CSE567M
Project Guidelines

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http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse567-15/
Overview

- Project Requirements, End-Goal
- Literature Search
- Outline: Preparation Process, Mind Maps
- Writing: Organization, List of Acronyms, References
- HTML Style Guidelines
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Project Suggestions

Note: Do not repeat last year’s projects

- Cloud Computing
- Big Data
- Virtualization
- Multi-core processors
- Sustainability and energy
- Health applications
Sample Project Topics

- A Survey of Network Traffic Models
- A Survey of Queueing Analysis Packages
- Recent advances in queueing analysis
- A Survey of Simulation Packages
- Recent advances in simulation
- A Survey of Processor Workloads
- A Survey of modeling Tools: R, MATLAB, SPSS, Mathematica
- A survey of Network Performance/traffic monitoring Tools
- A Survey of Operating Systems/Process Monitoring Tools
- Operating Systems (Unix/Linux/Windows) Performance Tools
- Note: Do not repeat last year’s projects
Sample Project Topics (Cont)

- Time series analysis modeling techniques
- Performance Analysis of xxx (Commonly used performance metrics, Workloads, Sample/Actual Analysis, Examples of Use/Misuse of Analysis techniques and plots)
  - Performance of Communication Middleware
  - Performance of Real time systems
  - Performance of Web caching
  - ...
- Case Study: Performance Analysis of xxx
Project Schedule

Mon 2/23 Topic Selection
Mon 3/02 References Due
Mon 3/16 Outline Due
Wed 3/30 First Draft Due -> Peer reviewed
Wed 4/06 Reviews Returned
Wed 4/13 Final Report Due
Project Requirements

- Comprehensive Survey:
  Technical Papers, Industry Standards, Products

- Will be published on my website,
  Better ones may be submitted to magazines or journals

- If you are doing a case study or a survey of performance analysis of xxxx, make sure your report emphasizes the performance concepts and techniques learnt in this course.

- In surveys, if you come across misuse of statistics or mistakes, please include it in the report.
Project Requirements (Cont)

- No copyright violations:
  ⇒ You need to re-draw all figures
  ⇒ You need to summarize all ideas in your *own* words
  ⇒ Cannot copy any part of text or figure unmodified
  ⇒ Short quotes ok
  ⇒ Any unmodified figures need permissions

Any infringement will result in forfeiture of grades even after graduation.

- See papers in previous offering of this course, e.g.,
  http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse567-06/index.html
  http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse567-08/index.html
  http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse567-11/index.html
  http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cse567-13/index.html
End-Goal

- Paper that can be published as a survey paper in any magazine, journal, conference
Literature Search

- Finding references: Use Google advanced search options
  - Location 802.11 +filetype:pdf +site:.com
- Library.wustl.edu → Databases → Multisearch → Subject, Engineering: search 10 journal databases for the topic
- Conduct searches in two phases. In the first phase, use the title words of your project. After reading these, conduct another more comprehensive search.
- Remove articles that are not useful
- No limit to the number of references
- Follow the references in references
Google Search Modifiers

- `filetype:pdf, doc, ppt, pptx`
- `site:wustl.com`
- `intitle:trend`
- `inurl:trend`
- `allintitle:Networking Trends`
- `Allinurl:`
- “ ” ⇒ Exact Phrase
- `OR`
- `AND`
- `+ ⇒ Must include`
- `- ⇒ Not include`
- `~X ⇒ X or similar`
- `* ⇒ Wildcard`
Google Search (Cont)

- Basic search help - web search help, [http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=134479&rd=1](http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=134479&rd=1)
- Search results options, [http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=142143&topic=1221265](http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=142143&topic=1221265)
- Search preferences, [http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=35892&rd=1](http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=35892&rd=1)
Project Homework 1

- Search web pages, books, and journal articles from ACM Digital Library, Applied Science, Compendex, ABI/INFORM Complete, and Knovel databases at Olin Library for one of the following topics:
  - Computer Systems Performance Analysis
  - Computer Systems Modeling
  - Computer Systems Simulation
  - Experimental Design
  - Queueing Theory

