Notes are a useful resource for one and all. Thus, as part of your participation grade, you can submit class notes. These notes are entirely optional, but will help boost your participation grade if you’re less keen on speaking in class (though I hope you will talk to us - this is a safe environment!)

Taking Notes

Notes are just what they sound like: summaries of important concepts/ideas/information presented in class. Much of my slide content is not rich in text notes, so notes can be an important, helpful resource to you and your peers. Thus, we’ll give you credit for taking them!

Please take all notes in Google Docs, and submit them by sharing them with me by midnight on the day of class. No late notes will be accepted.

I will try to post all notes by the day after class so that the class can use them. To get credit, you must be okay with me sharing your notes (I'll check before posting, but please be accurate!)

The evaluation of notes involves the following criteria:

- Clarity (brief, understandable notes)
- Relevance (writing the important stuff)
- Completeness (notes on all presented content, including what was not on the slides)
- Independence (no copying your neighbor’s notes!)

Grading

The score for each set of notes will be out of 4: Alright, Pretty Good, Great, and Amazing. If you don’t submit notes that at least qualify as “Alright”, then no credit will be received. A rough approximation (NOT a hard rule) is that each progressive level is around 1 more “hand raise” in class. Note that you can provide well over 4 answer in class, so simply taking great notes every now and then is not enough to get to the highest participation bracket. However, consistently contributing high quality notes along with “at least” a little in-class participation can do the trick.