Project: Virtual poster session guidelines

Networks II: Market Design

You'll get to present your projects to the class in a poster session—of an unusual kind! In order to save trees, and have a quieter and less intense event (which allows seeing more projects while still retaining the best parts of a regular poster session), we will be doing a virtual poster session on Piazza.

Note: There will be no class on Tuesday May 7th, which you can think of as the 'time' for the virtual poster session (although you can access and comment on each other's presentations any time before the comment submission deadline, of course (details later in this document)). The reason to not have class is to effectively give you back the extra time you'll be spending on the poster session.

Here are the details on the two components of the project presentations:

1. Group work: What your group needs to submit for the virtual poster session on Piazza

2. Individual work: Peer interaction on Piazza

Note that these two have different deadlines; please make sure to take note of both deadlines!

1 Group work: Virtual poster session

1. Your group should create a post (Note) under the folder 'Virtual Poster Session' in Piazza.

2. The subject of your post should be "Project n: Title", where n is the **group number** of your project (the group number will be posted later by the graduate TAs).

3. Instructions for the content of your post:

- *Poster*: Create a PDF 'poster' (what you would have pinned up for a regular poster session), with the following structure:
  - Your 'poster' can be a single slide, or any format that appeals to you, but should be easily readable.
  - The slide's title should be the same as the subject of your Piazza post: "Project n: Title" (this is to allow ease of grading).
  - This should be followed by a list of all group members' names and netIDs.
  - Beyond this, your slide/poster can have any structure that works well to convey what your project was about—just as in a regular poster session. Since each project will be quite different, different groups' slides will look very different–this is not a problem!
- *Text*: Suppose we were doing a physical poster session, and someone came up to you and said "tell me about your project". How would you answer this question, if you had 3-4 minutes? The content of your post is, roughly speaking, the text transcription of your answer. (*If* you want to, you can feel free to attach your project report or other supplementary material (or links, or anything else) if you want to add to your transcription, but this is not required.)
- Please attach the poster discussed above to your Piazza post, as your virtual poster.

4. **Submission and deadline:** Your post needs to be on **Piazza and CMS** by **Sunday May 5, 12 noon**, to receive full credit. For the CMS submission, it is enough to upload your poster slide alone, *i.e.*, you can leave out the text description if it is hard for you to include.

2 Peer interaction

Each of you *individually* will comment (in brief!) on 3 other projects of your choice, roughly answering the following two questions for each project: (i) What did you like/find interesting about this project—what drew you to choose to comment on this particular project? (ii) What are further interesting questions or directions that could be explored along these lines?

1. Your comments need to be **both** on Piazza and on CMS: For CMS, you can simply copy your Piazza comments (along with the title and

number of each project the comment applies to) into a single document that you upload into the corresponding assignment.

2. **Submission deadline: Tuesday May 7th, 5pm.** (This is later than the time that an in-class physical poster session on Tuesday May 7th would have ended, and with projects available on Piazza from Sunday 12noon, gives you ample time to go over projects!)

3. Note that you are welcome to comment on more than 3 projects on Piazza; 3 is just a lower bound on the degree of engagement with other projects.

3   Grading criteria

1. The total credit of 3 points is split up as follows:

   (a) Post in Virtual poster session on Piazza: 2 pts if submitted by deadline on **both CMS and Piazza**.

   (b) Peer interaction: 1 pt if submitted by deadline on both Piazza and CMS (assuming that your comments are reasonable).

2. Note: Grades for projects will *not* be based on the peer comments— the peer interaction is meant to stimulate exchange of ideas, not as a means to evaluate or judge projects.

3. Note also that we are not trying to provide an equal number of comments for each project—each student picks the 3 projects they are most interested in commenting on, so it's entirely possible that some 'popular' projects will have many more comments on Piazza than others!