

Weeks 1 and 2

Goals:

- Continue improving thesis statement.
- Update thesis outline to incorporate difficulties that we had to overcome in our research, data, and experiments and the solutions that we ended up choosing to overcome these difficulties.
- Begin draft Bibliography using our cumulative notes.
- Continue comparing our new recommender system with existing recommender systems, noting more results and conclusions.
- Document any key findings from our experiments from new vs. existing recommender systems. Finish documentation here.
- Continue draft content for second installment and progress report submissions. Include more key findings from our experiments and results from testing the new recommender system vs. existing recommender systems.
- Schedule project meetings with Dr. James Caverlee (faculty advisor) and Yin Zhang (graduate student advisor) weekly to discuss research progress, written thesis content, Student Research Week presentation advice, installments, progress reports, and continued experiments between our new recommendation system vs. existing recommendation systems.
- Begin creating presentation information to present at Student Research Week in March.
- Register to present at Student Research Week in March.