CMPS 2153 – Essay # 1 - Wired.com
DUE: Thursday, June 12 – midnight

The paper MUST be saved in .rtf format. Email the essay to Ranette.halverson@mwsu.edu as an attachment. Papers turned in late will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per day but will be accepted for 5 days past the due date. You may turn them in early.

You are to find a single article from wired.com related to the Internet or Business, dated no earlier than January 2008. You are to write a summary of the article in 500 - 600 words. THEN write approximately 500 - 600 words giving your opinion of the issue. Total length of the paper is to be between 1000 and 1200 words, no shorter, no longer. Be sure that the summary and your opinion are distinctly separate. (See below for instructions on how to perform a word count.)

Points will be deducted for writing style (grammar, spelling, etc.) and for content that is not as specified. Before typing your essay, click on TOOLS, then SPELLING AND GRAMMAR, then OPTIONS. Click on the first option to "check as you type" and WORD will check your work as you go. After completing your paper, click on TOOLS, then WORD COUNT to determine the number of words in your essay. This is what I will do.

See Student Handbook and Activities Calendar, #10b for definition of plagiarism. Any confirmed case of plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment and will be reported to the Dean of Students.

The paper is to have the following form:

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TITLE OF ARTICLE
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DATE OF ARTICLE

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No coversheet. The 4 lines of the title information (as shown above) must be in a font other than Times New Roman, size 16 points, and in a color of your choice, not black. Place the title information on the first page only; not on subsequent pages. The margins must be 1/2 inch on all 4 sides. The body of the paper is to be in Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced. Insert page numbers centered at the bottom of the pages. Insert a clip art somewhere in the paper. Format the clip art so that it is left justified and text lines appears to the right of the art, no large gaps. (Because the essay is also a demonstration of your skills in MS Word, the format details of the paper will also make up a significant portion of the grade.)

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