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Working Meeting Wrap-Up
Ethics of affect in tomorrow's HCI

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Wrap-up summary of this morning's session

- ◆ “Auditing” of the HUMAINE ethics framework against Bernd-Carsten Stahl’s mindmap (cf. yesterday)
- ◆ The verdict...
 - ➔ We do well!
 - ➔ We are “Ahead of the Pack”!
 - ➔ We have been knowing all along
 - White paper target specified in the Technical Annex

Wrap-up...: Acceptability of technology

◆ Critique

- ➔ As formulated by Weizenbaum, Dreyfus,...

◆ Replique!

- ➔ Is it ethical **not** to try improve the bad interfaces?
("Have you ever hated an answer form?
Or wanted to smash a cell phone?")
- ➔ eInclusion:
ethical imperative to acknowledge the affective
dimension of human-computer interaction!

Wrap-up...: Ingredients for success

- ◆ Ian Sneddon
 - ➔ Be pragmatic, stay on track (avoid meta-ethics)
 - ➔ Keep things simple, while safeguarding **necessary** level of detail
- ◆ Roddy Cowie
 - ➔ A highly competent and motivated captain with a worked out plan
- ◆ Peter Goldie
 - ➔ Authoritative grounding in theory (silences ethics sophomores)
 - ➔ Thinking support
- ◆ A strawman gopher
 - ➔ To take care of errands
- ◆ Available expertise
 - ➔ Other members of the Ethics Committee
 - ➔ Continuous feedback from the “laypersons” community

Wrap-up... Some topics and perspectives

- ◆ Process issues [in general: solved] vs. outcome issues [in general: open issue]
 - In HUMAINE:
 - Heterogeneity in background of HUMAINE constituency
 - **Awareness** of outcome issues
 - Process issues → addressed and covered
- ◆ Identify and emphasise what is particular about ethics of emotion
 - “Psychology amplified”
- ◆ Address dynamics of impacts (societal reactions)
- ◆ Responsibility of network (stakeholders)

Wrap-up...: Key problems

- ◆ Ignorance
 - ➔ Core ethical responsibility to educate
- ◆ Information
 - ➔ Semi-intelligent information filters
 - ➔ Judgments that normally depend on intelligence
 - ➔ Used in high-impact situations
- ◆ Emotion-oriented systems will affect people's emotions without empathy (shielding)
 - ➔ Emotion is inherently ethically sensitive

Wrap-up...: Reaching out

- ◆ Information dissemination via key contacts
- ◆ Involvement of broad public, cf. e.g. Meeting of Minds on the Brain Science, 2006

Meeting of Minds One Year On



<http://www.meetingmindseurope.org/>

Wrap-up...: Ethics White paper and Summer School

◆ Approach

- ➔ Challenges
- ➔ Principles
- ➔ Answers
- ➔ Recommendations

◆ Summer School

- ➔ University of Manchester, August 29-31, 2007

Thank You!

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