

# Let's Read!

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The trigger point of our project is...

# Reading Response

You'll **READ** and **CRITIQUE** influential research papers and articles in crowdsourcing.

1	9/6	Introduction to crowdsourcing and human computation ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Juho ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	(1) Howe, Jeff. "The rise of crowdsourcing." <i>Wired magazine</i> 14.6 (2006): 1-4. (2) Quinn, Alexander J., and Bederson, Benjamin B. "Human computation: a survey and taxonomy of a growing field." CHI 2011.		13	11/29	Application: civic engagement ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Paul ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	<b>response</b> : choose TWO from (1)-(3) (1) Haklay, Mordechai, and Patrick Weber. "Openstreetmap: User-generated street maps." <i>IEEE Pervasive Computing</i> 7.4 (2008): 12-18. (2) Kim, Nam Wook, et al. "Budgetmap: Engaging taxpayers in the issue-driven classification of a government budget." <i>CSCW</i> 2016. (3) Heimerl, Kurtis, et al. "CommunitySourcing: engaging local crowds to perform expert work via physical kiosks." CHI 2012.		
2	9/8	Crowdsourcing platforms ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Oisin ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	(1) <b>response</b> Ipeirotis, Panagiotis G. "Analyzing the amazon mechanical turk marketplace." <i>XRDS: Crossroads</i> 17.2 (2010): 16-21. (2) <b>response</b> Geiger, David, et al. "Managing the Crowd: Towards a Taxonomy of Crowdsourcing Processes." <i>AMCIS</i> . 2011. (3) Vakharia, Donna, and Matthew Lease. "Beyond AMT: An analysis of crowd work platforms." <i>arXiv preprint arXiv:1310.1672</i> (2013).		14	12/1	Application: citizen science and participatory sensing ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Noé ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	<b>response</b> : choose one from (1)-(3) (1) Bonney, Rick, et al. "Citizen science: a developing tool for expanding science knowledge and scientific literacy." <i>BioScience</i> 59.11 (2009): 977-984. (2) Sullivan, Brian L., et al. "eBird: A citizen-based bird observation network in the biological sciences." <i>Biological Conservation</i> 141.1 (2008): 98-105. (3) Kurniawan, Dwi, et al. "Citizen Science: A citizen-based approach to environmental monitoring." <i>Environmental Monitoring and Assessment</i> 187.1 (2012): 1-10.  <b>citizen-sensing</b> : A citizen-based approach to environmental monitoring. The patterns that shape our environment, White Paper (2009).		
2	9/13	Worker Issues in Crowdsourcing ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Sang-gyun ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	(1) <b>response</b> Irani, Lilly C., and M. Silberman. "Turkopticon: interacting with workers in the amazon mechanical turk marketplace." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2013. 2013. (2) <b>response</b> Irani, Lilly C., and M. Silberman. "Turkopticon: interacting with workers in the amazon mechanical turk marketplace." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2013. 2013. (3) <b>response</b> Irani, Lilly C., and M. Silberman. "Turkopticon: interacting with workers in the amazon mechanical turk marketplace." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2013. 2013. (4) <b>response</b> Irani, Lilly C., and M. Silberman. "Turkopticon: interacting with workers in the amazon mechanical turk marketplace." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2013. 2013. CS	Assignment 1: <a href="#">Turkopticon</a>						Project 6: Hi-Fi Prototype
3	9/15	No class (Chuseok)								
3	9/20	Technique: programming paradigms part 1 ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Youngbo ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	(1) <b>response</b> Little, Greg, et al. "Explaining algorithms on mechanical turk." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2012. 2012. (2) Little, Greg, et al. "Explaining computation processes." <i>workshop on human computation</i> . 2012. (3) Barowy, Daniel W., et al. "Human-based and digital computation." <i>ACM SIGART</i> 2012. 2012. 47.10 (2012): 639-654.							
4	9/22	Technique: programming paradigms part 2 ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Juho (slides in the main material)	(1) <b>response</b> Bernstein, Michael S., et al. "Soylent: a word processor with a crowd inside." <i>UIST</i> 2010. (2) <b>response</b> Kittur, Aniket, et al. "Crowdforge: Crowdsourcing complex work." <i>UIST</i> 2011. (3) Ahmad, Salman, et al. "The jabberwocky programming environment for structured social computing." <i>UIST</i> 2011.	Project 0: Team Formation	15	12/8	Application: accessibility ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Young-Min ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	<b>response</b> : choose one from (1)-(2) (1) Guo, Anhong, et al. "VizLens: A Robust and Interactive Screen Reader for Interfaces in the Real World." <i>UIST</i> 2016. (2) Hara, Kotaro, et al. "Tohme: detecting curb ramps in google street view using crowdsourcing, computer vision, and machine learning." <i>UIST</i> 2014.		
4	9/27	Technique: quality control part 1( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Junsoo ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	(1) <b>response</b> Harris, Mark. "How a lone hacker shredded the myth of crowdsourcing." (2) <b>response</b> Snow, Rion, et al. "Cheap and fast—but is it good?: evaluating non-expert annotations for natural language tasks." <i>EMNLP</i> 2008. (3) Zaidan, Omar F., and Chris Callison-Burch. "Crowdsourcing translation: Professional quality from non-professionals." <i>ACL</i> 2011.		15	12/13	The future of crowd work ( <a href="#">PDF</a> ) Discussion by Sungjae ( <a href="#">PDF</a> )	<b>response</b> : choose one from (1)-(2) (1) <b>response</b> Kittur, Aniket, et al. "The future of crowd work." <i>CSCW</i> 2013. (2) Licklider, Joseph CR. "Man-computer symbiosis." <i>IRE transactions on human factors in electronics</i> 1 (1960): 4-11. (3) <b>response</b> <a href="#">Humans Need Not Apply</a> (15-min video)		
				Final Project Presentations	16	12/15	Final Project Presentations		Project 7: Final Presentations	
				No class (Finals week)	16	12/20	No class (Finals week)			

# 32 reading responses out of 66 paper



## Submission status

Submission status	No attempt
	This assignment is not accepting submissions
Grading status	Not graded
Due date	Wednesday, 28 September 2016, 11:59 PM
Time remaining	Assignment is overdue by: 76 days 9 hours

