

## Assignment 6: Legal Issues

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### 1. Plan a crime

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Plan (but do **not** execute) a plausible computer-based crime.

To meet the requirements, the use or involvement of a computer must be an essential element of your plan. And your plan must be *plausible* in the following sense:

- It may use only technology that is already available (or can reasonably be expected in the very near future).
- It must use only knowledge that you already have or could reasonably expect to obtain.
- It must be spelled out in sufficient detail, with nothing left to luck or magic.

However, you may invent a plausible situation in which the crime takes place. For example, you might imagine that you are working as a programmer in a bank and you have access to the source code of many of the bank’s programs, or that you have overheard someone saying what their password is.

Write up your plan in 250-500 words, explaining exactly what you will do and how, and, where necessary, defending the plausibility of the plan and the essential role of the computer. Be sure to explain how you will avoid getting caught, since that’s an essential part of any good criminal plan. You should also include a brief explanation of why you can get away with your plan. That is: what are the social or environmental factors that leave the victim of the crime open to your exploits.

### 2. Analyze a law

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Choose a law (for the purpose of this assignment, feel free to replace “law” with “statute”, “regulation”, “ordinance”, etc as is sensible for the jurisdiction of your choice) relating to computers and technology. The law should be directly related to some form of information technology that will have an impact on the public. In 500-750 words explain what the law says, how the law has changed over time, what the proponents of the law say the law is meant to do, and what the opponents of the law say needs to be changed. Your law does not have to be Canadian, but if you are referencing laws from other countries, you should at least briefly mention how (if at all) the Canadian context is similar/different. You may also choose something which has been proposed but not yet accepted into law.

Some examples of the types of topics you could choose:

- Right to repair
- Copyright/forgery

- Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime
- Identity theft/fraud
- Net neutrality