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| You are responsible for what you write |  | This presentation points out that one can accidentally or intentionally post something that will hurt themselves or others.  You have to be careful when working online. |
| Implications and creating written content |  | This presentation deals with the implications of the Internet for individuals and creating text content. |
| Sent an inadvertent message |  | Have you ever sent an email to the wrong person or sent a message to a list when you thought it was only going to one person?  Would you be willing to speak rudely like this to the professor or even to a classmate who liked the class? |
| Did you feel panicky, embarrassed? |  | If you’ve made a mistake like this, how did you feel when you discovered what you’d done?  Were you panicky or embarrassed?  More important, how did the recipient feel? |
| Angry |  | There is a good chance you made someone angry.  You may or may not have cared, but you would have unintentionally made an enemy. |
| Sad |  | Worse yet, you may have hurt someone.  This can have tragic consequences, as in the cases of young people who’ve committed suicide in response to “cyber bullying” or having embarrassing behavior exposed on the Internet.  The motto of The Well, an early online community was “You own your own words.”  You’re responsible for the consequences of what you say. |
| You may have regrets later even if the message was intended at the time |  | Even if you post something intentionally, you might regret it later.  First drafts are often bad – give them time to cool off.  If you wouldn’t say something in person, perhaps it is not a good idea to say it online.  It’s simple to make a perfect copy of anything you post online, so don’t post anything you wouldn’t want to get out some day. |
| Don’t count on anonymith |  | For example, don’t post something you wouldn’t want your future boss to see.  And don’t count on being anonymous – you will probably be found out. |
| Summary |  | If you’ve not already done so, you’ll probably regret something you post online some day.  Regardless of whether you post it accidentally or intentionally, it’ll harm both you and others, so be careful and be thoughtful.  If you’re not willing to sign your name to a post or say what you say to a person’s face, think twice about posting it. |
| Self-study questions and a link |  |  |