

Assignment 05

Due: Fri 24 Feb 2023

Chapter 03: Documentation and Legal Issues

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer each of the following questions briefly, but completely. Use your textbook and any additional references you may need. Keep your responses brief; there should not be a need for a multi-page response to any of the questions. A few sentences should be sufficient.

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QUESTIONS

20 POINTS

- 1) (6 POINTS) Briefly distinguish between a **technical report** and a **peer-reviewed journal article**. Why is the peer review process important?
- 2) The textbook uses a case study (Section 3.3.7) to illustrate the importance of meticulously keeping a good engineering log book.
 - A) (4 POINTS) **Summarize** the case briefly.
 - B) (4 POINTS) **Explain** why the logs kept by Heartthrob engineer Dr. Maven ended up being so important.
- 3) Do a little bit of googling on **intellectual property**.
 - A) (3 POINTS) What is intellectual property? Define briefly, and give two examples.
 - B) (3 POINTS) If you were an engineer employed (with a written contract) by a client to design Object X, what happens to your engineering log books at the end of the project? Who owns them?