

CSC 300
Turner
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Paper Writing Tips – Term paper

Note the grading guidelines that were covered in class:

FACTS 20 % (concise, clear, simple, naturally raises the issue)

ISSUE STATEMENT 10 % (very concise, simple, one line is best, naturally raised by the facts, the story you begin to tell me...)

ALTERNATIVE ARGUMENTS 20 % (cover other thinkers' thoughts, make sure to cover major "sides" to the issue as though you are supporting them, do not do any comment or analysis yet!)

YOUR ANALYSIS 50 % (this is where YOU write about your own analysis, preferably using the Software Engineering Code of Ethics and other ethical concepts or systems...you will build on, comment on, destroy and support the "alternative arguments" you gave previously.)

Further tips:

- do a spell check!
- check the grammar!
- remember the Writing Lab in 10-138
- use a clean, clear format, table of contents, descriptive headings
- number pages
- do not use long quotes, cite the ones you use
- cite all "facts" you state to sources of those facts (this is important!)
 - link citations to your bibliography in a reasonable way (numbers are fine)
- do explicit ethical analysis in a rational manner, SE Code preferred
- **REMEMBER:** *the "report" aspect is a very small part of the paper*, original analysis is the major grade contributor. A long, detailed report just explaining the situation, without more, will result in a failing grade.