

# Logistics: Assignment 3 and Project Milestone 1

- Assignment 3: Due Oct 18 (Mon)
  - Don't wait till the last minute
  - Check your late-day usages
- Project milestone 1: Due tomorrow, Oct 15 (Fri)
  - Initial literature survey (around 3~5 references)
  - A plan on what you want to do for the remaining of the semester
    - **Formalize your research question and approaches**, e.g.,
      - Theory/simulation project: formalize your models
      - Data-analysis project: figure out where and how to get data and what you plan to do with it
      - Experiment/application project: have a prototype design and an evaluation plan
    - **Include a timeline** (weekly or biweekly) on what you plan to do
      - Nov 2: Midterm Project Pitch and Discussion
      - Nov 5: Milestone 2

# Logistics: More about Assignment 3

- Understanding Bayes' theorem and conditional probability
- Problem 2
  - Assignment prior: 80% good, 20% bad
  - Two randomly drawn graders 1 and 2 are reviewing the same assignment

	Signal	
	G	B
Good	80%	20%
Bad	40%	60%

- What is the probability for a grader to receive signal B for an assignment randomly drawn from all assignments
  - If grader 1 receives signal B, what is the probability that grader 2 (grading the same assignment) also receiving signal B?
- If you don't know how to approach the above problem on top of your head, you might have a hard time for assignment 3.

# Logistics: More about Assignment 3

- Understanding Bayes' theorem and conditional probability
- Problem 3
  - Recommendation letter writing as Information design
  - Qualification prior: 30% above the bar, 70% not above the bar
  - Consider a letter writing strategy:
    - When the student is above the bar, I say the student is above the bar with 100% chance
    - When the student is not above the bar, I say the student is above the bar with 20% chance
  - When the company receives a letter saying the student is above the bar
    - What is the posterior probability that the student is really above the bar

# Logistics: Project Milestone 2

- Milestone 2: Due Nov 5
  - Summarize your progress
  - Last chance to convert a research project to an extensive literature survey
- What's the expected amount of literature survey?
  - Case by case
  - As a general guideline, the minimum number of papers
    - For research project: 3~5 papers (# papers in one lecture)
    - For literature survey project, 15~20 papers (# papers in one “topic”)

# Logistics: Project Midterm Pitch and Discussion

- Milestone 2: Due Nov 5 (Friday)
- Midterm Pitch: Nov 2 (Tue), in lecture
  - More details to come
  - Tentative formats:
    - Every team gives a spotlight presentation for 1~2 min
    - The entire class splits into 3 big groups
    - Each team in turn obtains the entire attention of the big group
      - Using this time to collect data, obtain feedback, get suggestions, etc
    - Try to think about what you can do with this time in your milestone 1 plan and utilize it
  - Let me know early if it's helpful to utilize the entire class for help
    - Might be able to allocate a small amount of time in a need basis

