Ethical Analysis Assignment #2
Handed out: October 14, 2013
First Version Due: October 23, 2013 (to be workshopped)
Final Version Due: October 30, 2013
CMSC 304

In this assignment, you will consider the ethical trade-offs involved in the hacktivism movement.

In your paper, you must clearly identify the ethical issue of focus and analyze the issue using our course ethical framework. You should now be considering legal issues and professional codes of ethics (ACM, IEEE, etc.) in your discussion.

Here are some thoughts you *may* want to consider:
- Is hacktivism morally permissible, morally noble, or morally wrong
- If immoral, is it *always* immoral or are there exceptions
- If permissible, is it *always* so or is it sometimes morally wrong
- If immoral, should it be illegal (it currently is) and if so, how strongly should it be prosecuted

I expect you to dig deeper into the ethical analysis in this paper, so stay focused on a single ethical issue and perspective. The area of focus is your choice.

As with the previous assignment, the expected length is 2-4 pages in a standard single-spaced, 12 point font report style (approximately 1000-2000 words). As always, it's okay to submit a longer analysis (but not more than 6 pages, please).