

Assignment 1

Programme: MBA (PT)

Course Code (Name) : 20600 (Computer Application and Data Processing)

Course Covered : Entire Course

Instructions : Attempt all questions on your own at the first instance. If you cannot do them on your own, you are free to take help of your batch mates or your course instructor. The assignment is to be submitted in *soft form* on or before November 01, 2010. References must be provided.

1. Do a web search and identify a few business houses which have embraced open source software. What benefits have they derived from using these software? Give an overview of the licensing policy of open software.

2. "Business organizations are increasingly relying on and are dependent on information systems for their functioning and staying ahead of competition." In the context of the statement, discuss how Information Systems can give competitive advantage and operational efficiency to business houses.

3. Describe the major ethical and privacy related issues in the context of the widespread use of information technology? What measures have been taken to check unethical use of IT and prevent the infringement of privacy in an IT enabled environment?

4. Discuss the emergence of e-business.

5. Discuss the security related aspects of the Internet.

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