

CIS*3750 - System Analysis and Design in Applications

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Course Outline Discovery & Discussion

Objective:

- To familiarize students with the course structure, key dates, expectations, and requirements by collaboratively reading and discussing the course outline.

Course Outline Discovery & Discussion

1. Split into groups (~7-8 students per group)
2. Read outline and discuss (~ 15-20 minutes)
3. Question compilation (2-3 questions per group)
4. Class discussion

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Labs - Reminder

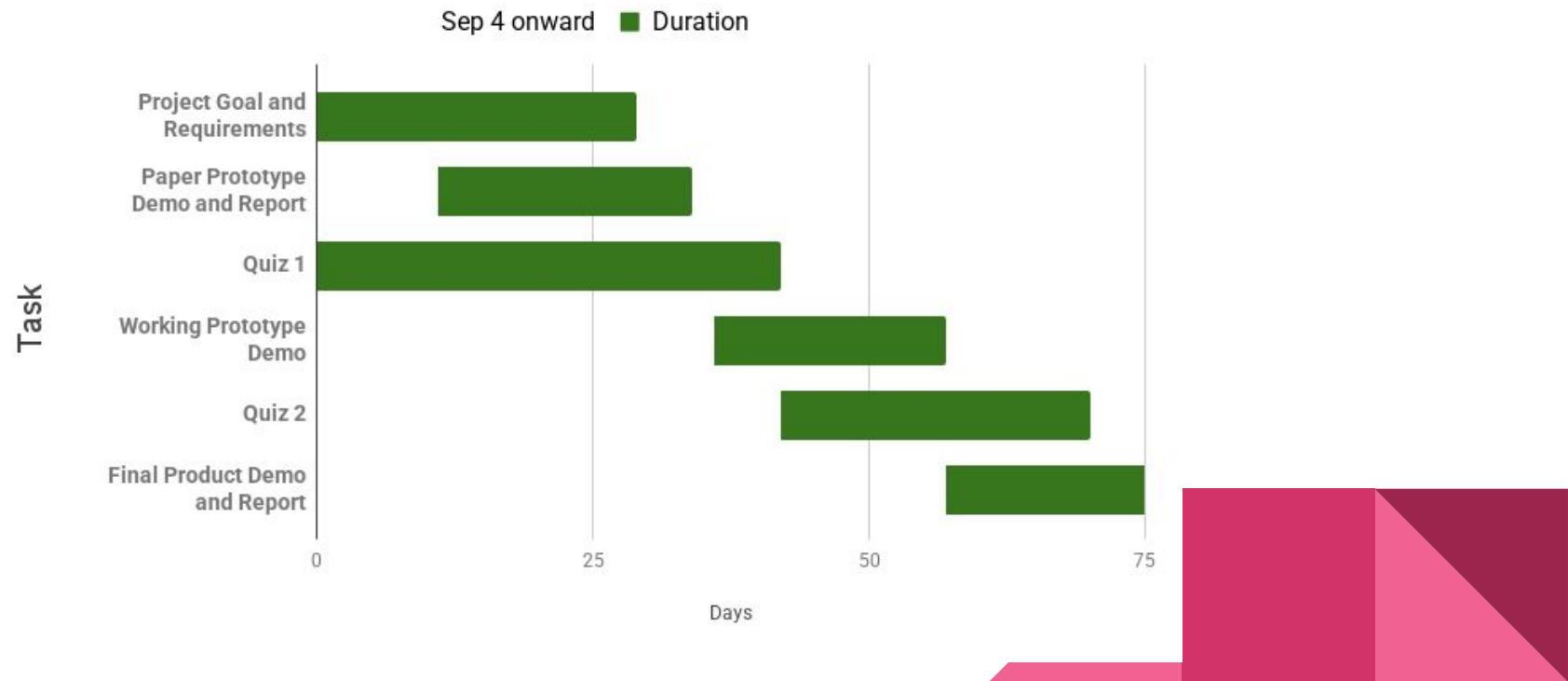
- Start next week (the week of **Sep 15**)!!!
- You must attend your assigned lab section.

