Resources

Citation style guidelines

You can find helpful suggestions for citation style at the following URLs:

- Suggested URL citation style
- LIU Citation Style for Research Papers
- Columbia Guide to Online Style

I do not require that you follow any particular style, but you should follow some reasonable scholarly style that retains a sufficient amount of information about the sources. Click here for a guide with more details and an example of how to properly cite a source.

Links to information on ethics in cyberspace

These links provide some starting points to search for information about ethics and law in cyberspace. They have been checked recently for validity. Most of them were found by using a search engine such as Yahoo, Google, or AltaVista, looking for the keywords "cyberspace ethics." The student is welcome to do the same.

- Institute home pages
  - De Montfort University's Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility
  - The UCLA Online Institute for Cyberspace Law and Policy
  - University of British Columbia’s Centre for Applied Ethics (Follow Links to “Applied Ethics Resources on the Web” for another list of resources.)
- Collections of papers
  - Conferences on Computers, Freedom, and Privacy
  - Cyberspace Law Institute
  - Pamela Samuelson articles
- Professional codes and government policy
  - ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
  - Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions
  - The Association of Independent Information Professionals’ Code of Ethical Business Practice
  - Telecommunications Act of 1996
Other useful resources

- Links to articles about the ethical and other aspects of concealing one’s identity on the internet can be found at the AAAS project on Anonymous Communications on the Internet.

- The risks of computerization in everyday life are discussed at the SRI Risks Forum newsgroup comp.risks. The home page for this forum is located at SRI Computer Science Laboratory. Past issues can be browsed and searched at The Risks Digest.

- The dangers from artificial intelligence and other modern technologies are discussed in an article by Bill Joy in the April 2000 online issue of Wired Magazine. The positive side of these developments is promoted at Small Times Magazine.

- “Spam” is unsolicited e-mail, usually commercial in nature, similar to junk mail. It is an unwanted intrusion and can cause losses due to filling up of one’s mailbox or triggering of smut filters. Some information about spam and countermeasures that can be taken against it can be found at:
  - Spam FAQ
  - Network Abuse Clearinghouse
  - CAUCE, the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email

Closely related to spam are the hoaxes and chain letters that circulate by e-mail. You can learn about hoaxes and see them debunked at:

  - Hoax Busters
  - Scambusters
  - Crimes of Persuasion web site

In addition, the Snopes website is a good source for verifying Urban Legends. Some of these are computer-related, and some aren’t.

- The software industry is very concerned about unauthorized copying of their products. Two organizations that promote the industry’s position on such copying and defend its interests are

  - Business Software Alliance
  - Software and Information Industry Association