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Assignment grading rubric

Each assignment is graded based off five criteria (refer to the Grading Rubric for details):

- Paper Clarity and Flow
- Assignment Content and Direction
- Technical Issue Explained
- Stakeholders Identified and Values at Stake Explained
- Conclusion and Justification of Position

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	Inadequate (1 pt)	**Needs Improvement (2 pts)**	**Adequate (3 pts)**	**Excellent (4 pts)**
Paper Clarity and Flow	There appears to be no organization of the essay's contents.	Organization of the essay is difficult to follow due to a combination of inadequate transitions and a rambling format.	The essay can easily be followed. A combination of the following is apparent: Basic transitions are used. A structured format is used.	The essay can easily be followed. A combination of the following is apparent: Effective transitions are used. A polished format is used.
Assignment Content and Direction	The paper has no apparent relation to the directions of the assignment.	Some parts of the paper follow the directions.	Most parts of the paper follow the directions.	The paper follows the directions precisely. (i.e. the sections are labeled, directions for finding the article are clear, all required information, etc.)
Technical Issue Explained	Names the technical issue, but technical issue is not explained.	Attempts to explain the technical issue, but is misleading or inaccurate.	Technical details are accurate, but either incomplete or rambling.	Technical explanation is both concise and complete in technical explanation. Leads gracefully into ethical discussion.
Stakeholders	Does not identify	Specifies either who	Specifies who is	Specifies who is

Identified and Values at Stake Explained	who is impacted by the ethical dilemma or how they are impacted. Does not explain the values at stake.	is impacted by the ethical dilemma OR how they are impacted, but not both. Attempts to explain the values at stake, but misses the mark.	impacted by the ethical dilemma AND how they are impacted. Attempts to explain the values at stakes, but leaves out important points.	impacted by the ethical dilemma AND how they are impacted. Clearly explains the important values at stake and why they are ethically significant.
Conclusion and Justification of Position	Does not pick a position.	Picks a position, but does not justify it.	Picks and tries to justify position; Argument is not convincing OR a convincing justification is given, that has nothing to do with the analysis stated.	Essay provides a persuasive argument that clearly supports the position. Even a reader who disagreed with the position before finds her/himself thinking about the issue more carefully.