

## 6.824 Spring 2015 Paper Questions

For each paper, your assignment is two-fold. By 10PM the evening before lecture:

- Submit your answer for each lecture's paper question via the [submission web site](#), and
- Submit your own question about the paper (e.g., what you find most confusing about the paper or the paper's general context/problem). You cannot use the question below. To the extent possible, during lecture we will try to answer questions submitted the evening before.

You can also upload your questions and answers using curl:

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## Answer goes into lecN.txt
$ curl -F file=@lec2.txt \
      -F key=XXXXXXXX \
      http://6824.scripts.mit.edu/submit/handin.py/upload
## Question goes into sqN.txt
$ curl -F file=@sq2.txt \
      -F key=XXXXXXXX \
      http://6824.scripts.mit.edu/submit/handin.py/upload
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### Lecture 20

[Distributed Programming in Argus](#). Starting at the bottom-left of page 310, the paper mentions that a participant writes new versions to disk **twice**: once before replying to a prepare message, and once after receiving a commit message. Why are both writes necessary? What could go wrong if participants replied to the prepare without writing the disk, instead only writing the disk after receiving a commit message?

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