# Student Presentation

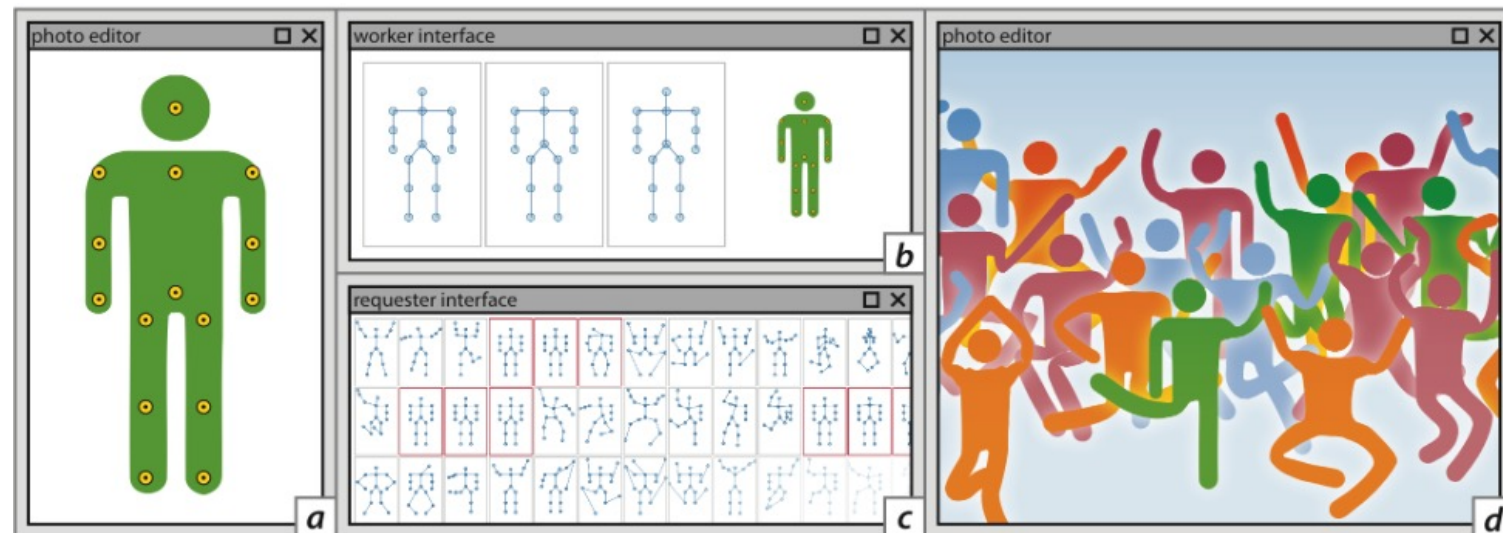
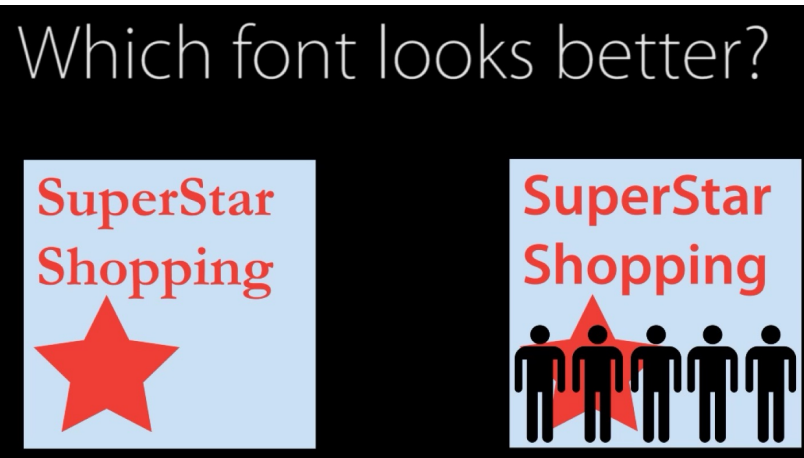
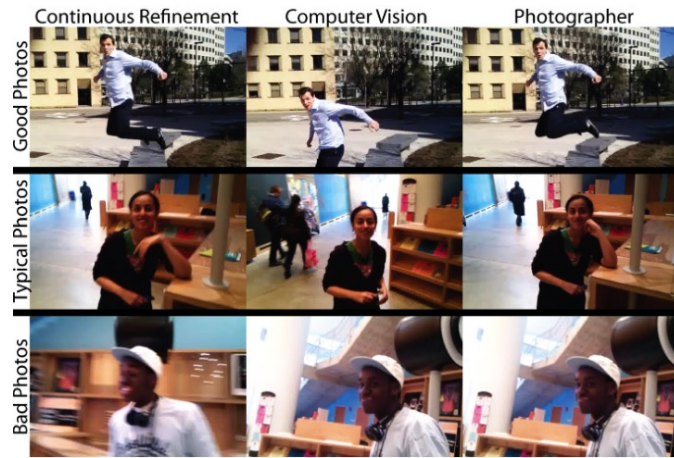
- Again, remember to submit the peer review form **by 6pm**

# Lecture 13

## Real-time Crowdsourcing

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# Crowds in Two Seconds [Bernstein et al. UIST 2011.]

