CS 5751 – Spring 2018 – Project
Preliminary Writeup Instructions
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I. About the Preliminary Writeup

In this preliminary writeup you will submit a first draft of what will become your final project report. This draft should follow the structure of a conference/journal paper.

II. Due date for the Preliminary Writeup

The due date for the Preliminary Writeup is **April 12**. Check the table below, which is a replica of the same table in the Project Requirements document.

Items	Due	Grade
Oral Proposal Presentation	01/25	5 %
Written Proposal	02/01	5 %
Progress Report 1	02/22	15 %
Progress Report 2	03/29	25 %
Preliminary Writeup	**04/12**	**5 %**
Final Oral Presentation	04/24 – 04/26	15 %
Final Report	04/26	30 %
	TOTAL:	**100 %**

III. Submission Instructions

- Soft Copy: Each group will submit to canvas a <u>single PDF file</u> containing the preliminary writeup, <u>and another PDF file containing an updated time table</u>. Only one member of the group needs to submit it.
- Hard Copy: Each group will submit a <u>printed hard copy</u> in class of both the preliminary writeup and the updated time table.
- The soft copies and the hard copies are due the same day.

IV. Writeup Structure

Your preliminary writeup must be written in either Word or Latex, and must *follow the author kit template posted on Canvas.* It must consist of at least 6 and at most 8 pages. This writeup must have the following structure:

1. Section I: Introduction
   From reading this section, the reader should be able to understand what your project is about, its objectives, why it is important (motivation), and should mention what you will discuss in the rest of the writeup.

2. Section 2: Related Work
   Describe what people have done in this area and the differences between their work and your work, i.e. what gaps in their work that your project tries to fill.

3. Sections 3: The Proposed Work
   This section can be divided into multiple subsections to make your writeup understandable.

4. Sections 4: Experimental Evaluation
   This section should have the subsections corresponding to: Hardware, Dataset, Learning Environment, Experiment Parameters, and then the experiments you performed. You may add other subsections, if you need them.

   The results contained in this section must be presented in a graphical manner (e.g., learning curves, tables or other figures. Not a long list of numbers or screenshots). The figures in your writeup must all have captions and properly labeled axes.

5. Section 5: Conclusions and Future Work.

6. References

V. Work Completed and Time Table
In addition to the writeup, submit a pdf containing an updated time table, where you describe in detail the work you have completed so far. State clearly whether you are behind/ahead/on schedule, and why. This pdf file should also include a paragraph where you indicate any progress made since the submission of your progress report 2.