



University of Pittsburgh

CS 1900/1950 Introduction

Course Requirements and Logistics

School of Computing and Information
Department of Computer Science





About the Instructor

■ Wonsun Ahn

- First name is pronounced *one-sun*
- Or you can just call me Dr. Ahn (rhymes with *naan*)

■ Research Interest

- Computer architecture, Compilers, Quantum computing



Course Requirements

1. Attend each class (3 absences results in fail)
 2. Write a final paper on your work to the instructor
 3. Give a presentation on your work to your peers
 4. Do peer reviews of each other's talks on TopHat
 5. (CS 1950) submit progress reports to Canvas Experiential Learning Hub
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- You need to fulfill all of the above to pass this class
 - Please refer to course webpage for details:
https://wonsunahn.github.io/Capstone_Spring2026/CS1900_1950/



Your paper is consumed by instructor

- What I will be looking for:
 1. Technical work commensurate to a capstone was done
 2. Whether you had any insurmountable difficulties
 - Purpose is to compile a “blacklist” for advising future students
 3. Well organized paper with sections and subsections
 - Goals, implementation, and outcomes are clearly stated
 - Each section, paragraph, and sentence has clear focus
- There is a link to a template (and more) on this URL:
https://wonsunahn.github.io/Capstone_Spring2026/final_paper

Your talk is consumed by your peers





Why give a talk in front of my peers?

1. To share experience with your peers
 - You worked on unique topics, ideas, products
 - You worked for a unique organization
2. To gain practice in giving a technical talk
 - Learn how to structure your ideas
 - Learn how to design slides effectively
 - Learn how to deliver your ideas impactfully
3. **NOT** to report on your internship to your instructor
 - That purpose is already fulfilled by your final report



Any experience is worth sharing

- Your experiences may include...
 - A small local company that is doing cool things:
What is unique about working in that company?
 - A new interesting job category:
How does it compare to SW developer? Did you like it?
 - Software development methodology:
How did you feel about it? Did it increase productivity?
 - Challenges you faced (technical, interpersonal, organizational):
How did you resolve them? What did you learn?

- Bad experiences are also worth learning from:
What would you do differently next time?



Before presentation date

- Submit all slides to Canvas by **Thursday 9 PM**
 - Preferred format: Powerpoint, PDF
 - Submit to the “Presentation Slides” link
 - Put title, name, and project on cover page
 - So that your friends know who you are and where you worked
 - Put company or project logo/name in slide template
 - To remind the audience where you worked throughout the talk
- Your slides will be ready for you next day on TopHat
- Practice out loud and time yourself



During Presentation

- One talk per day (as it stands now)

- 30 minutes: Presentation talk
 - Present on TopHat using instructor's laptop
(If using your own laptop, let me know ahead of time)
- 20 minutes: Q & A
 - Audience completes peer feedback during this time

- **Keep your own time** using your cell phone



After Presentation

■ Audience:

- Submit TopHat review by **midnight**, same day
 - Give scores for Content, Organization, and Delivery
 - Freeform comments on the Feedback section

■ Speaker:

- Submit Final Paper by **following Friday by midnight**



You can be honest with your review

- Scores and feedback are **anonymous**
 - Only score averages will be posted to TopHat for presenter
 - Feedback is immediately visible, but names are hidden
- Scores and feedback do **not impact final grade**
- For 3 top scorers, there will be cash prizes:
 - 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$50, 3rd place - \$25
 - Deposited into your PittFund\$Me account



Peer Review Components

■ Content Score (1-5)

- How much thought was put into providing content of value.
- NOT a score of how productive or fun the internship was.

■ Organization Score (1-5)

- How well organized the talk was.
- Well-focused slides / well-visualized info / good flow

■ Delivery Score (1-5)

- How good was the verbal delivery.
- Pacing / articulation / engagement / demeanor

■ Feedback comment

- Be specific, regardless of whether it is positive or constructive



TODO Action Item

- Make sure you are enrolled in TopHat
- Do the TopHat survey by this weekend
- Talk to your supervisor about what you can publicize
 - Any intellectual property issues?
 - Any confidentiality issues?
 - Note: you are not expected to publicize code ☺
- If your organization has any red tape, please start the process asap and let me know