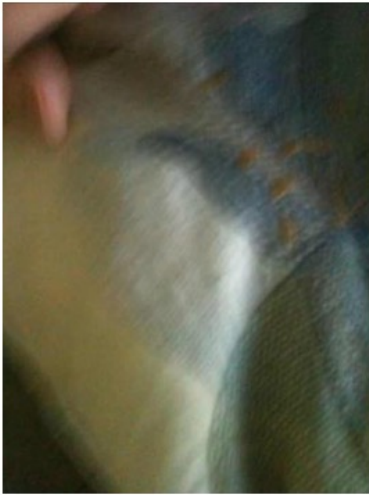




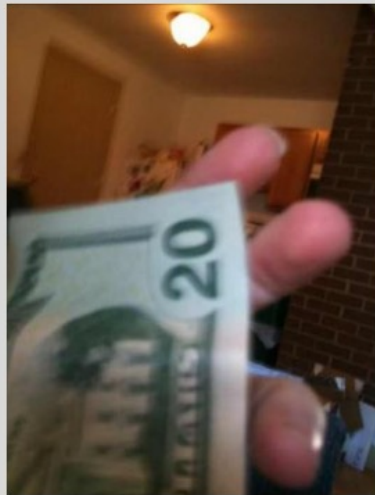
# VizWiz [Bigham et al. UIST 2010]

- Answer Blind People's Visual Questions

What color is this pillow?



What denomination is this bill?



Do you see picnic tables across the parking lot?



What temperature is my oven set to?



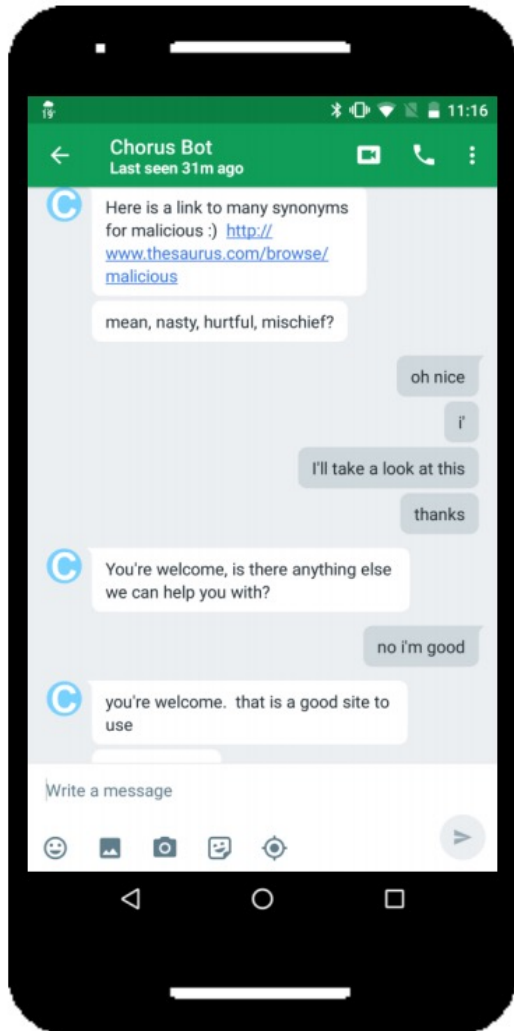
Can you please tell me what this can is?



What kind of drink does this can hold?



