

Current Events in Technology

Weekly One Page Write-up

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Due: Every Friday at the beginning of class

Requirements

Choose an article about technology or a set of articles about a single current issue in technology. Read the article and write at most one page summarizing it. The write-up should include:

1. A one paragraph summary of the topic.
2. Definition of at least *one* technical vocabulary word or phrase. E.g., “hardware” or “DNS.” Make sure that this is a technology related word or phrase; Even if “confounding” is confounding it shouldn’t be defined here. Alternatively, if there aren’t enough new (to you) vocabulary words, this can be a big new idea or issue the article raises. This should include a short definition of the new idea.
3. A one paragraph explanation of your opinion about the issues raised in the article. Your opinion should be based on your understanding of the technological facts presented. For example, you should *not* state that you think a technology is cool because it will allow pigs to fly unless the article indicates that the technology does have the potential to allow pigs to fly.
4. The citation(s) for your article(s). This should be in a standard format for citations (website citations are allowed) and should include the title of the article, its author, the newspaper or magazine, and the article’s date.

Possible Sources

Technology articles can be found in newspapers, magazines, etc., however please don’t use blog posts. For example, the New York Times technology section is a great resource for articles, but posts from the associated Bits blog shouldn’t be used. Some possible sources are listed below. Most papers and magazines have technology sections, so there are many other possibilities as well.

- The New York Times technology section:
<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/technology/index.html>
- Wired Magazine: <http://www.wired.com/magazine/>
- The Washington Post technology section:
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology>
- The Time Magazine technology section: <http://techland.time.com/>

These sources sometimes also feature human interest stories about technology, for example, stories about the life of Steve Jobs. Please don’t write about these for these assignments. A good rule of thumb: if you can’t find three technical words or new ideas to define, it’s probably not a good technical article to write about. If in doubt, ask.