# We are novice researchers

- Unfamiliar with the discipline
- Little background knowledge



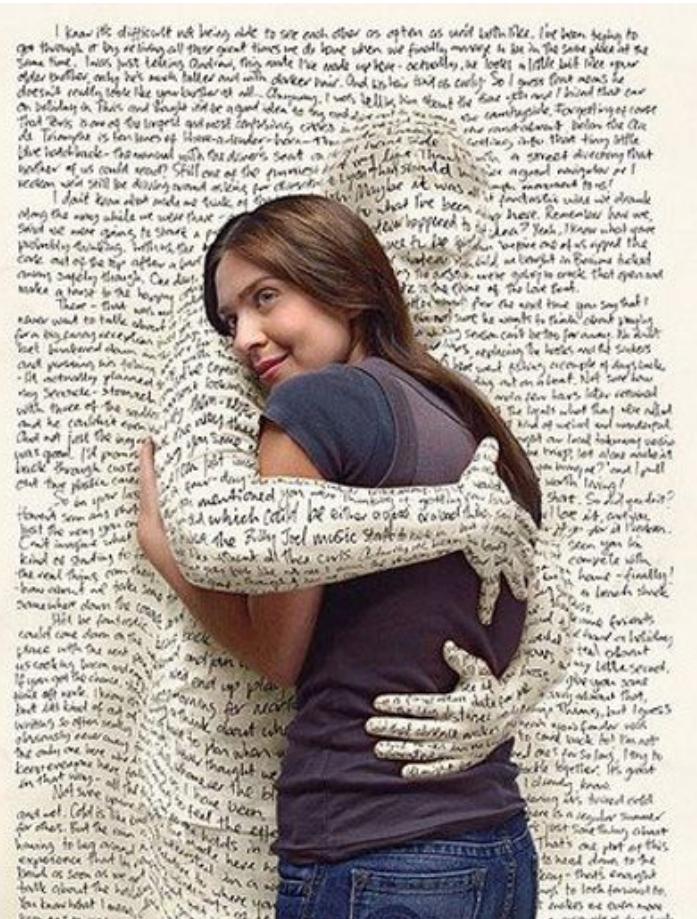
# *It causes...*

1. Poor time-efficiency



# It causes...

1. Poor time-efficiency
2. Difficulty in having a critical view on a paper



# Problem statement

**Novice researchers**, who are unfamiliar with a discipline and have little background knowledge, commonly face **1) poor time-efficiency** and **2) difficulty in having a critical view on a paper**.

# Existing solution: a paper with professor's annotation

- Helpful visual cues made by an expert (professor)

→ At a glance, I can figure out which parts is important

→ I can see which part he likes or dislikes (critical view)

버트런드 러셀 Bertrand Russell은 이러한 귀납적 오류를 닭의 우화에 비유했다. 매일 아침 농장 주인이 닭장에 나타날 때마다 닭은 주인이 자신에게 먹이를 줄 것으로 – 정확하게 – 예상한다. 주인이 자신의 목을 비틀기 위해 닭장에 나타나는 마지막 날에도 닭은 – 신뢰도가 높지만 타당하지는 않게 – 주인이 자신에게 먹이를 줄 것으로 예측한다.

신뢰성으로부터 타당성을 추론하는 사고의 문제점은, 대다수의 실험결과 그리고 경험적 연구결과에 등장하는 '다른 모든 조건이 동일하다면'이라는 조건이다. 데이터에 의해 뒷받침되는 인과관계가 '다른 모든 조건이 동일하다면' 여타의 상황에서도 효력이 있을 것이라는 의미다. 그런데 우리가 살아가는 이른바 '세상'이라는 곳은 다양한 요인에 개방되어 있고 통제되지 않는 시스템이라는 점이 결정적으로 중요하다. 하나의 상황과 다른 하나의 상황에서 모든 조건은 '동일하지 않다'.

신뢰성으로부터 타당성으로 전환하는 데 필요한 안전장치는 단지 간단한 추론의 한 단계가 아니라 훨씬 복잡한 귀추논리의 단계다. 타당성을 추구하는 일은 신뢰성을 추구하는 것과는 달리 과거의 성공적 예측을 '가설 hypotheses'로 간주하고, 미래에 대한 타당한 예측을 내놓으려는 작업에서 이를 가설을 대단히 조심스럽게 조사하고 이용한다. 따라서 진정한 경험론자란 '다른 모든 조건이 동일하다면'이라는 가정을 더 이상 쓸모없게 만들어버릴지도 모르는 예외적인 값 outlier를 정확하게 볼 수 있는 '최고 수준의 관찰자'다.

\* black swan ⊖

# Limitation of existing solution

- Expert is rare and expensive, and has less motivation.
- Hard-copy paper lacks scalability.