Course Assessment

Description	Weighting (%)	Due Date
Project Goal and Requirements Assignment	15	Oct 3
Paper Prototype Demo and Report	15	Week 6 (Oct 6 week)
Quiz 1	15	Oct 16
Working Prototype Demo	10	Week 9 (Oct 27 week)
Quiz 2	15	Nov 13
Final Product Demo and Report	30	Week 12 (Nov 17/24 week)

Course Assessment

Start on Sep 4 and Duration



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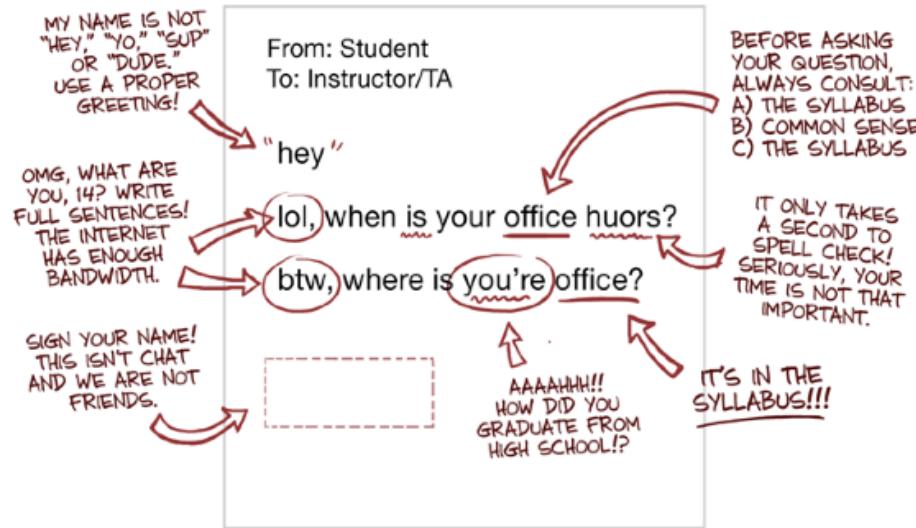
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What's this course about?

- Designing and building software
- Teamwork and communication
- Learning by doing
- Machine Learning System Design



Course Description

- This course is an introduction to the issues and techniques encountered in the design and construction of **machine learning** software systems. Topics include requirements and specifications, prototyping, design principles, object-oriented analysis and design, testing and debugging.
- CS in action!

Learning Outcomes

1. Collect and critically evaluate client needs to **develop software requirements** that are specific, measurable, and categorized.
2. Estimate a timeline for software development by identifying dependencies in, establishing a prioritized list of, and **estimating production time for the software requirements**.

Learning Outcomes

3. Improve system design by collecting and synthesizing client feedback provided during **prototyping sessions**.
4. Create design artifacts to succinctly **communicate** software requirements to teammates and clients.
5. **Implement and test** a system's solution that addresses the client needs.

CIS 3750 Timeline

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Weeks 1-4 - problem identification & planning

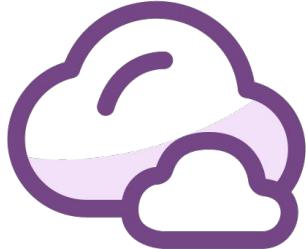
Weeks 5-8 - Finalize planning & PROTOTYPING

Weeks 9-12 - finalize Implementation & demos

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Machine learning software systems?

- What is machine learning?
- When you hear the term **machine learning**, what do you think it means?



What comes to mind when you hear the term machine learning?



Spam Filtering, ML or not?



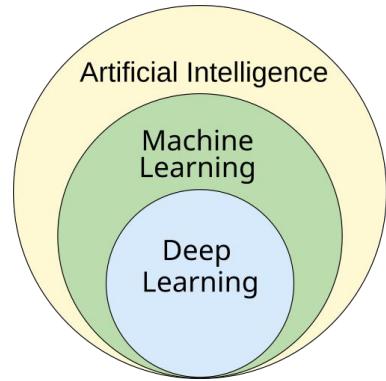
Sort AirBnB listings by province, ML or not?



Netflix recommending movies and TV shows, ML or not?

