



CW2 Introduction Individual Essay

Due: 17 March 2025, noon

:: 📁 Coursework 2 - Essay Individual

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Assignment to be uploaded by 12 noon on Monday 17th March 2025. The file you upload should be named as your exam number only, ie B123456, and this should also be added to the submission title box. Do not add your essay title, name or student number. Please make sure that you are careful and choose the correct file for submission, and that you complete all aspects of submission (you will receive an automated receipt to confirm). For any support during your submission please email the Informatics Teaching Office on ito@inf.ed.ac.uk. Please note that the Late Due Date as shown on Gradescope is only applicable for those with an approved extension or extra time adjustment (ETAs).

:: 📄 CW2 Instructions, Templates, Sample Essays

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Coursework 2 Instructions (2 pages in total):

 CSAI_CW2_24-25.pdf



You can use the following Word or Latex templates to prepare your group report:

 examno-groupno.docx



 latex-CW2-template.zip



What you need to submit:

- Report PDF (4 pages + references)

Good essays from previous years:

You can find three essays below. Note that we got the consent from the students who wrote these essays.

Clearview AI [\[link1\]](#) [\[link2\]](#)

 clearview-AI.pdf



CTL Mental Health [\[link\]](#)

 cti-mental-health.pdf



Risk Score / Pain Medication [\[link\]](#)

 pain-medication.pdf



Due: 17 March 2025, 12:00 (noon) (Submission via Gradescope)

Ethical Analysis

For CW1, you worked with your group members to provide an outline of a case study. For CW2, you will work **individually** to reflect in depth on the chosen case study. The focus of your analysis should be:

Is the creation and dissemination of the technology mentioned in your case study ethical?

You will start with your case study described in CW1 and build on it to produce a thorough ethical analysis. You are expected to support your claims by citing other resources such as course readings, peer-reviewed papers, (reliable) websites, books and any other relevant material (see **Report Section 4: References**).

Report Template

You will use the templates (Latex or Word) provided on Learn to prepare your submission. **You should not change the structure of the report.** You will upload one single PDF file in the last step. Each section has a maximum 1-page limit, you can write less than a page if you think it is sufficient. Please name your file as 'yourExamNumber-groupno' (e.g. B123456-5.pdf) before you submit. You will submit one PDF file on Gradescope.

Report Section 1: Utilitarianism

What should be done in this situation from an *utilitarian* point of view? As part of your analysis, you may also want to describe any additional information that you would need in order to make a better decision.

- Brief description (100 words): Briefly explain the respective ethical framework.
- Ethical Analysis based on the principles of Utilitarianism.

Report Section 2: Deontology

Consider what *deontology* (i.e., Kantian Ethics as captured in the lectures) would suggest doing in the described situation. As in the previous section, describe any additional information that you would need in order to make a better decision.

- Brief description (100 words): Briefly explain the respective ethical framework.
- Ethical Analysis based on the principles of Deontology.

Report Section 3: Meta-Analysis

Inspired by the arguments you provided in **Report Section 1: Utilitarianism** and **Report Section 2: Deontology**, state **your own opinion** of the subject. You can draw from and combine the ethical frameworks, or you can justify an independent position you want to take. When developing your own position, explain why your point of view is important to be considered and how it is relevant in assessing if technology mentioned in your case study is ethical? Cite supporting arguments from literature, if applicable. What could be the counterarguments to your position? Are there any circumstances with relation to the situation in the case study where your position could change and why should it?

Report Section 4: References

It is **essential** to include reliable and relevant textual support and citations in your essay, though you should generally avoid direct quotations. You are strongly encouraged to provide additional references as per your own readings. Please follow the report template instructions regarding how to cite your sources.


Marking

We will use a rubric based on the [Extended Common Marking Scheme](#) to mark your essays. The mark distribution is as follows:

- **Report Section 1: Utilitarianism** (25 marks – 5 marks for *Brief Description*, 20 marks for *Ethical Analysis*)
- **Report Section 2: Deontology** (25 marks – 5 marks for *Brief Description*, 20 marks for *Ethical Analysis*)
- **Report Section 3: Meta-Analysis** (30 marks)
- **Report Section 4: References** (10 marks): How relevant and trustworthy are the sources you use to support your arguments? Are citations properly attributed?
- **Writing Quality** (10 marks): You should do a final proofreading for grammatical and spelling errors. The text should be clearly written and well structured.

You will be graded based on your understanding of and ability to explain different ethical frameworks, and your ability to apply them to your case study. We will consider the following criteria for marking **Report Section 1: Utilitarianism**, **Report Section 2: Deontology** and **Report Section 3: Meta-Analysis**.

- **Development of the Chosen Topic:** Does your essay engage the most ethically salient aspects of the topic/scenario (breadth)? Does it examine them in adequate detail (depth)?
- **Focus and Clarity of Expression:** Does each paragraph have a clear focus? Do the paragraphs connect logically to one another, with clear transitions? Are your sentences constructed so that the ideas expressed in them come across clearly?
- **Quality of Normative Reasoning:** Is your own ethical assessment of the case study clearly articulated and supported with reasoned normative arguments or appeals? Do you anticipate and effectively defend it against any plausible objections/counter-arguments?



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