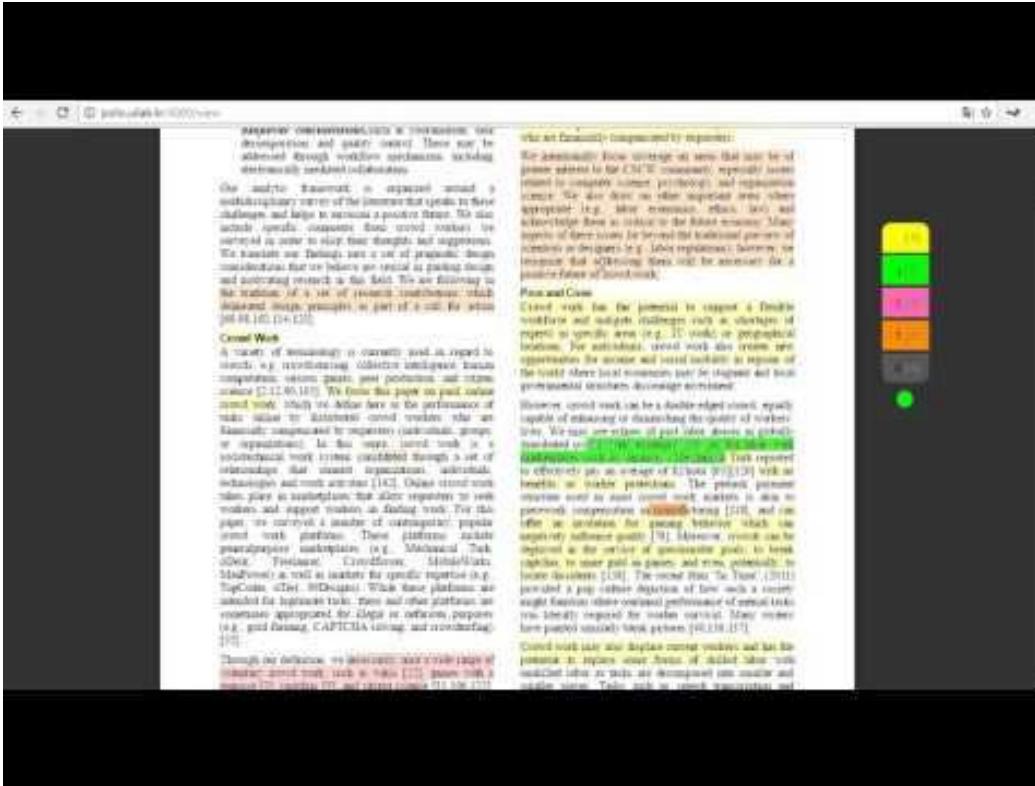


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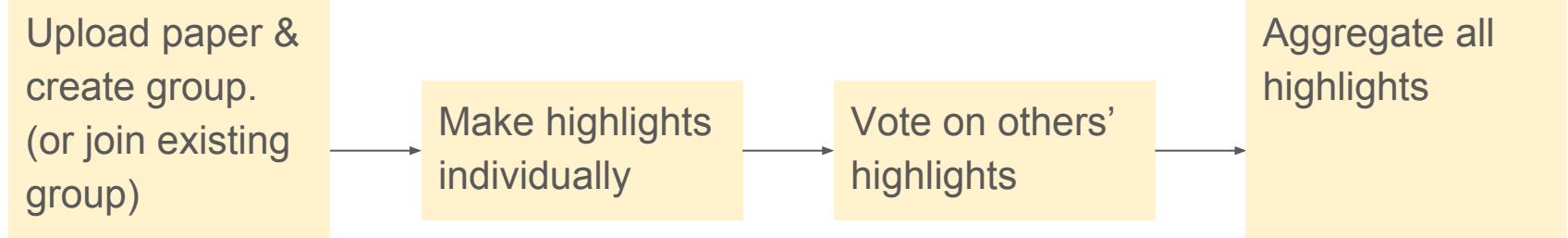
Online paper-reading platform  
where a group of **novice researchers** read a paper together  
with **helpful visual cues** naturally generated by themselves.

# System design

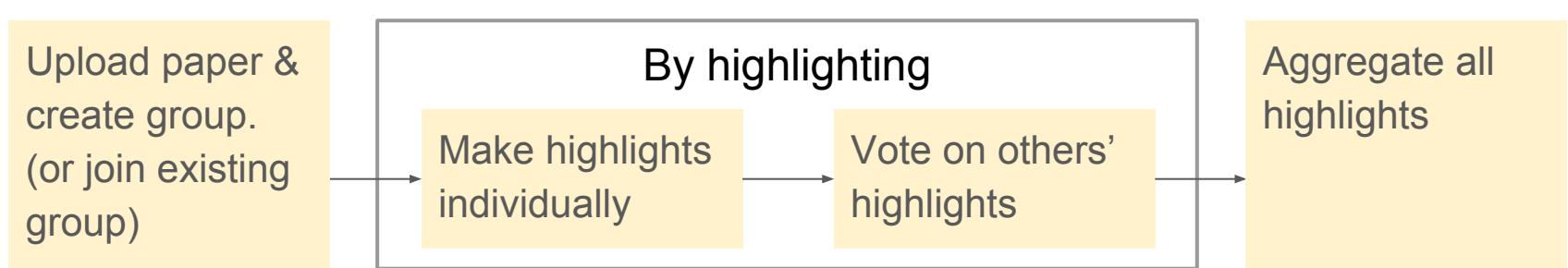
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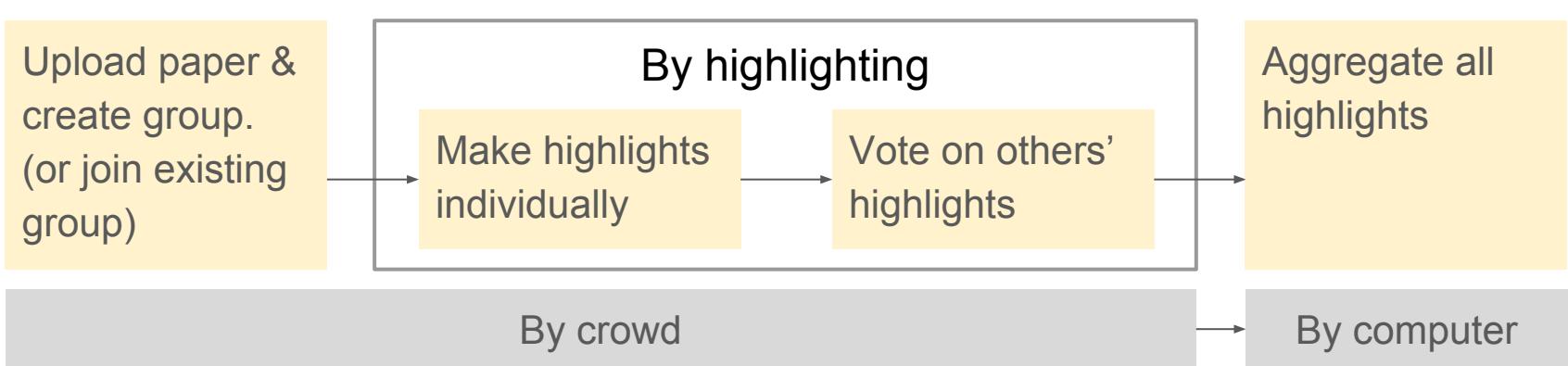
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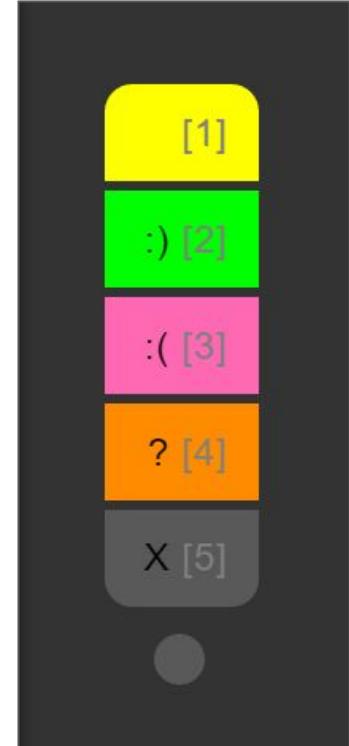
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# Design consideration

