

INTG 388 - Paper #2

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Prompt

We don't need to look into the future to consider the ramifications of whether or not you choose to adopt a piece of AI-enhanced technology¹ into your life. The future is now². You must approach this paper from one of three directions:

1. *I would never*

Identify a piece of technology you've made it a point to avoid and consider the ramifications of your choice.

2. *I would totally*

Identify technology that you've gladly adopted and incorporate into your life and consider the ramifications of your choice.

3. *That's just the way it is*

Identify technology that you've adopted without any real conscious choice in the matter and consider the ramifications of your lack of oversight.

Frame your analysis and reflection in the same way we've been framing class discussions; examine the quantity and quality of control surrendered to technology and the short and long term impact of its adoption. A proper analysis must consider the reasons for and against using this technology. Your reflection should balance those reasons against your own decisions or lack thereof. As our focus is on AI-based and AI-enhanced technology, you should be certain to examine your intellectual life and not just life in general. To ground your analysis and reflection, you must seek out at least two external sources. These sources should provide perspective on the technology and the consequences of using it.

¹ if you cannot find something utilizing AI, then you can get approval for non-AI based technology from the instructor

² sorry... had to say it

Reflective Writing

Reflection is an inward looking process. We're trying to explore what's inside us as individuals and a species. This paper is not about making a point or presenting information. It's about exploring an experience, and idea, or a possible answer to a questions and seeing how it impacts us on a personal level. We're exploring the human condition and how we make sense of it. We can think of this process in terms of three phases:

1. **Observation:** Students should carefully describe, explain, or notice. Their writing should make clear that they've taken some time to carefully observe.
2. **Analysis:** After observing, students should then explore. They should break ideas down and put them back together. They should begin making connections between ideas encountered in the course and their own experience. They should consider what their reflection means to them intellectually, personally, and socially.
3. **Deriving Implications and Meaning:** Students should offer conclusions about where the reflection has brought them. These conclusions may be partial, plural, or not fully settled, but students should be able to articulate how they think differently at the end of their reflection. They may have new ideas. They may have new understandings of old beliefs. In any case, they should articulate where they stand in relation to the reflection practiced.

Requirements & Logistics

DUE	Before you leave for spring break
FORMAT	Typed. Printed. Double-spaced. Stapled.
LENGTH	750 - 1250 words
MINIMUM REQUIRED EXTERNAL SOURCES	2

Grades are based on the quality and clarity of the writing, the appropriateness and quality of observations, the depth and sufficiency of the analysis, and the clarity and validity of the conclusions with respect to the overall reflections.

The Writing Center

Wonderful ideas and deep reflection can be lost or ruined by muddled writing. I grew most as a writer when I cared deeply about the things I was writing and didn't want there to be any uncertainty on the part of my readers. Perhaps more than other forms of writing, reflective writing is ultimately a reflection of ourselves. You should want to put your best word forward when it's you on the page. Writing well is hard. It takes practice. It requires help. I encourage *all* of you to take this opportunity to step up your writing game. The writing center is here to help you. They're awesome. Don't wait until my grade to get feedback on the quality and clarity of your writing.

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