CS 7001: Introduction to Graduate Studies   October 9, 2007

Mini-Assignment 2: Main Project Interim Report

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Complete this assignment individually.
This assignment is due on **Monday, October 20, 2008 by 11:59p.m. to the TAs.**

1 Purpose of this Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to ensure that you are "on track" to complete a quality **main project**, complete with writeup and presentation. We know that the general tendency is to leave everything until the last minute, so this assignment serves as a checkpoint to make certain that you are making progress on the project, as well as on the final writeup.

2 Task

Please turn in an **outline** of your final project writeup, complete with page budgets for each section. To the extent possible, please take the approach described in class: work backwards from the paper that you would like to have. Don't just provide us a "skeleton" with high-level sections; please include as much detail as you can. Please follow the following guidelines for each section:

- The *introduction* section should include a paragraph-by-paragraph outline of what you plan to write. To the extent that it makes sense, please follow the introduction "formula" that we laid out in the Lecture 12 notes.

- Your *related work* section should be complete. In other words, please turn in a complete draft of this section (with complete sentences).

- In the *evaluation* section, you should include a description of the charts and graphs you plan to include in the section, as well as *justification* for why you will include them (i.e., what question are they solving?).

- If you have background, design, setup, or discussion sections, you should have at least a start on those sections, too. Where possible, indicate your plans to include specific figures and diagrams.

This assignment will be graded like every other assignment. It is for your benefit, so please take it seriously. We will note who is waiting until the last minute. If you are lost on your term project, please come see us.