



# CSCE 670 - Information Storage and Retrieval

## Lecture 25: Logistics for Project Presentations / Final Exam (and Quiz 4)

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# Final Exam (Overall Information)

- **Time:** 3:30pm – 5:30pm on Dec 16, 2025 (Tuesday)
- **Location:** In our regular classroom
- **Scope:** Comprehensive! Covering all materials from Lecture 2 (Boolean Retrieval) to Lecture 24 (Large Language Models for Recommendation), **EXCEPT FOR** ...
  - All content marked as “*will not appear in quizzes or the exam*”
  - Guest Lecture 22 (Large Language Models with Search Engines)
  - All homework assignments

# Final Exam (Format)

- 30 multiple-choice questions, 1% each
  - In total, the final exam accounts for 30% of your overall grade.
- 15 of the questions will be VERY SIMILAR to those that appeared in Quiz 1-Quiz 4
  - Test your “few-shot” problem-solving skills
  - Carefully review all quizzes (both versions), but you can skip the last question, as the final exam does not cover the homework assignments
- The other 15 questions will not have appeared on any quizzes, but their difficulty will be comparable to the quiz questions
  - Test your “zero-shot” problem-solving skills

# Where can you find the quiz questions and answers?

- Canvas → “Files” tab → “Quizzes” folder

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# Reminder: Time Allocation

- **Quizzes:** 40 minutes, 7 questions
- **Final Exam:** 120 minutes, 30 questions!
- If you found the quiz time tight, you will need to solve problems faster on the final than you did on the quizzes!
  - Or my recommended strategy: your speed on **seen** questions should be twice as fast as on **unseen** questions (i.e., 40 minutes for 15 **seen** questions; 80 minutes for 15 **unseen** questions)

# Final Exam (Other Details)

- **Cheat Sheet:** You can bring **one** cheat sheet
  - 8.5" x 11" standard sheet of paper with anything on it
  - Front and back
  - Either printed or handwritten is okay
- Laptops, books, and notes other than the cheat sheet are NOT allowed
- Calculators are NOT required, and the questions will NOT involve calculations that cannot be done easily by hand.

# Final Exam Conflict

- Please refer to Student Rule 7 (<https://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07/>) and Rule 8 (<https://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08/>)
- You need to submit a **written** request and supporting documentation **in advance**, unless an unforeseen circumstance occurs that prevents prior notice (e.g., sudden illness on the day of the exam)
- Our regular exam time is on the evening of the last day of the final exam period.
- Therefore, unless you can provide **written** proof that you cannot attend the exam on any day during the final exam period (or you have an unforeseen circumstance that prevents prior notice), your make-up exam can only be scheduled **earlier**, not later.

Questions about the Final Exam?

# Project Presentations (Overall Information)

- **Time:** Nov 25, Dec 2, and Dec 4 in class
  - For the detailed schedule, please refer to the shared Google Sheet
- **Location:** Zoom (<https://tamu.zoom.us/j/6411788612>; the same as the one used for the Guest Lecture; you can find it on the course webpage)
- **Presenters:** Each group may have one presenter, multiple presenters, or the entire group
  - Regardless of how many people present, each group has a total of 9 minutes. (For prototype projects, please plan for 5-6 minutes of presentation and 3-4 minutes of live demo)
  - At 9 minutes, I will unmute myself and notify you, and you will have 1 minute to wrap up everything. If you are not finished after that extra minute, a **1% overtime penalty** will be applied.

# Project Presentations (Rubrics for a Prototype Project)

- Function of your system and motivation (1%)
- Existing similar systems and their limitations (1%)
- Data (1%)
  - You may include: dataset statistics, collection/annotation process, ...
- Implementation (2%)
  - You may include: core algorithm, existing resources used, ...
  - If you have unfinished parts, explain how to finish them before the project report due (12/9)
- Live demo (3%)
  - Minimum requirement: Given a sample input (e.g., query or item), show your system's output (relevant documents or recommended items)
- Finish the presentation within the allotted time (1%)

# Project Presentations (Rubrics for a Research Project)

- Task background and definition (1%)
- Related work and their limitations (1%)
- Proposed solution (2%)
  - You may include: model architecture, objective function, ...
- Data (1%)
  - You may include: dataset statistics, collection/annotation process, ...
- Experimental results (2%)
  - You may include: metric, comparison with baseline(s), ablation study, case study, ...
- Take-away messages (1%)
  - If you have unfinished parts, explain how to finish them before the project report due (12/9)
- Finish the presentation within the allotted time (1%)

# Project Presentations (Rubrics for a Survey Project)

- Survey scope and motivation (1%)
- Existing related surveys and their limitations (1%)
- Survey structure and approach (2%)
  - You may include: organizing principle (by tasks, methods, applications, ...)
- Representative papers (2%)
- Insights and take-away messages (2%)
  - You may include: commonalities and characteristics of different works, lessons for readers, ...
  - If you have unfinished parts, explain how to finish them before the project report due (12/9)
- Finish the presentation within the allotted time (1%)

Questions about the Project Presentations?

# Course Evaluation

- Nov 20 – Dec 10
- <https://tamu.aefis.net/>

## Student Course Evaluation is Starting Soon!

**Institutional Effectiveness & Evaluation** <assessment@tamu.edu>  
to me ▼

Mon, Nov 17, 2:55 AM (3 days ago)



Dear Yu Zhang,

Student Course Evaluation for Fall 2025 - College Station will begin on 11-20-2025, and be available until 12-10-2025 . Please encourage your students to take the course evaluations in [HelioCampus](https://tamu.aefis.net/) (<https://tamu.aefis.net/>). Note that the supported browser are Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge and Apple Safari.

If your course uses Canvas, students can also take the course evaluations there. By default, the?Course Evaluations?link is enabled for direct access to HelioCampus. If the direct access does not work for your course, please ask your students to complete the evaluation directly from HelioCampus. If the link is not enabled, please follow these steps to [enable the Course Evaluations link](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [Assessment@tamu.edu](mailto:Assessment@tamu.edu).

Thank You!

# Office Hours

- The remaining office hours are scheduled as follows:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		11/25 TA (3-4 pm, PETR 448)		11/27 Yu (4-5 pm, PETR 222)		
		12/2 TA (3-4 pm, PETR 448)		12/4 TA (4-5 pm, PETR 448)		
		12/9 Yu (3-4 pm, PETR 222)		12/11 Yu (4-5 pm, PETR 222)		
	12/15 Yu (8-9 pm, Zoom)	12/16 Final (3:30- 5:30 pm, HRBB 113)				

# Quiz 4



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