**COMP491 Assignment RBP: Reflective blog post**

## Overview

The objective of this assignment is to write a blog post of 800-1200 words reflecting on a social, legal, or ethical issue in computing.

## Details

The topic of your post can be the same as one of our discussion sessions this semester, or you may choose any other topic that is social, legal, or ethical in nature and relates to the tech industry, computer science, or computing more generally. Feel free to check with the instructor about the suitability of your topic.

Your post should be written for a general audience.

While your post may incorporate personal opinion, this should be relatively mild and must be supported by evidence and reasoning. For good examples of the required style, please see the science and technology section of [The Conversation](https://theconversation.com/us/technology).

## Submission

To submit your blog, first post it on any publicly accessible website. (This could be a personal website or a blogging site such as tumblr.com, for example.) Then, create a new file and folder called COMP491/README.md in your [Dickinson WiD repository](https://github.com/Dickinson-COMP-WiD) on GitHub. (Remember there is no way to create just a new folder on GitHub. Instead, you create a new folder and a new file at the same time, by naming the new file COMP491/README.md.) Place a link to your blog post in that README.md file. As part of your submission process, you should clean up your Dickinson WiD repository. Make sure that all content is stored correctly within folders corresponding to the correct course (COMP232, COMP332, etc.). Part of the grade for this assignment is awarded for ensuring that your whole WiD repository is organized correctly.

## Rubric

To achieve an excellent grade, the reflective blog post should excel on the following aspects. It should:

* be of an appropriate length (800-1200 words, although longer posts will not be penalized);
* be appropriate for a wide general audience, including your friends, family, classmates, and professors;
* use correct grammar and style;
* be interesting and engaging;
* demonstrate thoughtfulness and insight;
* include numerous specific details drawn from multiple sources (these need not be formal academic sources and need not be formally cited, but do link to your sources);
* provide an original synthesis of ideas on the chosen topic, which must relate to a social, legal, or ethical issue in computing;
* be accessible as a link from the README file in the COMP491 folder of your Dickinson WiD repository; and this repository must be correctly organized as described in the Submission section above.