MIS 334 Term Paper Outline
Position Paper on Information Systems
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The purpose of this paper is to write an original paper about a controversial issue in MIS, where you take an informed position and defend it. For example, "Should users be allowed (or even trained) to develop their own systems, rather than have them developed by IT professionals?" Another topic would be "Should cities develop and support free or reasonably priced Wi-Fi networks for their citizens?" You should do both primary research (an interview) and secondary research (library) to investigate your topic. Your 8 -10-page paper should follow the general outline below, and contain each of the ten parts listed. You should follow a consistent style (APA is preferred) as discussed in class. Please double space your entire paper and number all of your pages (except the title page and abstract page.)

1. Title Page

Title of your paper, your name, date submitted and class time

2. Abstract with key words

150-200 words on a separate page

3. Introduction

4. Background of Issue

Use the library research and interview data to support your views in sections 4, 5, & 6. (In other words, treat it just like another library reference.) Do not make a separate section for the interview. Please provide the name of the person you interviewed, their job title, organization, location of the interview, and date of the interview in the reference list, alphabetically by their last name. Also list any references you cite in your paper.

5. Your Position on the Issue

6. Response to Opposing Arguments

7. Relevance to Today's Managers

8. Conclusion

9. References

You are required to use 5-7 references (including your book); they should be a mixture of academic and trade journals.

It is important to use the numbered list above as a checklist to determine that your paper is complete. Also use them as subheadings within your paper to make it clear that you have addressed each section. Submit your paper via Sakai on or before the hard copy is due. This class uses Turnitin software to help students avoid plagiarism.

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