# 4-color highlighter

- Each color corresponds to
  - (normal highlight)
  - :) (like)
  - :( (dislike)
  - ? (I don't know)
- Based on
  - Guideline for reading response (critical review)
    - summary/likes/dislikes
  - Interview from pilot study
    - P3: “I need ‘I don’t know’ color”



# Quality control issue

- P2, P3: “Some highlights seem irrelevant”

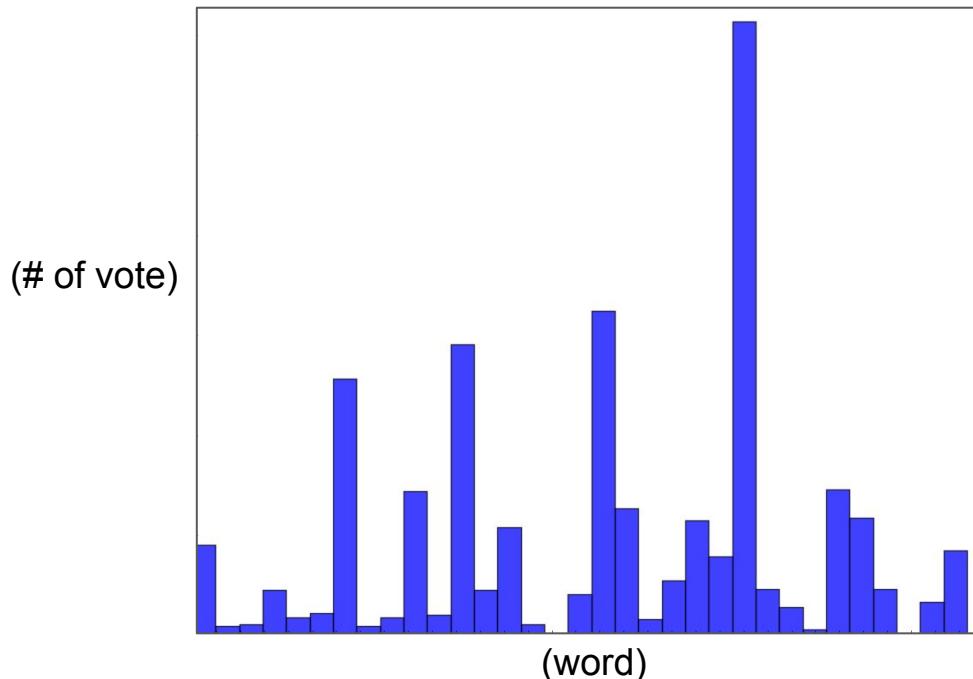
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How can we move towards a future of crowd work that is more attractive for both requesters and workers than existing systems? Even more ambitiously, can we design a future of crowd work that is more attractive and more effective than traditional labor systems?

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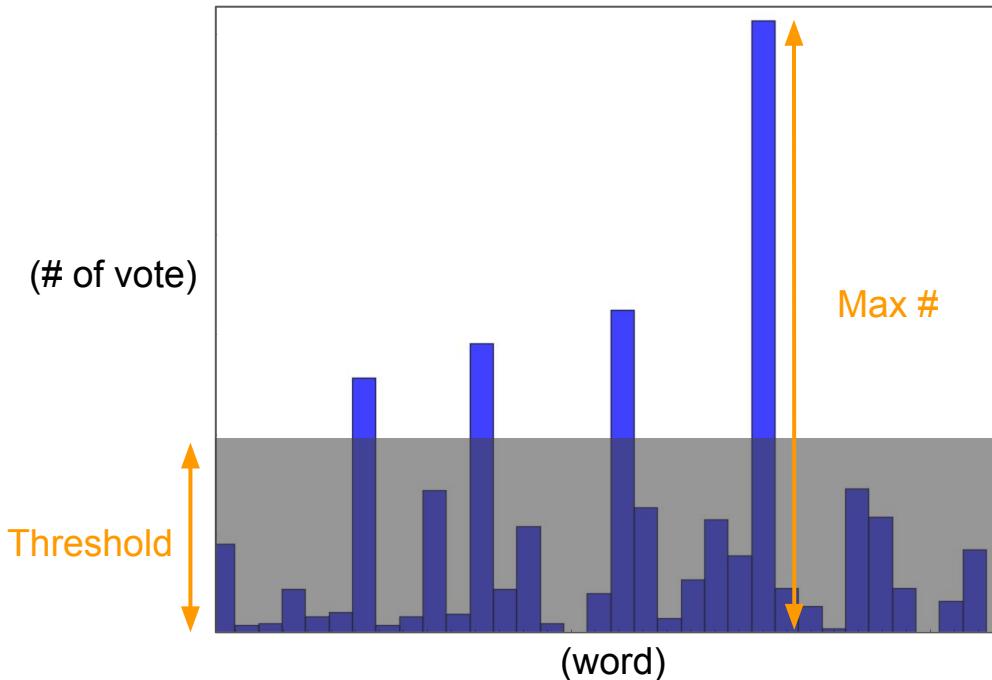
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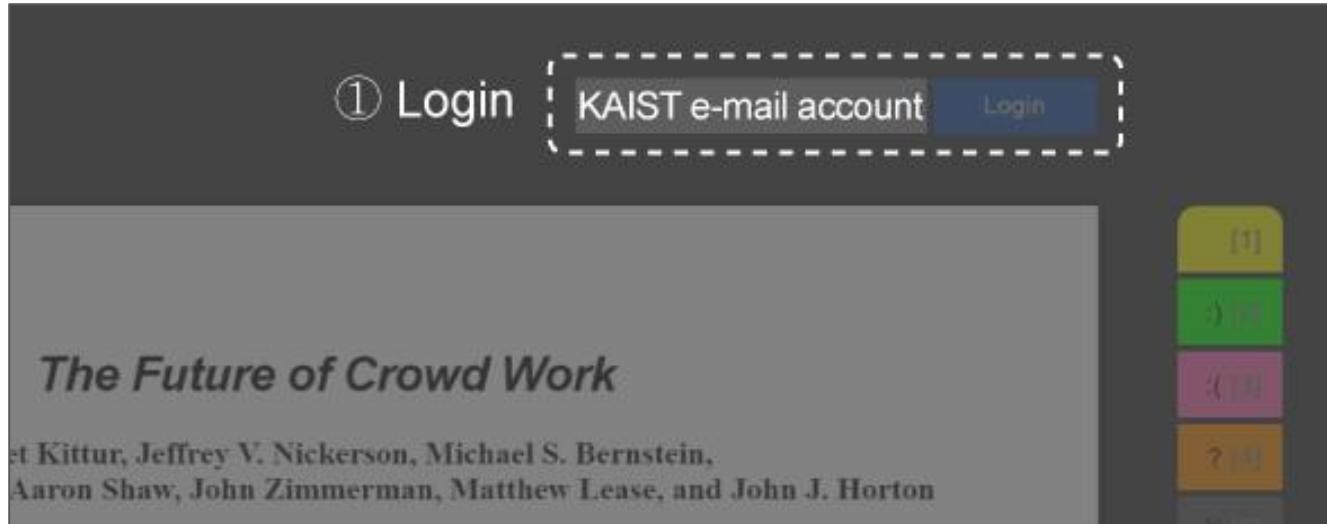
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# Quality control issue

