

Project Assignment 1

Research Paper Presentation

Assigned: Thursday Feb 3, 2011

Due: 5:30 PM Thursday Feb 17, Tuesday Feb 22, Tuesday Feb 24, 2011

Requirements

1. **Presentation schedule:** Each team will have its own presentation day. We will decide the presentation schedule by lottery drawing in class on February 8.
2. **Presentation duration.** Each team has 50 minutes on presentation and 25 minutes for question answering. Each team member should have equal time share on presentation.
3. **Presentation content.** Clearly explain the concepts of the research paper. Be prepared to very specific questions by the instructor and by your fellow classmates.
4. **Presentation Evaluation Form.** See next page.
5. **Reference:**
 - a. Please refer to “Tips on how to successfully present a research paper to an academic audience” at http://www.leighthompson.com/tips/present_a_paper.htm
 - b. A sample PPT slides done by one of the best teams in Spring 2010 is posted at http://www.cs.umb.edu/~ding/classes/739/homework/samples/CS697_FINAL3.ppt

Submission Requirements

1. Prepare Microsoft PowerPoint slides for your presentation.
2. One submission per team. Save the file as *sdm_teamNumber*. For example, Team 1 should name their file as *sdm_team1.pptx*. Submit the softcopy through your UMassOnline account at <http://boston.umassonline.net/index.cfm>.
3. Prepare the paper copy of the PowerPoint slides with 2 slides per page. Submit the paper copy to the instructor on the presentation day.

5. Delivery	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Eye contact▪ Volume, vocal variety▪ Nonverbal body language (fidgeting, posture, gestures, etc.)▪ Verbal fillers (ah, um)▪ Did the speaker show sincerity or enthusiasm when they spoke?					
6. Visual aid(s):	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Usefulness: helped to explain, clarify, create interest, etc.▪ Appearance of visual aid: aids credibility, large enough, professional looking▪ Handling of visual: knew how to use equipment, everyone could see, didn't pass inappropriately around, etc.					
7. Conclusion	1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ended with a summary▪ Had finality to cap off presentation					