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Computer Networking students recently attended Stop / Think / Connect, Cyber Security in the 21st Century at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The event was sponsored by the Washtenaw County Cyber Citizenship Coalition, AT&T, Dell Computers, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Stop, Think, and Connect is a national public education campaign aimed at raising awareness about cyber security, ultimately increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering people to be safer and more secure online. Students learned that in today's society the internet, cell phones, and other technologies used every day leaves behind a digital tattoo or thumbprint which can be tracked by law. It became very clear the need to take every precaution to protect oneself by being aware of one's actions. Topics also covered were bullying in general but more importantly Cyber Bullying along with the laws used to protect people.

The presentation was very informational. The bottom line is be careful, everything posted using the internet via email, social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and even cell phone conversations, photos, and text is retrievable forever. Students were also informed that colleges, armed forces, and employers are searching for any information on potential candidates. Google yourself and see what the internet has to say about you! To learn more go to www.stopthinkconnect.org