

Seminar Roulette Requirements Survey

Every week, tens (if not hundreds) of research seminars take place at Glasgow University. I try to get along to a few of these, but I don't always have time to look for the most interesting events to attend. Sometimes I don't even know whether a seminar will be fun or not, so I just give it a miss. Another complication is that my diary schedule changes every week so I can't always make regular seminar times. This project involves ingesting data from seminar RSS feeds and other sources to determine what's happening at the University, then suggesting seminars that I might like to attend - based on my diary availability combined with some element of randomness.

The key problems are:

- 1) determining what I like and making appropriate recommendations - this might involve some machine learning.
- 2) adding an element of serendipity so I attend new events I might not have thought about attending before
- 3) scaling this system up so it works for all academics at the university

If the system works well, it could be deployed as a web service for the wider university community.

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1. On a typical week, how many seminars do you attend at the university? *

Mark only one oval.

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2. What is your main area of research? *