- On the web try the following search points:
  - http://library.wustl.edu/findart.html
  - http://library.wustl.edu/fulltext/
  - http://scholar.google.com
  - http://books.google.com
Project Homework 1 (Cont)

- http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/
- http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/
- http://worldcat.org/
- See also http://www.searchengineguide.com/pages/Science/

- Ignore all entries dated 2007 or before. List others in the following format (up to 5 each):
  - Author, “Title,” publisher, year, ISBN. (for 5 books)
  - “Title,” URL [One line description] (for 5 web pages)
  - Author, “Title,” complete bibliographic data including vol., no., year, pp. (for 5 technical/magazine articles)
  - Title, publisher, URL (for 5 journals/magazines/periodicals)

- For Books (1st item above) and Journals (4th item above) find items that are devoted primarily to your topic and not any item that have the topic as a subset.

- Serially number the references and submit electronically to jain@wustl.edu. The mail should have a subject field of “CSE567M Project Homework 1” (Please note the subject carefully)

- Make a list of other interesting search points and share with the class.
Common Mistakes in Project Homework #1

- Listing older books
- Listing books/Magazines/journals that have little to do with the topic – may show up in search engines because of a minor mention of the topic or words
- Web Pages – No one line descriptions
- Missing journals. Need names of journals dealing with the topic chosen.
HTML Style Guidelines

- See papers from previous classes on my website for details
- Use plain text editors with simple html
- No Java, flash, animation
- Do not use HTML generated by MS Word. It will not pass any HTML validation test. Save the word file as plain text and add HTML tags.
- Learn to use special characters in text and reference URLs. See http://tntluoma.com/sidebars/codes/
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" />
<meta name="Author" />
<meta http-equiv="content-language" />
<meta name="robots" />
<meta name="Keywords" />
<meta name="Classification" />
<meta name="Description" />
<title></title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Title</h1>
<B>Author</B>, Permanent-Email
<hr>
<h2>Abstract:</h2>
...
<hr>
See Also:
<hr>
<h2><a id="toc"></a>Table of Contents:</h2>
<ul>
<li><a href="#sec2">2. 10-Gigabit Ethernet Overview</a></li>
<ul>
<li><a href="#sec2.1">2.1 Benefits of 10-Gigabit Ethernet</a></li>
</ul>
... 
</ul>
</h2>
<h2><a id="intro">Introduction</a></h2>
...
<p>[<a href="#grow99">Grow99</a>]
</p>

...
Project Homework 2

- Prepare a short webpage (written manually) using most of the tags indicated in this handout
- Include one image/photo in the page
- Validate the page using validator.w3.org
- Submit the html source file printout, web page printout, and the URL

Remember:
- To add all meta tags specified in the handout
- Validate the page
- Load it in an ad-free area
WUSTL Engineering Student Webpages

- Web page creation in WUSTL: http://eit.engineering.wustl.edu/help/Create_webpage.asp
- There are two servers that students can use:
  - shell.cec.wustl.edu (CEC)
  - ssh.seas.wustl.edu (SEAS)
Common Mistakes in Homework 2

- Not using parameters for meta tags
- Not validating
Outline Preparation Process

- Read abstract and stop if irrelevant
- Underline the key points in the paper
- Write the key summary on the first page of the paper
- Prepare a text document with the key ideas
- Keep adding to this text document document from different papers with [refs, page, paragraph]
- Import the text document in PowerPoint
- Add figures and clean up the outline
- Like getting ready to make a presentation to the class
Mind Maps
Diamond Writing Style

- Each paper should start with an introduction and end with a summary.
- Each section should start with a short introduction and end with a summary with a lead in to the next section. The same applies to subsections.
- All subsections should be of comparable length.
- Add an appendix with all abbreviations
- Add a list or discussion of related products
Writing Style