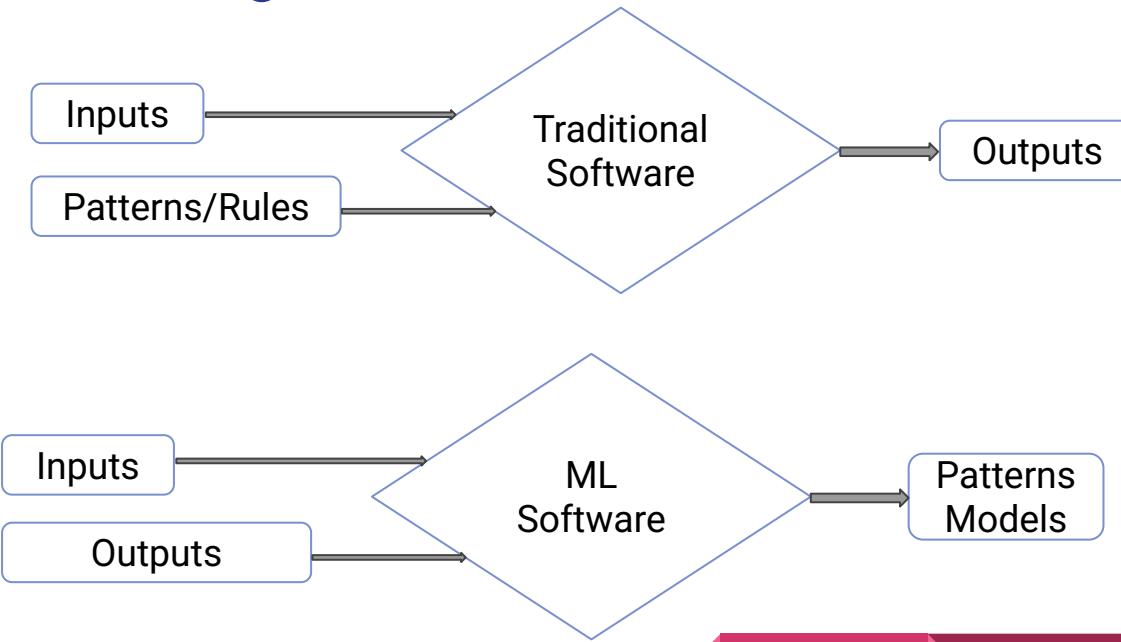
Machine Learning

- Machine Learning (ML)
 - A subfield of artificial intelligence
 - Development of algorithms that **learn from data** and generalize to unseen data
 - Performs tasks without explicit programmed instructions
- "A computer program is said to learn from experience E with respect to some class of tasks T and performance measure P if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E" - Tom. Mitchell

