffs and time on checking student’s computer.

We can see the total damage is more than total benefit, it is not morally justifiable policy.

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Advantages:

It reduces budget of HR doing background checking

It helps company knows the private condition of potential employee

It also helps company know the person if he is honest and values suitable for the company

It provides the employee’s friendship and relationship states, reduce the risk of hiring people with risk

It can provide a path to check candidate’s professional references, social media shows the reference and candidate’s relationship and how long they work together and interactive between them to help company knows more about their candidate.

Disadvantages:

Legal risk, most of social media can’t provide user’s information to no related business client, this action may lead to be sued by social media company and candidate.

Equal employment risk, company can’t discriminate candidate on their race, gender, religion, physical traits or family members, employer won’t know any of these unless checking candidate’s private social media, and it will influence him will be hired or not.

Employer treat candidate as a means to the end by using social media background checking

Means: the employee private behavour

End: hire employee to gain benefit to employer

It is morally wrong

If the social media background checking is decide give offer, everyone will uses the social media to pretending to be a perfect candidate to target company, employer can’t know the real candidate’s background via social media because it is artificial adjusted. And social media checking is meaningless.

Some candidates don’t use or have multiple social media account in a range of year, HR may only can find profiles which 5-10 years ago or just multiple account for same person, they can’t provide any valuable information about candidates and just wasted employer’s time.

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I had a wallet in Coincheck years ago, Coincheck is a company trading bitcon, NEM and other digital coins. Users can apply a account(wallet) in their company and buy/sell NEM coins, exchange to Japanese yen or US dollars.

I stored around $1000 dollars NEM in the wallet. However, Coincheck set all the users wallet online all the time because it is easy to access and trade for users, but it have risks once the password was known by someone else, they can access the wallet and trade the money out from anywhere anytime.

Normally, the wallet should be set offline, only when trading, the wallet will be set online. Same as you always put credit card in wallet, only when purchase you take it out and show to other people.

When 2018 the Coincheck was hacked and users’ NEM was taken out by hackers. User’s lost their money, the coincheck also damaged on their stock and reputations.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42845505>

Moral Responsibility

Causal condition: They didn’t shut down the trading fast, the money taking out continues around 8 hours.

Mental condition: They set user’s wallet online increase the risk to be hacked.

If Coincheck set their user’s wallet offline as default, or when hacking happening,once notice the unusual trading happening they can ask user’s to confirm or stop trading, the money loss will be reduced or even won’t happened.