- Concern about sabotage  
→ we require KAIST E-mail account

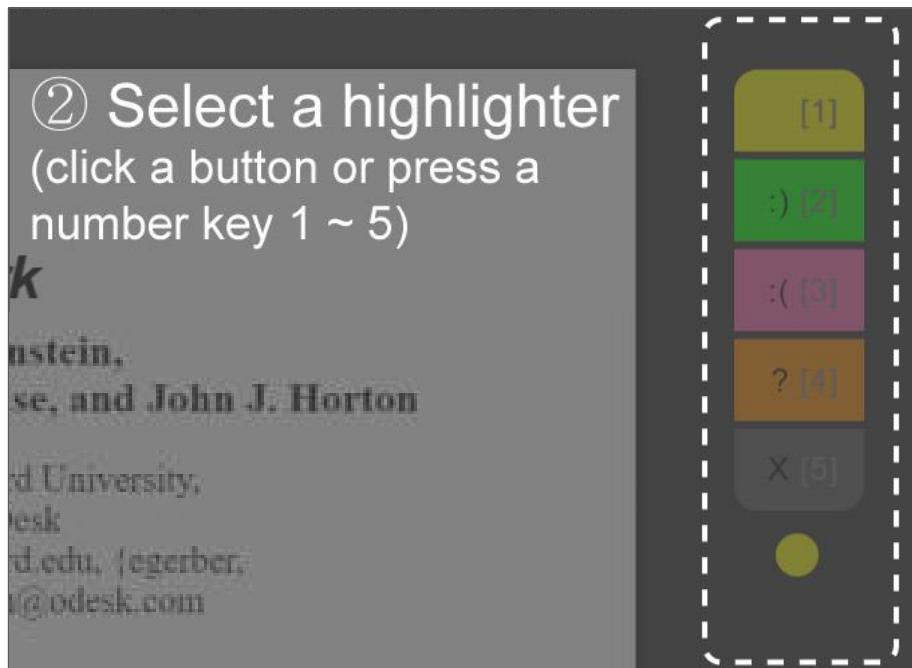


# Usability issue

- P2: “*Long distance of mouse travel hinder me from changing color*”

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# Deployment & result

[75,77,152,153].

This displacement is coupled to a new form of Taylorism [88,141], in which organizations optimize cognitive efficiency [157] at the expense of education and skill development. Taylorism yielded to more enlightened job design after several decades (and protracted struggles by workers), but given the short time commitment between crowd worker and requester, it is easy to imagine heightened exploitation and dehumanization.

As scientists, engineers, and designers, we can propose and evaluate new structures for crowd work and help imagine and bring about more positive futures. We can do so both through the intentional creation of desirable work environments as well as the cultivation of increased demand for work and workers. In particular, we suggest a role for researchers in conceptualizing and prototyping new forms of crowd work that go beyond the simple, independent, and deskilled tasks that are common today, with the goal of blazing a trail for organizations and platforms that will form the foundation of future crowd work.

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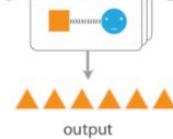


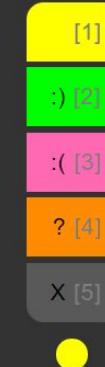
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crowdsourced labor markets can be viewed as large distributed systems in which each person, such as a worker on Mechanical Turk, is analogous to a processor that can solve a task requiring human intelligence. In this way a crowdsourcing market could be seen as a loosely coupled distributed computing system [9]. Fleshying out this analogy, we develop here the beginnings of a framework for the future of crowd work that integrates the human aspects of organizational behavior with the automation and scalability of the distributed computing literature.

Both distributed organizations and computing systems face many common fundamental challenges in accomplishing complex work. Key challenges in distributed computing include partitioning computations into tasks that can be done in parallel, mapping tasks to processors, and distributing data to and between processors [9,25,96,132]. Many of these challenges map to coordination dependencies identified by Malone & Crowston [89] that also apply to human organizations. Below we discuss two categories of overlap between coordination dependencies discussed in organizational science, their analogs in distributed computing, and their implications for the beginnings of a framework for the future of crowd work.

### Managing shared resources

Whenever a limited resource needs to be shared, coordinating how that resource is allocated becomes important. Allocating a fixed pool of workers to multiple tasks that must be completed under a deadline is a classic example of managing shared resources. Malone & Crowston [89] suggest a number of examples of task allocation mechanisms, ranging from first come/first serve, to markets, to managerial decisions. In distributed computing systems managing shared resources is of



Our analytic framework is organized around a multidisciplinary survey of the literature that speaks to these challenges and helps to envision a positive future. We also include specific comments from crowd workers we surveyed in order to elicit their thoughts and suggestions. We translate our findings into a set of pragmatic design considerations that we believe are crucial in guiding design and motivating research in this field. We are following in the tradition of a set of research contributions which delineated design principles as part of a call for action [69,98,102,114,123].