- Readers want to get to the information fast. Keep the nonessential stuff at the end.
- Check thoroughly for grammar and spelling.
- Avoid excessive use of abbreviations.
- Be consistent in case and usage: MOBILE, Mobile, mobile
Organization

- Every paper should have an introduction and a summary.
- Divide paper into sections.
- Every section should have a lead-in paragraph.
- Header level should correspond to the level in table of contents.
Organization (Cont)

- Title
- Author
- Abstract
- Keywords
- See Also:, References to Other Reports
- Table of Contents
- Introduction
- Other Sections
- Summary
- References
- List of Acronyms
- Date Last Modified:
Organization (Cont)

- Table of Contents
  - Sections and subsections
  - Numbering n.n
  - 3-7 subsections per section
  - 3-7 sections per paper
  - Include one first and 2nd level headers n. and n.n
  - Do not include 3rd and higher levels, e.g., n.n.n
Title/Keywords/Abstract

- **Title**
  - Based on Table of contents
  - Searchable

- **Abstract**
  - Based on Table of Contents
  - 3-7 sentences
  - Emphasize what part of course was used in the paper

- **Key Search words**
  - Based on Table of contents
  - Acronyms and full names

- **Description:**
  - One line based on ToC and Abstract
Organization (Cont)

- Introduction
  - Explain what the topic is about.
Other Sections

- Each section less than 3 pages.
- Each section needs at least one introductory paragraph. Do not start with a subsection.
- Each subsection at least 1 paragraph.
- All sections/subsections should be numbered n. n.n
- If you borrowed several sentences from some source, italicize the text and indicate the source.

Never write a sentence with the original source in front of you. This will block you from writing it in your own words. Write ideas from source, merge ideas from different sources, and then write the ideas in your own words.
Other Sections (Cont)

- Always include citations for sources of ideas even if the expression is yours.
- Redraw the line drawings. Avoid copy and paste as much as possible (e.g., for photographs).
- If there is no author, e.g., a web page, use the site name followed by a number, e.g., [wikipedia02] in the body of the text, with full title and url in the reference list.
- If multiple papers in the same year from the same last name, use [lastnameyya] [lastnameyyb],… in the text.
Summary

- One or more sentences about each issue.
- Based on Table of Contents
- Key lessons
References

- Style of References
  - Author(s), “Title,” Source, date, pages, url
  - The URL should show up as well as have a link.
  - All references should be annotated and have links.

- Order in the most important first and indicate so
- In the text point to the end
- In the end point to actual URL. Provide URL.
- Find URL for published papers
- Remove references that are useless.
- [Authoryy] notation.
- Exception: Standards, company documents, RFCs.
List of Acronyms

- Search the text
- Define on first use
- Avoid acronym use if used less than 5 times.
- Exception: Commonly used acronyms, e.g., CPU, I/O, IP, …
Figures/Tables

- All figures should be numbered 1, 2, ...
- All tables should be numbered 1, 2, ...
- All figures should have a title below the figure
- All tables should have a title above the table
- All figures/tables should be referenced in the text and explained.
- Should be placed close to their references.
- To prepare figures in Windows use blank slides in PowerPoint using the font sizes to be used in the paper. Group the figure as one object. Copy and use paste special as “Enhanced Windows Metafile (EMF)” for best quality.
- Do not rescale figures in Word. Rescaling the fonts reduces their quality.
Draft Submission

- Submit 4 hardcopies
- In the draft:
  - For the review purposes, the author's name and email should be removed. Substitute last 3 digits of your student ID.
  - Add keywords after abstract
- Spell check
- Grammar Check
Editorial

- Check all acronyms. All acronyms should be defined on first use.

- Check capitalization. No unnecessary capitalization. Headers are usually capitalized.

- Spell Check entire document.

- K=1024, k=1000. Disk storage is measured in KB, network link speeds are measured in kb. kbps not Kbps.