# Crowd-Powered Chatbot [Huang et al. HCOMP 2016]



- There are impressive progress in Chatbots, but it's still not good enough

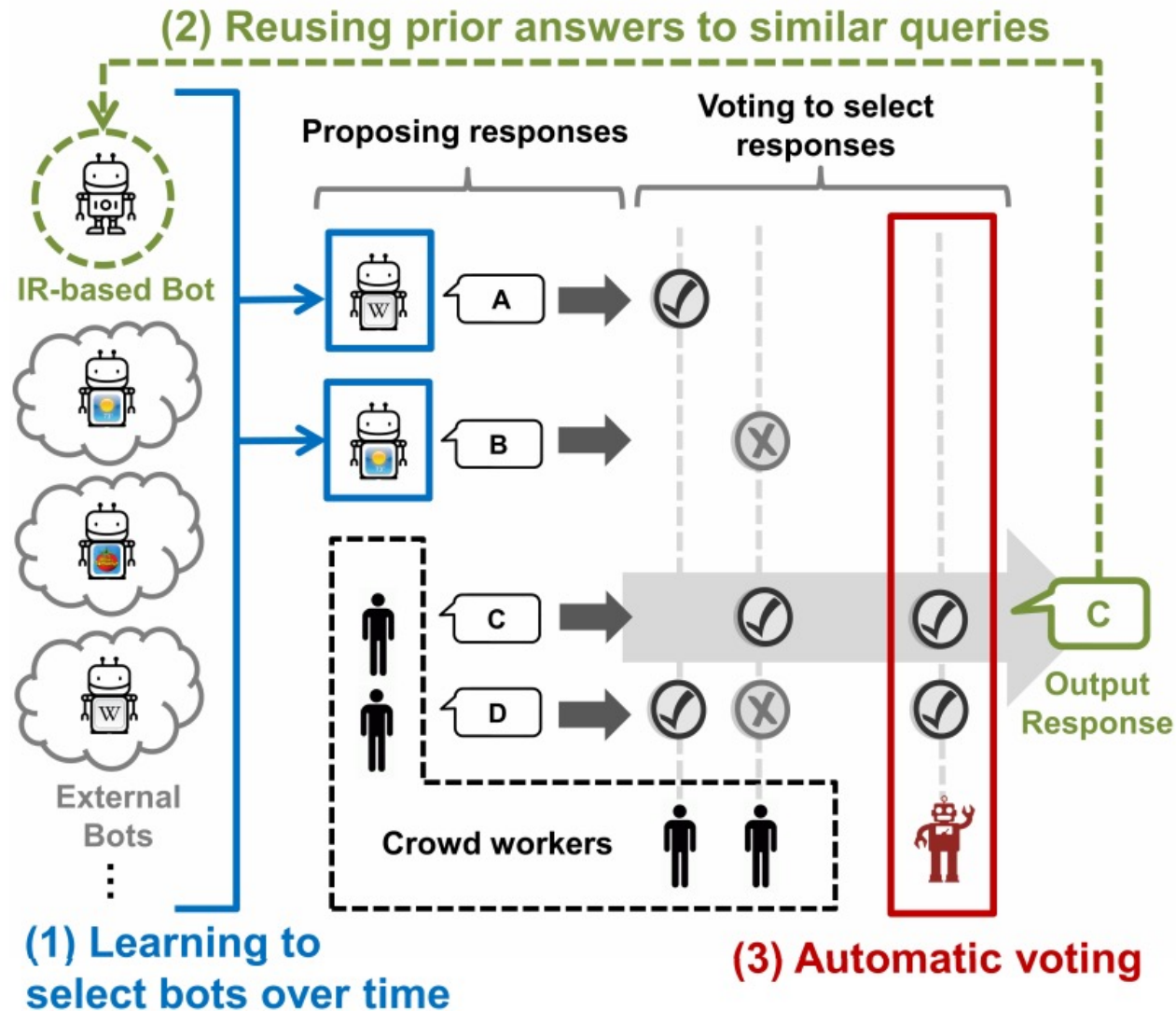
Amazon launches \$2.5 million Alexa Prize for college students building bots

- A crowd play as a chatbot by
  - **Propose** responses
  - **Vote** for the best one
  - Take notes
- **Intermediate** solutions; dataset generation

# Auto-Evolving Crowd Chatbot [Huang et al. CHI 2018]

- Train AI chatbots with historical data
- A crowd consists of both humans and AIs
  - Propose responses
  - Vote responses
- May even consider dynamically determining the ratio of AIs

# Auto-Evolving Crowd Chatbot [Huang et al. CHI 2018]



# Task Delegability

- When are humans preferred than AI in doing tasks
  - Humans can do better than AI
  - Ethical/legal concerns or trustworthy issues
  - We *want* humans to do the tasks

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**Ask not what AI can do, but what AI should do:  
Towards a framework of task delegability**

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# Twitch Plays Pokemon

- <https://www.twitch.tv/twitchplayspokemon>



# Twitch Plays Pokemon

- Guinness World Record:
  - "the most participants on a single-player online videogame" with 1,165,140
- Best Fan Creation in Game Award 2014
- An application “for fun”, not to “solve problems”
- Highlight an interesting question
  - How should we decide which action to take?
  - Challenging for sequential actions under real-time constraints

