**COMP 2920 : Software Architecture & Design**

**Assignment #3**

**Objectives:**

The objectives of this assignment are:

* To gain an understanding of the Intellectual Property rights and cases
* **Formal report writing**
* Research and produce a formal report on Software Ethics.

**Problem:**

There are some common terms with related to IP. Read the chapter and answer the following questions.

**The Document:**

The responses must be written a double spaced document with a font size not exceeding 12 point and not to be less than 10 point with a cover page and a bibliography with source information.

Your report needs to briefly describe the different point of views in the **literature** **(go beyond text for sources of information)** and give a brief analysis of what you think.

The report should be 2 to 4 pages of content in length, plus cover page, Executive summary, table of contents, and reference list or bibliography.

Q1. As mentioned in Chapter 4 : Intellectual property, total revenue from music sales and licensing in the united states dropped from $14.6 billion in 1999 to $6.3 billion in 2009.

State the reason as mentioned in the chapter.

Also mention the steps taken by the US government to fight this issue?

Q2. Explain the term ‘fair use’ by quoting at least five examples.

Q3. Section 4.5.5 states the case of ‘Jon Johansen’. Do you accept the ruling given by Oslo city court? Do you think it matches the Intellectual property rights or violates them?

Q4. Explain the legal issues against the Pirate bay. What were the consequences? How is it related to cyberlockers?

Q5. What are patents? How are software patents different than IP patents?

Q6. Research for the IP rights for Canada. Are they different from US laws? Make a comparison.

Submit the report on blearn before the due date.