# Cyberethics – A Briefing

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# Cyber Landscape - Access

	World	Hong Kong
PC	1.3 Billions	1.7 Millions (Families)
PC Penetration	18.6%	75.8%
Internet Users	2.6 Billions	2.9 Millions
Internet Penetration	37.1%	41.4%
Mobile	5.3 Billions	13.4 Millions
Mobile Penetration	76.2%	190.2%
Social Network Users	910 Millions	N/A
SN Users Penetration	13%	N/A
Facebook	710 Millions	3.82 Millions
Facebook Penetration	10.1%	53.9%

Source: International Telecommunication Union & Internetworldstats.com

## Cyber Landscape - Activities

- 18.9 billion Average number of SMS messages per day.
  0.68 billion Average number of MMS messages per day.
  294 billion Average number of email messages per day.
- 262 billion The number of spam emails per day
  2.9 billion The number of email accounts worldwide.
- 255 million The number of websites as of December 2010.
- 152 million The number of blogs on the Internet (as tracked by BlogPulse).
  - 7.7 million People following @ladygaga (Lady Gaga, Twitter's most followed user).
  - 30 billion Pieces of content (links, notes, photos, etc.) shared on Facebook per month.
  - 20 million The number of Facebook apps installed each day.

Source: mobithinking.com, venturebeat.com (2010)

#### Cyber Landscape – Activities (Cont'd)

- 2 billion The number of videos watched per day on YouTube.
  - 35 Hours of video uploaded to YouTube every minute.
  - 186 The number of online videos the average internet user watches in a month (USA).
  - 84 percent Share of internet users who view videos online (USA).
  - 14 percent Share of internet users who have uploaded videos online (USA).
  - 2+ billion The number of videos watched per month on Facebook.
  - 20 million Videos uploaded to Facebook per month.
- 5 billion Photos hosted by Flickr (September 2010).
  - 130 million Photos uploaded per month to Flickr.
  - 3+ billion Photos uploaded per month to Facebook.

Source: mobithinking.com, venturebeat.com (2010)

### Cyber Landscape - Teens

#### Access

- 93% of teens (12-17) go online. 80% use it at least once a week.
- 95% of parents do not recognize their lingo kids let people know that their parents are watching.

#### Cell Phones

75% of teens (12-17) have cell phones.[ On average, texting teens (12-17) send and receive 1500 text messages a month.

#### Cyberbullying

- 1 in 3 teens (12-17) have experienced online harassment.
- Girls are more likely to be victims of cyberbullying (38% girls vs. 26% boys).

#### Online Gaming

- 97% of teens (12-17) play computer, web, portable, or console games.
- 27% of teens (12-17) play games with people they do not know online.

Source: pewinternet.org, monitorinternetuse.com (US)

#### Cyber Landscape – Teens (Cont'd)

#### Predators

- 20% have been solicited sexually online. 75% of them did not tell their parents.
- 4% received an online sexual solicitation where the solicitor tried to make offline contact.
- In more than one-quarter (27%) of incidents, solicitors asked youths for sexual photographs of themselves.

#### Sexting

- 4% of cell-owning teens (12-17) say that they have sent sexually suggestive nude/semi-nude messages to others via message.
- 15% of cell-owning teens (12-17) say they have received sexually suggestive nude/semi-nude images of someone they know via text.

#### Cyber Landscape – Teens (Cont'd)

#### Social Networking

- 73% of teens (12-17) have profiles on social networking sites.
- 47% of teens (12-17) have uploaded photos; 14 % have posted videos.
- 44% of teens with SN profiles have been contacted by a stranger, compared with 16% of those without profiles
- 71% have reported receiving messages from someone they do not know
- 45% have been asked for personal info from people they do not know
- From 2007-2009 MySpace has deleted 90,000 accounts because they were created by registered sex offenders

Source: pewinternet.org, monitorinternetuse.com (US)

### Why Cyberethics?

- Cybertechnology will continue to grow & stay
- Cyberworld like everything else good & bad
- Outright blocking is not advisable & purely infeasible
- Water-tight control is not attainable
- Parental guidance & communication must
- Cyberethics code of behavior that governs the general use of Cybertechnology
- Cyberethics does NOT introduce new ethical issues.
- Key difference :-
  - Scale, scope and speed that apply because of the impact of computer technology;
  - Sabotage multiple victims globally;
  - Possibly without ever having to leave homes;
  - Plausible sense of anonymity, and thus, diffusion of identity and responsibility
  - Distance they do not feel or witness the immediate consequences and harm of their actions.

