Due Date

All deliverables are due by our finals period (1:30-3:30p on 5/15).

Deliverables Overview

Your project deliverables will consist of the following:

1. A ≥5-page ACM-formatted paper.
2. A seven-minute presentation
3. Depending on your project, you may also need to “turn in” a web link (w/ a working web application) and/or code.

For all of the deliverables, the key factor in your grade will be the extent to which your project made a contribution, the degree of the contribution, and the quality of the description of the contribution. A contribution requires the identification of a problem and the delivery of a solution.

Paper (60% of project grade)

The goal of this paper is to summarize your project’s contributions. If you chose the industry track, these contributions will consist of a capability(ies) that did not exist before you did your project and now exist. If you chose the research track, these contributions will consist of knowledge that did not exist before you did your project.

The paper must consist of the following:

a. An abstract that summarizes the project’s contributions. What was the problem? How did you solve the problem? See the course readings for examples of good abstracts!

b. An introduction that describes the contributions in more detail at a high-level.

c. A related work section. For the academic track, this will be a typical literature review, focusing on academic literature (but touching on products when relevant). For the industry track, you will focus more on related technologies, but you must also include highly relevant academic work. A literature review with fewer than
10-15 references (either technologies or papers) is very likely too narrow or too shallow. Please include references in a separate ‘References’ section at the end of the paper. Follow ACM guidelines for these references.

(d) The rest of the paper’s structure is up to you, however, the remaining content must fully describe the end result of your project and the process you took to get there. For the academic track, please follow standard conventions here (e.g. methods, results, etc.)

Please use the standard ACM format for the paper. The links below

a. Word template:  
   http://cscw.acm.org/2015/submit/CSCWUSpaperformat.doc
b. Latex:  
   http://cscw.acm.org/2015/submit/cscw2013archivalformatLaTeX.zip

Presentation (30% of project grade)

During the class finals period, you will give a seven-minute presentation on your project to the class, leaving three minutes for questions. The presentation should follow the narrative of the paper. At a high-level, the goal of the presentation is to describe your contribution. What was the problem? How did you solve it?

I am flexible about format here, but I will be strict about quality. An ‘A’ presentation will be a really good presentation. I highly recommend you review this guide to giving good presentations in computer science: http://chi2013.acm.org/authors/guides/guide-to-a-successful-presentation/. Of course, adjust the timing, etc., accordingly.

Probably the most important ingredient to a really good presentation is practice, practice, practice. I recommend practicing your talk 5-10 times before giving it.

There will be an automatic 10% deduction (relative to the presentation grade) for going over time by more than one minute (or for stopping the presentation early due to time). Practice will help you adjust the time of your presentation. The purpose for being strict on timing is that this is a key element of a good presentation in the academic and corporate worlds.

Note: A quick reminder: 10% of your project grade was the project proposal