### Crowd Work

A variety of terminology is currently used in regard to crowds, e.g. crowdsourcing, collective intelligence, human computation, serious games, peer production, and citizen science [2,12,90,105]. We focus this paper on paid, online crowd work, which we define here as the performance of tasks online by distributed crowd workers who are financially compensated by requesters (individuals, groups, or organizations). In this sense, crowd work is a sociotechnical work system constituted through a set of relationships that connect organizations, individuals, technologies and work activities [142]. Online crowd work takes place in marketplaces that allow requesters to seek workers and support workers in finding work. For this paper, we surveyed a number of contemporary, popular crowd work platforms. These platforms include generalpurpose marketplaces (e.g., Mechanical Turk, oDesk, Freelancer, Crowdflower, MobileWorks, ManPower) as well as markets for specific expertise (e.g., TopCoder, uTest, 99Designs). While these platforms are intended for legitimate tasks, these and other platforms are sometimes appropriated for illegal or nefarious purposes (e.g., gold farming, CAPTCHA solving, and crowdturfing) [35].

Through our definition, we necessarily omit a wide range of voluntary crowd work, such as wikis [22], games with a purpose [2], captchas [3], and citizen science [31,106,122]. Much has already been written about these systems (e.g.,

we intentionally focus coverage on areas that may be of greater interest to the CSCW community, especially issues related to computer science, psychology, and organization science. We also draw on other important areas where appropriate (e.g., labor economics, ethics, law) and acknowledge these as critical to the future economy. Many aspects of these issues lie beyond the traditional purview of scientists or designers (e.g., labor regulations); however, we recognize that addressing them will be necessary for a positive future of crowd work.

### Pros and Cons

Crowd work has the potential to support a flexible workforce and mitigate challenges such as shortages of experts in specific areas (e.g., IT work) or geographical locations. For individuals, crowd work also creates new opportunities for income and social mobility in regions of the world where local economies may be stagnant and local governmental structures discourage investment.

However, crowd work can be a double-edged sword, equally capable of enhancing or diminishing the quality of workers' lives. We may see echoes of past labor abuses in globally distributed crowd work: extremely low pay for labor, with marketplaces such as Amazon's Mechanical Turk reported to effectively pay an average of \$2/hour [65] [126] with no benefits or worker protections. The pertask payment structure used in most crowd work markets is akin to piecework compensation in manufacturing [118], and can offer an invitation for gaming behavior which can negatively influence quality [78]. Moreover, crowds can be deployed in the service of questionable goals: to break captchas, to mine gold in games, and even, potentially, to locate dissidents [158]. The recent film "In Time" (2011) provided a pop culture depiction of how such a society might function where continual performance of menial tasks was literally required for worker survival. Many writers have painted similarly bleak pictures [40,136,137].

Crowd work may also displace current workers and has the potential to replace some forms of skilled labor with unskilled labor as tasks are decomposed into smaller and smaller pieces. Tasks such as speech transcription and

- [1]
- [2]
- [3]
- [4]
- [5]

# Deployment for Reading Response

- Target users: CS492 Crowdsourcing Classmates
- Target task: reading response for “The Future of Crowd Work”  
(due Dec12 midnight)
- Advertised on Piazza on Dec12 early morning.
- 7 users visited (including 3 of us)
- Unfortunately...
- ...None of them were students from our class. (except us)
- It was difficult to measure the impact of our platform in reading responses.

# How much users got involved?

- In 3 days of service, a total of 13 human users registered (excluding test & troll accounts)
- Total of 127 highlight blocks
  - 77 (!) , 25 :) , 9 :( , 16 (?)
- However...
- 99 of highlights contributed by the 3 of us...
  - Avg. 33 highlights for a 12 page paper
- Remaining 10 users did 28 highlights
  - Many of them just trying to see if highlight works

# Qualitative survey

How much time did you save?

- Slight increase in paper reading time
  - 103min → 110min
- Significantly reduced reading response writing time
  - 42min → 27min

How well did you understand the paper?

- 4.0 / 5 → 4.0 / 5

How helpful was highlighting when reading paper?

- 3.0 / 5

How helpful was highlighting for writing reading response?

- 4.6 / 5

# Qualitative survey

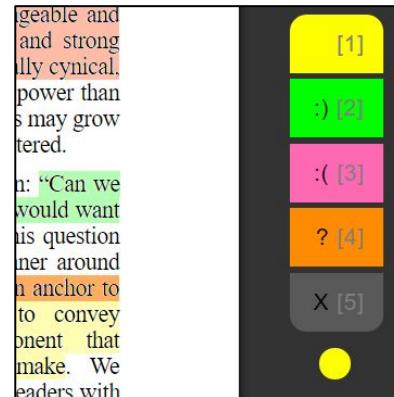
## How was the experience of Multi-Color Highlighting?

### Pros

- Really helpful for writing a reading response
- I can easily recall the parts which I like or dislike
- I became more eager to semantically differentiate highlighting

### Cons

- It might disturb natural reading flow.
- ambiguous points make hard to decide which color to use



# Qualitative survey

How was the experience of seeing other people's highlights?

## Pros

- trying to understand other's highlighting helped me thinking about the issue deeply.
- I tended to follow others' highlight
- I noticed a good point I would have missed otherwise

## Cons

- I tended to follow others' highlight unconsciously

## Suggestions

- Providing a (statistical) reason to trust others' highlight

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# Discussion

# Limitations & Implications

- User study: why failed?
  - Recruitment
  - Usability issues



# Difficulty of recruitment

- Need a full step process for evaluation
  - Fully highlighted paper by various users
- Hard to find motivated readers
  - Limited crowd pool



## Server error



The website encountered an error while retrieving <http://www.sjcqc.edu.ph/moodle/mod/quiz/edit.php?cmid=135>. It may be down for maintenance or configured incorrectly.

### Here are some suggestions:

- [Reload](#) this webpage later.

