CS 490 Senior Seminar Mon 4-5:15p GMCS 305

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Key Concept: Who is your audience and how to convince them you are worth listening to.

Course Requirements

Each member of the class must prepare and deliver three oral presentations on topics related to Computer Science. Your first presentation will be on your hobbies, related to computer science, and should be 15 minutes long and should be for a general audience. The second should be on a social or ethical issue related to Computer Science and should be 10-15 minutes long, you can assume your audience is fellow CS majors. The third presentation may be on any topic you choose, related to Computer Science, should be technical and last 20 minutes.

We recommend that you present topics about which you have some special interest or knowledge. You could also base your presentations on papers that you find in sources such as IEEE Computer or Communications of the ACM. Please see me individually if you have questions about whether a topic is suitable, or if you need help in finding a topic to present

Your course grade will be calculated (approximately) as follows:

Oral presentations = 60%
Class participation = 30%
Major Field Test (final exam) = 10%

Class Guidelines

  0. At the first class meeting, I will give a demo on presentation and look for the remaining 3 individuals to present on 30January.

  1. In a while, I will distribute a schedule of presentations for the semester. It is very important that you be ready to deliver a presentation when you are scheduled; if something interferes with this, please let me know as soon as possible. Late presentations (without an acceptable reason) may be penalized.

  2. Part of your course grade will be based on class participation (giving other people feedback on their presentations). This means that class attendance is important! As a courtesy to other speakers, please make every effort to be in class on time (or even a few minutes early).

  3. I encourage you to use PowerPoint or some other type of software in your presentations. Be sure to try this software in the classroom (before the day of your presentation) to check that everything is working properly. Please contact me to arrange a time to do this...