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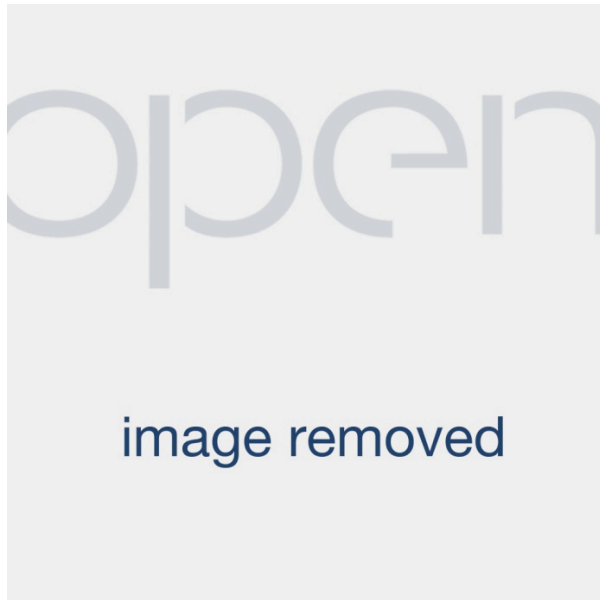
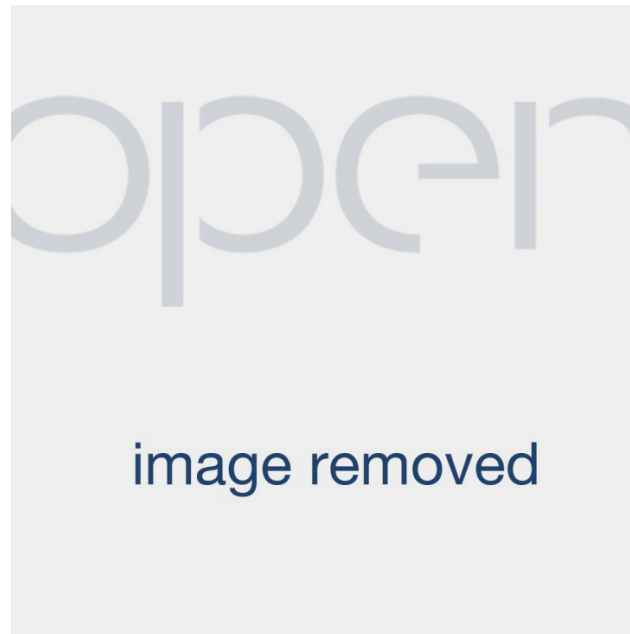# SI 410 ETHICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Week 5a: Trust Management

THEMES

- Transparency in Wikipedia
- Cooperation in Wikipedia
- Bureaucrats and Bots

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TRANSPARENCY

1. **Transparency**
2. Cooperation
3. Bureaucrats
4. Bots

❑ Is anonymity a barrier to integrity?

    ❑ Editorial processes and edit history are transparent; author identity is not.

        ❑ Reputation, credentials, position, or expertise

    ❑ Neutrality, verifiability, no original research are not sufficient protections.

TRUE?: "The difference between credible and non-credible information transmission relies heavily on the identity, legitimacy, and accountability of the provider."

TRUE?: "anonymous providers need not exercise moral responsibility for there is no accountability — no need to accept consequences of one's acts."

COOPERATION

- ❑ Wikipedia Featured Articles
  - ❑ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Featured
- ❑ Featured article criteria:
  - ❑ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Featured_article_criteria
- ❑ More edits = better article ~ scale is good
  - ❑ Small number of articles have lots of edits
  - ❑ Quality increases with contributors and edits
  - ❑ "Thus, topics of high interest or relevance are naturally brought to the forefront of visibility and quality."

BUREAUCRATS

1. Transparency

2. Cooperation

3. Bureaucrats

4. Bots

- WikiBureaucrats: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Bureaucrats

- User Access: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:User_access_levels

WIKIPEDIA BOTS AND NORMS

1. Transparency

2. Cooperation

3. Bureaucrats

4. Bots

- ❑ 587 active bots
  - ❑ http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:ListUsers&group=bot
- ❑ ClueBot – anti-vandalism monitor and rollback agent
  - ❑ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:ClueBot
- ❑ Clueful Chatting.
  - • http://a.core.cluenet.org/main/wpage.php?section=default&page=Clueful_Chatting

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