

Ethics for Information Technology

Activity 1: Choosing Your Project 1 Topic

- **Objective:**

For this activity, each student will select a unique gadget to base their Project 1 on. The gadget or device can be from any area of technology, such as consumer electronics, medical devices, smart home technology, or wearable tech.

Instructions:

1. **Choose Your Gadget:**

- Select a gadget that you are interested in and want to explore further. This could be any technological device, from smartphones and smartwatches to drones, virtual reality headsets, or home assistants.
- Ensure your chosen gadget has enough complexity and relevance to explore ethical issues in depth.

2. **Ensure Uniqueness:**

- Your chosen gadget must be unique and not repetitive of any other student's choice.
- Review the list of already selected gadgets posted on the course discussion board or spreadsheet to avoid duplicates.

3. **Submit Your Gadget Choice:**

- Once you have selected a gadget, submit your choice through the provided form on the course website.
- Include a brief description (2-3 sentences) of why you chose this gadget and what ethical issues you anticipate exploring.

4. **Approval Process:**

- Gadget selections will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If your chosen gadget has already been selected by another student, you will be notified to choose another.

5. **Deadline:**

- Your gadget choice must be submitted by 09/01/2024 Failure to submit by the deadline may result in being assigned a gadget.

Additional Notes:

- Remember, this project aims to apply ethical theories and principles to real-world technology scenarios. Choose a gadget that interests you and presents a meaningful opportunity to discuss and analyze ethical dilemmas.
- Consider gadgets that have been involved in recent controversies or have potential ethical implications related to privacy, security, data collection, and user impact.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact me or post on the course discussion board.