Paper #2 – Visions of the Future

Minimum 1250 words

Topic:
Looking at current trends and projecting them into the future is a good approach to determining what will be happening farther down the line. For this paper, take an aspect of our society that rely on computers and project how this aspect of the world will progress into the future.

Goal:
The goal for this paper is to look at the world in a hypothetical/predictive way and think about what will be happening in the future. You will be given a great deal of latitude in how you formulated this paper, but it should be grounded by some currently visible trends in computer technology.

Suggestions:
• For this paper, you can pick up where your previous paper ends, or choose a new direction.
• Things to consider are: how will your chosen aspect of society change, how will that change lead to something else, or will something new the future you are considering.
• Try to divide the paper into the present (5-years,) near future (10-years,) and far future (20-years.) Dividing the paper will allow you to talk about what is going on, where society is going, and finally what will the direction be in a sci-fi sort of way.
• Do not be afraid to get a little wild in your assumptions.

General requirements and info:
• The paper cannot be written in 1st person.
• All concrete information in the article must be attributed and you must have four references.
• References do not contribute to word count.
• All references can be in the format of your choosing, but must provide enough information to find the reference.
• At least two references must come from the following journals.
  o Communications of the ACM
  o IEEE Computer
  o IEEE Annals of the History of Computing
  o IEEE Spectrum
• The remaining two references must come from a major newspaper, established business magazine, or academic source.

Important Dates:
Week 5 Monday  Feb. 22nd, 2016 – Assignment Distributed.
Week 6 Monday  Feb. 29th, 2016 – 200-word abstract.
Week 7 Monday  March 7th, 2016 – WA draft on Moodle and determine meeting time.