

Ethical Analysis Problem Set

Due Tuesday, May 9 2006

1. You are a manager at a software company about to begin a large software project. You will need to hire dozens of new programmers. Using the Internet for communication and software delivery, you can hire programmers in another country at lower salary than programmers in your country. Should you do so?
2. Using at least two different ethical systems, analyze the proposition that the drinking age should be 18.
3. Consequentialism
 - (a) How has the United States justified the use of nuclear weapons on Japan at the end of World War II?
 - (b) Assume Hitler's Germany had developed nuclear weapons in time to use them to win the Battle of Britain and defeat Britain. Goebbels then uses the same arguments that the United States has used to justify Nazi Germany's use of nuclear weapons. Would Germany's use of nuclear weapons have been moral? Why or why not. *Be certain to leaven your arguments with ethical analyses drawn from one or more of the school of thought we have studied.*
 - (c) What problem in consequentialism does this emphasize?
4. Use two different ethical schools to analyze an ethical problem that you will address in your project. If you have chosen a book report, pick an ethical problem that the author either analyzes or alludes to. In the former case, summarize the author's analysis, then supplement it with a complementary ethical analysis using a school of analysis not used by the author.