ECS89L: Ethics of Technology
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Information sheet

Class Web page: http://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/~koehl/Teaching/ECS089/index.html
Check here for announcements, handouts (pdf and ppt), recommended readings, assignments, etc.

Final: No final!

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I answer to ALL e-mails. I do NOT guarantee however that I answer PROMPTLY…

Attendance:
- You are expected to attend lectures, and you are responsible for the material discussed in class.
- Discussions are considered as lectures.

Grading: 20% quizzes, 30% reports, 50% term paper. Note that the lowest grade of the 6 possible quizzes will be dropped.

- The class is offered **offline (in person)**
- **Recording:** Recording is not permitted (please contact me if this is an issue)
- **Privacy:** Respect for privacy is an essential part of our classroom community.
- **Code of Conduct:** "As a member of the UC Davis community, students are expected to adhere to the UC Davis Code of Academic Conduct that supports high standards of behavior and ensures fair evaluation of student learning."

Course Description:

Foundations of normative ethics for technology, its relationships to moral philosophy and to the law. Technologies and their impacts on the environment and society. Justice, meritocracy, and computer science and engineering. Ethical issues with AI and machine learning. *My goal is to increase your inclination to think about, and act upon, the ethical implications of your personal and professional choices, and our collective work as technologists. I'd also like you to read a lot, to write a fair amount, and to become more comfortable participating in oral discussions.*