More Logistics

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Course Meetings: An Update / Re-Cap

- T/Th 12pm - 1:30pm

- **NO OTHER IN-CLASS MEETINGS** (*no* fixed discussion on T @ 5-6pm)
  - Instead, this discussion session has been replaced with 1-1 presentation meetings
  - These meetings are scheduled week-by-week with the individual teams

- Course webpage: [http://crowds.eecs.umich.edu](http://crowds.eecs.umich.edu)

- Office hours: by appointment
Signups and more

- If you haven’t taken the intro survey, please do so: [http://shoutkey.com/hear](http://shoutkey.com/hear)

- If you go to sign up and get waitlisted, don’t worry (yet)
Presentations

- Groups of 2-3 (based on class size)
  - Groups will be assigned based on topic sign-ups
  - We still need people for all days — please try to be flexible
  - Meet outside of class in the spare hour that was slated for the discussion session

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Presentations: Sign-Ups

- Sign-up sheet: [Google Sheets link](#)
  - Also available on the course page
  - Please sign up as soon as you can

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Projects

- 3 ‘mini’ projects
  - Each introduces a new set of tools / practice
  - Mostly guided, but there is flexibility to make the application relevant to you
  - Teams: self-selected pairs

- 1 large final project
  - Research-focused, team-based
  - Result is 1 or more of: conference paper submission / technical report / blog post
  - Result is graded, and should be polished / high-quality (*after all, we want to share it!*)

- Final project teams
  - Variable. Pick the right team size and skill set for your goal
  - Evaluation will consider how many people and how much was accomplished
Projects: Topic Selection

- Pick something interesting to you (and your team)
  - Overlapping with existing research or other projects if fine
  - … but make sure the focus is still distinct

- Scale of project is variable, but I don’t want ambition to be disincentivized
  - Support will be commensurate with the project scope and size
  - (that doesn’t mean I do the project for you =P)

- Ideas will go through iteration with myself, and feedback from peers
  - Aim is to help pick a project that is maximally worth your time
Final Project Process

- **Phase 0: Initial ideas [week 6]**
  - Start looking for ideas now!
  - Followed by iteration

- **Phase 1: [week 8]**
  - Initial proposals submitted
  - (that doesn’t mean I do the project for you =P )

- **Phase 2: Final proposals [week 9]**
  - Off to the races!

- **Final presentations [week 15]**
  - Final documents due by the end of that week
Participation

- This class will be more fun if everyone exchanges ideas
- Grading is meant to act as a safety measure, not a filter
More About Grading…

- This is a grad class.
  - To re-iterate: This is a grad class. *wink* *wink*.

- Grades in place to make sure reward is equitable
  - …not as a filtering / competitive mechanism
  - So everyone just be reasonable. Okay? Okay.
  - This will be fun for all then =)
Other Questions / Comments / Concerns?

- If any come up, don’t hesitate to ping me about them later as well

- **If you aren’t planning to officially enroll, come chat at the end of class**
  - (just to sync on goals / etc.)