

# The Hand book of information and Cyber Ethic

## Chapter7: Online Anonymity

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### What I expect to learn:

- The meaning of anonymity
- Its relevance with cyber ethic
- How it can be implemented

### Quote:

“Anonymity was used to denote a number of things that are connected like nameless, detachment, unidentifiability, lack of recognition, loss of sense of identity, or sense of self, and so on.”

### Book Review:

When we say the word “Anonymity”, the first concept comes into our mind is that it is questionable, or in other words, unidentifiable. We have no idea about it. We don’t know how to define it, that’s why, anonymity is defined also as a freedom from identification. It is anonymous, in a way that we don’t know everything about it, and because we have no idea about it, we must think something for it, we must define it as much as possible to give description to it. Because of this, the word “freedom” came out. And since freedom is so much powerful to a person, we have a power to choose it and a power to have a responsibility over it. Anonymity is the state of not knowing of something and therefore, it considered as a lack of distinctiveness. We know that this is existed but we have no description over it. No one can define unless, if we have more information about it, there’s a big possibility that we could define it formally. For the next part of this chapter, we will deal the purpose and the impact of anonymity in the social environment.

Anonymity maybe deliberately sought or something that occurs spontaneously from the sheer complexity of modern life. That’s the effect in our lives. As we can see, it occurs spontaneously, therefore, we don’t know everything about it and we are clueless about it. For

instance, If a person asked you to define a particular character in the movie and that character role is very mysterious, then we have to think that this character only done a particular role which is a big role in the film, but you can't identify his/her name especially when that actor/actress is not that popular, therefore, the first perception is that "who is this character in real life?" As a result, it is called the anonymous character in the movie. So, the next time you so this character, we will think that "This is the character in the movie". But still, it is anonymous to you because you have no information about it. As an analogy to social environment, If there is something existed and people have an issue about it, the people just think that this is anonymous simply because they have no idea for it. And since it is spontaneous, we will immediately forget about this issue. And if you have no interest with it, therefore, it will mislay into your mind.

**What I have learned:**

- How anonymity affect human life
- The importance of knowing anonymity

**Integrative Question:**

1. What is anonymity?
2. What is online anonymity?
3. How can we use this in defending ourselves?
4. What is the importance of knowing anonymity?
5. Does this follow the 10 commandments of cyber ethics?