Projects

MICS 2

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Project with Researchers

- **Objective**
  - Apply optimisation techniques on real research problems
  - Collect and analyse results
  - Write a report in the form of a research article
  - Present the results

- **Duration**
  - 15 weeks

- **Mark based on**
  - Participation
  - Intermediate presentation: focusing on problem presentation/ understanding
  - Final presentation: focusing on results analysis
  - Report

Schedule

Today

- Presentation of the subjects by the researchers
- Projects description and presentation available on the Moodle (after this lecture)

- Students have one week to send their choice
  - List up to 3 projects in order of preference
  - Send the list to pascal.bouvry@uni.lu, gregoire.danoy@uni.lu and to the project supervisor(s)

Schedule

Today

Next week

- Each student has chosen a subject
- First meeting with supervisor
- Start working on the project

Schedule

Today

Next week

March 24

Intermediate presentation by each student/group

Schedule

Today

Next week

March 24

Final project presentation by each student/group

May 26

Schedule

Today

Next week

March 24

May 26

Early June

Final report submission to
pascal.bouvry@uni.lu,
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and to the project supervisor(s)

Working with supervisors

- **Working with experienced researchers on current open problems**
  - Experience real research work
  - Opportunity to put in practice knowledge in various domains (optimisation, programming, project management, etc.)
  - Can lead to a publication in a real scientific conference
- **Once projects are assigned:**
  - Meet with your supervisor(s)
  - Agree on a workplan with him/them (recommended: weekly meetings)

Intermediate Presentations

- **Date: March 24, 2017**
- **One presentation per project**
- **Max. 10 min per presentation**
- **The presentation has to focus on the problem presentation, i.e.:**
  - Context
  - Objective
  - Model (variables, objective function(s), constraints)
  - Optimisation approach(es)
  - Next steps

Final Presentations

- **Date: May 26, 2017**
- **One presentation per project**
- **Max. 10 min per presentation**
- **The final presentation has to focus on your contribution, i.e.:**
  - Proposed solution(s)
  - Presentation of the experimental approach
  - Presentation and analysis of the results

Project Report

- **In the form of a research article**
- **Template will be provided on the Moodle**
  - LateX format (preferred)
  - Word format
- **Max. 8 pages**
- **Typical structure**
  - Title
  - Abstract: Summarising your contribution in the article/report
  - Introduction: General introduction to the research topic/problem
  - State-of-the-art: Short presentation of the existing research works related to the tackled problem
  - Problem Presentation: detailed/formal description of the optimisation problem
    - Fitness function(s)
  - Approach: detailed/formal description of the optimisation method(s) used
  - Experimental results: presentation of the experimental settings (parameters, instances, etc.) and analysis of the results
  - Conclusion
  - Bibliography

Article format - example

A Sample *ACM* SIG Proceedings Paper in LaTeX Format*

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ABSTRACT

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¶This author is the one who did all the really hard work.

Categories and Subject Descriptors

H.4 [**Information Systems Applications**]: Miscellaneous; D.2.8 [**Software Engineering**]: Metrics—*complexity measures, performance measures*

General Terms

Theory

Keywords

ACM proceedings, LaTeX, text tagging

1. INTRODUCTION

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