

Project 2 Guidelines and Timeline

Project 2 is a group project. Each student will be a member of a team of 3 or 4 students as described below. There are 4 projects to select from. As a team, you will select one of these projects.

Each team will do two things in completing this project:

1. Submit a written report that addresses the questions posed in the project description. The report should be written from the perspective of the agent described in the project description. This will be graded on a 40-point scale using the rubric posted.
2. Submit a recorded presentation that summarizes your findings. This recorded presentation should include visual aids (graphical displays, tables, etc.) to support your findings, and should be presented from the perspective of the agent described in the project description. All members of the group must participate in this presentation almost equally – no members of the group should monopolize recording time. Recorded presentations should not exceed 12 minutes. This will be graded on a 40-point scale using the rubric posted.

Project 2 counts for 20% of your total course grade (see the course syllabus). Your score on the project will be out of a possible 80 points – 40 points for the written component and 40 for the recorded component.

Members of the group will receive the same grade and are expected to contribute to the work of the group in good faith. In any group, there will be some that have better technical skills, and some that have better communication skills. It's up to each individual to find a way to step up to help the team.

Additionally, each member of a team will submit to the instructor an evaluation of the contributions of its team members. Here you'll have the opportunity to anonymously rate the contributions of each of your team members – not by assigning a grade, but by categorizing each as having contributed as an "acknowledgement" (minimal participation), "co-author" (equal participant) or "lead author" (somebody whose contributions were above and beyond those of other members of the group). "Lead authors" will receive a small bonus in their project grade, and those "acknowledged" will receive a small penalty. These categories are to be interpreted loosely: Don't punish a team member if they've made a good faith effort to contribute, but may have had difficulty doing so. It's the intent that matters, not so much the result.

Timeline:

- If there are students you wish to work with, let the instructor know by email (sent through Canvas!) by Friday, March 1. In your email, ONE person in the team you wish to form should send the email, and all members of the suggested team should be CC'd on this message.
- During the week of March 4–8, all students will be assigned to a team by the instructor. Students without preferred partners will be attached to teams. Those that have asked to work together as a team may have another person added to their group.
- By Friday, March 15, each team must identify and commit to one of the four projects described. No more than three teams will be allowed to work on any one of the projects, so it's in your best interest to "claim" a project as soon as possible, or you won't be able to pick the project you want to work on. First come, first claimed.
- By Friday, April 12 teams will submit (to Canvas) ONE copy of the written report. The student whose last name appears **first** in a list of alphabetized last names will submit the report. No other student will submit a copy of the report.
- By Friday, April 12, teams will submit (to Canvas) ONE copy of their recorded presentation. The student whose last name appears **last** in a list of alphabetized last names will submit the report. No other student will submit a copy of the report.

For example, if a team consists of Joe **B**iden, Olaf **S**cholz, Narendra **M**odi, and Cyril **R**amaphosa, then Biden would submit the written report, and Scholz would submit the recorded presentation.

- In class on Wednesday, April 17, all recorded presentations will be viewed. Your polite presence in class on Wednesday, April 17 is expected, and absence on this day is inconsiderate of your classmates and the work they have done. Please attend. This class meeting will not be recorded.