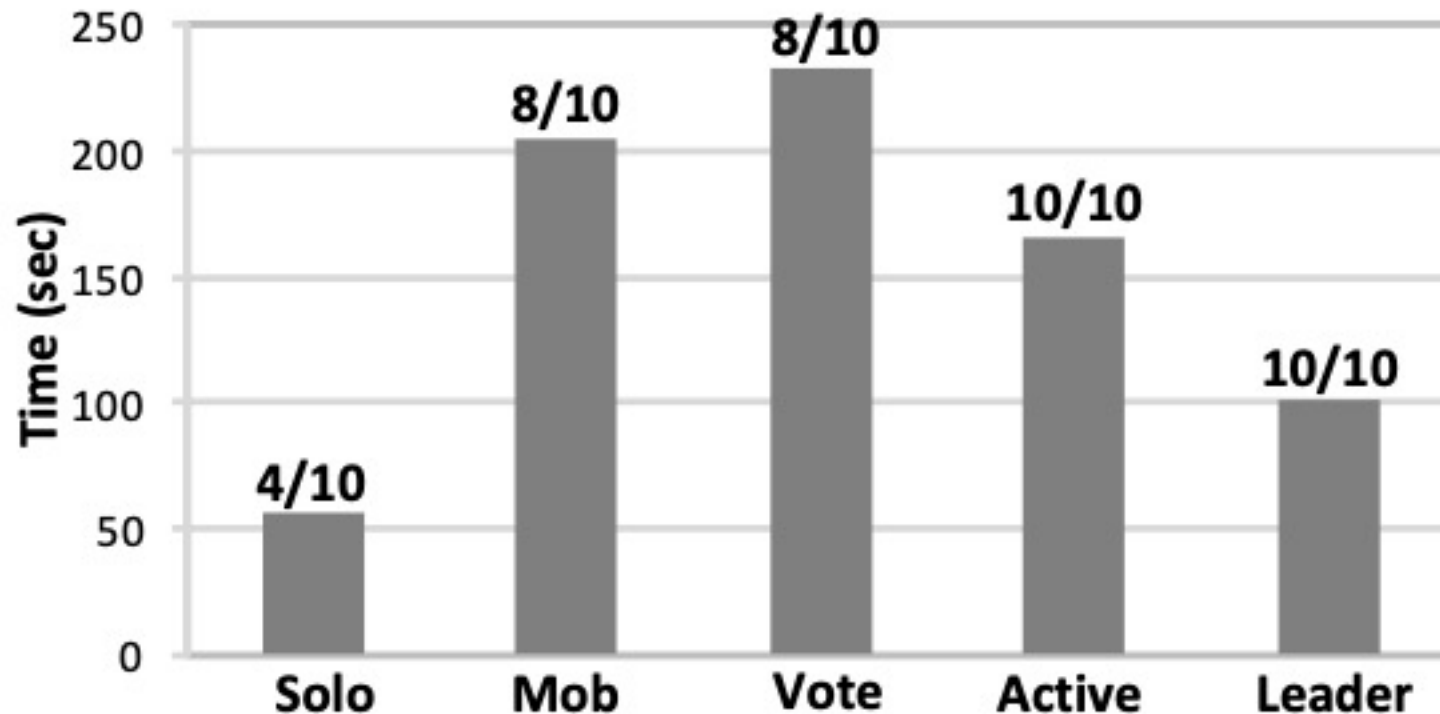
# Crowd Robot Navigation [Lasecki et al. UIST 2011.]

- Solo: Hire a single worker
- Mob: Pass on all inputs to the original interface (first come first serve)
- Vote: Follow actions by majority vote
- Leader:
  - Update “weights” of users based on agreements with the crowd
  - Follow the actions by the leader (which might change over time)
- Active:
  - Randomly select a worker as the leader, change worker if the input is not in on time



# Crowd Robot Navigation [Lasecki et al. UIST 2011.]

- Performance measure
  - Number of success (out of 10)
  - Average time to complete the task when success



Generally, how to aggregate preferences from a crowd?

Social choice theory

# Consider Elections

- Three candidates: A, B, C, D
- Three users: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

- Users' preferences:

1.  $A \succ D \succ C \succ B$
2.  $A \succ B \succ C \succ D$
3.  $B \succ C \succ D \succ A$
4.  $C \succ B \succ D \succ A$
5.  $D \succ B \succ C \succ A$

Assuming we use majority voting:

1. Everyone gives one vote
2. The candidate with the most votes win

Will everyone just vote for their favorite candidate?

- How should we design a mechanism to decide who wins the election

# Arrow's Impossibility Theorem

- Some nice criteria we want to have:
  - **Unanimity**: If every preferences A over B, than the group prefers A over B
  - **Non-dictatorship**: no person's preference is always strictly preferred than others
  - **Independence**: If for two sets of preferences, A and B have the same order between sets, A and B should have the same order in the group decision
- Arrow's Impossibility Theorem
  - No mechanism satisfies the three criteria when the number of candidates  $\geq 3$