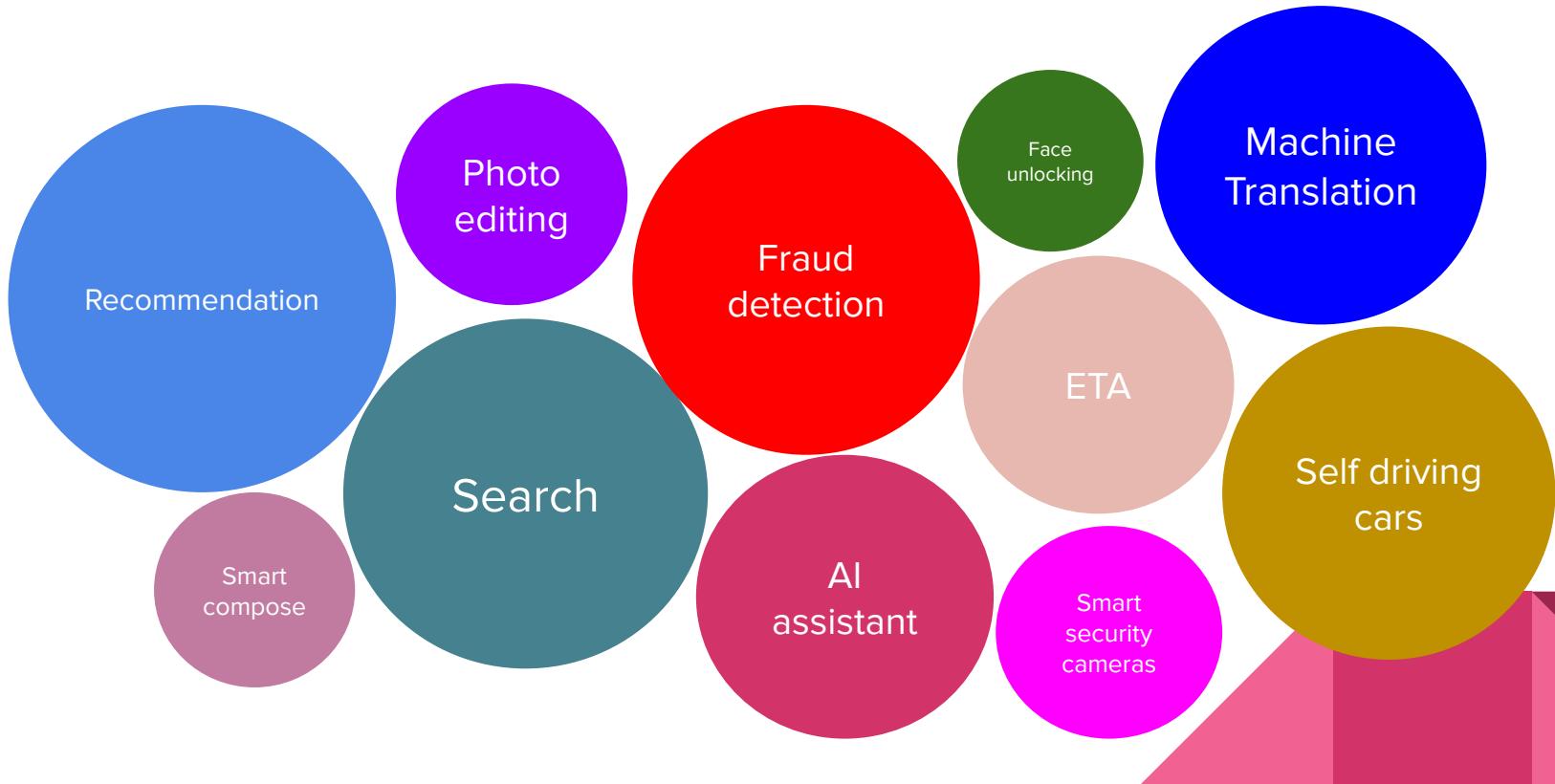


When to use Machine Learning

- ML
 - Learn
 - Complex patterns
 - Existing data
 - Make predictions
 - Unseen data