#### What is Ethics?

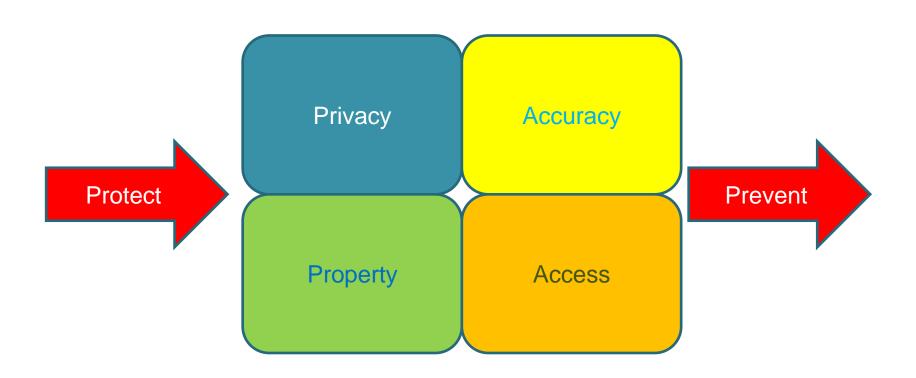
- It's the set of acceptable behaviors in a given culture.
- It's doing the right thing, trying to avoid hurting others.
- It's considering what's good for others before the self.
- It's taking responsibility for one's actions.
- It's guiding force when no one is watching.

### What is Cybertechnology?

- Cybertechnology generally refers to various computing and communications devices – from standalone to networked.
- Cybertechnology devices include: hand-held mobile devices (phones & pads), personal computers (desktops and laptops), and the servers behind the clouds.

### Cyber Environment - PAPA

Richard Mason's 4 ethical issues:



### Cyber Activities

- Surfing
- Social Networking
- Blogging
- Chat Rooms
- E-mail
- Instant Messaging
- Downloading/File Sharing
- Online Gaming
- Wikis
- RSS
- Social Bookmarking

### Top Cyber Issues for Teens

- Protecting privacy
- Sexting
- Pornography
- Online Solicitation
- Predator
- Cyberbullying

#### Parental Control

- Get hold of Administrator profile
- Firewalls, Anti-Virus & Anti-Spyware Programs
- Parental Control Software
  - Daily/Weekly Time Limits
  - Specific Time Restrictions
  - Software Program Specific Restrictions
  - Game Specific Restrictions
  - Internet (IM,email) / Website Usage Restriction
  - Multi-Level Protection (Control, Adm, Network)
  - Tracking & reporting
- Router Level Parental Control

#### Parental Control (Cont'd)

- Phone based Parental Control
  - Blocking incoming/outgoing calls & SMS by specific numbers
  - Website Filtering (blacklisting)
  - Applications blocking
  - Time-Specific Restrictions
  - Location logging (GPS)
  - Calls & SMS recording
  - Get Instant GPS locations
  - Remote locking & Remote information wiping
  - SIM Card Removal Alert
- Warning
  - Use only when necessary
  - TLC & Communication is still required

### Time to Worry, when ...

- Screen Switching
- Odd Phone Calls
- Odd Hours of the Night
- Sense of stealth-ness & sneakiness
- Getting nervous when receiving email/sms/IM
- Use multiple accounts or use others'accounts
- Sudden Influx of Cash
- Unusually Upset at an Internet Interruption
- Withdrawal from Family or Friends

#### Some Tips - Parents

- Don't rely on software to do your job
- Check and discuss Internet Safety policy with School
- Keep an eye on them
- Be proactive
  - Encourage them to speak to you
  - Attend classes, spend time with concerned parents
- Participate with your child online
- Plan ahead
  - talk to them about what could be encountered online
  - What they should react and do

## Some Tips – Parents (Cont'd)

#### Encourage other interests

- Get them away sparingly from the net
- Family board games, outing etc.

#### A time and place for everything

- Common room
   — where you can keep an eye on it.
- If possible, limit access only when you are at home or awake.

#### Explore the Internet

The more you know, the better you can protect your family.

### Some Tips - Teens

- Do not assume the net is safe
  - Assume everyone has access to your site, and always will
  - Think carefully before posting information or photos or even comments
  - Predators are everywhere, and they will peruse what you post
  - There are always bugs & loopholes
- Cyber memories are permanent
- Use strong password, never share password
- Avoid using "remember passwords"
- Beware of cookies during surfing
- Avoid surfing using public facilities, if possible

## Some Tips – Teens (Cont'd)

- Log out after use every time
- Choose nickname for email & chat carefully
- Avoid P2P sharing software
- Do not accept invitation from strangers
- Do not post provocative comments
- Do not respond to cyberbullying attempt
- Do not post intimate or seducing photos

## Other Important Points to Note

Everything starts from fundamental (道高一尺,魔高一丈)...

- Building a platform to understand your child
  - Communication
  - Needs exploration
- Building a trusted relationship with your child
  - Effective Coaching and Communication
  - Role Model
  - Be part of their lives
- Managing conflict when it occurs

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