Dear final year project students,

Those of you who would like to defend your work early are welcome to do so on July 15th. If you would like to defend your project on July 15th, ask your advisor to register you for that date. There will be 2-3 additional dates on August and September.

Important: you must come with your technical report printed out, and it must follow the guidelines below (a copy paste from the letter you received last September).

* You will need to submit a technical report / scientific paper in English and written in Latex (you are welcome to use sharelatex.com or overleaf.com). Your paper must include the following items / sections:

1. Project Title + your names, and the name of your advisor
2. Abstract: A paragraph describing your work.
3. Introduction: Explain the problem, why it is important (motivation) and give some direction to how you are planning to solve it / how you have solved it.
4. Related work: summarize previously published papers on the topic you have chosen and/or on methods you are planning to use / have used (i.e., scientific papers that provide the required background). You must summarize the papers in your own words (make sure that you understand them). You can search for scientific papers at scholar.google.com.
5. [Failed approaches]: describe approaches you have tried but that have failed.
6. A detailed description of your work or system: This should describe what has actually worked.
7. Evaluation and results: including comparison to some baseline(s)
8. Conclusions
9. Future work

* The project description section should include only your final (best) approach, as should the results section. However, you can add a section for failed approaches (including their results). Do not write your report as a story (try avoiding first person viewpoint and subjective case), the only exception to this can be the failed approaches section in which you can describe what has failed and how you see it from your point of view.

Your work will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

* Novelty: How novel is your idea? (Was it already implemented in the past, possibly in slightly different settings? Is it interesting research-wise?)
* Usefulness (motivation) & Complexity: Are you solving an important problem? (Who cares about the problem you have solved? Is someone actually using your system?) How complex is the problem you have solved?
* Usability & Workability: How simple is it to operate the system? How well the system does actually works? (Does it crash all the time?)
* Technical report: How well is it written? Is it clear? Is the related work section adequate?

Best,

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