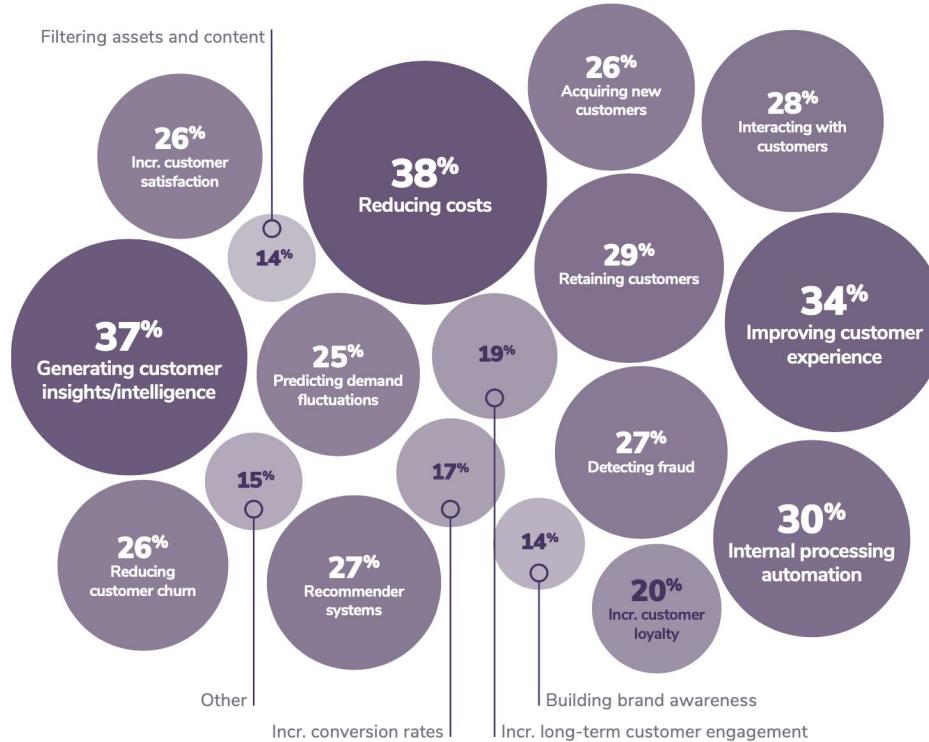


ML is in almost every aspect of our lives



Enterprise use cases

Machine learning use case frequency

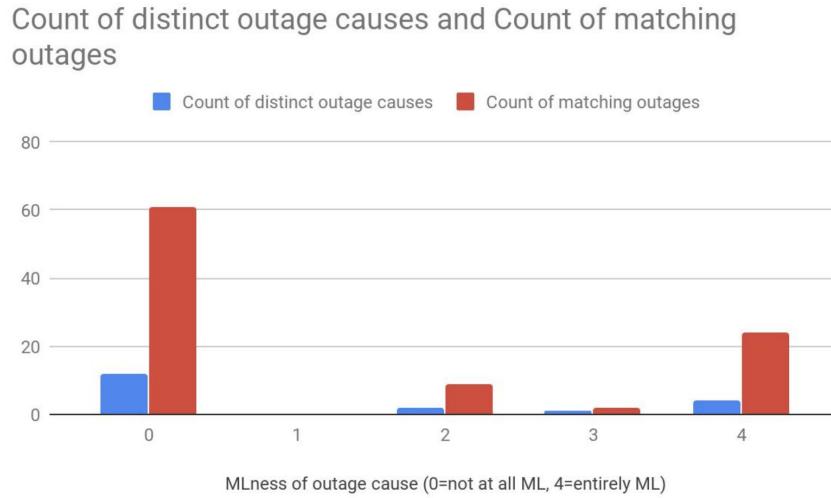


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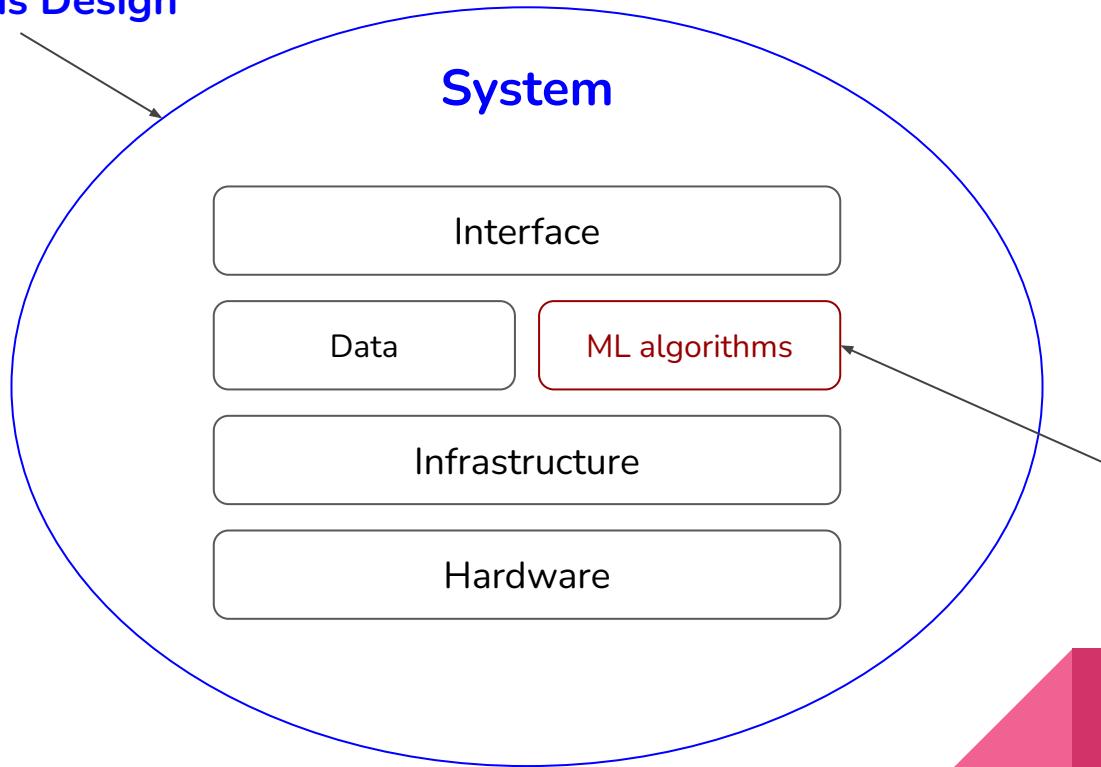
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- 60/96 failures caused by non-ML components



ML Systems Design



Most ML
courses/books