

Homework 1

Due Date: March 31, 2011 at 11:00am

Points: 5

In class, we discussed lots of things that can cause problems with computers. This homework asks you to explore this issue of *assurance*.

Please write a paragraph or two about an incident in which a computer system or set of systems, did not work as expected. Say what the system was supposed to do, what it actually did, and what the consequences of the failure were. You may choose an incident described in the press (in which case, don't forget to cite your source!) or from your own experience.

In addition to submitting your paragraphs to SmartSite, please bring a copy to class. We will ask 3 or 4 people to present their incident, and discuss it with everyone.