

Final Research Paper

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Due Date: Fri 8th November 2019

Submission must be made before 6pm for no late penalty

Questions:

Your job is to complete **one** of the following research questions: (You are to only answer one question)

1) The digital divide has been shrinking in recent years but not fast enough for some. What initiatives, from 2016 onward, have been helping and what more could be done, according to experts, to make things happen even faster?

2) Where does the blame lie when it comes to data privacy breaches? With an organisation itself?, its users? Use research examples from the last 5 years to build a case for where the blame should be placed.

3) With so much discussion about ransomware in the media in recent times, discuss how safe our data is right now. Use high profile examples from the past 5 years to support your position.

4) Green IT should be at the forefront of our thinking because we use and dispose of so many powered devices. What are organisations actively doing to try to offset our wasteful habits? (Limit your research examples to the last 5 years)

5) Parents are now shaping their children's digital identity long before they have spoken their first word. A child's most intimate and embarrassing moments are shared with the world without consideration. What ethical challenges need to be overcome to combat "sharenting". Use expert and academic sources from the last 10 years to build a case for how this could be done.

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Research Guidelines:

- Word Length: Approximately 2400 words
- 1 ½ spacing. (Paragraphs)
- 12 pt font
- Verdana
- Referencing Style: Harvard or APA is satisfactory.
- Please remember that you will need to have at least Four (4) **varying** references. For example: eJournals, WebPages, eNewspaper articles, documentaries and eText books
- You will need to include: Reference List and an Appendix.