- Leave a space between numbers and units, e.g., 15 km not 15km.
Editorial (Cont)

- Look for special characters
- American English: Signaling, Synchronization
- Check for continuity
- Break long paragraphs.
- Single space between paragraphs.
- The paper should be 10-15 pages long
- If you copy any figures, give reference and credit
- Use the template supplied
Common Mistakes

- No Figures
- Figure/equations fonts too large
- Figures with no title or number or reference
- Figures/tables overflowing the margins
- References with no annotation
- References not cited
- Key pieces of information w/o references
- Tables w/o references
- Papers too short
Common Mistakes (Cont)

- No comparison of different alternatives
- No Acronyms
- No summary
- Incorrect reference style
- No keywords
HTML Guidelines (Cont)

- File name: index.html, fig1.gif, fig2.gif, ..., fig.ppt
- Keep PowerPoint figure source files in the same directory although these may not be referenced in the paper
- Keep all references relative.
  - Absolute: http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/papers/x.ps
  - Relative: papers/x.ps
- Keep the whole paper in one file “index.html” with figures in fign.gif in the same directory. No Subdirectories.
- All files names should have eight characters or less for name and 3 characters or less for extension (MS/DOS compatible). The only exception is index.html
HTML Guidelines (Cont)

- All filenames and extensions should be lowercase and contain no spaces.
- Ensure there is a link attached to
  - Author at cse.wustl.edu
  - Every line in Table of contents
- Spread references throughout the document. Use mnemonic references with link attached to them, e.g., [Cisco99]
- Keep all internal anchor names and ids lowercase without spaces or special characters, e.g., cisco99.
- Use only id or name not both:
  
  ```html
  <A name="xx">
  <A id="xx">
  ```

- All img should have alt.
HTML Guidelines (Cont)

- Do not resize images in html. Resize them before using. Prepare figures so that there is no rescaling required. Use 12 point fonts in PowerPoint.
- Center all figures, tables, and equations
- Serially number all figures as 1, 2, … not 1.1 2.1 etc.
- Serially number all tables as 1, 2, …
- No font tags
Check for Plagiarism

- Viper – The anti-plagiarism scanner
  http://www.scanmyessay.com/
  Requires Windows but best free checker
Final Submission

- Validate your page on:
  - W3C Markup Validation Service, [http://validator.w3.org/](http://validator.w3.org/)

- Check URLs. Check local anchors.

- Remember to submit copies of unusual references (not available in the library or the Internet) with the final paper.
Final Submission (Cont)

- No WinWord generated HTML
- You can use WinWord for spell checking the text
- Use plain text editor to insert HTML tags.
- Submit the final HTML version as a single zip file
- No Tar/tgz files (please submit only one zip file with all files)
- Filename: 8-or-less-letters-short-project-name.zip
  Rename zip file to .zpi for transmission through email.
- Email .zpi file to: jain@cse.wustl.edu with the subject field of “CSE567 Project Report”
Common Mistakes

- Used WinWord generated HTML file.
- Did not validate HTML.
- Incorrect title.
- Images resized in HTML. Height and Width attribute in the images do not match those of the actual image.
- Used HTML4
- WUSTL proxy in URLs
- Figures not scaled properly
- Table rows not aligned on top
Checklist

1. Are Keywords appropriate?
2. Is the title satisfactory?
3. Does the abstract clearly summarize the topic discussed?
4. Table of Contents logically organized?
5. Does introduction entice you to read the rest of the paper?
6. Major ideas and topics received enough attention?
7. Are individual sections and subsections of uniform length?
8. Are references correctly formatted and spread throughout?
9. Include author, title, dates, pages, and URL?
10. Did the author follow the diamond explanation principle?
11. Acronyms used properly and listed?
12. Figures and Tables (Clearly labeled and professional looking, referenced in the text and explained)
13. Are paragraphs of right length (not too long or too short)?
14. Do the subheadings clarify the sections of the text?
15. Was the material ordered in a way that was logical, clear, and easy to follow?
16. Is there any portion of the text that could be omitted?
17. Does the summary point out the key results?
18. Copyright violations in text, figures, or tables?
19. Text checked for Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation errors
20. Is the quality good enough for publication in IEEE Magazine?