

LAS 432 Week 3 Discussion

We live in the Information Age, an era where computers and automation have transformed our daily lives. Emerging technologies are being developed at an increased rate, leading to new behaviors and perceptions of these technologies. The rapid development of these new advancements makes it difficult for society to assess their effect. To better understand these new technologies, it is helpful to frame them within an historical context (Quinn, 2020).

The readings this week explored the development of technology in relation to history. From early technological advances, such as counters and the alphabet, to the recent development of broadband internet and cloud storage, we are continuously developing new technologies to solve problems in our lives. At its core, technology is meant to make life better; however, emerging technologies can often generate new (unforeseen) problems. Although we cannot stop the creation of new technologies, we can control their adoption and make informed decisions about their use (Quinn, 2020).

The goal this week is to analyze your technology from an historical context to better understand why it developed and its influence on society. Through this historical analysis, you will gain a more complete understanding of your technology that will help you generate appropriate ethical questions that will be crucial to your analysis in this course.

In your initial post, address the following to help you begin to understand the historical context of your technology as you progress with your assignment this week.

- **Why was your technology originally developed? What problem was it trying to solve?**
- **Historically, what has the impact of your technology been on society?**
- **Can you identify how different people and demographics have been affected by your technology? Has the impact been proportional?**
- **Develop an ethical question based on your historical analysis of your technology.**