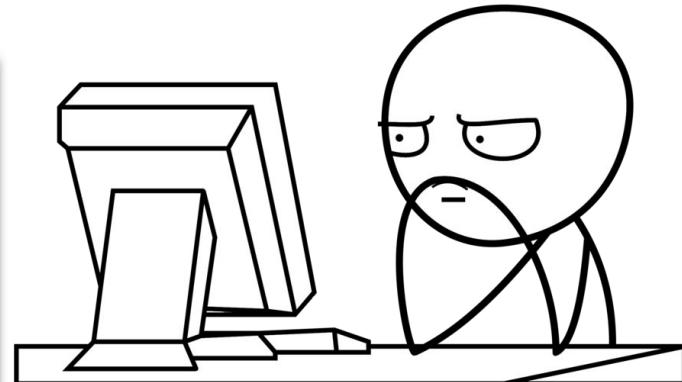
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# What we expected

# Difficulty of recruitment

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with a research paper titled "The Future of Crowd Work" by Aniket Kittur, Jeffrey V. Nickerson, Michael S. Bernstein, Elizabeth M. Gerber, Aaron Shaw, John Zimmerman, Matthew Lease, and John J. Horton. The paper is from Carnegie Mellon University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Northwestern University, University of Texas at Austin, oDesk, and Amazon's Mechanical Turk. The abstract discusses the future of crowd work, mentioning its potential to achieve assembly-line piecework and the challenges of maintaining quality and motivation in a decentralized workforce. The paper also explores the impact of AI on crowdsourcing and the need for a new framework for crowd work.



After deployment

# Usability Issues

- Loading forever
  - Due to Flask issues



# Usability Issues

- Browser compatibility



- Minor bugs
  - Highlight not working sometimes
  - Couldn't type numbers(1~5) in ID entry
  - etc.

# Limitations & Implications

- Quality Control
  - ‘Quality’ varies by individuals

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    - Introduction, Abstract > Conclusion > Implementation, Discussion...

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## The Future of Crowd Workers

Crowd work involves a partnership between requesters and workers. Thus, when designing the future of crowd work, it is important to develop tools to support not only the work itself but also those performing the work. Below we identify and discuss three important research challenges for supporting the crowd workers of the future: job design, reputation and credentials, and motivation and rewards.

### Job Design

Motivation/Goals. Some tasks that need to be done are just dull. Motivating workers to accomplish such tasks can be challenging, and may lead to reduced engagement with the system: “It would be better if some of the task assignments weren't so monotonous...I don't see the long-term payoff and it discourages me.” While dressing up such tasks as

# Possible improvements

- Highlight slider
  - Control the group highlight appearance
  - By adjusting threshold
  - Could serve user preferences
  - Enforce sparse highlighted parts

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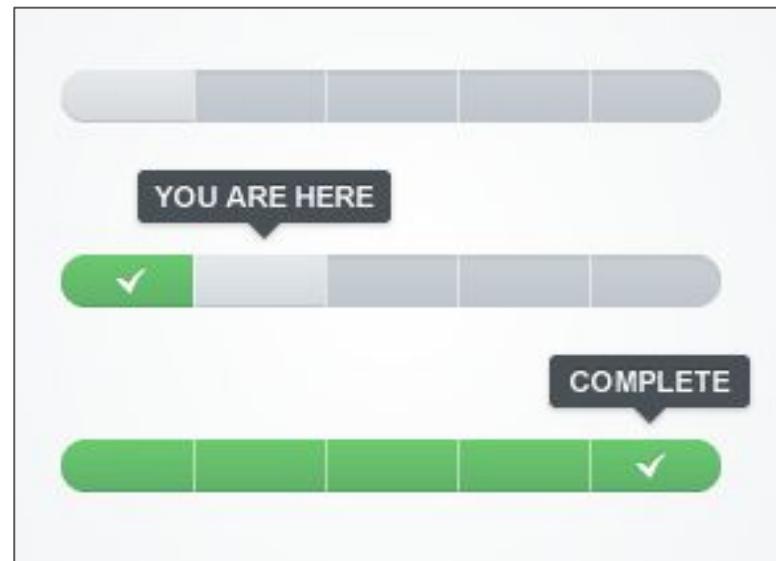
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Show All

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# Possible improvements

- Reading progress
  - Show paper reading progress based on final highlighted paragraph
  - Gamification property
  - Light up goal visibility



# Intrinsic problems

- Early user disadvantage
  - Early users of the service couldn't benefit much from group highlights.
  - Intrinsic problem of system
  - Motivate them by providing interactive assets

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Later user view

# Intrinsic problems

- Do user really read on the computer screen?
  - P3: Though I normally read articles in printed papers, if all systems are like this, I would try to read in this platform.



Our analytic framework is organized around a multidisciplinary survey of the literature that speaks to these challenges and helps to envision a positive future. We also include specific comments from crowd workers we surveyed in order to elicit their thoughts and suggestions. We translate our findings into a set of pragmatic design considerations that we believe are crucial in guiding design and motivating research in this field. We are following in the tradition of a set of research contributions which delineated design principles as part of a call for action [69,98,102,114,123].

### Crowd Work

A variety of terminology is currently used in regard to crowds, e.g. crowdsourcing, collective intelligence, human computation, serious

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technologies and work activities [142]. Online crowd work takes place in marketplaces that allow requesters to seek workers and support workers in finding work. For this paper, we surveyed a number of contemporary, popular crowd work platforms. These platforms include generalpurpose marketplaces (e.g., Mechanical Turk, oDesk, Freelancer, Crowdflower, MobileWorks, ManPower) as well as markets for specific expertise (e.g., TopCoder, uTest, 99Designs). While these platforms are intended for legitimate tasks, these and other platforms are sometimes appropriated for illegal or nefarious purposes (e.g., gold farming, CAPTCHA solving, and crowdturfing) [35].

Through our definition, we necessarily omit a wide range of voluntary crowd work, such as wikis [22], games with a purpose [2], captchas [3], and citizen science [31,106,122]. Much has already been written about these systems (e.g.,

we intentionally focus coverage on areas that may be of greater interest to the CSCW community, especially issues related to computer science, psychology, and organization science. We also draw on other important areas where appropriate (e.g., labor economics, ethics, law) and acknowledge these as critical to the future economy. Many aspects of these issues lie beyond the traditional purview of scientists or designers (e.g., labor regulations); however, we recognize that addressing them will be necessary for a positive future of crowd work.

### Pros and Cons

Crowd work has the potential to support a flexible workforce and mitigate challenges such as shortages of experts in specific areas (e.g., IT work) or geographical locations. For individuals, crowd work also creates new

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labor, with marketplaces such as Amazon's Mechanical Turk reported to effectively pay an average of \$2/hour [65] [126] with no benefits or worker protections. The pertask payment structure used in most crowd work markets is akin to piecework compensation in manufacturing [118], and can offer an invitation for gaming behavior which can negatively influence quality [78]. Moreover, crowds can be deployed in the service of questionable goals: to break captchas, to mine gold in games, and even, potentially, to locate dissidents [158]. The recent film "In Time" (2011) provided a pop culture depiction of how such a society might function where continual performance of menial tasks was literally required for worker survival. Many writers have painted similarly bleak pictures [40,136,137].

