Ethics and the Internet
“A Student Dialogue”

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- The Audience
Introduction

- How do we use the Internet?
- How are ethics involved?
- How does this affect me?
How do we use the Internet?

- Information Gathering
- Recreational Usage
- Personal Expression

www.youtube.com
www.facebook.com
www.myspace.com
How do we use the Internet?

- Personal Expression
  - www.secondlife.com
  - Mixing virtual communities with structures from real communities.
  - Second Life was reported to have a GDP of $64 Million in 2006
In Brief…

- In 15 years, the Internet has grown to 1 billion users
- Websites are building communities online (personal expression)
- Blurring the line between virtual and real
- People seem to act differently online (e.g., illegal music downloads, chat room behavior, etc…)
So . . .

- How do we use the Internet?
- How are ethics involved?
- How big is the Internet?
- How does this affect me?
How does this affect me?
Number of Users by Region

- Africa
- North America
- Asia

Number of users

Future?
Current 2007
I believe:

- Change is coming
- We need a strong ethical foundation
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1. Should GVSU filter web content over the campus network?

2. What level of privacy do you expect when using the Internet?

3. Who “owns” what when using GVSU computers/systems?
Remember:

- Stay on topic.
- Be respectful of other viewpoints during this dialogue.
Question 1:

Should GVSU filter web content over the campus network?
Question 2:

What level of privacy do you expect when using the Internet?
Question 3:

Who “owns” what when using GVSU computers/systems?
Thank you for attending

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