Crowd work may also displace current workers and has the potential to replace some forms of skilled labor with unskilled labor as tasks are decomposed into smaller and smaller pieces. Tasks such as speech transcription and

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# Let's Read!

Thank you for listening...

Q&A

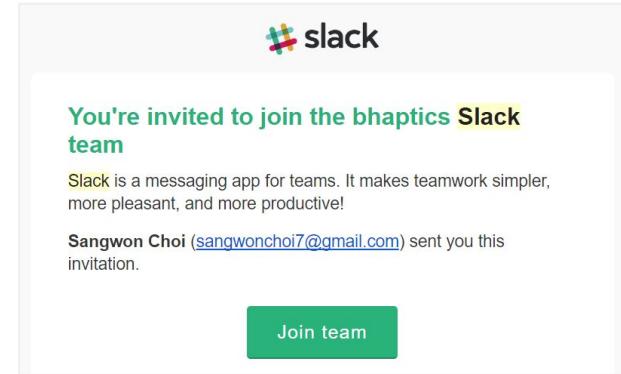
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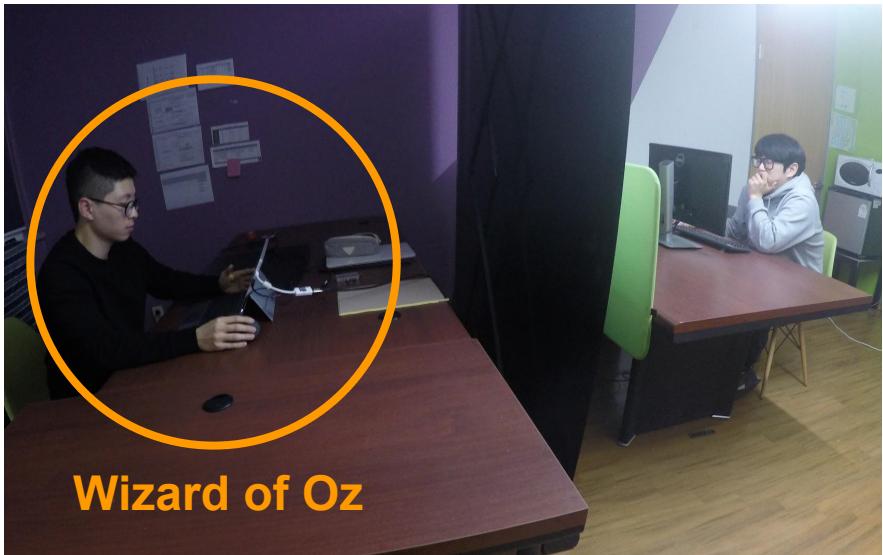
- User verification
  - E-mail verification
  - Group leader invitation
  - Could enhance quality control & recruitment

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# Quality control issue



Wizard of Oz

# Related work: Amazon kindle

The screenshot shows a Kindle device interface. At the top, it displays the title "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore: A Novel", signal strength, battery level, and the time "2:59 PM". Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Back, Location, Cart, Search, and Menu. The main content area is titled "Notes & Marks (11) · All" and shows "1 of 4". The first highlight is at Location 54, labeled "Popular Highlight": "At first I had insisted I would only work at a 23 highlighters company with a mission I believed in. Then I thought maybe it would be fine as long as I was learning something new. After that I decided it". The second highlight is at Location 347, also labeled "Popular Highlight": "This is Mat's secret weapon, his passport, his 25 highlighters get-out-of-jail-free card: Mat makes things that are beautiful. \*\*\* So of course I told Mat he should come visit the bookstore, and tonight he". The third highlight is at Location 439, also labeled "Popular Highlight": "So I guess you could say Neel owes me a few 17 highlighters favors, except that so many favors have passed between us now that they are no longer distinguishable as individual acts, just a bright". At the bottom left is a font size button "Aa", and at the bottom right is a "Go To" button.

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore: A Novel

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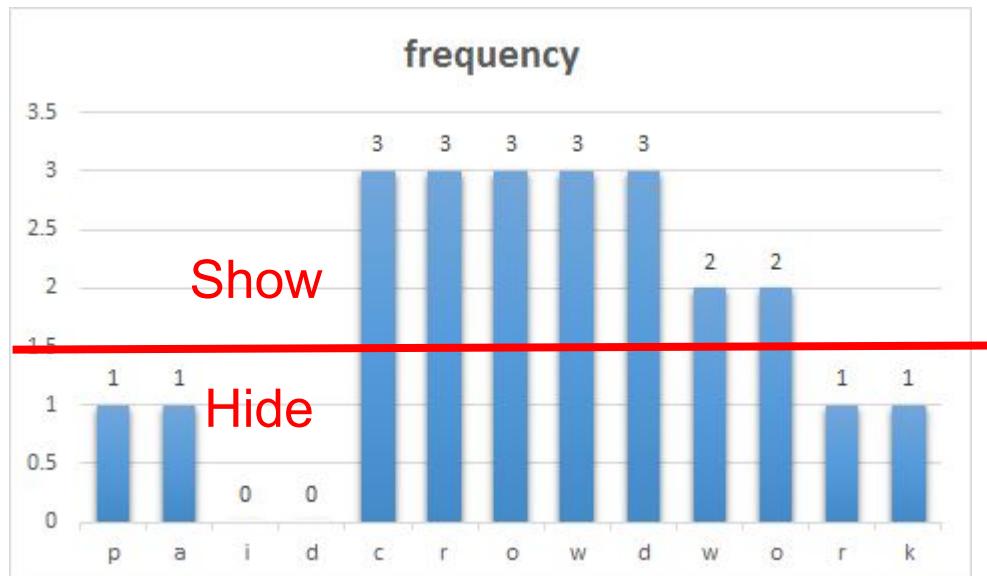
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# Analyzing Highlights



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→ Opacity weighted by # of votes

## Current status of crowd work

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- Buffer for the shortages of experts
- Social mobility

### Cons

- Low pay
- Crowdsourcing for something bad
- Displacement of skilled workers to unskilled

